

Emergency Watershed Protection Program



What is EWP?

How Does EWP Work?

What is the Sponsor's Role?

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Overview



“...helps project sponsors and landowners implement emergency recovery measures to relieve imminent hazards to life and property created by a natural disaster...”

“...All recovery measures will correct the watershed impairment to either a stable or pre-disaster condition that will not cause increased adverse impacts...”

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Project Example



Schultz Fire & Floods



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Wallow Fire



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Eligible Measures



NRCS will only provide assistance for measures that –

- ✓ Provide immediate, adequate, and safe relief from the hazard
- ✓ Be limited to only measures or practices necessary to reduce applicable threats to a stable condition

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Limitations



EWP funds will not be used to –

- ✓ Solve watershed or natural problems that existed prior to the natural disaster
- ✓ Repair, rebuild, or maintain public or private transportation facilities

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Typical Measures



Typically, a combination of structural & vegetative measures are used to –

- ✓ Restore Stream and/or Channel Capacity
- ✓ Stabilize & Protect Streams & Banks



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Typical Measures



Typically, a combination of structural & vegetative measures are used to –



- ✓ Provide Flood Protection
- ✓ Provide Land Treatment

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Defensibility



The defensibility test includes consideration of the following criteria –

- ✓ Economic
- ✓ Environmental
- ✓ Social
- ✓ Technical Feasibility



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Project Sponsors

A project sponsor is –

- ✓ A legal subdivision of State government or State agency
 - Cities
 - Counties
- ✓ A Native American Tribe or Tribal Organization

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Sponsor Responsibilities



A project sponsor must –

- ✓ Have a legal interest in or responsibility for the area threatened
- ✓ Obtain necessary land rights & required permits
- ✓ Utility relocation & coordination
- ✓ Providing the required local share of installation costs
- ✓ Operation & maintenance activities

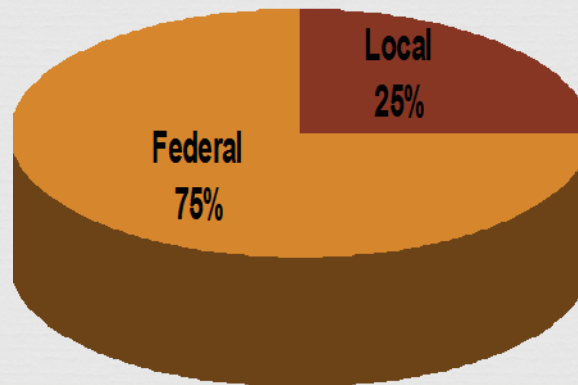
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Local Cost Share



Local, non-federal share, may include (*construction costs*):

- ✓ Cash
- ✓ In-kind goods and/or services
- ✓ Any combination of cash & in-kind contributions



How Does EWP Work?

Rapid Survey



“...Immediately following a natural disaster event that may result in a watershed impairment, NRCS will conduct a rapid survey to determine extent of disaster-related damages & initial eligibility...”

How Does EWP Work?

Request for Assistance




If EWP eligibility/assistance is anticipated-

- ✓ Sponsors must request assistance, in writing, indicating that they fulfill all sponsor responsibilities
- ✓ Request for assistance must be submitted within 60-days of the natural disaster

How Does EWP Work?

Damage Survey Report



Once a sponsor has requested assistance, NRCS will establish an interdisciplinary team to evaluate the site

“...The Damage Survey Report is the primary document in the planning process to record all assessment, evaluation and planning decisions...”

How Does EWP Work?

Funding Request

NRCS may provide EWP assistance based on the following criteria (*listed in order of importance*):

- ✓ Exigency situations
- ✓ Sites with a serious, but not immediate threat to human life
- ✓ Sites where buildings, utilities, or infrastructure are threatened

How Does EWP Work?

Performance Time



“...all work will be scheduled for completion within 220 days from the date that funding is made available...”

“...exigency situations...have a 10 day time limit from the date that the site is accessible or when funding is made available...”

How Does EWP Work?

Project Implementation



Project (*cooperative*) Agreements and/or Contracts may be used to install recovery measures

- ✓ Force Account
- ✓ Performance of Work
- ✓ Contracting Local Organization
- ✓ Federal Contract

What is the Sponsor's Role?

Rapid Survey



- ✓ Sponsor communicates with affected property owners about disaster response efforts including EWP Program
- ✓ Sponsor participates in a rapid survey of the disaster area to assess damages and determine priority areas for potential assistance



What is the Sponsor's Role?

Request for Assistance



- ✓ Sponsor submits a letter to the NRCS State Conservationist requesting EWP Program assistance
- ✓ In the letter, Sponsor agrees to assume responsibilities, including land rights, permits and cost-sharing required for EWP work

What is the Sponsor's Role?

Damage Survey Report



- ✓ Sponsor participates in development of proposed emergency measures. Costs & benefits of treatments are estimated & environmental effects are evaluated
- ✓ Sponsor reviews and concurs with final EWP Damage Survey Report

What is the Sponsor's Role?

Project Implementation



- ✓ Sponsor continues to serve as local contact for affected community and permitting agencies during project design & construction
- ✓ If locally-led agreement, Sponsor solicits and secures contractor services for construction



Questions?



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