



FS Agreement No. 26-PA-11051700-XXX

Cooperator Agreement No. _____

NON FUNDED PARTICIPATING AGREEMENT

**Between
CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST**

This NON FUNDED PARTICIPATING AGREEMENT is hereby entered into by and between the City of Grass Valley, hereinafter referred to as “Cooperator,” and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest, hereinafter referred to as the “U.S. Forest Service,” under the authority: Wyden Amendment (Public Law 105-277, Section 323 as amended by Public Law 109-54, Section 434, and permanently authorized by Public Law 111-11, Section 3001).

Title: City of Grass Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction in Wildland Urban Interface

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to loan the City of Grass Valley the Charboss to carbonize hazardous fuels from wildland-urban interface and support demonstration and training on the use of the Charboss for Forest Service, City, and other partners in accordance with the following provisions and the hereby incorporated Operating and Financial Plan, attached as Exhibit A.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

Hazardous fuels reduction within the City of Grass Valley strengthens community safety while directly supporting the Tahoe National Forest’s broader wildfire-risk mitigation goals. Reducing dense vegetation, ladder fuels, and overgrown understory in the wildland-urban interface lowers the likelihood that a wildfire ignited on private or municipal lands will spread onto adjacent National Forest System lands. This shared risk means both entities benefit from coordinated, landscape-scale fuel reduction that improves overall watershed health, reduces suppression costs, and enhances firefighter safety.

This type of cooperative work is authorized under the Wyden Amendment (Public Law 105-277, as amended), which allows the Forest Service to use federal funds to conduct or support treatments on non-federal lands when those activities will benefit resources on National Forest



System lands. According to Forest Service guidance, the Wyden Amendment permits hazardous-fuel treatments on adjacent non-federal lands when such work improves the viability of, or otherwise benefits, federal natural resources. Because reducing fuels within Grass Valley directly contributes to protecting Tahoe National Forest lands, wildlife habitat, and watershed conditions, these activities fall squarely within the Wyden Act's authority.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

III. COOPERATOR SHALL:

- A. LEGAL AUTHORITY. Cooperator shall have the legal authority to enter into this agreement, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project, which includes funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs, when applicable.
- B. Provide the appropriate equipment and staffing needed to operate the Charboss without Forest Service presence on site. This includes providing a truck and licensed driver to haul the Charboss to project sites.
- C. Develop and maintain all necessary approvals, notifications, safety plans, and operational plans.
- D. Return the Charboss to a Forest Service facility after the period of use.
- E. Have access to the Charboss from January – May 2026 and a time period to be negotiated in 2027, if appropriate. Additional periods of use can be requested in writing and approved by the Yuba River District or Deputy District Rangers.

IV. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

- A. Provide technical guidance and support as appropriate.
- B. Be responsive to requests for access to the equipment.
- C. Facilitate transfer of equipment.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- A. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement.

Principal Cooperator Contacts:



Cooperator Project Contact	Cooperator Financial Contact
Name: Duane Strawser Address: 125 East Maine Street City, State, Zip: Grass Valley, CA, 95945 Telephone: (530) 263-3388 Email: dstrawser@cityofgrassvalley.com	Name: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] City, State, Zip: [REDACTED] Telephone: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Principal U.S. Forest Service Contacts:

U.S. Forest Service Program Manager Contact	U.S. Forest Service Administrative Contact
Name: Kat Powelson Address: 631 Coyote Street City, State, Zip: Nevada City, CA 95959 Telephone: 530-559-3946 Email: katherine.powelson@usda.gov	Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Telephone: FAX: Email:
Name: Rita Clipperton Address: 631 Coyote Street City, State, Zip: Nevada City, CA 95959 Email: rita.clipperton@usda.gov	

- B. ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE ENTITIES. This agreement is subject to the provisions contained in the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. No. 112-74, Division E, Section 433 and 434 as continued in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, P.L. No. 114-113, Division E, Title VII, General Provisions Section 745 and 746 respectively regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. Accordingly, by entering into this agreement Cooperator acknowledges that it: 1) does not have a tax delinquency, meaning that it is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and (2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the agreement, unless a suspending and debarring official of the United States Department of Agriculture has considered suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. If Cooperator fails to comply with these provisions, the U.S. Forest Service will annul this agreement and may recover any funds Cooperator has expended in violation of sections 433 and 434.



