

Conservation Reserve Program Usage



The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) was established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to enter long-term contracts with producers to provide permanent vegetative cover on cropland that is highly erodible or contributing to serious water quality problems.

Producers with land enrolled in the CRP program have a conservation plan developed in cooperation with the local conservation district staff, including the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Extension Service, and the Oregon Department of Forestry, along with the local Soil & Water Conservation District.

Some recreation related uses may be authorized on acreage managed under CRP. Hunting and fishing activities, including fee hunting and fishing of free roaming populations, can be authorized uses of designated CRP acreage. Development of these recreation attractions would be at the land owner s expense.

Use restrictions are placed on activities that could impact water quality by destroying permanent vegetation cover. Designated CRP acreage may not be used for recreation facilities such as airplane runways, fairgrounds, parking areas, camping areas, or wildlife containment areas.

Should you have questions about a specific use of CRP land in conjunction with a proposed recreation activity, contact your local NRCS office.

