

Workshop Agenda
Become an NRCS Technical Service Provider
March 24 & 25
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesday, March 24

9:00 – Introductions (*Kirk Hanson, Director of Northwest Certified Forestry*) – 10 min

9:10 – EQIP Program Overview (*Josh Himsl, Puget Sound Forester, NRCS*) – 45 min

- NRCS – what/why
- EQIP – what/why
- Overview of Farm Bill funding and how it is allocated nationally, statewide and to LWG's
 - National/state/local priorities (NRCS Resource Concerns)
- Local working groups – who, what, where, what it takes to participate
- EQIP application process – ranking, approval, payment a. provide folks with a copy of the current application
- Types of projects funded by EQIP
 - Forestry
 - CAPs

9:55 – Break – 5 min

10:00 – TSP Overview (*Josh Himsl*) – 45 min

- Why TSP's and what are they?
- Funding for TSP's

10:45 – Break – 5 min

10:50 – Conservation Activity Plans (*Kirk Hanson*) – 100 min

- 2015 funding – how much NRCS paying per acreage
- Washington State Integrated Forest Management Plan
- WA CAP Criteria
- Job Sheets
- Bio Tech Note 14
- Copy of completed
- CAP process

12:30 – Lunch break! – 45 min

Begin E-Authentication registering process on laptops



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Tuesday, March 24 (cont.)

1:15 – Obtain NRCS E-Authentication – (Josh Himsl) – 30 min

- E-Authentication
- TechReg

1:45 – EQIP Projects – (Kirk Hanson, Josh Himsl) – 90 min

- Types of forestry projects funded by EQIP
- Role of the TSP
- Design/Implementation/Check-out
- Job Sheets
- Reimbursement rates for EQIP projects
- Where to find on web
- Tracking EQIP projects (spreadsheet)
- Tips for consulting with landowners
- Annual TSP assistance requested – not always guaranteed

2:45 – Break – 15 min

2:30 – EQIP Resources – (Kirk Hanson, Josh Himsl) – 90 min

- Web Soil Survey (include a customized soil report)^[L1]
- EFOTG
 - Tech Notes
 - Job sheets
- Handouts/references
 - National Planning Procedures Handbook – Title 180 - Part 600
 - CAP Planner's Guide
 - National Forestry Handbook
 - NRCS Quality Criteria
 - Fliers for EQIP
- TSP Payment Rates
- CAP Payment Rates

4:00 – TechReg, Instructions and Prep for Day 2 Courses and Modules

Adjourn by 5:00 pm!



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9:00 – Registering as a TSP – Part 1 – (Kirk Hanson, Josh Himsl) – 90 min

- Eligibility requirements
- TechReg Profiles Part 1 & 2
- AgLearn^[L2]

10:30 – Break – 15 min

10:45 – Registering as a TSP – Part 2 – (Kirk Hanson, Josh Himsl) – 90 min

- Course #1: Conservation Planning Modules 1-5

12:15 – Lunch break! – 30 min

12:45 – Registering as a TSP – Part 3 – (Kirk Hanson, Josh Himsl) – 30 min

- Course #2: TSP Orientation

1:15 – Break – 15 min

1:30 – Registering as a TSP – Part 4 – (Kirk Hanson, Josh Himsl) – 30 min

- Annual trainings (e.g. information security awareness training)
- Certification renewal (every 3 years)

2:00 – Additional Assistance, Questions and Wrap-Up – (Kirk Hanson, Josh Himsl) – 20 min

Adjourn: 3:00 pm

Note the course description includes additional hours of instruction time (to 5:00 pm) for those who need assistance or time to complete the modules and orientation.



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