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MEMORANDUM FOR: Kenneth E. Graham
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SUBJECT: Revised Agreement between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (NOAA/NWS) and the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service (USDA/FS) (Agreement # 22IA11132543030; NOAA Folder # 22-0084459)

This provides clearance for the attached revised agreement (Form 7600A) between NWS and FS.[1]

Pursuant to this agreement, a framework is established whereby NWS may provide the services of Incident Meteorologists (IMET) through subsequent orders. The agreement will become effective on October 1, 2022, or when signed by both parties, whichever occurs later, and it will terminate on September 30, 2027.

The parties anticipate that subsequent orders (Form 7600B) will be executed pursuant to the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act, 33 U.S.C. § 883e, which authorizes NOAA to enter into agreements with, and receive and expend funds made available by, any public or private organization, for surveys or investigations authorized by the Act, or for the preparation and publication of the results thereof. Further, NOAA may contribute on an in-kind basis that portion of the costs of the project that it determines represents the amount of benefit it derives from the agreement.

[1] The agreement was revised to clarify the total estimated amount. The attachment to the agreement was revised to clarify that only though subsequent Form 7600Bs can the parties commit to the performance of specific services and the obligation of funding. Clauses duplicative of the Form 7600A were removed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me by email at bjones2@doc.gov.

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