

Plan of Operations for the “Copper Basin Subsistence Landscape Resiliency” RCPP

Through RCPP, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) offers financial assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. Eligible land is determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and is based on an identified resource concern. Eligible producers may apply for financial assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concerns in the project area.

Eligible Project Area: Producers located within the project area are eligible to participate in the project’s EQIP sign-up. The conservation practice(s) identified in the application must be located within the project area to be eligible for financial assistance consideration through the RCPP-EQIP sign-up.

Eligible Land Uses. The following land uses are potentially eligible:

- Forest Land
- Associated Ag.

Eligible Practices and Payment Rates: Listed below are the practices eligible for the project. Practice [payment rates](#) can be viewed on the NRCS web site.

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| 342 | Critical Area Planting |
| 383 | Fuel Break |
| 472 | Access Control |
| 560 | Access Road |
| 572 | Spoil Spreading |
| 578 | Stream Crossing |
| 655 | Forest Trails and Landing |

Eligible Resource Concerns:

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| Degraded Plant Condition | |
| | Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health |
| | Wildfire hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation |
| Fish and Wildlife – Inadequate Habitat | |
| | Habitat Degradation - Food |
| Water Quality Degradation | |
| | Excessive Sediment in Surface Water |

Application Period: Applications may be taken at any time and those received by COB, July 1, 2019 will be evaluated for funding consideration.

Interested applicants may apply in person at the local USDA Service Center. Applicants may also request RCPP-EQIP assistance by telephone, FAX, e-mail, or letter. Applicants may locate their local office using this link:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ak/contact/local/>

Funding Pools: Applications will be placed in the ‘Copper Basin Subsistence Landscape Resiliency’ RCPP fund pool.

Ranking: Ranking of the applications will be done according to the ranking system posted on the Alaska NRCS web site for Copper Basin Subsistence Landscape Resiliency RCPP-EQIP Project. All rankings will be conducted in ProTracts. In the event of application ranking score ties, the application that has the higher tracking code (i.e. random number generated in ProTracts) will receive funding priority.

Funding: Available RCPP-EQIP funds will be allocated based on the numerical ranking system set forth on the web site. All ranking will be conducted in ProTracts. If insufficient funds are available to fund all eligible applicants, applications will be held and may be funded with extra RCPP-EQIP funds received later during the fiscal year or deferred to the next ranking period.