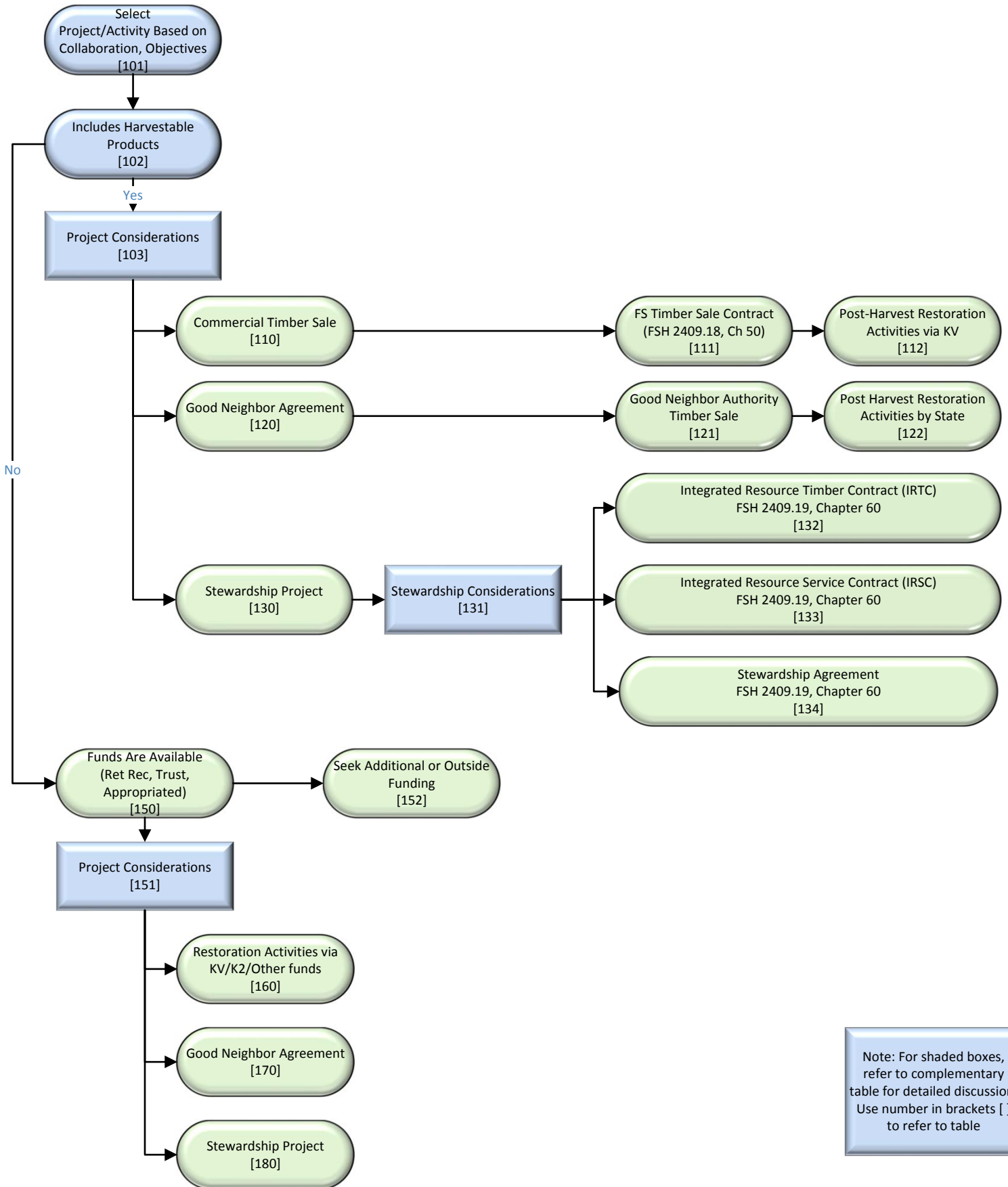


# US Forest Service Forest Restoration - Best Tool Decision Tree



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Decision Considerations**

Decision Point	Discussion of Decision Point	Decision Factors to Consider	References/ Authorities
101 - Select Project/Activity Based on Collaboration, Objectives	Projects should be selected based on the needs of the forest and the goals of the Forest Plan. Collaboration with partners should be done at this step so all involved will have input on the activities that will be implemented. See FS-ECM website for more information on developing a collaborative or how to best implement a collaboration effort.	Up-front collaboration with government agencies (Federal, State, local), Tribal governments, local communities, non-governmental organizations, and any interested groups or individuals (NEPA scoping is not adequate collaboration).	FS-EMC Website, FSH 2409.18, Ch 10
		What potential activities are best based on the condition of the resource.	
		There are organizations interested in completing restoration treatments through an agreement	
102 - Includes Harvestable Products	Projects are evaluated for harvestable products that will help decide if there is the potential to generate funds to implement restoration activities.	Inventory estimates.	FSH 2409.18 (Timber Sales)
		Logging opportunities.	Timber Sales
		New or innovative products.	FSH 2409.19, Chapter 60 (Stewardship)
103 – Project Considerations	As projects are identified, there are many decisions or issues that need to be evaluated to decide what tool(s) to pick for implementation. There is not one definite answer to the decision.	Does the proposed action meet one of the seven land management goals contained in the Stewardship law?	Stewardship
		Economically Feasible	Timber Sales
		Industry Interest & Capability	
		FS Programs Impacts	
		Can you combine harvest with restoration	Stewardship
		Is Best Value Award appropriate?	Stewardship
		Opportunity to trade goods for services	Stewardship
		Our capacity to prep, implement and monitor	Stewardship/GNA
		Funding available or needed?	Stewardship
		Promote local workforce or industry	
		Willing partners	Stewardship/GNA
		Opportunity to bundle several contracts into one and treat a larger landscape scale.	Stewardship
Contract term of up to 20 years	Stewardship		
Small Business set aside potential	FSH 2409.18		
131/151 - Stewardship Considerations	There are many factors that go into deciding which type of stewardship contract is selected. FSH 2409.19, Chapter 60 discusses the various instruments available for the user to select which route to take. The most important factor in this decision is whether there is harvestable products that will be removed and how much value this will yield.	Partner Interest with Cost Share, Mutual Benefit, Mutual Interest	Stewardship, FSH 2409.19, Chapter 60
		Need for IDIQ?	
		Will FS cooperatively develop, plan and implement project	
		Does the cost of the service work items exceed the value of the forest products?	