

# Comprehensive FDLP Collections and Increasing Flexibility for Regionals

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# What are our goals here today?

- To go over some of the newer vocabulary used in webinars, conference events, FDLP news alerts, and emails.
- To strengthen the [National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information](#).

(Anyone else notice a lot of weeding going on?)

- To help alleviate some of the space challenges in regional depositories.



# Regional landscape

## [Legal Requirements and Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program](#)

56. Regional depository libraries must receive and retain at least one copy of all Federal government publications made available under the FDLP in printed form, microfiche, or tangible electronic (e.g. DVD) format.

54. Designated regional depository libraries must:

- Ensure the comprehensiveness and integrity of a tangible FDLP collection in their state or region...

## [Microfiche Format to Be Phased Out](#)

(December 20, 2021 FDLP News alert)



Per 1:1 meetings with regionals in January, 2022 (unofficially):

- 5 regionals hurting for space in 2022
- 7 regionals okay for space until 2024-2029
- 13 regionals are okay for space for now
- 13 regionals are unclear



# How to free up space on regional shelves

## 1) Within FDLP regions:

- [Shared Housing Agreement](#) (SHA) for regional copies
- Shared Regional Agreements  
([Guidelines for Establishing Shared Regional Depository Libraries](#), SOD-DGD-2018-1)

## 2) Within each National Collection Service Area (NCSA):

- Regional Discard Eligibility (RDE)
- Regional Online Selection Authorization (ROSA)



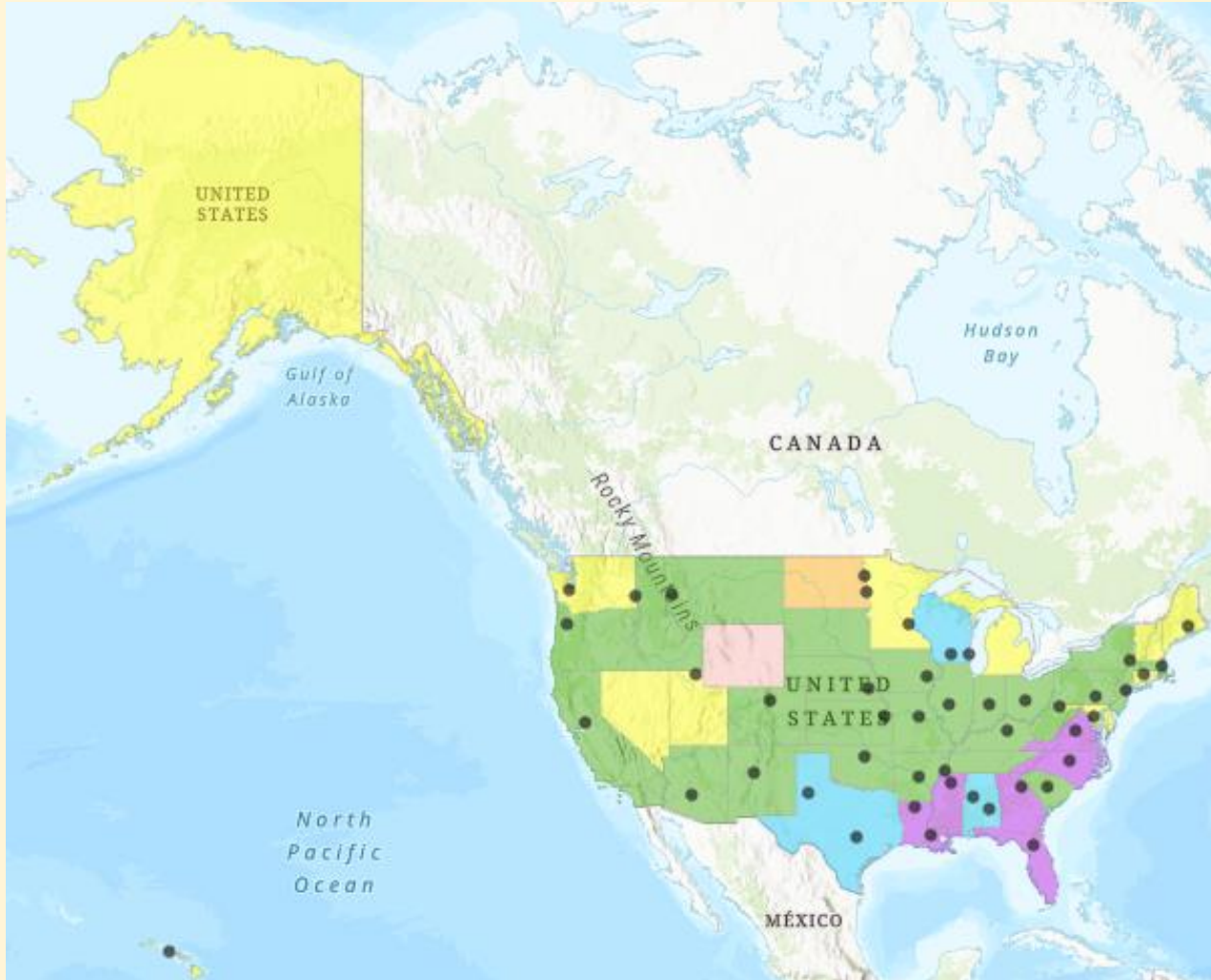
# Working within FDLP regions: Shared Housing Agreements (SHAs)

- Also called Selective Housing Agreements
- Used to house FDLP material in libraries not under the FDL director's control
  - E.g. main library housing legal material at a law school library
- Also used to denote a regional-copy being housed, or selected and housed, on behalf of a regional.
  - With a regional-copy residing elsewhere, a regional library does not have to house it locally.
- [Guidance](#)



# Working within FDLP regions:

## Comprehensive collections in FDLP regions



### FDLP regions:

- Green = one regional serves a state
- Yellow = one regional serves multiple states
- Blue = two regionals serve one state
- Orange = North Dakota's unique designation 😊
- Pink = Wyoming has no regional
- Purple = regionals have signed a Shared Regional Depository agreement (first signed 2019)



# Working within NCSAs:

## Background information for working at a NCSA level

- Preservation Steward agreements
- Print Selector agreements
- National Collection Service Area (NCSA)
- Superintendent of Documents, Public Policy Statements (SOD-PPS)



# Preservation Steward agreement

- Library commits to retain specified tangible depository resources for the length of the partnership agreement.
- Can apply to historic and/or current material
- Also preserve that material. This includes both preventive maintenance and conservation treatments.
- Partnership obligations:
  - Provide GPO an inventory (historic material) or confirm receipt (current material)
  - Catalog (minimal level is okay)
  - Identify copies as Preservation copies
  - Include material in collection care programs
  - Notify GPO if there are changes due to damage or disaster
- GPO may assist in shipping materials to Preservation Steward
- Signing up:
  - Sign a MOA ([Information](#))





# Print Selector agreement

- Library commits to selecting and retaining print publications until they supersede. After volume/issue/edition supersedes, the library may discard.
- Applies to current material
- Print Selector obligations:
  - Select specified publications and retain for the specified duration
- Signing up:
  - Coordinator fills out and signs Print Selector Agreement ([Instructions](#))



