



Forest Service ACES Program is back! What NEW Solutions enrollees should know!

The November 16, 2023 Continuing Resolution extended the Farm Bill and that allowed the Forest Service to extend the ACES Master Agreement. When the Forest Service extended the Master Agreement, they issued direction about how the FS ACES program would be managed. [Here is a link to that letter.](#)

The key takeaways we see for our enrollees are:

- a. The previously existing Supplemental Project Agreements (SPAs) that directed and funded your work prior to October 1, 2023 can be extended if there is valid funding remaining in the SPA, and the continuing need for the work. A “date-only” Modification is used to extend the date of the existing SPA until as late as September 30, 2024. No new money may be added previously existing SPAs.
- b. A new SPA is required if there is new money to fund work. Developing new SPAs generally takes more time than creating a Modification for a date-only extension.
- c. Some SPA Program Managers are choosing to close their agreements.

Getting you back to work as an FS ACES Enrollee

1. If your Forest Service ACES Program Manager wants to continue the project, they begin that process by working with their Line Officer and Grants and Agreements staff to get fully signed documents (SPA or Modifications) over to NEW Solutions.
2. Once we get the fully signed documents, we will contact the Monitor to get the Enrollee's reactivation date. Enrollees will be included in the email conversations regarding a reactivation date.
3. You may begin working on or after you have been given your reactivation date. Your ADP account may take a few days to come online. If you can't access your timecard, please contact Support@newsolutions.org.

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