

After the Central Washington

Wildfires



Photo: Kari Greer, US Forest Service

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is working cooperatively with the Forest Service, counties, cities and communities adjacent to and downstream from the burned areas of the Central Washington wildfires to evaluate potential threats to specific businesses, homes, and landowners.

NRCS provides federal technical and financial assistance to communities for restoring watersheds ravaged by natural disasters through the **Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program**:

- www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp.html
- www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045263.pdf
- ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/WA/PROGRAMS/FloodBrochure_WEB.pdf

EWP will provide assistance in Chelan County for **runoff mitigation** to protect homes, businesses, and other properties from further damage of subsequent storms.

Local sponsors, which are entities of state government, may apply for EWP assistance. Chelan County is sponsoring EWP grants and working with NRCS to assist private landowners on damage survey reports and to recommend emergency measures. The County will be contacting landowners directly to facilitate projects which may alleviate impacts to homes and businesses.

Funding through EWP is limited. Concerned landowners should attend the workshop, "After the Burn," that is co-sponsored by NRCS and Washington State University (WSU) Extension to gather information on how to protect themselves and their property.

AFTER THE BURN WORKSHOP

October 25, 2012
6:30 – 9:00 pm
**Wenatchee Convention Center
Gala Room**
121 North Wenatchee Avenue
Wenatchee, WA 98801

The "After the Burn" workshop will cover both the Canyons Fire and the Mission Creek drainage area of the Cashmere Fire, and will provide private landowners and business owners an opportunity to gather information regarding what actions that can be taken to protect themselves and their property.

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