



Technical Service Provider Training

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Technical Service Acquisition Method #1



- Does not have to be TSP certified
- Functions as a NRCS representative
 - NRCS provides direct supervision & assistance
- Payment not limited by NTE rates
- Payment is directly through NRCS

Technical Service Acquisition Method #2



- MUST be TSP certified for Program Reimbursement
- NTE rates or NTE Exception rates
- Producer must provide written permission for access to producer files
- Payment is directly through Producer



National

Online Tools

TechReg Web Site

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/technical/tsp/

Site Login
(USDA login
and
password)



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Important Contacts

- National TSP Team (97 KB) 
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- TSP State Coordinators 
- USDA Service Center Locator 
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- AgLearn Helpdesk 
- TechReg Helpdesk 

Technical Service Providers

What is a Technical Service Provider or TSP?

Technical Service Providers (TSPs) are individuals or businesses that have technical expertise in conservation planning and design for a variety of conservation activities. TSPs are hired by farmers, ranchers, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, or public agencies to provide these services on behalf of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Each certified TSP is listed on the NRCS TSP online registry, TechReg. The TSP registration and approval process involves required training and verification of essential education, knowledge, skills and abilities.

What kind of work can a TSP do?

TSPs provide conservation technical services to NRCS clients in two broad areas: Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) development and Conservation Practice design, installation and checkout. There are 16 separate CAPs and several different practice categories, each with individual TSP eligibility requirements.

TechReg - NRCS's online TSP Registry

TechReg is the online registry of Technical Service Providers where:

- Certified TSPs can
- Landowners looking for assistance can
- Individuals and businesses can

Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs)

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) supports payment for practices involving the development of certain plans called "conservation activity plans" or CAPs. Only certified TSPs can be hired to complete these plans.

- Conservation Activity Plans Approved for Fiscal Year 2013 (PDF, 49KB)-Complete list and descriptions of CAPs being offered for FY 13
- TSP Eligibility Criteria-Requirements for eligibility to become certified as a TSP
- CAP Plan Development Criteria-Content requirements for CAP plans
- CAP Plan Checklists-Plan content requirement checklists
- National Plan Templates-National templates can be used by TSPs for plan development which meet Plan Development Criteria
- CAP Payment Rates for FY 2013 (PDF, 200KB)-Payment rates paid to a landowner for contracted CAP plans

Conservation Practice Design, Installation and Checkout

- Practice Categories and Eligibility Criteria Options (PDF, 86KB)-Requirements for eligibility to become certified as a TSP
- Technical Service Payment Rates (TSPRs)- Payment rates paid to a landowner for contracted practices

TSP Resources

- Civil Rights Responsibilities
- State TSP Coordinators
- Training Opportunities
- National TSP Team Regional Certifiers (PDF, 98KB)

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/technical/tsp/> 1/10/2013

Technical Resources for TSPs	TSP Policy, Manual & Rules
TSP Certification Agreement	Recommending Organizations
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	TSP Brochure-TSPs: Extending The Reach of Conservation Folder CAP Inserts

What's New?

News & Events - [Current TSP News & Events.](#)

NEW TSP Orientation and Conservation Planning Course available in AgLearn. This course replaces the two individual courses: Conservation Planning Part 1 Modules 1-5 and TSP Orientation. [More Information](#)



CPlanner is no longer available for Conservation Planning for NRCS. GeoAgro has announced they will no longer support CPlanner. [More Information](#)

The TechReg website will no longer support anything other than the TSP Registry and TSP Profile management functions. Please visit [the TSP website](#) for all your TechReg needs, it all starts here!

Feedback

Send the National TSP Team a comment.

You can get technical support a number of ways:

Contact TechReg Support by email.

For problems with your USDA eAuthentication account email the [eAuth Help Desk](#) or contact the USDA help desk via phone at 1-800-457-3642.

Contact the National TSP Team by email for questions about certification, policy, rules, and general questions about the TSP Program.

A map of New Hampshire, USA, showing its geographical features and neighboring states. The map includes labels for Canada to the north, Vermont to the west, Maine to the east, and Massachusetts to the south. Major cities like Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Manchester, Keene, Nashua, Salem, Laconia, Rochester, Dover, Exeter, and Portsmouth are marked. Rivers such as the Merrimack and Androscooggin, and Lake Winnepesaukee are also shown. The text 'New Hampshire Online Tools' is overlaid on the map in a large, bold font.

New Hampshire Online Tools

CANADA

Connecticut

MAINE

Androscooggin

APPALACHIAN MTS.

Berlin

NEW
YORK

VERMONT

NEW
HAMPSHIRE

Online Tools

Merrimack

Lake
Winnepesaukee

Laconia

Claremont

Rochester

Dover

CONCORD

Exeter

Portsmouth

Manchester

Keene

Salem

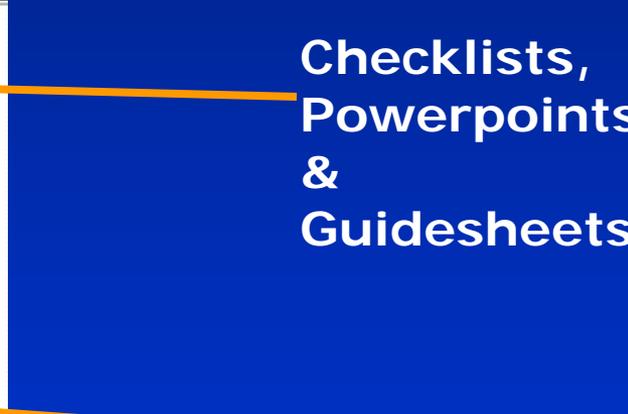
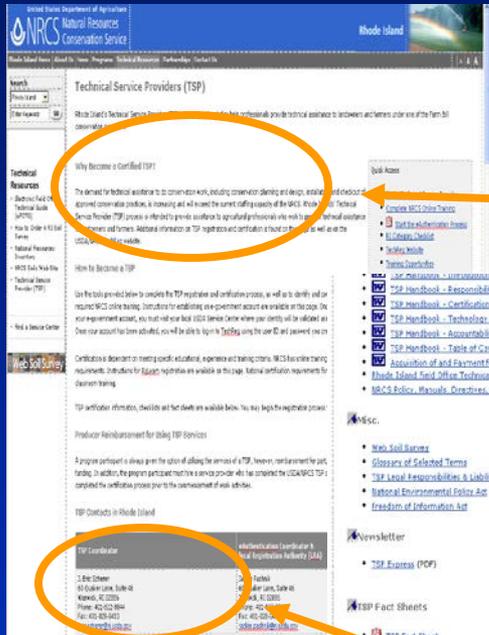
Nashua

North
Atlantic
Ocean

MASSACHUSETTS

New Website Design

<http://www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/TSP.html>



General
Registration &
Certification
Information

Checklists,
Powerpoints
&
Guidesheets

Forms

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Information

New TSP Process Guidesheet

TSP Process Guidesheet (TSP election made prior to signing contract)

STEP	RESP. PERSON	What is Needed to Complete the Step?	What Resources are Available or Needed to Complete the Step?	What is the Result of this Step?
I. Field Office Conservation Planning				
1. Conservation Planner discusses conservation plan alternatives, including the use of a TSP, with producer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Conservationist (DC) Staff with job approval authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Plan, Contract Document(s) &/or Cost Share Application, CPA-15 Rhode Island TSP Fact Sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Specialists ARCs Technical Specialists TSP Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producer is provided with NRCS Technical Service Provider Assistance Producer Fact Sheet and the Rhode Island TSP Fact Sheet with copies placed in the Producer file Producer makes decision to use TSP Services
2. Producer notifies NRCS of decision to use TSP to complete practices and DC explains TechReg Website and TSP forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producer Conservation Planner DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Plan Contract Document(s) &/or Cost Share Application CPA-15 TechReg Website sites to discuss: Not-to-Exceed Rates EQIP CNMP Engineering Practice Rates Eligible TSPs list Forms to discuss: TSP Quality Assurance Certification of Services Form TSP Reporting Form TSP Authorization of Release of Records Form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSP Coordinator ARC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producer is given a list of Not-to-Exceed rates, or other rate list as applicable, for the practices where they will be using TSP services and a copy of the list is placed in the producer file Producer is given a copy of the TSP List containing only TSPs certified in the Categories and practices appropriate for the producer's conservation contract and a copy of the list is placed in the producer file Signed TSP Notification and Release of Information Form is placed in producer file
3. DC sends producer Notice to Participant Regarding TSP Assistance and a copy of the signed TSP Authorization of Release of Information Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice to Participant Regarding TSP Assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Mail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document date that Notice to Participant Regarding TSP Assistance was sent to producer on the CPA-15 and place copy in producer file

