



Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program

BACKGROUND

The Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program is a competitive application program that encourages collaborative, cross-boundary science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes. The program supports landscape-scale projects (up to 3-years) on state, private, tribal, and municipal forest lands that address state-identified forest management priorities and leverage public and private resources.



Source-funding is USFS State and Private Forestry (S&PF) dollars which are allocated

nationally. Within the western region, funds are available to 17 western states, and pacific island territories.

Projects must be in alignment with the S&PF program authorities, which are outlined in the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, as amended.

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PROJECTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING INTENT:

To receive funding, proposed projects must meet the definitions of rural, state, or non-industrial private forest lands* and align with priority issues and landscapes identified in the Montana Forest Action Plan. Research-related activities, land purchases and construction cannot be paid for using LSR grant funds.

- Qualifying projects should fall into one or more categories:
 - Reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfires;
 - Improve fish and wildlife habitats;
 - Improve water quality and watershed function;
 - Mitigate invasive species, insect infestation, and disease;
 - Improve important forest ecosystems;
 - Measure ecological and economic benefits including soil and air quality and productivity.

GRANT AMOUNT & REVIEW

- Budget requests should be \$255,000 or less.
- A Request for Proposals is distributed to partners statewide in the first quarter of each year.
- Applications are reviewed and selected for a singular, annual submission period. The DNRC Forest Stewardship Program works with partners to edit and develop their proposals before sending them on to the competitive regional review process, which occurs in September.

MATCH

- No match required; however, a 25% match (calculated as percentage of total grant funds requested) is encouraged.
- Proposals are encouraged to leverage cross-boundary federal projects to enhance landscape-level impact.

The funding for this program is derived from a federal award of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Forestry Division. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

* State or non-industrial private forest land means land with existing tree cover or is suitable for growing trees; and is owned by a private individual, group, association, corporation, Indian Tribe, state, or local-government. Rural designation means US Census populated place or area with a population less than 50,000.