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## Portable Logging Bridge Incentive Program

In an effort to improve the statewide compliance with forestry stream crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs), the Pine Country RC&D Council, the Georgia Forestry Commission and participating partners are implementing an incentive program that will demonstrate that portable bridges are an ideal option for temporary stream crossings. The use of portable bridges is a preferred BMP because the bridges minimize land disturbance and stream sedimentation.

Participants (wood dealers and loggers) have an option of purchasing wood or steel bridges. The maximum incentive payment a participant will receive is 60% of the cost up to \$2,000 for wooden bridges and \$10,000 for steel bridges. Payments will be made to participants after receiving a dated bill of sale receipt from an approved provider and after bridge use has been verified by Georgia Forestry Commission personnel.

The following guidelines have been established for this program:

1. The program is available statewide with a goal of placing 6 sets of bridges in each of Georgia's 14 river basins.
2. Applications must be submitted to the Pine Country RC&D Office. Upon written program approval, the applicant has 6 months to purchase the bridges. Applicant must remit the dated bill of sale from an approved provider and notify RC&D Office of location of on-site use of bridges.
3. Georgia Forestry Commission personnel will verify bridge use and make request to RC&D for payment to program participant.
4. Wooden bridges must be made from 8 inch or 10 inch rough sawn oak cants (preferably from white oak) bolted together and are a minimum of 20 feet long and 4 feet wide. (3-four foot panels placed side by side for a 12 –foot wide crossing with no open middles)
5. Steel bridges must be a minimum of 12 ft wide and 30 feet long with no open middles.
6. A list of approved vendors is available upon request; however, participants do have the options of constructing their own bridges or requesting approval from other sources. Self made bridges or bridges from other vendors must meet the specifications listed in guideline #4 and #5.
7. Applicants must be a wood dealer or a logger contractor. Private landowners are not eligible.
8. Participants must complete a follow-up survey which will be used to evaluate benefits of portable bridges.
9. Bridges must be maintained and utilized for 5 years.

For more information, contact:  
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# Portable Logging Bridge Incentive Program Application

Name/Address/ Phone Number:

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Primary working area:

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Master Timber Harvester: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Master Timber Harvester ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Timber Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_no

Contract Logger: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

Tax ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

What type of bridges do you plan on purchasing? \_\_\_\_\_wood \_\_\_\_\_steel

Number of sets requested? \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the program guidelines.

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Applicant

**Applications should be mailed or faxed to:**  
**Pine Country RC&D Council**  
**1905 Martin Luther King Drive**  
**Soperton, GA 30457**  
**912-529-6000 fax**