

ACCEPTING BIA FORESTRY GRANT REQUESTS

The dates listed for grant deadlines listed in this brochure reflect when projects will be packaged and/or ranked by the Regional Office. Central California Agency Tribes and Tribes that have forestry programs under the direct jurisdiction of the Pacific Regional Office (PRO) should ensure that requests are submitted prior to the dates listed below. This will allow PRO Staff the opportunity to provide Tribes appropriate technical assistance. The Northern and Southern California Agency Offices provide valuable support to forestry programs. These Agency offices must review grant requests for Tribes within their jurisdiction prior to forwarding them to the Regional Office.

We appreciate the request for funds that are made available through our forestry grant programs. We appreciate the effort that tribes and agencies make in the submission of project proposals. The Pacific Region receives fewer funds than we request in all of our forestry programs. The applications that we receive reflect only a portion of the true need of the Tribes within the Region. Although natural resources are highly valued by Indian people, federal funding to manage these resources is limited. The submission of your requests enables our Region to better compete for these limited funds.

Allowing time for Agency Offices to assist:

- *Tribes with Forestry Programs receiving technical assistance from local Agency Offices should **contact that office for their Grant Request “Due Dates”***

INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS (IRMP)



Natural resources on Indian lands are essential to the health, welfare, and sovereignty of Indian Tribes. An IRMP develops a balanced strategic plan for managing a tribe’s natural resources in a manner that will afford protection for a broad range of values while allowing the extraction of income from tribal lands. An IRMP provides that culturally sensitive plant and animal resources and sacred sites will receive the highest level of protection in all circumstances.

Qualification Requirement:

- *Trust land base with natural ecosystems that are not developed or that are planned for development for use that is not related to managing the natural resources*

Project proposals are due at PRO by February 15th every year.

WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT



A small amount of funds are available to California Tribes with oak, juniper and riparian zone woodlands. These funds may be used to prepare a management plan. These plans document the type of timber resource found on the trust land and indicate possible uses of the woodland. Small Tribal woodland enterprises can also be funded through this program.

Qualification Requirement:

- *Tribe must have some acres qualifying as woodland. Woodlands are forest land not include within the timberland classification, stocked, or capable of being stocked, with tree species of such form and size to produce forest products that are generally marketable within the region for product other than lumber, pulpwood or veneer.*
- *Priority in the Pacific Region is given to those Tribes with 20 or more acres of woodland.*

Project proposals are due at PRO by November 1st every year.

FOREST MANAGEMENT INVENTORY AND PLANNING

A Forest Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared for reservations or other trust properties having commercially viable forest resources. A FMP will compile all of the Tribal Government's goals and objectives in the forested land areas. At least three alternatives will be developed on how to manage the forestland over the next 15 years. The Tribe selects the alternative that best meets their needs. A FMP must have been completed and approved by the Regional Director for the expenditure of most forestry funds on trust lands (there are only six emergency tasks that can be performed without an approved FMP).

The FMP should be reviewed annually to ensure that if tribal goals and objectives have changed, a modification of the FMP will be processed to incorporate those changes.

Inventory is the process of quantifying the kinds and amounts of resources to be managed.

Qualification Requirement:

- *A Tribe must have some acreage qualifying as forestland. Forestlands are ecosystems at least one acre in size, including timber land and woodland that are characterized by a more or less dense and extensive tree cover; contain, or once contained, at least ten percent crown cover, and are not developed or planned for exclusive non-forest resource use.*
- *Priority is given to those Tribes having a minimum of 10 acres of commercial timberland (timberlands are forest lands stocked, or capable of being stocked, with tree species that are regionally utilized for lumber, pulpwood, poles or veneer products) or 20 acres of commercial woodlands to be considered for the program or 40 acres of forestland.*

Proposals are due at the PRO by September 15th every year.

FOREST PEST MANAGEMENT

Typically this program provides for suppression of forest insect or disease infestation or for preventative activities to minimize the potential for future insect or disease infestations in the forested lands in Indian country.

This program is an integral part of the overall forest management program in maintaining or enhancing the health of the forest stand. Projects that have been funded in the past include: pre-commercial thinning; pruning of a young ponderosa pine-mixed conifer timber stand that was infected with dwarf mistletoe; clipping and pruning of true mistletoe in a woodland oak stand and removal or pruning of true and dwarf mistletoe infected trees in a campground.

