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LTP– Joint Chiefs’ Landscape Restoration  
**Subject:** Partnership Proposal Solicitation – Fiscal Year  
2024

**Action Required By: September 04, 2023**

**Purpose:** This national bulletin provides state conservationists with instructions for submitting proposals for the Joint Chiefs’ Landscape Restoration Partnership (JCLRP). A similar communication is being sent to the Forest Service (FS) regional foresters.

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2023.

**Background:** The JCLRP program is a tool for increasing collaboration among federal agencies, states, tribes, and private partners to target investments for addressing landscape-scale priorities. This partnership exemplifies the shared stewardship model of working together with our partners to further USDA strategic goals. These goals guide our work to ensure projects facilitate rural prosperity and economic development, strengthen the stewardship of private lands through technology and research, and ensure productive and sustainable use of National Forest System lands. With the codification of the JCLRP (16 U.S.C. § 6592d) in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021, we look forward to continuing to build on the past 10 years of accomplishments.

**Explanation:** The FS and NRCS are soliciting funding proposals for fiscal year 2024 under the JCLRP program. Proposals should improve the health and resilience of forest landscapes by coordinating eligible activities across land ownerships. Proposals should enhance collaboration between FS and NRCS, as well as local partners. Proposals should demonstrate a cross-boundary effort, work at the appropriate scale, benefit local communities, and have mutually defined priorities that lead to desired outcomes. Proposals must also address at least one of the JCLRP objectives, which are: 1) to reduce the risk of wildfire, 2) to protect water quality and supply, and 3) to improve wildlife habitat for at-risk species.

Proposals will be evaluated and selected based on their merit. The criteria used to evaluate and select proposals are described in the attached appendix.

To ensure the equitable delivery of programs to communities, proposal development and project implementation should support an inclusive approach.

Requirements for submitting proposals are as follows:

1. Proposals must be signed by the NRCS state conservationist and the FS forest supervisor, regional forester, and state forester (from the respective state agency).
2. Proposals must include, at a minimum, a combination of eligible activities on private and public land to support at least one JCLRP objective. Projects that include tribal lands can be funded by both NRCS and FS. In most cases, public land will be within

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the National Forest System but may also be state lands, such as a state forest, state wildlife management area, state park, or combination thereof.

3. All NEPA requirements and documentation for planned year 1 work on public lands must be complete by October 1, 2023.

Proposals must be jointly prepared and submitted by NRCS and FS using the attached solicitation appendix instructions. The attached narrative and tables templates must be used when preparing the proposal. Proposals should be submitted to the shared Joint Chiefs' mailbox [NRCS.FS.Joint.Chiefs@usda.gov](mailto:NRCS.FS.Joint.Chiefs@usda.gov) by September 4, 2023.

**Contact:** If you have questions about this bulletin or need additional information on the JCLRP, please contact Matthew Vandersande at [matthew.vandersande@usda.gov](mailto:matthew.vandersande@usda.gov) or at 202-690-1588.

**Attachment A:** FY24 JCLRP Solicitation Appendix

**Attachment B:** FY24 JCLRP Narrative Template

**Attachment C:** FY24 JCLRP Tables Template