

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND
USDA FOREST SERVICE, ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is entered into by and between the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, hereinafter referred to as the BOARD; and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest, hereinafter referred to as FOREST SERVICE; under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-4) Section 204 (b).

Provisions of this Act provide for an exemption from the Federal Advisory Committee Act for the exchange of official views regarding implementation of public laws requiring shared intergovernmental responsibilities or administration. The scope of meetings covered by this exemption should be construed broadly to include any meetings called for the purpose of relating to intergovernmental responsibilities or administration. Such meetings include, but are not limited to meetings called for the purpose of seeking consensus, exchanging views, information, advice, and or recommendations; or facilitating any other interaction relating to intergovernmental responsibilities or administration.

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to initiate, explore and develop opportunities for collaborative communications between the BOARD and the FOREST SERVICE.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFITS AND INTERESTS:

The BOARD and the FOREST SERVICE have a mutual interest in maintaining open communication by establishing conduits for the free exchange of information on common issues and problems related to natural resource management.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties hereto agree as follows:

III. THE BOARD SHALL:

1. Designate BOARD members to meet with the FOREST SERVICE. Any other designated representative will be county employees with the authority to act on their behalf.
2. Assist in arranging meetings, preparing agendas, and providing resource materials.

IV. THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

1. Designate representatives to meet with the BOARD or its designated members.
2. Assist in arranging meetings, preparing agendas, and providing resource materials.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED UPON BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

1. Either party, in writing, may terminate the instrument in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of expiration.
2. This instrument in no way restricts the Forest Service or the BOARD from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
3. This instrument is executed as of the last date shown below and expires on July 1, 2005, at which time it will be subject to review, renewal, or expiration.
4. The principal contacts for this instrument are:

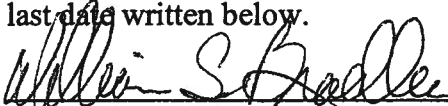
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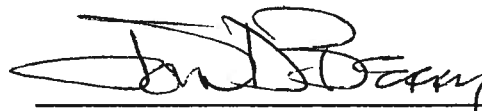
5. This instrument is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any endeavor involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties to this instrument will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures including those for Government procurement and printing. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the parties and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This instrument does not provide such authority. Specifically, this instrument does not establish authority for noncompetitive award to the cooperator of any contract or other agreement. Any contract or agreement for training or other services must fully comply with all applicable requirements for competition.

6. Modifications within the scope of this instrument shall be made by the issuance of a bilaterally executed modification prior to any changes being performed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this instrument as of the last date written below.

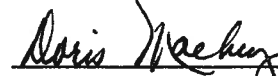

WILLIAM S. BRADLEY
Chairman
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

5-2-2000
Date


JOHN D. BERRY
Forest Supervisor
Eldorado National Forest

9-11-2000
Date

The authority and format for this instrument have been reviewed and approved for signature by:


DORIS MACKEY
Agreements Specialist
USFS - IBET Province

9/11/2000
Date

TEST: DIXIE L. FOOTE, Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors
