



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Programs Update

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FY 2025 EQIP Funding Summary:

EQIP:

- EQIP General: \$21,927,741
- EQIP Initiatives: \$ 20,131,427

EQIP Initiatives:

- EQIP Joint Chief's: \$506,574
- EQIP Migratory Big Game: \$4,218,725
- EQIP Sage Grouse Initiative: \$868,332
- EQIP WaterSMART: \$7,373,753
- EQIP National Water Quality Initiative: \$7,164,043

- EQIP (IRA): Obligated
\$1,334,335 prior to pause on
January 27.

❖ **EQIP Total: Contracts \$43,393,503 in 522 contracts**

❖ **974 unfunded applications (eligible, cancelled, ineligible, deferred)**

❖ **Total 1496 applications processed in FY 25**

FY 2025 CSP Funding Summary

CSP Classic	Contracts	Obligation
ID-FY25 CSP Renewal Agland - General	10	\$1,810,699.00
ID-FY25 CSP Renewal Agland - BFR	2	\$216,742.00
ID-FY25 CSP Renewal NIPF - General	1	\$52,588.00
ID-FY25-CSP Classic Agland - General	56	\$6,108,302.00
ID-FY25-CSP Classic Agland - BFR	38	\$1,501,083.00
ID-FY25-CSP Classic Agland - SDFR	2	\$226,335.00
ID-FY25-CSP Classic NIPF - General	4	\$144,365.00
ID-FY25-CSP Classic NIPF - BFR	1	\$20,000.00

Total FY 2025	Contracts	Obligation	Acres
Renewals	13	\$2,080,029	38,583.5
Classic	101	\$7,980,085	161,332,.1

CSP - IRA	Contracts	Obligation
ID-FY25 CSP-IRA Renewal NIPF General	1	\$1,664,372.00
ID-FY25 CSP-IRA Renewal NIPF BFR (Nez Perce Tribe)	2	\$43,348.00
ID-FY25 CSP-IRA Renewal Agland General	9	\$828,893.00



FY25 ACEP-ALE Allocations & Federal Share Requests

Initial Allocations -

IRA-ALE :	\$2,396,295
FB18 ALE General:	\$0
GSS-SGI:	\$1,200,000
<u>MBGI:</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>
Total:	\$7,096,295

Idaho Received an additional
\$1,430,007.00 to fund all
eligible ALE applications in
FY25 for total:
\$ 8,526,302.00 obligated

FY 25 ACEP-WRE

FY25 ACEP-WRE Fund Allocation		FA
Total: All Sources		\$898,953
Initial Allocation: WRE General- Enrollment		\$551,953
Initial Allocation: WRE Stewardship		\$347,000

