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## *Acronyms and Abbreviations*

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## Definitions

**Abbreviation:** A shortened form of a word, term or phrase used chiefly in writing to represent the full form (for example: °C for degree centigrade, N for nitrogen, ha for hectare, etc.)

**Acronym:** More commonly used in writing and conversation, an acronym is formed by taking the initial letters of a name, term, or title (such as WO for Washington Office, NFS for National Forest Systems, R&D for Research and Development, S&PF for State and Private Forestry, and so on); or by combining initial letters or parts of a name or title (such as "COLA" for cost of living adjustment, "AGRICOLA" for Agriculture Online Access, "asap" for as soon as possible, etc.) to shorten long titles and make them easier to remember. Some acronyms may have more than one meaning and are so noted in the list.

This is an alphabetical listing of acronyms and abbreviations you may encounter in Forest Service documents and publications or websites, or those materials (e.g., correspondence) that may have impact on your work or situation, whether you're a scientist, wildlife biologist, administrative assistant, etc. When available, matter in parentheses indicates the deputy area, staff, program, computer system, or office, and other pertinent information.

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A&FM	Aviation and Fire Management (S&PF)
AA	Analysis area; <i>also</i> Affirmative Action
AAP	Advanced Acquisition Plan; also Affirmative Action Plan
AAHU	Average annual habitat units
AASG	African American Strategy Group
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
Ac.	Acre
ACE	Allowable Cut Effect
ACEC	Area of critical environmental concern
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ACP	Agricultural Conservation Program
ACSM	American Congress on Surveying and Mapping
AD	Administratively Determined (for hiring non-federal firefighters); <i>also</i> Assistant Director
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
ADC	Animal Damage Control; <i>also</i> Associate Deputy Chief
ADFMO	Assistant District Fire Management Officer
ADM	Administration
ADP	Automated Data Processing
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution Program (Bus Ops); <i>also</i> Assistant District Ranger
ADSS	Advanced Decision Support System
AEP	Affirmative Employment Plan
AFA	American Forestry Association
AFD	Aerial Fire Depot
AF&PA	American Forest & Paper Association
AFGE	American Federation of Government Employees
AFI	American Forest Institute
AFMO	Assistant Fire Management Officer

AGAR	Agriculture Acquisition Regulation
AGCAS	Agriculture Contracting Automated System
AGRICOLA	Agriculture Online Access (more than 10,000 entries about forestry and the Forest Service)
AgNIC	Agriculture Network Information Center
AH	Agriculture Handbook
AI	Artificial intelligence
AIB	Agriculture Information Bulletin
AIC	American Indian Council
AID	Agency for International Development (USAID)
AIDS	Aerial Ignition Dispensing System
AIMS	Administrative Integrated Management System
AKA	Also known as
AL	Annual leave
ALB	Asian longhorned beetle (invasive species)
ALD	Assistive Listening Device
ALS	American Lumber Standards
ALSE	Area of Late Successional Emphasis
ALP	Automated Lands Project
AMC	Administrative Management Council
AMP	Allotment Management Plan; <i>also</i> Accepted Management Practice
AMS	Acquisition Management (Bus Ops), <i>also</i> Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA) and Analysis of the Management Situation
AMSL	Above mean sea level
ANA	Administration for Native Americans
ANOVA	Analysis of variance
ANF	Allegheny National Forest (Region 9)
ANPR	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ANSTF	Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (USDA)
AO	Administrative Officer

AOD	Acknowledgment of Delivery
APA	American Plywood Association
APAEA	Asian Pacific American Employees Association
AP&D	Area Planning and Development
APDA	Association for Persons with Disabilities in Agriculture
APFO	Aerial Photography Field Office
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA)
API	American Paper Institute
APMC	Agency Provided Medical Care (first-aid injury)
APOS	Automated Purchase Order System
APP	Annual Performance Plan
APROP	Automated Property System
APWG	Alien Plant Working Group (Plant Conservation Alliance)
AQI	Air quality index
AQRV	Air Quality Related Value
AQM	Acquisition Management (Bus Ops)
AQRV	Air Quality Related Value
ARA	Assistant Ranger for Administration
ARB	Administrative Review Board
ARPA	Archaeological Resources Protection Act
ARS	Agricultural Research Service
AS	Administrative Services; <i>also</i> Administrative Sites
ASA	Applied Silvicultural Assessment
ASAE	American Society of Agricultural Engineers
ASAP	As soon as possible
ASBCA	Agriculture Service Board of Contract Appeal
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
ASCS	Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (USDA)
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air-Conditioning Engineers
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers

ASP	Aspen
ASQ	Allowable Sale Quantity
ASR	Archaeological Survey Report
ASTD	American Society for Training and Development
ASTM	American Society for Testing Materials
AT	Appalachian Trail
ATSA	Automated Timber Sale Accounting System
ATV	All Terrain Vehicle
AUM	Animal unit month
AV	Audiovisual
AVHRR	Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer
AWOL	Absent without official leave
AWPA	American Wood Preservers Association
AWPI	American Wood Preservers Institute

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## **B**

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B&F	Budget and Finance (unit of Bus Ops)
B&FM	Budget and Financial Management (unit of Bus Ops)
BA	Biological Assessment; <i>also</i> basal area
BACM	Best Available Control Measure
BAER	Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation
BARC	Burned Area Reflectance Classification
BD	Brush Disposal
bdt	Bone dry tons
BDF	Bush Disposal Funds
BEHA	Bald Eagle Habitat Area
BEST	Biomonitoring of Environmental Status and Trends
BF	Board feet; also Balsam Fir

