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## **USDA Approves Emergency Forest Restoration Assistance for Central Oregon**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Jefferson and Deschutes County is accepting applications for the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) to address damages from wildfires that occurred June 2025 through September 2025. EFRP provides cost-share and technical assistance to restore nonindustrial private forestland (NIPF) damaged by a qualifying natural disaster. EFRP signup begins on March 2, 2026, and ends on April 16, 2026.

EFRP assists forest landowners with completing restoration that is necessary to address damage caused by a natural disaster that, if not treated, would impair natural resources, and affect forest health and the future use of the forestland. EFRP cost-share is reimbursed to the landowner at 75% of the lesser of the actual costs incurred or allowable cost after an approved restoration activity is complete. EFRP has a maximum cost share of \$500,000 per natural disaster event. Assistance for EFRP is not provided upfront.

Approved EFRP participants must:

- Complete approved restoration activities according to the forest restoration plan.
- Document and keep records of all costs incurred to complete the restoration activities, including costs associated with personal labor.

EFRP activities may include:

- Debris removal, including hazard tree removal
- Woody residue treatment
- Fence repair/replacement

Check with FSA before beginning other work such as:

- Land Clearing
- Thinning/Pruning Prescribed burning/Firebreaks
- Forest road repair
- Site preparation
- Tree planting
- Structure

To meet eligibility requirements, NIPF land must have existing tree cover or had tree cover immediately before the natural disaster occurred and be sustainable for growing trees. The land must also be owned or leased by a nonindustrial private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity that has definitive decision-making authority over the land.

### **Eligibility and Environmental Requirements**

To allow producers to begin their recovery efforts sooner, FSA is offering flexibilities that apply to certain non-ground disturbing practices. FSA is waiving the onsite inspection for certain EFRP practices. Additionally, FSA is waiving the requirement for producers to obtain prior approval to conduct surface debris and hazard tree removal to support critical disaster recovery efforts. FSA is streamlining environmental compliance reviews due to the impacts of this disaster event. However, FSA will continue to complete on-site environmental reviews for applicants who do not meet the required conditions.

### **More Information**

To learn more about EFRP, producers can contact the Central Oregon FSA Office at (541) 923-4358 ext. 2 or visit [farmers.gov/protection-recovery](https://farmers.gov/protection-recovery).

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