

***Draft* PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM**

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FOR: DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

SUBJECT: Guidance Implementing Executive Order [insert #], Titled “Restoring the Rule of Law and Federalism by Ensuring Coordination with State and Local Governments.”

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) 43 U.S.C. §§ 1701-1784, National Forest Management Act (NFMA), 16 U.S.C. §§ 1600-1614, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4370e, and their corresponding regulations, require that the inventory, planning and management activities of Federal agencies be coordinated with the plans, policies and programs of State and local governments. Executive Order [Insert #] directs the agencies to implement coordination with State and local governments.

Federal agencies are required to coordinate their land use plans, policies and programs with the plans, policies and programs of State and local governments. The purpose of such coordination is to make certain that Federal management of lands and resources is consistent with the plans, policies and programs of State and local governments to the greatest extent possible.

Such coordination is essential to avoid conflicts with the States and their local governments while effectively managing Federal lands and resources. Coordination also ensures that management objectives are met in the least disruptive fashion and without harming local communities and their citizens.

Finally, coordination is intended to resolve issues and problems at the local level, where the impacts of the Federal management activities are often most pronounced, and for Federal agencies to be accountable to the States and local governments for those impacts. To achieve these objectives, Federal agencies must coordinate on a regular basis with State and local governments on all activities that may impact local communities and the resources on which they depend, seeking to maintain consistency with the plans, policies and programs of State and local governments.

The following policies on coordinating Inventory, Planning and Management Activities with State and local governments provide the minimum requirements for coordination that shall be incorporated into the guidance policies of the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture and Council on Environmental Quality.

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President