BFC	Bill for Collection
BFES	Budget Formulation and Execution System
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs (DOI)
BIG	Blacks in Government
BIO	Biological oxygen demand; <i>also</i> biography (resume)
BIOMAPS	Biodiversity Mapping for Protection and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources
BLI	Budget Line Item
BLM	Bureau of Land Management (DOI)
BMP	Best Management Practices; also, bit-mapped (image format)
BMR	Business Management Review
BO	Biological Opinion
BOD	Board of Directors
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation
BPA	Blanket Purchase Agreement
BPD	Bureau of Public Debt
BPO	Blanket Purchase Order
BPR	Business Process Reengineering
BRS	Basic Resources Unit
BS	Black Spruce
BSS	Basal scale schedule
BUS OPS	Business Operations (one of five FS deputy areas)
BWCAW	Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (Region 9)

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## C

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CAA	Clean Air Act
CAD	Computer-aided design
CAET	Content Analysis Enterprise Team

CAMP	Campaign Against Marijuana Planting
CAPPS	Committee for Agricultural Payroll/Personnel System (NFC)
CAS	Central Accounting System
CAT	Content Analysis Team ( <i>see also CAET above</i> )
CATX	Categorical Exclusion (NEPA)
CBA	Corporate Business Account
CBO	Congressional Budget Office
CC	Canopy cover; <i>also</i> Canopy closure, and "copy to" in letters or correspondence
CCC	Commodity Credit Corporation; <i>also</i> Civilian Conservation Corps
CCF	One hundred cubic feet
CCR	Commission on Civil Rights; <i>also</i> Central Contractor Registration
CCSP	Climate Change Science Program
CCU	Controlled Correspondence Unit (Bus Ops)
CD	Consent Decree
CDM	Clean Device Mechanism
CD-R	Compact Disk – Recordable (or Rewritable)
CD-ROM	Compact disk – Read Only Memory
CE	Categorical Exclusion ( <i>see also CATX</i> ); <i>also</i> Conservation Education (S&PF)
CEDS	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
CF	Cooperative Forestry (S&PF); <i>also</i> cubic feet
CFC	Combined Federal Campaign (for United Way)
CFL	Commercial forestland
CFLHO	Central Federal Lands Highway Office
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CFMR	Center for Mycology Research
CFP	Cooperative Fire Protection
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations



CFS	Cubic feet per second
CG	Comptroller General
CGA	Continuing Government Activity
CHENI	Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (Region 9)
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CIP	Continuous Improvement Program; <i>also</i> Capital investment program
CIR	Color infrared imagery
CISC	Continuous inventory of stand conditions
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CLI	Command Line Interpreter
CMAI	Culmination of mean annual increment
CMC2	Fire Facility (BLI)
CMII	Deferred maintenance (BLI)
CMM	Cadastral Measurement Management
CMR	Cooperative Management Review
CMRR	Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested
CMRD	Roads Capital Improvement and Maintenance (BLI)
CMTL	Trails Capital Improvement and Maintenance (BLI)
CMYK	Cyan, magenta, yellow, black (digital colors)
CNF	Chippewa National Forest (Region 9)
CNNF	Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest; <i>see also</i> Cheni (Region 9)
CO	Carbon monoxide molecule; also Contracting Officer
COB	Close of business
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budgetary Reconciliation Act
COE	Corps of Engineer (US Army)
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
CONUS	Continental United States
COO	Chief Operating Officer
COR	Contracting Officer’s Representative
CORE	Committee on Research and Evaluation

COP	Continuation of Pay
COTR	Contracting Officer's Technical Representative
COTS	Commercial Off-the-Shelf
CPF	Chippewa National Forest (fire), <i>also</i> CPF (Region 9)
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CR	Civil Rights (Bus Ops)
CRAC	Civil Rights Advisory Committee
CRAG	Civil Rights Advisory Group
CRADA	Cooperative Research and Development Agreement
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CRIA	Civil Rights Impact Analysis
CRISP	Computer Retrieval of Information on Scientific Projects
CROP	Coordinated Resource Offering Protocol
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
CRS	Congressional Research Service
CS	Competitive Sourcing (Bus Ops); <i>also</i> Civil Service
CSA	Computer Systems Applications
CSREES	Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (USDA)
CS&T	Computer Systems and Technology
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization
CSRS	Civil Service Retirement System
CT	Commercial Thinning; <i>also</i> Computer Technology
CU	Credit Union
CUA	Concentrated use area
CVS	Current Vegetation Survey
CWA	Clean Water Act
CWAR	Center for Wood Anatomy Research
CWD	Coarse woody debris
CWFS	Cooperative Work Forest Service – Other (BLI)
CWKV	C? W? Knutson-Vanderberg – Regular (BLI)
CWN	Call when needed

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CWPP	Community Welfare Protection Program
CWS	Cooperative Work Forest Service – Other (BLI)
CY	Calendar year (January-December)

