




MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Donnell Tanksley, Sheriff 

DATE: January 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement #24-LE-11060500-098
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Enclosed for your review and signature is one (1) original Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement and 2024 Annual Operating Plan for the subject agreement between Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and USDA Forest Service for Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

Background and Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to continue the cooperative effort between the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and USDA Forest Service to enhance State and local law enforcement in connection with activities on National Forest System (NSF) lands. The previous agreement (WC Contract # 201903039) expired December 31, 2023.

The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office will continue to provide one part-time deputy from the last signature date of this contract to December 31, 2029 whose primary assignment is to patrol the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest inside the boundaries of Whatcom County, with particular attention given to those places utilized by the visiting public such as administered recreation sites, dispersed recreation sites, buildings and boat launching facilities. The USDA Forest Service will reimburse the Sheriff's Office for services provided.

Funding Amount and Source

A maximum of \$56,760 per year will be provided by USDA Forest Service. This contract is for \$22,704. The rest of the funding will be added later.

Differences from Previous Contract

No changes from previous year.

Please contact Undersheriff Steve Harris at extension 6718 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures