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Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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**TIMBER SALE PIPELINE RESTORATION FUND**  
**Combined FY 2011 and FY 2012 Report of the USDA Forest Service**  
**Implementation, Accomplishments, and Planned Program**  
**June 11, 2013**

**A. Introduction**

Section 327 of the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-134), enacted on April 26, 1996, provides an additional source of funding to pay for the preparation of timber sales and to address the backlog of recreation projects.

Section 327 directs the Departments of the Interior (DOI) and Agriculture (USDA) to establish separate Interior and Agriculture Funds, respectively. Revenues received from the timber sales released under Section 2001(k) of the fiscal year 1995 Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Assistance and Rescissions Act, minus the funds necessary to make payments to States or local governments under other law, which are in excess of \$37.5 million, are deposited into the Funds. Section 2001(k) directed the Secretaries of the DOI and USDA to release for harvest certain timber sales subject to Section 318 of P.L. 101-121 (103 Stat. 745). From the funds deposited into the Agriculture and Interior Funds, the law directs that 75 percent of the revenues are to be available for the preparation of non-salvage timber sales, and 25 percent are to be available for the backlog of recreation projects.

**B. Report Requirements**

The law requires that the Secretary concerned prepare an annual report describing the expenditures made from the Fund, the revenues received into the Fund, the timber sale and recreation work undertaken during the previous year, and the work projected for the next year for each Forest Service (FS) region. Reports by the FS have previously been completed annually covering Fiscal Years (FY) 1997-2010. FY 2011 was delayed and information is incorporated in this two-year report.

**C. Financial Accomplishments**

During FY 2011, the agency obligated \$5,626,000 from this Fund. In FY 2012, obligations reported were \$5,142,000. The table that follows summarizes the obligations and expenditures by region and program, rounded to the nearest dollar. This information is derived from the year-end closing (Period Ending 12) "Funds Control by Program – National" report available from the FS's Foundation Financial Information System (FFIS).

**FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012**

REGION	RECREATION		TIMBER SALES	
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2011	FY 2012
	Expenditures (\$)	Expenditures (\$)	Expenditures (\$)	Expenditures (\$)
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0
6	\$ 35,000	0	0	0
8	\$231,000	\$ 274, 000	\$ 301, 271	\$ 428,770
9	\$861,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,782,310	\$2,423,856
10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,127,000</b>	<b>\$1,274,000</b>	<b>\$3,083,581</b>	<b>\$2,852,626</b>

Notes: N/A = Not applicable, i.e. not participating in the program at this time.  
Data from forest level accomplishment reports.

**D. Program Accomplishments for FY 2011 and FY 2012**

Recreation funds totalling \$1,127,000 were distributed to Regions for recreation backlog projects in FY 2011.

**FY 2011 Recreation Projects Accomplishments**

Region	National Forest	Project Description
R-6	Gifford Pinchot National Forest (NF)	A deficient double vault toilet was replaced with a double toilet in the North Fork Campground to reduce deferred maintenance and enhance visitor satisfaction.
		<b>R-6 Total \$35,000</b>
R-8	Daniel Boone NF	Sugar Creek Trailhead – rehabilitate trail area with a fence to discourage use of user developed hill climbs. The project will be completed in FY 2013.
		Auxier Ridge Trail – reconstruction of steps destroyed by fire in Red River Gorge.
	Chattahoochee-Ocoee NF	Morgan Point and Lake Conasauga Campgrounds – replacement of rest rooms.
	Cherokee NF	1.Backbone Rock – install steel posts and handrails across top of Rock Bridge. 2.Ocoee Whitewater Center Water Reservoir – cap concrete reservoir to repair spalling roof.
	Kisatchie NF	Forest-wide trail system – update signage and trail markers across forest.
	NFs in Mississippi	Clear Springs Recreation Area – repair foundation on Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Pavilion and continue deferred maintenance repair by replacing waterlines. The project is on hold due to staff changes.

