



LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR FORESTRY/AGROFORESTRY IN COLORADO DECEMBER 2008



PROGRAM	ELIGIBLE LAND	SIGN-UP PERIODS	ANNUAL PAYMENTS	EASEMENTS	COST SHARE	CONTACT	POTENTIAL FORESTRY/AGROFORESTRY PRACTICES
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Cropland, depending on Environmental Benefits Index	As announced	Yes	No	Yes	Farm Service Agency local offices http://www.fsa.usda.gov	Tree/shrub planting
Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP)	Cropland and marginal pastureland (adjacent to water course or body)	Continuous	Yes, plus various incentives	No	50% plus various incentives	Farm Service Agency local offices http://www.fsa.usda.gov	Windbreak/shelterbelt establishment; riparian forest buffer; living snow fence
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	All private land in agriculture production including forestland	Ongoing, with batch periods, applications ranked by state and local priorities	Yes, for some management practice incentives, 1 to 10 years	No	Up to 75%	Natural Resources Conservation Service local offices http://www.nrcs.usda.gov	All practices that provide solutions to identified state and local resource concerns
Forest Ag	Private forestland producing wood products (40 acres or more)	Ongoing, approved management plan prepared by Oct. 1	No, forestlands receive similar tax valuation as that of traditional agricultural lands	No	No	Colorado State Forest Service District Offices in Colorado www.csfs.colostate.edu	“Forest Ag” tax classification does not preclude participation in other programs
Forest Legacy Program	Non-industrial private forestland	As announced	No	Yes	No	Colorado State Forest Service District Offices in Colorado www.csfs.colostate.edu	Protection from development
Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)	Non-industrial private forestland	No	No	No	No	Colorado State Forest Service District Offices in Colorado www.csfs.colostate.edu	Provides technical and planning assistance
Healthy Forest Reserve Program	Non-industrial private forestland	As announced	No	Yes	Yes	Natural Resources Conservation Service local offices http://www.nrcs.usda.gov	Protection of habitat for Threatened and Endangered Species in identified forested areas

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Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)	Most private wetlands	Continuous	No	Yes	Up to 100%	Natural Resources Conservation Service local offices http://www.nrcs.usda.gov	Practices necessary to restore wetland for wildlife benefits
Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP)	All private land	Ongoing, with batch periods, applications ranked by state and local priorities	No	No	Up to 75%	Natural Resources Conservation Service local offices http://www.nrcs.usda.gov	Tree/shrub establishment, windbreak/shelterbelt establishment, forest stand improvement, riparian forest buffer, prescribed burning, forest site preparation
Various wildlife interest groups	Private and public	Ongoing	Possible	Possible	Usually	Quail Unlimited http://www.qu.org/ Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation http://www.rmef.org/ Pheasants Forever http://www.coloradopf.com/	Vegetative planting and management practices
Local programs	Private	Ongoing	No	No	Varies	Local Conservation Districts http://www.cascd.com/DistrictAddresses.htm	Various practices i.e. windbreak/shelterbelt establishment for living snow fence

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COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR FIRE MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION IN COLORADO DECEMBER 2008



PROGRAM	ELIGIBLE LAND	SIGN-UP PERIODS	ANNUAL PAYMENTS	EASEMENT	COST SHARE	WHO DO YOU CONTACT?	POTENTIAL FORESTRY/FUELS REDUCTION/FIRE MITIGATION PRACTICES
Wildland-urban Interface Competitive Grants (SFA – NFP)	Non-federal land that needs fuels reduction work	Ongoing, based on funding approval	No	No	50%	Colorado State Forest Service District Offices www.csfs.colostate.edu	Forest Stand Improvement for fuels reduction including defensible space, thinning, slash disposal, and fuelbreaks, prescribed fire
Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Development and Implementation	Private	Ongoing, based on funding approval	No	No	50%	Colorado State Forest Service District Offices www.csfs.colostate.edu	Thinning, pruning, piling, burning, d-space, shaded fuelbreaks, hazard fuel removal
Hazard Fuels Mitigation	Private	Based on funding approval	No	No	50%	Colorado State Forest Service District Offices www.csfs.colostate.edu	D-space, shaded fuelbreaks, hazard fuels thinning, hazard fuels disposal, prescribed fire
Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA)	Fire departments that serve populations of less than 10,000	Based on funding approval	No	No	50%	Colorado State Forest Service District Offices www.csfs.colostate.edu	Training and equipment
Community Forest Restoration Grant Program	Private (requires an approved CWPP)	Based on funding approval	No	No	40%	Colorado State Forest Service District Offices www.csfs.colostate.edu	Fuels mitigation, forest restoration, watershed protection

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- (1) SFA (State Fire Assistance) grants are provided to state forestry organizations to maintain and improve protection efficiency and effectiveness on non-federal lands; funds are provided under authority of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act.
- (2) VFA (Volunteer Fire Assistance) grants are provided to state forestry organizations to improve rural fire protection; the principle target is local departments that serve communities with populations of 10,000 or less.
- (3) NFP (National Fire Plan) was developed in August 2000, following a landmark wildland fire season, and addresses five key points: firefighting, rehabilitation, hazardous fuels reduction, community assistance, and accountability.
- (4) CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plans) are authorized and defined in Title I of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) passed by Congress on November 21, 2003, and signed into law by President Bush on December 3, 2003. The Healthy Forests Restoration Act places renewed emphasis on community planning by extending a variety of benefits to communities with a wildfire protection plan in place.