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## D

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D&R	Document and retrieval
DAP	Directives Automation Project
DAT	Deposition Analysis Threshold
DBH	Diameter at breast height
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DF&G	Department of Fish and Games (DOI)
DFC	Desired future condition
DFMO	District Fire Management Officer
DFR	District Forest Ranger
DFTM	Douglas-fir tussock moth
DIB	Diameter Inside Bark
Digitop	Digital Desktop Library for USDA (NAL)
DIRSIG	Digital Imaging and Remote Sensing Image Generation
DM	Decision Memo
DN	Decision Notice
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
DOB	Diameter Outside Bark; <i>also</i> date of birth
DOE	Department of Energy (Executive Branch)
DOI	Department of Interior; <i>also</i> Date of Injury
DOG	Designated Old Growth
DOJ	Department of Justice (Executive Branch)
DOL	Department of Labor (Executive Branch)

DOQ	Digital Orthoquads
DOT	Department of Transportation (Executive Branch)
DPRS	Direct Premium Remittance Support (IRMD, NFC)
DR	District Ranger
DRF-A	Deputy Regional Forester for Administration
DRF-R	Deputy Regional Forester for Resources
DSC	Detrimental soil condition
DST	Dead standing tree
DVD	Digital video disk
DVR	Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
DWM	Down woody material
DWR	Division of Wildlife Resources

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## E

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E	Engineering
EA	Environmental Assessment; <i>also</i> Experimental Area, Environmental Audit
EAP	Employee Assistance Program (HRM)
EAWS	Ecosystem Assessment at the Watershed Scale (similar to Integrated Resource Analysis), required for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
EBI	Environmental Benefits Index
EC	Environmental Coordination, <i>also</i> Erosion Control
ECAP	Environmental Compliance and Protection Program
ECOMAP	Ecological Classification and Mapping Task Team
ECP	Emergency Conservation Program Funding
ECS	Ecological Classification System
ECT	Environmental Credit Trading
EDAS	Environmental Document Availability

EDF	Employee Development Folder
EDI	Employee Development Interview
EDR	Employee Development Record
EDRR	Early Detection and Rapid Response
EE	Environmental Education
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; <i>also</i> Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor
EEOO	Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor
EF	Experimental Forest
EHI	Erosion Hazard Index
EIP	Early Intervention Program
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
e-Gov	Electronic Government
ELT	Executive Leadership Team; composed of the Chief, Associate Chief, Chief of Staff, and Deputy Chiefs
EM	Ecosystem Management
E-mail	Electronic mail (preferred form in computer lexicon: email)
EMC	Ecosystem Management Coordination (NFS)
EMIS	Equipment Management Information System
EML	Engineering Mechanics Laboratory
Eng	Engineering (NFS)
EO	Executive Order
EOD	Entered on Duty
EOE	Equal Opportunity Employer ( <i>see also</i> EEO)
EOWS	Executive Office of Weed and Seed ??
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPF	Employee Performance File
EPM	Emissions Production Model
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
ER	Experimental Range; <i>also</i> Engineering Representative
ERFO	Emergency Relief Federally-owned Roads
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974

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ES	Executive Services; <i>a/so</i> Experiment Standard
ESA	Endangered Species Act of 1973
ESC	Existing Stand Condition
ESDIM	Environmental Services Data and Information Management
ESM	Enterprise System Management (Bus Ops, IRM)
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute
ESU	Evolutionary Significant Unit
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
ETD	Estimated Time of Departure
EUSC	End-User Support Center
EVG	Existing vegetation
EWAP	East-wide Watershed Assessment Protocol
EWP	Emergency Watershed Protection
EWPP	Emergency Watershed Protection Plan
EWS	Early Warning System

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## F

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F	Fahrenheit
F&AM	Fire and Aviation Management (S&PF)
F&PS	Fiscal and Public Safety
F&R	Forest and Rangeland
F&WL	Fisheries and Wildlife
F&WS	Fish and Wildlife Service (DOI)
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FA&O	Fire, Administration and Other
FAC	Field Advisory Committee (River Basin)
FACTS	Forest Activity System
FAIR ACT	Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act

FAM	Fire & Aviation Management (S&PF)
FA&O	Fire, Administrative, and Other (budget item)
FAO	Financial and Accounting Operations (OCFO/B&F); <i>also</i> Food and Agriculture Organization (United Nations)
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation
FAQ	Frequently asked question
FAS	Facilities and Administrative Services
FAT	Functional Assistance Trip
FAX	Facsimile transmission
FBO	Federal Business Opportunities
FCCC	Fort Collins Computer Center
FCCS	Fuelbed Classification System
FDM	Federal Document Management System
FDS	Forest development road
FECA	Federal Employees Compensation Act
FEDSTRIP	Federal Standard Requisitioning & Issue Procedures
FEEMA	Financial Evaluation of Ecosystem Management Treatments
FEGLI	Federal Employees Group Life Insurance
FEHB	Federal Employee Health Benefits
FEHBA	Federal Employee Health Benefits Act
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement, <i>also</i> Fire Effects Information System
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Administration
FEO	Fire Engine Operator
FEORP	Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program
FER	Forest Environment Research
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FERS	Federal Employees Retirement System
FES	Factor Evaluation System; <i>also</i> Forms Entry System
FFALC	Federal Fire and Aviation Leadership Council; composed of fire directors from the FS, BLM, NPS, and BIA
FFASR	Forest Fire and Atmospheric Sciences Research

