

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



Photo by David Baxter

The EQIP application deadline for Washington State is this Friday.

These brisk autumn days, some cold and clear, others cloaked in snow and ice, are a time to welcome hours in the great-warm-indoors. It's also time to plan for the next season of forest growth and restoration. 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.

NNRG is sharing our members' stories about their experience with EQIP. We're telling one story a week through November 21. More stories of success are available [on our blog](#).

How EQIP helped Sasquatch Farm

The Dale siblings are restoring their forest and farm along the Wynoochee River through EQIP



Photo by Matt Freeman-Cleason

Accessing EQIP

One-stop resources to apply for funding.

[Learn More!](#)

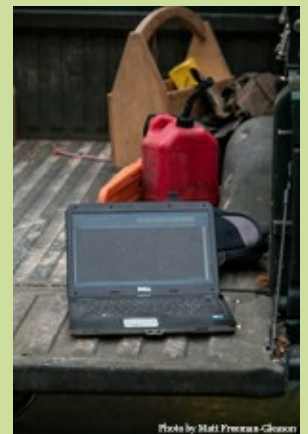


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Check out the application

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

[Get it here!](#)





Often when we think of a family forest, we envision grandparents or parents passing the land from generation to generation. Some family forests grow differently, such as Sasquatch Farm, founded by brother and sister, Garry and Nancy Dale.

[Read the full story about Sasquatch Farm.](#)

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

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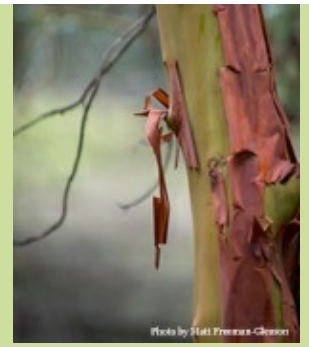
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Your [local NRCS office](#) can assist you in completing the application.

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.

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



Contact your local NRCS staff

Have questions about the application? NRCS staff can help.

[Find your local NRCS office.](#)



Find a TSP

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Improving pollinator habitat

Know a forest landowner who might be interested?
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