



Memorandum:

To: Forest Service Regional Foresters, Station Directors and Washington Office Directors
National Park Service National Leadership Council
Fish and Wildlife Service Directorate
Bureau of Land Management Executive Leadership Team

From: Chief, Forest Service
Director, National Park Service
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Service First Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among Forest Service (FS), National Park Service (NPS), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

We are pleased to announce the completion of the MOU document to improve and deliver seamless customer service under Service First. On November 24, 2006, the FS, NPS, FWS and BLM signed a historic MOU that enables all four agencies to share resources, re-delegate authorities, duties and responsibilities and simplify the reimbursable process. Even though FS, NPS, FWS and BLM have had a long history of working together, this MOU streamlines administrative processes permitting us to more efficiently accomplish day-to-day activities. With this MOU, we now have the ability to expeditiously establish Intra-Governmental Orders and Task Orders in a fiscally prudent manner.

The MOU was drafted through full cooperation and a strong agency commitment. Every employee who contributed to this effort should be commended for his or her dedication and hard work. This is an excellent example of agencies working together under the Service First umbrella to accomplish shared goals.

We have made a major step in advancing Service First, and we want to do more. We must continue to identify opportunities to work together, remove impediments and add other agencies to the Service First Initiative. We are all committed to building upon the foundation established in this MOU to improve operational efficiency and enhance land stewardship, resource protection and conservation.

Now that the MOU is in effect, FS, NPS, FWS, and BLM offices can quickly establish Intra-Governmental Orders (IGOs) and Task Orders (TOs) in a fiscally efficient manner which will simplify the reimbursable process.

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2 Attachments

- 1 – Memorandum of Understanding
- 2 – Benefits of Service First

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Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Chief of Engineers and Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers