University of Idaho
Rangeland Center

POST-FIRE RECOVERY for RANGELANDS

RESOURCE LIST (Federal)

Farm Service Agency

PROGRAM	HOW IT WORKS	DEADLINE	REQUIREMENTS	MORE DETAILS
Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) - Livestock death	Per-head reimbursement for death losses in excess of normal mortality. Also, for injured livestock sold at a reduced rate no later than 30 calendar days after the end date of the eligible event.	Notify FSA of losses by March 1 following the end of the calendar year in which the disaster occurred.	Inventory records pre-and post-disaster; proof of livestock death (dated photos); veterinary record and third-party certifications in conjunction with documentation of beginning inventory.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.
Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) - Stored feed destroyed	Reimburses additional costs associated with destroyed stored feedstuffs.	Notify FSA of losses by March 1 following the end of the calendar year in which the disaster occurred.	Purchase receipts; proof of existing feed stuffs pre-disaster; verified livestock inventory, or pregnancy checking records.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.
Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) - Purchased additional feed	When additional feed above normal is purchased for grazing livestock due to a qualified disaster condition.	Notify FSA of feeding requirements by March 1 following the end of the calendar year in which the disaster occurred.	Receipts to show proof of purchased feed above normal requirements.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.
Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) - Grazing allotment burned	Available Animal Unit Months (AUM) grazing losses reimbursed on affected burned acres.	Notify FSA of losses by March 1 following the end of the calendar year in which the disaster occurred.	Lease, deeds, BLM or USFS grazing permits, proof of livestock inventory.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.
Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) - Hauling water to livestock	Payment per gallon hauled to livestock.	Notify FSA of losses by March 1 following the end of the calendar year in which the disaster occurred.	Receipts for water hauling; mileage log with date and number of gallons hauled.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.

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Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) - Water pipes, pumps or troughs damaged by natural disasters	Per statute, up to 90% cost-share for socially disadvantaged producers, limited resource, and beginning farmers or ranchers /up to 75% for all other producers not to exceed $500,000 or 50% of the agricultural value of the affected land to replace watering facilities. Advanced payments of up to 25% are available.	30-60 days after sign-up period is announced.	Needs assessment completed by FSA or engineering plan by NRCS. Work can't start until plan is developed, environmental review is complete, and approval is issued to applicant; participant must retain documentation of costs (cost/ labor/logs) and submit to FSA for payment.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.
Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) - Wildfire impact	Cost share assistance for: fence replacement, debris removal, water developments, land rehabilitation after wildfire. Per statute, up to 90% cost-share for socially disadvantaged producers, limited resource, and beginning farmers or ranchers and up to 75% for all other producers not to exceed $500,000 or 50% of the agricultural value of the affected land to replace fences and clean up debris; will also replace watering facilities. Advanced payments of up to 25% is available.	30-60 days after sign-up period is announced.	Needs assessment completed by FSA or engineering plan by NRCS. Work can't start until plan is developed, environmental review is complete, and approval is issued to applicant; participant must retain documentation of costs (cost/ labor/logs) and submit to FSA for payment.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) - Stored feed destroyed	Grazed forage losses are collective losses determined throughout the grazing period to account for lost production for all natural disasters affecting the grazed forage. Payment is based on the loss of expected Animal Unit Days (AUDs) over 50% at 55% of the established daily AUD value.	For grazed forage producers using independent assessments or alternative collective percentage of loss methods. The application for payment deadline is 180 calendar days after the end of the coverage period.	Requires an application for coverage prior to the coverage period, acreage report, and application for payment. Noninsured Crop Disaster Program Coverage is available if a CCC-860 was on file with FSA prior to the disaster event.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.
Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) - Fire on federal land	Provides payments to eligble livestock producers who suffer grazing losses due to drought or wildfire on federally managed land. For fire on federally managed land, 50% of the monthly feed costs for the number of days livestock producers are prohibited to graze. For drought, 60% of monthly feed costs for 1 to 5 months, depending on the qualifying drought severity on both private and federally managed grazing land.	Apply by March 1 following the end of the calendar year in which the disaster occurred.	Livestock inventories, leases, acreage report of grazed acreage affected by drought or wildfire.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.