Total of 8 WRE applications
1 cancellation
3 ineligible (landowner)
4 deferred

This year's allocation:
ALE: \$2,184,000
WRE: \$1,279,000
Stew: \$114,000

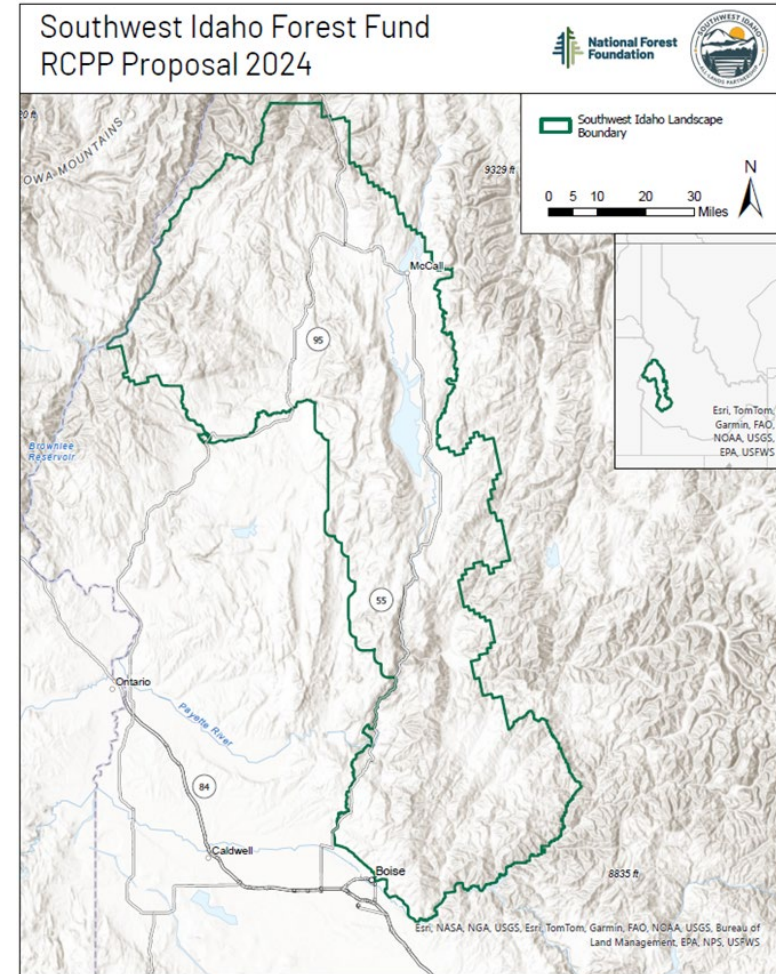
New RCPP Projects in FY 25

Southwest Idaho Forest Fund (AFA)

Lead Partner: National Forest Foundation

Financial Assistance Available: \$15,725,222.00

Project Summary: This project is part of a larger collaborative project in the region focused on reducing threats from catastrophic wildfires. This project is being administered as an Alternative Funding Arrangement (AFA) where the lead partner will administer contracts with eligible participants to implement NRCS practices that will address the primary resource concerns within the project area, such as Forrest Stand Improvement, Woody Residue Treatment, Tree/Shrub Pruning, Brush Management, etc.



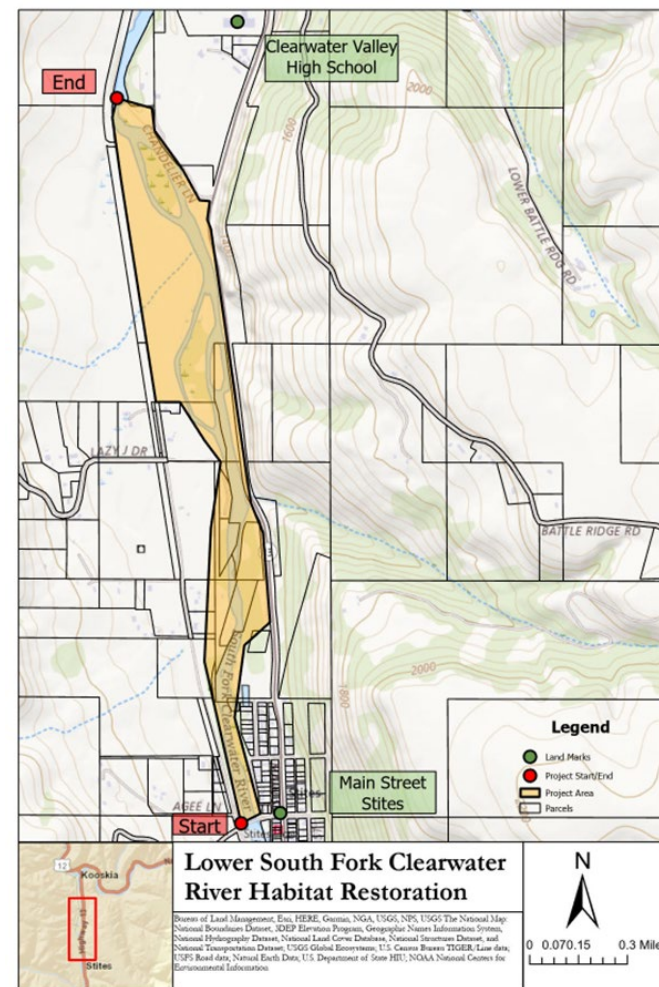
New RCPP Projects in FY25

Lower Southfork Clearwater River Habitat Restoration

Lead Partner: Nez Perce Tribe

Financial Assistance Available: \$5,279,999.68

Project Summary: This project's goal is to restore a section of the South Fork of the Clearwater River between Stites and Kooskia, ID. Land Management contracts will focus on instream restoration, reconnecting historic channels, creation of wildlife/fish habitat, and revegetation along the riparian areas.



