



FS Agreement No. 2026-NFS-NR-25847

Cooperator Agreement No. _____

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between The
BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
NATURAL RESOURCES**

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between the Boone and Crockett Club and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Natural Resources, hereinafter referred to as the "Forest Service," and collectively referred to as the Parties (hereinafter "the Parties")

Background: The Forest Service is responsible for management of the national forests and grasslands, comprising 193 million acres across the United States and hosting more than 170 million visits annually. These lands serve as the backbone of the nation's outdoor recreation legacy.

The Boone and Crockett Club was founded in 1887 by Theodore Roosevelt and George Bird Grinnell and is the oldest wildlife conservation organization in North America. The Club's mission is to promote the conservation and management of wildlife, especially big game and its habitat, to preserve and encourage hunting, and to maintain the highest ethical standards of fair chase and sportsmanship in North America.

Title: Collaboration on Recreation and Access

- I. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for cooperation and coordination between the Parties to enhance, promote, and sustain outdoor recreation opportunities on National Forest System (NFS) lands, with particular emphasis on hunting, angling, wildlife conservation, habitat stewardship and active forest management, public access, and conservation education. The framework provides for the identification and development of mutually beneficial projects and activities that enhance the public's recreational access to NFS lands.

The Parties agree to work together in accordance with the following provisions.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

Both the Boone and Crockett Club and the Forest Service have responsibilities and interests in enhancing recreation and access opportunities on national forests. The Parties agree that enhanced recreation and access opportunities can: 1) increase stakeholder awareness and



engagement on forest health; 2) increase visitation on NFS lands for hunters and anglers; 3) build support for increased funding for access and conservation of these lands; 4) promote ethical hunting and angling activities, and 5) increase access to NFS land.

In consideration of the above premises, the Parties agree as follows:

- a. Identify a team of like-minded user groups that will actively participate in the activities outlined in this MOU.
- b. Foster increased public awareness of the recreational opportunities on NFS land.
- c. Expand partnership efforts for enhancing recreational access opportunities on NFS land. Identify resources or other support necessary for successfully completing the projects and determine mechanisms for securing needed resources or support.
- d. Create a forum to identify opportunities to enhance recreational access in conjunction with the implementation of Forest Service planning efforts.
- e. Create a forum to identify research needed to support improved recreational access. Projects will be supplemental to this agreement, approved by all parties to this MOU, and subject to all applicable laws and procedures.
- f. Participate with Forest Service in cooperative efforts to document, advertise and promote research and project accomplishments.
- g. Participate in annual meeting(s), at a minimum, between principal contacts and/or representatives at mutually agreed upon times and location(s) to include: identify and review priorities for each organization for the upcoming year; discuss on-going or upcoming Forest Service planning activities; discuss and identify on-going or new opportunities for mutually beneficial activities, and to discuss progress in implementing this MOU. Parties agree to develop and update an Annual Work Plan to identify and document mutual activities, tasks, and planned objectives for each fiscal year in furtherance of the purposes of this MOU.

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

III. BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB SHALL:

- A. Help to identify a team of like-minded groups to actively participate in the activities outlined in this MOU. This will include arranging agendas and meeting times to discuss and work on said activities with the participation and approval of Forest Service.
- B. Provide information, as appropriate, to the Forest Service related to the needs and concerns of Boone and Crockett Club and team members regarding the management of NFS lands.
- C. Provide Forest Service with a key point of contact and a list for Boone and Crockett Club and team members. Boone and Crockett Club will update Forest Service on Boone and Crockett Club and team events where Forest Service could cooperate with Boone and Crockett Club.



- D. Collaborate on the development of public information and educational programs that advance recreational access on NFS lands.
- E. Disseminate information concerning planning, management, and conservation of natural resources, which may include the Forest Service's multiple-use mission, active forest management and wise public use of NFS lands and facilities.
- F. Inform the Forest Service of potential funding opportunities, new programs, and resources related to recreational access improvement.
- G. Provide information to the Forest Service related to private land programs and activities, particularly those adjacent to NFS lands that are relevant to recreational access on NFS lands.
- H. Meet, at a minimum, annually with Forest Service leadership and staff to share information of mutual interest concerning communications, data, planning, management, and program accomplishments related to this MOU.
- I. Communicate this partnership effort to members of the Boone and Crockett Club through official Boone and Crockett Club publications, national brochures, posters, membership packets, seminars, and other methods.

IV. THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

- A. Promote participation with the Boone and Crockett Club and team representatives with national forest and grassland officials to develop and implement mutually beneficial projects or activities, subject to all applicable laws and procedures.
- B. Identify recreation and conservation priorities suitable for partnership collaboration.
- C. Meet and communicate periodically, or as needed, to share information of mutual interest concerning communication, data, planning, management, and program accomplishments related to the partnership.

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

- A. MEETINGS. Parties will meet annually or as needed to develop collaborative strategic plans and discuss and reach agreement on guidelines for project proposals to meet the purpose of this MOU.
- B. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement.