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Emergency Haying or Grazing of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Emergency grazing is only authorized during the primary nesting season in counties that have met the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) drought trigger of D2 for 4 weeks, D3, or D4 and grazing is limited to 50% carrying capacity. Check the U.S. drought monitor (usda.gov) for classifications.	September 30 of each year. Activities that may stretch into the next fiscal year will affect that year's availability.	Consult your local FSA County Office before taking any action. FSA County Committees determine eligibility using the U.S. Drought Monitor or other natural disaster resulting in forage loss. All requests for Emergency Activities must be pre-approved by the County Office Committee. Actual acreage grazed or hayed will be submitted to the local FSA office.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.
Emergency Farm Loans	The maximum loan amount is up to 100% of actual production or physical losses, with a cap of $500,000.	Applications must be submitted within eight months after the disaster designation date.	Eligible applicants include farmers and ranchers who operate in a disaster-designated county and have experienced substantial damage or loss. Applicants must demonstrate an inability to obtain sufficient credit from other sources to cover their disaster-related needs.	Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.

FEMA

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Individuals and Households Program (IHP)		Requires presidential disaster declaration, deadline is 18 months after disaster declaration.		Scan for FEMA Idaho website.

Natural Resouces Conservation Service

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Can assist with invasive species control, water developments, grazing infrustructure, cross fencing, brush management, drought resilience, and post fire rehabilitation.	Applications due by October for the following year.		Scan or click the QR code for program website. Or contact your local natural resources conservation office.
Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) - Impaired watershed	All projects must have a project sponsor. NRCS may bear up to 75 percent of the eligible construction cost of emergency measures (90 percent within limited-resource areas as identified by the U.S. Census data). The remaining costs must come from local sources and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services.		If your land has suffered severe damage that may qualify for the EWP Program, you should contact your local NRCS office and request assistance. City, county, state governments, flood and water control districts, and soil and water conservation districts are the most common sponsors of EWP projects.	Scan or click the QR code for program fact sheet. Or contact your local natural resources conservation office.
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) - supports long-term grazing management and drought resilience	Can help producers improve their land condition by improving grazing conditions, increasing crop resilience, or developing wildlife habitat.		Must address at least two priority resource concerns and meet or exceed the stewardship threshold for at least one additional priority resource concern by the end of the contract. The contract lasts for five years. Producers must have control of the land for the proposed contract term.	Scan or click the QR code for program fact sheet. Or contact your local natural resources conservation office.

US Fish & Wildlife Service

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USFWS Partners Program - Watershed restoration	Free technical and financial assistance to landowners, managers, tribes, corporations, schools and nonprofits interested in improving wildlife habitat on their land.	N/A	Staff provide free technical and financial assistance to plan, design, supervise and monitor customized habitat restoration projects. These projects range in size from a wetland of a few acres to a grassland restoration covering several hundred thousand acres.	**Central idaho contacts:** Jason_Pyron@fws.gov, Joshua_White@fws.gov, Charles_Sandford@fws.gov, Michael_Mischke@fws.gov

USDA Risk Management Agency

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Pasture, Rangeland and Forage (PRF) Insurance	Producers ensure an eligible amount of rangeland and pasture acres due to drought conditions. Areas that are declared as drought affected are eligible for payments. Producers pay an annual premium.	December 1 deadline for insurance the following calendar year. It is recommended to begin the process in October or November.	Evaluate your historical rainfall grids. Select the most appropriate two-month index intervals. Adjust your productivity factor and coverage level based on current forage values and your operation's risk tolerance.	Scan or click for PRF Decision Support Tool. Or contact your agent locator.
Livestock Risk Protection (LRP)	Provides protection against declining market prices.	You may buy LRP throughout the year from Risk Management Agency-approved livestock insurance agents.	Submit one-time application, once application is accepted you may buy specific coverage endoresements.	Scan or click for more information on LRP.