Active RCPP Projects

Project Number	Project Name	Lead State	Project Type	PPA start year	Total Allocated Budget	PPA expiration date
3028	2023 Burnett Irrigation Ditch	ID	RCPP Classic	2024	\$3,658,537.00	2/26/2027
2946	2023 Blaine County Canal Company Pipeline	ID	RCPP Classic	2024	\$2,439,024.00	5/15/2029
3982	Southwest Idaho Forest Fund	ID	AFA	2025	\$20,732,000.00	9/12/2030
3741	Lower South Fork Clearwater River Habitat Restoration	ID	RCPP Classic	2025	\$6,439,024.00	1/17/2029
2128	Palouse River Watershed (WRIA 34) Implementation Partnership	WA	Renewal	2020	\$5,500,000.00	12/6/2026
2321	BOA OGOI Water/Land/Habitat Restoration Project	ID	RCPP Classic	2021	\$954,350.76	2/8/2027
2759	Bear River Watershed Agriculture and Habitat Connectivity	UT	RCPP Classic	2022	\$7,850,000.00	4/11/2028



FY 26 RCPP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO)

- No news on NFO release or priorities. We expect a very condensed timeframe when it does come out.
- Contact Josh Miller ASAP with any potential projects at Joshua.a.miller@usda.gov or 208-716-5653

FY 2026 Sign-up Deadlines for EQIP, RCPPP-LMR, and CSP:

- Sign-up 1: January 15, 2026
 - This date was nationally mandated
 - Sign-up 2: April 24, 2026
 - Will only be used if funds remain for CSP or EQIP initiatives
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- Reminder: Applications are accepted year-round for both programs



Program Delivery Vision

Improving Customer Service to Farmers

- Reduce program complexity and administrative workload
- Ensure a farmer-focused and farmer-driven strategy in all aspects of program delivery

Foundations:

- Restoring Program Identity – Bring Clarity to Our Customers
- Improving Application Management – Reduce Complexity
- Effective Contract Management – Getting Conservation On the Land

Refocusing on Program Identity

EQIP – Focuses on helping farmers address natural resource concerns.

- EQIP offers structural practices in addition to management and vegetative.

CSP – Focuses on enhancing a producer's operation to a higher level of stewardship.

FY 2026 Changes to CSP Program

- The requirement to evaluate a set list of resource concerns per land use has been removed.
- States still establish 8 Priority Resource Concerns
 - This is currently determined from Local Work Group chosen priorities and weighted across the state.
- The Regenerative Pilot Program requires that all applicable resource concerns be evaluated.
- To promote consistency, fairness and reduce confusion all FY 2026 CSP Classic applications will also need to evaluate every applicable resource concern.

§30.3201 – Nationally Applicable Resource Concern Categories for CSP Assessments

	AQ Impacts	Degraded Plant Condition			Inefficient Energy Use	Livestock Production Limitation	Water Quality Degradation				
CART RC Categories	AQ Emissions	Degraded Plant Condition	Fire Management	Pest Pressure	Inefficient Energy Use	Livestock Production Limitation	Aquatic Habitat	Field Sediment Loss	Field Nutrient and Pathogen Loss	Salt Losses to Pollutants	Storage and Handling of Pollutants
Cropland	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	O
Pasture	O	X	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O
Range	O	X	X	X	O	X	O	O	X	O	O
NIPF	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Farmstead	O	NA	O	NA	X	O	O	NA	NA	NA	X
AAL	O	NA	O	X	NA	NA	O	NA	NA	NA	O

RCs	Soil Quality Degradation	Insufficient Water	F&W Inadequacy	Excess Water/Insufficient Water	Soil Erosion		
CART RC Categories	Soil Quality Limitation	Source Water Depletion	Terrestrial Habitat	Weather Resilience	Concentrated Erosion	Wind and Water Erosion	TOTAL RC Categories Required
Cropland	X	X	X	O	X	X	9
Pasture	X	X	X	O	X	X	9
Range	X	O	X	O	X	X	9
NIPF	X	O	X	O	X	X	7
Farmstead	NA	O	X	O	X	NA	4
AAL	O	O	X	O	X		4

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Optional: Resource concern categories that the applicant may require be assessed for CSP or that may be assessed for any operation as applicable.

