



## Lake County Forest Fuels Reduction - Cost-Share Partnership -



The Lake County Conservation District (LCCD), in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation’s (DNRC) Forestry Assistance Bureau, is offering a fuels reduction cost-share to private landowners in Lake County. The project focus area includes but is not limited to the communities of Jette, Rocky Point, White Swan and Wilderness Valley. This funding is an opportunity for landowners to learn about their wildfire risk, develop a plan to mitigate the risk, and increase the resilience of forest land through treatment. Funding, made available from USDA Forest Service through the DNRC, supports active forest stewardship, enhances public benefits from private forests, and supports important jobs in the forest products sector. If you are interested in implementing wildfire risk reduction treatment on your land, please submit your application via mail or email to:

**Lake County Conservation District, Attn: Heidi Fleury**  
**64352 US Highway 93, Ronan, MT 59864**  
**lakecountycd@ronan.net – 406-676-2841x102**

***Landowner Information***

Name:		Phone:	
Mailing Address:		Email:	
City:	State:	Zip:	

Physical Project Address (if different than above):	
Total Acreage Owned:	Estimated Project Acreage:

**For this project to be considered for a treatment grant**, it is important for you to understand the roles and responsibilities for you and for the LCCD. Please review the outline of the process below:

**Together**, we will assess the conditions of your forest and develop a scope of work to reduce wildfire risk on your property, which meets the intent of the grant program.

**As the landowner**, you make the final decision to: participate in the project; sign a grant agreement with LCCD; select the contractor(s) to complete work on your land (landowners may be eligible to complete the work themselves); enter into a contract agreement with the contractor(s); pay the contractor(s) 100% of their costs per the terms of your agreement; meet

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your matching contribution as a financial share of the contractor(s) costs, and/or through in-kind value of your effort towards project work.

**The LCCD with assistance from the DNRC Polson Service Forester** will provide the following technical assistance: write the treatment plan; monitor project work; inspect and approve completed work before grant payment(s) are issued. The grant agreement between the LCCD will outline: the scope of work; maximum grant funding; payment and withholding schedules; your matching contribution to the project.

Your permission is needed for the LCCD to provide project-related technical assistance on your property and for the LCCD to be released of liability in the planning and facilitation of this wildfire risk reduction project.

### **Certifications: Project Access, Planning and Facilitation Permission**

As a forest landowner interested in reducing the wildfire risk to my private forest land, through a grant from the LCCD and DNRC, I hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the LCCD and DNRC, its employees and directors of its activities from any and all claims, causes of action and liability arising from or in any way connected with the planning and facilitation of fuels reduction work conducted on my private property.

I grant permission for LCCD and DNRC personnel to access and be present on my property to assess the forest conditions and identify treatment-unit boundaries in accordance with the scope of work for and during the entire period of the project. I acknowledge that periodic on-site inspections are necessary while the project is being implemented, and again for approval of completed work.

I am applying for my property to be considered for a grant from the LCCD. The Project Access, Planning and Facilitation Permission Certifications have been read, fully understood and are agreed to by the undersigned.

Landowner Name

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Signature

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Date

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## **Property Information**

Please answer the questions below:

- ❖ Is there a house or dwelling on this property? Y or N
  
- ❖ Are there currently insect or disease issues on your property? Y or N or Unknown
  
- ❖ Would your neighbors be interested in participating? Y or N or Unknown
  
- ❖ Has there been any fuel treatment done on the property in the last 10 years? Y or N or Unknown

Describe you goals or objectives for your property:

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