

Forest Land Management and Incentive

Program Comparisons

EQIP

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- Federal (USDA-NRCS) program
- No acreage minimum
- Apply for \$ to complete forest management projects
- Common Projects:
 - Removing dead Balsam Fir Trees
 - Planting Trees
 - Brush Cutting
 - Fencing
 - Pollinator Plants
- Apply with SWCD or NRCS forester

Cost-share

State DNR Cost-Share Program

- No acreage minimum
- Apply for \$ to complete forest management projects
- Common Projects:
 - Stand harvest/thinning
 - Brush management
 - Removing Dead Balsam Fir Trees
 - Drought seedling death re-planting
- Apply with DNR Forester

SFIA

Sustainable Forest Incentive Act

- State DNR Program
- Need Woodland Stewardship Plan registered with the state to apply
 - Must be written by certified plan preparer
 - Good for 10 years
- Apply with SWCD, DNR, or private forester
 - SWCD charges \$300+ \$9/Acre for writing a Stewardship Plan
- 20 acre minimum (after 3 acre homestead exclusion)
- Sign land into a covenant to not turn it into agriculture or develop it
 - 8 yrs= \$9.89/acre
 - 20 yrs= \$13.70/acre
 - 50yrs= \$17.50/acre

2c

Class 2c Managed Forest Land

- 20 acre minimum (after 10 acre homestead exclusion)
- Enroll each year to have property tax decrease 35%

Can work together

Can NOT work together

Can work together. **EQIP application will pay for Stewardship Plan** (up to certain acreage)

