

FS Agreement No. 13-CS-11010200-033
Cooperator Agreement No. _____

CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between The
GREATER YELLOWSTONE COALITION
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

This CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT is hereby made and entered into by and between the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, hereinafter referred to as “GYC,” and the USDA, Forest Service, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest hereinafter referred to as the “U.S. Forest Service,” under the authority: Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-154

Background:

The Gravelly Collaborative (GC) is a diverse group of citizens and stakeholders, initiated in 2012, who value the Gravelly area for its rich fish and wildlife habitat, natural resources, opportunities for recreation, and clean water. The GC strives to be inclusive and to foster a transparent, consensus-driven approach to maintaining and improving the health of the Gravelly landscape. Participants include local community members, ranchers, hunters, anglers, conservation organizations, timber companies, as well as local, state and federal government.

The overarching goal of the GC is to develop ecologically appropriate, scientifically supported forest restoration projects that will benefit the forests, fish, rangelands, wildlife, recreational values and local communities of the Gravelly Landscape. Using the best available science and local expertise, our collaborative group aims to advance necessary on-the-ground work that will:

- Enhance and restore fish and wildlife habitat
- Improve the resilience of forests
- Allow wildfire to play its natural role in the landscape
- Manage weeds
- Fix eroding trails and roads

Title: Gravelly Collaborative - Future Management of Gravelly Area

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to engage in a partnership and support the work of the GC in accordance with the following provisions and the hereby incorporated Financial Plan, attached as Exhibit A.



II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

The U.S. Forest Service is a land management agency dedicated to the wise use and management of National Forest System lands. It is in the interest of the U.S. Forest Service to educate the public in land stewardship and sustainable forestry practices, and increase public awareness and understanding of issues affecting these practices. The U.S. Forest Service is also interested in cooperating with other parties to meet its land management goals and provide the public with opportunities for use and enjoyment. Rural communities are key components of western ecosystems, and as such, the social, economic and cultural health of these rural communities has a significant influence on the health of the broader ecosystems, including the natural resources. It is in the U.S. Forest Service's interest to help sustain and strengthen the health of the Gravelly Landscape area in which we live and work, and on which the resources we manage are dependent.

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 on the premise: An ecosystem will remain healthy and wild only if it is kept whole. The Greater Yellowstone Coalition works to ensure that a thoughtful and holistic approach is taken to managing the national and wildlife resources in harmony with people and modern development. They work to shape a future where wildlife populations maintain their full diversity and vitality, where ecological processes function on public lands with minimal intervention, where exceptional recreational opportunities abound for visitors and residents alike, and where communities can enjoy a healthy and diversified economy. The GYC has taken a leading role in coordination and oversight in the GC group.

The parties have a mutual interest in working together to support the work of the GC.

In Consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

III. GYC SHALL:

- A. LEGAL AUTHORITY. GYC 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. COMMITTEE SUPPORT. GYC supports GCs work with community interests for actions concerning the use and management of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest within the Gravelly Area.
- C. GYC will provide a facilitator for GCs work with community interests.
- D. Perform in accordance with the Financial Plan attached as Exhibit A.

IV. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:



- A. PAYMENT/REIMBURSEMENT. The U.S. Forest Service shall reimburse PCCFGYC for the U.S. Forest Service's share of actual expenses incurred, not to exceed \$10,000, as shown in the Financial Plan. The U.S. Forest Service shall make payment upon receipt of GYC's monthly invoice. Each invoice from GYC must display the total project costs for the billing period, separated by U.S. Forest Service and GYC share. In-kind contributions must be displayed as a separate line item and must not be included in the total project costs available for reimbursement. The final invoice must display GYC's full match towards the project, as shown in the financial plan, and be submitted no later than 90 days from the expiration date.

Each invoice must include, at a minimum:

1. GYC's name, address, and telephone number
2. U.S. Forest Service agreement number: **13-CS-11010200-033**
3. Invoice date
4. Performance dates of the work completed (start & end)
5. Total invoice amount for the billing period
6. Statement that the invoice is a request for payment by 'reimbursement'
7. If using SF-270, a signature is required.
8. Invoice Number, if applicable

The invoice must be sent by one of three methods (email is preferred):

EMAIL: asc_ga@fs.fed.us

FAX: 877-687-4894

POSTAL: USDA Forest Service
Albuquerque Service Center
Payments – Grants & Agreements
101B Sun Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Send a copy to: Kevin Suzuki, Madison RD, 5 Forest Service Road, Ennis, MT 59759 or ksuzuki@fs.fed.us

- B. Perform in accordance with the Financial Plan attached as Exhibit A.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- A. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement.

Principal Cooperator Contacts: