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Bibliogov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 36 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in. GAO reviewed the procurement of word processing equipment carried out during 1979 by the Forest Services Pacific Southwest Region. At the time, the regional office and 10 of the regions national forest offices leased advanced word processing capability for 2 years. Another four national forest offices leased equipment with only word processing capability. The advanced equipment was acquired to develop a regional network integrating communications with the equipments word and data processing capabilities to support mission requirements. The annual rental and maintenance costs for the leased equipment are about 1.4 million. Although the equipment is providing benefits, GAO found the procurement to be unnecessarily costly. The review disclosed that the region in question: (1) prepared a feasibility study of equipment alternatives that did not adequately support the data processing requirements or the procurement alternative selected; (2) leased the equipment even though its lease-versus-purchase analysis showed that purchasing the equipment was more economical because it did not want to request a waiver from a Washington office directive freezing purchases; and (3) did not comply with federal procurement policy, which requires that...

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