Good Neighbor Authority

Legislative Presentation

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2014 Farm Bill

- Magnitude of issue
- HFRA I&D Designation
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What is Good Neighbor Authority?

- Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) allows states to enter into cooperative agreements with federal agencies to achieve restoration and resilient landscape objectives across ownership boundaries.
Why are “we” doing GNA?

- To Increase Pace & Scale of Forest & Watershed Restoration on Federal Lands through Active Management

- Benefits:
  - Improves forest health
  - Reduces fuels and threats to communities and watersheds from catastrophic wildfires
  - Creates more jobs and economic benefits by providing more fiber to Idaho forest products markets
What has been done?

- HFRA Designations Accepted (May 2014)
- Passage of SCR 126 (March 2015)
- 2017 GNA Funding/Decision Unit (FTEs & Spending Authority)
- Signed Master GNA Agreement & 3 Supplemental Project Agreements (SPAs) (2016)
- Sold First GNA Timber Sale – Wapiti
- Other GNA Project Work Completed
Next Steps?

- Additional SPAs?
- Evaluate & Select Additional GNA Projects
- Administer Wapiti Timber Sale
- 2018 GNA Decision Unit
Challenges & Opportunities

- Focus on “End Results”
- Defining “Additive”
- Sustainability and Growth of Program
- Sustained Commitment
- NEPA Bottleneck & Legal Challenges
- Director’s “Moon Shot”
Thank You!

Questions?