

**MODIFICATION NO. 1  
TO  
MASTER  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
NO. 1993-SU-11130000-035**

**BETWEEN  
  
THE  
NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION  
AND  
US FOREST SERVICE, WASHINGTON OFFICE**

This modification is entered into by and between the US Forest Service, hereinafter referred to as the Forest Service, and the National Forest Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the Foundation in accordance with the provisions of the Master Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Agreement Number 93-SMU-035, executed on December 30, 1992.

Pursuant to provision V-5 of the MOU, the purpose of this modification is to clarify the framework for cooperation between the Foundation and the Forest Service regarding reforestation projects on National Forest System lands across the country and/or acquisition and afforestation of land for incorporation into the National Forest System.

It is recognized that the Foundation is increasing its focus on sequestering carbon and helping people reduce their carbon footprint, and that the Forest Service is interested in working with partners to address climate change by terrestrially sequestering/reducing atmospheric greenhouse gases through the restoration of forested and grassland ecosystems.

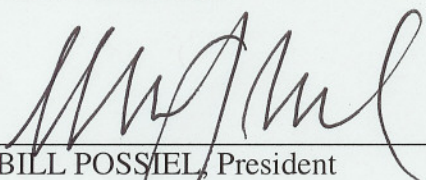
In furtherance of these objectives, this modification establishes a general process by which the parties intend to coordinate projects to plant trees in areas where natural-or man-caused events have created the need for reforestation. It does not identify specific projects for funding nor does it collect and/or obligate any monies for projects.

The parties mutually agree as follows:

1. The Forest Service shall
  - a. Identify and make available appropriate National Forest System lands for reforestation projects and/or appropriate lands within declared National Forest boundaries for acquisition and afforestation, subject to applicable Federal laws, regulations, and Forest plans. Ensure that activities, such as planting, comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations and in accordance with approved National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents.
  - b. Provide for long-term management of reforested lands, according to applicable Federal laws, regulations, and Forest plans.

- c. Concur with the Foundation's selection of Carbon accounting procedure and 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit process. (*Reference related provision 2b below*).
2. The Foundation shall:
  - a. Through a separate master collection agreement, provide contribution(s) to the Forest Service to plant trees on National Forest System lands across the country and/or acquire and afforest land for incorporation into the National Forest System. Trees selected for planting will be native species appropriate to the site.
  - b. Be responsible for estimating the amount of Carbon sequestered by reforestation projects, if any, using commonly accepted Carbon accounting procedures, and conducting 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification. Any carbon offset claimed must demonstrate both financial and biological additionality.
3. Projects identified as a result of this cooperation create and generate support for forest restoration without generating carbon sequestration credits that can be sold or traded. No tradable carbon sequestration credits will be claimed by those who donate funds or make other in-kind contributions, nor will any such credits be ceded by the Forest Service.
4. Both parties shall coordinate and mutually approve all relevant materials, including but not limited to: public releases of information, outreach activities, donor recognition events, public relations, and signage. Additionally, the parties will jointly determine how and when to announce the existence and intent of this partnership as defined by this modification.
5. The parties shall meet periodically to exchange information concerning the implementation of this modification.
6. All other terms and conditions of the existing MOU remain unchanged.

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

  
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BILL POSSIEL, President  
National Forest Foundation

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ABIGAIL R. KIMBELL, Chief  
US Forest Service

July 25, 2007  
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For Forest Service Use:

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

*Patricia S. Palmer*      *3 July 2007*

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FS Grants & Agreements Specialist, Date