



Funding for Forest Stewardship

NRCS Environmental Qualities Incentive Program

In Oregon - Apply by December 20th

In Washington - Apply by January 17th

Stories of Success - Part 2

Sometimes restoring the forest involves removing a few trees



If you've been thinking of developing a new management plan or are looking for resources to improve the health of your forest, EQIP may be for you. The [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) is a voluntary, technical and financial assistance program.

Northwest Certified Forestry members have accessed this conservation tool to develop management plans, precommercial thin overstocked stands, and restore diversity to their forest's plant community. Not sure if your project is a good fit? Contact [your local NRCS office](#) with questions.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is accepting applications for 2014 EQIP projects now. In Oregon, the deadline is Friday, December 20th, 2013. In Washington, the deadline is Friday, January 17th.



Accessing EQIP

One-stop resources to apply for funding.

[Learn More](#)



Check out the application

Go directly to the Conservation Program Application - NRCS-CPA-200. The 2014 application is now available.

[Get it here!](#)

Turning the forest into the classroom

Hands-on learning in the woods for professor and students



Retired Evergreen professor Paul Butler purchased his 40-acre forest and intended to keep it as-is, until he started attending workshops hosted by Northwest Certified Forestry and decided to write a forest management plan and improve the health of his woods.

To improve the plant diversity and habitat available in his forest, Butler accessed an EQIP grant. The project enabled him to precommercially thin a dense alder stand and use the slash to create habitat piles for small mammals, song birds and amphibians. The forest with active restoration has become a classroom for Evergreen students and professors interested in hands-on forestry experiences. [Read NCF's story about Paul Butler's EQIP project.](#)

EQIP funding is available for a variety of forest stewardship projects

- Develop a forest management plan
- Pre-commercial thinning
- Pruning
- Tree and shrub planting



Contact your local NRCS staff

Not sure if EQIP is right for you? NRCS staff can help.

Find your local NRCS office.



Find a TSP

NCF field staff & select preferred providers are certified as TSP's with NRCS.

More TSP info available.

Invasive species removal
Snag, downed log and habitat pile creation
Erosion control
Forest road and landing decommissioning
Hedgerow planting
Bird nest boxes
Improving pollinator habitat

Know a forest landowner who might be interested?

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For over 20 years, [Northwest Natural Resource Group \(NNRG\)](#) has been leading efforts to make ecologically-based forestry a paying proposition in the Pacific Northwest. We work with our members in Washington and Oregon to help them optimize the ecological and economic potential of their forestlands.

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