Status Quo Reporting Methods in Phase 6 for Land Uses & BMP Types on Federal Lands Currently Unassigned in CAST:

- **Septic** Loads from onsite septic systems on federal facilities are absent from the CBP watershed model and federal agencies are not credited for their actions to reduce these loads. If a federal agency implements BMPs on the land, it will only be tracked if the federal facility reports that information to the state for their annual BMP reporting. That credit is then attributed to the state and not to the federal agency.
- **Construction** Loads from construction activities requiring E&S permits on federal facilities are absent from the CBP watershed model and federal agencies are not credited for BMP practices despite the BMP practices being tracked.
- **Harvested Forest** Loads from harvested forest on federal lands are absent from the CBP watershed model and federal agencies are not credited for these practices despite them being tracked.
- Agriculture (Cropland and Pasture/Hay) Loads and acres from agricultural lands on federal facilities are shifted to the responsibility of the states in which they reside within the CBP watershed model. If a federal agency implements BMPs on the land, it will only be tracked if the federal facility reports that information to the state for their annual BMP reporting. That credit is then attributed to the state and not to the federal agency.

This document is to supplement the <u>August 12th, 2025</u> FFWG meeting discussion regarding tracking and crediting federal land uses/BMP types currently unassigned in CAST. Please review the following <u>issue paper</u> for more context.