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General Comment

Please make the following revisions to the FRPP Interim Final Rule:

1. Allow eligible entities to negotiate the terms and conditions of conservation easements acquired with FRPP funds as Congress intended, provided that the easements include basic protections to ensure that federal funding is expended wisely.
2. Reduce Administrative Review for experienced entities in Certification. Keep an overarching framework, but allow regional entities with much experience in farmland protection to carry out certification.
3. Forest Management Plan Requirement should be eliminated or revised to apply to properties with 100 or more acres of forest land, not 10 acres.
4. Impervious Surfaces Policy should be revised to allow for agricultural infrastructure that is important to the viability of a farm or ranch.
5. National Ranking Factors should be reconsidered. Please allow local entities to determine their own ranking systems.

Thanks.