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Forest Service

# FIRE TRANSFER IMPACT

by STATE\*  
and TERRITORY

**\*Note:** Impacts reported by Forest Service Regions. These do not include Regionwide impacts that occur in multiple states, nor national-level impacts. This list may not include all impacts—those that were realized later or those not reported by the Region.



# IMPACTS 2013

## ALABAMA

- Construction work at Warden Station Horse Camp host site was canceled.
- Construction of facilities at Conecuh Rifle Range totaling \$35,000 was canceled.
- Approximately \$7,000 in funds for agreements with AUM, Troy and Auburn University for student employment was lost.
- Agreements with Auburn University, the Alabama Natural Heritage program, and the Indigo Snake Partnership were not executed.

## ALASKA

- A deferred maintenance project on the Tongass National Forest was canceled.
- The initial inspection of the Placer River Trail Bridge was deferred until 2014.
- Acquisition of a radar imaging system in partnership with USGS was canceled.
- Monitoring of water quality Best Management Practices was reduced.
- The Sandy Beach Culvert Replacement project and Tongass National Forest Road Storage projects on the Thorne Bay Ranger District impacting 15 miles of road were canceled.
- A timber sale layout contract was canceled - which will impact outyear timber target accomplishment in FY 14 and FY 15.
- The Suntaheen FishPass Viewing Platform rehabilitation contract was unable to be funded.
- The Russian River Road repair work on the Chugach National Forest was suspended.
- The Eagle Creek Road Improvements/Simplified Stream Simulation Fish Passage project was canceled.

# IMPACTS 2012

- A \$44,000 multi-state ecosystem valuation "State and Private Forestry Redesign" project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.

- A contract to build a critical health and safety need - a mountain to repeater site - was not awarded.
- Development of cleanup alternatives for the Monarch Mine on the Chugach National Forest was deferred. The Site is a contaminated Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) site located along a high-use recreation trail that poses threat to human health from mercury and arsenic.
- The Region was unable to award a critical health and safety project to repair a flood damaged road in a recreation site.
- Bridge inspection equipment purchase was deferred.
- Trail bridge design was deferred.
- Trail maintenance and repairs affecting miles of trail did not take place.
- Installation of over 800 feet of culverts that reduce erosion impacts and improve hydraulic connectivity did not take place.
- Mass wasting repair and mitigation at seven sites Regionwide did not take place.
- Forest Plan revision work on the Chugach National Forest was deferred.
- Forest Service contributions to the Alaska Mapping initiative were canceled.
- Fixed wing and helicopter field inspections were deferred.
- The portion of the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center BIO Fuel contract planned for fiscal year 2012 was not awarded.
- Outyear timber sale projects were delayed as a result of no Gate 1 contract awards.
- Phase 2 of the construction of the Juneau Forestry Sciences Lab was deferred.

## IMPACTS 2013

### ARIZONA

- The Schultz Fire Agreement with Coconino County was partially funded, leaving \$600,000 to be funded in FY 2014. This will impact the FY 2014 program of work.
- Funds needed for preparation of the 4-FRI and Southwest Jemez Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration projects were diverted.

## IMPACTS 2012

- A road gate installation project on the Tonto National Forest to address health and safety concerns for forest travelers stemming from the public bypassing passive road closures to gain access to a road rendered unsafe by erosion was canceled.
- Completion of trails projects on the Coronado National Forest was deferred.
- On the Tonto National Forest, water rights acquisition, a \$20,000 cost, was eliminated.
- The Coronado National Forest was not able to award contracts to prevent loss of Chiricahua Leopard Frog critical habitat.
- In the Verde watershed, fuels treatment projects to reduce potential for catastrophic fires in a WUI while providing open canopy for increased livestock forage, and improve habitat for goshawk (forest sensitive) and Chiricahua leopard frog (national T&E) were deferred.
- Facilities maintenance on the Sierra Ancha Experimental Forest site will continue to be deferred, resulting in limitations on the site being fully utilized. For example, some buildings will continue as potential locations for Hantavirus concerns.

### ARKANSAS

- Critical road maintenance on the Ouachita National Forest was canceled.
- Funding used for stocking bunkhouses used by universities and other partners who are doing surveys and monitoring on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest was canceled.
- Funding for Environmental Assessments required for permits to drill wells and ongoing litigation support on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest was canceled.
- Airlock doors, to protect against White nose bat syndrome, for Blanchard Cavern on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest were not purchased.

- A \$19,500 grant project on the Ozark-St Francis for the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act was canceled.

