

Healthy Forests Reserve Program

Natural Resources Conservation Service



Overview

The Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) helps landowners restore, enhance, and protect forestland resources on private lands through easements and financial assistance. HFRP aids the recovery of endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, improves plant and animal biodiversity, and enhances carbon sequestration.

Benefits

HFRP provides landowners with 10-year restoration agreements and 30-year or permanent easements for specific conservation actions. For acreage owned by an American Indian tribe, there is an additional enrollment option of a 30-year contract. Some landowners may receive safe harbor assurances under the Endangered Species Act by restoring or improving habitat on their land for a specified time.

Who is Eligible?

HFRP applicants must provide proof of land ownership for easement enrollments. An operator (tenant) must provide written concurrence from the landowner of tenancy for the period of the HFRP restoration agreement.

Land enrolled in HFRP easements must be privately owned, or owned by American Indian tribes, and restore, enhance, or measurably increase the recovery of threatened or endangered species, improve biological diversity, or increase carbon sequestration.

How to Apply

Apply at your local USDA Service Center, which you can find at farmers.gov/service-locator.

More Information

For more information, visit nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill or farmers.gov.

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