NA

Not applicable: Resource concern categories not recommended for CSP assessment.

X

Nationally required resource concern categories that must be assessed for CSP where applicable.

FY 2026 Idaho Priority Resource Concern Categories for CSP
Degraded Plant Condition
Field Sediment, Nutrient, and Pathogen Loss
Pest Pressure
Soil Quality Limitation
Livestock Production Limitation
Terrestrial Habitat
Win and Water Erosion
Concentrated Erosion

FY 2026 Changes to CSP Program

Newly Eligible/ Newly Acquired Land

- Starting in FY2026, newly acquired or newly eligible land that is part of the same operation under a CSP contract will have an opportunity to request a modification to add those acres to the CSP contract.
- New contracts to enroll newly acquired or newly eligible land for the same operation will not be allowed.

- This new land must be part of the same operation under contract.
- Newly acquired or eligible land could include, but not limited to, land that the participant:
 - Could not demonstrate or document their management system at time of enrollment.
 - Did not have control of at time of application, but now is part of the same operation under contract.
 - Newly leased/purchased land.
 - Expired CRP acres.
 - Land no longer enrolled in CSP.
- New land will not be added through a general signup if part of the same operation.



FY 2026 Changes to CSP Program

- CSP existing activity payments (EAP) will be \$4,000 per contract, per year.
- Removing complex enhancement codes while maintaining the concept of **enhancing** conservation practices or an operation.
- Implementation of a practice will be done according to:
 - The FOTG Conservation Practice Standard Implementation Requirements
 - NRCS Practice Designs.

FY 2026 Changes to CSP Program

- The list of CSP activities offered in FY-26 is being determined with the following considerations:
 - Includes vegetative and management activities offered for CSP in FY-25.
 - Excludes structural activities previously offered in CSP with exceptions for certain structural activities:

374 – Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation

382 – Fence

516 – Livestock Pipeline

533 – Pumping Plant

561 – Heavy Use Area Protection

574 – Spring Development

576 – Livestock Shelter Structure

614 – Watering Facility

654 – Road/Trail/Landing Closures and Treatment

655 – Forest Trails and Landings

670 – Energy Efficient Lighting System

672 – Energy Efficient Building Envelope.

FY 2026 Changes to CSP Program

- Includes CPA/DIA/CEMA activities that would support the Regenerative Agriculture Initiative and planning options on Forest and Farmstead land uses:
 - **CPA 106 – Forest Management Plan**
 - **CPA 116 – Soil Health Management Plan**
 - **DIA 120 – Agricultural Energy Design**
 - **DIA 162 – Soil Health Management System Design**
 - **CPA 199 – Conservation Plan**
 - **CEMA 204 – Adaptive Management for Soil Health**
 - **CEMA 216 – Soil Health Testing**
 - **CEMA 217 – Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management**
 - **CEMA 228 – Agricultural Energy Assessment.**
- Excludes interim conservation practices.

FY 2026 Changes to CSP Program

CSP payment rates are the same as the general rate for EQIP

Table 530.306-1: CSP Payment Percentages

Conservation Activity/Payment Type	Payment Percentage
Enhancement (when offered)	100
Cover crop activity	125
Bundle (when offered)	115
Conservation practice	75
Supplemental payment (RCCR, IRCCR, AGM)	150

Note: Prior to FY 2026, the payment percentage for conservation practices was 10 percent.

FY 2026 Changes to CSP Program

- Authority for CSP Payment Limits expired in 2024. There are no payment limitations for any participant in 2025 and 2026.
- Contract Limits for FY2026 will be as follows:
 - \$300,000 for individuals and entities (that are not joint operations).
 - \$600,000 for Joint Operations or General Partnerships.

