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Forest Service acquisitions are subject to a variety of procedural requirements. While many procedures apply to all cases, some acquisitions must comply with additional specific legal or policy requirements. This handbook outlines these procedures and requirements, and provides technical guidance to those involved with land acquisition.

05 - DEFINITIONS.

1. Abstract of Title. An abstract of title is a history of the title to land, consisting of a complete copy or synopsis of all instruments of public record that affect the title to a specific tract of land or any estate or interest in that land, together with a statement of all liens, charges, or liabilities to which the land may be subject, and of which the purchasers should be apprised. An abstract involves a title search from the grant or patent, which is the normal inception of each title to date, or for a limited period, as the particular case may require.

2. Administrative Site. An administrative site is an area of land acquired, withdrawn, or leased, and dedicated specifically for forest headquarters, ranger stations, dwellings, warehouses, scaling stations, fire-retardant mixing stations, guard stations, and similar administrative installations for conducting Forest Service activities. Sites may consist of one or more semicontiguous parcels and vary in size. Administrative sites are usually restricted to the area occupied by support buildings and grounds, and may be located within, adjacent to, or a considerable distance from a National Forest System unit.