

Stimulus Watch: Week 1

West Virginia has officially requested \$380,350 from the stimulus bill to hire two state coordinators and an assistant to encourage private landowners to grow ginseng and shiitake mushrooms on their private forestlands.

With three staff and \$380,000 in federal money, they hope to contact 160 landowners.

That works out to \$2,377 per contact.

References:

<http://www.wvgov.org/sec.aspx?ID=115>

<http://www.wvgov.org/Upload/Forest%20Farming%20for%20Sustainable%20non-traditional%20forest%20income%20streams.pdf>