



UTAH FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2018



The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is accepting project applications for the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) in federal fiscal year 2018. The FLP is a voluntary program that seeks to protect environmentally important forestlands that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The FLP operates on the “willing buyer, willing seller” principle and the program assures that both traditional uses of private lands and the public benefits of America’s forests are protected for future generations. The goals of Utah’s FLP are to maintain forest sustainability, protect and enhance water quality and supplies, conserve wildlife habitat and protect and restore riparian areas while providing for the continued working of Utah’s forestlands. The FLP uses conservation easements to protect these important forested areas.

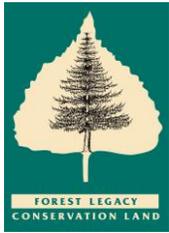
Private landowner properties located within one of the eight Utah Forest Legacy Areas are eligible to apply. The program can provide up to 75% of the program costs for the purchase of conservation easements on private forestlands, with a minimum 25% match requirement coming from a landowner donation or other private, state or local sources.

Landowners are encouraged to work with a land trust organization to develop their project. **The landowners who have committed to working with a land trust organization will be given seven (7) additional points during the ranking process.** Applications are evaluated by the Utah Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee, Forest Legacy subcommittee with final recommendation by the State Forester. Projects are evaluated using the following three core criteria: *Importance*, *Threatened* and *Strategic*. The level of *Readiness* will also be considered when ranking projects. Up to three of the highest ranked projects from the state are submitted to the regional and national ranking process for final funding consideration. Funds are awarded to successful projects two years after submitting the initial application.

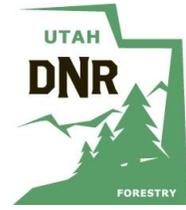
Applications must be received by June 22, 2016 to be considered for fiscal year 2018. Proposals must address all of the Application Requirements and include maps, photos and required supporting documentation. Applications received after the June 22, 2016 deadline will not be considered for fiscal year 2018. Applicants may reapply to the Forest Legacy Program every year, however, a new application must be submitted each year.

An electronic copy of the application document can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.forestry.utah.gov/index.php/forestry/private-landowner-forestry/forest-legacy-program>. If you have any questions about the application process please contact Laura Vernon.

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UTAH FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM FY 2018 APPLICATION CHECKLIST



The following are due to the FFSL office by close of business June 22, 2016:

- Completed Application**
 - 1 (one) electronic copy emailed to Laura Vernon including the following:
 - legal description of the property
 - letters of support
 - maps
 - photos
- Consent Page – signed**
- Signature Page – signed**