

## 100 Acre Healthy Woods Challenge

### **Special Grant Opportunity for Wildfire Risk Reduction and Forest Health Improvement**

#### **Program Overview:**

Cascadia Conservation District is working with Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, Washington DNR and other partners to find landowners interested in improving the health of their forests and reducing their wildfire risk. The goal of this program is to build upon work the Forest Service has done to reduce the risk of wildfire, and outbreaks of insects and disease in the woods on the east side of Natapoc Ridge. Specifically, firefighters and land managers from local, state and federal agencies agree expanding the fuels reduction work completed by the Forest Service on Natapoc would improve firefighters ability to safely respond to fires in this area and would contribute to keeping the woods healthy across this entire landscape. Creating more fire resilient landscapes by thinning small trees, limbing up large trees, and reducing brush that can carry fire into forest canopy helps not just firefighters, but also the wildlife and fish that depend on healthy forests.

#### **Program Details:**

This opportunity is designed to provide a larger incentive to landowners that coordinate, or encourage one another to complete fuels reduction work. The ultimate goal would be to find a group of landowners willing to treat 100 acres of adjacent land, in which case 100% of the cost of the fuels reduction work could be covered. If a group of adjacent landowners (5 or more) agree to thinning a total of 20-50 acres they will be eligible for 75% cost-share reimbursement for the cost of having a contractor complete the work. If an individual landowner is still interested they are eligible for 50% cost-share for 20 ac or less, and up to 90% cost-share for projects larger projects. More details about the reimbursement rates, and frequently asked questions can be found on the attached application. There are also resources available to landowners interested in commercial thinning/logging, so please contact Cascadia CD if you have questions about any of these programs or would like a copy of the application.

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