- C. NOTICES. Any communications affecting the operations covered by this agreement given by the U.S. Forest Service or Cooperator are sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows:

To the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager, at the address specified in the agreement.

To Cooperator, at the address shown in the agreement or such other address designated within the agreement.

Notices are effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

- D. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. This agreement in no way restricts the U.S. Forest Service or Cooperator from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
- E. ENDORSEMENT. Any of Cooperator's contributions made under this agreement do not by direct reference or implication convey U.S. Forest Service endorsement of Cooperator's products or activities.
- F. USE OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE INSIGNIA. In order for Cooperator to use the U.S. Forest Service Insignia on any published media, such as a Web page, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be granted from the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications (Washington Office). A written request will be submitted by the U.S. Forest Service to the Office of Communications Assistant Director, Visual Information and Publishing Services, prior to use of the insignia. The U.S. Forest Service will notify the Cooperator when permission is granted.
- G. NON-FEDERAL STATUS FOR COOPERATOR PARTICIPANTS. Cooperator agree(s) that any of Cooperator's employees, volunteers, and program participants shall not be deemed to be Federal employees for any purposes including Chapter 171 of Title 28, United States Code (Federal Tort Claims Act) and Chapter 81 of Title 5, United States Code (OWCP), as Cooperator has hereby willingly agreed to assume these responsibilities.

Further, Cooperator shall provide any necessary training to Cooperator employees, volunteers, and program participants to ensure that such personnel are capable of performing tasks to be completed. Cooperator shall also supervise and direct the work of its employees, volunteers, and participants performing under this agreement.

- H. NON-FEDERAL STATUS FOR COOPERATOR LIABILITY. Cooperator agree(s) that any of Cooperator's employees and program participants shall not be deemed to be Federal employees for any purposes including Chapter 171 of Title 28, United



States Code (Federal Tort Claims Act) and Chapter 81 of Title 5, United States Code (OWCP), and Cooperator hereby willingly agree(s) to assume these responsibilities.

Cooperator agree(s) that, except as otherwise provided in this provision below, of Cooperator's volunteers shall not be deemed to be Federal employees and shall not be subject to the provisions of law relating to Federal employment, including those relating to hours of work, rates of compensation, leave, unemployment compensation, and Federal employee benefits. When Cooperator's volunteers are performing approved tasks identified under this agreement, the following applies:

1. For the purpose of the tort claim provisions of Title 28 of the United States Code, any of Cooperator's volunteers shall be considered a federal employee.
2. For the purpose of subchapter I of Chapter 81 of Title 5 of the United States Code, relating to the compensation of Federal employees for work injuries, Cooperator's volunteers shall be deemed civil employees of the United States within the meaning of the term "employee" as defined in section 8101 of title 5, United States Code, and the provisions of that subchapter shall apply.
3. For the purposes of claims relating to damage to, or loss of, personal property of Cooperator's volunteer incident to volunteer service, a volunteer shall be considered a Federal employee, and the provisions of 31 U.S.C 3721 shall apply.

Further, Cooperator shall provide any necessary training and support to Cooperator's employees, volunteers, and program participants, to ensure that such personnel are capable of performing tasks to be completed. Cooperator shall supervise and direct the work of its employees, volunteers, and program participants performing under this Agreement.

