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AMENDMENT NUMBER 2

to the

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

FOREST SERVICE

and the

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Related to

The Making of Soil Surveys on

Lands Administered by the

FOREST SERVICE

The February 28, 1961, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Forest Service (FS) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly the Soil Conservation Service, relative to soil surveys, is hereby amended to include ecological site inventories as part of the interpretations within the National Cooperative Soil Survey (NCSS). The MOU is amended as follows:

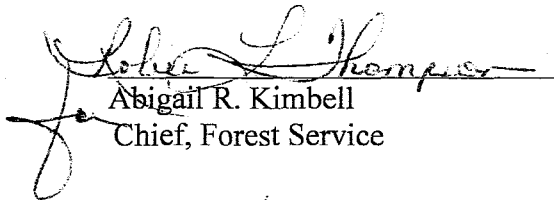
1. Both agencies shall continue to support the objective of including all lands in the United States as part of the NCSS inventory with databases and geospatial data.
2. NRCS and FS mutually agree to complete the initial nationwide soil survey with ecological site inventories by 2025, according to NCSS standards and interagency direction.
3. Both agencies agree to support each other's soil survey and ecological inventories, including the following:

- a. NRCS will provide FS ready access to the national corporate soil database system for data entry, editing, and downloading associated tabular and geospatial data;
- b. FS and NRCS will jointly develop annual regional and national work plans to coordinate and prioritize soil survey and ecological site inventories, including: tabular and geospatial data entry, editing, and updating inventory areas along with associated database administration operations by Major Land Resource Area Soil Survey Areas;
- c. NRCS will conduct soil surveys with ecological inventories on National Forest System lands on a reimbursable basis, as specified in the annual national work plan;
- d. FS and NRCS will be responsible for quality control for soil inventory. NRCS will be delegated to maintain quality assurance for soil inventory and data correlation; and
- e. NRCS will designate liaisons to assist with coordination of soil surveys and ecological site inventories.

Except as otherwise stated, all other provisions of the agreement dated February 28, 1961, as amended, between the parties shall remain in full force and effect.



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