# Mayor's Office: Council Agenda Item Request Form

This form and supporting documents (if applicable) are due the Wednesday before the COW meeting by noon.

Date Received	
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Date of Request	March 20, 2018		
Requesting Staff Member	Rick Graham, Deputy Mayor		
Requested Council Date	March 27, 2018		
Topic/Discussion Title	Collection Agreement between SL County and the US Department of Agriculture/Forest Service – Avalanche Program Management		
Description	The US Forest Service is charged with the responsibility to increase public education, appreciation and knowledge of the natural environment and its value in providing natural resource recreation opportunities. The US Forest Service is a leader in avalanche technology, risk communications and education. The County, in partnership with the US Forest Service will pay the Forest Service to provide a variety of avalanche education programs, advisories and materials to county residents.		
Requested Action <sup>1</sup>	Consent and approval of Resolution		
Presenter(s)	Rick Graham		
Time Needed <sup>2</sup>	<5		
Time Sensitive <sup>3</sup>	Yes, current agreement has expired.		
Specific Time(s) <sup>4</sup>	No		
Please attach the supporting documentation you plan to provide for the packets to this form. While not ideal, if supporting documents are not yet ready, you can still submit them by 10 am the Friday morning prior to the COW agenda. Items without documentation may be taken off for consideration at that COW meeting.	See attached Resolution and Agreement		

What you will ask the Council to do (e.g., discussion only, appropriate money, adopt policy/ordinance) - in

specific terms.

<sup>2</sup> Assumed to be 10 minutes unless otherwise specified.

<sup>3</sup> Urgency that the topic to scheduled on the requested date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> If important to schedule at a specific time, list a few preferred times.

TO:

Aimee Winder-Newton, Chair

Salt Lake County Council

FROM:

Rick Graham, Deputy Mayor

DATE:

March 19, 2018

RE:

Council Transmittal - Collection Agreement Between SL County and the United

States Department of Agriculture/Forest Service

National forests provide the settings for much of the winter recreation opportunities in the County. The US Forest Service has the responsibility to increase public education, appreciation and knowledge of the natural environment and its value in providing natural resource recreation opportunities. The US Forest Service also has the responsibility to manage multiple activities on the national forest for the benefit or SL County residents. The US Forest Service is a leader in avalanche technology, risk communication and education.

This Collection Agreement has a term of five (5) years and it replaces an agreement that expired in October, 2017. Under this Agreement the County agrees to pay the US Forest Service \$43,000 for services provided; back country and avalanche reports, avalanche advisories, avalanche warning, education materials and programs made available to the general public. These services will be made available daily through the internet, telephone hotline, radio stations, emails, brochures, posters, trailhead displays, public service announcement and free education classes.

The benefit county residents receive is increased public safety during the winter months and when avalanche danger is high, educational opportunities and the opportunity to increase awareness and understanding or the rewards and risks of outdoor recreation.

Either party, in writing may terminate the Agreement in whole, or in part at any time before the date of expiration.

Funding for the expense is already included in the 2018 budget. The Department of Public Works-Municipal Services will manage the agreement.

### SALT LAKE COUNTY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO	, 2018
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL LAKE COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES DE U.S. FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REG NATIONAL FOREST FOR AVALANCHE SAFE	EPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GION UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE
WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section	on 11-13-202.5, an interlocal
agreement that provides for a public agency to share taxes or	other revenue must be approved by
the public agency's legislative body; and	
WHEREAS, an interlocal agreement is being propose	ed wherein Salt Lake County will
contribute funds to the United States Forest Service to assist	in its avalanche safety program,
which services the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County	within the Wasatch Canyons. A
copy of this Collection Agreement Between Salt Lake Count	y and the United States Department
of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Intermountain Region Uir	nta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
("Agreement") is attached hereto as "Exhibit 1";	
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sa	alt Lake County Council hereby
approves the attached Agreement, the effective date being the	e date it is filed with the keeper of
records of each of the Parties to the Agreement.	
APPROVED and ADOPTED in Salt Lake City, Salt l	Lake County, Utah this day
of, 2018.	

## SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

Aimee Winder Newton, Council Chair
Council Member Bradley voting Council Member Bradshaw voting Council Member Burdick voting Council Member DeBry voting Council Member Wilson voting Council Member Granato voting Council Member Jensen voting Council Member Snelgrove voting Council Member Newton voting
APPROVED AS TO FORM  District Attorney  Print Name



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FS Agreement No.	18-CO-11041914-023			
County Agreement No.				

# COLLECTION AGREEMENT Between SALT LAKE COUNTY And The UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST

This COLLECTION AGREEMENT is hereby entered into by and between Salt Lake County, hereinafter referred to as "the County", and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service," under the provisions of the Cooperative Funds Act of June 30, 1914 (16 U.S.C. 498, as ammended by Pub L. 104-127).

Background: The U.S. Forest Service, Utah Avalanche Center provides critical avalanche information to the public in the form of daily avalanche advisories, daily mountain weather forecasts, avalanche warnings and watches, when necessary and avalanche education to the public. Although avalanche control with explosives occurs at each ski area and on the slopes above highways, almost all avalanche accidents occur in the backcountry—areas where no avalanche control is conducted. Winter recreation in the backcountry of Utah is very popular and it has become an important part of the winter economy in Utah as well as recreation opportunities for the public. Services provided by the U.S. Forest Service, Utah Avalanche Center provide critical information that saves lives through the prevention of avalanche accidents.

This Collection Agreement, #18-CO-11041914-023, supersedes and replaces the previous Collection Agreement, #12-CO-11041914-048 (County Contract #SG07575C), that expired September 30, 2017 for the same work. Any remaining funds from Collection Agreement #12-CO-11041914-048 may be moved to this Collection Agreement #18-CO-11041914-023 for the same work.

Title: Contributions to Public Safety in Avalanche Terrain in Salt Lake County

I. PURPOSE: The purpose of this agreement, and incorporated Financial Plan, is to document the voluntary contribution of funds from the County to the U.S. Forest Service to cooperatively increase public safety in the winter season, when avalanches are the greatest hazard to winter backcountry travelers. Together the U.S. Forest Service and the County desire to cooperate in the distribution of snow avalanche advisories, avalanche warnings and avalanche education to the general public. The U.S. Forest Service supports the safe use of



National Forest System lands by issuing avalanche advisories and warnings to the public via the Internet, telephone hotlines, radio stations and email, and also providing avalanche education to the public. This service helps the public travel safely in avalanche terrain by making better decisions, which save lives. The National Forests provide the settings for much of the winter recreation opportunities in the United States. The U.S. Forest Service has the responsibility to increase public appreciation and knowledge of the natural environment and its value in providing natural resourse-based recreation opportunities. The U.S. Forest Service also has the responsibility to manage multiple activities on the National Forest for the benefit of Salt Lake County residents in an environmentally sustainable manner. Additionally, the U.S. Forest Service is a leader in avalanche technology, avalanche risk communication and avalanche education.

The County benefits by increased public safety for its citizens recreating and working in hazardous backcountry avalanche terrain.

The U.S. Forest Service, Utah Avalanche Center provides daily avalanche advisories, avalanche warnings when necessary, avalanche education to the public, outreach products such as trailhead displays, brochures, posters, public service announcements and text messaging of critical avalanche information. These services should translate into saved lives. The partners commit to provide critical avalanche safety information for winter backcountry travelers.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

#### II. THE COUNTY SHALL:

- A. <u>LEGAL AUTHORITY</u>. County shall have the legal authority to enter into this agreement, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project, which includes funds sufficient to pay the nonfederal share of project costs, when applicable.
- B. Perform in accordance with the Financial Plan.
- C. Upon presentation of a Bill for Collection, deposit with the U.S. Forest Service the amount agreed to in the Financial Plan.
- D. Notify the U.S. Forest Service Project Contact, on an annual basis, if funding is available for this agreement. Annual funding for this agreement is subject to approval and budgeting by the County Council. The County's ability to provide funds is subject to the annual appropriation of funds.
- E. Allow County funds to be used for the salary of U.S. Forest Service avalanche specialists, travel, equipment, and supplies as necessary to provide avalanche advisories, public education and the promotion of safe use of winter recreation within Salt Lake County.



