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Comments: 60.5 Definitions

Excess Offset Value - should be retained receipts. See definition for residual receipts.

Excess Stewardship Credits - add sentence: "Added timber must be consistent with land management plans and be within sale area."

Required Deposits- Add "Commonly referred to as associated charges"

Stewardship Agreement - change or add that agreement is a type of Partnership agreement.

Stewardship Credits - Strike word "above". All stumps value is above base value as there can be no essential KV collected. Base and Above Base do not apply to IRSC and Agreement. Strike sentences: "Excess stewardship credits occur..." and "Added timber...". Excess stewardship is defined separately.

Stewardship Projects - change sentence as follows: "Projects may be accomplished using either an IRC, IRSC, service contract, or stewardship agreement in accordance with the FAR (FSH 6309.32 - Federal Acquisition Regulation) and/or Forest Service regulations at 26 CFR part 223, subpart I." FAR do not apply to IRTC.

TIM - replace timber sale accounting with financial systems

Add definition for Approving Official referred to at 62.14a Stewardship Agreements Involving Product Removal.

62 Exhibit 01

Page 46 Type of Use: FAR bonding; labor, materials, construction, or performance. Agreements has a question mark (?). Is that correct that we really do not know?

Page 46 Type of Use: Fund Service Work with Retained Receipts. Service work items that are paid for, can be funded with sources other than SSCC, based on appropriation use.

Page 47, Type of Use: Distributions other than SDNG/SSCC on National Forest System Lands. Should be No for IRSC. There is no distribution to Service Contract Act (SCA) wages. That is not a stumpage revenue account. Appears to be an error in the matrix.

62.14a - Stewardship Agreements Involving Product Removal

Remove condition #5. Stewardship agreements can be identified by the form type. It is not necessary to include in the naming convention which generally causes the sale name to have more characters than TIM and FPFS can accept, so they must be abbreviated.

If not included at 60.5 Definitions, clarify who is an Approving Official.

62.13 Service Only Contracts

Change wording to be clearer.

Service-only contract information is not entered in TIM or FPFS. Stewardship acres, must be entered in Corporate Data Warehouse (CDW) for annual accomplishment reporting.

62.7 Appraisals and Cost Estimates for Stewardship Contracts and Agreements

A common practice on agreements is that the FS will pay part or all the logging costs, including stump to truck and haul. I suggest guidance on how the appraisal should be modified so that the partner is not being paid for this work with FS funds, while also receiving an appraisal credit for the same work.

63.16 Contractor Selection

Paragraph two, sentence two - Are IRTC 's subject to FAR regs?

63.19 - Releasing Information Related to Awarded Contracts.

Add "and Agreements" to title

64.3 Contract and Agreement Administration Teams

#1, f. Change Resource Specialist to Forest Products Resource Specialist (FPRS). This is the official job title.

#2, f. Change Resource Specialist to Forest Products Resource Specialist (FPRS). This is the official job title.

3 Add FPRS to team.

66.1-Residual Receipts

Fix SDNGSC reference throughout

Change paragraph to clarify deposits and fund references. "Cash receipts for timber removed when non-monetary stewardship credits are not available must be deposited to a treasury account. FPFS will automatically deposit these residual receipts to a Suspense account (SDNG). As service work is accepted and non-monetary stewardship credits earned, the credits are converted to cash. The cash is returned to the Contractor's account. When all non-monetary credits have been earned, any cash remaining in suspense is then retained and transferred to the Stewardship Contract fund (SSCC). The transfer between SDNG and SSCC is entered in FPFS upon the CO's approval."

66.2 Retained Receipts

Change: 2. In the event of a default by the Contractor, receipts paid by the Contractor and deposited into the SDNG fund code can be used to complete required restoration work items. Funds in suspense (SDNG) cannot be obligated or expended. Funds must first be transferred to the appropriate account which is generally a contract specific Cooperative Work (CWF2) account.

66.21 - Annual Review of Retained Receipts Balance

Consider changing due date to match trust fund annual review established in those chapters.

66.3 Other Permanent and Trust Funds

Correct paragraph three where it states that IRTC's may have cash deposits for required deposits. Charging required deposits is now applicable to IRSC's and Agreements. The matrix at Exhibit 01 is correct.

66.4 - Forest Products Financial System

Change "line items" to "work items" for consistency with terms used in this directive.

67.5 - Stewardship Contracts and Agreements Accomplishment

Recommend adding required FACTS database maintenance. Requirement to report acres at CDW could also be included here.