**FY 2011 Recreation Projects Accomplishments (Cont.)**

<b>Region</b>	<b>National Forest</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
<b>R-8</b>	Francis Marion & Sumter NFs	Forest Equestrian Trail Rehabilitation/Deferred Maintenance – trail tread reshaping, relocation and culvert replacement on Rock Gap, Long Cane, and Buncombe Horse Trails.
	National Forests & Grasslands in Texas	TADRE Trail - continued rehabilitation efforts on the trail system to provide improved visitor safety.
		<b>R-8 Total \$231,000</b>
<b>R-9</b>	Wayne NF	Iron Ridge Campground - replace all water distribution lines and hydrants, replacement of vault toilets with accessible toilets.
	Ottawa NF	Black River Harbor Signature Site – upgrade of the water/wastewater treatment system, safety boat dock railings installed, replacement of fire rings and tables with Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) compliant amenities, repair of the boat launch ramp and installed new cement pad to pavilion west entrance.
	Mark Twain NF	RSI Sutton Bluff Motorized Trail Campground - acquisition of picnic tables for the campground.
	Hiawatha NF	North Country Trail/Carp River Trail Bridge Project - replacement of an existing trail bridge; thereby, eliminating significant long term deferred maintenance.
		<b>R-9 Total \$861,000</b>

Recreation funds totalling \$1,274,000 were distributed to Regions for recreation backlog projects in FY 2012.

**FY 2012 Recreation Projects Accomplishments**

<b>Region</b>	<b>National Forest</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
<b>R-8</b>	NFs in Alabama	Clear Creek Rehabilitation Project, the Clear Creek Recreation Area is a Development Level 4 Campground and Day Use site. Pipeline funds were used to eliminate health and safety issues with the site's waste water system and replace multiple aged asphalt roofs with more long-lasting metal roof systems.
	National Forests & Grasslands in Texas	Townsend Decommissioning - pipeline funds were used to complete the decommissioning of an out-of-service sewage treatment plant, including removal of 21 manholes, at the Townsend Campground.
		TADRA Horse Trail - rehabilitate trail surface, drainage, and bridges to improve user safety.
		<b>R-8 Total \$274,000</b>
<b>R-9</b>	Mark Twain NF	Council Bluff Day Use Area Rehabilitation – complete rehabilitation of the beachhouse and improvements of picnic sites to ABA standards including walkways to vault toilet.

**FY 2012 Recreation Projects Accomplishments (Cont.)**

<b>Region</b>	<b>National Forest</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
R-9	Wayne NF	Iron Ridge Campground – resurfacing of access road/spurs, and construction of an overflow parking lot to reduce resource impacts.
	Ottawa NF	Black River Harbor Signature Site - project includes the complete staining of pavilion, replaced windows, window sills, and window screens. Paved accessible pathway in day use area and constructed retaining wall. Stained handrails and concessionaire dock building.
<b>R-9 Total \$1,000,000</b>		

**•Timber Sale Pipeline Preparation – FY 2011 and FY 2012**

The table that follows shows timber sale pipeline preparation work and timber sale accomplishments in each FS region, and the total receipts collected in FY 2011 and FY 2012 from all of the sales funded through FY 2012.

**Timber Sale Work Accomplished During FY 2011**  
**(All Volume in CCF)**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Obligations &amp; Expenditures (\$)</b>	<b>Timber Pipeline Volume (Sale Prep.)</b>	<b>Timber Volume Sold</b>	<b>Timber Volume Harvested</b>	<b>Total Pipeline Fund Receipts Collected (\$)</b>
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	0	0	0	1,441	19,331
5	0	64,068	60,068	7,850	177,215
6	0	61,053	7,305	13,790	64,075
8	301,271	113,293	48,504	50,164	2,308,172
9	2,782,310	342,641	136,061	87,804	4,514,709
10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,083,581</b>	<b>581,055</b>	<b>251,938</b>	<b>161,049</b>	<b>\$7,083,502</b>

**Timber Sale Work Accomplished During FY 2012**  
**(All volume in CCF)**

Region	Obligations & Expenditures (\$)	Timber Pipeline Volume (Sale Prep.)	Timber Volume Sold	Timber Volume Harvested	Total Pipeline Fund Receipts Collected (\$)
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	0	0	0	2,211	56,679
5	0	0	0	14,296	190,302
6	0	56,397	68,196	7,249	57,070
8	428,770	178,155	32,160	30,952	795,897
9	2,423,856	302,414	129,267	109,618	4,304,958
10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,852,626</b>	<b>536,966</b>	<b>229,623</b>	<b>164,326</b>	<b>\$5,404,906</b>

**Notes:** Data above reflects accomplishments from all prior Pipeline Fund field allocations during the FYs shown.

N/A = Not applicable, i.e. not participating in the program at this time.

