

Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership Project FY 2019 Final Report



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Funds Obligated

	FY19	FY 17-19
NRCS - EQIP Financial & Technical Assistance		
NRCS - Additional Funds		
FS - National Forest System		
FS - Hazardous Fuels		
FS - State and Private Forestry		
FS - Non JCLRP Funds		
Other (partner investments)		
Total		

For EQIP TA, assume TA at a rate of 9% of FA, across years, unless additional funding was invested (e.g., through partner agreements).

Conservation Outcomes

Describe the conservation outcomes that resulted from activities performed as part of your project (FY 17-19). This should include measurable outcomes that mitigated wildfire threats, protected water quality and supply, and/or improved habitat for at-risk species and other wildlife. For example:

- *By working closely with partners and the town, this Joint Chiefs' project installed two new bridges, replacing culverts that were vulnerable to flooding and unnavigable for fish. This allowed brook trout access to 1.5 miles of prime waterways in the National Forest and protected nearby homes from potential flooding.*
- *Partners thinned overly dense stands of trees from prioritized areas to reduce the threat of wildfire for 500 homes, representing approximately 2,500 residents. Removing dense plant material also provided better forage ground and winter habitat for species, including elk, mule deer, and wild turkey, species that are tied to local culture and the tourism economy.*

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Community Benefits

Briefly describe benefits to local communities achieved through this project and partnership (FY 17-19). This could include: employment opportunities, education, outreach, or coordination. For example:

- *Partners hosted four field days for the local community at the project site. They also distributed newsletters on plant identification, soil health, management practices, and prescribed fire at the weekly farmer's market.*
- *Local agencies and partners contributed more than \$300,000 to match Joint Chiefs' funds and this project partnership has led to a new collaboration to improve recreational access to the backcountry while also reducing adverse impacts to the water quality of the local lake.*

Photos, News Articles, and Press Releases

Please share any photos that show the implementation of the project (e.g., field work, outreach events) and the results (e.g., before-and-after photos of a restored site). Please share any news articles and press releases that have been issued.

Partner Support and Involvement

1. Please list partners and stakeholders that were involved in this project (e.g., NRCS field offices, FS units, schools or community organizations, NGOs). Describe the contributions (e.g., FTEs, funding, materials) from these partners. For the table below, value hours and equipment according to partner organization standards.

Partner	Dollars	In-Kind Labor	In-Kind Other	Total FY 2017– FY 2019
<i>Example...TNC</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>	<i>\$85,000</i>
Project Totals	<i>\$50,000</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>	<i>\$85,000</i>

2. Concisely describe how these partnerships were formed. For example, were they formed in order to compete for Joint Chiefs' funding or were they pre-existing? How was it determined what partners would be engage on this project?
3. Concisely describe how this project enabled you to achieve higher quality or more effective outcomes than could have been accomplished by a single agency.
4. Concisely describe a unique or significant way your partnership was able to leverage technical, financial, or social resources through coordination of activities.

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Project Accomplishments:

1. Enter your FY19 accomplishments on National Forests in FACTS.
2. In the following tables, report total project accomplishments for FY19 and for the entirety of the project period (FY17-FY19).

Federal Lands

Activity/Treatment	FY 19	FY 17-19
Total acres of HF Treatment		
Total miles of streambank improved		
Total acres of wildlife habitat improved/created		

State or Tribal Lands

Activity/Treatment	FY 19	FY 17-19
Total acres of HF Treatment		
Total miles of streambank improved		
Total acres of wildlife habitat improved/created		

Private Lands

Activity/Treatment	FY 19	FY 17-19
Total acres of HF Treatment		
Total miles of streambank improved		
Total acres of wildlife habitat improved/created		

Lessons Learned

Please share the one biggest lesson learned after completing this project. This could include: recommendations for future partnerships, project planning improvements, implementation of best practices, new approaches to conservation, better ways to collaborate with partners, etc.

Signatures

NRCS, title

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