## IMPACTS 2013

### CALIFORNIA

- A contract to repair cracks in air tanker base taxiway in Southern California was canceled, increasing safety concerns for air tankers utilizing this taxiway. The lack of a contract award also impacted jobs and the local economy.
- The following land acquisition projects were not funded: Leech Lake on the Mendocino; Sierra Nevada Inholdings on the Tahoe and Eldorado; Santa Anna Mountains on the Cleveland; and Big Sur Ecosystems on the Los Padres.

## IMPACTS 2012

- Trail work on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and repair of other key trails and trailheads was not completed and the Hat Creek Work Center Wastewater health and safety project on the Lassen National Forest was canceled.
- The Dry Gulch Road on the Angeles National Forest, a project critical for ecological restoration to improve watershed function, was canceled.
- Abandoned mine site mitigation on the Tahoe National Forest to improve watershed management and achieve ecological restoration goals was deferred.
- On the Inyo National Forest, work on a blowdown area impacting visitor enjoyment was deferred and on the Los Padres National Forest was unable to repair storm damaged roads, resulting in safety concerns for the public, closing of roads or roads closed longer.
- The Klamath National Forest was unable to finalize an agreement for archaeological surveys for timber sales scheduled for FY 14.
- The Smokey Aspen Stewardship project on the Lassen National Forest was not completed, resulting in timber target shortfall.
- Hazardous fuels and stewardship timber projects on the Tahoe National Forest were deferred.
- On the Plumas National Forest two service contracts were deferred, resulting in a reduction of fuels acres treated, terrestrial wildlife habitat acres enhanced, and vegetation improved; and on the Eldorado National Forest, wildlife habitat projects were deferred and bat monitoring canceled.
- Long-term restoration activities and projects on forests damaged by fire and third party negligence - including road and trail repair, recreation facility repair, watershed and stream restoration and improvements, habitat (animal/plant) restoration and protection, cultural site restoration and protection, invasive weed treatments and reforestation - were deferred or canceled.
- The following land acquisition projects were not funded: Deer and Mill Creek on the Lassen National Forest; Fleming Ranch on the San Bernardino National Forest; and Santa Anna Mountains on the Cleveland National Forest.

# IMPACTS 2013

## COLORADO

- Emergency repairs on the Pike - San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands were reduced to only critical repairs.
- Over 25,000 acres of ecosystem assessments, part of forest-wide inventories, were not accomplished.
- The Aquatic Nuisance Program (invasive species) with the State of Colorado was not funded.
- The Beaver Brookland acquisition project on the Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forest was not funded.
- A \$72,000 project to clear downfall and conduct related trail maintenance in areas affected by the bark beetle was deferred, impacting 50-100 miles of trail with associated effects on recreation opportunities, outfitter-guide operations, and recreation-based community economies.
- Permit administration projects totaling \$61,000 for land use authorizations, including communication sites were deferred.
- Administration of Recreation Special Use permits for outfitter-guides were deferred and ski area applications for four season use improvements were deferred.
- Vegetation management on 1,500 acres was deferred.

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## FLORIDA

- Agreements with Fish and Wildlife Service - St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge were reduced by \$30,000.
- Funding for the "Close the Gaps" initiative in partnership with the Florida Office of Greenways and Trails and Florida National Scenic Trails Coalition was reduced by \$80,000.
- Landline maintenance was deferred, delaying proceedings with various land exchanges.

# IMPACTS 2012

- Facilities improvement projects at the Lottis Creek Kiosks and the Crested Butte Forest Service housing were not completed.
  - Replacement of boundary signs that were destroyed in the High Park fire was canceled.
- Abandoned mine mitigation work on the Akron Mine and Mill Site was deferred.
- Hazard tree removal at recreation sites was reduced.
- An agreement for timber sale administration on the Arapaho National Forest was canceled.
- A \$375,000 project to reduce hazard trees, decommission roads, and conduct travel management was deferred.
- Over \$400,000 in watershed projects was deferred.
- Over \$300,000 in wildlife management projects were delayed, deferred or canceled.

- A \$253,000 "State and Private Forestry Redesign" project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to engage landowners in forest stewardship to promote health and biodiversity was canceled.

- An agreement for maintenance on the Florida Scenic Trail was deferred.
- A \$44,000 multi-state ecosystem valuation "State and Private Forestry Redesign" project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.

## IMPACTS 2013



### GEORGIA

- Over 70 miles of road maintenance and 4 miles of road decommissioning was eliminated on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest.



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## IMPACTS 2012

- The Brook Creek Phase 1 and 2 land acquisition project on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest was not funded.
- A \$44,000 multi-state ecosystem valuation “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.

- A \$218,000 “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.

