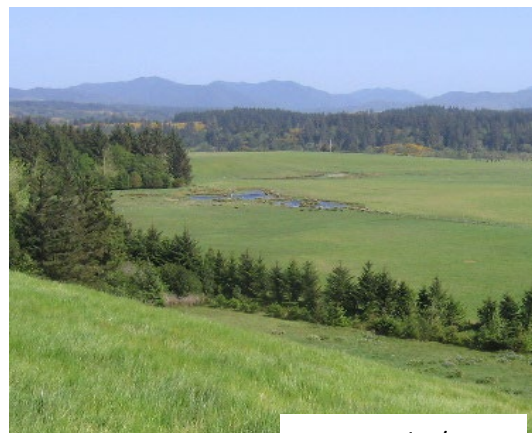


CREP 2021

The Oregon Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

On Marginal Pastureland in Coos and Curry Counties



Revised 2/2021

Purpose of the Program:

To restore riparian habitat and protect surface water quality on agricultural lands.

This USDA Farm Bill program pays landowners to create and maintain conservation buffers on eligible* marginal pastureland or cropland for 10 to 15-year contracts with Farm Service Agency. Oregon CREP Marginal Pastureland options include **Riparian Forest Buffers** (CP-22), **Wildlife Habitat Buffers** (CP-29), and **Wetland Buffers** (CP-30).

Cost share and incentive payments are available for approved work that restores buffer function, improves wildlife and upland habitat, and reduces agricultural impacts to streams & wetlands.

NRCS practice standards apply to all cost-shared work.

75% Cost Share on Approved Practices

A 50% cost share comes from the Federal Government and a 25% cost share from the State

Typical CREP practices

Riparian Fences

Livestock watering

Site prep

Planting trees and shrubs

Forest stand improvement

Upland wildlife habitat improvement

Annual Rental Payments to landowner

Federal "base rental rate" plus a 50% incentive gives the total annual rental rate below

Annual payments based on stream type

\$102 per acre for buffers on a seasonal stream

\$114 per acre for buffers on a perennial stream

\$171 per acre for buffers on irrigated pasture, if the appurtenant water right is leased back to the State for instream use.

PLUS: Annual Maintenance payments to landowner

Annual maintenance payments based on installed practices

Wildlife (**CP-21**) or wetland (**CP-23**) buffers:

- \$0 per acre with no fencing or watering facilities
- \$4 per acre with fencing
- \$5 per acre with watering facility and fencing

Riparian forest (**CP-22**) buffers

- \$2 per acre with no fence or watering
- \$4 per acre with fencing
- \$6 per acre with fencing and watering facilities

PLUS: One-Time Incentive Payments

1. Signup Incentive Payment (SIP)

\$100 for each acre enrolled in the program

2. Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)

40% of eligible costs – When all practices are completed the PIP will be paid based on *eligible installed costs*.

Example: (\$500 paid for fencing installation X 40% = \$200 PIP payment).

3. Cumulative Incentive Bonus (CIB)

- When 50% of 5 miles of streambank enrolled (one or more participants, separately or at the same time)
- Each participant receives a one-time payment of 4 times the annual *base rental rate* (Item 31 of the form CRP-2) for each acre enrolled
- Paid whenever a segment qualifies

***Eligible land**

Most streamside pasture in our area qualifies. Parallel and adjacent to water within an Ag Water Quality Management Plan Area, or Tribal Trust or Reservation lands, or had historic

presence of a targeted species (list available). Marginal pastureland must be restored to wetland, wildlife, or forested buffers to address water quality problems.

Restrictions

- Land enrolled in CREP may not be grazed, hayed, or harvested during the contract period.
- Maintenance and weed control are required, outside primary nesting season (March 1-July 15).
- No in-stream work, except to establish livestock crossings and/or livestock watering facilities.
- Cost shares are based on eligible (not-to-exceed) costs when receipts or labor records are submitted by landowner, and all USDA payments are reported to the IRS as income.
- Restoration vegetation must be appropriate for soils and planned purposes.

CALL OR WALK IN FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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CREP Technician: 541-396-2841 Option 5

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See the FSA website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>