



NW Neutral™ Forest Carbon Offset Purchase Packet

Program Description

While small privately owned forestlands in the Pacific Northwest are often at high risk of conversion from forestland, it has been very difficult for landowners to participate in offset markets and reap the rewards of good forestry. As these forests are lost, our climate suffers not only from direct emissions, but from the long term loss of the carbon sequestration capacity of those forests into the future. NW Neutral™ allows those small landowners to sell carbon offsets by providing a group structure to minimize transaction costs. This allows these landowners to sell their high quality verified offsets to buyers like you.

All NW Neutral™ landowners must first meet the rigorous forest management standards of the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) before they can enroll in the program. FSC standards provide for environmental, social, and economic sustainability, and ensure that forests will grow longer and sequester more carbon than would otherwise occur if managed to usual industrial standards. By agreeing through legal contract or easement to manage their forests to these standards for 100 years, NW Neutral™ landowners are managing their forests to sequester more carbon and maintain that carbon in the forest. Monitoring required by FSC certification ensures that the land continues to be managed to these standards for the length of the contract.

By purchasing NW Neutral™ offsets you are helping to support the small forest landowners around you in the Northwest. Not only are you ensuring that the forest land is maintained as forest, you are also supporting clean water, wildlife habitat, and successful rural communities. The long term agreements that landowners enter into to sell their carbon are legally binding, and the peer reviewed, science based monitoring program documents the measurable climate impacts of forest management changes.

NW Neutral™ Carbon Offset Role and Responsibilities Agreement

(to be submitted with the offset purchase form below)

NW Neutral™ responsibility:

The forestry offsets purchased through this agreement represent _____ tons of CO₂ that will be sequestered as part of a forest management system that includes Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification. It will be the responsibility of NNRG's NW Neutral™ program to provide verification and monitoring to ensure that the carbon values represented in this agreement are maintained above baseline by a qualified landowner for the term of 100 years.

After this signed agreement and payment is received by the NNRG office, a NW Neutral™ forest offset certificate will be issued. We encourage your organization to display your certificate prominently. Use of the NW Neutral™ logo on documents or websites must be approved by an NNRG representative prior to publication.

Purchaser responsibility:

[*Organization*] agrees to purchase NW Neutral™ offsets for the sole purpose of offsetting all or part of the organization's carbon foot print. Offsets will not be traded or resold to another organization or independently listed with a carbon registry. NNRG does not perform carbon footprint assessments and cannot endorse any individual or organization as "climate neutral". It is the responsibility of the purchaser to determine their own carbon footprint. Some suggested resources are provided on our '[How Much Do I Need To Offset?](#)' webpage. NW Neutral™ offsets are retired upon purchase to offset your organization's emissions and are not for trade or resale. Your organization must seek approval for all uses of the NW Neutral™ logo from NNRG prior to publication.

Organization Name: _____

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Northwest Natural Resource Group

Dan Stonington, Executive Director

NW Neutral™ Carbon Offset Purchase Form

To purchase offsets please fill out and submit the form below along with the roles and responsibilities agreement:

Organization:
Contact Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
Email:

Name to display on Certificate:

Amount of carbon offsets to be purchased* _____ tons @ \$20/ton=\$_____
*minimum sales volume = 60 tons CO2 (the average annual household emissions according to the US Energy Information Administration).

For what year(s) are you purchasing offsets? _____

What emissions activity(s) are you offsetting (ex: business travel, energy consumption, etc)? _____

I would like the following information posted on the NNRG Website:

- Name of Organization
- Link to Organization's Website _____
- Number of Tons purchased

Please submit a signed copy of the Roles and Responsibilities Agreement, the Carbon Offset Purchase Form, and payment to:

Northwest Natural Resource Group
1917 1st Ave, Level A, Suite 200
Seattle, WA 98101

When NNRG has received these materials, we will send you a NW Neutral™ forest offset certificate.