- The Hawaii Experimental Tropical Forest (HETF) Infrastructure Development project was delayed. HETF is the first Forest Service designated land in the State of Hawaii. This is a unique partnership with the State of Hawaii providing the land for research and the USFS providing the infrastructure. Curtailment of funds is expected to have a serious impact on the completion of the infrastructure necessary to access the experimental forest and for conducting planned research. Partners in research include the State of Hawaii, the University of Hawaii, Stanford and Purdue Universities, the Smithsonian, the Carnegie Institution, other Government agencies, educational institutions, and international research researchers.
- A \$235,500 “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.

# IMPACTS 2013

## IDAHO

- Forest Plan Revisions on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests were delayed.
- Road maintenance and bridge repair was deferred on multiple Forests.
- The Upper Lochsa land acquisition on the Clearwater National Forest was deferred; the Piva Parcel land acquisition project on the Sawtooth National Forest was deferred.
- The Washington Creek Culvert design was postponed.
- Trail work, including bridge design, was delayed.
- The purchase and replacement of signs for visitor enjoyment and education was delayed.
- Road decommissioning and culvert replacement work was postponed.

# IMPACTS 2012

- Infrastructure maintenance projects on the Payette and Sawtooth National Forests were canceled or delayed.
- The Caribou-Targhee National Forest was unable to complete road maintenance projects, limiting the ability to correct environmental concerns associated with spring runoff.
- The Boise National Forest was unable to complete trails maintenance.
- The Payette National Forest was unable to meet critical contract costs for bighorn sheep monitoring.
- The Sawtooth National Forest's capacity to complete NEPA work on special use authorizations was impacted.
- The Boise National Forest canceled a contract for priority cultural heritage sites monitoring.
- The Sawtooth National Forest was unable to meet noxious weed commitments and reduced their hazardous fuels and wildlife habitat treatment projects.
- Trails and heritage projects on the Payette National Forest were reduced.
- Road and campground maintenance on the Boise National Forest was delayed.
- The Upper Lochsa land acquisition project on the Clearwater National Forest was not funded.
- The Salmon Selway Initiative land acquisition project on the Salmon-Challis and Sawtooth National Forests was not funded.
- The Piva Parcel land acquisition project on the Sawtooth National Forest was not funded.
- A \$180,000 "State and Private Forestry Redesign" project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.
- Employee housing facility maintenance work was deferred.
- Road decommissioning on 13 miles was delayed, deferred or canceled.

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## ILLINOIS

- On the Shawnee National Forest, a new partnership with Ducks Unlimited was not funded, resulting in the loss of at least \$20,000 in matching funds and significantly more in matching funds from the Illinois DNR.
- On the Shawnee National Forest, the road to Turkey Bayou Campground was not be repaired, culverts were not replaced - meaning the public will not have newly restored fish and wildlife habitat or recreation opportunities to enjoy.
- Inventory and monitoring to collect baseline information on Eastern small-footed bat, which is a candidate for listing as threatened or endangered, was canceled.
- Non-native invasive species treatments, timber stand improvements, and numerous partnerships and agreements were canceled or deferred.
- Numerous partnerships and agreements were impacted, resulting in delayed erosion control work, delayed NEPA project inventories, delayed or canceled wetlands restoration, road decommissioning, and wildlife habitat maintenance.

- Major capital improvement projects were delayed, increasing deferred maintenance costs.



## INDIANA

- On the Hoosier National Forest, a partnership opportunity with the county was lost.
- On the Hoosier National Forest, the West Branch Aquatic Organism Passage project was not completed, and high value fish & wildlife habitat was not restored.

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- A \$234,000 "State and Private Forestry Redesign" project to provide landowner outreach and planning in the Skunk River Watershed, developed in partnership with State and other non-federal stakeholders, was canceled.



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## KANSAS

- The State of Kansas experienced a reduction in Forest Health Protection funding to assist with Western Bark Beetle management on non-federal lands.
- State Fire Assistance funding to the State to help reduce risk and improve local fire response was reduced.

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## KENTUCKY

- On the Daniel Boone National Forest, 21 miles of road did not receive spot surface aggregate replacement.
- The Doris Trust Track land acquisition project on the Daniel Boone National Forest was diverted.

- A facilities maintenance project on the Daniel Boone National Forest for an historic structure was delayed.
- A \$44,000 multi-state ecosystem valuation “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.

## LOUISIANA

- Planned archaeological surveys costing \$60,000 were delayed, resulting in a delay in a 1,200-acre timber sale on the Catahoula Ranger District of the Kisatchie National Forest. This timber sale was intended to improve habitat for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker by thinning overstocked stands of dense pine trees.
- Over \$130,000 in projects to manage threatened and endangered species on almost 2,000 acres on the Kisatchie National Forest were cancelled in 2013.

