



Skidder Bridge Programs to Improve Practices at Temporary Stream Crossings on Logging Operations

Project proposal: \$48,600 in two grant programs

Grant Program 1- \$27,000 to cost share the purchase of three multipurpose, all steel, skidder and truck bridges. The bridges will be purchased from a manufacturer in Maine. This will be a 75% cost share program.

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| Total cost of one bridge | \$12,000 | |
| FPR/ERP share of cost | \$9,000 | per bridge |
| Logging contractor share of cost | \$3,000 | per bridge |

The program will be administered by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR). Logging contractors will submit a letter of interest that will explain their experience with skidder bridges and how they will utilize this type of bridge. The top three candidates will be chosen by FPR staff using criteria to determine that the contractors will regularly and properly utilize and maintain the structures. Once they purchase the bridge, they will submit an invoice to FPR/ANR for payment. All cost share funds will go toward the purchase of the transportation of materials or bridges.

Grant Program 2- \$21,600 to cost share the purchase of twelve portable wooden skidder bridges. These are similar to the bridges provided in the Spring 2018 lottery. The difference between two programs is that the logging contractor will now either purchase a complete bridge, or purchase the materials necessary to build a bridge, then assemble it themselves. They will then submit an invoice for their expenses (including their in-kind labor if they assemble the bridge) to FPR/ANR for payment. FPR will provide an 80% cost share, up to \$1,800, for each bridge. This will achieve the goal of meeting ERP funding requirements and expanding the impact of the program by modifying it to a cost-share format.

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| Total cost of one bridge (approximately) | \$2,250 | per bridge |
| FPR/ERP share of cost (up to) | \$1,800 | per bridge |
| Logging contractor share of cost (approximately) | \$450 | per bridge |

The logging contractors will submit a lottery application to be considered for the program. We will not accept applications from logging contractors who already own a bridge to further the goal of stimulating this as a widely used practice amongst logging contractors. All ERP funds will go toward the purchase of the bridge. The logging contractor will be responsible for all necessary transportation.