FFF	Firefighter funds
FFIS	Foundation Financial Information System
FH	Forest highway
FHA	Federal Housing Administration
FHR	Fish Habitat Relationship
FHP	Forest Health Protection (S&PF)
FHM	Forest Health Management
FHTET	Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team (FHP, SP&F)
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FIA	Forest Inventory Analysis (R&D)
FICA	Federal Insurance Contribution Act
FICC	Federal Identity Credentialing Committee (NFC)
FICMNEW	Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds (USDA)
FIDR	Forest and Insect Disease Research
FIER	Forest Inventory, Economic and Recreation Research
FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
FIN	Financial Management (CFO)
FIO	Fire Information Officer
FIRMR	Federal Information Resources Management Regulations
FIT	Fitness Improvement Team
FITV	Federal Interagency Team on Volunteerism
FLEP	Forest Land Enhancement Program (S&PF)
FLIR	Forward-looking infrared radar
FLM	Federal Land Managers
FLPMA	Federal Policy and Management Act (NFS, Rec)
FLRMP	Forest Land and Resources Management Plan
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FLT	Forest Leadership Team
FM	Financial Management; <i>also</i> Forest Management
FMA	Fire Management Area
FMAZ	Fire Management Analysis Zone



FMAP	Forest Management Action Plan
FMHA	Farers Home Administration
FMIP	Financial Management Improvement Project
FMO	Fire Management Officer
FMP	Fire Management Plan
FMS	Financial Management System (OCFO/B&F)
FMU	Fire Management Unit
FOFEM	First Order Fire Effects Model
FOG	FEDSTRIP Operating Guide
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act of 1966; provides that any person has the right to request access to federal agency records of information (HRM)
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FOR	Fixed Ownership Rule
FOUO	For Official Use Only
FOZ	Fire Occurrence Zone
FP	Forest Plan
FPA	Financial Policy and Analysis (OCFO/B&F); also Fire Program Analysis
FPDS-NG	Federal Procurement Data System – New Generation
FPER	Forest Products and Engineering Research
FPL	Forest Products Laboratory; located in Madison, WI (R&D)
FPM	Forest Personnel Manual
FPMR	Federal Property Management Regulation
FPO	Forest Protection Officer; also Fire Prevention Officer
FPR	Federal Procurement Regulations
FPRS	Forest Products Research Society
FPU	Forest Products Utilization
FR	Federal Register; <i>also</i> Forest road
FR&A	Financial Reports and Analysis (OCFO)
FRCC	Fire Regime Condition Class
FRER	Forest Resources and Economic Research
FRR	Financial Reports and Reconciliation (OCFO/B&F)

FRP	Forest Road Program
FRPP	Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
FS	Forest Service; also Forest Supervisor
FSA	Food Service Agency (USDA)
FSAR	Forest Service Acquisition Regulation
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
FSEIS	Final Supplement Environment Impact Statement
FSH	Forest Service Handbook
FSHEA	Forest Service Hispanic Employees Association
FS-INFO	Forest Service Information Library Service
FSIS	Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA)
FSLN	Forest Service Library Network
FSM	Forest Service Manual
FSN	Federal Stock Number
FSPC	Forest Service Partnership Council
FSR	Forest Service Representative
FSRAMIS	Forest Service Range Analysis Management Information Service
FSS	Federal Supply Schedule
FTE	Full time equivalent; also full-time employee
FTP	Fire Transfer Protocol; used to transfer data files from one computer (or server) to another; also for web authoring
FTS	Federal Telecommunications System
FVM	Forest Visitors Map
FVS	Forest Vegetation Simulator
FWP	Federal Women's Program
FWRBE	Fish, wildlife, range, botany and ecology
FWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service; also Federal Wage System
FY	Fiscal Year (October-September)
FYI	For Your Information
FYLF	Foothill yellow-legged frog

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## G

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G&A	Grants and Agreements
GA	General Administration
GAO	General Accountability Office ( <i>formerly General Accounting Office</i> )
GAP	Geographic Approach to Planning
GAWS	General Aquatic Wildlife System
GBL	General Bill of Lading
GCDB	Geographic Coordinate Database
GCMD	Global Change Master Directory
GENSS	Global Environmental Network Support System
GEPD	Georgia Environmental Protection Division
GETA	Government Employees Training Act
GFA	General forest area
GIFF	Gateway Interagency Fire Front
GIS	Geographic Information System
GM	Gypsy moth (invasive insect); also General Management
GMFL	Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest (R9)
GMM	General Measurement Management
GMR	General Management Review
GNC	Gross national product
GNF	Gifford Pinchot National Forest (NFS, State of Washington; also GPNF)
GPD	Gross domestic product
GPEA	Government Paper Elimination Act
GPNF	Gifford Pinchot National Forest (NFS, State of Washington; also GNF)
GPO	Government Printing Office

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GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act of 1943 (shifts government focus away from activities toward performance and accountability)
GPS	Global positioning system
GRID	Global Resources Information Database
GRT	Green replacement tree
GS	General Schedule
GSA	General Services Administration
GSC	Geometronics Service Center
GSTC	Geospatial Services and Technology Center (NFS)
GTR	General Technical Report (accompanied by numbers, designation appearing on the cover of a publication issued by the Forest Service); also General Transportation Request
GUN	Gunflint Ranger District (Region 9)

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Ha	Hectare
HATIS	Hearing Aide Telephone Interconnect System (USDA)
HBCU	Hispanic and Black Colleges and Universities (Civil Rights)
HCA	Habitat Conservation Area
HCNRA	Hells Canyon Natural Resource Area
HEI	Habitat Effectiveness Index
HEP	Hispanic Employment Program
HFI	Healthy Forests Initiative
HFRA	Healthy Forests Restoration Act
HMA	Habitat management area
HMNF	Huron-Manistee National Forest (Region 9)
HNF	Hoosier National Forest (Region 9)
HMP	Habitat Management Plan

