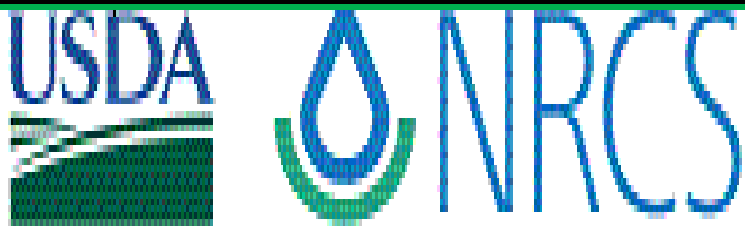




NRCS Forestry EQIP

Environmental Quality Incentive Program



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Forest Restoration Meeting

March 2018

Forest Restoration Meeting

Discussion Topics

- NRCS in California
- NRCS Forestry
- EQIP – Financial Assistance



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NRCS

- Federal agency with 100s of offices nationwide
- Technical and Financial Assistance to landowners for conservation
- Assistance for:
 - agriculture
 - rangelands
 - forestry



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NRCS in California

- State Office in Davis
- 4 Area Offices
- 64 Field Offices
- Over 500 Employees



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NRCS Forestry

- **Technical Assistance on**
 - **Forest Planning**
 - **Silvicultural Practices**
- **Financial assistance to do work**
- **About 6 forestry staff statewide plus**
- **RPF contractors**



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NRCS Forestry Financial Assistance



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

WHAT IS EQIP?

- **EQIP is a federal program managed by NRCS, under the US Department of Agriculture.**
- **EQIP is funded through the Farm Bill.**
- **The purpose of EQIP is to promote agricultural production, forest management & environmental quality**

What does this mean to private landowners?

- **Helps people manage private non-industrial forest lands.**
- **Focus is on improving and protecting forest conditions.**
- **\$\$\$ for Forest Management Plans and implementing forest practices.**

EQIP Funding Focus

Forest Health/Fire Reduction--→



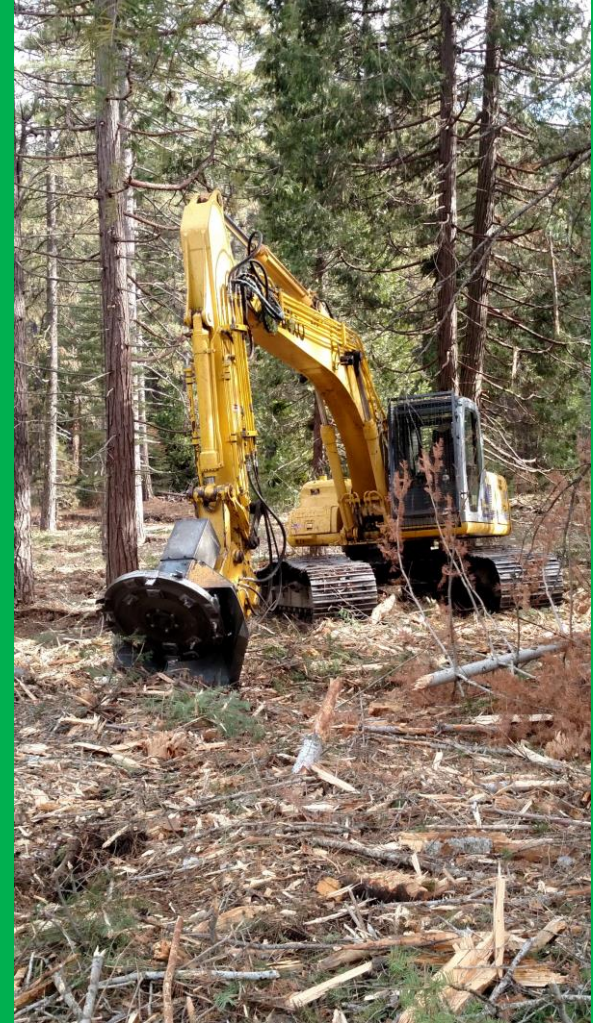
Catastrophic Fire Recovery ----→



Forest Tree Insect Mortality ----→



Types of EQIP Forestry Practices



Forest Management Plan

- Both CAL FIRE (CFIP) and NRCS (EQIP) use same plan.
- EQIP can pay you to hire an RPF to write your plan.

