

Fact Sheet: 2025 Idaho Shared Stewardship Agreement

Overview

Idaho was the first state in the nation to sign a Shared Stewardship Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service in 2018. Since then, Idaho has led the country in cross-boundary forest management—expanding active treatments, timber production, and restoration across federal, state, and private lands. The 2025 Idaho Shared Stewardship Agreement renews and expands this commitment to build healthier, more resilient forests and communities.

Purpose

- Expand sustainable timber production.
- Accelerate landscape-scale restoration.
- Increase the pace and scale of fuel-reduction treatments on high-risk forestlands statewide.
- Support the goals of Executive Order 14225, USDA Secretary’s Memo 1078-006, and Governor Little’s EO 2025-04 – Make Forests Healthy Again Act.

Key Achievements

- Over 209 million board feet sold through 64 Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) timber sales across 16,500 acres of federal land, generating \$21 million in receipts.
- Seven cross-boundary teams established in counties statewide, assisting private forest owners with thousands of acres of fuel-reduction projects.
- Strategic creation of larger, more effective fuel breaks across federal, state, and private ownerships to protect at-risk communities.

2025 Commitments

- Use all available tools to increase the pace and scale of active management.
- Engage partners—including tribes, local governments, universities, utilities, and forest industries—to align priorities and outcomes.
- Develop new county, tribal, and agency-level GNA agreements.
- Achieve a target of 100 million board feet annually from National Forest lands within five years.
- Coordinate priorities through the Idaho Forest Action Plan, Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and National Forest 5-Year Vegetation Management Plans.

About the Idaho GNA Program

Since launching in 2016, IDL has developed one of the nation’s most comprehensive GNA programs—working with the Forest Service and BLM to restore forest and watershed health. IDL now holds GNA agreements with all seven National Forests and BLM, encompassing 32 million acres of federal lands statewide.