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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Peter Paquet, Subbasin Technical Coordinator

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Regional Technical Support Inter Governmental Agreement with the United States Forest Service)

Proposed Action

Staff recommends that the Council authorize the Executive Director to continue funding the existing Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) that provides technical support to subbasin planners in the development of the terrestrial and wildlife components of subbasin biological assessments throughout the Columbia Basin. The IGA is in effect until January 14, 2004. This work is a component of Master Contract Level III tasks # 2.7, 2.8, and 2.10. The total projected cost is \$9,570.

Background

Under the existing IGA between the USFS and the Council, the USFS is making available the services of Dr. Bruce Marcot who is providing assistance to subbasin planners on the use of the Interactive Biodiversity Information System (IBIS) as an analytical tool for subbasin assessments. Various components of the system are being used throughout the region to meet the specific needs of the individual subbasin planners and Dr. Marcot is providing valuable assistance in meeting the specific needs of those conducting assessments. The IGA with the USFS runs through January 14, 2004, but the funding was approved for work performed in FY 03. The FY 2003 funding in the amount of \$33,000 and has been expended. Approval of this request will allow for the completion of the above tasks during the FY 2004 performance period (October 1, 2003 - January 14, 2004).

Proposed Schedule and Budget

Work under this IGA will be complete by January 14, 2004. Proposed funding for this contract will not exceed \$9,570.

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