HOF	Hiawatha National Forest (Region 9)
HP	Hazard Pay
HRM	Human Resources Management
HRP	Human Resource Program
HRO	High Resolution Optical
HROS	Human Resource Operating System; a computer program (Bus Ops, HRM)
HRV	Historic Range of Variability
HTAE	Federal Highway Trust Fund (BLI)
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language
HU	Hydrologic units
HUC	Hydrologic unit code
HWA	Hemlock woolly adelgid (an invasive species)

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I	Information
I&I	Inform and Involve
IA	Interagency Agreement
IAC	Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation
IACB	Indian Arts and Crafts Board
IAS	Integrated Acquisition System; a computer program (Bus Ops, HRM)
IAFWA	International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (S&PF)
IAG	Interagency Agreement
IAWA	International Association of Wood Anatomist
IAWS	International Academy of Wood Science
IBIL	Internet Billing (USDA)

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IC	Incense Cedar; also Incident Commander, Information Center
ICBEMP	Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project
ICRA	Indian Civil Rights Act
ID	Interim Directive
IDP	Individual Development Plan
IDT	Interdisciplinary Team
IF	International Forestry
IFB	Invitation for Bids
IFG	Institute of Forest Genetics
IFIM	Instream Flow Incremental Methods
IG	Inherently Governmental; also, Information Group
IHS	Indian Health Service
IIO	Incident Information Officer
IIT	Interagency Implementation Team
IITF	International Institute of Tropical Forestry; head office in Puerto Rico (R&D)
IM	Information Management (Bus Ops)
IMBT	Institute for Microbial and Biochemical Technology
IMI	Inventory and Monitoring Institute; office in Fort Collins, CO
IMM	Implementation Monitoring Module
IMPLAN	Input Model Plan (measure economic effects changes in program-related activities)
IMR	Information Management Repository
IMS	Information Management System
IMSR	National Incident Management Situation Report (S&FP; F&A Management)
IMT	Information Management Technology
INFRA	Infrastructure Application System; used to manage programs and property information
InS	Information Systems
INSAR	Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar
IO	Information Officer

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IP	International Programs (Chief's Office)
IPIF	Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IRA	Integrated Resource Analysis; initial effort for identifying Forest Plan goals; also Indian Reorganization Act
IRM	Information Resource Management (IRM, Bus Ops)
IRMD	Information Resource Management (USDA, NFC)
IS	Interpretive Services; also Information Systems
ISC	Invasive Species Council (Interagency)
ISIT	Invasive Species Issue Team (Forest Service)
ISO	Information Solutions Organization (Bus Ops, IRM)
IT	Information technology; software and hardware (Bus Ops)
ITAP	Invasive Terrestrial Animals
IUFRO	International Union of Forestry Research Organization

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## J

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JC	Job Corps
JCC	Job Corps Center
JCP	Joint Committee on Printing
JFMP	Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (G&A)
JHA	Job Hazard Analysis
JP	Jack pine; also Jeffrey pine
JPEG	Joint Photographic Expert Group
JPL	Jet Propulsion Lab
JPR	Job Performance Requirement
JWOD	Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program (AQM)

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## K

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K	Kilo; also 1,000
KAW	Kawishiwi Ranger District (Region 9)
KB	Kilobyte (1,000 bytes)
KBPS	Kilobytes per second
KCfast	Kansas City fire access system
KIPZ	Kootenai Idaho Panhandle Plan Revision Zone (NFS, Region 1)
Km.	Kilometer
KM	Knowledge Management
KMDA	Known Mineral Deposit Area
KSAs	Knowledge, skills, and ability
KV	Knutson-Vandenberg Act (Budget)

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## L

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L	Lands (NFS)
L&WCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
LA	Legislative Affairs (PL&C)
LA	Legislative Affairs (PPL&O)
LAC	Limits of Acceptable Change; also LaCroix Ranger District (R9)
LALW	Land and Water Conservation Fund (BLI)
LAN	large area network; interconnects computer systems
LAU	Landscape Analysis Unit; also Lynx Analysis Unit, Laurentian Ranger District (R9)
LC	Library of Congress
LE	Law enforcement; also Landscape ecosystem



LEI	Law Enforcement and Investigations (Chief's Office)
LEO	Law Enforcement Officer (LEI)
LETR	Long-Term Ecological Research
LFP	Land and Financial Planning
LIDAR	Light Direction and Ranging (laser altimetry)
LIT	Leadership Improvement Training
LM	Land and Minerals
LMP	Land Management Plan
LMR	Labor Management Relations
LMS	Landscape Management System (S&PF, Eng)
LNF	Lolo National Forest (Region 1)
LOAP	Landowner adjustment plan
LOS	Late Old Structure
LP	Linear programming; also Lodgepole Pine
LRMP	Land Resources Management Plan (in brief: Forest Plan)
LSOG	Late Successional/Old Growth
LSP	Lump Sum Payment
LSR	Late-Successional Reserves
LSS	Late-Successional Stages
LTA	Land type association
LTBMU	Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
LTP	Land type phase
LTSYC	Long-Term Sustained Yield Capacity
LUG	Land-use group
LUP	Land Utilization Project
LVIS	Laser Vegetation Imaging Sensor
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
LWD	Large woody debris
LWM	Large wood material
LWOP	Leave Without Pay

