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Nevada Division of Forestry now Accepting Proposals for Community Forest and Open Space Grant Program

\$1.8 million available for Nevada projects

CARSON CITY, Nev. - The Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the Community Forest and Open Space Program (CFP) competitive grant funding. CFP provides funding for the acquisition of private forest lands for public use. Funds are provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

Community forests and open spaces are vital to area residents and the places they call home. In addition to providing bountiful outdoor recreational opportunities, Community Forests aid in protecting Nevada's habitats, water quality, and other precious natural resources. Community Forests also provide opportunities for environmental and cultural education, and contribute to overall quality of life in Nevada.

The State of Nevada may request up to \$1.8 million in CFP funding for a total of three proposed projects. Each individual project may not exceed \$600,000. Tribal and local governments, land trust organizations, and other qualified nonprofit conservation organizations may apply for CFP funds on behalf of interested private landowners. Those interested in submitting a CFP application can view eligibility requirements and instructions online at: http://forestry.nv.gov/grants/

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

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