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FY2025 Extension of Supplemental Project Agreements (SPAs) under ACES Master Agreements

The authorization for Forest Service participation in the ACES program will be extended under the <u>Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act</u>, 2025, through December 21, 2024.

The WO OG&A Operations Branch is currently processing the modifications to extend the two ACES Master Agreements through December 21, 2024.

This document serves as a blanket deviation authorization to extend current SPAs tiered to one of the two Master Agreements for ACES enrollees through December 21, 2024.

Regions/Stations may extend existing SPAs through December 21, 2024, under the following conditions:

- Unexpended funds obligated to the SPA must be available in fiscal year 2025. *Please Note: If any unexpended funds on the agreement expire on or before September 30, 2024, these funds must be de-obligated simultaneously with the extension modification.*
- Original bona fide need of the SPA remains for continuation of work.
- SPAs may be modified to include additional funds to continue work through December 21, 2024.
- SPAs cannot be extended until the Master Agreements have been formally extended in the NRM application.
- Due to the minimal extension time authorized, no new SPAs are to be executed.

This letter must be attached in NRM with any modification to extend an ACES SPA that meets the above criteria.