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National Programmatic Agreement among the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers for Phasing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Large-Scale Multi-Year Undertakings (Phasing NPA)

Report of the Phasing NPA's use during Dec. 6, 2023 – Dec. 6, 2024, pursuant to Section XI.
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Introduction

On December 6, 2021, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), and the Forest Service (Signatories) executed the *National Programmatic Agreement among the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers for Phasing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Large-Scale Multi-Year Undertakings* (Phasing NPA). This report represents the required annual report for the Phasing NPA's third reporting cycle.

The Phasing NPA requires a table of the names, location (State and Forest), types of projects reviewed under the NPA, corresponding number of disputes, Cultural Resource Stewardship Opportunities (CRSOs) adopted, and the number of HIP commitments completed and/or initiated.

A summary of the Phasing NPA's tailored Section 106 process is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/heritage/npa>.

Acronyms

CRSOs	Cultural Resource Stewardship Opportunities
Section 106	Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
HIP	Heritage Implementation Plan
Project	Defined in the Phasing NPA as an undertaking per 54 U.S.C. 300320 "a project, activity, or program funded in whole or in part under the direct or indirect jurisdiction of a Federal agency, including those carried out by or on behalf of a Federal agency; those carried out with Federal financial assistance; those requiring a Federal permit, license or approval; and those subject to State or local regulation administered pursuant to a delegation or approval by a Federal Agency."
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WUI	Wildland Urban Interface

Required Report Table

The following table provides an overview of information required by the Phasing National Programmatic Agreement.

	Project Name	Forest	State	Project Type	CRSOs adopted	Disputes	HIP issuance/ implementation status
1	Adin Pass Vegetation Project	Modoc National Forest	California	The project aims to reduce wildfire risk and to increase the ability to control wildfires within the WUI through standard forest harvesting operations, mechanical treatments, and prescribed fire activities. The proposed project may include up to 4,847 acres.	0	0	HIP issued and began initial implementation of HIP
2	Bitterroot Front Project	Bitterroot National Forest	Montana	The project aims to reduce the risk of large-scale wildfires within the WUI, improve forest conditions, and provide commercial timber products through a variety of fuel reduction treatment options including but not limited to prescribed burning and commercial thinning. Additionally, the project will include transportation management and recreation improvement activities. The project will include approximately 150,000 acres of forest lands within the WUI.	0	0	HIP not issued
3	Castle Fire Ecological Restoration Project	Sequoia National Forest	California	The project aims to reduce fuel load and conduct reforestation, wildlife habitat improvement, and hydrologic improvement activities, addressing the effects of the 2020 Castle Fire. The Sequoia National Forest proposes to use a combination of mechanical and hand treatments to remove fuels. The project will also include prescribed burns. The project will treat approximately 39,335 acres.	4	0	HIP issued and began initial implementation of HIP
4	Community Protection & Forest Recovery Project	Plumas National Forest	California	The project aims to use prescribed fire, manual, and mechanized treatments to reduce fuel loads, modify future fire behavior, and reduce future impacts of wildfire. The project will address approximately one million acres within the forest administrative boundaries.	NA	0	HIP issued and began initial implementation of HIP
5	Deschutes National Forest Fuels Maintenance	Deschutes National Forest	Oregon	The project aims to reduce fuels through mechanized and non-mechanized thinning, prescribed fire, and necessary associated fire line construction and road maintenance	0	0	HIP Issued



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	Treatment Project			to bring previously treated areas to the forest's desired condition. The project's initial estimated acreage extends across 275,000 acres.			
6	Forest-wide Prescribed Fire	Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest	Montana	The project aims to reduce wildfire risk through fuels reduction across the entire forest.	0	0	HIP under development
7	Forest-Wide Stream Crossing CE	Hiawatha National Forest	Michigan	The project aims to improve stream crossings across the Forest over the next several decades. This work is being done to improve forest health. Projects will involve replacing old and degraded culverts, dams, bridges, and fords.	NA	0	HIP under development
8	Hazardous Fuels & Fuels Management	Six Rivers National Forest	California	The project aims to reduce wildfire risk across the forest. The forest will use prescribed burning and associated fuels-reduction management tools on up to 20,000 acres per year. The Project's area of potential effect includes the 1,272,952 acres administered by the forest. The project will last approximately 10 years.	3	0	HIP issued and initiated implementation of one phase
9	Huron-Manistee Kirtland Warbler (KW) Project	Huron-Manistee National Forest	Michigan	The project aims to improve Kirtland's Warbler (KW) habitat through vegetation management activities such as timber harvest and replanting and will also include road improvements (but not new roads) to facilitate access to treatment areas. The area of potential effect is 15,888 acres within the broader 72,868-acre project boundary.	5	0	HIP under development
10	Klamath and Shasta-Trinity Forest Wide Prescribed Fire (aka KSTRx Fire)	Klamath and Shasta-Trinity National Forests	California & Oregon	The project aims to reduce the risk of large-scale wildfire across both forests spanning two states. Overall, the desired condition would be the restoration of more natural fire regimes while protecting critical social, economic, and ecological values. The project encompasses 2 million acres within the forest's administrative boundaries.			HIP under development



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11	Mendocino Fire & Fuels Management Strategy Project	Mendocino National Forest	California	The project aims to use prescribed fire, manual and mechanized treatments to reduce fuel loads, modify future fire behavior, and reduce future impacts of wildfire within and adjacent to the forest. This forest-wide project covers about 688,700 acres within the forest administrative boundaries.	11	0	HIP issued and began initial implementation of HIP
12	Mendocino Forest Wide Invasive Plant Species Project	Mendocino National Forest	California	The project aims to reduce the extent and spread of invasive plant infestations that threaten forest resources in a timely and cost-effective manner, while protecting human health. The total acres of the forest-wide project are expected to cover approximately 974,260 acres (including areas located out of the forest's boundary) and the project is expected to last at least 20 years.	4	0	HIP under development
13	Windy Fire Ecological Restoration Project	Sequoia National Forest	California	The project aims to reduce wildfire risk through fuels reduction, reforestation and to improve wildlife habitat and hydrologic conditions, addressing the effects of the 2021 Windy Fire through a combination of mechanical and hand treatments to remove fuels. The project encompasses 16,977-acres of lands administered by the forest adjacent to the Tule River Indian Tribe of California reservation.	4	0	HIP issued and began initial implementation of HIP