

**COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT
REIMBURSABLE
between
COCHISE COUNTY (COOPERATOR)
and
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS)**

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to conduct wildlife damage management (WDM) activities to reduce the probability of transmission of plague and rabies to human populations, protect residential areas from damage and predation by wild animals, and manage losses to crops and livestock from damage and predation caused by wild and feral animals.

ARTICLE 2 - AUTHORITY

APHIS WS has statutory authority under the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468; 7 U.S.C.426-426b) as amended, and the Act of December 22, 1987 (101 Stat. 1329-331, 7 U.S.C. 426c), for the Secretary of Agriculture to cooperate with States, individuals, public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions in the control of wild mammals and birds that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases, or are injurious or a nuisance to, among other things, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry, wildlife, and public health and safety.

ARTICLE 3 - MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Cooperator and WS agree:

- a. To confer and plan a WDM program that addresses the need for managing conflicts caused by vertebrate animals in *Cochise County*. Based on this consultation, WS will formulate annually, in writing, the program work plan and associated budget and present them to the Cooperator for approval.
- b. Each year The Cooperator and APHIS-WS must agree to and sign the annual Work and Financial Plans, which upon execution are incorporated into this Agreement by reference.
- c. That APHIS-WS has advised the Cooperator that other private sector service providers may be available to provide wildlife management services and notwithstanding these other options, Cooperator requests that APHIS-WS provide wildlife management services as stated under the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 - COOPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Cooperator agrees:

- a. To designate Mark Dannels, Sheriff Cochise County, 205 North Judd Drive, Bisbee, Arizona, 85603 (520)432-9500 as the authorized representative who shall be responsible for collaboratively administering the activities conducted in this Agreement;
- b. To reimburse APHIS-WS for costs, not to exceed the annually approved amount specified in the Work and Financial Plan. If costs are projected to exceed the amount reflected in the Financial Plan, the Work

and Financial Plan shall be formally revised and signed by both parties before services resulting in additional costs are performed. The Cooperator agrees to pay all costs of service submitted via an invoice within 30 days of the date of the submitted invoice or invoices as submitted by APHIS-WS. Late payments are subject to interest, penalties, and administrative charges and costs as set forth under the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. If the Cooperator is delinquent in paying the full amount of the due service costs submitted by APHIS-WS, and/or is delinquent in paying the due late payments, and/or is delinquent in paying the interest, penalties, and/or administrative costs on any delinquent due service costs, APHIS-WS will immediately cease to provide the respective service associated with the submitted service costs. APHIS-WS will not reinstate or provide the respective service until all due service costs, and/or due late payments, and/or due interest, penalty, and/or administrative costs are first paid in full.

- c. To provide a Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number in compliance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996.
- d. As a condition of this Agreement, The Cooperator ensures and certifies that it is not currently debarred or suspended and is free of delinquent Federal debt.

ARTICLE 5 – WS RESPONSIBILITIES

WS agrees:

- a. To designate David Bergman, Arizona WS State Director, 8836 N. 23rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85021 (602)870-2081 as the authorized representative who shall be responsible for collaboratively administering the activities conducted in this Agreement;
- b. The performance of wildlife damage management actions by WS under this agreement is contingent upon a determination by WS that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable environmental statutes. WS will not make a final decision to conduct requested wildlife damage management actions until it has made the determination of such compliance;
- c. To provide qualified personnel and other resources necessary to implement the approved WDM activities delineated in the Work and Financial Plan referenced in 3.a of this Agreement.
- d. To bill the Cooperator for costs incurred in performing WDM activities as authorized in the approved annual Work and Financial Plan as may be amended.
- e. To notify the Cooperator if costs are projected to exceed the amounts estimated and agreed upon in the Financial Plan. WS will cease providing goods or services until a revision to the Work and Financial Plan, as appropriate, have been agreed to and signed by both parties to this Agreement.
- f. Authorized auditing representatives of the Cooperator shall be accorded reasonable opportunity to inspect the accounts and records of WS pertaining to such claims for reimbursement to the extent permitted by Federal laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 6 – WS CONDITIONS

For costs borne by WS, this agreement is contingent upon the passage of the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act for the current fiscal year from which expenditures may be legally met and shall not obligate APHIS upon failure of Congress to so appropriate. This Agreement also may be reduced or

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Tax Identification Number: 41-0696271

State Director, Arizona

Date

Director, Western Region

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