

For: State and County Offices

Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) Implementation

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

On November 17, 2010, FSA published an Interim Rule to implement EFRP, authorized through amendments under the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Section 8203.

EFRP's purpose is to make payments available to owners of nonindustrial private forestland who are approved for program participation and carry out emergency measures to restore land that is damaged by a natural disaster.

Information on the authorization for EFRP was provided in Notice EFRP-1 and instructions for obtaining training for EFRP were provided in Notice CONSV-103. Notice CONSV-103 provides additional information on how and when to implement EFRP.

B Purpose

This notice provides policy on the following provisions:

- requesting EFRP
- accepting EFRP applications (FSA-848)
- processing FSA-848's, agreements, and payments
- using 1-EFRP.

2 Policy

A Requesting EFRP

County Offices may submit requests for EFRP assistance to the State Office, beginning December 6, 2010.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2011 11-22-10	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Policy (Continued)

B Accepting EFRP Applications

County Offices may begin accepting FSA-848's from nonindustrial private forest landowners, beginning December 6, 2010.

Note: Employees must complete training provided by Notice CONSV-103 before accepting applications.

C Processing EFRP Applications, Agreements, and Payments

All FSA-848's, agreements, and payments shall be processed through the web-based Cost Share Software (CSS). Additional information on CSS is available in the FY11 ECP and EFRP Training Part 9, 1-EFRP, and the CSS User Guide that is available on the CEPD State and County Office Intranet site.

D 1-EFRP

All EFRP requests, FSA-848's, agreements, and payments shall be submitted and processed according to 1-EFRP.

3 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall follow the provisions of this notice and begin implementing EFRP on December 6, 2010.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice and 1-EFRP.

4 Contact

A County Offices

If there are questions about this notice, County Offices shall contact the State Office.

B State Offices

If there are questions about this notice, State Offices shall contact Katina Hanson, ECP Program Manager, by either of the following:

- e-mail to katina.hanson@wdc.usda.gov
- telephone at 202-720-0062.