Other helpful resources

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National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)	Provides information about drought outlooks, early warning information, management resources, and regional climate information.	N/A	N/A	Scan or click for program website.
US Drought Monitor	Used by USDA to determine eligibility for many drought assistance programs.	N/A	N/A	Scan or click for program website.
Wildfire Risk to Communities	An interactive website to help communities understand wildfire risk and provide resources to manage and mitigate that risk. This tool can be used to understand how fire-prone any given community is.	N/A	N/A	Scan or click for program website.
NOAA Fire Weather Tools	NOAA's fire weather tools include seasonal weather predictions, drought tools, and smoke models that can predict the impact of smoke on air quality and visibility.	N/A	N/A	Scan or click for program website.
Rangeland Center - Fire and Fuels Page	Find research publications about fire and fuels and explore ongoing projects on the subject from the Rangeland Center.	N/A	N/A	Scan or click for the website.
Federal Wildfire Recovery Funding Database	The recovery database was created to assist recovery leaders who have varying levels of experience and familiarity with federal recovery programs.	N/A	N/A	Scan or click to access the database.

RESOURCE LIST (State)

Idaho Department of Agriculture

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Idaho Grazing Improvement Program (IGIP)	A cost-share grant program within the Idaho State Department of Agriculture to implement projects across federal, state, and private lands that will improve rangeland health, productivity, and management. Projects can include any work that will improve rangeland health, productivity, and management. This may include but is not limited to water developments, traditional fencing, virtual fencing, seeding, invasive species control, or changes to the grazing system.	December 15th of each year.		Scan or click the QR code for more information.

Idaho Department of Lands

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Rangelands Improvment Program (RIP)	Limited statewide funding for projects that benefit the lease area broadly. These projects are scored by an internal committee. Projects like water developments, invasive species treatments, seedings, and fuel breaks usually score higher. Fencing is usually not funded. All improvements funded by IDL in these projects remain in IDL ownership and cannot be used as a value added by lessee if a conflict application is received, however, match funding by the lessees could be considered.	Funding is not guaranteed, and each fund is reset at the beginning of the state's fiscal year — July 1.	Contact the IDL resource specialist in your local area office to discuss project scope and details. All other improvements MUST be permitted with IDL to remain in compliance with lease and to be creditable as a value added to the lease if it is conflicted.	Scan or click the QR code to contact IDL for more information. Or contact Addie Faust - Natural Resource Leasing Manager at: afaust@idl.idaho.gov

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Sage Grouse Habitat	Funding to complete habitat restoration or improvement in designated Priority or Important Habitat for Sage grouse. Projects typically are invasive species treatments, riparian restoration, seedings, fuel breaks and other large-scale efforts.	Funding is not guaranteed, and each fund is reset at the beginning of the state's fiscal year — July 1.	Contact the IDL resource specialist in your local area office to discuss project scope and details. All other improvements MUST be permitted with IDL to remain in compliance with lease and to be creditable as a value added to the lease if it is conflicted.	Scan or click the QR code to contact IDL for more information. Or contact Addie Faust - Natural Resource Leasing Manager at: afaust@idl.idaho.gov

Idaho Department of Fish & Game

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Habitat Improvement	Funding to assist landowners with activities that would benefit them as well as wildlife. Past fire rehabilitation activities include: purchasing seed, conduct herbicide spraying to control annual invasive grasses, rebuild/modify fencing, etc.	N/A	Contact local IDFG habitat biologist to discuss options. If there is a financial component to the effort, landowner signs an agreement, usually there is reimbursement process once the work is completed.	Big Grass Fire: grace.bullington@idfg.idaho.gov, samatha.suszynski@idfg.idaho.gov Tartar Fire: zachary.huling@idfg.idaho.gov

Idaho Cattle Association

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2026 Wildfire Assistance Application	ICA's Wildfire Assistance Application window is open for cattle producers and qualifying entities that have been affected by fires in the 2026 fire season.	October 31, 2026	Complete the Wildfire Assistance Application and mail to: Idaho Cattle Association, PO Box 15397, Boise, ID 83715 with all supporting documentation.	Scan or click the QR code to access the application.

This resource list is part of an on-going project from the University of Idaho Rangeland Center to address the need for science-based guidance on post-fire rangeland recovery. This effort aims to translate recent scientific research into a practical, accessible publication that supports land managers, policymakers, and community leaders in making informed post-fire management decisions.

This resource list continues to be updated, we are particularly looking for information about state, county, or local programs. If you are interested in being involved or have resources to share, please reach out to us at: 4range@uidaho.edu.

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The Rangeland Center is bridging the gap between science and land management by engaging stakeholders to develop solution-based research that has valuable and real world implications for Idaho rangelands.

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