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## M

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M	Greek symbol for thousand
M&E	Monitoring and evaluation
M&G	Minerals and Geology
M&IE	Meals and incidental expenses
MA	Management area
MAG	Multicultural Advisory Group (LEI)
MAL	Malheur National Forest
MAM	Minerals Area Management
MAR	Management Attainment Report
MAUM	Thousand animal unit month
MBF	Thousand board feet
MCF	Thousand cubic feet
MDF	Medium density fiberboard
MEL	Most efficient level
MEO	Most Efficient Organization
MFWP	Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
MGM	Minerals and Geology Management (NFS)
MIH	Management Indicator Habitat
MIL	Management intensity level
MIS	Management Indicator Species
MIST	Minimum impact suppression technique
MIT	Management Improvement Team
MKT	Multitemporal Kauth-Thomas transformation
MMBF	Million board feet
MMCF	Million cubic feet
MMR	Minimum management requirement
MMRVD	Million recreation visitor-days

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MNF	Monongahela National Forest, WV (Region 9)
MNTP	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Region 9)
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MODIS	Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
MOSS	Map Overlay Statistical System
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRA	Minimum Retirement Age
MRVD	Thousand recreation visitor-days
MS	Management Systems
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
MSPA	Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act
MSPB	Merit Systems Promotion Board
MTDC	Missoula Technology Development Center (NFS)
MTF	Mark Twain (Fire) (Region 9)
MTNF	Mark Twain National Forest (Region 9)
MUSYA	Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act
MWFD	Thousand wildlife and fish user-days
MYLF	Mountain yellow-legged frog

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## N

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N	Nitrogen
NA	Northeastern Area; head office located in Newtown Sq., PA (Chief's Office)
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NACD	National Association of Conservation Districts
NAFA	National Academy of Federal Administrators
NAL	National Agricultural Library
NAP	Natural Area Preserves; also Native American Program

NAPAP	National Acid Rain Precipitation Assessment Program
NAPIAP	National Agricultural Pesticide Impact Assessment Program
NASF	National Association of State Foresters
NASS	National Agricultural Statistics Service
NBS	National Bureau of Standards
NC	North Central Station; one of 6 research stations, head office in St. Paul, Minn. (R&D)
NCC	National Computer Centers
NCMO	NRRS Contract Management Office
NCS	National Conservation Service
NCSHSPO	National Association Conference of State Historical Society Preservation Officers
NDS	National Design Specifications
NE	Northeastern Research Station; one of 6 research stations, head office located in Newtown Sq., PA (R&D)
NEETF	National Environmental Education and Training Facility
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; establishes a national policy for the environment and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
NF	National Forest; there are 155 national forests and grasslands in the NFS
NFDRS	National Fire Danger Rating System
NFC	National Finance Center; head office in New Orleans, LA
NFCC	Condition Class (BLI)
NFF	National Forest Foundation
NFFE	National Federation of Federal Employees
NFIM	Inventory and Monitoring (BLI)
NFLE	Law Enforcement (BLI)
NFLM	Land Ownership Management (BLI)
NFMA	National Forest Management Act of 1976; produces Land and Resource Management Plans, or Forest Plans
NFMAS	National Forest Management Analysis System
NFMG	Minerals and Geology Management (BLI)
NFP	National Fire Plan

NFPA	National Fire Protection Association, also National Forest Products Association
NFPN	National Forest Planning (BLI)
NFRS	National Forest Recreation Survey
NFRW	National Forest Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness (BLI)
NFS	National Forest System (one of five FS deputy areas)
NFSR	National Forest System Road
NFVW	National Forest Vegetation and Watershed Management (BLI)
NFWF	National Forest Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat Management (BLI)
NGL	National Grassland
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NGS	National Geodetic Survey
NHD	National Hydrologic Data
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Association
NICC	National Interagency Coordination Center
NIFC	National Incident Fire Center; located in Boise, ID
NIIC	National Incident Information Center (S&PF, FAM)
NIJAC	National Interagency Joint Apprenticeship Academy for Wildland Fire (USDA, DOI, DOL)
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NIPF	Non-industrial private forest
NIROPS	National Infrared Operations
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NITC	National Information Technology Center (located in Fort Collins, CO)
NLF	Northern leopard frog
NLFCA	National Listing of Fish Consumption Advisories
NLT	National Leadership Team; composed of the Chief, Associate Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Associate Deputy Chiefs, Chief of Staff, Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Directors of NA, IITF, CR, IP, LEI, LA, OC, and Chief's support staff; <i>also</i> No Later Than
NMAC	National Multi-agency Coordination Group; office in NIFC

NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NNFP	National Network of Forest Practitioners
NNIS	Non-native invasive species
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOI)
NOI	Notice of Intent
Nox	Nitrogen oxides
NP	National Preserve
NPL	National Priorities List
NPS	National Park Service (DOI); also Non-point source (of pollution or infection)
NPV	Net Present Value
NR	National Register of Historic Places; also Natural Resources
NRA	National Recreation Area; also Natural Resource Area (NFS)
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRCA	Natural Resources Conservation Area
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRE	Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; oversees the Forest Service
NREE	Natural Resources and Environmental Education
NRF	Nesting, roosting and foraging (habitat)
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NRI	Natural Resources Inventory
NRIS	Natural Resource Information System; provides employees and FS partners with access to data for natural resources decision-making
NRM	Natural Resources Management
NRRI	Natural Resources Research Institute
NRRS	National Recreation Reservation Service
NS	Not stocked
NTE	Not to exceed (for temporary employees)
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSO	No surface occupancy
NTMB	Neotropical migratory birds

NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
NUCFAC	National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council
NVUM	National Visitor Use Monitoring (NFS, Rec)
NWA	National Wilderness Area
NWC	Northern White Cedar
NWCG	National Wildfire Coordination Group
NWHI	Northwest Habitat Institute
NWI	National Wetlands Inventory
NWIFC	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
NWPPC	Northwest Power Planning Council
NWPS	National Wilderness Preservation System
NWSR	National Wild and Scenic Rivers

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## O

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OC	Office of Communication (Bus Ops)
OCC	Operation Control Center (IRMD, NFC)
OCFO	Office of the Chief Financial Officer (B&F)
OCR	Optical character recognition
ODEP	Office of Disability Employment Policy
ODEQ	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
OEM	Original equipment manufacturer
OF	Office of Finance; <i>also</i> Optional Form
OFPP	Office of Federal Procurement Policy
OGC	Office of the General Counsel
OGE	Office of Government Ethics
OHV	Off-highway vehicle
OIG	Office of the Inspector General

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OMB	Office of Management and Budget (Executive Branch)
OMP	Operation maintenance and protection
OPEDA	Organization of Professional Employees (USDA)
OPM	Office of Personnel Management (Executive Branch)
OPS	Business Operations; one of five FS deputy areas
ORMS	Office of Regulatory and Management Services (Bus Ops)
ORV	Off-road vehicle
OSE	Open Systems Environment
OSOH	Office of Safety and Occupational Health (Bus Ops)
OSB	Oriented Strand Board
OSV	Over-the-snow vehicle
OTR	Office of Tribal Relations (S&PF)
OU DS	Overnight use developed sites

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## P

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P&BA	Program and Budget Analysis (OCFO, B&F)
PAO	Public Affairs Officer
PAOT	Persons at One Time
PAR	Performance Accountability Report
PART	Program Assessment Rating Tool
PB&A	Program Analysis and Budget (CFO)
PBB	Perform-Based Budgeting
PBSC	Performance Based Service Contracts
PCPI	Per capita personal income
PCT	Precommercial thinning
PD	Public domain
PDA	Personal digital assistant
pdl	Public distribution list; for use with Lotus Notes



PETS	Proposed endangered, threatened or sensitive species
PFA	Post Fledgling Area
PFC	Properly Functioning Condition
PHS	Priority Habitats and Species Database
PILT	Payment in lieu of taxes
PIG	Columbia River Basin Anadromous Fish Policy Implementation Guide
PIT	Passport in Time (NFS, Rec)
PKI	Federal Public Key Infrastructure
PL	Public Law
PLO	Public Land Order
PL&C	Programs, Legislation and Communication; one of six FS deputy areas
PM	Particulate matter
PMA	President's Management Agenda
PMI	President's Management Initiative
PNV	Present net value
PNW	Pacific Northwest Station; one of six research stations; head office in Portland, Ore. (R&D)
PNWR	Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge
POO	Plan of Operation
PPM	Parts per million
PRMP	Proposed Resource Management Plan
PRODCL	Productivity class
PSD	Prevention of significant deterioration
PSI	Pounds per square inch
PSW	Pacific Southwest Station; one of six research stations; head office located in Albany, Calif. (R&D)
PU	Purchase Unit
PUF	Public Uses and Facilities
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride
PVG	Potential Vegetation Group

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## Q

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Q&A	Question and answer
QTI	Qualified technical investigator

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## R

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R&D	Research and Development (one of five deputy areas in the Forest Service)
R&PP	Recreation and Public Purposes
R&R	Retention and restoration
R/S/A	Region/Station/Area
RAC	Resource Advisory Council
RACR	Roadless Area Conservation Rule
RAP	Roads Analysis Process (or Procedure)
RARE	Roadless Area Review and Evaluation
RBP	Rapid Bio-assessment Protocol
RCA	Riparian Conservation Area
RCW	Red cockaded woodpecker
RD	Ranger District
RDM	Residual dry matter
RF	Regional Forester
RFI	Relict Forest Island
RFP	Request for Proposal
RGE	Rangeland Management (NFS)
RHCA	Riparian Habitat Conservation Area

RHWR	Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Resources (NFS)
RIA	Rural Interface Area
RIF	Reduction in force
RIG	Resource Information Group
RIM	Recreation information management
RMA	Riparian Management Area
RMIS	Recreation Management Information System
RMO	Riparian management objective
RMP	Resource Management Plan
RMRS	Rocky Mountain Research Station; one of six research stations; head office located in Fort Collins, CO (R&D)
RN	Roaded Natural
RNA	Research Natural Area
RO	Regional Office (total of nine FS Regions)
ROB	Red oak borer; insect infesting red oaks
ROD	Record of decision
ROG	Replacement old growth
ROS	Recreation Opportunity Spectrum; also, Rate of Spread
ROW	Right of way
RPA	Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act
RSAC	Remote Sensing Applications Center; office in Salt Lake, Utah
RSAP	Recreation Site Assessment Plan
RTI	Rural Technical Initiative
RVD	Recreation Visitor Day
RVUR	Research Valuation and Use Research (R&D)
RWU	Research Work Units
Rx	Prescription

