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## Re: Draft Collaborative Engagement Agreement for the Mad Roaring Mills Landscape Restoration Project

Dear District Ranger Grover-Wier,

This letter is a request from the North Central Washington Forest Health Collaborative (NCWFHC) to the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF) to jointly develop a collaborative engagement Agreement for Mad Roaring Mills Landscape Restoration Project (MRM). We believe there is a need to create a well-defined project-level Agreement (see attached working draft Agreement Matrix) to help us support District staff in planning and implementing the MRM project.

We ask that the OWNF leadership consider and respond to the attached working draft MRM Agreement (matrix), which is built from the 12 Touchpoints identified in the NCWFHC-OWNF collaborative engagement Framework. The MRM Agreement is provided as a visual to demonstrate potential project collaboration touchpoints, including monitoring and the desired amount and intensity of collaboration. Interested NCWFHC members and Project Work Group participants will be most involved with development of this and other project Agreements.

Given that District leadership and staff will have the best sense for Touchpoints and timing, we will be requesting further discussion with the District to refine this initial draft Agreement. Please respond to Mike Liu, NCWFHC Projects Work Group (PWG) co-chair, with any ideas, concerns, or recommended adjustments the District identifies to improve this initial draft project Agreement. We look forward to follow-up discussion among PWG participants and OWNF and District staff to share ideas and advance this important Agreement and help accomplish the MRM Landscape Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

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