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EFRP Sign-up Extension Announced for Grafton County

The Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) sign-up for Grafton County has been extended for 2 additional weeks.

The sign-up will end May 6, 2011.

Microbursts and high winds which occurred on July 21, 2010 and November 8, 2010 caused severe damage in some areas of Grafton County. Nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) landowners suffering damage may be eligible for assistance under EFRP that is administered by the Grafton Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Office. Producers who have suffered damage from either one of these storms may apply for assistance from **March 21, 2011 to May 6, 2011**. Qualifying damage is damage caused by a natural disaster (such as high winds) to natural resources on NIPF land, if left untreated would:

- impair or endanger the natural resources on the land, and
- materially affect the use of the land.

A producer qualifying for EFRP assistance may receive financial assistance levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. The emergency measures must restore forest health and forest-related resources. The following types of measures may be eligible:

- Removing debris (blow down) from NIPF
- Site preparation on NIPF
- Seeding down skid roads and landings
- Restoring conservation structures and other similar installations.

For more information, please contact the Grafton County FSA Office at 19 Archertown Rd, Orford, NH 03777 or call 603-353-4650 (ext 2).

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