FY 2026 CSP Fund Pools and Categories

Fund Pool	Category in the Fund Pool
Agricultural Land (cropland, rangeland, pastureland + other land associated with the operation)	Regenerative Pilot Program
	Beginning Farmer/ Rancher
	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/ Rancher
	General
NIPF Non-Industrial Private Forest (Forestland + other land associated with the operation)	Regenerative Pilot Program
	Beginning Farmer/ Rancher
	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/ Rancher
	General

For FY 2026 States were given flexibility to choose to prioritize Organic operations. Idaho chose to not target Organic differently because all Organic operations have ranked well and have been funded in another category shown above

FY 2026 Idaho CSP Spending Plan

FY 2026 Idaho Allocation	\$10,679,000
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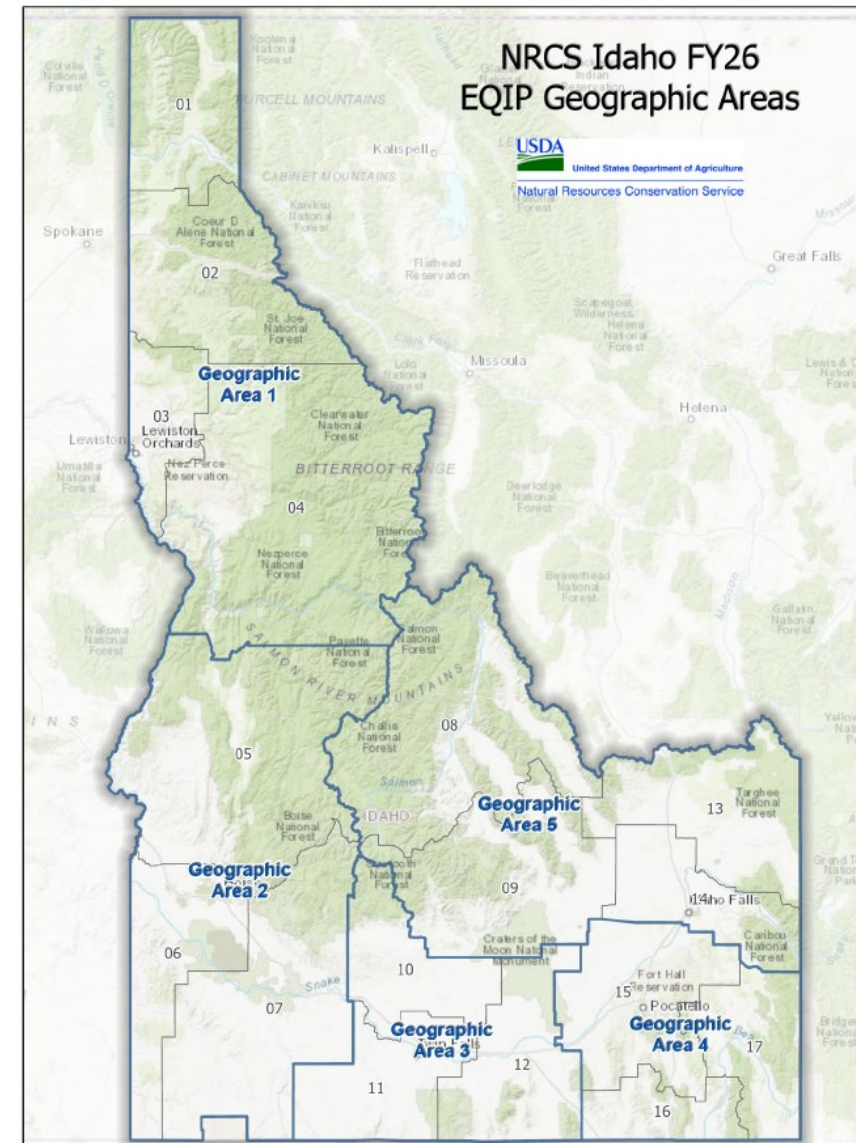
Pool/ Category	Amount	NHQ requirement	State Target
Regenerative Pilot Program RPP	\$2,669,750	25% of allocation	
Beginning Farmer/ Rancher BFR	\$533,950	5% of allocation	
Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/ Rancher SDFR	\$533,950	5% of allocation	
Agland statewide	\$4,858,945		70% of remaining funds
Non Industrial Private Forestland (NIPF) statewide	\$2,082,405		30% of remaining funds

FY 26 Changes to EQIP program

- Prior to this year Idaho had an EQIP ranking pool for each team to target LWG priorities as well as national initiatives and state initiatives.
 - Applications were ranked in each pool that they were eligible to be considered in
- In FY 26 National changed focus to one application, one assessment, and one contract including all practices in participant's conservation plan.

