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Unhealthy,
overcrowded forest



Healthy, attractive,
thinned forest

Improve Forest Health and Reduce Wildfire and Bark Beetle Risk

**Enroll in the
Eastern Washington
Forest Landowner
Cost-Share Program**



DO YOU HAVE A FOREST THAT IS UNHEALTHY AND AT RISK OF WILDFIRE AND INSECT DAMAGE?

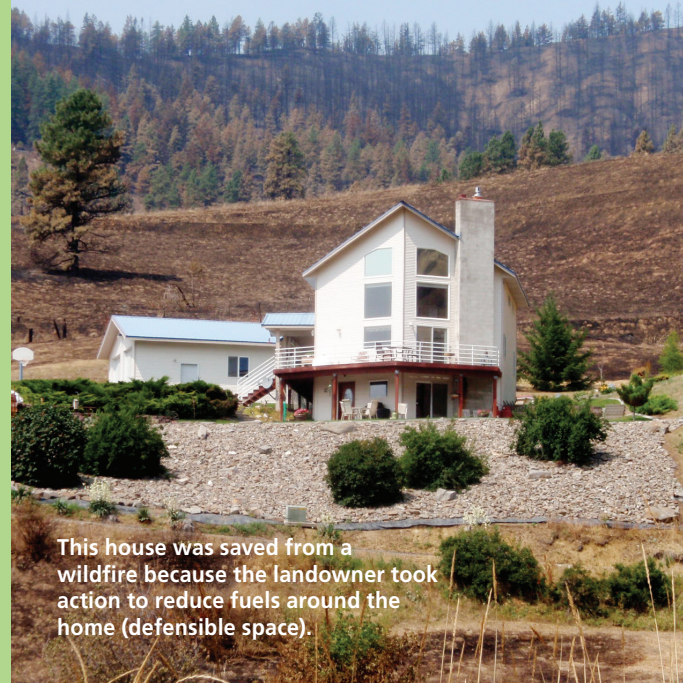
You've likely read news accounts in recent years about the worsening health of forests in the western U.S. and the increasing incidence of catastrophic wildfires and insect damage. Large areas of eastern Washington forests are in an unhealthy condition due to overcrowding, drought, and tree species prone to damage from insects, disease, and fire.

If you own forest land in eastern Washington, the odds are that your property is in a less-than-healthy condition and at increased risk of damage from threats like wildfire and bark beetles.

The Eastern Washington Forest Landowner Cost-Share Program can provide you with professional forestry advice and financial assistance to help you significantly improve the health of your forest and substantially reduce the threat of future damage and loss.



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This house was saved from a wildfire because the landowner took action to reduce fuels around the home (defensible space).

▶ Our forests face serious health problems due to overcrowding, drought, and much greater numbers of damage-vulnerable tree species than were historically present.



Unthinned forest stand: High risk of insect & fire damage



Thinned forest stand: Low risk of insect & fire damage



Fire climbs trees like a ladder. To reduce the chance of fire climbing a tree, prune trees at least 10 feet, leaving 50% of the tree in green crown.

The Cost-Share Program can reimburse you for the Preparation of a Forest Stewardship Plan by a private consulting forester.



BECOME A FIREWISE COMMUNITY

By working with neighbors, individual residents can make their own property—and their neighborhood—much safer from the flames and embers of a wildfire. Contact your DNR Region Office today about the Firewise Community Program.

This cost-share program is funded primarily by Forest Health and National Fire Plan grant funds from the USDA Forest Service. DNR and the USDA Forest Service are equal opportunity employers and service providers.



Mountain pine beetle
(*Dendroctonus ponderosae*)

can infest all species of pine in Washington. Shown are lodgepole pine killed by mountain pine beetle in the Loomis State Forest.

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Who's eligible for funding?

Non-federal owners of forest land in Eastern Washington, who own a total of no more than 5,000 forested acres within the state of Washington, are eligible to participate.

How does the program work?

The program can reimburse approved applicants for 50% of their cost (not to exceed a maximum threshold amount per acre).

Eligible practices include:

- ▶ Thinning
- ▶ Pruning
- ▶ Slash (forest debris) Disposal, and
- ▶ Preparation of a Forest Stewardship Plan by a private consulting forester.

Contact your landowner assistance forester, or apply online to get the process started.

Advance written approval is required before any work begins.

Get started and apply online today.



2 OPTIONS:

- 1 Apply to the program online:** surveymonkey.com/s/dnrcostshare
or
- 2 Download and print an application from:** dnr.wa.gov
Type "cost share" into search box.



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