



What the Heck  
is a Stewardship  
Contract?

# Stewardship Services Contract Integrated Resource Service Contract IRSC

Contract used when the Estimated  
Value of the Stewardship (Service)  
Work is Greater than the Appraised  
Value of the Product

# Different from Integrated Resource Timber Contract - IRTC

- Not a Timber Sale Contract
- Procurement (Service) Contract with Appendices for Stewardship Project Specifications, Product Removal Specifications and Road Construction and Maintenance Specifications
- Can bring in \$\$ from other sources to pay for Services
- Authority is the Federal Acquisition Regulations
- Acquisition Contracting Officer
- Need to separate Stewardship Credits to cover the value of the products

# Contracts are Awarded on a Best Value Basis

- Award based on price and non-price criteria
- Additional criteria takes into consideration Technical Proposal, Experience, Benefit to Local Community and Past Performance
- Technical Proposal - Binding part of the contract
- Allows small business preference
- Offers not publicly opened

# Educating Contractors

- Held a Contractors Sought Field Trip. Included interested parties such as the Timber Industry & Logging and Service Contractors
- Brief Presentation on Stewardship Contracting
- Explained Best Value Contracting Proposals
- Visited Project Area Addressed Specific Conditions
- Showed Timber Removal Requirements & How Service Work was Bundled
- Explained Request For Proposals
- Explained Fed Biz Ops Procedures

# What can we use Stewardship Contracting for?

- Road and trail maintenance or obliteration to restore or maintain water quality
- Soil productivity
- Prescribed fire to improve forest health or wildlife habitat
- Removing vegetation for forest health or fuel reduction
- Watershed restoration and maintenance
- Restoration of wildlife and fish habitat
- Control noxious weeds

# Stewardship Project Service Items

## Thinning & Fuel Reduction Treatments



# Thinning in Summer Homesite Tract



# Thinning



# Stewardship Project Service Items

## Recreation Site Treatment



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## Fuel Break Construction



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## Wildlife Habitat Enhancement



# Stewardship Project Service Item

## Site Preparation for Planting



# Lessons Learned

- Try to Keep Service Work Simple
- Remember Complicated or Confusing Descriptions will Lead to High Bids
- Educate & Train Contractors
- Acquisition Process