

# Funding for Forest Stewardship

A further look at NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program

In Washington - Apply by Friday, November 21, 2014

In Oregon - Apply by Friday, January 16, 2015

## Continuing our Stories of Success



After our long golden summer, the rains have returned, fall planting season is in full swing, and it's time to prepare for the next year in the forest. If you've been thinking of developing a new management plan or are looking for resources to improve the health of your land, EQIP may be for you.

With the EQIP application deadline just a few weeks away, NNRG is sharing our members' stories about their experience with the program. We'll be sharing a story a week through November 21.

### Stewarding good dirt

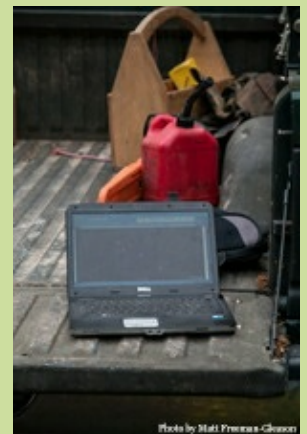
*Through EQIP the Bensels developed a management plan and started to improve the health of their forest*



#### Accessing EQIP

One-stop resources to apply for funding.

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#### Check out the application

Go directly to the Conservation Program Application - NRCS-CPA-200. The 2015 application is now available.

[Get it here!](#)



When asked how he came to acquire his land, Steve Bensel replied “I walked around with a shovel in my hand, digging holes until I found some dirt I liked”. Steve and his wife, Linnea, grew up as stewards of the land: Linnea’s mother was an avid gardener and Steve’s parents farmed when he was a child, informing his decision at the age of 4 to become a farmer himself. In short, the couple knew good dirt when they saw it.

[Read the full story about Nookta Rose.](#)

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The [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) is a voluntary, technical and financial assistance program.

**The deadline for Washington forest owners to apply for EQIP funds is Friday, November 21, 2014.**

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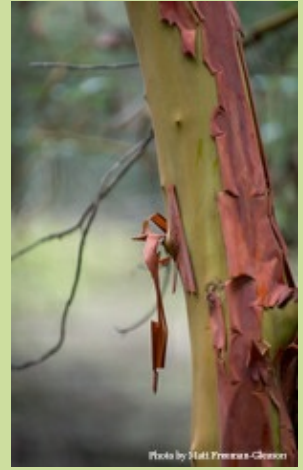
Your [local NRCS office](#) can assist you in completing the application.

Northwest Certified Forestry members have accessed this conservation resource to develop management plans, pre-commercial 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.

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## EQIP funding is available for a variety of forest stewardship projects

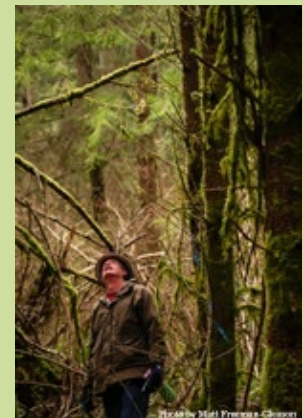
- Develop a forest management plan
    - Pre-commercial thinning
    - Pruning
    - Tree and shrub planting
    - Invasive species removal
  - Snag, downed log and habitat pile creation
    - Erosion control
  - Forest road and landing decommissioning
    - Fish passage projects
    - Bird nest boxes
    - Hedgerow planting
    - Improving pollinator habitat
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### Contact your local NRCS staff

Have questions about the application? 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.](#)

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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