NH Forms Available Online

Notice to Participant Regarding TSP Assistance

(Participant Name) [insert date]
Address

RE: Authorization for Technical Service Provider A

Dear _____:

You have selected to use a certified Technical Service Provider (TSP) regarding (spell out services to be provided, referen

You are responsible for selecting a TSP from the list provided on the left side of the page. You can also provide the assistance for the above-listed practices TSP Web site at <http://techreg.usda.gov>. You can al

1. Selecting technical service provider on the left side
2. Click on the State map,
3. Click on the county map, and
4. Check the resume of the TSP.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the work performed complies with State, Tribal, and local laws and ordinances. Contact your TSP regarding other technical service must be provided with the installation. Some examples are: The National Wetlands Policy Act, Threatened and Endangered Species Act

The enclosed Statement(s) of Work identifies the nature of the work you, along with an invoice for services provided. Payment of services is made.

You are responsible for payment to the TSP for the work performed. You should make payment directly to the TSP by signing For obtained at any USDA Service Center. To receive a receipt and documentation must be submitted to the NRCS as performed (i.e., September 30, [insert year]).

NRCS personnel are held to strict standards concerning records. We will only be able to provide information assistance contract to you or by written authorization from the same statutes as NRCS employees. As such, you concerning confidentiality with the TSP you hire.

If I can be of any assistance, feel free to contact me

Sincerely,

NAME
District Conservationist (and equivalent)

Technical Service Provider Initiative Notification and Agreement on Release of Information

Section 2004 of the Farm Security and Rural Infor information provided by individuals to NRCS or NRCS, to participate, in conservation programs not releasable to the public by any employee, or Information, including the location of National may be disclosed only if it has been converted to allow the identification of the individual supplier information obtained from individuals may be necessary to enforce natural resources conservat or financial assistance for any natural resources or the Farm Service Agency.

The Freedom of Information Act, (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, generally provides for access to Federal agency records, except where disclosure by one of nine exemptions or by record exclusions. The Government recognizes commercial, and personal interests that can be i

The Privacy Act (PA) of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, w unwarranted intrusions of their privacy stemm disclosure of personal information about them

NRCS, consultants, or contractors of NRCS : information that: reflects on the owner's open and financial matters; causes substantial harm operator, or producer; or impairs the Govern information in the future. Unauthorized disclosure to \$10,000.00 or imprisonment for up to a year under exemptions (b) (3) and/or (b) (6) of the FOIA PA. The FOIA Officer should be contacted if information covered by the FOIA and PA pu Acts.

Technical Service Provider Initiative TSP Quality Assurance Certification of Services Form

Program Participant Information:

Name _____
Farm Bill Program: _____
Contract Number: _____ Item Number(s) _____

Technical Service Provider Information:

Name (print) _____
TechReg ID Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Technical Service Category(ies): _____
Technical Services – NRCS Practices _____
Technical Services Provided _____

I hereby certify that the technical services I provided as a Technical S

- (1) Comply with all applicable Federal, State, Tribal, and Local law
- (2) Meet applicable USDA NRCS conservation practice standards, and program requirements,
- (3) Are consistent with and meet the particular conservation program and
- (4) Incorporate, where appropriate, low-cost alternatives that address

Technical Service Provider Signature D

The Technical Service Provider must certify in writing that the technical services were performed in accordance with the TechReg Certification Agreement and furnish a copy of Assurance Certification of Services Form to the local NRCS District Con

Technical Service Provider PRS Data Entry Worksheet

NRCS collects information concerning conservation practices put on the landscape through Technical Service Providers (TSPs). Please submit completed forms to either your customer or the local NRCS Field Office. Your input improves the accuracy of NRCS's reporting systems.

Landowner Name: _____
TSP Name: _____
Contract or TSP Number: _____
USDA Program: EQIP
Location of Work:
Tract Number: _____
Field Number: _____
County: _____
State: _____
Land Use: (crop, pasture, etc.) _____
Practice:
Name or Code: _____
Amount: _____
Units: (ac, ft, cfs, etc.) _____

For each type of service you performed, enter the completion date for each. If you did not provide a type of service, leave the date field blank.

Service Type	Date Completed
Planning	_____
Design	_____
Installation	_____
Checkout	_____

Certification Agreement

- TSPs certify that they will:
 - Agree to meet all USDA standards
 - Specifications
 - Program requirements
 - Comply with all
 - Federal
 - State
 - Tribal
 - Local laws



License Requirements

Practice #	Practice Name	Federal/State Law Citation	Requirements	Comments
650	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation			
654	Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment			
655	Forest Trails and Landings	NH Forestry License	NH Forestry License	http://www.nh.gov/jtboard/home.htm
656	Constructed Wetland	Professional Engineer (PE)	Professional Licensure in NH	Cannot accept out-of-state licence
657	Wetland Restoration	Professional Engineer (PE)	Professional Licensure in NH	Cannot accept out-of-state licence
658	Wetland Creation	Professional Engineer (PE)	Professional Licensure in NH	Cannot accept out-of-state licence
659	Wetland Enhancement	Professional Engineer (PE)	Professional Licensure in NH	Cannot accept out-of-state licence
660	Tree/Shrub Pruning			
666	Forest Stand Improvement	NH Forestry License	NH Forestry License	http://www.nh.gov/jtboard/home.htm

Certification Agreement

- **TSPs certifying that they will:**
 - **Warrant quality of work**
 - **Assume legal responsibility for work products**
 - **Submit to quality assurance reviews**

Certification Agreement

- TSPs must:
 - Maintain documentation
 - Furnish to NRCS
 - Furnish to participant
 - Report completed practices to NRCS



Re-Certification

- Every three years
- After expiration of de-certification
- May be required to provide CEU documentation



Decertification

- **NRCS will decertify a TSP for**
 - **Not meeting NRCS standards and specifications**
 - **Violation of certification agreement**
 - **False information on application**
 - **Inability to fulfill terms of certification agreement**





TSP Payment

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Producer Reimbursement Rates

TSP Payment

- TSP determines payment quantity
- Producer may assign payment to TSP using CCC-36 (available online at the New Hampshire TSP website)

ASSIGNMENT OF PAYMENT

See Page 2 for Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements.

