

Idaho Forest Stewardship Program



What it is and what it does?

A means for the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) to provide technical and educational assistance to help family forest owners improve the environmental qualities and economic benefits of their woodland.

Funding for the program comes from the USDA Forest Service to IDL. The annual amount Idaho receives is based primarily on the number of private forestlands covered by a Forest Stewardship Plan.

The program recognizes landowners' conservation ethics and provides information for long-term stewardship and promoting sustainable forestry on private lands.

Forest stewardship is a holistic approach to guide decisions for family forest owners that considers:



- Soil, Water & Wetlands
- Recreation
- Fish & Wildlife
- Biological Diversity
- Wild and Prescribed Fire
- Range & Agroforestry
- Wood & Fiber Production
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Carbon Sequestration & Climate Resilience
- Conservation-based Estate/Legacy Planning Info
- Archeological, Cultural & Historic Sites
- Aesthetic Quality & Desired Timber Species
- Forest Health & Invasive Species
- Forests of Recognized Importance

Benefits of participating in the Idaho Forest Stewardship Program:

Recognition

- Family-owned forestlands managed according to their Forest Stewardship Plans are eligible to display the "Idaho Forest Stewardship" sign, which recognizes the landowners' efforts to sustainably manage their resources.

On-the-Ground Technical Assistance from an IDL Private Forestry Specialist

- Work with landowners to develop a **personalized Forest Stewardship Plan**.
- Help prioritize activities and apply for financial incentive programs to off-set costs of activities.
- Periodic communication with IDL foresters to assist and update plans as needed or requested.

Educational Events and Materials

- **Discounted registration fees** for the annual Idaho Family Forest Landowners & Managers Conference & Exposition.

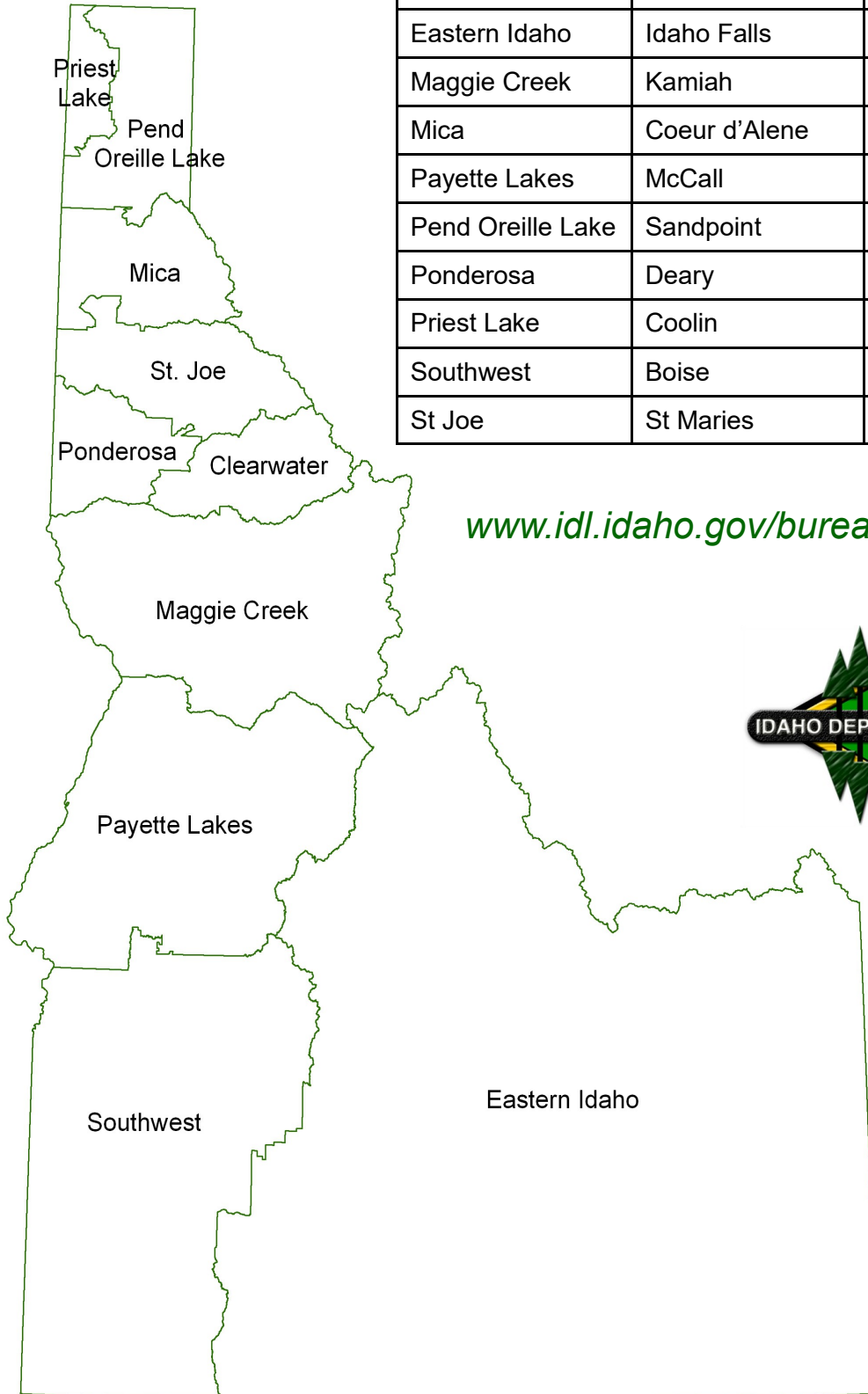
Gateway to Financial Assistance and Potential Markets

- Forest Stewardship Plans meet a primary qualification to apply for financial assistance programs through Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The NRCS administers the **Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)** that can financially enable landowners to complete thinning, tree planting, slash management, and many other activities.
- Forest Stewardship Plans can qualify landowners to become a Tree Farmer through the American Tree Farm System. **Certified Tree Farms** can also be recognized by Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), which holds high environmental standards and allows products to be sold to "green markets."

Funding for this program comes from the USDA Forest Service, State & Private Forestry, which provides funding to Idaho based on the amount of private forestlands covered by certified Forest Stewardship Plans. For more information, please go to www.idl.idaho.gov/bureau/forasst.htm

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