- I. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no member of, or delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.
- J. NONDISCRIMINATION. The recipient/cooperator of this award must comply with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws and regulations. For more information about USDA Civil Rights requirements, please visit <https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/general-information/staff-offices/office-assistant-secretary-civil-rights>
- K. ELIGIBLE WORKERS. Cooperator shall ensure that all employees complete the I-9 form to certify that they are eligible for lawful employment under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1324a). Cooperator shall comply with regulations regarding certification and retention of the completed forms. These requirements also apply to any contract awarded under this agreement.
- L. PAID SICK LEAVE REQUIREMENTS. Executive Order 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors, and its implementing regulations, including the federal contractor paid sick leave clause at 29 CFR Part 13, Appendix A, apply to the



Cooperator and any subcontractors under this agreement. These regulatory requirements are incorporated by reference into this agreement as if fully set forth in this agreement

M. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT (SAM). Cooperator shall maintain current organizational information and the original Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) provided for this agreement in the System for Award Management (SAM) until receipt of final payment. This requires annual review and updates, when needed, of organizational information after the initial registration. More frequent review and updates may be required for changes in organizational information or agreement term(s). Any change to the original UEI provided in this agreement will result in termination of this agreement and de-obligation of any remaining funds. For purposes of this agreement, System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a Cooperative. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site at www.sam.gov.

N. AGREEMENT CLOSE-OUT. Within 120 days after expiration or notice of termination Cooperator shall close out the agreement.

Within a maximum of 120 days following the date of expiration or termination of this agreement, all performance and related reports required by the terms of the agreement must be submitted to the U.S. Forest Service by Cooperator.

O. PROGRAM MONITORING AND PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORTS. The parties to this agreement shall monitor the performance of the agreement activities to ensure that performance goals are being achieved.

Performance reports must contain information on the following:

- A comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period. Wherever the output of the project can be readily expressed in numbers, a computation of the cost per unit of output, if applicable.
- Reason(s) for delay if established goals were not met.
- Additional pertinent information.

Cooperator shall submit annual performance reports to the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager. These reports are due 90 days after the reporting period. The final performance report must be submitted no later than 120 days from the expiration date of the agreement.



- P. RETENTION AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR RECORDS. Cooperator shall retain all records pertinent to this agreement for a period of no less than 3 years from the expiration or termination date. As used in this provision, records includes books, documents, accounting procedures and practice, and other data, regardless of the type or format. Cooperator shall provide access and the right to examine all records related to this agreement to the U.S. Forest Service, Inspector General, or Comptroller General or their authorized representative. The rights of access in this section must not be limited to the required retention period but must last as long as the records are kept.

If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records has been started before the end of the 3-year period, the records must be kept until all issues are resolved, or until the end of the regular 3-year period, whichever is later.

Records for nonexpendable property acquired in whole or in part, with Federal funds must be retained for 3 years after its final disposition.

- Q. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA). Public access to grant or agreement records must not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been exempted from disclosure pursuant to Freedom of Information regulations (5 U.S.C. 552). Requests for research data are subject to 2 CFR 215.36.

Public access to culturally sensitive data and information of Federally-recognized Tribes may also be explicitly limited by P.L. 110-234, Title VIII Subtitle B §8106 (2008 Farm Bill).

- R. TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING. In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," any and all text messaging by Federal employees is banned: a) while driving a Government owned vehicle (GOV) or driving a privately owned vehicle (POV) while on official Government business; or b) using any electronic equipment supplied by the Government when driving any vehicle at any time. All Cooperators, their Employees, Volunteers, and Contractors are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging when driving company owned, leased or rented vehicles, POVs or GOVs when driving while on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.

- S. PUBLIC NOTICES. It is The U.S. Forest Service's policy to inform the public as fully as possible of its programs and activities. Cooperator is/are encouraged to give public notice of the receipt of this agreement and, from time to time, to announce progress and accomplishments. Press releases or other public notices should reference the Agency as follows:

"Tahoe National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture"



Cooperator may call on The U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communication for advice regarding public notices. Cooperator is/are requested to provide copies of notices or announcements to the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager and to The U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications as far in advance of release as possible.

- T. TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE (TERO). The U.S. Forest Service recognizes and honors the applicability of the Tribal laws and ordinances developed under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act of 1975 (PL 93-638).
- U. GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED PROPERTY. Cooperator may only use U.S. Forest Service property furnished under this agreement for performing tasks assigned in this agreement. Cooperator shall not modify, cannibalize, or make alterations to U.S. Forest Service property. A separate document, Form AD-107, must be completed to document the loan of U.S. Forest Service property. The U.S. Forest Service shall retain title to all U.S. Forest Service-furnished property. Title to U.S. Forest Service property must not be affected by its incorporation into or attachment to any property not owned by the U.S. Forest Service, nor must the property become a fixture or lose its identity as personal property by being attached to any real property.

