Timber Resources for Private Landowners:

Here are websites with potential good information for sites affected by the Bridger Foothills Fire September 2020.

After each link, a brief summary of available info is provided.

https://www.mtcorps.org/partner-with-us/

MCC's conservation stewardship projects include:

- trail construction and maintenance
- habitat restoration
- native plant restoration
- public park enhancement
- road decommissioning
- noxious weed eradication
- fence building or removal
- fuels reduction

As an AmeriCorps program, MCC can only work on projects with a public benefit including non profits and public land agencies.

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https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/grants

# Forest Service grants and agreements

What are the types of federal financial assistance the Forest Service awards?

Cooperative agreement: A legal instrument used to document assistance when substantial involvement is expected between the Forest Service and the recipient.

**Grant:** A legal instrument used to document assistance when substantial involvement is not expected between the Forest Service and the recipient.

You can find financial help from through Forest Service through grants and cooperative agreements, primarily through Research and Development and State

and Private Forestry Units. Detailed information may be found though our <u>Acquisition</u> Management program.

# What are grants?

Federal financial assistance comes under two categories:

- Cooperative agreements: a legal agreement used to document assistance when substantial involvement is expected between the Forest Service and the recipient.
- Grant: financial assistance that is used to carry out a specific project that will help the public but which does not require substantial involvement between the Forest Service and the recipient.

All federal grants and agreements must include:

- Federal cost principles
- Federal management standards
- Federal audit requirements
- USDA implementation regulations

These are defined by the <u>Office of Management and Budget</u>, <u>Federal Acquisition Regulations</u> and <u>Code of Federal Regulations</u>.

#### Grants are not:

- Individual loans
- Federal assistance
- Benefits
- Entitlements

### How do I apply for a grant or agreement with the Forest Service?

- The fastest way is through <u>Grants.gov</u>, a centralized source to find and apply for federal grants.
- Read our <u>Partnership Guide</u>, which offers valuable information about working the Forest Service. Of particular interest is <u>Funding Resources</u>.
- Contact your local Forest Service regional office
- Create a private forest The Forest Legacy Program gives grants to landowners.

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https://www.fs.fed.us/forestmanagement/vegetation-management/reforestation/partnerships.shtml

Reforestation Partnerships Available

50 Million Trees For Our Forests from National Forest Foundation on Vimeo.

The <u>Forest Management Staff</u> has national agreements in place with conservation organizations to work together to improve or protect watersheds on National Forest System lands and on adjacent lands affected by catastrophic and/or natural events, such as wildfire and insect and disease outbreaks. Our partners have contributed millions of dollars in reforestation funds that are used for watershed restoration, post-fire restoration, forest health restoration, wildlife habitat restoration, carbon sequestration, and recreation projects. Together with our partners, we successfully reforest our lands and rehabilitate wildlife habitat for threatened, endangered and sensitive species. Partner contributions allow us to extend the work that we can accomplish with current reforestation funding levels.

For decades, financial support from external parties has enhanced the Agency's ability to reforest and restore landscapes across the United States.

- What is the U.S. Forest Service Plant-A-Tree Program? (PDF, 142 KB) The Forest Service Plant-A-Tree Program helps to reforest public lands while honoring someone you know.
- National Forest Foundation plants one tree for every dollar you give.
- <u>National Wildlife and Fish Foundation</u> works with the Forest Service to conserve forested lands through stewardship and watershed restoration programs.
- American Forests has many ways to help plant trees.
- <u>Penny Pines Plantation</u> is a partnership with National Garden Clubs to help sustain national forests and provide education.
- Trees in Memory, Trees in Celebration are two programs of the Arbor Day Foundation.
- <u>Living Memorials Project</u> helps to create living, lasting memorials to the victims of the Sept. 11, their families, communities and nation.

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# http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/business-management/conservation-seedling-nursery

The Montana Conservation Seedling Nursery is part of the Montana DNRC and is overseen by the Legislature. We receive no tax dollars and are completely funded by the sales of our seedlings and plants.

Our Mission is to provide plants for conservation projects that occur throughout the state of Montana.

We provide bareroot and containerized stock that is derived from locally adapted and source identified seedlings. We provide seedlings for private landowners; county conservation districts; government agencies; conservation organizations; and the forestry industry throughout the state of Montana.

http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/business-management/conservation-seedling-nursery/nursery-catalog
The Nursery catalog is quite extensive.
https://forestry.msuextension.org/onlineresources/index.html
Online Resources for Forest Landowners
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