

AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

continuation of the

COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNITS NETWORK

I. INTRODUCTION

It is mutually agreed on and understood by and between the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that additional agencies may become members of the CESU Network Council upon formal participation in at least one CESU and after their agency head or designated representative has signed this Amendment to the MOU.

II. AUTHORITIES

This MOU is entered into by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) consistent with the mission and relevant authorities described below:

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs (IA) is the oldest bureau of the United States Department of the Interior. Established in 1824, IA currently provides services to approximately 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. There are 566 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives in the United States. The mission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs mission is to: "...enhance the quality of life, to promote economic opportunity, and to carry out the responsibility to protect and improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian tribes, and Alaska Natives." BIA has responsibility for the administration and management of 55 million surface acres and 57 million acres of subsurface minerals estates held in trust by the United States for American Indian, Indian tribes, and Alaska Natives. BIA serves a special role, both serving tribes through trust management and by providing technical support and advice across a broad range of topics. The BIA is also the lead agency providing for federal management of the trust corpus held on behalf of tribal government and individual beneficial owners and as such is tasked with and coordinating science, technical education, and management needs for those trust resources. The tribes, through the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 93-638) are authorized to contract BIA management functions and as such mission needs, research results and education efforts serve and enable tribal and BIA staff. The Act also authorized the federal government to follow specific contracting regulations for Recognized Federal Indian Tribes, and with tribal approval, tribally chartered Indian colleges and universities.

BIA participation in the CESU Network will include support, coordination, and cooperation focused on science and education for climate and trust resource management,

as well as other areas within its range of mission-related services and activities. BIA is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements under the general authority for climate change via the Snyder Act of 1921, as amended, 25 U.S.C. § 13; for FY14 (2-year funding) via Pub. L. 113-76, and FY15 (2-year funding) via Pub. L. 113-164, as amended (and subsequent annual budget appropriations as may be authorized during the term of the agreement); and for any potential Forestry and Wildland Fire Management program efforts, via the National Indian Forest Resources Management Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-630. BIA has the authority to enter into this MOU pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2; the Education and Training Program, 23 U.S.C. § 6004; and Snyder Act of 1921, as amended, 25 U.S.C. § 13.

III. CESU NETWORK COUNCIL

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is now a full member of the CESU Network Council. BIA is now authorized to send a voting/formal representative to Council meetings, and to participate in all actions of the Council.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the party hereto has entered into the Memorandum of Understanding with this Amendment as evidenced by their signature below. The Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding is effective upon the date of the signature.

Bureau of Indian Affairs



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1/16/15

Date