PART A - GENERAL INFORMATION				
1. STATE		2. COUNTY		
3. PARTICIPANT'S (ASSIGNOR'S) NAME AND ADDRESS <i>Including Zip Code</i>		5. ASSIGNEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS <i>Including Zip Code</i>		
4. PARTICIPANT'S (ASSIGNOR'S) TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		6. ASSIGNEE'S TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		
7. ASSIGNEE'S ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER INFORMATION				
Direct Deposit to Account Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings		Financial Institution Name: _____ Address: _____		
Bank Information: Routing Number: _____		Account Number: _____		
8. Program Name	9. Contract No.	10. Program Year or Payment Year (If Applicable)	11. Contract Item Number(s) (If Applicable)	12. Assigned Amount
PART B - APPLICABLE PROGRAM(S)				

PART C - REPRESENTATION OF ASSIGNOR AND ASSIGNEE	
<i>In order to assign a cash payment in accordance with the programs specified by the assignor in Items 8 and 11, this form must be completed by both the assignor and the assignee. This assignment is applicable only to payments issued by the NRCS for the specified program and contract in Part B. This assignment is applicable only to programs publicly announced before this form is filed and is subject to the terms stated in this form.</i>	
<i>The assignee agrees to repay promptly to the Federal Government any amount by which the assigned payment exceeds the amount secured by the assignment. The assignor and the assignee agree that they will promptly notify the NRCS office of any change affecting this assignment. This assignment may be revoked at any time by written request signed by the assignee.</i>	
13A. PARTICIPANT'S (ASSIGNOR'S) SIGNATURE	13B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
14A. ASSIGNEE'S SIGNATURE	14B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
PART D - REVOCATION OF ASSIGNMENT	
Assignment of payment authorization above is hereby revoked.	
15A. ASSIGNEE'S SIGNATURE	15B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
FOR NRCS USE ONLY	16. DATE FILED (MM-DD-YYYY)
	17. TIME FILED

NRCS COPY ASSIGNEE PARTICIPANT

2012/2013 Forestry CAP Cost comparison

					<u>2013</u>			<u>2012</u>
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP ≤ 50 acres	No	650.34	PR	100	1052.25
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP ≤ 50 acres - HU	No	780.41	PR	100	1262.7
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 51-100 acres	No	921.32	PR	100	1394.25
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 51-100 acres - HU	No	1105.58	PR	100	1673.1
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 101-200 acres	No	1409.07	PR	100	2225.25
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 101-200 acres - HU	No	1690.88	PR	100	2670.3
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 201 - 400 acres	No	2113.61	PR	100	2981.25
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 201 - 400 acres - HU	No	2536.33	PR	100	3577.5
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 401 - 600 acres	No	2980.73	PR	100	3996
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 401 - 600 acres - HU	No	3576.87	PR	100	4795.2
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 601 - 1000 acres	No	3847.85	PR	100	5100
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 601 - 1000 acres - HU	No	4617.41	PR	100	6120
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP >1000 acres	No	4606.58	PR	100	
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP >1000 acres - HU	No	5527.89	PR	100	

Producer Reimbursement in New Hampshire

- Producers may always choose to utilize TSP services, but are reimbursed only when funding is available
- CNMP Engineering practices will be reimbursed using the 2013 New Hampshire Exception Rates
- Other practices will be reimbursed using Not-to-Exceed Rates set regionally/nationally



Not-to-Exceed Rates

- NTE rates vary by
 - Conservation practice
 - **Scenario**
 - Geographic area
 - Implementation phase
 - Land use
 - Practice amount

Code	Practice Name	Scenario Name	Unit	Cost (100%)	EQUIP - FGC	EQUIP - Energy	EQUIP - Maple	EQUIP - SHT	EQUIP - ORG	EQUIP - Forest	WHIP- NEC	AMA	NH Lead Discipline
393	Filter Strip	Organic Introduced Species Filter Strip w/Land Shaping	Ac	\$823.47					X				Agronomy
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Cool Season, Establish or Reseed	Ac	\$449.58	X							X	Agronomy
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Cool Season, Establish or Reseed, Organic	Ac	\$586.29					X				Agronomy
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Cool Season, Establish, Foregone Income	Ac	\$652.25	X							X	Agronomy
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Cool Season, Establish, Organic, Foregone Income	Ac	\$817.99					X				Agronomy
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Overseed	Ac	\$63.72	X							X	Agronomy
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Overseed, Organic	Ac	\$110.60					X				Agronomy
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Rejuvenate	Ac	\$304.86	X				X			X	Agronomy
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Rejuvenate, Organic	Ac	\$351.74					X				Agronomy
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Warm Season, Native, Establish or Reseed	Ac	\$554.33	X				X			X	Agronomy
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Warm Season, Native, Establish or Reseed, Foregone Income	Ac	\$757.00	X				X			X	Agronomy
666	Forest Stand Improvement	Timber Stand Improvement	Ac	\$404.36						X	X		Ecology
666	Forest Stand Improvement	Tree Marking	Ac	\$91.97						X	X		Ecology
655	Forest Trails and Landings	New Trail and Landing Installation	Ft	\$1.92						X	X		Ecology
655	Forest Trails and Landings	Repair - Moderate	Ft	\$3.00						X	X		Ecology
655	Forest Trails and Landings	Temporary Stream Crossing	Ea	\$1,025.35						X	X		Ecology
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Catch Basin and Pipe <= 24"	Ea	\$6,310.36	X				X				Engineering
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Catch Basin and Pipe >24"	Ea	\$10,780.36	X				X				Engineering
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Check Dams	Ton	\$48.90	X				X				Engineering
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Concrete Weir	SqFt	\$208.20	X				X				Engineering
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Embankment, Pipe <= 6"	CuYd	\$5.11	X				X				Engineering
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Embankment, Pipe >12"	CuYd	\$7.68	X				X				Engineering
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Embankment, Pipe 8"-12"	CuYd	\$6.00	X				X				Engineering
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Embankment, Soil Treatment	CuYd	\$8.77	X				X				Engineering
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Log Drop Structures	Ea	\$5,261.07	X				X				Engineering

New Forest Trail

Construction of forest trails and landings for the purpose of providing access to a gently sloping forested tract. Access will allow the application of other conservation practices, monitoring and the removal of forest products. It is not, however, to be used if the installation is done as part of a commercial operation such as timber harvesting. In such a case, the Scenario 1 should be used. Installation will include removal of trees and brush as needed, a minimum amount of blading and soil disturbance, and the installing of water control measures such as water bars, broad-based dips, wing ditches, etc. It will not include measures more common to access roads such as gravelling or ditching. Installation will be supervised by a consultant forester, land manager, or other resource professional. Resource concerns include Excessive sediment in surface waters, Sheet & rill erosion, and Concentrated flow erosion



Change from a per acre rate to a linear foot rate. Convert landings to linear feet.

BUNDLING-ONE PRACTICE BECOMES THREE

SHAPING



**STREAM
CROSSING**



SEEDING

Not-to-Exceed Rates

- Definition

- Maximum rate reimbursed to producers for individual conservation practice, or
- Practice component provided through technical service providers.
- NTE rates are based on what it would cost NRCS to provide a similar service.

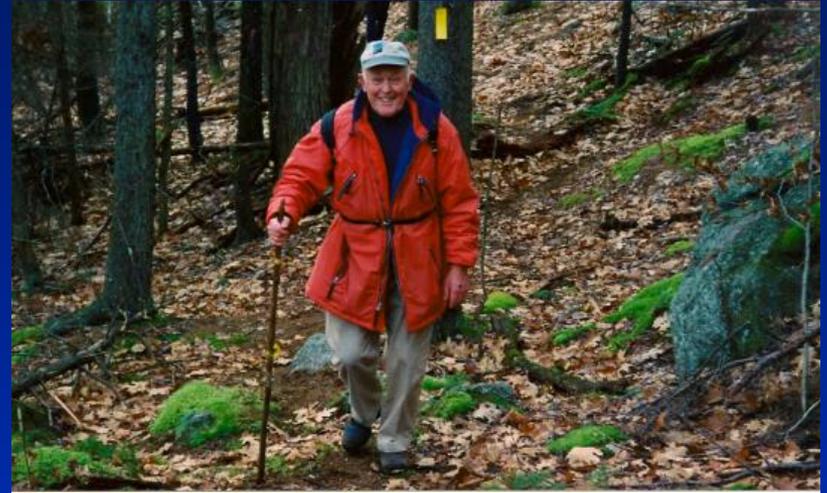
Exceptions

- One time, atypical situations
 - Threatened/Endangered species
 - Difficult access to site
 - Urban site requiring special design skill



Exceptions

- Atypical situation involving
 - No local expertise available
 - Requires highly technical skills
 - Serious threat to environment/human health
- Apply to State Conservationist





Roles and Responsibilities

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How your Extension Educators can help.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Release of producer information
 - NRCS acquired services (NRCS contracts) must not release non-public producer information
 - Producer acquired TSPs should use ethical businesses practices

**PERMISSION TO ACCESS PROGRAM PARTICIPANT NRCS NATIONAL CONSERVATION
PLANNING (NCP) DATABASE INFORMATION FOR TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS (TSP)**

Faxed or scanned copies of this signed form are acceptable.

