

**Errata to Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Justification**

This table shows revisions and additions to the USDA Forest Service FY 2008 Budget Justification. Changes listed below are included in the FY 2008 Budget Justification posted on the Forest Service internet site; dates of revisions are shown on revised pages.

<b>Page</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date of Change / Change</b>
Overview- Pages 7-8	Legislative Proposals	2/6/07 Revised language on Legislative Proposals section
Overview- Table H	Table H – Activity/Output Measures	2/6/07 Several footnotes in WFPR & NFLM added
Overview- Table J	Table J – Timber Sale Program	2/6/07 KV Volume updated; footnote removed
Overview – Page 5	Second Paragraph, Line 7	2/8/07 800 million acres should be 800 million board feet
Appropriation Language Changes 6-12	1 <sup>st</sup> paragraph after Sec 418.	2/12/07 Removed first sentence of paragraph.
Special Exhibit 1 17-1 to 17-11	Allocation Tables	2/23/07 Wildland Firefighters appropriation spread to regions
Overview Page 1	Paragraph 2	2/23/07 Amount of decrease corrected from \$64.25 million
Special Exhibit 21 17-97 to 17-98A	Reforestation needs table – page 17-98A	2/23/07 Third page was left out of original document
Overview Table F-3	3-Year Receipts Table Page F-3	2/23/07 Payments to States Act of 1908 amount for FY 2008 changed from \$111,280 to \$81,688; totals changed as well
Permanent Appropriations	Pages 15-1 to 3 and 15-48	2/23/07 Same as above
Overview Table D-4/5	3-Year Summary of Appropriations Pages D-4 and D-5	2/23/07 Page D-4 – same as above Page D-5 – Grand Total FY 2008 Budget changed as a result of above change
Table of Contents	Pages ii and iii	2/23/07 Inserted WFF and WFM subsection pagination

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## Conclusion

By virtue of its multi-use mission, the U.S. Forest Service provides a diverse array of resources and services to the American public. The agency has risen to the challenge of sustaining these responsibilities in the midst of a complex and evolving management and natural resource landscape, and while supporting national priorities of deficit reduction. The FY 2008 Budget maintains high priority programs and focuses attention on process efficiencies, collaborative management, and a comprehensive restructuring of leadership and program management functions to improve performance and efficiencies.

## Legislative Proposals

### *Continuing Transitional Support to Rural Communities through the National Forest Land Adjustment for Rural Communities Act*

The FY 2008 President's Budget introduces the National Forest Land Adjustment for Rural Communities Act, which would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) to sell designated National Forest System (NFS) lands and retain the receipts. The authorization would allow receipts to the Treasury to be used as a source of funding for payments to State and local jurisdictions under a four year continuation of the Payments to States program, and for acquisition of land for the NFS system, conservation education, access to public lands, habitat improvement, and to cover administrative costs of disposal.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination act of 2000 (SRS) (P.L. 106-393) was enacted to provide transitional assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvests on Federal lands. Traditionally, these counties relied on a share of receipts from timber harvests to supplement local funding for school systems and roads. On September 30, 2006, the SRS authorization ended. The last payment under this authorization was made in December 2006. The Administration continues to support a 1-year extension of the SRS Act with agreed-upon full offsets as an interim step. The Budget underscores the President's continuing commitment to States and counties impacted by the ongoing loss of receipts associated with lower timber harvests on Federal lands. The National Forest Land Adjustment for Rural Communities Act is included in the FY 2008 President's Budget to provide four additional years of payments to fund transition payments targeted to the areas of greatest need to provide counties some additional time before payments are phased out. Under the proposal, half of land sales proceeds will be available to offset county payments and half will be available for national forest acquisition in the states in which lands are sold. Counties benefit from four additional years of payments, and states receive an environmental benefit from exchanging land with low environmental value for lands with high environmental value.

The National Forest Land Adjustment for Rural Communities Act would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide a reliable source of funding for a 4-year extension of



SRS and also provide a source of funding to improve the conservation of our national forests and grasslands. The bill would authorize the Secretary, when in the public interest, to sell National Forest System land or interests in land that the Secretary determines to be eligible for disposal. These parcels meet criteria identified in existing national forest land management plans as potentially suitable for conveyance. Many of these lands are isolated from other contiguous National Forest System land, and because of their location, size, or configuration are not efficient to manage as a component of the National Forest System. Management of isolated tracts can be expensive because of boundary management and encroachment resolution costs. The sale of these lands will not compromise the health or integrity of the National Forest System; instead, it will allow the agency to consolidate Federal ownership and reduce management costs. Land sales would be limited to a list of lands identified by the Secretary.

