MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

USDA Forest Service, Conservation Conexions, the University of British Columbia Asia Forest Research Centre, The Korea Forest Welfare Institute and Korea Forest Therapy Forum (jointly referred to as the "Parties") recognize their common interest in developing closer cooperation in the areas of forest therapy and have reached the following understanding:

Article 1 (Objectives) The overall goal of the cooperation is to enhance the efforts and efficiency of the Parties in the forest therapy field.

Article 2 (Areas of cooperation) The Parties understand that the areas of cooperation under this MOA may include:

- 1. Cooperating in the Forest Research and Development field.
- 2. Co-hosting an annual symposium, either in-person or virtually, on World Forest Day. This symposium would highlight advancements around MOA-based collaborations.
- 3. Sharing information, stories and research-related outcomes of the Forest Therapy practice that may help to advance application and implementation of sister-project efforts.
- 4. Developing training exchanges in which partner organizations/agencies find mutually beneficial outcomes.

Article 3 (Entry into effect, termination and amendment)

- 1. While the Parties intend to cooperate with respect to the activities set out in Article 2, no Party will be obligated to commit funds or resources, nor will any Party grant any rights with respect to intellectual property, unless a legally binding agreement has been entered into.
- 2. This MOA will take effect on signature, and will remain in effect for a period of one year.
- 3. This MOA may be renewed automatically for the period of one year unless any party will notify an intention of termination in writing at least six months prior to the end of the effective date.
- 4. This MOA may be amended with the written consent of the parties. The amendment will take effect on the date of such notification on consent.

Signed in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, on the second day of May 2022 in English.



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