USDA Service Center: _____
(NRCS office where land is administered)

State: _____ County: _____
(Where land is located) (Where land is located)

I, (print customer name) _____, hereby grant permission for (print TSP name) _____, Technical Service Provider, to have access to the NRCS National Conservation Planning database folders listed below, which may contain personally identifiable information, for the specific purpose(s) of conservation planning, with access permission expiring on (Date) _____ or by my written request to NRCS at the above USDA Service Center.

Note: Contact the NRCS Field Office for assistance in filling out this section.

Primary Customer Name (SCIMS Name): _____

NRCS folder(s):

NCP Folder Name (ex. Doe, Jane...1234)

I understand that the TSPs are individuals, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, or public agencies with whom I have an independent contractual agreement and are not an agent or representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). I further understand that this request for access to my records does not constitute any implied reimbursement by NRCS for any resulting plan or design that does not meet the applicable NRCS requirements. If I am representing a legal entity or partnership, I attest that I am authorized to provide this permission on behalf of such entity or partnership. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information and representations in this form are true and correct.

Customer Signature _____ Date _____

Additional owners/operators (optional):

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act, as it is required for administration of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (see Pub. L. 110-246, Title II, Subtitle J - Miscellaneous Conservation Provisions).

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Roles and Responsibilities

- **Program participant**

- Always has option of using a TSP
- May pay for services without reimbursement
- Must have signed contract or agreement prior to commencement of work
- Paid only one time per practice*
- Provide written authorization for release of producer information



Roles and Responsibilities

- **Program participant**
 - Provide signed Warranty to NRCS prior to payment
 - Responsible for meeting
 - Regulatory requirement
 - Obtaining permits, easement, authorities, rights and approvals
 - Responsible for checking TSP references
 - Responsible for ensuring work meets NRCS standards and specifications

Roles and Responsibilities

- **Program participant**
 - May contract with more than one TSP
 - Responsible for coordination of services
 - Must submit invoices and documentation of work products
 - Responsible for TSP payment



Roles and Responsibilities

- **Technical Service Providers**
 - Must comply with federal, state, Tribal and local laws
 - May not be paid for the same work twice
 - Through producer & separate USDA contract
 - May assist producers in obtaining permits, easements, etc.
 - Must negotiate payment with producer

Roles and Responsibilities

- **NRCS**

- May not be a reference for TSPs
- May not recommend a specific TSP
- Must disqualify themselves if they have an interest or relationship with TSP
- Must receive copy of Warranty prior to processing payment request
- Must report work in PRS prior to processing payment request

Roles and Responsibilities

- **NRCS**
 - Will not act as go-between for TSP payment
 - Will not provide significant review of TSP plans or designs prior to installation
 - Will Spot check TSP work
 - First 3 projects in County
 - 5% of all practices completed in County



You're Hired

- Now What?



Your Hired – Now What?

- **Discuss with program participant**
 - Participant expectations
 - Project budget & timeline
 - Payment for services
 - Participant lifestyle
 - Conservation alternatives
 - Forest, Farm or Ranch operation and management

Management Plan vs Practice Installation

Management Plan

- Once contract is approved the \$ are available to the landowner. Money is considered financial assistance (FA).

Practice Installation

- Once the contract is approved the \$ are available to the landowner to complete the practice (FA). If the landowner wishes to employ a TSP to design, supervise and checkout (s)he must request technical assistance (TA) \$ to be added into the contact.

In either case it's up to the landowner to negotiate with the TSP for the price. It is not necessarily related to the FA or TA \$ offered by NRCS.

Pre-Planning Meeting

- Field Office, TSP & program participant
 - Expectations and deadlines
 - Management of multiple contractors
 - Standards of Work
 - Deliverables
 - Documentation
 - Reporting



Crowds panic as flooding threatens Ireland...

• Contracts/Payments

Requirements:

- One practice must be completed within 12 months of contract signing.
- Any contract modifications must be approved prior to beginning work on a practice, this includes TSP payments.
- Modifications must be within the original scope of the contract.
- A contract may be cancelled by agreement of both parties.
- Contract payments are made upon the completion, certification and approval of the practice.
- Payment is based on the cost share rate and units completed.

US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE		REVISION OF PLAN / SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS OR MODIFICATION OF A CONTRACT				NRCS-CPA-1156 OMB 0578-0013 Expires 5/31/2012	
PARTICIPANT		COUNTY AND STATE BELKNAP COUNTY, NH		PROGRAM AND CONTRACT NUMBER EQIP 2002 7414280803U		SUBACCOUNT Forestland Environmental Concerns	
LAND UNITS OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION		ACRES		MODIFICATION NUMBER AND DATE		EXPIRATION DATE	
Farm Tract(s)		77		2 --- N/A		9/30/2011	
Contract Item 1: PRESCRIBED FORESTRY(409)				Practice Lifespan: 10 years		Status: Certified 3/19/2010	
Manage forested areas for forest health, wood and/or fiber, water, recreation, aesthetics, wildlife habitat and plant biodiversity.							
Fields: Tract: 5322 Fields: 1;							
Contract Item	Planned Conservation Treatment	Certified Amount	Unit Cost	Cost Share Rate/Method	COMPLETION SCHEDULE AND ESTIMATED COST-SHARE OR PAYMENT BY YEAR		
1	PRESCRIBED FORESTRY(409)	77 ac	\$20,000/ ac	PR	2010		
1a	51 - 200 ACRES	77 ac	\$20,000/ ac	PR	1,540		
Notes: *Payment rates define the unit cost rate of compensation to be received by the participant.							
Contract Item 2: FOREST TRAILS AND LANDINGS(655)				Practice Lifespan: 5 years		Status: Planned 2010	
Laying out, constructing, and using forest trails and landings.							
Fields: Tract: 5322 Fields: 1;							
Contract Item	Planned Conservation Treatment	Planned Amount	Unit Cost	Cost Share Rate/Method	COMPLETION SCHEDULE AND ESTIMATED COST-SHARE OR PAYMENT BY YEAR		
2	FOREST TRAILS AND LANDINGS(655)	1.5 ac	\$11,99,600/ ac	PR	16,800		
2a	DIFFICULT SITES	1.5 ac	\$11,99,600/ ac	PR	16,800		
Notes: *Payment rates define the unit cost rate of compensation to be received by the participant.							
Notes: Payment rate on eligible practices has been increased due to participants with Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher or Beginning Farmer/Rancher status.							
Contract Item 3: TA DESIGN(911)				Technical Assistance		Status:	
** MISSING **							
Fields: Tract: 5322 Fields: 1;							
Contract Item	Planned Conservation Treatment	Planned Amount	Unit Cost	Cost Share Rate/Method	COMPLETION SCHEDULE AND ESTIMATED COST-SHARE OR PAYMENT BY YEAR		
3	TA DESIGN(911)	1.5 mo	\$619,000/ mo	100%AM	619		
3a	TA Design	1 mo	\$619,000/ mo	100%AM	619		