This proposed legislation would authorize the Secretary to sell sufficient National Forest System land to fund an \$800 million account. Under the bill, 50 percent of the receipts obtained from land sales would be used to make SRS Act payments over 4-year period with a gradual phase-out. Funds from the sales of NFS land would be available beginning with the Secure Rural Schools payment for FY08 and would correspond to a decreasing schedule of payments through the payment for FY 2011, through which the program would terminate. The other 50 percent of receipts from land sold within a State would be used for conservation purposes.

Funds from the land sales account would be in addition to payments to the States from annual timber and other receipts on national forests and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. For administrative purposes, the Secretary of Agriculture would also make the supplemental payments from this account for specific BLM lands. Timber receipts are expected to rise over the next 5 years, which should further help reduce the impact of the payment phase-out.

The bill would also authorize the establishment of a national advisory board to advise the Secretary on the use of the proceeds from those land sales. State governments will be encouraged to participate in formulating recommendations to the national advisory board Secretary for habitat improvement projects and land acquisition needs. By selling lands that are inefficient to manage or have limited ecological values, and purchasing critical, environmentally sensitive lands, the Forest Service will maintain the integrity of the National Forest System while funding payments under the Act in a fiscally responsible manner.



## Appendix H

### Output / Outcome Measures

The following table of measures presents Forest Service outputs according to appropriation, budget line item (BLI), and activity measure. The agency manages work activities and outputs to achieve long-term, on-the-ground outcomes.

The activity/output table consolidates information that is presented throughout this document by BLI. Please refer to those sections for more detailed discussions about the measurements and the agency's plans for meeting output targets.

Appropriation Budget Line Item Measure	Output/Outcome by Activity			
	FY 2006 Plan	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Plan	FY 2008 Plan
<b>Forest and Rangeland Research</b>				
Percentage of Research and Development products and services that meet customer expectations*	72%	72%	72%	72%
Percent of Nation with accessible FIA data**	88%	84%	88%	90%
* Beginning in FY 2006, this measure is formulated from the American Customer Satisfaction Index, an independently administered survey.				
** Beginning in FY 2006, this measure is based on percent of States, rather than percent of land area as in past years.				
<b>State and Private Forestry</b>				
<b>Forest Health Management - Federal Lands</b>				
Federal acres treated - Invasives	79,700	111,600	89,863	88,220
Federal acres treated - Native pests	47,300	26,846	47,214	31,522
<b>Forest Health Management - Cooperative Lands</b>				
Cooperative lands acres treated - Invasives	670,275	589,298	517,384	458,081
Cooperative lands acres treated - Native pests	160,117	134,346	91,234	61,254
<b>State Fire Assistance</b>				
Communities assisted (number)	6,653	4,290	5,278	5,455
<b>Volunteer Fire Assistance</b>				
Volunteer fire departments assisted (number)	2,800	3,062	2,800	4,389
<b>Forest Stewardship</b>				
Non-industrial private forestlands (NIPF) under approved stewardship management plans	1,575,000	1,409,170	1,500,000	850,000
Number of NIPF stewardship management plans	16,250	12,243	12,500	7,700
<b>Forest Legacy Program</b>				
Acres of land adjustments to conserve the integrity of undeveloped lands and habitat quality	230,000	361,467	20,000	60,000
Parcelization of forests avoided (number of parcels prevented) (Targets under development) *	Baseline	19,342	1,000	3,200
* This is a new measure. The FY 2007 and FY 2008 targets reflect only 1 year of parcelization data; eventually, a 3-year average will be used.				



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	FY 2006 Plan	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Plan	FY 2008 Plan
<b>Urban and Community Forestry</b>				
Technical assists to communities (number of communities assisted)*	6,200	6,364	5,800	---
Volunteer assistance generated (days)*	220,000	223,688	220,000	---
Percentage of people living in communities managing programs to plant, protect, and maintain their urban and community trees and forests.	38%	37%	38%	37%
Percentage of people living in communities developing programs and/or activities to plant, protect, and maintain their urban and community trees and forests.	35%	36%	35%	20%
* Activity not tracked after FY 2007.				
<b>International Forestry</b>				
Acres of migratory habitat restored	130,000	130,000	130,000	65,000
<b>National Forest System</b>				
<b>Land Management Planning</b>				
Number of land management plan revisions or creations underway	51	50	41	33
Number of land management plan amendments underway	33	23	33	40
<b>Inventory and Monitoring</b>				
Acres of inventory data collection and entry completed*	30,273,000	28,781,899	---	---
Acres of legacy data migrated*	73,285,000	6,807,747	---	---
Acres of inventory data collected and acquired	---	---	16,362,000	14,600,000
Number of annual monitor and evaluation reports completed	90	84	---	---
Number of annual monitoring requirements completed	---	---	3,000	1,200
Number of landscape scale ecosystem assessments completed**	69	68	---	---
Number of broadscale assessments underway**	18	29	---	---
Number of ecosystem assessments completed**	---	---	53	0
* Activity not tracked after FY 2006				
** Activity redefined in FY 2007. Broadscale and landscape scale assessments combined into ecosystem assessments.				



