

## **307.22 Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership**

**Initiative Name and Acronym:** Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership (JCLRP)

**Initiative Description:** Under the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership (JCLRP), NRCS and the U.S. Forest Service are working together to target conservation and restoration to measurably improve the health and resiliency of forest and grassland ecosystems where public and private lands meet to provide for long-term natural resources and production benefits. Priorities for the effort are:

- Reducing and mitigating wildfire threats to communities and landowners.
- Protecting water quality and supply for communities and industry.
- Improving habitat conditions for at-risk species.

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**Approved or Participating States:** All states and areas are eligible for participation. Participation is through the annual proposal solicitation, submission, and selection process. JCLRP funds will be allocated to states for use consistent with approved JCLRP projects and associated multi-year implementation budgets.

**Business Tool Requirements:**

This guidance establishes action items to be completed by State Conservationists (STCs) to support JCLRP.

1. ProTracts Guidance:

STCs will select the "Forest Service Partnership" account type in Protracts for administration of funds related to the JCLRP.

2. CART Ranking Guidance:

States will use JCLRP national ranking template and guidance to develop the ranking pool(s) for JCLRP. The national templates provide the approved land uses and primary resource concerns. The default weightings for each resource concern category and subcategory on the template reflect the relative priority of the concerns. States may adjust the resource concern weightings within the ranges identified on the JCLRP national ranking template, as needed, to prioritize the state-specific primary natural resource concerns. The national ranking guidance provides the applicability and ranking questions. The Joint Chiefs' LRP national template and ranking guidance are available in NI-440-310 NRCS Program Ranking Through Conservation Assessment Ranking Tool (CART), Exhibits S and T:

<https://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/viewDirective.aspx?hid=44483>

3. Funding and Allocation Guidance:

States will use the multi-year implementation budgets as a basis for State Resource Assessment funding requests. Following the receipt of state allocation letters, STCs will receive a breakdown of JCLRP project funding for the FY as outlined in the submitted implementation plans to guide allocation among projects. If it is determined that funds cannot be used as allocated, funds may be moved between approved projects within the state. Funds for JCLRP projects may not be used for general program funding. In the event a state cannot use its JCLRP-dedicated funding, funds are to be returned to National Headquarters with the appropriate amount of technical assistance funds.