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US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE		NRCS-CPA-1245 OMB 0578-0013 Expires 5/31/2012	
PRACTICE APPROVAL AND PAYMENT APPLICATION		Participant	Program and Contract Number
Information is needed from the Conservation Plan Schedule of Operations to complete this form. Penalty for false statement or entries.		WHIP 2002	
County and State	BELKNAP County, NH	Fund Code	New England & NY Forestry Initiative
Watershed	Bristol-New Hampton Tribs.	Payment Application Number	1
1. CONSERVATION PRACTICES PERFORMED			
Contract Item	Practice	Inspection Date	Practice Completion
5	Forest Trails and Landings (655)	10/15/2010	Completed
		Planned Amount	Applied Amount
		0.30	0.30
		Units	Cost Per Unit
		ac	\$10,818.0 000
		Cost Share % Method	Payment Cap
		PR*	N/A
		Amount Earned	\$3,245.40
			Total Amount Earned: \$3,245.40
Notes: *5 Payment Rates define the unit cost rate of compensation to be received by the participant.			
Practice Certification Practice(s) have been performed to the extent shown above and meet the program requirements. If the practice(s) does (do) not meet practice specifications, or if additional work is required, see explanation in Performance Report below.			
Performance Report CIN 5		Certification By Michael E Lynch USDA electronic signature; manual signature not required.	Date 10/15/2010
2. PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE			
CERTIFICATION BY PARTICIPANT(S): I certify that the above information is true and correct. I further certify that the entry in Column Practice Extent and Units shows that the practice(s) was (were) performed in accordance with the practice specifications and other program requirements. I hereby apply for payment to the extent that the NRCS Approving Official has determined that the practice(s) has (have) been performed and further certify that this payment is not a duplicate of any other earned by me through another USDA program. Any payment that has or will be received from other sources has been disclosed to the NRCS Approving Official. I agree to maintain this (these) practice(s) for at least the practice service life beginning with the date the practice was completed. I agree to return all or part of the cost-share/incentive assistance paid to me, as determined by the NRCS Approving Official, if before expiration of the practice service life, I (a) destroy the practice installed, or (b) voluntarily relinquish control or title to the land on which the installed practice has been established and the new owner and/or operator of the land does not agree in writing to properly maintain the practice for the remainder of its specified lifespan.			
Participant Name, Address, Telephone		Signature	
		Date	
3. NRCS APPROVING OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify that the items listed herein are correct and hereby approved for payment from the fund designated on supporting data records			

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NRCS-CPA-1202

US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

NRCS-CPA-1202
6/2012

CONSERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACT

Participant: [Redacted]	Program and Contract Number: EQIP 2008 741425
County and State: BELKNAP County, NH	Subaccount: FY 2012 NE NY Forestry Initiative
Watershed: The Broads	This agreement is effective on the date signed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service approving official and extends through 9/30/2016

- The undersigned participants enter into this contract with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to implement and or maintain specific conservation practices, as set forth in the Conservation Plan or Schedule of Operations (NRCS-CPA-1155), on the property as identified on the plan map. In consideration for the implementation and or maintenance of the practices, the NRCS will make payments to the participant(s) in the amount(s) described in the Schedule of Operations as outlined in the appendix.
- This agreement is comprised of this Conservation Program Contract form NRCS-CPA-1202, NRCS-CPA-1202 Appendix; NRCS-CPA-1155 Conservation Plan or Schedule of Operations and plan map which are fully incorporated by reference into this document and are binding upon the participant(s). The NRCS-CPA-1155 may be modified (NRCS-CPA-1156) upon agreement of NRCS and the participant and becomes a part of the contract when signed by the NRCS approving official.
- The participant(s) agree: A) to implement and maintain conservation practices identified on the plan map in compliance with the plan or schedule of operations (NRCS-CPA-1155) and in accordance with the standards, specifications, and other special program criteria obtained from the local field office of the NRCS; B) to forfeit further payments under this agreement and refund the United States, in amounts determined by NRCS, payments received hereunder upon NRCS determination that participant(s) have violated the material terms of this agreement or accept such payment adjustments as NRCS may deem appropriate if NRCS decides that the participant's violation does not warrant termination of the agreement; and C) to forfeit all rights to further payments under the agreement and refund to the United States, in amounts determined by NRCS, payments received hereunder if the subject land is transferred to a non-participant during the term of this agreement, unless the third party agrees to assume this agreement, and the NRCS consents to the modification.

4. CONTRACT PARTICIPANTS

Name, Address, Telephone [Redacted] (603)	SSN or TAX ID if applicable [Redacted]
Signature Date Landowner	Payment Shares 100.00%
Signature required for modifications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Signature acceptable for payments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5. CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS

2013	2014	2015							Total
\$8,438	\$6,465	\$42,996							\$57,899
									\$57,899

6. NRCS APPROVING OFFICIALS

Application Approval [Redacted] USDA electronic signature; manual signature not required.	Contract Obligation Program Manager [Redacted] USDA electronic signature; manual signature not required.
Date: 5/29/2012	Date: 6/29/2012

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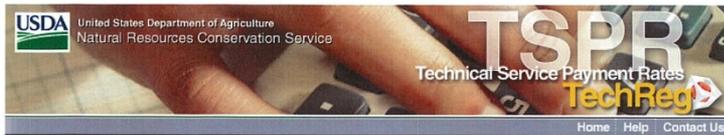
Waivers

- At least one practice must be completed within 12 months of obligating contract, however, if work has been commenced then going over the one year anniversary of obligation should not pose a problem the field staff is notified.
- The landowner can formally request a waiver from the State Conservationist.
- Status reviews should be done on contracts that are not on schedule.

- **Obligation Date**



Technical Service Payment Rates: http://tspr.sc.egov.usda.gov/ObtainRat



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Obtain Local Payment Rates

1. Select Year: 2013

2. Select State: NH

3. Select County: MERRIMACK

4. Select General Practice: 666 - Forest Stand Improvement

5. Select Specific Practice:

Select Practice	Practid	Animal Type	Typical Number of Units	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 666 - Forest Stand Improvement	NH0029	None	10 ac	

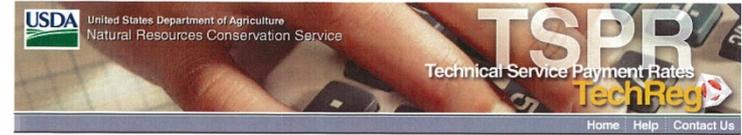
6. Enter the number of units for this contract:

Technical Service Provider Application Costs For 10 (ac):

Activity	Per Unit	Total
Design	\$16.4664	\$165.00
Installation	\$16.3798	\$164.00
Checkout	\$11.4658	\$115.00
Unit cost per (ac)	\$44.3120	\$444.00

State Contact

Name	Phone	Email
DUBOIS, RYAN C		ryan.dubois@nh.usda.gov
LYNCH, MICHAEL E		michael.lynch@nh.usda.gov



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 666 - Forest Stand Improvement	NH0029	None	10 ac	

6. Enter the number of units for this contract:

Technical Service Provider Application Costs For 30 (ac):

Activity	Per Unit	Total
Design	\$9.1230	\$274.00
Installation	\$6.4656	\$194.00
Checkout	\$5.4015	\$163.00
Unit cost per (ac)	\$20.9901	\$631.00

State Contact

Name	Phone	Email
DUBOIS, RYAN C		ryan.dubois@nh.usda.gov
LYNCH, MICHAEL E		michael.lynch@nh.usda.gov

DELIVERABLES

Doesn't matter if you're a TSP or NRCS employee before a practice can be paid for you should be able to document each of these items.

STATEMENT OF WORK FOREST TRAILS AND LANDINGS (655) New Hampshire

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
 - c. Compliance with NRCS national and state utility safety policy (NEM part 503-Safety, Section 503.00 through 503.22)
 - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Determination of the area of work, trail and landing dimensions, gradient, timing of use, and water drainage, including sizing and spacing of water bars, broad-based dips, culverts and bridges, to allow safe ingress and egress for intended purpose(s)
 - ii. Designating appropriate setbacks from wetlands, water bodies and streams and other environmentally sensitive areas
 - iii. Mitigation measures to reduce wildfire and pest hazards, control erosion, runoff, soil compaction and soil displacement to acceptable levels
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance.
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Design modifications during installation as required.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Application guidance as needed.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the application process and materials meet design and permit requirements.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application.
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Actual mitigation measures used and applied
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits
3. Progress reporting.

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Forest Trails and Landings, 655
- National Engineering Manual, Utility Safety Policy
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook
- USDA Forest Service – A Landowner's Guide to Building Forest Access Roads. NA-TP-06-98
- Best Management Practices for Controlling Soil Erosion on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire, January 2001

Layout and Design



TSP or NRCS Employee, landowner's choice.

