



Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)

OVERVIEW

The Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP), administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) land in order to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster.

- Site preparation, planting materials and labor to replant forest stand;
- Restoration of forestland roads, fire lanes, fuel breaks or erosion control structures;
- Fencing, tree shelters and tree tubes to protect trees from wildlife damage; and
- Wildlife enhancement to provide cover openings and wildlife habitat.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

EFRP enrollment is administered by FSA state and county committees and county offices. Producers should inquire with their local FSA county office regarding EFRP enrollment periods and eligibility.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

This fact sheet is for informational purposes only; other eligibility requirements may apply. More information on EFRP is available at FSA offices, local USDA service centers and on FSA's website at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov> and www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

LAND ELIGIBILITY

FSA county committees determine land eligibility using on-site damage inspections that assess the type and extent of damage. To be eligible for EFRP, NIPF land must:

- Have existing tree cover (or had tree cover immediately before the natural disaster occurred and is suitable for growing trees); and
- Be owned by any nonindustrial private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity.

COST-SHARE PAYMENTS

Cost-share payments are:

- Up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved restoration practices; and
- Limited to \$500,000 per person or legal entity per disaster.

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ELIGIBLE FOREST RESTORATION PRACTICES

To restore NIPF, EFRP participants may implement emergency forest restoration practices, such as:

- Debris removal, such as down or damaged trees, in order to establish a new stand or provide for natural regeneration;

1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

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