



FS Agreement No. 21-CO-11041400-011

Cooperator Agreement No. _____

**COLLECTION AGREEMENT
Between
BLAINE, COUNTY OF
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST**

This COLLECTION AGREEMENT is hereby entered into by and between Blaine, County of, hereinafter referred to as “Blaine County”, and the USDA, Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest, hereinafter referred to as the “U.S. Forest Service,” under the provisions of the Cooperative Funds Act of 1914 (16 U.S.C. 498 as amended by Pub. L. 104-127).

Background: The Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) completed travel planning for the Big Wood River watershed in 2018. The plan revises the existing system of roads and trails open to wheeled, motorized travel on approximately 85,000 acres. The comprehensive analysis determined where the various uses were having unacceptable adverse effects on a variety of resources and where adjustments in management should be made. The purpose of the Big Wood River Travel Management Plan is to:

- Update the existing system of roads and motorized trails that provide for public access and recreational travel, considering the overall quantity and quality of opportunities.
- Manage and reduce resource impacts that are occurring due to wheeled motorized use of roads, trails, and unauthorized travel.
- Restore unauthorized routes identified as a problem to resources of concern (soil, water, fish, plants, wildlife, heritage, etc.).

The SNRA of the Sawtooth National Forest is partnering with Blaine County to implement the Big Wood Travel Plan. Several tasks identified in the Plan include:

- Decommission of routes causing resource damage, primarily to soil, water, and wildlife. Closed routes will be returned to as close to natural conditions as feasible.
- Designate dispersed campsites which includes campsites not located within a developed campground. Some campsites may be permanently closed and naturalized.
- Relocate and consolidate trailheads. Trailheads located in riparian areas causing resource impacts will be moved to sustainable locations.
- Prevent wheeled motorized use of groomed ski trails. Unauthorized routes that align with groomed ski trails will be closed seasonally using a gate or other barrier.
- Convert some roads to non-motorized trail. These roads will be narrowed to a single-track trail.

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Title: Big Wood Travel Plan Implementation

I. PURPOSE: The purpose of this agreement, and incorporated Financial Plan, is to document the voluntary contribution of funds from Blaine County to the U.S. Forest Service to implement the components of the Big Wood Travel Management Plan to improve wildlife habitat and watershed conditions while maintaining public access to the Big Wood River and its tributaries.

II. THE BLAINE COUNTY SHALL:

- A. **LEGAL AUTHORITY.** Blaine County shall have the legal authority to enter into this agreement, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project, which includes funds sufficient to pay the nonfederal share of project costs, when applicable.
- B. Perform in accordance with the Financial Plan.
- C. Upon presentation of a Bill for Collection, reimburse the U.S. Forest Service the amount agreed to in the Financial Plan.
- D. Coordinate with the U.S. Forest Service and the monitoring associated with this project will occur as specified in Appendix B (Project Proposal).

III. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

A. **REIMBURSABLE BILLING.** The maximum total cost liability to Blaine County for this agreement is \$158,200. The U.S. Forest Service shall bill Blaine County quarterly as of December 31, March 31, June 30, and September 30 for funds sufficient to cover the costs for the specific payment period. All reimbursement billings must be completed within the same fiscal year as U.S. Forest Service expenditures. Overhead shall not be assessed.

Billings must be sent to:

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