

The activities covered under this Amendment are similar in scope and nature to the activities presented in the original IEE and amendments. Therefore, a **Negative Determination with Conditions** is recommended for this expanded funding and timeframe, and all conditions in the previous IEE are clarified by this amendment as follows:

1. For activities that will not result in any direct environmental impact or will not result in actions that could have a direct environmental impact, such as training courses, workshops, forums, one-on-one negotiations, information gathering missions, etc., no additional environmental review will be required.
2. All training will include principles of environmental protection, impact mitigation, and environmental sustainability.
3. All technical assistance, workshops, consultations, and recommendations for program designs will include Best Practices regarding sustainable use, including principles of environmental protection, impact mitigation and environment sustainability.
4. For activities that could result in actions that could have direct environmental impact (e.g.: providing TA on specific land-use strategies, forest management practices, silviculture recommendations, or natural resource management options), the USFS will advise the recipient of the assistance that additional environmental impact assessments will be required before any such activities can be implemented.
5. If the resulting actions are proposed for implementation, the originating/operating unit's funding mission/bureau will be responsible for preparing a separate Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) to be approved by their Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO). No activity requiring preparation of a separate IEE will proceed until the IEE has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO).
6. Any activity that could degrade natural tropical, temperate or boreal forests, including but not limited to any kind of tree harvesting activities, changes in land use, removing vegetative cover, applying pesticides, etc., will require preparation of a separate Initial Environmental Examination (IEE). If the potential impacts are significant, resulting in a Positive Determination, an activity-specific scoping exercise and preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be required before the task may proceed.
7. No pesticides may be procured or used, or recommended for procurement or use without first completing an amendment to this Initial Environmental Examination that addresses the requirements of 22 CFR 216.3(b) including a Pesticide Evaluation Report/Safe Use Action Plan which must be approved in writing by the appropriate Bureau Environmental Officer.

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