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## S

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S	Sulfur
S&G	Standard and guideline
S&PF	State and Private Forestry (one of five FS deputy areas)
SO4	Anion sulfate
SAA	Southern Appalachian Assessment
SAC	Special Agent in Charge (LEI)
SACED	Secretary's Advisory Committee on Employees with Disability
SAM	Spectral angle mapper
SAN	Sustainable Agriculture Network
SAR	Synthetic Aperture Radar
SARE	Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education
SARRWAG	Southern Appalachian Recreation, Rivers, Wilderness Advisory Group
SCEP	Senior Community Service Employment Program; also Student Career Experience Program (Bus Ops)
SCORP	State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
SDWA	Safety Drinking Water of 1974
SDI	Stand density index
SEEP	Student Educational Employment Program
SEIS	Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
SERC	Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
SES	Senior Executive Service; highest level of rank and pay for federal career employees (out of 30,000 plus employees, FS counts 62 SESers)
SGL	Standard General Ledger (NFC)
SH	State highway
SHPO	State Historical Preservation Officers
SIA	Special Interest Area
SIMPPLE	Simulating Pattern and Process Landscape Scales
SIO	Scenic Integrity Objective

SIP	State Implementation Plan
SLICER	Scanning Lidar Images of Canopies by Echo Recovery
SMO	Standard management objective
SMS	Scenery Management System
SMU	Standard Management Unit
SMZ	Streamside management zone
SOD	Sudden Oak Death; invasive species infecting oak trees north and south of San Francisco, and southern Oregon
SOHA	Spotted Owl Habitat Area
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SOPA	Schedule of Proposed Action
SOW	Statement of Work
SOX	Sulfur oxides
SPB	Southern pine beetle; invasive species infesting southern pines
SPMO	Semi primitive motorized
SPNM	Semi primitive non-motorized
SPOT	Strategic Placement of Treatment
SPPII	Science, Policy, Planning, Inventory and Information (R&D)
SPRA	Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment (R&D)
SPSS	Special Payroll Process System
SRS	Southern Research Station; one of six research stations; head office in Asheville, NC (R&D)
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSN	Social Security Number
SSP	Shared Service Provider (NFC)
STAR	System for Time & Attendance Reporting
STARS	Sales Tracking and Reporting System (NFC)
STDC	San Dimas Technology Development Center (NFS)
STEP	Student Temporary Employment Program
SUDS	Special Uses Data System
SYU	Sustained Yield Unit
SYVP	Senior, Youth and Volunteer Programs (Bus Ops)

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## T

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T&A	Time and attendance
T&E	Threatened and endangered
TAMM	Timber Assessment Market Model
TCC	Temporary Continuation of Coverage (NFC)
TES	Threatened, endangered and sensitive
TEUI	Terrestrial Ecological Unit Inventory
TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
TIM	Timber Information Management (software)
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TMO	Timber Management Officer
TPA	Trees per acre
TSI	Timber stand improvement
TSIS	Timber Sale Information System
TSP	Thrift Savings Plan
TSPIRS	Timber Sale Program Information Reporting System (software)
TSPQ	Total Sale Program Quantity
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
TTY	Teletypewriter
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority

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## U

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U&CF	Urban and Community Forestry (S&PF)
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UMA	Umatilla National Forest
UPLD	Upland hardwood/mixed
U.S.C.	Unites States Code
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDI	United States Department of Interior; <i>see also</i> DOI
USFS	United States Forest Service; <i>see also</i> FS
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service (DOI)
USGS	United States Geological Survey
UV	Ultraviolet ray

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## V

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VCL	Vegetation Canopy LIDAR ( <i>see also</i> LIDAR)
VIS	Visitor Information Services
VMPR	Vegetation Management and Protection Research (R&D)
VMS	Visual Management System
VOCS	Volatile organic compounds
VQO	Visual quality objective
VRU	Vegetation Response Units

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## W

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W&SR	Wild and Scenic River (NFS, Rec)
WAFWA	Western Association of Wildlife and Fish Agencies
WAG	Wilderness Action Group (NFS)
WASP	Wildfire Airborne Sensor Program
WAW	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
WBUT	Woody Biomass Utilization Team
WCF	Working Capital Fund
WCR	Watershed Condition Rank
WFIP	Wildland Implementation Plan
WFLC	Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (pronounced “wiflik”)
WFSA	Wildland Fire Situation Analysis
WFW	Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air, Rare Plants and Soil (NFS)
WFWAR	Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air Research (R&D)
WG	Wage Grade
WHI	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
WIA	Workforce Investment Act
WIN	Watershed improvement inventory
WL	Wage Leader
WMPZ	Western Montana Planning Zone
WO	Washington Office (FS Headquarters)
WPIN	White pine
WQIC	Water Quality Information Center
WQRP	Water quality restoration plan
WRAPS	Workforce Reduction and Placement System
WRD	Wildlife Resources Division
WRP	Wetlands Resource Program
WRS	Wilderness Resource Spectrum
WS	Wage Supervisor



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WSA	Watershed and Air Management (NFS); <i>also</i> Wilderness Study Area
WTY	Whole tree yarding
WUI	Wildland-Urban Interface
WURR	Water use rights and requirements
WYSISYG	What-you-see-is-what-you-get

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## Y

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YCC	Youth Conservation Corps (Bus Ops)
YPIN	Yellow pine

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