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## MAINE

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- A \$55,000 “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project to improve landowner education, developed in partnership with State and other non-federal stakeholders, was canceled.

## MARYLAND

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- A \$75,000 “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to manage the Emerald Ash Borer was canceled.

# IMPACTS 2013

## MICHIGAN

- A project to improve the White Cloud District Office on the Huron- Manistee National Forest was canceled.
- On the Huron-Manistee National Forest, insect damage will increase due to deferred work at the Lumberman's Memorial Visitor Information Center, resulting in greater damage and cost - which may require closure of one or more buildings.
- Inventory and monitoring of plants and animals to facilitate management of threatened, endangered, and sensitive species was deferred and canceled on Forests in Michigan.
- Landscape classification surveys to coordinate and integrate resource inventories for land and resource production capability and response to management actions was canceled or deferred on Forests in Michigan.
- Numerous partnerships and agreements were impacted, resulting in delayed erosion control work, delayed NEPA inventories, delayed or canceled wetlands restoration, road decommissioning, and wildlife habitat maintenance.

## MINNESOTA

- On the Superior National Forest, a structurally deficient forest highway bridge was replaced, requiring road closure.
- Ely Tanker Base retardant tanks on the Superior National Forest were not replaced.
- On the Chippewa National Forest, an important partnership was jeopardized and the opportunity to leverage Minnesota State Legacy grant funding was lost, resulting in canceled Marcell Lodge remodeling.
- On the Superior National Forest, a loop on the Whiteface Campground was closed because it was unsafe for recreational vehicle travel and unable to be repaired in FY 2013.
- On the Chippewa National Forest, trail upgrades to make a newly installed restroom facility handicap accessible were deferred.
- Non-native Invasive Species treatments, timber stand improvements, and partnerships were canceled or deferred.
- Numerous partnerships were impacted, resulting in delayed erosion control work, NEPA inventories, wetlands restoration, road decommissioning, and wildlife habitat maintenance.

# IMPACTS 2012

- Stand exams in the Hiawatha National Forest, Rock River Wilderness Area, needed for future land management planning were canceled.
  - A \$301,000 "State and Private Forestry Redesign" project developed in partnership with the State and other partners on non-federal lands to promote forest stewardship collaboration was canceled.
  - In the Eastern Regions, approximately 56 MMBF of timber in FY 2013 and beyond was impacted by loss of marking contracts and agreements.
  - Major capital improvement projects were delayed, increasing deferred maintenance costs.
  - Wildlife habitat improvements, including threatened and engaged species surveys for mussels and the Karner blue butterfly, were not completed.
  - Timber stand improvement, watershed restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, invasive species treatments projects were reduced by approximately 50 percent.
  - Tribal relationships are negatively impacted due to cancellation of Forest Service participation in a workshop that focused on building an economy with tribal communities through restoration of locally native plants.
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- In the Eastern Regions, approximately 56 MMBF of timber in FY 2013 and beyond was impacted by loss of marking contracts and agreements.
  - Preparation of the Blowdown Salvage sale was delayed.
  - A \$396,000 "State and Private Forestry Redesign" project developed in partnership with the State and other partners on non-federal lands to integrate forest stewardship in forested watersheds of the Mississippi River in Southeast Minnesota was canceled.
  - Major capital improvement projects were delayed, increasing deferred maintenance costs.
  - Hazardous fuels treatments, particularly prescribed burns, in the WUI were delayed - approximately 5,000 acres were not treated.
  - Timber stand improvement, watershed restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, invasive species treatments projects were reduced by approximately 50 percent.
  - Tribal relationships are negatively impacted due to cancellation of Forest Service participation in a workshop which focused on building an economy with tribal communities through restoration of locally native plants.

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## MISSOURI

- On the Mark Twain National Forest, watershed restoration work did not occur, allowing OHV damage to continue and increase, resulting in greater damage and cost - which may require closure of one or more motorized trails.
- A large Environmental Compliance and Protection project was not completed on the Mark Twain National Forest. This project involves soil sampling for heavy metals at recreation sites near and around the Viburnum Trend Mining Area. Not funding this project seriously affects the agency's ability to protect the health of visitors and employees.
- A major partnership relating to caves, bats and mine safety was deferred on the Mark Twain National Forest.
- The Cave Research Foundation did not get funding to complete geologic investigations, biological inventory, monitoring, mapping, and discovery of cave locations in the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration project area on the Mark Twain National Forest, resulting in the inability to monitor 39 high priority bat caves with high concerns for White Nose Syndrome.
- The loss of \$50,000 in timber funds for the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration project area on the Mark Twain National Forest will result in delays.
- Heritage surveys to prepare for future timber sale planning were canceled or deferred.
- Cultural resource surveys on over 6,700 acres, timber marking contracts for two sales, and cadastral surveys were canceled or deferred on the Mark Twain National Forest.
- Non-native Invasive Species treatments, timber stand improvements, and numerous partnerships and agreements were canceled or deferred.