Cooperator Liability for Government Property.

1. Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, Cooperator shall not be liable for loss, damage, destruction, or theft to the Government property furnished or acquired under this contract, except when any one of the following applies:
 - a. The risk is covered by insurance or Cooperator is otherwise reimbursed (to the extent of such insurance or reimbursement).
 - b. The loss, damage, destruction, or theft is the result of willful misconduct or lack of good faith on the part of Cooperator's managerial personnel. Cooperator's managerial personnel, in this provision, means Cooperator's directors, officers, managers, superintendents, or equivalent representatives who have supervision or direction of all or substantially all of Cooperator's business; all or substantially all of Cooperator's operation at any one plant or separate location; or a separate and complete major industrial operation.
2. Cooperator shall take all reasonable actions necessary to protect the Government property from further loss, damage, destruction, or theft. Cooperator shall separate the damaged and undamaged Government property, place all the affected Government property in the best possible order, and take such other action as the Property Administrator directs.
3. Cooperator shall do nothing to prejudice the Government's rights to recover against third parties for any loss, damage, destruction, or theft of Government property.
4. Upon the request of the Grants Management Specialist, Cooperator shall, at the Government's expense, furnish to the Government all reasonable assistance and



cooperation, including the prosecution of suit and the execution of agreements of assignment in favor of the Government in obtaining recovery.

- V. U.S. FOREST SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED IN PUBLICATIONS, AUDIOVISUALS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. Cooperator shall acknowledge U.S. Forest Service support in any publications, audiovisuals, and electronic media developed as a result of this agreement.
- W. NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT – PRINTED, ELECTRONIC, OR AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the State or local Agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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- X. REMEDIES FOR COMPLIANCE RELATED ISSUES. If Cooperator materially fail(s) to comply with any term of the agreement, whether stated in a Federal statute or regulation, an assurance, or the agreement, the U.S. Forest Service may wholly or partly suspend or terminate the current agreement.



- Y. U.S. FOREST SERVICE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TERMINATION. This agreement may be terminated, in part or in its entirety, under any of the following circumstances:
1. If the Cooperator/Recipient fails to comply with the U.S. Constitution, Federal statutes, regulations, or terms and conditions of the Federal agreement. Examples of terms and conditions of this agreement for which failure to comply may result in termination include:
 - SAM.gov: The Recipient shall maintain current organizational information and the original Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) provided for this agreement in the System for Award Management (SAM) until receipt of final payment. Any change to the original UEI provided in this agreement will result in termination of this agreement and de-obligation of any remaining funds.
 - Failure to Report: If financial and performance reports are not submitted timely, according to the terms and schedules outlined in this agreement, this agreement may be terminated and the remaining funds de-obligated.
 2. With the mutual consent of the Recipient.
 3. For the convenience of the U.S. Forest Service, with 30 days written notification to the Recipient.
 4. With 30 days written notification by the Recipient to the U.S. Forest Service, provided that such notification sets forth the reasons for termination, the effective date, and in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated.
 - In the event of partial termination by the Recipient, if the U.S. Forest Service determines that the remaining portion of this agreement will not accomplish the purposes for which it was made, the U.S. Forest Service may terminate this agreement in its entirety effective on the date provided in the original notice.
 - In the event of full or partial termination by the Recipient, including full termination by the U.S. Forest Service due to the determination referenced in the preceding sub-provision, the U.S. Forest Service may establish a replacement agreement to accomplish similar work as that which has been identified for termination. The Recipient shall be liable to the Government for excess costs incurred as a result of the replacement agreement, as identified by the U.S. Forest Service Grants Management Specialist.
 5. If this agreement is funded by an interagency agreement that is terminated in whole or in part, by the funding Federal agency, the U.S. Forest Service will provide to the Cooperator/Recipient written notice of such termination, which will identify the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated.