# Key point

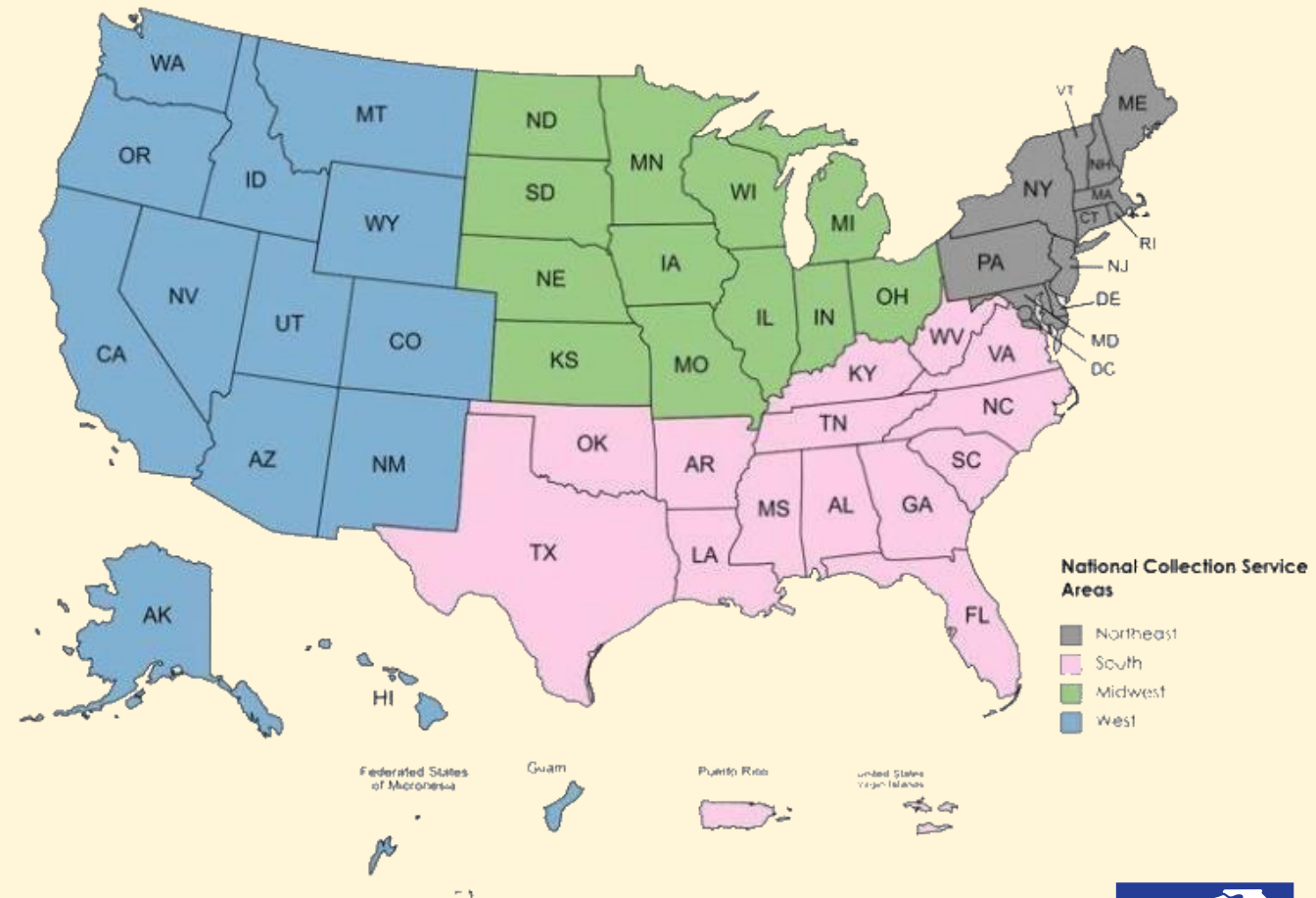
- In 2015, the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) specified that there be:  
*“...no fewer than four geographically-dispersed tangible copies of a publication in the FDLP.”*
- Next step – create a framework where we can ‘lock in’ 4 geographically dispersed tangible copies



# National Collection Service Area (NCSA)

Four geographic regions to ensure:

- Geographically-dispersed permanent public access to Federal Government information products,
- Sharing of resources among libraries, and
- Receipt of services from GPO's LSCM



# Framework for authorizing regional collection changes

- Government Publications Authorized for Discard by Regional Depository Libraries  
(SOD-PPS-2022-2)
- Regional Depository Libraries Selecting Solely Online Materials  
(SOD-PPS-2022-1)
- These Public Policy Statements (PPS) are the framework for authorizing regionals *in particular* NCSAs to weed or deselect specified tangibles.



# Regional Discard Eligibility (SOD-RDE)

## Regional Discards

- Publication eligibility requirements:

- • A Preservation Steward agreement for the print title exists in the regional's National Collection Service Area (NCSA).
- An equivalent version is accessible from GovInfo, from a Digital Preservation Steward repository, or from a Federal agency trustworthy digital repository.
- Held by the regional for at least five years.



# For a regional to weed authorized titles

- Regionals must wait for the Superintendent of Documents to authorize the discard of specified titles.
- Any applicable agreements on file with the Superintendent of Documents must be updated if a party adjusts their practice.
  - E.g. Shared Housing Agreement or Shared Regional Agreement
- Regionals must submit discard list to GPO.
- When authorized to weed, upload as offers in FDLP eXchange.



# Regional Online Selection Authorization (SOD-ROSA)

## Regional Online Selections

- Publication eligibility requirements:
  - • A Print Selector or “day forward” Preservation Steward agreement in the regional’s National Collection Service Area (NCSA), who agrees to select and retain the print format for either a specified period of time (Print Selector) or in perpetuity (Preservation Steward).
  - An equivalent version is accessible from GovInfo, from the digital repository of a Digital Preservation Steward, or from trusted digital repositories of Federal agencies.



