

Pacific Southwest Region Partnerships FY2006

"As many of you are aware, building and sustaining partnerships has been a passion of mine for a long time.The time has never been better for the Forest Service to strengthen and build new relationships and partnerships to help us be better stewards of our public lands."

Bernie Weingardt, Regional Forester



The Power of People Working Together

The Forest Service (FS) Centennial celebration in 2005 brought a fresh reminder of the rich history of the Agency. The past 100 years have included numerous examples of the FS working with others to accomplish the FS Mission. The future includes unlimited opportunities to expand our involvement of partners in the daily stewardship of our resources.

Newly re-vitalized in FY05, the R5 Partnership Office encourages you to Join Us! in meeting the needs of our public lands through further engagement of others in our work.

R5 Partnership Office Purpose:

- Provide leadership, coordination, and assistance in helping R5 employees and partners build capacity to work together.
- Share information, opportunities and tools to support the needs of employees and partners.
- Facilitate communication between the WO, RO, and forests and among functional areas, to increase our effectiveness and ability to leverage opportunities.
- Identify and establish ways to monitor and measure partnerships and collaborative activities.
- Tell our stories.

Highlights of Regional Partnership Office Goals for FY06:

- Publish the first annual report to highlight partnership successes.
- Strengthen relationships with partners (including the National Forest Foundation).
- Enhance communication networks within the Forest Service.
- Host the 2006 National Partnership meeting in R5.
- Assist with business plan implementation utilizing Partnership strategies.
- Facilitate partnership/collaboration training opportunities.
- Provide forums and support to facilitate grant development.

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For additional contacts and information on R5 Partnerships, visit the Partnership Resource Center, R5 pages at: <http://www.partnershipresourcecenter.org/working-locally/fs-pacific-southwest/>

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The PRC provides online resources for building vibrant partnerships and effective collaboration on the nation's forests, grasslands, and other special places. The internet website is a joint project of the National Forest Foundation (NFF) and the USDA Forest Service (FS).



Partnership Guide at: <http://partnershipresourcecenter.org/resources/partnership-guide/>

The Partnership Guide, produced by the FS and the NFF, is a tool to help FS employees, experienced partners, and first-time or potential partners work together more effectively and efficiently. The guide answers common questions about the agency's policies and procedures, helps partnerships anticipate potential hurdles, and provides contacts and resources to help users find more specific guidance.