Installation



Installation Supervision/Check Out





**Forms
and**

Administrative Tasks

Producer Information Packet

Notice to Participant Regarding TSP Assistance

(Participant Name) [insert date]
Address

RE: Authorization for Technical Service Provider Assistan

Dear _____:

You have selected to use a certified Technical Service Pro regarding (spell out services to be provided, reference app

You are responsible for selecting a TSP from the NRCS ag provide the assistance for the above-listed practices. You c TSP Web site at <http://techreg.usda.gov>. You can also revi

1. Selecting technical service provider on the left side of tl
2. Click on the State map.
3. Click on the county map, and
4. Check the resume of the TSP.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the work performed

State, indiv with Iowa Police

Select the category and service you are interested in

The e Select County: POLK

paym Select Category: CIMP Plan Development - Nutrient Management

Select Service: CIMP Plan Development - Nutrient Management

You: Technical Service Pro

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and d Feed Management

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NR C BIERSTEDT, SCOTT A Fisheries Interdisciplinary Biological/Engineering Forestry

recor Grazing/Forages

assist BOLL, RICHARD L Ind Irrigation (Water Conveyance)

the s Irrigation System (Application)

conce BOLL, RICHARD L Ind Irrigation Water Management

If I c Land Shaping

Distri DEJONG, SCOTT Ind Land Treatment - Buffer

Since DRAGUN CORPORATION Bu Land Treatment - Surface Water Management

NAM DRAGUN CORPORATION Bu Land Treatment - Tillage and Erosion

Distr DRAGUN CORPORATION Bu Land Treatment - Vegetative Land Stabilization

GEORGE, JOHN A Ind Land Treatment - Waste and Wastewater Handling and Storage

Non Irrigation Water Conveyance

FRANK & WEST Bu Nutrient Management - Organic and Inorganic

Prescribed Burning

Reservoir Sealing

GEORGE, JOHN A Ind Soil Stabilization for Access (Roads)

Surface Water Detention/Retention

GODAR, DENNIS J Ind Waste Utilization - Energy Generation (Current)

Waste Utilization - Feedstock for Livestock (Current)

Water Management (Drainage)

GOFF, LARRY D Ind Water Supply Facilities

Water Well

HAMEL, LAWRENCE G Individual TSP- 4881

73 CLOVER HOLW LYNDONVILLE VT 05851 8026265141 lgham2@charter.net

Technical Service Provider Initiative Notification and Agreement on Release of Information

Section 2004 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 mandates that information provided by individuals to NRCS or to contractors or consultants or partners of NRCS, to participate in conservation programs, is not considered public information and is not releasable to the public by any employee, contractor, or consultant or partner. Information, including the location of National Resources Inventory data collection points, may be disclosed only if it has been converted into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow the identification of the individual supplier. In limited circumstances, non-public information obtained from individuals may be disclosed or released only to the extent necessary to enforce natural resources conservation programs or to assist in providing technical or financial assistance for any natural resources conservation program administered by NRCS or the Farm Service Agency.

Freedom of court enforceable records are protected law enforcement ing sensitive, records.

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September 20, 2006

•Producer receives information from Field Office:

•Letter confirming election to use TSP

•List of TSP certified in the correct category (from the TechReg website)

•Authorization to release producer information

Prior to Producer Payment

Technical Service Provider Initiative TSP Quality Assurance Certification of Services Form

Program Participant Information:

Name _____
Farm Bill Program: _____
Contract Number: _____ Item Number(s) _____

Technical Service Provider Information

Name (print) _____
TechReg ID Number: _____
Technical Service Category(ies): _____
Technical Services – NRCS Practices _____

Technical Services Provided _____

I hereby certify that the technical services I prov

- (1) Comply with all applicable Federal, State,
- (2) Meet applicable USDA NRCS conservation program requirements,
- (3) Are consistent with and meet the particular and
- (4) Incorporate, where appropriate, low-cost c

Technical Service Provider Signature

The Technical Service Provider must certify in writ
accordance with the TechReg Certification Agreeeme
Assurance Certification of Services Form to the lo

Technical Service Provider PRS Data Entry Worksheet

NRCS collects information concerning conservation practices put on the landscape through Technical Service Providers (TSPs). Please submit completed forms to either your customer or the local NRCS Field Office. Your input improves the accuracy of NRCS's reporting systems.

Landowner Name: _____
TSP Name: _____
Contract or TSP Number: _____
USDA Program: EQIP
Location of Work:
Tract Number: _____
Field Number: _____
County: _____
State: _____
Land Use: (crop, pasture, etc.) _____
Practice:
Name or Code: _____
Amount: _____
Units: (ac, ft, cfs, etc.) _____

For each type of service you performed, enter the completion date for each. If you did not provide a type of service, leave the date field blank.

Service Type	Date Completed
Planning	_____
Design	_____
Installation	_____
Checkout	_____

- TSP provides Producer and NRCS with:
 - Signed Quality Assurance Certification Form
 - Completed PRS Reporting form

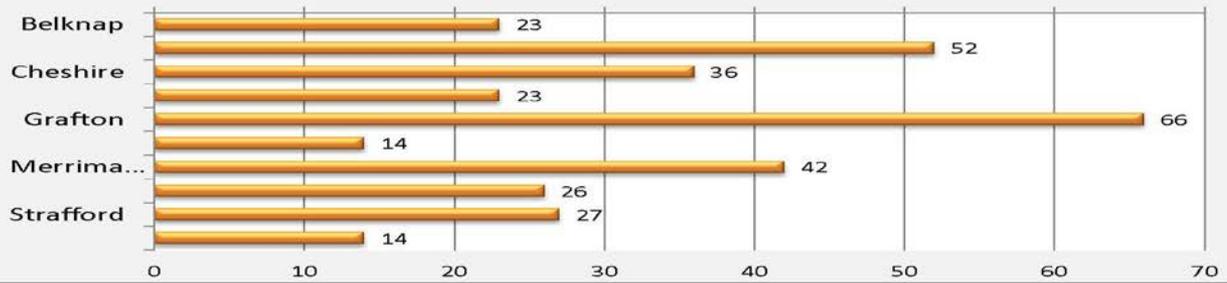
WHERE ARE WE?