FY 26 Changes to EQIP program

- States were directed to identify up to 5 Geographic Areas and these applications would be ranked only once based on the area the majority of the acres were located in.
- Each Geographic area would offer categories within the pool for each initiative, national priority, as well as Local Work Group (LWG) Priorities



FY 26 Changes to EQIP program

	Geographic Area 1		Geographic Area 2		Geographic Area 3		Geographic Area 4		Geographic Area 5	
	Team	District	Team	District	Team	District	Team	District	Team	District
1	Team 1	Benewah	Team 5	Ada	Team 10	Balanced Rock	Team 15	Bear Lake	Team 8	Blaine
2	Team 2	Bonner	Team 6	Adams	Team 11	Camas	Team 16	Caribou	Team 9	Butte
3	Team 3	Boundary	Team 7	Bruneau River	Team 12	East Cassia	Team 17	Central Bingham	Team 13	Clark
4	Team 4	Clearwater		Canyon		Gooding		Franklin	Team 14	Custer
5		Idaho		Elmore		Minidoka		North Bingham		East Side
6		Kootenai-Shoshone		Gem		North Side		Oneida		Jefferson
7		Latah		Owyhee		Snake River		Portneuf		Lemhi
8		Lewis		Payette		Twin Falls		Power		Madison
9		Nez Perce		Squa Creek		West Cassia		South Bingham		Teton
10				Valley		Wood River				West Side
11				Weiser						Yellowstone

FY 26 Changes to EQIP program

Example:

■ Geographic Area 4

- Beginning Farmer or Rancher
- Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher
- Regenerative Pilot Program (**NEW** for 2026)
- Migratory Big Game Initiative
- Sage Grouse Initiative
- National Air Quality Initiative
- National Water Quality Initiative
- WaterSMART
- Joint Chiefs
- LWG priorities
 - Teams consolidated priorities and are offering up to 5 categories

1 Ranking Pool

Planner will select **all** the categories that apply to the application and conservation plan