The Recipient shall not incur any new expenses for the terminated portion of this agreement after the effective date of the termination unless such expenses are expressly authorized in the notice of termination or subsequently. The Recipient shall cancel or discontinue as many outstanding expenses as possible. The U.S. Forest Service shall compensate the Recipient for the U.S. Forest Service share of expenses that cannot be cancelled, were properly incurred by the Recipient up to the effective date of the termination and were not incurred in anticipation of termination. The U.S. Forest Service shall not compensate the Recipient for any expenses continuing after termination due to the negligent or willful failure of the Recipient to immediately discontinue the expenses.

The following Terms will apply to any termination:

- Any unobligated balance of cash advanced to the Recipient or unexpended program income must be immediately refunded to the U.S. Forest Service, including any interest earned.
- Within a maximum of 120 days following the date of termination of this agreement, all financial performance and related reports required by the terms of the agreement must be submitted to the U.S. Forest Service by the Recipient. If the reports are not received within 120 days, the U.S. Forest Service will unilaterally close out the award and process the de-obligation of funds without further communication.

When the U.S. Forest Service terminates the agreement prior to the end of the period of performance due to the Recipient's material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Federal award, the U.S. Forest Service shall report the termination in SAM.gov.

All subawards and contracts under this award with a total cumulative value in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the Recipient, including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement.

- Z. ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION – PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT. In the event of any issue of controversy under this agreement, the parties may pursue Alternate Dispute Resolution procedures to voluntarily resolve those issues. These procedures may include, but are not limited to conciliation, facilitation, mediation, and fact finding.
- AA. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION. Cooperator shall immediately inform the U.S. Forest Service if they or any of their principals are presently excluded, debarred, or suspended from entering into covered transactions with the Federal Government according to the terms of 2 CFR Part 180. Additionally, should Cooperator or any of their principals receive a transmittal letter or other official Federal notice of debarment or suspension, then they shall notify the U.S. Forest Service without undue



delay. This applies whether the exclusion, debarment, or suspension is voluntary or involuntary.

- BB. TRAINING, EVALUATION, AND CERTIFICATION OF SAWYERS USED BY COOPERATORS. Any employee, contractor, or volunteer of the cooperator who will use chain saws or crosscut saws on National Forest System lands under this agreement must be trained, evaluated, and certified in accordance with Forest Service Manual 2358. The cooperator is responsible for providing sawyer training, evaluation, and certification for the cooperator’s employees, contractors, and volunteers, unless the U.S. Forest Service and the cooperator determine it is not in the best interest of the partnership for the cooperator to provide sawyer training and evaluation. In these circumstances, the U.S. Forest Service, upon request and upon availability of Agency resources, may assist with conducting sawyer training and evaluation for the cooperator’s employees, contractors, and volunteers. Cooperator employees, contractors, and volunteers who will use chain saws and/or crosscut saws on National Forest System lands must be certified by the cooperator. Only those cooperator organizations with an approved sawyer training, evaluation, and certification program may conduct sawyer training, evaluation, and certification. Any employee, contractor, or volunteer of the cooperator who will use other types of saws, such as handsaws to cut small diameter material, brush saws, and pole saws, must be trained in accordance with Forest Service Handbook 6709.12, Chapter 40, section 41.3. The cooperator is responsible for providing that training.
- CC. MODIFICATIONS. Modifications within the scope of this agreement must be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all properly authorized, signatory officials, prior to any changes being performed. Requests for modification should be made, in writing, at least 30 days prior to implementation of the requested change.
- DD. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. This agreement is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective through 12/31/2030 at which time it will expire. The expiration date is the final date for completion of all work activities under this agreement.
- EE. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last date written below.

TIM KISER, City Manager City of Grass Valley	Date
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CHRIS FEUTRIER, Forest Supervisor
U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest

Date

The authority and format of this agreement have been reviewed and approved for signature.

U.S. Forest Service Grants Management Specialist

Date

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