

Conservation Security Program



*You've been taking care of natural resources on your land for years...
...now, you have a chance to be financially rewarded for your work.*

Conservation Security Program Overview

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) was authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill to reward farmers and ranchers who are implementing conservation on America's working lands. CSP is a voluntary program based on conservation accomplishments that recognizes the contributions of the best land stewards and encourages them to do more.

CSP rounds out a portfolio of conservation for America's farmers and ranchers. CSP is helping producers improve management of private lands through NRCS conservation services and programs to sustain past environmental gains, address current resource problems, and provide for regulatory relief.

The Watershed Approach

To provide the best service possible to producers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is implementing CSP on a watershed basis. Focusing on high priority watersheds allows NRCS to provide quality service to more applicants than if the program were implemented nationwide because of limits on both program and technical assistance funding in Fiscal Year 2005.

CSP is being offered in watersheds across the country. The Chetco Watershed has been chosen as a CSP priority watershed for 2005.

Signing up for CSP

Applicants will be selected at the national level for the 2005 sign-up. The fact sheet entitled "CSP Eligibility, Qualification and Application Steps" contains detailed information about applying for CSP. Generally, to apply, land managers will need to complete the following steps:

Before the Sign-up Begins:

1. Complete a Self-Assessment Workbook.
2. Gather appropriate records and documentation.
3. Contact your local Farm Service Agency to receive a USDA (also called SCIMS) Identification Number.

Once the Sign-up Begins:

4. Attend a Self-Assessment workshop to learn more about CSP and receive assistance in finalizing your Self-Assessment Workbook.
5. Set up an appointment with your Local NRCS staff to confirm your eligibility, documentation and determine your enrollment category.
6. Submit your Conservation Stewardship Plan.
7. If you are selected for funding, complete your Conservation Stewardship Contract.

For additional information on the Conservation Security Program in Oregon, go to www.or.nrcs.usda.gov.

Conservation Security Program in Hells Canyon



Hells Canyon Watershed

Watershed Acres:

Total - 348,179

Private Land:

Idaho - 77,600

66 Working Farms - Idaho

Land Use Acres:

Pastureland - 100,700

Rangelands - 115,100

Forest - 127,300

Cropland - 200

Major Commodities:

Cattle

For More Information

Contact the Local NRCS

Field Office:

Enterprise 541-426-4521

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CSP 2005 in the Hells Canyon Watershed

Hells Canyon Watershed, includes North America's deepest river gorge, encompassing a vast and remote region with dramatic changes in elevation, terrain, climate and vegetation. Carved by the great Snake River, Hells Canyon plunges more than a mile below Oregon's west rim. There are no roads across Hells Canyon which is a 10-mile-wide expanse. Access to private lands in the watershed is limited to hiking, horseback riding or jet boats.

Hells Canyon watershed includes both Oregon and Idaho. The majority of the private land is located in Idaho.

Hells Canyon Watershed

