



**WESTERN FORESTRY
LEADERSHIP COALITION**

Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Tribal Applicant Information

Tribal Eligibility: Only federally recognized Tribes can apply directly to the Forest Service; state recognized Tribes have to apply via the state and abide by any state requirements.

Qualifying Lands: Section 8102 of the Farm Bill identifies land owned by an Indian Tribe in the definition of non-industrial private forest land. Indian Tribe is defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304). Tribal trust land is land owned in fee by the United States and held in trust for an Indian Tribe. It is not land “owned” by an Indian Tribe defined as eligible for LSR. Therefore, Tribal trust land does not qualify for LSR funds. You may, however, use leveraged funds on Tribal trust land. Tribal land that is not trust land is considered qualifying land for LSR funding.

Caps: Tribal applications count towards the 15% per state funding cap and must also abide by the \$300,000 per proposal limit. The 15% cap applies to the state as a geographic area and therefore applies to all projects therein in order to ensure funds are distributed across landscapes in the West. The 15% cap applies to the five proposals routed through the state forestry agencies and the two Tribal applications that may be routed through a Forest Service Region.

How to Apply:

Tribal entities should contact the state in which the project is located to run their application through the state agency (total application limit per state is five) or contact the Forest Service Region where the project is located for more information on working through the Forest Service (limit two tribal applications per state through the Forest Service). If the project spans more than one Forest Service Region, please contact each region to discuss what makes sense for your project for submission. Tribal applications through the Forest Service do not count against the five application limit per state.



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Two potential routes for Tribal LSR applications:

| | Forest Service Region Application | State Agency Application |
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| Contact: | Forest Service Region where the project is located | State Agency where the project is located |
| Number of Applications: | Two Tribal applications per state | Five applications per state (includes Tribes and all other entities) |
| 15% Cap: | Applies and includes two Tribal applications per state + five additional applications per state | Applies and includes two Tribal applications per state + five additional applications per state |
| Multi-State Proposals: | Coordinate with the Forest Service Region(s) where the project is located | Coordinate with each state forestry agency where the project is located |
| Funding Limit: | \$300,000 per proposal | \$300,000 per proposal |
| Match: | Required unless a match waiver is acquired in advance and documented within the application | Required unless a match waiver is acquired in advance and documented within the application |
| Funding Mechanism: | Directly from the Forest Service Region* | Through the state forestry agency OR directly from the Forest Service* |

* Must meet all requirements for direct granting entity. Contact your Forest Service Region to ensure eligibility requirements for a direct granting entity are met.

Please see the Forest Service [LSR webpage](#) or Western Forestry Leadership Coalition [LSR webpage](#) for additional information.