

***INTERAGENCY AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT***  
**FOR THE**  
**ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE**  
**SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE COOPERATIVE**

THIS INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 10 day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, by and between U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, Southern Region, National Forest Systems, and Southeastern Forest Experiment Station; Tennessee Valley Authority; Economic Development Administration; U.S. Department of Energy, and the Appalachian Regional Commission, all of which represent several land management and planning agencies with interests in the general area of the Southern Appalachian Mountains, hereby join together for a common and specific purpose.

ARTICLE I.           BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the parties to this interagency cooperative agreement, pursuant to their respective statutory authorizations, are engaged in programs and projects intended to further conservation and development of the natural, cultural, and economic resources within the Southern Appalachian region of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, the Man and Biosphere Program was formed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization for the purpose of building a harmonious relationship between man and the environment on a scientific basis; and the United States Man and Biosphere Program cooperates with the international program for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the International Coordinating Council of the Man and Biosphere Program has recognized the Southern Appalachian region as one of the most suitable areas in the world for developing a model cooperative natural and cultural resource program because of its unique and globally significant natural ecosystem and its wealth of scientific expertise; and

WHEREAS, all parties to this agreement wish to join in a common effort: to promote the wise use of the area's renewable resources; to increase environmental awareness of the general public; to encourage environmentally compatible economic development; to support and encourage continuing research helpful to the maintenance and understanding of the region's resources; and to embark upon a process which ensures the sharing and circulation of the results of regional research efforts, and

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are empowered by various federal codes and statutes to enter into this agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Economy Act of 1932, as amended, 31 U.S.C. 1535 (Interagency Agreements), provides for federal agencies to enter into agreements establishing mutual policies, objectives, and cooperative relationships, and

WHEREAS, this interagency agreement may be used to pool funds and human resources for a common purpose, and

WHEREAS, all parties to the agreement recognize this joint effort will engender the further development of additional agreements with appropriate public and private agencies.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and in the interest of mutual advantage for the attainment of common objectives, the parties to this agreement hereto desire to cooperate and mutually agree to:

## ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF WORK

- 1) Establish a Southern Appalachian Man and the Biosphere Cooperative (SAMAB). The cooperative shall be managed and directed through an executive committee comprised of one representative from each party to this agreement. The executive committee shall establish program policies consistent with the cooperative's objectives.
- 2) Cooperate with regional, state, and local governments, individuals, and other interested organizations to develop a land ethic that recognizes the importance of ecologically sound management of natural and cultural resources.
- 3) Identify principal environmental and developmental issues related to the objectives of the cooperative. This will be accomplished through a series of conferences and meetings with interested groups and individuals.
- 4) Undertake an ongoing and comprehensive effort to identify long-term, sustainable, and ecologically sound, economic development opportunities.
- 5) Undertake cooperative research and resource management initiatives which are regional in scope and disseminate resulting information from these activities.
- 6) Develop and implement a voluntary environmental education program with the public school systems of the region and with other interested organizations.
- 7) Establish cooperative relationships with state, local, and other federal entities within the region.
- 8) Produce and disseminate informational materials appropriate to this project.
- 9) Empower the executive committee to establish a Southern Appalachian Biosphere Coordinating Office which can provide the expertise and labor to carry out the functions desired by the parties to this agreement.

### ARTICLE III. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be evaluated and reviewed no later than two years after its implementation at which time recommendations for improvements and modifications shall be considered by all parties. Any amendment or modification to this agreement shall be in writing agreed upon by all signatories and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto and incorporated into this agreement by reference.

### ARTICLE IV. KEY OFFICIALS

Gary Everhardt, Blue Ridge Parkway  
Bjorn Dahl, U.S. Forest Service  
Randall R. Pope, Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
John T. Shields, Tennessee Valley Authority  
Boyd B. Rose, Economic Development Administration  
Marvin Meier, U.S. Forest Service, Atlanta  
James D. Brown, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Charles C. Van Sickle, Southeastern Forest Experiment Station,  
U.S.D.A. Forest Service  
R.I. Van Hook, Department of Energy

### ARTICLE V. AWARD

This basic agreement does not provide for any financial obligation and is a vehicle for determining agency agreement on basic premises, goals, and objectives. Subsequent work requiring the transfer of funds between member agencies may be made by amendment of this basic document with the approval of the participating agencies and the chairperson of the executive committee.

### ARTICLE VI. TERMINATION

Agencies can terminate their participation in the Southern Appalachian Man and the Biosphere Cooperative by providing written 60 days notice to all signatory parties.

### ARTICLE VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND APPLICABLE CIRCULARS

The General Provisions attached hereto and the applicable references to federal circulars referenced therein are made a part of this agreement.

## SIGNATURES

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Robert M. Baker  
Regional Director  
Southeast Region  
National Park Service

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Marvin Meier  
Deputy Regional Forester  
Southern Region  
U.S.D.A. Forest Service

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James W. Pulliam  
Regional Director  
Southeast Region  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Charles E. Oxley  
Regional Director  
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J. Lamar Beasley  
Director, Southeastern Forest  
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William F. Willis  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer  
Tennessee Valley Authority

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Helen M. McCammon  
Director, Ecological Research Division,  
U.S. Department of Energy

SUPPLEMENTS ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL COOPERATIVE MEMBERS

**SUPPLEMENT #2 (September 22, 1989)**

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

/s/

Greer C. Tidwell

Regional Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV

**SUPPLEMENT #3 (December 6, 1990)**

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

/s/

James L. Cook, Regional Hydrologist

Southern Region, Water Resources Division

U.S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey

**SUPPLEMENT #4 (September 18, 1991)**

STATE OF GEORGIA

/s/

Zell Miller, Governor

State of Georgia

**SUPPLEMENT #5 (May 12, 1993)**

N.C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

/s/

Jonathan B. Howes, Secretary

Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources

State of North Carolina

**SUPPLEMENT #6 (April 1, 1994)**

NATIONAL BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

/s/

F. Eugene Hester, Deputy Director

National Biological Survey

Department of Interior

**SUPPLEMENT #7 (July 24, 1994)**

TN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

J.W. Luna, Commissioner

Department of Environment and Conservation

State of Tennessee

**SUPPLEMENT #8 (October 31, 1994)**

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

/s/

Ralph V. Locurcio, Brigadier General  
Division Engineer  
South Atlantic Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

/s/

Albert J. Genetti, Jr., Major General  
Division Engineer  
Ohio River Division  
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

**SUPPLEMENT #9 (November 14, 1994)**

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

/s/

Jessie L. White, Jr.  
Federal Co-Chairman  
Appalachian Regional Commission

**SUPPLEMENT #10 (February 15, 1996)**

U.S.D.A. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

/s/

P. Dwight Holman  
Regional Conservationist  
Southeast Regional Office  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service