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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: January 12, 2024

RE: **IDL's 9th Annual Report to the Idaho Legislature Concerning Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 126**

Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 126, passed by the 2015 Idaho Legislature, requests the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) to perform certain duties with the federal government regarding federal lands and to provide for periodic reports. Attached is IDL's annual report of Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) activities as requested by the legislature.

Idaho's GNA

The goal of GNA in Idaho is to utilize state processes and personnel to assist the USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to increase the pace and scale of federal forest management projects. These cooperative efforts help improve forest health, reduce threats to communities and watersheds from catastrophic wildfires, create more jobs, and provide a consistent fiber supply to Idaho forest products markets.

Timeline

2015: Idaho Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 126 requesting the Idaho Department of Lands to develop Good Neighbor Authority agreements with federal agencies.

2018: Agreement for Shared Stewardship between the State of Idaho and Regions 1 and 4 of the USFS formalized interagency efforts.

2023: A total of 10 GNA agreements on 6 National Forests and 1 BLM District and \$11.2 million in contracts awarded supporting private sector jobs.

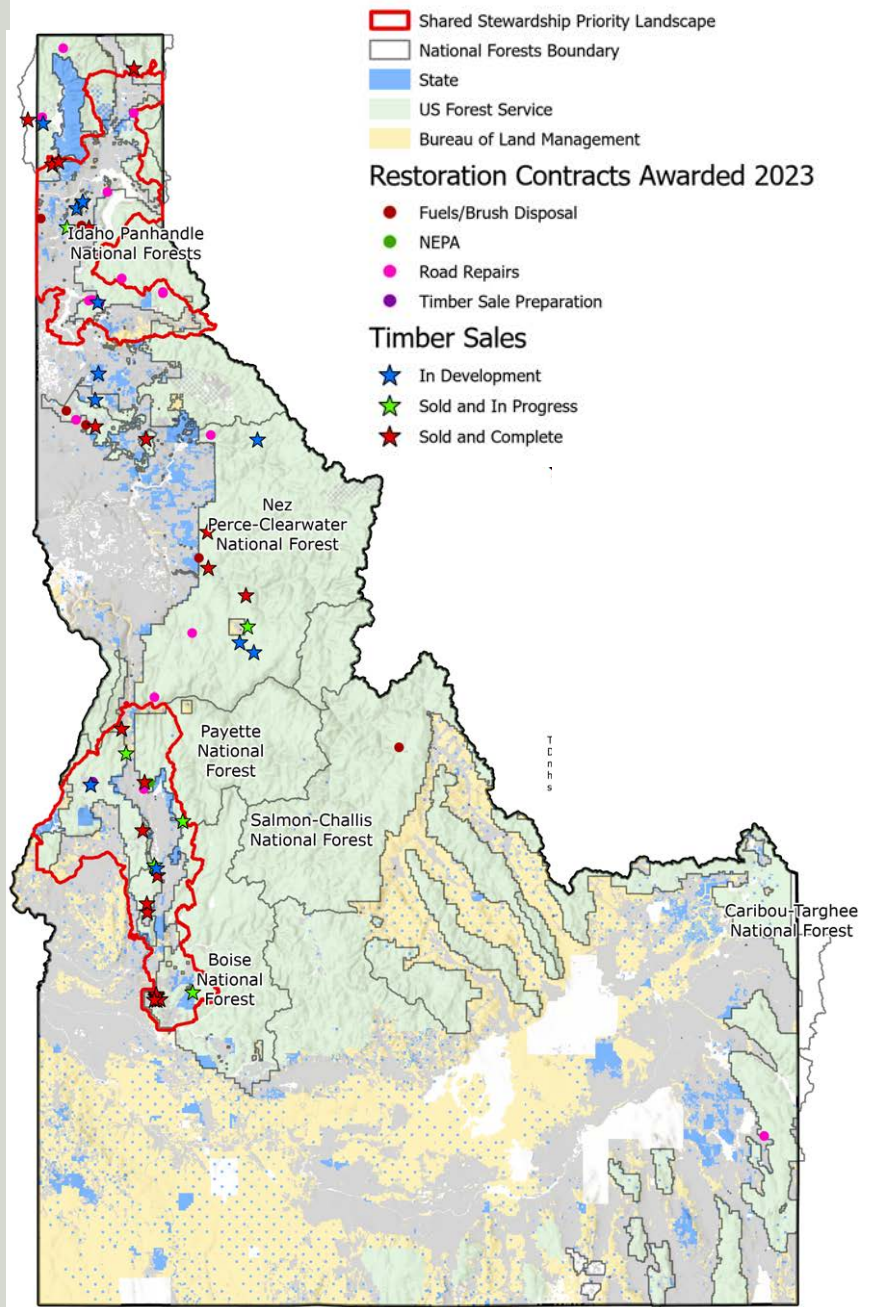
Expanding Idaho GNA expands benefits for Idaho

