

EQIP:

just what the doctor ordered.

EQIP may be the right prescription for helping you with...

- Pre-commercial thinning
- Road closure/abandonment
 - Wildlife habitat development
 - Road erosion control
 - Fuel breaks
- Reforestation
- Stand release
 - Slash treatment
 - Site preparation
 - Pruning



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Forest Health
just got a little easier.





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 Stewardship Plan.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can help you do just that. Through its Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), NRCS can assist you in protecting and improving your forest stands – a prescription for forest health.

EQIP: A Prescription For Forest Health

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 administers the EQIP program with advice from Local Work Groups.

The program provides incentives to improve forest stands and treat related natural resources such as forest health, water quality, and wildlife habitat. The program is available to private forest landowners and may be delivered through a partnership with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

EQIP can help you with pre-commercial thinning, slash treatment, site preparation, and tree planting to improve suitable forest stands. Tree planting can also include seedling damage protection and treatment of competing vegetation during the initial establishment phase. Additional incentives will be available to address other resource concerns, such as maintaining wildlife enhancements and reducing erosion.

Where to Apply

Contact the NRCS office near you or download an application from the internet at the following link: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/PROGRAMS/EQIP/>.

Eligible applicants that are selected for funding will work with NRCS and Washington's DNR to plan the necessary conservation activities for keeping 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.

For more information:

Please contact an NRCS office near you. To locate the closest NRCS office, please call (509) 323-2900 or on the web at www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov.

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