

# WILDFIRE RECOVERY ASSISTANCE IN NE WYOMING

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This document is a result of strong partnerships between two US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agencies; Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) and local government agencies and entities who are all committed to assisting landowners affected by wildfires in Northeastern Wyoming. The unprecedented fire season has created hardship; this newly formed partnership stands ready to assist landowners through programs listed below.

- **NRCS** provides technical and financial assistance for disaster recovery to farmers, ranchers, landowners, and communities through conservation planning to identify participant needs and address resource concerns.
- **FSA** provides technical and financial assistance to farms and livestock producers to recover from wildfires.
- **WGFD** provides technical and financial assistance to conduct on-the-ground work to restore wildlife habitat and improve landscape permeability.
- **Local Conservation Districts, Weed and Pest Districts, the University of Wyoming, and other local government agencies** also provide significant technical and/or financial assistance.



## State and Local Government Opportunities to Help Landowners

- **Fence** removal, replacement, and funding assistance for wildlife friendly improvements.
- **Invasive Annual Grass (IAG)** treatments, project development and funding assistance
- **Sagebrush** seeding, project development and funding assistance
- **Riparian** improvements, reestablishing cottonwoods and willows
- **On-the-ground** assessments and monitoring of all actions



## Federal Programs Available to Help Landowners

### Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), NRCS

Provides agricultural producers with financial resources and help to plan and implement improvements including wildlife friendly fences, cheatgrass treatments, and erosion control.

### Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP), NRCS

Provides assistance implementing emergency recovery measures for erosion prevention to relieve imminent hazards to life and/or property due to sudden impairment of a watershed.

### Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA), NRCS

Works with agriculture producers to develop a conservation plan that incorporates conservation practices that can help producers and communities address significant challenges created by natural disasters.

### Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), FSA

Can assist landowners with financial and technical assistance to remove debris from farmland such as woody material on cropland or pastureland. Through the program, FSA can provide assistance toward the restoration or replacement of fences including live-stock cross fences, boundary fences, cattle gates or wildlife exclusion fences on agricultural land.

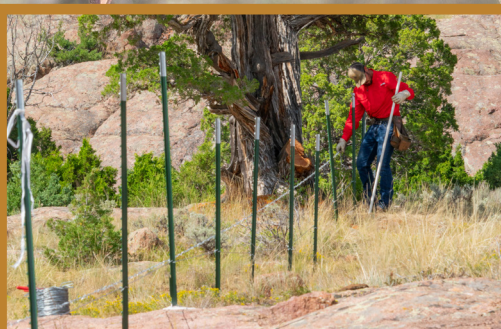
### Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), FSA

Available to producers who experience livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality or sell injured livestock at a reduced rate.

### Emergency Assistance for Livestock... (ELAP), FSA

Provides eligible producers with compensation for feed and grazing losses.

**Contact your local FSA office for various direct and guaranteed farm loans, including operating and emergency farm loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing.**



## Local Contact Information

### FSA Contacts

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### Conservation Districts

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