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# Programs update

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**



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# EQIP—Wildfire Recovery Fund Pool

## Submitted application, and Eligibility requirements for EQIP Wildfire fund pool by NOVEMBER 20, 2020.

- Own or control land
- Farm Service Agency (FSA) eligibility documents
  - Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification (AD1026) filed and recorded
  - Farm and Tract establishment
  - Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for FY2021
- Land units offered for EQIP Wildfire Recovery application must be within 2020 Washington wildfire season burnt areas and have been burnt or destroyed.



# EQIP—Wildfire Recovery Fund Pool

**Conservation practices NRCS will provide financial assistance to solve fire related resource concerns:**

- **Fence PS382 -- Interior fencing only. Boundary fencing is prohibited.**
- **Livestock Pipeline PS516**
- **Watering Facility PS614**
- **Spring Development PS574**
- **Pumping Plant PS533 – for Livestock Watering System only**
- **Obstruction Removal PS500**
- **Cover Crop PS340**
- **Mulching PS484**
- **Critical Area Planting PS342—Must be scheduled for installation only in 2021**
- **Range Planting PS550—Must be scheduled for installation only in 2021**
- **Riparian Forest Buffer PS391**
- **Tree/Shrub Establishment PS612**
- **Tree/Shrub Site Preparation PS490**
- **Woody Residue Treatment PS384**
- **Forest Stand Improvement PS666**
- **Heavy Use Area Protection PS561**
- **Emergency Animal Mortality Management PS368**



# EQIP—Wildfire Recovery Fund Pool

## Prohibited items or actions

- **Fence PS382 -- Interior fencing only. Fence that functions as a boundary fence, separate ownership, or exclude domestic livestock from transportation networks or residential, commercial, or industrial areas is prohibited.**
- **No used materials for all practice standards (PS)**
- **Cannot restore, rebuild or purchase equipment (combines, implements, tractors, atv, vehicles, grain augers, etc.)**
- **Cannot restore, rebuild, or purchase buildings (shops, grain bins, pole barns, houses, offices, barns, etc.)**
- **Any conservation practice that cannot be installed, certified, and paid out to the participant by September 30, 2021.**



# CSP-Renewal



- **Submitted application was required by March 20, 2020.**
- **Each FY15 and FY16 eligible applicants received a letter from the State Office informing them of their opportunity.**
- **94 Renewal Applications are in Protracts**
- **Renewal Contracts have to be obligated by December 31, 2020.**
- **WA NRCS requested \$6.2 million from Headquarters for Renewal contracts in FY21.**





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