

**Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation Forestry Water Quality Assistance Program  
Funding Proposal FY 2020**

**ERP Funding Request: \$50,000.00**

**Total Project Costs: \$50,000.00**

The 2020 funding will be allocated as follows:

The forest economy has demonstrated continued interest in the availability of durable, versatile skidder bridges as part of a cost share program. FPR proposes to allocate \$45,000 toward the cost share purchase of five portable steel bridges as they have the versatility to be used in temporary stream crossings for skidders, or, for temporary truck access to timber sales.



Heavy Duty Steel Temporary Skidder Bridge

The remainder of the funding, \$5,000, will be allocated towards funding two-three more portable laminated timber bridges.



Portable Laminated Timber Bridge.

Stream crossings on skid trails are the most likely source of discharge on logging jobs. The most important thing FPR can do to protect water quality on logging jobs is to properly train and equip loggers in meeting the AMP recommendations.

Education and outreach are important for continuously expanding the use of temporary skidder bridges on logging operations. The 2020 Watershed Forestry training workshops will continue to highlight the proper installation, use, and removal of temporary skidder bridges on logging operations. FPR will work with the Technical Career centers to present skidder bridge workshops that include Natural Resource students as well as loggers and foresters.