# IMPACTS 2012

- Replacement of a water system that is 50+ years in age was canceled, resulting in a direct impact on employee and public safety.
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- A \$112,000 "State and Private Forestry Redesign" project developed in partnership with States and other partners to undertake a sustainable watershed forestry program was canceled.
- An \$82,000 "State and Private Forestry Redesign" project developed in partnership with States and other partners to improve wildlife habitat at a landscape scale in the Shoal Creek Woodlands was canceled.
- Approximately 56 MMBF of timber in FY 2013 and beyond was impacted by loss of marking contracts and agreements.
- Major capital improvement projects were delayed, increasing deferred maintenance costs.
- Hazardous fuels treatments, particularly prescribed burns, in the WUI were delayed - approximately 5,000 acres were not treated.

# IMPACTS 2013

## MONTANA

- On the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, a gravel-surfaced, accessible path was not constructed.
- The Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway Sign replacement project on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest was deferred, negatively affecting visitor experience and hindering way finding efforts of forest visitors.
- Forest planning efforts were delayed on the Flathead National Forest.
- Forest Plan amendments for the Lewis and Clark, Lolo, Kootenai, and Helena National Forests for Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy were delayed.
- Site investigation work at the Libby Asbestos Area on the Kootenai National Forest was delayed.
- Preparatory work for mine removal actions at Flat Creek and Kennedy Creek on the Lolo National Forest was delayed.
- NEPA analysis for grazing was not completed on the Gallatin, Custer, and Flathead National Forests.
- Numerous grazing projects were impacted in Montana - one mile of grazing allotment fencing was not maintained; allotment management activities, including three fencing projects, were delayed; the Hay Creek fence construction project to benefit range and watershed activities was not completed.
- A key partnership agreement with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks was not completed.
- Road maintenance activities and dust abatement projects were deferred, directly impacting 400 miles of passenger car road maintenance.
- Watershed restoration work was impacted because no seeds or materials were purchased.

## NEBRASKA

- The Nebraska National Forests lost the ability to complete almost 150 miles of road blading.

# IMPACTS 2012

- A large mine clean up and monitoring project at Beal Mountain was eliminated.
- Road maintenance on 75 miles of priority road previously resurfaced was canceled.
- Trail survey and design work was deferred.
- Purchase of supplies needed for trail maintenance and rehabilitation was deferred.
- Forest Plan revision assessment work was delayed.
- Grazing permit administration was reduced.
- A pre-commercial thinning contract for 66 acres was deferred.
- Seedling orders were cancelled.
- Supply purchases were deferred.

## IMPACTS 2013

### NEVADA

Mission critical grazing work, including the ability to complete fence work on the Santa Rosa District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, was not completed. As a result, grazing was not allowed in this district.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

- On the White Mountain National Forest, safety and accessibility issues that were to be addressed as part of the Lower Falls Recreation Reconstruction Project went uncorrected, requiring complete closing or extending closures of facilities, trails and bridges.
- Non-native Invasive Species treatments, timber stand improvements, and numerous partnerships and agreements were canceled or deferred.
- Numerous partnerships and agreements were impacted, resulting in delayed erosion control work, delayed NEPA inventories, delayed or canceled wetlands restoration, road decommissioning, and wildlife habitat maintenance.

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## IMPACTS 2012

- Road maintenance work on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest was unable to be completed due to the inability to purchase equipment.

- The White Mountain Scenic Area land acquisition project on the White Mountain National Forest was not funded.
- Major capital improvement projects were delayed, increasing deferred maintenance costs.

- A \$39,000 “State and Private Forestry Redesign” reforestation project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands was canceled.
- A \$430,000 “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to restore the New Jersey Highlands and South Branch of the Raritan River was canceled.

# IMPACTS 2013

## NEW MEXICO

- On the Santa Fe National Forest, a \$330,000 agreement for cultural resource surveys required for personal-use forest products areas was canceled.
- Road decommissioning projects being planned for Travel Management implementation on the Santa Fe National Forest were canceled.
- Hazardous fuels management projects on the Santa Fe National Forest were canceled.
- Acquisition of nearly 1,100 acres of critical habitat for the endangered Zuni blueheaded sucker fish was deferred on the Cibola National Forest.
- The Bear Creek Ranch land acquisition project was also not funded.