# For a regional to go all-digital with a title

- Regionals must wait for the Superintendent of Documents to authorize applicable regionals to select a title only in its online format.
- Deselect the authorized item number(s).
- Ensure online format access via cataloging and other suitable discovery tools.
- Notify selectives they serve.
- **Retain past receipts per normal retention period.**







Traditional FDLP Region =  
guaranteed deposit  
in regional libraries

Above: 46 regional copies are  
deposited



Using NCSAs and RDE/ROSA =  
Minimal 1 copy locked into a NCSA,  
plus traditional regional copies  
elsewhere

Above: West NCSA has one  
guaranteed copy (plus others)



# To sum up

Agreement	Public Policy Statements	Authorizations	Impact on regionals (optional)
<a href="#"><u>Preservation Steward agreement</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Government Publications Authorized for Discard by Regional Depository Libraries</u></a> (SOD-PPS-2022-2)	Regional Discard Eligibility (SOD-RDE)	May weed approved material

<a href="#"><u>Print Selector agreement</u></a>  (and some Preservation Steward agreements)	<a href="#"><u>Regional Depository Libraries Selecting Solely Online Materials</u></a> (SOD-PPS-2022-1)	Regional Online Selection Authorization (SOD-ROSA)	May deselect approved tangible material in favor of digital editions
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# Present Regional Authorizations

## RDE

Weeding has been authorized:

- Select volumes of the *Statutes at Large*
  - 1 regional weeded
- Select volumes of the *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States*
  - 2 regionals weeded

## ROSA

Online format has been authorized:

- *Federal Register*
- *Congressional Record* (daily)
- *Code of Federal Regulations* and *CFR Index and Finding Aids*
- Preliminary prints of Select *U.S. Congressional Serial Set* series (not all NCSAs)

\* More authorizations are in the works



# Impact of ROSA on selection rates

	Pre ROSA – 7/2021 Paper & Microfiche formats			Now - 5/2023 Paper format only			% of FDLs selecting
	Regional	Selective	Total 7/2021	Regional	Selective	Total 5/2023	
<i>Federal Register</i>	45	286	331	21	194	215	30% to 19%
<i>Congressional Record (daily)</i>	43	237	280	21	149	170	25% to 15%
<i>Code of Federal Regulations</i>	45	421	466	~37	~347	~394	42% to 36%

\* We are not in danger of falling below 4 geographically dispersed copies and regionals are getting some shelf space back

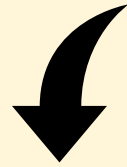


# Impact of ROSA on selection of select series in the Preliminary Serial Set

	Feb-23			May-23		
	Regional	Selective	Total 2/2023	Regional	Selective	Total 5/2023
Y 1.1/3:	42	58	100	39	58	97
Y 1.1/4:	42	63	105	39	63	102
Y 1.1/5:	40	55	95	37	54	91
Y 1.1/6:	41	58	99	38	56	94
Y 1.1/8:	41	55	96	38	54	92



# To identify



## Your NCSA:

- [Federal Depository Library Directory](#)
  - Search for your library's Directory entry
- FDLP.gov > About the FDLP > [The National Collection](#) > [National Collection Service Areas](#)

## What your regional is authorized to weed or deselect:

- National Collection Service Areas:
  - [Midwest](#)
  - [Northeast](#)
  - [South](#)
  - [West](#)



# To help your regional regain some shelf space

- Identify titles of interest for your institution.
  - Anything that you know you want to retain public access to and provide preservation for?
  - Anything you know you want to continue to select in paper format and hold minimally until it supersedes?
- Sign up to become a [Preservation Steward](#) or [Print Selector](#).
- Redundancy of agreements is good!
- GPO will evaluate suitability for a RDE or ROSA.
- If authorization is issued, your regional may, or may not, opt to take action.
- Alternative: Become a [Shared Housing](#) site for regional copies.



# Recent changes impacting all FDLP collections

## 1) Selectives can now select the:

- *Congressional Record* bound ed. (+13 selectors)
- *Supreme Court Decisions* (slip opinions) (-3 selectors)
- *U.S. Congressional Serial Set* bound ed. (+9 selectors)

## Removal of Selection Restrictions Based on FDLP library Type

(April 5, 2022)

## 2) *CFR* is split out into 49 item numbers so libraries can select just *CFR* titles of interest

- 384 libraries select all Titles of the *CFR*.
- 20 libraries select individual titles (ex. Title 3)

## Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Split Out in List of Classes

(January 25, 2022)





# Questions & Comments

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