FY2026 EQIP allocation

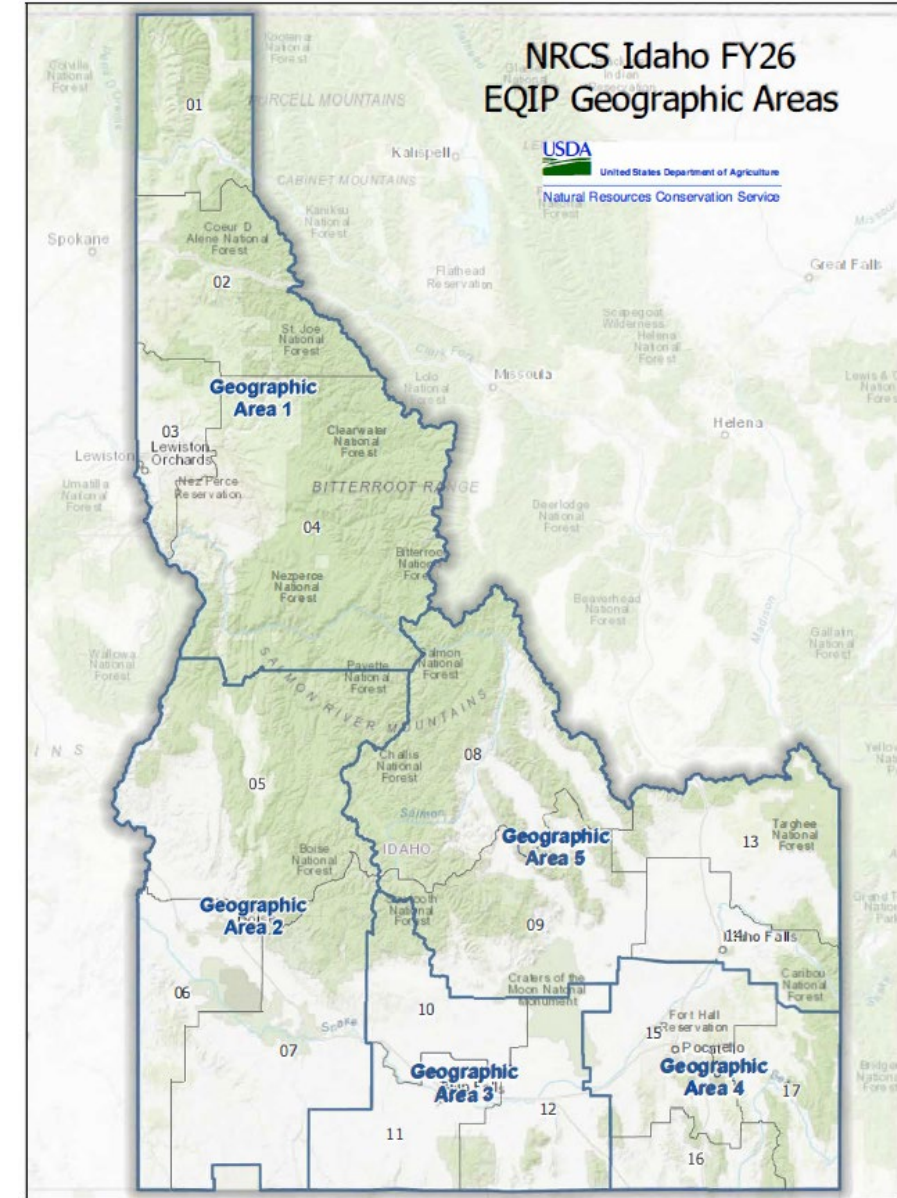
- Total EQIP Funds Received \$39,996,000
 - Beginning Farmer Rancher (BFR): \$1,999,800
 - (5% of EQIP Funds)
 - Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Rancher (SDFR): \$1,999,800
 - (5% of EQIP Funds)
 - Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP): \$9,474,000
 - CIG: \$150,000
 - (25% of EQIP Funds)
 - Designated Initiative Funding
 - National Air Quality Initiative (NAQI): \$1,500,000
 - Joint Chief's (JC): \$299,800
 - Water SMART: \$10,450,000
 - National Water Quality Initiative (NQWI): \$2,131,519
 - WLFW Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI): \$2,000,000
 - WLFW Migratory Big Game Initiative (MGBI): \$5,000,000

FY2026 EQIP allocation

- Total EQIP Funds available after ALL the Initiatives and required categories are calculated: **\$4,991,081**
 - Limited funds available for state and local priorities.
 - **All** previous state priority fund pools were discontinued if they were not mandated by NHQ.
 - \$4,991,081 was divided out to the Geographic Areas to target LWG priorities
 - This is about half of what we set aside for LWGs

EQIP funds by Geographic Area

	GA 1	GA 2	GA 3	GA 4	GA 5
BFR	\$470,541	\$352,906	\$352,906	\$352,906	\$470,541
SDFR	\$470,541	\$352,906	\$352,906	\$352,906	\$470,541
RPP	\$2,229,177	\$1,671,882	\$1,671,882	\$1,671,882	\$2,229,177
NAQI	\$352,941	\$264,706	\$264,706	\$264,706	\$352,941
WLFW-MGBI	\$250,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
WLFW-SGI	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$200,000
NWQI	\$579,022	\$728,274	\$285,125	\$359,399	\$179,699
WaterSMART	\$0	\$5,537,715	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,312,285
JC	\$299,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LWG	\$1,199,784	\$915,206	\$778,672	\$920,253	\$1,177,166
Total	\$5,851,806	\$11,173,595	\$7,606,197	\$7,322,052	\$7,892,350





Questions?

