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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Bill Elfo, Sheriff *Bill Elfo*
RE: Forestry Work Crew Agreement
DATE: March 27, 2020

Enclosed are two 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. Forestry Service since 2003 to accomplish projects benefiting Forestry Service Programs, which in turn benefits Whatcom County offenders by providing opportunities to learn appropriate work skills. This is a new Agreement that will replace the previous Agreement once its Title II Grant funds have been used up.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

This is revenue generating for the County and comes from Title II Grant funds from the North Mt. Baker – Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee. The amount received by the County will not exceed \$191,548.00. These funds will be used for things such as: to purchase a Bobcat, to rent excavators, boom lifts and back hoes, to cover the Work Crew Leader's hourly wage plus 30% fringe benefits, to purchase fuel for machinery, a monthly truck rental from Public Works, to purchase necessary tools and equipment, to repair tools and equipment, to pay Crew Leader's monthly cell phone bill and to pay L&I for the Work Crew offenders. It should be noted that the Work Crew Offenders will not be operating the heavy duty equipment, that job will be done by the Work Crew Leader.

- **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is a new Agreement that will last through April 1, 2025.

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