

EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR 2020 WILDFIRES - OREGON

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.

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;
- 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 restore, connect and benefit habitat

Land Requirements

NIPF land damaged by natural disaster must:

- Have existing tree cover (or had tree cover immediately before the disaster and is suitable for growing trees)
- Have damage to natural resources caused by a natural disaster that, if not treated, would impair or endanger the natural resources on the land and would materially affect future use of the land.
- Be physically located in a county in which EFRP has been implemented.

How to Apply for EFRP Assistance

1. Producer or USDA documents damage with dated photographs, videos and/or third-party verification.
2. Producer reports loss/damage to their local USDA Service Center as soon as possible to request assistance.
3. The county FSA office will provide guidance on the approval process and next steps.

Cost-Share Limitations

Cost-share payments are:

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

For More Information

For more information on FSA programs, eligibility and related information, visit fsa.usda.gov. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

