



WASHINGTON STATE DEPT OF
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Growing Resilient Forests and Partnerships

The Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and United States Forest Service (USFS) are increasing the pace and scale of forest health treatments and restoration projects in Washington's forests through the mutual benefits of the GNA. The authority allows for a variety of projects including mechanical treatments, prescribed fire, aquatic restoration, planning, surveys and monitoring, timber sales, road decommissioning, planning, habitat restoration, and more.

In Washington, the GNA can provide opportunities to:

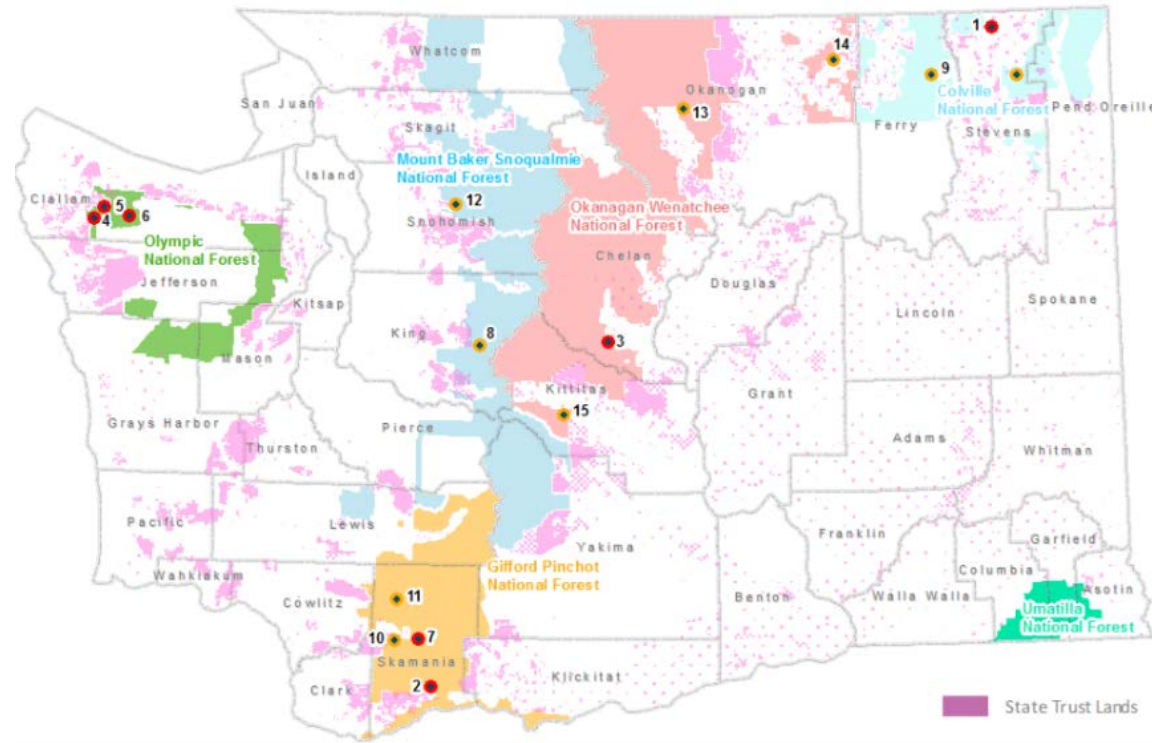
- Reduce hazardous fuels that contribute to increased wildfire risks to state, federal, and private resources and human life
- Increase Washington forests' resiliency by reducing insects and disease
- Strengthen broad, mutually-beneficial federal and state partnerships to increase coordination and planning opportunities
- Increase economic opportunities for communities near natural resources and forests

Background

The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) was authorized permanently by Congress in the 2014 Farm Bill to allow state agencies to enter into agreements with the USFS and Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The GNA authorizes the State to act as a trusted agent of the federal government to accomplish a variety of forest, range, and watershed restoration services on the National Forest System (NFS) with the additional benefit of utilizing state mechanisms to implement projects.

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Good Neighbor Authority



In Progress* : ●

1. Block of Nine Restoration Thin
2. Bear Creek Restoration Thin Support
3. Mission Maintenance Fuels Reduction
4. Stream Monitoring Network Expansion
5. FSB Restoration Thin
6. Forest Engineering Support
7. Sebo Restoration Thin

Proposed** : ●

7. Hansen Banderia Restoration Thin
8. Trout Creek Restoration Thin (CE)
9. Burn Unit Prep and Support
10. Iron Mountain Restoration Thin
11. Mt. Pilchuck Restoration Thin
12. Methow Valley Presales Support
13. Republic Presales Support (BLM)
14. Manastash Taneum Restoration Thin
15. Roadside Hazard Tree Removal (CE)

*Project underway or agreement drafted

**Not currently under agreement, funding dependent

March 2017

- **Master Agreement Signed** – Between Commissioner Franz and R6 Regional Forester Jim Pena

Spring 17'

- **First Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) signed** – Presales support on the Gifford Pinchot NF

Summer 17'

- **Second SPA signed** – DNR is leading a restoration thinning with service work on the Colville NF
- **Third SPA signed** – Unique, statewide SPA for presales support, first of its kind in the country.

Summer 17- Winter 18'

- Signed SPAs being implemented
- Scoping process with forests throughout State, educating public, stakeholders, selection of proposed projects
- Securing funding and Program design

April 2018

- 3 FTE's hired full-time for GNA
- Federal Lands Revolving Account established in WA Legislature to handle and expend Program Income on National Forests
- **4th and 5th SPAs signed** (ONF/ OWNF)
- \$2.2 Million dollars secured as seed funds projects statewide