

Forest Landscape Restoration Act: What is it?

Forest Landscape Restoration Act provides an authorization for treatments in large landscapes with enabling conditions to restore forest ecosystems:

- Science-based plan for ecological restoration
- Collaborative process
- Biomass utilization and economic benefit (jobs)
- Potential to reduce treatment costs
- Leverage federal funds with private investment

To select landscapes for funding through a competitive process; up to 2 per FS region

- 15-member Federal Advisory Committee
- Experts in ecological restoration, fire ecology, fire management, rural economic development, strategies for ecological adaptation to climate change, fish and wildlife ecology, and woody biomass and small-diameter tree utilization
- Expect nomination solicitation in summer
- Approved by Secretary in fall

Eligibility Criteria

- A) Strength of the proposal and strategy;
- B) Strength of the ecological case of the proposal and the proposed ecological restoration strategies;
- C) Strength of the collaborative process and the likelihood of successful collaboration throughout implementation;
- D) Whether the proposal is likely to achieve reductions in long-term wildfire management costs;
- E) Whether the proposal would reduce the relative costs of carrying out ecological restoration treatments as a result of the use of woody biomass and small-diameter trees; and
- F) Whether an appropriate level of non-Federal investment would be leveraged in carrying out the proposal.

Forest Landscape Restoration Act: Process

Omnibus Public Lands Bill of 2009, P.L. 111-11 Title IV
Authorization of \$40 million annually

Competitive process to select landscapes for funding

Regional Foresters nominate landscapes to panel

Consult with State Foresters and DOI agencies

Chance of funding in President's FY 2010 Budget

If not, ask Interior Appropriations Subcommittees