

Agreement No. 15-GN-11091300-109

CNNF Wildlife Species of Concern Survey Project

APPENDIX C: Statement of Work

New Project

I. Project Description:

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II. Objectives:

1. Sustain current and increase survey efforts to improve management of these Sensitive species on the CNNF land base, allowing better effects analysis for Forest Plan accomplishment.
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III. Tasks and Timeline

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| June 2021 – Dec. 2023 | Great Divide | Small mammal survey and assessment of forest management impacts on American marten prey in select forest types | Survey in selected forest stands within district. Study area is approximately 10,000 acres. | \$112,700 |

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