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<b>Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness</b>				
Number of recreation site capacity (PAOT days) operated to standard	80,999,000	82,482,208	76,300,000	70,655,000
Percentage of NFS lands covered by travel management plans resulting in visitor safety, resource protection using best management practices and less visitor conflict with off-road vehicle usage	1%	0.3%	21%	48%
Number of recreation interpretation & education products provided to standard*	13,460	15,725	9,200	---
Number of recreation special use authorizations administered to standard	11,899	10,091	9,335	7,910
Number of priority heritage assets managed to standard**	6,531	5,399	6,250	2,275
Number of wilderness areas managed to minimum stewardship level	99	61	74	87
Number of wild & scenic river areas meeting statutory requirements***	---	47	51	55
Customer satisfaction with value for fee paid	83	82	84	85
* Not tracked after FY 2007 ** Definition changed in FY 2008 to include only priority heritage assets *** Definition changed from "...areas managed to standard" in FY 2008				
<b>Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat Management</b>				
Miles of stream habitat restored or enhanced*	1,457	1,655	1,300	900
Acres of lake habitat restored or enhanced**	13,742	15,996	8,600	7,500
Acres of terrestrial habitat enhanced	196,716	278,811	146,000	110,000
Number of wildlife interpretation & education products provided***	2,053	3,554	1,665	---
* Definition changed from "Miles of stream enhanced" starting in FY 2007. ** Definition changed from "Acres of lake enhanced" starting in FY 2007. *** Activity not tracked after FY 2007.				
<b>Grazing Management</b>				
Allotment acres and per cent administered to 100 percent of Forest Plan standards	23,089,000 (25%)	49,583,208 (54%)	21,517,618 (23%)	22,857,000 (25%)
Number of grazing allotments with signed decision notices	484	443	321	480



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<b>Forest Products</b>				
Approved timber sale NEPA documents (through appeal and litigation)*	405	N/A	---	---
Volume of regular timber sold (Hundred Cubic Feet)**	3,417,500	2,956,316	4,200,000	4,600,000
Volume of regular timber harvested (CCF)***	3,071,084	4,427,703	4,600,000	4,000,000
Number of special forest product permits issued****	165,806	136,051	146,000	---
* Activity not tracked during or after FY 2006. **Activity reworded from "timber volume sold" in FY 2008. ***Activity reworded from "Timber volume harvested" in FY 2008. (Actual harvest volume includes regular plus salvage sales.) **** Activity "number of special forest products permits administered" redefined to "permits issued" in FY 2007 and dropped in FY 2008.				
<b>Vegetation and Watershed Management</b>				
Acres of forest vegetation improved	54,482	62,185	77,400	72,800
Establish Forest Vegetation acres	32,526	33,827	34,200	13,130
Acres of rangeland vegetation improved	1,751,300	1,755,824	1,726,440	1,794,000
Acres of watershed improvement	13,027	16,934	12,200	13,000
Acres of noxious weeds and invasive plants treated	80,800	79,069	115,702	129,000
Number of air quality services provided*	322	345	330	---
*Activity not tracked after FY 2007.				
<b>Minerals and Geology Management</b>				
Number of mineral operations administered	13,267	15,152	13,533	11,955
Number of mineral applications processed*	6,548	11,632	9,445	6,705
Number of AML safety risk features mitigated to "no further action**	312	346	539	474
Number of administrative units where audits were conducted	17	20	34	33
Number of contaminated or disturbed sites which have been mitigated ***	25	115	80	---
Percentage of contaminated sites mitigated ****	---	---	---	20%
Percentage of backlog (existing at the end of FY 03) in APDs reduced.	86%	90%	100%	100%
* Activity redefined in FY 2007 from "Number of mineral operations processed" **In FY 2008, accomplishments represent planned completion of multi-year projects. In FY 2006-2007, planned accomplishments included on-going multi-year projects that would not be completed until future years. *** Not tracked after FY 2007. **** New activity starting in FY 2008.				



















































































































































































