

## DIVERSE PROGRAM DELIVERY METHODS

US Forest Service (USFS) International Programs uses a variety of methods and various types of programs to achieve our work. We bring groups of natural resources managers to the US to see current practices first hand, and we also bring our USFS employees overseas to work on-site with local partners, doing specialized consultations or large group trainings. We adjust our program activities to most effectively reach the target audience and provide the most valuable learning experience for the participants.



Photos from left to right: Collaborative fire fighting training in Ukraine; USFS recreation specialists provide on-site consultation at a popular National Park in Russia; USFS ranger explains concession management; Russian foresters learn about invasive pest management at a USFS laboratory in Michigan; field exercises at a USFS led watershed management training workshop in Georgia.

### Training programs

- USFS specialists conducted a series of training workshops for NGO's and protected area staff in Russia's Baikal region; topics included interpretation, recreation planning, trails, and graphic design for signs and brochures.
- USFS emergency response experts delivered a 3-day Incident Command System training to more than 40 emergency responders in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone.

### In-country technical assistance

- Two USFS Recreation Planning Specialists visited Zabaikalski National Park in Russia to provide on-site recommendations for managing the ecological impacts of increased tourism.
- USFS advised the Executive Forestry Agency of Bulgaria on new regulations to manage timber. USFS experts provided examples from the US on contracting, monitoring, and timber sale administration and made recommendations for the development of guidelines to improve timber management in Bulgaria.

- USFS has collaborated with local and international partners to design innovative projects in the Altai and Primorsky regions to improve community outreach and education on prevention and wise-use of fire, establish community fire wardens, and create mobile volunteer fire brigades.

### Study tours and seminars in US

- High-level Ukrainian officials learned about the US model of coordinated emergency response.
- High-level Bulgarian forestry officials learned about the US timber tracking and law enforcement system.
- Inter-agency group of Russian forestry, law-enforcement, and policy specialists were exposed to US forest law enforcement practices and discussed possible applications to Russian system.

### Applied research

- The USFS is working with academic institutions in Germany and Russia to support pilot studies in the Russian Far East and Siberia which will identify appropriate genetic markers that could be potentially used in DNA-based timber tracking.

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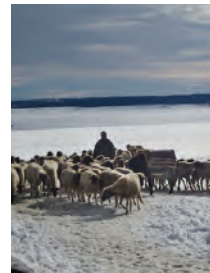
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## Sustainable Forest Management

The US Forest Service (USFS) strives to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

*Expertise: Combating illegal logging, invasive species and pests, reduced- impact logging, fire management, forest inventory and monitoring, Lacey Act implementation, institutional capacity building, reforestation.*



## Rangeland Management

From grasslands to prairies, rangelands constitute almost two-thirds (4 million hectares) of the lands administered by the USFS.

*Expertise: coordinated resource management plans, grazing management, ecosystem and habitat inventory and monitoring, water conservation, recreation issues, restoration.*

## Protected Areas and Biodiversity

The USFS manages a diverse range of protected areas, from deserts in the Southwest to tundra in Alaska.

*Expertise: wildlife protection and habitat management, biodiversity assessments, ecosystem restoration, recreational planning and infrastructure, limits of acceptable change, protected area planning and management, levels of protection.*



## Watershed Management

Forests are integral in sustaining the health of fresh water around the world, and the USFS plays an active role in maintaining and rehabilitating watersheds.

*Expertise: water quality, stream bank restoration, engineering and road management, erosion control, stakeholder and community participation, trans-boundary issues, conflict management.*



## Climate Change

The USFS works to help forests, grasslands, and humans mitigate and adapt to global climate change.

*Expertise: emissions inventory and analysis, mitigation measures, adaptation measures, low emission development strategies, carbon monitoring.*

## Economic Growth

The USFS's approach to management integrates economic and social factors to maintain and enhance the environment.

*Expertise: Ecotourism, rural livelihoods, ecosystem services, trans-boundary cooperation, community forestry, agroforestry, tree-based biofuels, non-timber forest products.*



## Democracy and Governance

The USFS engages local communities in resource management efforts, soliciting public participation in decision-making.

*Expertise: Civic engagement, institutional capacity building, environmental education, transparency and information management.*



## WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS?

As the US Forest Service motto ("caring for the land, serving the people") suggests, International Programs brings the vast expertise of the USFS and partners overseas to insure we are working together to balance our stewardship of the land and opportunities it brings for those who live on it. Our three main areas of work include: Technical Cooperation, Disaster Assistance and Mitigation, and Policy.

## Diverse Partnerships

We strive to develop mutually beneficial partnerships with local and international organizations, universities, nongovernmental organizations, host country governments, and other US government agencies, including the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the US State Department.

An important example of our long-standing partnerships is our government-to-government relationship with the Russian Federal Forestry Agency. Through this partnership, the Forestry Working Group has collaborated on topics such as forest inventory and monitoring, fire management, forest health, and illegal logging.

*Mongolian school teachers enjoying playing the role of enthusiastic students during a workshop about interactive environmental education methods.*



Beyond Traditional Forestry

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