#### III. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

A. <u>ADVANCE BILLING</u>. The maximum total cost liability to the County for this agreement is displayed in the annual Financial Plan. The U.S. Forest Service shall bill the County, **prior to commencement of work**, for deposits sufficient to cover the estimated costs. **Overhead shall not be assessed** on County or U.S. Forest Service funds as there is mutual benefit between the parties. (Reference Forest Service direction in FSH 1909.13, Chapter 40 regarding mutual benefit.)

Billing Method: A single lump sum advance bill

Billing must be sent to:

Heather Whatcott Michale Hicks Administrative Assistant Mayor's Office Salt Lake County 2001 South State Street, N2100 Salt Lake City, Utah 84190-1000 Phone: (385) 468-7034

- B. <u>SPECIAL BILLING REQUIREMENTS PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION</u>. The U.S. Forest Service Program Manager shall provide the County with a written report that meets the County's specific documentation requirements.
- C. Perform in accordance with the attached Financial Plan.
- D. Provide daily public avalanche advisories via the Internet (UtahAvalancheCenter.org), email, radio and recorded telephone hotlines. Issue avalanche watches and warnings, when necessary, through the National Weather Service and NOAA Radio. Provide free, one-hour, avalanche education classes to interested parties as workload allows. Provide avalanche outreach products such as trailhead displays, brochures and website tutorials and information.
- E. Keep necessary records to validate work being provided and disposition of funds. Keep records of web page views, calls to avalanche hotlines, number of avalanche classes and media contacts.

# IV. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

A. <u>PRINCIPAL CONTACTS</u>. Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement.



#### **Principal County Contacts:**

County	County		
Program Contact	<b>Administrative Contact</b>		
Rick Graham	Heather Whatcott Michelle Hicks		
Deputy Mayor, COO	Administrative Assistant Mayor's Office		
Salt Lake County	Salt Lake County		
2001 South State Street, N2100	2001 South State Street, N2100		
Salt Lake City, Utah 84190-1000	Salt Lake City, Utah 84190-1000		
Phone: (385) 468-7054	Phone: (385) 468-7034		
FAX: NA	FAX: NA MHICKS@SILOO.OFG		
Email: rgraham@slco.org	Email: <u>hwhatcott@slco.org</u> -		

#### **Principal U.S. Forest Service Contacts:**

U.S. Forest Service	U.S. Forest Service
Program Manager Contact	Administrative Contact
Mark Staples	Marci Bodell
Director, Utah Avalanche Center	Grants Management Specialist
U.S. Forest Service	U.S. Forest Service
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest	Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
857 West South Jordan Parkway	857 West South Jordan Parkway
South Jordan, Utah 84095-8594	South Jordan, Utah 84095-8594
Telephone: (801) 999-2166 (office)	Telephone: (801) 999-2122
(801) 641-6307 (cell)	FAX: (801) 253-8118
FAX: (801) 253-8856	Email: mbodell@fs.fed.us
Email: <u>mstaples@fs.fed.us</u>	

- B. <u>REFUNDS</u>. Funds collected in advance by the U.S. Forest Service, which are not spent or obligated for the project(s) approved under this agreement, may be refunded to the County, authorized for use for a new agreement by the County, or waived by the County. A Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) by the County may be necessary to process a refund. Due to processing costs, any balance less than \$25 shall not be refunded to the County.
- C. <u>MEMBERS OF CONGRESS</u>. Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no member of, or delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.
- D. <u>TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE (TERO)</u>. The U.S. Forest Service recognizes and honors the applicability of the Tribal laws and ordinances developed under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act of 1975 (PL 93-638).



E. <u>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)</u>. Public access to agreement records must not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been exempted from disclosure pursuant to Freedom of Information regulations (5 U.S.C. 552). Requests for research data are subject to 2 CFR 215.36.

