

Healthy Forests, Yield Healthy Profits

Keeping your forest healthy is the best way to ensure a healthy return on your investment. And ensuring a healthy forest begins by implementing your Forest Management Plan.

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can help you do just that! A Forest Management Plan is the first step in protecting and improving your forest stands...a prescription for forest health.

USDA's conservation programs can provide financial assistance to implement your Forest Management Plan through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), or Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

More about EQIP and Healthy Forests

NRCS can assist you in several ways to maintain, protect, and enhance your forest productivity through EQIP. As a forest landowner, you decide what type and level of conservation assistance is appropriate in meeting your forest management needs.

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural and forest producers who face threats to soil, water, air, and other natural resources on their land.

NRCS provides incentives to re-establish forest stands and treat related natural resource concerns, such as forest health, water quality, and wildlife habitat. EQIP helps management activities involving:

- Forest stand improvements
- Erosion and sediment concerns
- Invasive species control
- Pruning
- Planting
- Wildlife habitat

Where to Apply

Contact the NRCS office near you. To find a local USDA Service Center go to: <http://offices.sc.gov.usda.gov/locator/app>

If you are an eligible applicant that is selected for funding, you will work with NRCS to plan the necessary conservation activities to keep your forest healthy. NRCS will then develop an EQIP contract with you. The incentive payments you receive will help you implement the conservation practices on your forest.

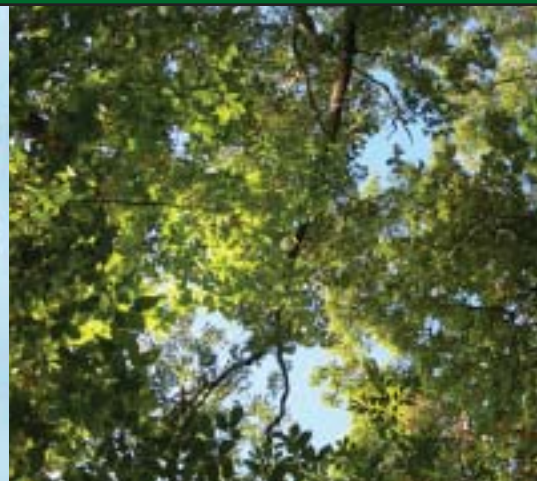
Keep your forest and your business growing healthy. Find out if EQIP is right for you.

EQIP: *just what the doctor ordered.*



EQIP may be the right prescription to help you with:

- Pre-commercial thinning
 - Erosion control
 - Reforestation
 - Pruning
 - Stand release
 - Wildlife habitat development



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Forest Health
just got a little easier.



Contact your local NRCS office at a USDA Service Center near you.
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