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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Bill Elfo, Sheriff
RE: Forestry Work Crew Agreement
DATE: August 10, 2022

Enclosed are two (2) originals of an Agreement between the U.S. Forest Service and Whatcom County for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County has provided Jail Work Crews to the U.S. Forest Service since 2003 to accomplish projects such as improving ecosystems, maintaining existing forest infrastructure and restoring National Forest System lands and watersheds in Whatcom and Skagit Counties. This in turn provides the members of the Work Crews an opportunity to develop skills while working in lieu of full incarceration. We already have an Agreement in place for various projects until 2025. This Agreement is for 2 years, specific to the Heather Meadows Recreation Site.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding amount of \$57,442.00 for the 2-year project will come from a Forest Service grant. It is a reimbursable grant and there is money in the Corrections Bureau budget to cover it.

- **Differences from Previous Contract**

According to the Forest Service "We would have been able to simply update the most recent agreement on the Mt. Baker District, except that the funds we're using towards this project come from a source that needs to be kept totally separate from existing funds."

Please contact Laurie Reid at extension 6506, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.