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**61.2 - Exhibit 02**

**Examples of Appropriate Stewardship Contracting Activities**

1. Road and trail maintenance or obliteration to restore or maintain water quality.
  - a. Obliterate and restore productivity on unneeded roads and travel ways.
  - b. Install gates or traffic control barriers.
  - c. Clear trails within an area or obliterate and relocate a section of trail to improve water quality.
  - d. Road maintenance in those areas needed to reduce degradation of water quality.
  - e. Repair/replacement of an outhouse in a primitive campsite currently degrading water quality.
2. Soil productivity, habitat for wildlife and fisheries, or other resource values.
  - a. Rip or till compacted soils.
  - b. Replace a culvert obstructing fish passage to benefit fisheries.
  - c. Enhance special forest product harvest opportunities through appropriate site treatments.
  - d. Construct nest boxes, tree cavities, guzzlers, or water catchments.
  - e. Restore an area burned by wildfire.
  - f. Maintenance/refurbishment of existing established land lines if needed to complete other work items in a stewardship contract/agreement.
3. Setting of prescribed fires to: reduce wildfire hazards, improve the composition, structure, condition, and health of forest stands; or to improve wildlife habitat.
  - a. Conduct prescribed burns to reduce fuels.
  - b. Conduct prescribed burns to enhance forest and rangeland ecosystems.
  - c. Conduct prescribed burns to enhance wildlife habitat.

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4. Removing vegetation or other activities to promote healthy forest stands, reduce wildfire hazards, or achieve other land management objectives.
  - a. Remove biomass to reduce fuel hazard.
  - b. Masticate or mow surface and ladder fuels.
  - c. Thin trees to enhance growth or improve resistance to insects and disease.
  - d. Allow grazing of a fuel break outside an allotment to reduce fire hazard.
  - e. Remove forage outside allotments to reduce fire hazard.
  - f. Maintain or establish water sources (stock tanks, guzzlers).
5. Watershed restoration and maintenance.
  - a. Plant riparian vegetation and stabilize stream banks.
  - b. Place large woody debris in streams to control stream temperature and provide vegetative cover.
  - c. Clean up existing landslide debris.
  - d. Conduct fire rehabilitation and restoration work.
6. Restoration and maintenance of wildlife and fish habitat.
  - a. Manipulate vegetation to improve habitat connectivity.
  - b. Improve or enhance wetland habitat.
  - c. Maintain, establish, or create permanent wildlife openings and fish structures.
7. Control of noxious and exotic weeds and reestablishment of native plant species.
  - a. Treat noxious weeds.
  - b. Plant American chestnut seedlings.

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## **61.21 - Limitations on Use of Stewardship Contracting**

Do not use stewardship contracts or retained receipts (sec. 67.2) generated by stewardship contracts for the following activities or similar activities listed in 61.21, exhibit 01.

### **61.21 - Exhibit 01**

#### **Examples of Inappropriate Stewardship Contracting Activities**

1. Forest Service overhead costs.
  - a. Utilities.
  - b. Rent.
  - c. Office rental.
2. Forest Service salaries for contract design, preparation, or administration.
  - a. District staff salary.
  - b. Contracting officer salary.
  - c. Engineering staff salary.
3. Project planning or environmental analysis.
  - a. NEPA contract.
  - b. Interdisciplinary team salary.
  - c. Preparation of burn plans.
4. Construction of administrative facilities or major developed recreation facilities.
  - a. Construction of visitor information centers.
  - b. Construction of warehouses.
  - c. Construction of office space.
  - d. Construction of developed campgrounds.

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5. Utilization of forage within an allotment that could be authorized through a grazing permit.
  - a. Allowing grazing within an allotment boundary to reduce fire hazard.
6. Protection, operation, or maintenance of improvements resulting from stewardship projects.
  - a. Maintenance of nest boxes installed through stewardship contracting.
7. Inventories.
  - a. Cultural resource surveys.
  - b. Silvicultural needs survey.
  - c. Threatened, endangered, and sensitive species surveys.
8. Research.
  - a. Research on the effectiveness of thinning on fire behavior.
9. Preparation and planning of administrative studies.
  - a. Setting up a study area and control to study the effects of thinning on fuels.
10. Land Acquisition.
  - a. All activities associated with land exchanges or acquisition.
  - b. Surveying and location of national forest boundaries.