CCF = hundred cubic feet. Multiply CCF times 0.5 to approximate thousand board feet (MBF).

Timber Pipeline Volume is Gate 2 and/or Gate 3 completed and projected for offer in any future FY.

This information comes from forest-level accomplishment reports.

Timber Volume Sold comes from forest-level accomplishment reports.

Timber Volume Harvested comes from forest-level accomplishment reports.

Receipts Collected comes from the FY ending All Services Receipts – Receipts Summary Report (ASR-04).

**E. Work Planned for FY 2013**

**•Recreation – FY 2013**

Recreation funds totalling \$1,291,335 will be distributed to Regions for backlog recreation work in FY 2013.

**FY 2013 Planned Recreation Projects**

Region	National Forest	Project Description
R-6	Gifford Pinchot NF	Cowlitz Valley RD – Peterson Prairie Guard Station Recreation Rental Restoration Project. Replacing a historic building that was burned to the ground by moving an equally historic Forest Service building that is currently on the disposal list to this location.
<b>R-6 Total \$21,335</b>		
R-8	NFs Florida	Clearwater Recreation Area Treatment Plant Removal. Remove a treatment plant, consisting of a septic building and treatment tank, which has not been in use since 1999. Degradation of the structures has led to unsightly conditions and poses a potential hazard to the public and employees.

**FY 2013 Planned Recreation Projects (Cont.)**

<b>Region</b>	<b>National Forest</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
R-8	Kisatchie NF	Funds will be used to decommission six facilities at the Caney Lakes Recreation Area swim site. The buildings are in poor condition and are not necessary to meet the needs of visitors.
<b>R-8 Total \$270,000</b>		
R-9	Mark Twain NF	Council Bluff Day Use Area Rehab – Complete rehabilitation of the beach bathhouse, and improvement of picnic sites to ABA standards including walkways to vault toilet.
<b>R-9 Total \$1,000,000</b>		

**Timber Sale Preparation Planned – FY 2013  
(All volume in CCF)**

<b>Region</b>	<b>New Budget Authority (\$)</b>	<b>Timber Pipeline Volume (Sale Prep)</b>	<b>Timber Volume Under Contract</b>	<b>Timber Volume to Harvest</b>
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	0	0	2,313	2,313
5	0	39,620	39,620	39,620
6	0	56,397	87,674	3,374
8	370,077	141,386	48,567	52,687
9	3,500,000	247,892	94,601	102,316
10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,870,077</b>	<b>485,295</b>	<b>272,775</b>	<b>200,310</b>

**Notes:** Data above reflects proposed accomplishments from all field allocations from the Agriculture Fund.

N/A = Not applicable, i.e., not participating in the program at this time.

CCF = hundred cubic feet. Multiply CCF times 0.5 to approximate thousand board feet (MBF)

New Budget Authority comes from regional requests.

**F. Provisions for Agriculture Fund Termination**

Timber sale pipeline means the timber volume being analyzed and/or prepared for offer in future fiscal years (FYs). The law establishing the Timber Sale Pipeline Restoration Fund requires the Secretary of USDA to make a finding that, when sales sufficient to achieve the total allowable sales quantity (ASQ) of the National Forest System have been prepared, payments to the Agriculture Fund shall be terminated and any unobligated funds in the Fund returned to the U.S. Treasury as miscellaneous receipts. The Forest Service would consider this to have occurred when we have sufficient timber sale pipeline volume prepared at the end of any FY for the next FYs regular timber sales program (not including salvage) equal to 80 percent of the ASQ currently in effect as of the end of that FY. The remaining 20 percent would come from short-term sales being fully prepared during the current year. The Agency has not reached the 80% ASQ level at this time and continues to rely on this fund.