## NORTH CAROLINA

- The National Forests of North Carolina had to eliminate contracts for 750 tons of aggregate surface placement on Forest roads.
- The purchase and installation of a traffic control and bridge weight limit signs across the Forest was canceled due to a loss of \$35,000.
- Trail maintenance for visitor use was reduced by approximately 30 miles on the National Forests of North Carolina.
- A canceled contract to repair one landslide on a Forest road resulted in the timber purchaser being unable to access the timber until the road was repaired.

# IMPACTS 2012

- The Carson National Forest's ability to house temporary employees was reduced due to the inability to complete critical health and safety projects at facilities.
- The Region's response to emergency needs for failure of water supply, waste water disposal and other code violations of constructed features at recreation sites was delayed.
- Projects to maintain roads and bridges were delayed on the Carson National Forest.
- The Gila National Forest was unable to complete trails maintenance projects.
- Work on the Continental Divide Trails project on the Santa Fe National Forest was delayed.
- On the Carson National Forest, oil and gas projects required to meet the timeframes of the Energy Policy Act were delayed or canceled.
- NEPA requirements for grazing allotments, as well as invasive species inventories, were delayed.
- On the Carson National Forest, archaeology surveys critical for a variety of forest management projects were delayed.
- Administration of permitted recreation special uses was reduced.
- On the Carson National Forest, the ability to capture Wild Horses was negatively impacted.
- The Little Rosa land acquisition project on the Cibola National Forest was not funded.

- A critical agreement with UNC for on-going heritage work at Fort Armistead was delayed, which may delay the National Historic Landmark nomination process and damage the partnership with the Cherokee and Creek tribes.
- The Eastern Environmental Threat Assessment Center's ability to support the Planning Rule and early adopter forests was delayed. The impact was a delay in development of a modeling tool to assess impacts of climate, land use, and population changes on water and carbon resources.
- The Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center's ability to support National Forests to meet requirements of the Agency's Climate Change Scorecard was limited; a pilot study that uses the 2010 RPA Assessment to address the Climate Change Scorecard needs on social-economic vulnerability assessments was delayed.

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## NORTH DAKOTA

- A project on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands to evaluate habitat needs of sensitive grasslands birds that are expected to be listed as threatened or endangered in the next year - such as the Sprague's pipit - was eliminated.
- Road maintenance projects for the Elkhorn camp and Williams dam area were delayed.

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## OHIO

- On the Wayne National Forest, bridge and trail repair did not occur.
- The ability to leverage \$540,000 in Recreational Trails Program funding with a key partner - Federal Highways - was lost.
- The inability to close several mine collapses on the Wayne National Forest exposed visitors to very serious safety hazards.

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## OKLAHOMA

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- A \$44,000 multi-state ecosystem valuation "State and Private Forestry Redesign" project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.

# IMPACTS 2013

## OREGON

- The \$141,000 interior water system replacement project for the Timberline Lodge on the Mt. Hood National Forest was deferred. This project is time critical, a partnership with the Lodge managers and will negatively impact visitor experience.
- Several critical road work projects needed to improve watershed health and to restore fish habitat for several threatened and endangered aquatic species on numerous Forests were deferred.
- The Siuslaw National Forest was unable to complete the \$192,000 Farmer-Bunn Creek culvert project, needed to replace two undersized and failing culverts. The road is now at risk due to culvert failure, as well as adversely affecting water quality in streams populated by Coho salmon, a listed species.
- Several road maintenance and storm damage risk reduction projects in areas that are subject to intense winter precipitation events were deferred. This work is critical to minimizing the sediment that moves from these roads to area streams.
- On the Willamette National Forest, the \$97,840 Gray Larison and Gold Coffeepot Road Storage projects were deferred. The impact likely will result in road failures and culvert washouts that result in sediment loads reaching fish streams. This could result in negative impacts to Bull Trout and other fish populations in the affected watershed.
- On the Rogue-River Siskiyou and Willamette National Forests, work on critical water purveyor issues totaling almost \$990,000 was deferred.
- Over \$560,000 in trails projects to improve visitor experiences were deferred.

## PENNSYLVANIA

- On the Allegheny National Forest, a cooperative agreement with Jenks Township for road repairs did not occur, increasing the risk of road failure and requiring road closures.
- Non-native Invasive Species treatments, timber stand improvements, and numerous partnerships were canceled or deferred.
- Numerous partnerships were impacted, resulting in delayed erosion control work, NEPA inventories, delayed or canceled wetlands restoration, road decommissioning, and wildlife habitat maintenance.