Principal Cooperator Contacts:

Cooperator Program Contact	Cooperator Administrative Contact
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Principal Forest Service Contacts:

Forest Service Program Manager Contact	Forest Service Administrative Contact
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C. ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE ENTITIES. This agreement is subject to the provisions contained in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. No. 112-74, Division E, Section 433 and 434 as continued by Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, P.L. No. 113-6, Division F, Title I, Section 1101(a)(3) regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. Accordingly, by entering into this agreement Boone and Crockett Club acknowledges that it: 1) does not have a tax delinquency, meaning that it is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and (2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the agreement, unless a suspending and debarring official of the USDA has considered suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. If Boone and Crockett Club fail to comply with these provisions, the Forest Service will annul this agreement and may recover any funds Boone and Crockett Club has expended in violation of sections 433 and 434.



- D. NOTICES. Any communications affecting the operations covered by this agreement given by the Forest Service or Boone and Crockett Club is sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows:

To the Forest Service Program Manager, at the address specified in the MOU.

To Boone and Crockett Club at Boone and Crockett Club's address shown in the MOU or such other address designated within the MOU.

Notices are effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

- E. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. This MOU in no way restricts the Forest Service or Boone and Crockett Club from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
- F. ENDORSEMENT. Any of Boone and Crockett Club's contributions made under this MOU do not by direct reference or implication convey Forest Service endorsement of Boone and Crockett Club's products or activities.
- G. NONBINDING AGREEMENT. This MOU creates no right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity. The parties shall manage their respective resources and activities in a separate, coordinated and mutually beneficial manner to meet the purpose(s) of this MOU. Nothing in this MOU authorizes any of the parties to obligate or transfer anything of value.

Specific, prospective projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, property, to a party requires the execution of separate agreements and are contingent upon numerous factors, including, as applicable, but not limited to: agency availability of appropriated funds and other resources; cooperator availability of funds and other resources; agency and cooperator administrative and legal requirements (including agency authorization by statute); etc. This MOU neither provides, nor meets these criteria. If the parties elect to enter into an obligation agreement that involves the transfer of funds, services, property, and/or anything of value to a party, then the applicable criteria must be met. Additionally, under a prospective agreement, each party operates under its own laws, regulations, and/or policies, and any Forest Service obligation is subject to the availability of appropriated funds and other resources. The negotiation, execution, and administration of these prospective agreements must comply with all applicable law.

Nothing in this MOU is intended to alter, limit, or expand the agencies' statutory and regulatory authority.



- H. USE OF FOREST SERVICE INSIGNIA. For Boone and Crockett Club to use the Forest Service insignia on any published media, such as a Web page, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be granted from the Forest Service's Office of Communications. A written request must be submitted and approval granted in writing by the Office of Communications (Washington Office) prior to use of the insignia.
- I. MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS. Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no U.S. member of, or U.S. delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.
- J. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA). Public access to MOU or agreement records must not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and implementing regulations (5 U.S.C. 552).
- K. TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING. In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," any and all text messaging by Federal employees is banned: a) while driving a Government owned vehicle (GOV) or driving a privately owned vehicle (POV) while on official Government business; or b) using any electronic equipment supplied by the Government when driving any vehicle at any time. All cooperators, their employees, volunteers, and contractors are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging when driving company owned, leased or rented vehicles, POVs or GOVs when driving while on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.
- L. PUBLIC NOTICES. It is the Forest Service's policy to inform the public as fully as possible of its programs and activities. Boone and Crockett Club is encouraged to give public notice of the receipt of this agreement and, from time to time, to announce progress and accomplishments. Press releases or other public notices should include a statement substantially as follows:

"The mission of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations."

Boone and Crockett Club may call on the Forest Service's Office of Communication for advice regarding public notices. Boone and Crockett Club is requested to provide copies of notices or announcements to the Forest Service Program Manager and to the Forest Service's Office of Communications as far in advance of release as possible.



- M. FOREST SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED IN PUBLICATIONS, AUDIOVISUALS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. Boone and Crockett Club shall acknowledge Forest Service support in any publications, audiovisuals, and electronic media developed as a result of this MOU.
- N. NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT – PRINTED, ELECTRONIC, OR AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL. Boone and Crockett Club shall include the following statement, in full, in any printed, audiovisual material, or electronic media for public distribution developed or printed with any Federal funding.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If the material is too small to permit the full statement to be included, the material must, at minimum, include the following statement, in print size no smaller than the text:

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

- O. TERMINATION. Any of the parties, in writing, may terminate this MOU in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of expiration.
- P. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION. Boone and Crockett Club shall immediately inform the Forest Service if they or any of their principals are presently excluded, debarred, or suspended from entering into covered transactions with the federal government according to the terms of 2 CFR Part 180. Additionally, should Boone and Crockett Club or any of their principals receive a transmittal letter or other official Federal notice of debarment or suspension, then they shall notify the Forest Service without undue delay. This applies whether the exclusion, debarment, or suspension is voluntary or involuntary.
- Q. MODIFICATIONS. Modifications within the scope of this MOU must be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all properly authorized, signatory officials, prior to any changes being performed. Requests for modification should be made, in writing, at least 30 days prior to implementation of the requested change.



R. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. This MOU is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective through May 14, 2027, at which time it will expire, but may be renewed annually if the Parties agree.

S. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this MOU.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the last date written below.

TONY A. SCHOONEN, Chief Executive Officer
Boone and Crockett Club

5/14/26
Date

THOMAS M. SCHULTZ JR., Chief
U.S. Forest Service

5/14/2026
Date



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