Overview

USDA/NRCS – Federal Funding (Farm bill)

OR- Strategic Conservation (CIS)
Clatsop County
- Lewis and Clark Headquarters and Pasture Management
- Green Mountain Forest Health

Statewide
- Seasonal High Tunnel
- Organic Initiative (and Transitioning to Organic)
USDA/NRCS Funding

Federal Funding – Farm Bill

- New Farm Bill
- New Budget (unknown)

- Funding driven by treating existing Resource Concerns
- Within CIS (identified by LWG)
- Rank in relation to other applications
- Highest Ranked applications are funded
- Develop a contract
- Specifications
Timeline

- Funding on yearly cycle
- Cut offs generally November and March (possible third sign up)
- Submit application
- Site visit to evaluate resource concerns
- Ranking
- Contracting
- 1 year to install first practice
- If it meets specifications, reimbursed for contracted cost through Direct Deposit
What is a CIS

Conservation Implementation Strategy
- Generally at Watershed level
- Focus on concentrated areas
- Utilize strategically to improve resource concerns
- Moves around (5 years on average)
- LWG to get feedback on where next one is needed
- Takes about a year to develop and get approved
Oregon CIS’s
Clatsop County CIS’s

- Lewis and Clark Headquarters and Pasture Management
- Green Mountain Forest Health
Clatsop CIS’s
Green Mountain Forest Health
Green Mountain Forest Health

* Final year for this CIS

Goals:

- Address degraded stand structure and species composition
- Reduce fire, insect, and disease risk
- And improve degraded fish and wildlife habitat
Green Mountain Forest Health

Requires a Forest Management Plan
- Can get a FMP
- Or implement practices in FMP
- PCT, Brush Management, Slash Treatment, Reforestation
Lewis and Clark Pasture Health and HQ

* Three years left in this CIS

Goals:

Addresses nutrient and sediment runoff from agricultural areas in Lewis and Clark River Watershed

Improve water quality
Lewis and Clark Pasture Health and HQ

Practices:
- Gutters and downspouts
- Underground outlet
- Prescribed grazing
- Nutrient management
- Cross fencing
- Watering facilities
- Manure storage
- Heavy use area
Additional Statewide Programs

- Seasonal High Tunnel
- Organic
- Transitioning to Organic
Seasonal High Tunnel

High Tunnels must:

- Be a kit from a supplier
- Be put in an area that has a history of cropping
- Be at least 6 ft on center
- Have end walls
Seasonal High Tunnels

Benefits of High Tunnels

• Extend growing season
• Improve plant and soil quality
• Reduce nutrient use and pollen and pesticide drift
• Reduce energy use and improve air quality by providing consumers with a local produce
Organic and Transitioning

- Statewide Ranking and Fund Pool
- Various practices to assist organic producers
  - Soil health (ex: cover crop, nutrient management)
  - Wildlife habitat (ex: pollinators, riparian buffers)
  - Water management (ex: irrigation water management)
  - Livestock (ex: pasture mgmnt, prescribed grazing)

- Also – Transitioning to Organic CAP plans
Questions???

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