Qualification Requirement:

- *Submitting Tribe must have some acreage qualifying as forestland*
- *The Tribe must be in need of financial assistance for forest health management activities that protect tribal forest lands from the adverse effects of insects pathogens, and abiotic influences*
- *The Tribe must receive technical assistance from the U.S. Forest Service, Region 5, State and Private Forestry, Forest Health Protection Division*

(Although not required, it is highly recommended that the Tribe also have an approved Forest or Woodland Management Plan)

Project proposals are due at PRO by August 1st every year.

WATERSHED RESTORATION



The Watershed Restoration Program was established in fiscal year 1994 to help offset the economic impacts of the Northwest Forest Plan. Tribes with ancestral lands within the range of the northern spotted owl may apply for these funds. Project proposals on non-trust ancestral lands may be funded if the Tribe has permission to perform the work in a letter of agreement with the landowner. Projects may include preparation of watershed analysis, inventory of anadromous fish populations and habitat, inventory of streamside large woody debris, watershed restoration projects and monitoring. Restoration projects can include in-stream structure work, replanting vegetation in riparian areas, fencing, other work to enhance fish habitat in the stream, temporary road closures, road decommissioning, replacement of culverts, installation of various road drainage structures, etc. All on-the-ground restoration project work must have been recommended in a previously prepared watershed analysis.

Qualification Requirement:

- *Submitting Tribe must have a trust land base with natural ecosystems that that are not developed or that are planned for development for use unrelated to managing the natural resources*

Project proposals are due at PRO by November 15th every year.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM



This program provides funding for management for endangered species. The funding can be used to perform surveys for development of Habitat Conservation Plans. Habitat Conservation Plans enable tribes to manage their own land for endangered species and can help avoid encumbrances being placed on trust properties by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The funding can be used for surveys for endangered species.

Qualification Requirement:

- *Requests for funding for northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet project are to be kept separate from proposals for “other” endangered species.*
- *Trust land base with natural ecosystems that contain or may contain a listed or candidate or listed endangered species*

TIMBER HARVESTING INITIATIVE

This program provides funding to help set up timber sales on Indian trust lands within the province of the Northern Spotted Owl.

Qualification Requirement:

- *Submitting Tribe must have some trust acreage qualifying as forestland.*
- *Tribe must have a current approved woodland or forest management plan*
- *The Plan must include the removal of Forest Products.*
- *Submitting Tribe must reside within the designated Northern Spotted Owl Province*
- *Tribe must be have a forest production base qualifying as a Category 1 or 2 Forest*

Project proposals are due November 15th, of each year for the current fiscal year funding.



FOREST DEVELOPMENT



Forest Development pertains to forestland management activities undertaken to improve the sustainable productivity of commercial Indian forestland. The program can fund projects such as seed collection, site preparation for planting, seedling purchase, planting, fertilization, pre-commercial thinning, superior tree program and other projects that improve the health and condition of the timber resources. On-the-ground projects are emphasized.

Qualification Requirement:

- *Submitting Tribe must have some acreage qualifying as forestland.*
- *Tribe must have a current approved woodland or forest management plan*
- *Submitting Tribe must reside within the designated Northern Spotted Owl Province*

Proposals are due at PRO by September 15th, of each year for the current fiscal year funding.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FORESTRY GRANT PROJECTS

Reporting on the status of projects that receive funds through these BIA Forestry Grant Programs is important to the continued funding received by the Region. The following is a summary of the Reporting Deadlines:

Integrated Resource Management Planning	Dec. 15 (1 st Qtr.) March 15 (2 nd Qtr.) June 15 (3 rd Qtr.) Sept. 15 (4 th Qtr.)
Forest Development	September 15
Woodland Management	November 1
Forest Management, Inventory and Planning	October 15
Forest Pest Management	August 1
Watershed Restoration	December 15
Timber Harvest Initiative	November 15
Regional Harvesting Program	October 15
Endangered Species Compliance	November 30

Please provide reports on the progress of funded projects through completion of the projects.



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