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To: Key Performance Indicator Subcommittee

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RE: Draft Key Performance Indicators

**Discussion document regarding Key Performance Indicators for Shared Stewardship**

Our committee's instructions are to develop key performance indicators or metrics of success for Shared Stewardship in Idaho based on issues described in the Shared Stewardship Agreement. Clearly established key performance indicators can provide incentives, track progress toward these goals, allow strategies to be adjusted as needed and help hold agencies accountable to abide by the terms of the Agreement.

The Agreement contains two overarching goals and guidance as to how these goals will be accomplished. Progress toward these goals can be tracked via several metrics. There is a need to track both implementation (are the agencies doing what they said they were going to do) and effectiveness (are these treatments being effective).

**Double the annual acres treated through active management on National Forests**

Currently there are approximately 50,000 acres treated on NFS lands statewide. Proposed metrics include the following:

* + Acres treated now and annually moving forward
	+ Changes in Fire Regime Condition Class of these acres
	+ Changes in insect and disease

Data sources: Forest Health Highlights[[1]](#footnote-1), Idaho Department of Lands and Forest Service

**Reduce fuels and wildfire risk to communities and promote cross-boundary work on other lands within priority landscapes**

* Acres treated within the high fire risk areas mapped in the State Forest Action Plan and the Community Wildfire Protection Plans (all ownerships)
* Acres protected within Fireshed (all ownerships)
* Community engagement in hazardous fuel reduction efforts (participants in the Firewise program, number of applications for fuel treatments, value of grants)

Data sources: Idaho Department of Lands, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station’s Fireshed Program

**Agencies are to accomplish this goal in the following ways:**

*Produce additional fiber, create and sustain jobs*

* Timber volume and ccf produced, # of mills and mill capacity
* Job retention and creation (local and total)
* Workers and volunteers available for contracted service activities such as reforestation, road improvements, watershed improvements

Sources: Idaho Forest Products Commission, University of Idaho PAG annual report, University of Idaho PAG annual report, Idaho Forest Products Commission, University of Montana’s Bureau of Research and Economic Research Forest Industry Research Bulletin

*Collaborate on mutually agreed upon projects within priority landscapes*

* + *Coordination among federal and state agencies and stakeholders*
	+ Use of existing authorities and partnerships and active management tools
	+ Collaborative Forest Restoration Partnership funding
	+ Agency staffing of Shared Stewardship positions
	+ Good Neighbor Authority (IDL, Counties, Tribes, IDFG)
	+ Wyden authority
	+ Joint Chiefs Review

Data sources: Forest Service, Department of Lands, University of Idaho, NRCS annual reports, IFRP’s Pilot Shared Stewardship Partnership Survey,

*Maintain forest and watershed health and resiliency*

* + Water quality and watershed conditions maintained or improved
	+ Fish and wildlife habitat maintained or enhanced

Data sources: Regional Surface Water Managers at Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and Idaho Department of Fish and Game surveys for species of greatest conservation concern relevant to project areas

There are other metrics that determine the success of the Shared Stewardship Program that may be worth tracking such as funding for Collaborative Forest Restoration Programs, creation of new markets for small diameter material, programs addressing smoke from Rx fire, the number of human-caused wildfires, and continuation of policies that support cross-boundary and collaborative work.

1. <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2020/04/2019-Idaho-Forest-Health-Highlights.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)