



Keep your forest healthy for future generations

FUNDING IS NOW AVAILABLE TO REDUCE WILDFIRE THREATS AND IMPROVE FOREST HEALTH ON PRIVATE FOREST LAND IN THE ASHLAND CREEK WATERSHED THROUGH THE **ASHLAND FOREST ALL-LANDS RESTORATION PROJECT.**

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can provide you with technical and financial assistance to implement conservation practices to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and improve forest health. Practices include pre-commercial thinning, pruning, slash treatments, and more. These activities also help protect water quality and supply in the Ashland municipal watershed and improve habitat for a variety of birds, fish and other wildlife.



Ashland Forest All-Lands Restoration Project
Submit your application
by **June 17, 2016.**

Background

Our forests are under extreme environmental stress due in part to unnaturally high tree densities, as a result of decades of fire exclusion. The results include uncharacteristically severe wildfire and the associated effects on soil, water quality, air quality, and wildlife habitats.

Jackson County consistently experiences one of the highest occurrences of wildfire in Oregon and has suffered devastating losses to quality of life, property, natural resources, and community infrastructure.

Assistance is available for planning and implementation of forest restoration activities through a team of knowledgeable professionals.

Funding may be used for the following NRCS Conservation Practices

- 106 – Forest Management Activity Plan
- 666 – Forest Stand Improvement
- 660- Tree/Shrub Pruning
- 384 – Woody Residue Treatment
- 490 – Tree/Shrub Site Prep
- 612 – Tree and Shrub Establishment
- 383 - Fuel Break
- 394 – Fire Break
- 649 – Structures for Wildlife
- 342 – Critical Area Planting
- 338 – Prescribed Burning
- 314 – Brush management
- 327 – Conservation Cover

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About AFAR

The Ashland Forest All-Lands Restoration Project (AFAR) implements forest restoration and fuels reduction treatments through a cross-boundary, all-lands approach on federal and private non-industrial lands in and around the Ashland Creek Watershed in Jackson County, Oregon. The project objectives are to reduce and mitigate wildfire threats to communities and landowners, protect water quality and supply in the Ashland Municipal Watershed, and improve and protect quality wildlife habitat for threatened, endangered, and at-risk species in an area characterized by a high degree of public/private land interface.

AFAR is funded in part by the Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Partnership. This is a partnership between two USDA agencies—NRCS and the U.S. Forest Service—to improve the health and resilience of forest ecosystems on public and private lands across the nation. This project is made possible through collaboration with project partners including:

Partners

- U.S. Forest Service
- Lomakatsi Restoration Project
- The Nature Conservancy
- The City of Ashland
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
- Oregon Department of Forestry