California Cooperative Forest Management Plan

(electronic)

(Version 7-5-2012)

Property Name: _____

Property Location Address: _____

Owner Name (s): _____

Plan Author:

Signature: _____

Phone: _____ RPF#: _____

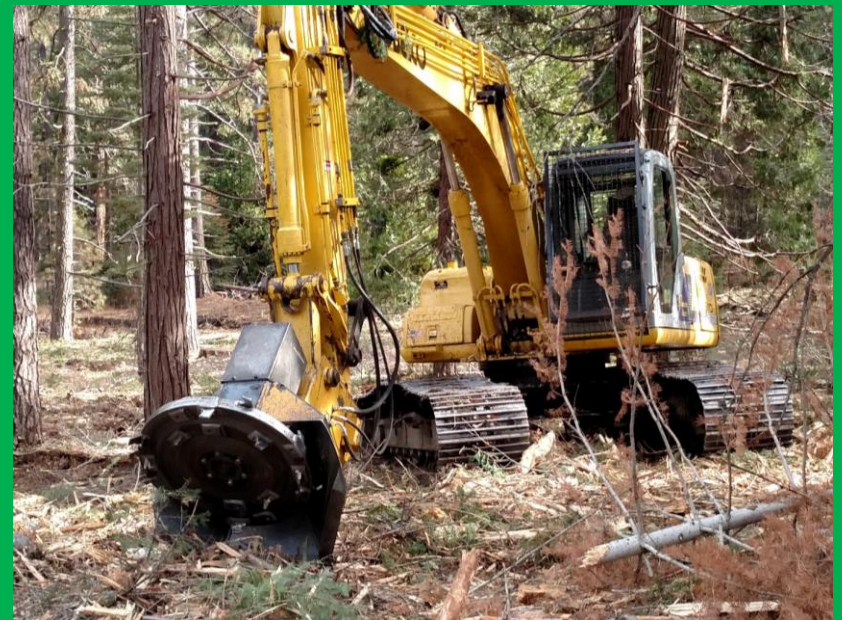
This management plan outlines the conditions and capability of property resources, documents the landowner's objectives and decisions and identifies potential resource improvement projects. It is meant to be a flexible and educational document that considers a planning horizon of at least 5 years but may include objectives that require a much longer time period.

This management plan template meets management plan requirements for grant agreements and other provisions available through CAL FIRE, NRCS, USFS, and the American Tree Farm Association. Signature Pages are provided to document acceptance of this management plan in meeting those requirements.

This management plan is a tool for and belongs to the landowner. Signatures are only required for that entity providing funding as requested by the landowner.



FOREST STAND IMPROVMENT



Thinning or removing dead or excess trees & brush.

WOODY RESIDUE TREATMENT



Removal of Excess Slash

PRUNING



Bringing tree limbs 10 to 12 feet up off of the ground

SITE PREPARATION



**Preparing Area for
Planting if Needed**



TREE PLANTING



Planting With Specific Tree Species as needed

Brush Control



**Weed and Brush Suppression
during Tree Establishment**

Access Road Erosion Control



Payment Rates

- **Pre set fixed Rate paid to Landowner**
- **Target 65% of actual cost paid to landowner's contractor**



Who can apply for EQIP Forestry Assistance?

- ❖ **Individuals, Tribes, Trusts, Non-Profits or other entities who own, lease or manage forested property.**
- ❖ **Gross income limit**
- ❖ **Excludes area 100 foot around structures.**

How Does it Work?

- **Contact NRCS**
- **Meet**
- **Forest Management Plan**
- **Apply for EQIP**
- **Sign Contract**
- **Do Work**
- **Get Paid**

Summary

- **NRCS - Technical and Financial Assistance for forestry practices**
- **Contact your local NRCS Field Office**
- **Submit an application, get a contract**
- **Hire and pay a contractor to do forestry work**
- **Be reimbursed for the work performed**
- **Maintain the work for a set period of time.**

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Thanks ----

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