



## North Carolina Forest Service Temporary Bridges for Forestry Crossings Program



### **\*\*New time-limited cost-share program\*\***

- This is a new cost-share program with only one round of funding available (i.e., non-recurring).
- A two-month application window will be announced.
- This program will cost share the purchase of temporary bridges.
- The cost-share amount will be the lesser of 75% of invoiced costs or \$12,500.
- The applicant must have a business address in North Carolina and be a primary or secondary forest product operator.
- Funding will be distributed evenly among N.C. Forest Service regional areas.
- A random draw system will be used to allocate funding to program applicants.
- Program applicants are responsible for the purchase of the bridge(s) and vendor payment ***after*** N.C. Forest Service's written confirmation that their application was selected for funding allocation.
- The cost-shared temporary bridge(s) must be used for forestry operations for 5-years.
- One photograph of the bridges in-use at a forestry operation stream crossing will be required within 1 year of the reimbursement date.

**Interested program applicants apply within the announced two-month window by submitting requested information in the program application and agreeing to the terms and conditions.**

**Visit the website to view the application form, Program Handbook for further details, and other supplemental information:**

[https://www.ncforestservice.gov/Managing\\_your\\_forest/temporarybridges.htm](https://www.ncforestservice.gov/Managing_your_forest/temporarybridges.htm)

### If You Must Cross a Stream for a Forestry Operation, Why Use Temporary Bridges?

- To provide a solid travel surface to cross streams with heavy forestry equipment.
- To minimize disturbance to stream beds and banks.
- To limit sedimentation and disruption of stream flow.
- To maintain aquatic organism passage.
- To be able to reuse the bridge on multiple tracts.



*Figure 1 Temporary bridge in use on an active forest operation.*

*The N.C. Forest Service will be available to provide Best Management Practice technical assistance and outreach for temporary bridge installation, use and removal.*