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## **Federal Community Forest and Open Space Grants available**

CARSON CITY, Nev. – The Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) is accepting applications for the Community Forest and Open Space Program (CFP) competitive grant funding. The CFP provides federal funding for the acquisition of private forest lands for public use. Community forests provide places to recreate enjoy nature and offer environmental and cultural education. Forests also protect habitat, water quality and provide other environmental benefits.

Tribal and local governments, land trust organizations and other qualified nonprofit conservation organizations may apply for CFP funds on behalf of interested private landowners. Each individual project may not exceed \$400,000. Those interested in submitting a CFP application can view eligibility requirements and instructions at: <http://forestry.nv.gov/grants/>. The deadline to submit applications is 5:00 p.m., January 13, 2017.

Please contact NDF Stewardship/Legacy Program Coordinator Heather Giger with any questions about the CFP program or the proposal process. Consultation with NDF staff – with the exception of Tribal governments – prior to submitting an application is required to ensure that the proposal meets state and federal CFP eligibility requirements.

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The **Nevada Division of Forestry** is a division within the **Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**. The Division coordinates and manages all forestry, nursery, endangered plant species and watershed resource activities on certain public and private lands. The Division provides protection of life, property and natural resources through fire suppression, prevention programs and provides other emergency services as required.