

CALIFORNIA FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

KEY CONCEPTS for LANDOWNERS

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WHAT IS CFIP?

- A state funded program aimed at improving the economic value and environmental quality of non federal lands
- Reimbursement program, providing 75-90 % cost-share to non-industrial private forest landowners
- It's purpose is to encourage private and public investments in forestlands
- To ensure adequate future high quality timber supplies
- Provide employment opportunities and other economic benefits
- Protect, maintain, and enhance forest resources for the benefit of present and future generations

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Individuals
- Groups
- Associations
- Nonprofit and public entities
- Corporate land owners



01

Ownership must be 20 to 5,000 acres

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Must be capable of supporting at least 10% native tree cover

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Zoning does not prohibit Forest Management*

- * A Land Use Addendum is filed with the County for projects not under TPZ

**MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS?**

Eligible Forest Improvement Practices

- 1. Reforestation and timber stand improvement
- 2. Wildlife habitat improvement
- 3. Land conservation



Reforestation and timber stand improvement

- Management plans
- RPF supervision
- Site preparation
- Tree planting
- Tree shelters
- Pre-commercial thinning
- Pruning
- Follow up / Slash disposal
- Release



ELIGIBLE PRACTICES and RATES

PRACTICE	CFIP CAP RATE	90% COST-SHARE ¹	75% COST SHARE
Management Plan	\$5000 +	\$4500 +	\$3750+
High (New)	\$3.00/acre 1 st 160 acres \$2.50/acre each additional acre to 1000	\$2.70/acre 1 st 160 acres \$2.25/acre each additional acre to 1000	\$2.25/acre 1 st 160 acres \$1.88/acre each additional acre to 1000
<i>Rates for plans larger than 1000 acres are negotiated w/ CAL FIRE forester</i>			
Management Plan Revised/Low (Mini)	\$1750 + \$1.40/acre	\$1575 + \$1.26/acre	\$1313 + \$1.05/acre
RPF Supervision	\$150/acre 1 st 20 acres \$75/acre each additional acre	\$135/acre 1 st 20 acres \$67.50/acre each additional acre	\$112.50/acre 1 st 20 acres \$56.25/acre each additional acre
Site Prep			
Light	\$350/acre	\$315/acre	\$262.50/acre
Moderate	\$500/acre	\$450/acre	\$375/acre
Heavy	\$800/acre	\$720/acre	\$600/acre
Trees & Planting			
Average	\$225/acre	\$202.5/acre	\$168.75/acre
Moderate	\$350/acre	\$315/acre	\$262.50/acre
Difficult	\$550/acre	\$495/acre	\$412.50/acre
Tree Shelters			
	\$350/acre	\$315/acre	\$262.50/acre
Pre-commercial Thinning²			
Light	\$350/acre	\$315/acre	\$262.50/acre
Moderate	\$450/acre	\$405/acre	\$337.50/acre
Heavy	\$700/acre	\$630/acre	\$525/acre
Pruning²			
	\$200 for 50 trees/acre \$350 for 100 trees/acre \$450 for 150 trees/acre	\$180 for 50 trees/acre \$315 for 100 trees/acre \$405 for 150 trees/acre	\$150 for 50 trees/acre \$262.50 for 100 trees/acre \$337.50 for 150 trees/acre
Release²			
Light	\$250/acre	\$225/acre	\$187.50/acre
Moderate	\$400/acre	\$360/acre	\$300/acre
Heavy	\$700/acre	\$630/acre	\$525/acre
Follow-up/Slash Disposal			
Light	\$250/acre	\$225/acre	\$187.50/acre
Moderate	\$550/acre	\$495/acre	\$412.50/acre
Heavy	\$900/acre	\$810/acre	\$675/acre
Land Conservation/Wildlife/Fisheries Projects ³		Cost based on problem. Use EQIP rates as a guide	



LAND CONSERVATION and WILDLIFE/FISHERIES PROJECTS

- Improvement of drainage facilities to reduce soil erosion and sedimentation of streams
- Forest road repair and upgrading*
- Planting native oaks
- Planting streamside vegetation**
- Planting or reshaping eroding stream banks or gullies
- Remedial work for stabilizing landslides (requires analysis and design by a Certified Engineering Geologist or Geotechnical Engineer) **
- and others!

** Funding of forest road repair and upgrading is only allowed if it protects, maintains, or enhances fish and wildlife habitat.*

*** Projects involving work on stream channels or banks may require permits from the California Department of Fish and Game or other agencies.*

PRACTICES NOT ELIGIBLE

- Work required for compliance with the Forest Practice Act and Rules.
- Construction of new roads or bridges.
- Fencing to protect stands from livestock.
- Planting of Christmas trees and greenery.
- Costs of land, water, irrigation, or purchase of tools or equipment.
- Projects designed solely for the production of fuelwood.

INITIAL LANDOWNER REQUIREMENTS

- Retain the services of a Registered Professional Forester (RPF)
- Have the funds available to pay for your project until reimbursement arrives
 - ~\$5k for management plan only
 - ~\$50-100k+ for projects, depending on treatments

THE PROCESS (BRIEFLY)

1. Submit the Application, Agreement, and other required elements to your local Forestry Assistance Specialist (FAS)
2. Office review and site inspection
3. Review and approval by Sacramento
4. Multi-agency Environmental Review
5. Project Implementation
6. Invoicing
7. Reimbursement

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

1. The Confidential Archeological Addendum for the property (CAA)
2. A copy of the Management Plan for the property
3. A CFIP Project Review Environmental Checklist
4. RPF check list
5. Land use addendum (*if not zoned TPZ*)
6. A licensed Pest Control Advisors recommendation for proposed herbicide treatment
7. Natural Diversity Database Findings

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

- Usually takes 30 days from the date sent to local agencies and tribes:
 - CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
 - Water Quality
 - County Clerk
 - Local Tribes
 - US Forest Service (*if adjacent*)

KEEP IN MIND:

- CFIP cannot be used in conjunction with other cost-share programs (*e.g.*, EQIP)
- Priority Ranking is implemented when program funding drops below \$1 million
- You will receive a 1099R form for the tax year(s) in which you receive a CFIP reimbursement payment. Consult your tax advisor/CPA before applying.

QUESTIONS?

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