# IMPACTS 2012

- A \$222,000 potable water booster system and backflow system project, at the JH Stone Nursery, was not completed. These are critical components required for the Nursery to be functional.
- Clean up on the Copper Mill site and Umatilla mine sites was delayed.
- Almost \$60,000 in critical road and trail restoration projects were deferred, resulting in negative impacts to water quality and aquatic organism habitat.
- Over \$170,000 in trails projects that help increase visitor enjoyment of National Forests were canceled or deferred.
- An \$84,000 “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.

- The Allegheny land acquisition project on the Allegheny National Forest was not funded.
- In the Eastern Region, approximately 56 MMBF of timber in FY 2013 and beyond was impacted by loss of marking contracts and agreements.
- Delayed hiring of recreation positions resulted in delays in pursuing partner and public outreach opportunities, implementing planned recreation programs and projects, and responding to visitor requests and needs.



# IMPACTS 2013

## PUERTO RICO

- Projects to improve visitor facilities and archive data on the El Yunque National Forest were canceled.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

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## SOUTH DAKOTA

- The Rare Earth project on the Black Hills National Forest was delayed due to the inability to hire a project manager.
- A \$5,000 project to clear downfall and conduct related trail maintenance in areas affected by the bark beetle was deferred, impacting 50-100 miles of trail with associated effects on recreation opportunities, outfitter-guide operations, and recreation-based community economies.
- Administration of Recreation Special Use permits for outfitter-guides and ski area applications for four season use improvements were deferred.

## TENNESSEE

- The \$35,000 Mechanical Design project for the Watauga District Office on the Cherokee National Forest was canceled.

## TEXAS

- Over 100 miles of road maintenance on the Davy Crockett National Forest was canceled.
- Over \$38,000 needed to document stolen artifacts in an Archaeological Resource Protection Act investigation was transferred; the Forest Service was unable to proceed with the case to prosecute charges against several individuals until the many looted artifacts are inventoried and valued.

# IMPACTS 2012

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- A gate installation project at the Great Plains Dispatch Center was deferred.
- A \$160,000 project to reduce hazard trees, decommission roads, and conduct travel management was deferred.
- Over \$40,000 in watershed improvement projects was deferred.
- Almost \$20,000 in wildlife management projects were delayed, deferred or canceled.

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- A \$44,000 multi-state ecosystem valuation “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.

## IMPACTS 2013

### UTAH

- Surveys unable to be completed resulted in delays in the Wasatch Watershed project on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.
- Road maintenance and bridge repairs were deferred on numerous Utah National Forests.
- The Boneville Shoreline Trail land acquisition project on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest was not funded.

## IMPACTS 2012

- Maintenance of a critical forest rental site used for environmental education was deferred on the Fishlake National Forest.
- On the Manti-La Sal National Forest, purchase of signs and road maintenance supplies was deferred.
- On the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Forest Plan monitoring was delayed.
- The Ashley National Forest cancelled re-construction of four livestock/elk exclosures used to study and compare the effects of livestock and elk grazing, including the effects on aspen.
- An agreement between the State of Utah and the Forest Service to enhance the Range Program was canceled.
- NEPA for range allotments on the Dixie National Forest was delayed.
- An agreement with the State of Utah to fund \$40,000 for the Condor effort was deferred.
- Hazardous fuels reduction projects on the Dixie National Forest were reduced.
- The Dixie National Forest cancelled a planned 100,000 seedling purchase, impacting reforestation.
- Range management monitoring on the Fishlake National Forest was deferred.
- Motorized travel planning on the Dixie National Forest was deferred.
- Road decommissioning projects on the Manti-La Sal National Forest were delayed.
- The Ashley National Forest was unable to provide information to the public; including compliance for travel management, fire, and emergencies.
- The Manti-La Sal National Forest deferred purchase of signs needed for travel management implementation.
- Purchase of equipment needed for the Fuels program on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest was canceled.
- Purchases of equipment to improve livestock distribution and range conditions on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache purchases were cancelled.

# IMPACTS 2013

## VERMONT

- Replacement of the failing Brook Culvert on the Green Mountain National Forest was deferred, requiring a road closure and limiting access to a private residence, the water supply for the Breadloaf Campus of Middlebury College, as well as to the National Forest.
- The Green Mountain land acquisition project was not funded.
- Non-native Invasive Species treatments, timber stand improvements, and numerous partnerships and agreements were canceled or deferred.
- A \$105,000 “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project to develop silvicultural methods in bird habitat, developed in partnership with State and other non-federal stakeholders, was canceled.
- A \$96,000 “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners to make landscape bases forest stewardship information widely accessible was canceled.

## VIRGINIA

- Road maintenance and road repairs on the George Washington - Jefferson National Forest were canceled.
- The George Washington-Jefferson National Forest was not able to execute an Agreement with the Virginia Department of Corrections for trail maintenance and work in developed recreation areas.
- The George Washington-Jefferson National Forest canceled a \$37,819 Agreement with The Wilderness Society for the 10 Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge.
- The George Washington-Jefferson National Forest canceled a \$5,000 Agreement with the Virginia Wilderness Committee to support the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

# IMPACTS 2012

- Wildlife habitat improvements were not completed.
- Timber stand improvement, watershed restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, invasive species treatments projects were reduced by approximately 50 percent.
- Tribal relationships are negatively impacted due to cancellation of Forest Service participation in a workshop that focused on building and economy with tribal communities through restoration of locally native plants.

- A \$44,000 multi-state ecosystem valuation “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to improve forest resilience was canceled.
- A \$45,000 “State and Private Forestry Redesign” project developed in partnership with States and other partners on non-federal lands to predict the effectiveness of forestry best practices for reducing stream sedimentation was canceled.

# IMPACTS 2013

## WASHINGTON

- The \$91,000 Snoqualmie Bunkhouse Conversion project was deferred, resulting in sub-standard housing for Forest Service employees.
- Over \$290,000 in trails projects to improve visitor experiences were deferred.

## WEST VIRGINIA

- A trespass case on the Monongahela National Forest will not be resolved this year.
- Several landline projects were not completed, resulting in reduced effectiveness in land management.

## WISCONSIN

- On the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, signal safety and Journeyman Rigging training did not occur, jeopardizing OSHA required certification and culvert and bridge installations .

# IMPACTS 2012

- Facilities maintenance at Mt. St. Helens was delayed, resulting in damaged partnerships with community groups.
- Clean up of mine sites was delayed.
- A repair to the failing HVAC system at the Olympia Forestry Sciences Lab was canceled.
- Almost \$40,000 in critical road and trail restoration projects were deferred, resulting in negative impacts to water quality and aquatic organism habitat.
- Almost \$90,000 in trails projects that help increase visitor enjoyment of National Forests were canceled or deferred.

- Delayed employee hiring resulted in delays in pursuing partner and public outreach opportunities, implementing planned recreation programs and projects, and responding to visitor requests and needs.
- Major capital improvement projects were delayed, increasing deferred maintenance costs.
- Timber stand improvement, watershed restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, and invasive species treatments projects were reduced by approximately 50 percent.
- Tribal relationships are negatively impacted due to cancellation of Forest Service participation in a workshop that focused on building and economy with tribal communities through restoration of locally native plants.

- In the Eastern Region, approximately 56 MMBF of timber in FY 2013 and beyond was impacted by loss of marking contracts and agreements.
- Timber stand improvement, watershed restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, invasive species treatments projects were reduced by approximately 50 percent.
- Tribal relationships are negatively impacted due to cancellation of Forest Service participation in a workshop that focused on building and economy with tribal communities through restoration of locally native plants.

## IMPACTS 2013

### WYOMING

- The Medicine Bow National Forest reduced bridge safety inspections.
- The Medicine Bow National Forest was unable to accomplish 20% of their real property surveys for infrastructure assets.
- Monitoring requirements identified in the Shoshone Forest Management Plan were not completed.
- A \$24,000 project to clear downfall and conduct related trail maintenance in areas affected by the bark beetle was deferred, impacting 50-100 miles of trail with associated effects on recreation opportunities, outfitter-guide operations, and recreation-based community economies.
- Permit administration projects totaling \$19,000 for land use authorizations, including communication sites, were deferred.
- Administration of Recreation Special Use permits for outfitter-guides were deferred and ski area applications for four season use improvements were deferred.
- Vegetation management on 1,500 acres was deferred.

## IMPACTS 2012

- On the Bridger-Teton National Forest, a fully handicap accessible recreation facility project was not completed.
- Recreation sites were closed early due to not being able to complete visitor health and safety activities.
- The Region had reduced response to emergencies.
- Fire rehabilitation work related to the 2011 Red Rock Fire on the Bridger-Teton National Forest was not completed.
- Trails impacted by storm damage on the Bridger-Teton National Forest were unable to be cleared.
- The Teton wastewater project was delayed.
- A \$180,000 project to reduce hazard trees, decommission roads, and conduct travel management was deferred.
- Over \$70,000 in watershed projects was deferred.
- Over \$60,000 in wildlife management projects were delayed, deferred or canceled.

Note: No impact data for 2012-2013 was reported by Forest Service Regions in the following states:  
Delaware, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island.