Q&A for Redesign Competitive Process Addressing Eligible Activities-State Land and Research

Question: Can a competitive project proposal include activities on state land or other non-federal public lands?

<u>Answer</u>: All competitive proposals need to comply with existing S&PF authorities. As a result, forest health and fire-related activities can be included as part of the competitive project. Stewardship-related activities need to be conducted on private lands; however, activities on state lands can be leveraged in the overall project area, but not within the S&PF funded component (federal dollars and associated cost share). Urban forestry activities can include lands owned by local communities.

Question: Can a competitive project proposal include research activities?

<u>Answer</u>: All competitive proposals need to comply with existing S&PF authorities. As a result, research related activities cannot be included in the competitive proposal. However, technical transfer, education, and outreach associated with research can be included in the proposal, and a research entity could be included as a partner, with their contribution leveraged in the larger project proposal, but not within the S&PF funded component (federal dollars and associated cost share).