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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Donnell Tanksley, Sheriff 

DATE: June 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement #24-LE-11060500-098 Modification #3
WCC#202402001
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 Modification 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 Whatcom County Sheriff's Office will continue to provide one part-time deputy through March 19, 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.

Council authorization is required pursuant to Whatcom County Code 3.06.010 for grants exceeding \$40,000.

Funding Amount and Source

This amendment adds a maximum of \$56,760 in revenue from the USDA Forest Service for 2026 patrol services. Total cumulative funding for this agreement is not to exceed \$170,280..

Differences from Previous Contract

This amendment adds funding for 2026 patrol services and updates the USDA and Forest Service General Terms and Conditions.

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

Enclosures