

Resource: The National Partnership Office (NPO)

Purpose

Partnerships across the Forest Service allow the agency to better fulfill its mission and provide inclusive service to the American people and the planet. The National Partnership Office (NPO), a small team based out of the Washington Office, facilitates partnership development across the Forest Service. NPO is driven by its commitment to the agency's core values of conservation, diversity, interdependence, safety, and service. Underlying all areas, NPO's work is driven by the need to scout opportunity, innovate, and think long-term about leveraging new and existing opportunities through partnership.

To facilitate development of meaningful collaboration across all levels and deputy areas of the agency, the National Partnership Office:

Shares partnership guidance

NPO provides national-level guidance on partnership development and implementation by leading communities of practice like the Partnership Core Group and the Conservation Finance Community. NPO develops trainings and presentations for practitioners focused on grants and agreements, creative financing, diversity and inclusion, corporate sustainability, and other partnership essentials.

Encourages a culture of partnership

NPO encourages an agency-wide culture of partnership through success-sharing and engagement of leadership. NPO advances partnership-driven work by identifying barriers and opportunities for partnership success and by embedding partnership thinking into national initiatives and processes.

Provides project support

NPO provides support to partnership-driven projects and on-site and remote consultations to build partnership strategies and develop financing strategies that leverage non-traditional sources of capital to support priority projects.

Leads national partnerships

NPO manages several agency-wide partnerships that impact multiple regions, including a partnership with the USFS congressionally designated partner the National Forest Foundation (NFF). NPO also manages national programs, such as the Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) Grant Program and the Forest Service's participation in the Every Kid Outdoors Program.

Helpful links and resources

[Forest Service Partnerships](#)

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