FORESTRY CAPs

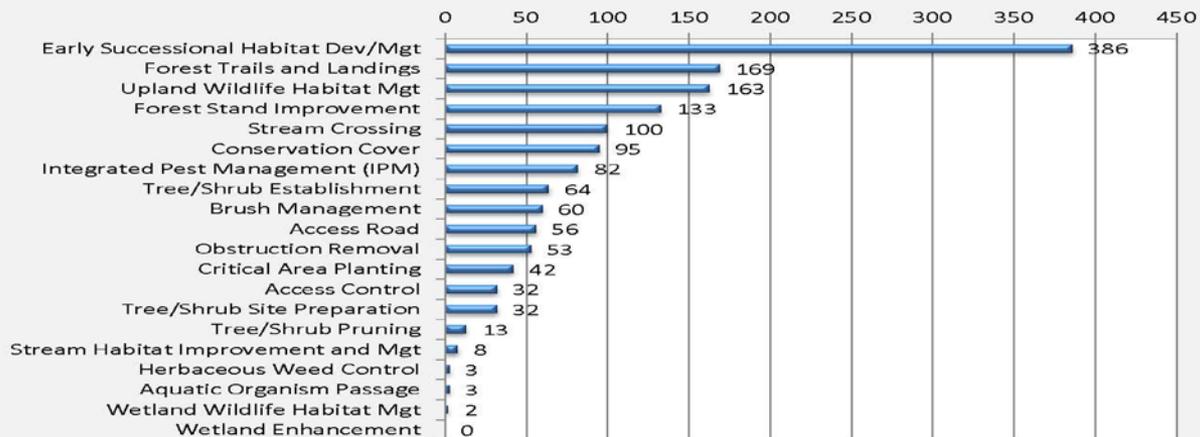
2009-2012

Forest Management Plans by County / 2009 - 2012



Joe Homer, 2012

Practices Used in Forestry Contracts 2009 - 2012



Existing Planning Workload

Report Criteria								
Glossary								
Region	State	County	Initiative	Code	Practice	Planned Year	Practice Status	Count
Northeast								108
New Hampshire								108
EQIP 2008								108
2010								2
		SULLIVAN	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	2
2011								11
		BELKNAP	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2011	Planned	1
		GRAFTON	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2012	Planned	4
		GRAFTON	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	2
		MERRIMACK	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2011	Planned	2
		MERRIMACK	Planning	122	Agriculture Energy Management Plan- Written	2011	Planned	1
		ROCKINGHAM	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2012	Planned	1
2012								95
		BELKNAP	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	4
		BELKNAP	Planning	118	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	4
		BELKNAP	CAPS Energy	122	Agriculture Energy Management Plan- Written	2013	Planned	1
		CARROLL	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	11
		CHESHIRE	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	8
		COOS	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	4
		COOS	Planning	118	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	1
		GRAFTON	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2012	Planned	1
		GRAFTON	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	19
		GRAFTON	CAPS Energy	122	Agriculture Energy Management Plan- Written	2013	Planned	1
		HILLSBOROUGH	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	8
		MERRIMACK	Planning	102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written	2012	Planned	1
		MERRIMACK	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2012	Planned	1
		MERRIMACK	Planning	110	Grazing Management Plan - Written	2012	Planned	1
		MERRIMACK	Planning	102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	2
		MERRIMACK	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	7
		MERRIMACK	Planning	110	Grazing Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	2
		MERRIMACK	Planning	118	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	3
		MERRIMACK	CAPS Energy	122	Agriculture Energy Management Plan- Written	2013	Planned	1

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		ROCKINGHAM	Planning	102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	<u>1</u>
		ROCKINGHAM	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	<u>8</u>
		STRAFFORD	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	<u>4</u>
		SULLIVAN	Planning	104	Nutrient Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	<u>1</u>
		SULLIVAN	Planning	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	<u>1</u>
							Total:	108

2013 Plans

Report Criteria

Glossary

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EQIP 2008								79
2012								5
		BELKNAP	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	1
		CARROLL	None	118	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	1
		COOS	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	1
		MERRIMACK	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	1
		MERRIMACK	None	122	Agriculture Energy Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	1
2013								74
		BELKNAP	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	1
		BELKNAP	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	3
		BELKNAP	None	118	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	1
		CARROLL	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	3
		CARROLL	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	7
		CARROLL	None	110	Grazing Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	1
		CARROLL	None	118	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	1
		CARROLL	None	122	Agriculture Energy Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	1
		CHESHIRE	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	5
		CHESHIRE	None	118	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	2
		COOS	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	8
		GRAFTON	None	102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	1
		GRAFTON	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	1
		GRAFTON	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	4
		HILLSBOROUGH	None	102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	1
		HILLSBOROUGH	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	5
		HILLSBOROUGH	None	118	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	2
		MERRIMACK	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	12
		MERRIMACK	None	114	Integrated Pest Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	1
		ROCKINGHAM	None	104	Nutrient Management Plan - Written	2013	Planned	1
		ROCKINGHAM	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	2
		ROCKINGHAM	None	110	Grazing Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	1
		ROCKINGHAM	None	118	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	2

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		SULLIVAN	None	106	Forest Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	2
		SULLIVAN	None	118	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written	2014	Planned	1
		SULLIVAN	None	122	Agriculture Energy Management Plan- Written	2014	Planned	1
Total:								79

2012 FARM BILL has not been passed at this time. There seems to be support for conservation programs.

United States Senate Committee on
**AGRICULTURE
NUTRITION
& FORESTRY**

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman

Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2012

In the United States, some 16 million jobs depend on the strength and continued success of American agriculture. Our farmers grow the safest and most abundant supply of food, fiber and energy in the world. Innovations in agriculture allow families to put healthy, nutritious food on their tables at a lower cost than in most other countries. The Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act reforms, eliminates and streamlines numerous programs, saving taxpayers \$23 billion. It does this while strengthening the tools available to producers to help manage risks and conserve natural resources.

Title II: Conservation

Our rapidly growing population demands that America's farmers double their production over the next few decades *and* use fewer acres to do so. Conservation programs ensure we have a safe and abundant food supply, clean water, and thriving wildlife populations. The Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2012 consolidates 23 existing conservation programs into four fundamental program functions, achieving \$6 billion in deficit reduction.

Working Lands

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

EQIP will continue to provide cost-share for certain activities on working lands that help farmers avoid and comply with regulation. Many parts of the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) have been consolidated into EQIP, focusing the program on farmers and ranchers looking to create or improve areas for wildlife habitat on their working lands.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

This program continues to encourage higher levels of conservation and the adoption of new and emerging conservation technologies on farms, ranches, and forests. Some changes are made to ease use and implementation of the program. Additionally, the cap on the number of nonindustrial private forestlands that can be enrolled in the program is removed and greater focus is given to identifying resource concerns at the local level. The program also gains flexibility to accept land coming out of the Conservation Reserve Program.

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

Conservation Innovation Grants are provided on a competitive basis to encourage the development of new or improved conservation practices. CIG is geared towards projects that offer new approaches to providing producers environmental and production benefits. A new reporting requirement is added to increase program transparency.

Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program

Private landowners are able to realize a value-added benefit by creating wildlife habitats and opening their land up to hunting, fishing, and other kinds of public outdoor recreation. This program is continued and the Secretary is required to report to Congress on the program's effectiveness by 2015.

Conservation Reserve Program**Refocuses the Conservation Reserve Program**

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) removes highly erodible land from production to benefit soil and water quality as well as wildlife habitats. The program currently has an acreage cap of 32 million acres. Over the next two years, the contracts on over 10 million acres will expire. The bill lowers the acreage cap through a multi-year step-down to 25 million acres, allowing for the re-enrollment and prioritization of the most highly erodible, sensitive acres. There is an added focus on grassland conservation. This program also continues the Transition Incentives Program, which allows retiring farmers and ranchers to transfer their land to a beginning farmer or rancher to begin production while still receiving CRP payments in the final two years of their contracts.

Regional Partnerships**Regional Conservation Partnership Program**

Four existing programs are consolidated into one that will support projects that improve soil quality, water quality, or wildlife habitat in a specific area or region. Projects are selected through a competitive, merit-based process, and producers are encouraged to leverage partner resources to achieve common goals. Within the program is a Critical Conservation Area component that funds projects in areas with particularly significant water quality and quantity issues facing natural resource regulatory pressures.

Easements

Simplified Easements Program

All conservation easement programs will be streamlined under one program, the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, with two parts: Agricultural Land Easements and Wetlands Easements. Agricultural Land Easements protect lands from development and keep them devoted to agricultural use as well as keep land for grazing. Wetland Easements restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, which are important for water quality, quantity and wildlife habitat issues in many areas. The program focuses on long term land protection.

Other

Conservation of Private Grazing Land

The program is reauthorized to improve private grazing land by offering technical assistance and educational activities to landowners looking to better manage their land.

Grassroots Source Water Protection Program

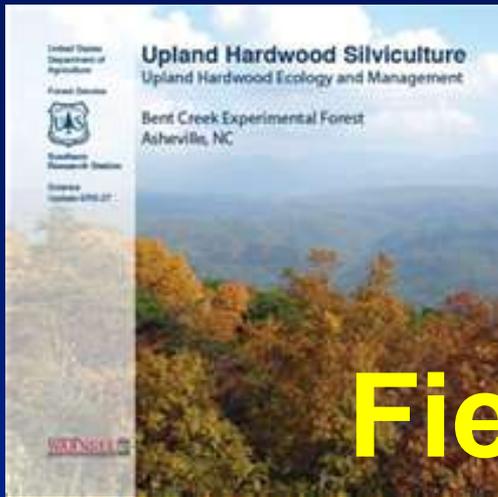
State rural water associations are encouraged to use technical assistance in order to promote conservation activities that protect the quality of our nation's drinking water through this program.

Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program

Many of the flood control structures (mainly dams) in our country are reaching their maximum life expectancy. This program provides for projects to improve their longevity.

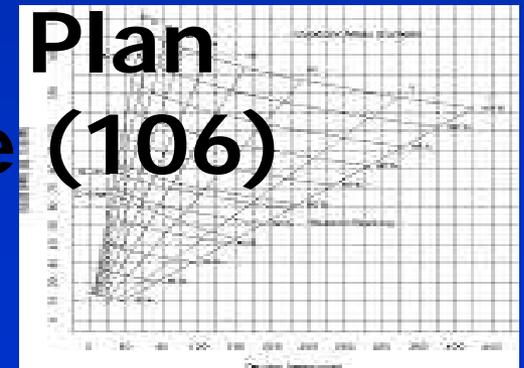
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Field Office and TSP Certification Plan Review Checklist

Conservation Activity Plan-
Forest Management Plan
Practice Activity Code (106)



Forest Management Plan	
State/County:	Date Plan Submitted:
Producer/Owner:	Technical Service Provider:
<p>A Forest Management Plan (FMP) is a site specific plan developed for a client, which addresses one or more resource concerns on land where forestry-related conservation activities or practices will be planned and applied.</p> <p>Technical Guidance, Criteria, and Content for the FMP is found at the URL: eDirectives http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/. Navigate to: Manuals Title 190 Ecological Sciences; National Forestry Manual; Part 536 – Conservation Planning, Subpart B – Forestry Management Plan Criteria.</p>	
Minimum components of a Forest Management Plan (FMP) shall include:	
1.	Background and site information: This element provides a brief description of:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Landowner information-name, address, operation, size; b. Location and plan map of parcel; c. Documentation of existing practices; d. Past harvest history; e. Identification of resource concerns.
2.	Client Objectives, which may include these considerations and others:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Expected income; b. Forest stand improvement; c. Wildlife habitat/riparian areas; d. Recreation; e. Agroforestry; f. Pollinator habitat and protection.
3.	Existing Conditions:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Identify resource concerns based on an inventory to assess these concerns and opportunity for treatment. The inventory will typically include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Description of the inventory process (generally accepted forest inventory methods); b. Forest management unit and stand boundaries; c. Site index, basal area, species and size class; d. Potential woodland products, soil conditions, slopes, topography and aspect; e. Natural and cultural features; f. Roads and wildfire risk (surface and crown fires); g. Risk of insect and disease infestation; h. Fish and wildlife species and habitat elements; i. Noxious and invasive species; j. Water quality and other important features as applicable.
4.	Desired Future Conditions:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Goals such as stocking, trees per acre, basal area, species composition, wildlife, pollinator habitat and protection, recreation, etc. for stands where practices/activities are to be implemented to meet future goals.</p>

Habitat Development



5.	Forest Management Plan Documentation:																																														
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Field Inventory Guide Sheet Identify the resource concern(s) that need to be addressed and the assessment tool(s) used for the evaluation.			
SOIL	Erosion <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet and Rill <input type="checkbox"/> Ephemeral Gully <input type="checkbox"/> Road, Road Sides & Construction Sites <input type="checkbox"/> Streambank Other: _____ Other: _____		
	Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Matter Depletion <input type="checkbox"/> Compaction <input type="checkbox"/> Contaminants-Commercial Fertilizer <input type="checkbox"/> Contaminants-Animal Waste & Other Organics <input type="checkbox"/> Damage from Soil Deposition		
Assessment tools, Problems & Notes:			
WATER	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Runoff, Flooding, or Ponding <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Subsurface Water <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Outlets <input type="checkbox"/> Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Capacity of Conveyances by Sediment Deposition <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Storage of Water Bodies by Sediment Accumulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater <input type="checkbox"/> Harmful Levels of Pesticides in Groundwater <input type="checkbox"/> Harmful Levels of Pathogens in Groundwater <input type="checkbox"/> Harmful Levels of Pesticides in Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> Harmful Levels of Pathogens in Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity in Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> Harmful Temperatures of Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	
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AIR	<input type="checkbox"/> Particulate matter (PM10 and/or PM2.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Ozone <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Greenhouse Gas - CO2, N2O and/or CH4	<input type="checkbox"/> Objectionable Odors <input type="checkbox"/> Ammonia (NH3) <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse Air Temperature	Other: _____
Assessment tools, Problems & Notes:			
PLANTS	<input type="checkbox"/> Plants are not adapted or suited <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired Forage Quality and Palatability <input type="checkbox"/> Threatened or Endangered Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Declining Species, Species of Concern <input type="checkbox"/> Productivity, Health and Vigor <input type="checkbox"/> Noxious and Invasive Plants <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Hazard Other: _____	
	Assessment tools, Problems & Notes:		
ANIMALS	Fish and Wildlife <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Food <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Cover/Shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Space <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Community Fragmentation <input type="checkbox"/> Imbalance Among and Within Populations <input type="checkbox"/> Threatened and Endangered Species <input type="checkbox"/> Declining Species, Species of Concern <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Water	Domestic Animals <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed & Forage <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Stock Water <input type="checkbox"/> Stress and Mortality Other: _____ Other: _____	
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ENERGY	Inefficient Energy Use <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment and Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Farming practices and field operations <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
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Yes	No	Checklist Approval
		I have administratively reviewed this Forest Management Plan and it meets all the FY13 Plan Development Criteria for Conservation Activity Plan 106.
NRCS Representative Name and Title (print or type):		
NRCS Representative Signature		Date:

FMP-CAP Template

Managing Your Woodlands: A template for your plans for the future

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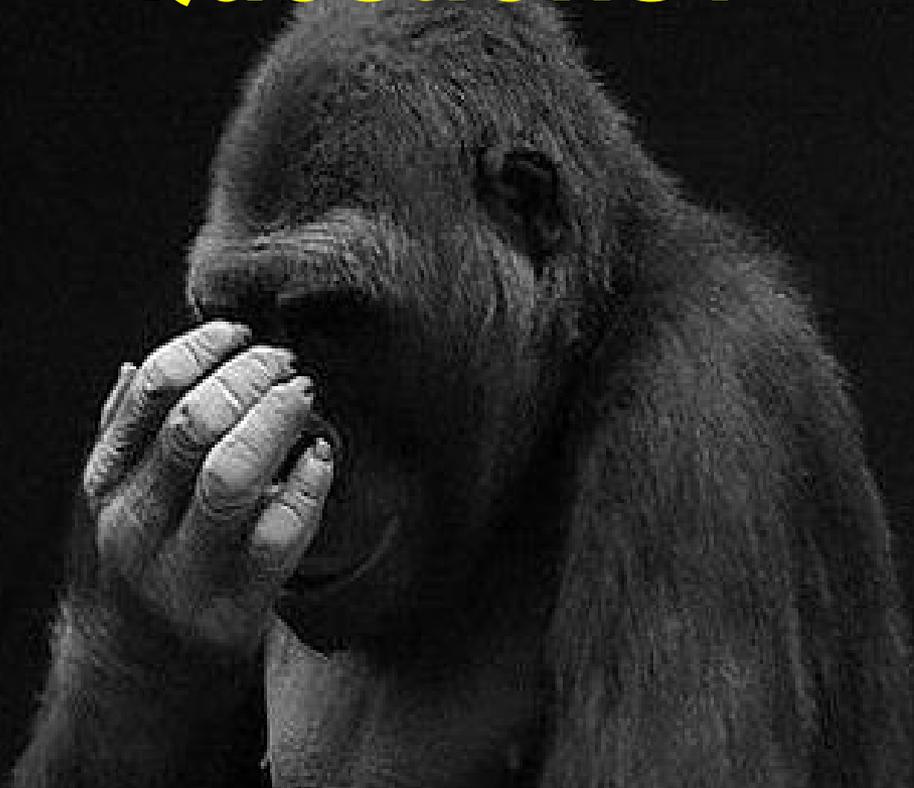
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Questions?



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