



# The USDA Forest Service Update for FY 2008

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# National Level Funding History

- FY 2004: \$1,071,000
  - Tongass NF Contract \$500,000
  - NAIP Projects \$571,000
  
- FY 2005: \$ 841,000
  - All to NAIP Projects
  
- FY 2006: \$1,650,000
  - \$1,600,000 to NAIP
  - \$50,000 to MRLC
  
- FY 2007: \$1,567,500
  - 5% Reduction from FY 2006
  - Chugach NF Contract, est. \$ 200,000
  - Puerto Rico High Resolution \$ 25,000
  - NAIP Projects \$1,342,500
  
- FY 2008: \$1,650,000 (?)
  - Chugach NF Contract, est: \$ 500,000
  - NAIP Projects \$1,145,000
  - Travel \$ 5,000



# Forest Service “Transformation”

- Reorganization of Forest Service Washington Office and Regional Offices
  - Optimize performance and support to field
  - Reduce budgets at these levels by 25% over 2 year period
  - Does not extend to National Forests and District Offices
  - Does not include Research and State and Private Forestry
- Phase 1 and Phase 2 completed September 2007
- National Leadership Team is reconsidering recommendations
  - No timeline for decision
  - “Soft” Hiring Freeze in place at WO/RO until completed



# Forest Service Requirement for Stereo Orthoimagery

- Forest Service Remote Sensing Steering Committee request
- Regions and Forests are reducing or eliminating resource photography programs
- NAIP is not able to meet all requirements
  - Stereo imagery at 1-meter resolution would add significant functionality
- Requests NDOP Technical Subcommittee to study issue



# Lidar Activities – Part 1

- Three proposals to FS Remote Sensing Steering Committee
  - Coronado NF: Specifications for Lidar data acquisition
  - Wayne NF: evaluation of statewide Lidar acquisition (March 2008 delivery)
  - NF in Florida evaluation of Lidar data



# Lidar Activities – Part 2

- Colville NF (Washington State) RFP for Lidar data acquisition (AG-05G1-S-07-0043.)
  - Basically 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> return Lidar data to support fire fuel assessment program
  - Email from John P. on day RFP closed
    - “Surveying is considered to be an architectural and engineering service and shall be procured pursuant to 36.601 from registered surveyors or architects or engineers.”
    - “The services you are requesting have traditionally been considered A/E related surveying and mapping services. Virtually identical services are regularly contracted for by the Corps of Engineers, using the QBS process”
    - “Moreover, the LIDAR survey work in your contract solicitation constitutes the practice of surveying in the State of Washington.”



# Regional Reports

- Region 1 – No resource photography, will do post-fire collections as needed
- Region 8 – No planned activities
- Region 9 – No planned activities

