




**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Donnell "Tank" Tanksley, Sheriff 

**RE:** Forestry Work Crew Agreement

**DATE:** August 20, 2025

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

- **Background and Purpose**

For over two decades, Jail Work Crews from Whatcom County have contributed to vital U.S. Forest Service projects—enhancing public lands while empowering offenders with meaningful work experience. Through this partnership, individuals develop marketable skills while rediscovering a sense of direction and purpose.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The U.S. Forest Service shall reimburse Whatcom County for these services in an amount not to exceed \$540,062.62 over a five-year period, through August 1, 2030.

- **Differences from Previous Contract**

Although this is a new agreement, it aligns with the terms and objectives of prior agreements between Whatcom County and the U.S. Forest Service dating back to 2003.

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