Public access to culturally sensitive data and information of Federally-recognized Tribes may also be explicitly limited by P.L. 110-234, Title VIII Subtitle B §8106 (2009 Farm Bill).

- F. <u>PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES</u>. This agreement in no way restricts the U.S. Forest Service or the County from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
- G. <u>ENDORSEMENT</u>. Any of the County's contributions made under this agreement do not by direct reference or implication convey U.S. Forest Service endorsement of the County's products or activities and does not by direct reference or implication convey the County's endorsement of the U.S. Forest Service products or activities.
- H. <u>NOTICES</u>. Any communication affecting the operations covered by this agreement by the U.S. Forest Service or the County will be sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows:

To the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager, at the address specified in the agreement.

To the County, at the County's address shown in the agreement or such other address designated within the agreement.

Notices are effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

- I. <u>COLLABORATION</u>. The U.S. Forest Service and the County may mutually agree to collaborate in the review of draft publications, interpretive signs, manuscripts, and other printed material and audiovisuals prior to completion. This agreement, in and of itself, does not authorize the County's participation in the project.
- J. <u>USE OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE INSIGNIA</u>. In order for the the County to use the U.S. Forest Service insignia on any published media, such as a Web page, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be granted from the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications (Washington Office). A written request will be submitted by U.S. Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest to the Office of Communications Assistant Director, Visual Information and Publishing Services prior to use of the insignia. The U.S. Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest will notify the County when permission is granted.



- K. <u>U.S. FOREST SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED IN PUBLICATIONS, AUDIOVISUALS, AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA</u>. The County shall acknowledge U.S. Forest Service support in any publications, audiovisuals, and electronic media developed as a result of this agreement.
- L. <u>PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS</u>. Improvements placed by the County on National Forest System land, at the direction or with the approval of the U.S. Forest Service, become property of the United States. These improvements are subject to the same regulations and administration of the U.S. Forest Service as would other National Forest improvements of a similar nature. No part of this agreement entitles the County to any interest in the improvements, other than the right to use them under applicable U.S. Forest Service regulations.
- M. <u>PURCHASE OF ASSETS</u>. Any assets (such as equipment, property, or improvements) purchased by the U.S. Forest Service with the County's contributions shall become the property of the U.S. Forest Service.
- N. OFFSETS, CLAIMS AND RIGHTS. Any and all activities entered into or approved by this agreement will create and support afforestation/reforestation efforts within the National Forest System without generating carbon credits. The U.S. Forest Service does not make claims of permanence or any guarantees of carbon sequestration on lands reforested or afforested through partner assistance. The U.S. Forest Service will provide for long-term management of reforested and afforested lands, according to applicable Federal statute regulations and forest plans.
- O. <u>NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT PRINTED, ELECTRONIC, OR AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL</u>. The County shall include the following statement, in full, in any printed, audiovisual material, or electronic media for public distribution developed or printed with any Federal funding.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

To file a complaint alleging discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-9410 or call toll free voice (866) 632-9992, TDD (800)877-8339, or voice relay (866) 377-8642. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If the material is too small to permit the full statement to be included, the material must, at minimum, include the following statement, in print size no smaller than the text:

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

P. <u>TERMINATION FOR COLLECTION AGREEMENTS</u>. Either party, in writing, may terminate this agreement in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of expiration.



The U.S. Forest Service shall not incur any new obligations for the terminated portion of this agreement after the effective date of termination and shall cancel as many obligations as possible. Full credit must be allowed for U.S. Forest Service expenses and all non-cancelable obligations properly incurred up to the effective date of termination.

