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EQIP FACT SHEET

Environmental Quality Incentives for Forest Land

EQIP Overview

The EQIP program provides technical assistance and incentive payments to eligible producers in order to achieve environmental benefits such as improved water quality, forest health, fuels reduction, reduced erosion and improved fish and wildlife habitat. NRCS technical staff will develop a Conservation Plan that will identify the practices the producer wants to implement in order to achieve the conservation goals of that property. The application will then be ranked according to the environmental benefits expected to be achieved. Highest ranked applications will be awarded a contract that includes an incentive payment for each practice.

Typical Projects include post-fire recovery to reduce brush and standing dead fuels followed by replanting, forest thinning for forest health and fuels reduction, and road improvements to reduce sediment delivery to streams and reduce long term road maintenance.

Eligibility

Applicants must be managing forest land, demonstrate control of the land, and comply with adjusted gross income limitation (AGI) provisions.

How to Apply

Applications are accepted any time throughout the year. To receive an application or for more information, contact the NRCS Lakeport Field office at (707) 262-7095 or visit the office at 889 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA. More information is available at www.usda.nrcs.gov.

Incentive payments available for:

- **Tree thinning**
- **Fuels reduction**
- **Reforestation**
- **Fuel breaks**
- **Oak woodland restoration**
- **Road improvements**
- **Forest management plans**
- **Wildlife habitat improvement**
- **Erosion Control**

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