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2009 Healthy Forest Reserve Program **HFRP**

*The 2009 Oregon HFRP signup is open from
April 6 until April 30, 2009*

*for lands in Oregon's Lane, Coos, Douglas,
Josephine, Curry and Jackson Counties.*

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OVERVIEW

The Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) is a voluntary program established for the purpose of restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems to:

1. Promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species,
2. Improve biodiversity; and
3. Enhance carbon sequestration.

HFRP is offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

BENEFITS

Restoring and protecting forests contributes positively to the economy of our nation, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations, and improves environmental quality.

Landowner Protections will be made available to landowners enrolled in the HFRP who agree, for a specified period, to restore or improve their land for threatened or endangered species habitat.

In Oregon, the focus of HFRP is to encourage landowners to manage their land for sustainable, profitable timber harvests while promoting forest conditions that improve habitat for the threatened

Northern Spotted Owl. Participating landowners will receive long-term assurances that no additional regulatory restrictions under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) will be imposed beyond the current, baseline conditions if they follow a plan that benefits Northern Spotted Owls.

Through HFRP, landowners may apply for financial assistance. After developing a Forest Stewardship Plan, program participants receive funding to implement selected forest management activities, such as thinning, tree planting and stream buffers.

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

In Oregon, landowners may choose to participate in HFRP through one of two enrollment options: a 10-year restoration agreement or a permanent easement.

10-Year HFRP Restoration Agreement:

Program participants develop a Forest Stewardship Plan to manage the land for sustainable timber harvests and Northern Spotted Owl habitat and receive 50 percent of the cost of selected conservation practices. With HFRP, the landowners continue harvests as described in the Forest Stewardship Plan. The plan will also set forth a strategy to provide a net conservation benefit for Northern

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Spotted Owls. As long as the Stewardship Plan is followed, the landowner will retain regulatory assurances that no additional ESA regulations will be imposed for the Northern Spotted Owl as a result of their timber harvest or management activities.

HFRP Permanent Easement:

With a permanent easement, landowners continue to manage the land for timber production while permanently maintaining the property as working forest land and Northern Spotted Owl habitat. The program pays 100 percent of the easement value and 100 percent of the cost of selected activities described in a Forest Stewardship Plan. The plan will also set forth a strategy to provide a net conservation benefit for Northern Spotted Owls. As long as the Stewardship Plan is followed, the landowner will retain regulatory assurances that no additional ESA regulations will be imposed for the Northern Spotted Owl as a result of their timber harvest or management activities.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for enrollment, land must be private land or Tribal lands which will restore, enhance, or measurably increase the likelihood of recovery of a threatened or endangered species, must improve biological diversity, or increase carbon sequestration. In Oregon, applications must meet the following specific criteria:

- The property is 40 acres or more of privately owned Douglas fir/mixed conifer forest land;
- The land includes known or potential Northern Spotted Owl habitat or provides connectivity between Coast and Cascade Range habitats;

- The landowner agrees to implement a Forest Stewardship Plan on the land; and
- The landowner intends to maintain the property as working forest land.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

HFRP information is available on the Internet at: <https://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/OR/programs/hfrp>.

If you need more information about HFRP, please contact the local NRCS Service Center in the counties where HFRP is available:

Coos and Curry Counties

Coquille Service Center
382 North Central
Coquille, Oregon 97423-1296
Phone: (541) 396-2841

Douglas and Josephine Counties

Roseburg Service Center
2440 NW Troost St., Suite 202
Roseburg, Oregon 97470-2089
Phone: (541) 673-6071

Jackson County

Medford Service Center
573 Parsons Drive, Suite 102
Medford Oregon 97501
Phone: (541) 776-4267 or (541) 776-4263

Lane County

Eugene Service Center
780 Bailey Hill Road, Suite 5
Eugene, Oregon 97402
Phone: (541) 465-6443

Newport NRCS Office
23 North Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365
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