- Q. <u>DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION</u>. County shall immediately inform the U.S. Forest Service if they or any of their principals are presently excluded, debarred, or suspended from entering into covered transactions with the Federal Government according to the terms of 2 CFR Part 180. Additionally, should the County or any of their principals receive a transmittal letter or other official Federal notice of debarment or suspension, then they shall notify the U.S. Forest Service without undue delay. This applies whether the exclusion, debarment, or suspension is voluntary or involuntary.
- R. MODIFICATIONS. Modifications within the scope of this agreement must be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all properly authorized, signatory officials, prior to any changes being performed. Requests for modification should be made, in writing, at least 30 days prior to implementation of the requested change. The U.S. Forest Service is not obligated to fund any changes not properly approved in advance.
- S. <u>COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE</u>. This agreement is executed as of the date of the last signature, and is effective through February 28, 2023 at which time it will expire. The expiration date is the final date for completion of all work activities under this agreement.
- T. <u>AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES</u>. By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last date written below.

(See separate signature page for Salt Lake County.)

**Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest** 

DAVID C. WHITTEKIEND	
Forest Supervisor	
U.S. Forest Service	

Date



The authority and format of this agreement have been reviewed and approved for signature.

MARCI BODELL

Date

U.S. Forest Service

Grants Management Specialist

#### **Burden Statement**

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0217. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). TDD users can contact USDA through local relay or the Federal relay at (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (relay voice). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

# Forest Service Collection Agreement, #18-CO-11041914-023

SALT LAKE COUNTY STATE OF UTAH
BY: Mayor or Designee
APPROVED AS TO FORM Salt Lake County District Attorney's
BY: Zach Shaw Print Name
Signature:
Date: (1) (1)

CONTRACT
Salt Lake County

Subtotal, Supplies:

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Forest Service Agreement # 18-CO-11041914-023

County Agreement #	
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\$0.00

\$0.00

\$0.00

#### 2018 Collection Agreement Financial Plan

Salt Lake County shall voluntarily contribute \$43,000 for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to assist the U.S. Forest Service in issuing avalanche advisories, avalanche warnings, and providing avalanche education in Salt Lake County. Overhead will not be assessed on County or U.S. Forest Service funds as there is mutual benefit between the parties. (Reference Forest Service direction in FSH 1909.13, Chapter 40. regarding mutual benefit.)

County and FS Contributions FS Non-Cash County COST ELEMENTS and related data Contribution Contribution Combined Line Item Cost Subtotals Subtotal Subtotal Subtotals PERSONNEL Resource Specialists (List all personnel): # of \$/Day Days 25.00 \$343.00 \$8.575.00 Mark Staples \$8,575.00 45.00 \$271.00 \$12,195.00 Drew Hardesty \$12,195.00 45.00 \$325.00 \$14,625.00 Evelvn Lees \$6,320.00 20.00 \$316.00 Craig Gordon \$6,320.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$27,090.00 135.00 \$1,255.00 \$41,715.00 Subtotal, Personnel: TRAVEL Explanation of trips: Vehicle From Where/To Where/For Whom PerDiem Mileage # of Cost or and Trips Airfare Lodging Cost \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 Subtotal, Travel: EQUIPMENT Unit Name and Type of Equipment: Quantity Cost \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 0 Subtotal, Equipment: SUPPLIES Unit Name and Type of Supplies: Quantity Cost \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00

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J. C. C. S. D.

CONTRACTUAL					
Describe Contracts that will most likely result from	this pro	ject:			
					\$0.00
			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 <b>\$0.00</b>
Subtotal, Contractual:			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER					
Describe Other Costs of the Project:					
Premium Pay (Holiday, Sunday, Night Differential)		\$1,285.00		\$1,285.00	
			£4 295 00	en no	\$0.00
Subtotal, Other:			\$1,285.00	\$0.00	\$1,285.00
TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES			\$43,000.00	\$0.00	\$28,375.00
IOVERHEAD ASSESSMENT	Insert				
I(if applicable, see ESH 1909.13)	Rate Here:	0.0%	\$0.00		
Total Party Costs			\$43,000.00	\$0.00	\$43,000.00
COST ELEMENTS SUBJECT TO NATIONAL PASS-THROUGH RATES			Cooperator Contribution		
TOTAL CHARGES					\$0.00
	Insert				
OVERHEAD ASSESSMENT	Rate				
(if applicable, see FSH 1909.13)	Here:	0.0%	\$0.0		
Total Pass-Through Costs		\$0.00			
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS				\$43,000.00	

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