



CREP STEP-BY-STEP



Part 1: Initial Enrollment

Washington CREP Training
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INITIAL CONTACT

- Producer expresses interest to FSA, NRCS, or CD.
- Agencies notify each other about producer interest. We can discuss your ideas later today about how.
- Landowner and FSA or CD partially complete CRP-2C.



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ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

- FSA or NRCS determines eligibility of owner, land eligibility and size.
- Producer eligibility:
 - Must have owned or operated land for 12 months
 - Waivers available if CREP acreage is 10-20% of acreage
 - Operators on the farm have a right to participate in CREP
 - They can sign a waiver
- All participants and members must file AGI form prior to contract approval



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ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

- Land eligibility:

Must be, as determined by COC:

1) Marginal pasture land (CP22, CP30)

- Not defined by Congress
- Does not need to fit NRCS definition(s)
- FSA guidance available in supplemental CREP policy (pink sheets)
- Broad perspective by FSA
- Land must be able to function as pasture
- Active grazing not required

2) Cropland with required cropping history 2008-13 (CP21, 22, 23, 23A)



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ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

- Land eligibility:
 - Physically and legally capable of being farmed
- If “new” land, practice must be “needed and feasible”
- May be expiring CRP if new contract approved by expiration of current contract



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CULTURAL RESOURCES, PART 1

- FSA determines if any undertaking will occur. If so, conducts literature search and starts 1st 30-day notification to SHPO and Tribes concerning area of potential effect.
- More this afternoon.

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SITE VISIT



- CD or NRCS visit site to determine if a functioning buffer exists and if **buffer** is appropriate for the site.
- If things aren't okay, CD or NRCS notifies FSA, who notifies producer of ineligibility using CRP-26.
- If everything checks out, CD or NRCS GPS the site, CD provides FSA with stream length.

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SITE VISIT FOLLOW-UP

- FSA calculates final rental rate.



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FINALIZE CRP-2C AND WORK ON THE CONSERVATION PLAN

- Producer visits FSA office and signs CRP-2C. Copies to CD and producer. **Critical for landowner to correspond in person or over phone with FSA to understand long term commitment and contract requirements (successor req's, 1099, etc)**
- CD or NRCS work with producer to develop Conservation Plan (more from Rachel later today).
- NRCS reviews & approves Conservation Plan.
- CD ensures Conservation Plan complete including signatures. Copies to FSA.



CULTURAL RESOURCES, PART 2



- FSA makes cultural resources determination re: survey needed
- Second 30 day notice sent
- More this afternoon

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FINALIZE CONTRACTS

- FSA obtains producer signatures on CRP-1 and approves contract (CoC). Copies to producer and CD. **Critical for landowner to correspond in person or over phone with FSA to understand long term commitment and contract requirements (successor req's, 1099, etc)**
- Landowner and CD board sign State Reimbursement and Maintenance Contract.



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FORMS AND PAPERWORK

- CD requests Cost Share funds and maintenance funds from WSCC (Exhibit D).
- FSA creates **cost share** form FSA848B, sends to producer. **Consider attaching FSA848A.**
- CD provides list of reputable contractors to producer.



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FIELD IMPLEMENTATION



- Producer installs practice with guidance from CD & NRCS.
- Producer signs FSA848B & submits bills with documentation to FSA.

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GETTING EVERYONE PAID

- FSA refers FSA848B to CD or NRCS for confirmation practice installed to standards.
- CD certifies practice completion by signing form FS848B.
- FSA issues funds up to 50% Cost Share to producer, copy to CD. FSA issues 40% PIP if applicable.
- CD sends invoices and FSA payment share information (FSA848B) to WSCC.
- WSCC pays CD the State share of CS and PIP.
- District pays the Landowner for the non-FSA portion.



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