

National Forest System | April 2024

## FY25 Ecological Health Restoration Projects

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Sec. 40804(b)(1)

#### **Directive:**

Section 40804(c)(1) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), directs the USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) as follows:

SUBMISSION OF LIST OF PROJECTS TO CONGRESS. Until the date on which all of the amounts made available to carry out subsection (b)(1)(A)(i) are expended, not later than 90 days before the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a list of projects to be funded under that subsection in the subsequent fiscal year, including—(A) a detailed description of each project; and (B) an estimate of the cost, including salaries and expenses, for the project

#### Summary and Total Acres to be Funded and Restored

In FY 2025, the Forest Service intends to utilize a portion of the funds from BIL provision 40804(b)(1) to restore the ecological health of more than 90,000 acres through stewardship agreements with Trout Unlimited and the National Wild Turkey Foundation. Under these agreements, landscape-scale ecological health restoration will occur in national forests and grasslands across all Forest Service regions. Additionally, a portion of the regional funding will be put toward Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRSCs) and Stewardship Contracts, which also have multiple restoration objectives. Lastly, the entirety of the Ecological Health Restoration Projects is considered a Justice40 covered program. The project list below for these stewardship agreements and contracts encompasses activities to be initiated in FY 2025.

### Additional Items funded from the provision.

- As allowed by Public Law 117-58, \$25.1 million of the \$150 million was transferred to Business Operations to fund enterprise-wide business and administrative costs associated with implementing the provision.
- As mandated by Public Law 117-58, \$750,000 of the \$150 million was transferred to USDA Office of the Inspector General.

# **Project List: National Forest System Regions**

Forest Service Region	Program Description	Project Dollars	Forest Service Salary & Expense	Regional Total
Region 1	Aquatic Organism Passage, Process-based restoration in the selected Montana watersheds.	\$1,983,333	\$590,042	
	Regionally selected Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRSCs) & Stewardship Agreements	\$3,256,128	\$968,698	
	Region 1 Total	\$5,239,461	\$1,558,740	\$6,798,201
Region 2	Aquatic Organism Passage, Process-based restoration, riparian, and floodplain connectivity. (WY, CO)	\$1,633,333	\$457,333	
	Regionally selected Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRSCs) & Stewardship Agreements	\$1,868,082	\$523,063	
	Region 2 Total	\$3,501,415	\$980,396	\$4,481,812
Region 3	Aquatic Organism Passage, process-based restoration, and wet meadow restoration. (NM, AZ)	\$1,083,333	\$303,333	
	Regionally selected Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRSCs) & Stewardship Agreements	\$3,091,353	\$865,579	
	Region 3 Total	\$4,174,686	\$1,168,912	\$5,343,599

Region 4	Aquatic Organism Passage and process-based stream restoration to benefit wildfire resistance, recovery, and resiliency. (UT, ID, WY)  Regionally selected Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRSCs) & Stewardship Agreements	\$1,383,333 \$1,560,344	\$387,333 \$436,896	
	Region 4 Total	\$2,943,677	\$824,230	\$3,767,907
Region 5	Stream and meadow restoration; post-fire low-tech process-based restoration; road maintenance/decommissioning; aquatic organism passage. (CA)	\$1,783,333	\$499,333	
Regi	Regionally selected Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRSCs) & Stewardship Agreements	\$3,232,361	\$905,061	
	Region 5 Total	\$5,015,694	\$1,404,394	\$6,420,089
Region 6	Process Based Restoration and floodplain reconnection; headwater meadow restoration; fish passage. (WA, OR)	\$1,458,333	\$408,333	
	Regionally selected Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRSCs) & Stewardship Agreements	\$4,846,602	\$1,357,049	
	Region 6 Total	\$6,304,935	\$1,765,382	\$8,070,317

<u>&amp;</u>	Habitat Enhancement, Aquatic Organism Passage, Road Decommissioning, Riparian Planting (VA, NC, TN, GA)	\$883,333	\$247,333	
Region 8	Regionally selected Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRSCs) & Stewardship Agreements	\$4,714,100	\$1,319,948	
	Region 8 Total	\$5,597,433	\$1,567,281	\$7,164,715
Region 9	Aquatic Organism Passage, Floodplain Reconnection, Instream Habitat Improvement, Hazardous Fuels Reduction, and Riparian Tree Planting (WI, WV,VT)	\$908,333	\$254,788	
Regi	Regionally selected Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRSCs) & Stewardship Agreements	\$5,247,261	\$1,471,857	
	Region 9 Total	\$6,155,594	\$1,726,644	\$7,882,239
Region 10	Instream restoration, fish passage, and road improvements on federal lands. (AK)	\$883,333	\$324,240	
	Region 10 Total	\$883,333	\$324,240	\$1,157,573
Totals:		\$39,816,231	\$11,320,220	\$51,086,450

# **Forest Service Regions by State**

Region 1	Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota
Region 2	Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas
Region 3	Arizona, New Mexico
Region 4	Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah
Region 5	California, Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands.
Region 6	Washington, Oregon
Region 8	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia
Region 9	Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin
Region 10	Alaska

Figure 1. Map of Forest Service Regions