- ✓ Improved forest health
- ✓ Reduced wildfire risks on federal land in Idaho
- ✓ Private property protection
- ✓ Recreation access
- ✓ Jobs in rural areas
- ✓ Consistent fiber supply
- ✓ Efficient use of federal funds in Idaho



On August 19 a human-caused wildfire started on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest within an area recently treated through the Albeni GNA Timber Sale. Reduced fuel loads resulted in a low intensity ground fire and allowed responding IDL crews to quickly contain the fires before spreading to adjacent private forestlands.

2023 GNA PROJECTS



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Work on federal lands in Idaho



10
Agreements

6
National Forests

1
BLM District

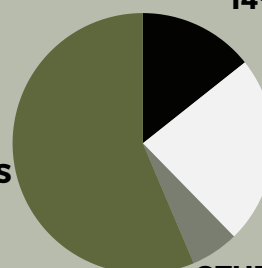
Accomplishments since program initiation

Restoration Service Contracts

151 Restoration Contracts

\$11.2 million in contracts awarded, supporting private sector jobs

PROJECT PLANNING (NEPA)



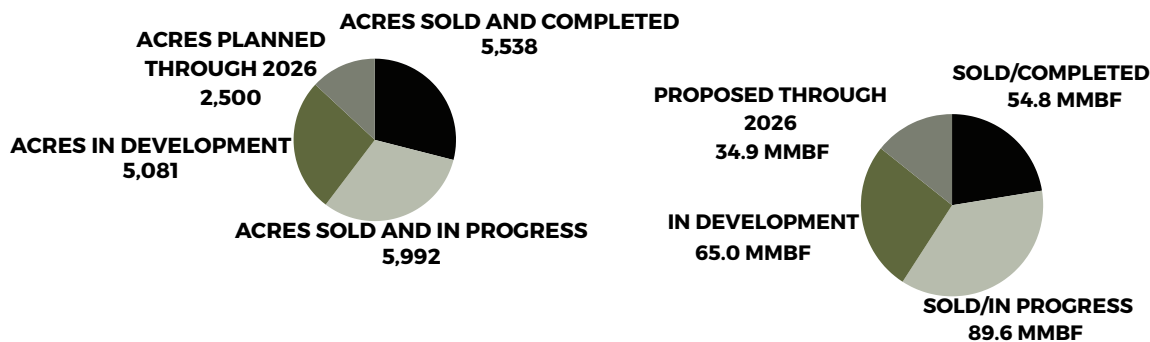
FUELS REDUCTION
23%

ROAD REPAIRS
56%

OTHER
6%

Timber Sales

✓ 27 sold and completed ✓ 20 sold with operations in progress
✓ 10 in development ✓ 18 proposed



MMBF: Million Board Feet

2023 Accomplishments

Timber Sales

- ✓ 20 active timber sale operations
- ✓ 3,557 truck loads of logs delivered
- ✓ 11 GNA timber sales awarded
 - 45.6 million total board feet
 - 3,000 total treatment acres
 - \$5.4 million total net sale value

Restoration Service Contracts

- ✓ 3,100 acres of fuels reduction treatments completed
- ✓ 102 miles of road improvements
- ✓ 71 culverts replaced
- ✓ 1 bridge replaced

New GNA agreements and funding

Three new agreements signed in 2023 will provide \$3 million in funding for restoration activities on lands administered by the BLM and the Caribou-Targhee and Salmon-Challis National Forests. IDL also entered into an interagency MOU with Idaho Fish and Game to expand Idaho's Shared Stewardship initiative to improve forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services on federal, state, and private lands.