

National Woodland Owner Survey – State-specific Questions

Please note that the following is intended to convey only content and not the actual format of the final survey instrument. Place holders for state specific information, e.g., state name, are indicated by angled brackets.

The questions that follow are listed in alphabetical order and will be included in state-specific questionnaires as indicated in table below.

State	Questions
AZ	KK
AR	AA, OO, PP, QQ, RR, SS, TT, UU, VV
CA	N, O
CO	KK
DE	R, LL
FL	UU
KY	A, V, W
ME	MM, NN
MD	E, S, Y, DD, EE, FF, HH
MA	C, D, E, F, G, H, BB, EE, FF, HH
MO	X, NN
NV	KK
NM	KK
NC	B, OO, PP, QQ, SS, TT, WW
OK	JJ
OK (west)	KK
OR (east)	KK
PA	FF
TX (west)	KK
UT	KK
VA	K, L, M, X, LL
WA (east)	KK
WI	Z, HH, PP, QQ, XX

A. ACTIVITIES_PAST

X. Have any of the following occurred on your woodland in <state> in the past 5 years?

Check all that apply

Wildland fire Cause of fire _____

Timber theft

Infestation by insects or diseases Please specify: _____

B. ADVICE_QUALITY

[Append to ADVICE]

d. How satisfied were you with the quality of this advice?

Very satisfied

Somewhat satisfied

Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied

Somewhat unsatisfied

Very unsatisfied

} If you were somewhat unsatisfied or very unsatisfied, why?

C. CONTACT_LANDTRUST

X. Do you know a conservation organization, either public or private, that can help you plan for the future ownership and use, such as land protection options, of your woodland in <state>?

Yes Who? _____

No

If no, do you know how to find one?

Yes How? _____

No

D. CONTACT_PRIVATEFORESTER

X. Do you know a professional forester whom you could contact to work with you on your woodland in <state>?

Yes

No

If no, do you know how to find one?

Yes How? _____

No

E. CONTACT_SERVICEFORESTER

X. Do you know your local <state forestry agency> service forester?

Yes

No

If no, do you know how to find him or her?

Yes How? _____

No

F. CONTACT_SERVICEFORESTER_RECENT

[To be appended to CONTACT_SERVICEFORESTER]

X. Have you contacted a <state forestry agency> service forester within the past 5 years?

Yes No

G. CONTACT_SERVICEFORESTER_SERVICES

[To be appended to CONTACT_SERVICEFORESTER]

[If no go to question xx. If yes:]
What types of services were provided?

H. CONTACT_SERVICEFORESTER_USEFULLNESS

[To be appended to CONTACT_SERVICEFORESTER]

[If no go to question xx. If yes:]

x. How satisfied were you with the information/assistance provided?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied
- Somewhat unsatisfied
- Very unsatisfied

I. DEVELOPMENT_PRESSURES

X. Have you ever been approached by someone who wanted to purchase your woodland in <state>?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, were they intending to develop it?

Yes No I don't know

J. DEVELOPMENT_ACTIVITY

X. Has any woodland within a mile of your woodland in <state> been sold for development in the past 5 years?

Yes No I don't know

K. ECOSYSTEMSERVICES_AWARENESS

X. Ecosystem service payment programs provide landowners with money for providing clean water and air; fish and wildlife habitat; scenic beauty; or carbon capture/sequestration. Have you ever read or heard about ecosystem services payment programs before?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, please answer a and b.

a. Have you ever been approached to enroll any of your woodland in <state> in an ecosystem services payment program?

Yes No

If yes what types of services were discussed?

Carbon capture/sequestration

Water quality

Wildlife habitat

Other (please specify): _____

b. Have you ever enrolled any of your woodland in <state> in an ecosystem services payment program?

Yes No

If yes, what types of services were provided?

Carbon capture/sequestration

Water quality

Wildlife habitat

Other (please specify): _____

L. ECOSYSTEMSERVICES_BARRIERS

[To follow ECOSYSTEMSERVICES_AWARENESS]

X. Would you be willing to sell or rent ecosystem services from your woodland in <state> given proper financial and contractual arrangements?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, please answer a, b, c, and d.

a. What would you be willing to do?

Maintain forest cover over a long term

Convert crop land to forest land

Convert pastureland/hay land to forest land

Convert other lands to forest land

b. What is the maximum length contract you would be willing to enter?

Less than 5 years

5-9 years

10-19 years

20 years or more

c. At what level of annual payment would you consider entering the ecosystem service markets?

Less than \$5 per acre per year

\$5 - \$24 per acre per year

\$25-\$49 per acre per year

\$50-\$75 per acre per year

Greater than \$75 per acre per year

d. What are your incentives for participating in the ecosystem service markets?

Being a good steward of our natural resources

Amount of annual payment per acre

Secure annual payments over the life of the contract

Reduces the risk associated with producing agricultural commodities

Able to participate in a market without entering into a permanent easement

Provides an opportunity to maintain a rural landscape

Other (please specify): _____

M. ECOSYSTEMSERVICES_PARTICIPATION

[To follow ECOSYSTEMSERVICES_AWARENESS]

X. What do you consider the barriers to participating in ecosystem service markets?

Check all that apply.

Lack of knowledge

Regulation/red tape

Market is too young and underdeveloped

Financial payments too low

Removes open land from agricultural production (hay, pasture, crops)

Restricts future land use options

Other (please specify): _____

N. FIRE_MANAGEMENTPLAN

X. Do you have a fire protection or management plan for any of your woodland in <state>?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, have you taken actions to implement it?

Yes No

O. FIRE_PREVENTION

X. How much, on average, do you spend per year for fire risk reduction (payments and the value of your time) on your woodland in <state>?

\$0/acre
\$1 - \$24/acres
\$25 - \$49/acre
\$50 - \$99/acre
\$100 - \$200/acre
More than \$200/acre

P. Dropped

Q. Dropped

R. FORESTLOSS_SOLUTIONS

X. a. What do you think is happening to the area of woodland in <state>?

Increasing significantly

Increase a little bit

Staying about the same

Decreasing a little bit

Decreasing significantly

b. What, if anything, do you believe federal, state, and local governments should do to help change or maintain these trends in <state>?

S. FUTURE_PREDICTION

X. What do you predict will become of your woodland in <state> in the next 50 years?

Developed by heirs

Sold and developed by others

Nothing

(please specify): _____

T. FUTURE_HEIRS

X. Have you considered who will own your woodland in <state> after you?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, are you planning to pass on to your heirs?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, please answer a, b, and c.

a. How many heirs do you have?

____ Number

b. Have any of your heirs expressed interest in it?

Yes No

c. Do you have an estate plan to help you transfer the land to your heirs?

Yes No

Have you discussed this plan with your heirs?

Yes No

U. INTERNET

X. Do you use computers/the internet to help you better understand or manage your woodland in <state>?

Yes If yes, what was the topic of this information?

Check all that apply.

Insects or plant diseases
Wildlife or wildlife habitat
Timber production
Land preservation
Other (please specify): _____

No If no, why not?

Check all that apply.

I don't really need any information
I don't have access to the internet
Internet information is too generic and doesn't pertain to me
I don't trust online information
I can't find the information I need online
Other (please specify): _____

V. LANDUSEPRESSURE_DEVELOPMENT

X. Is any of your woodland in <state> being threatened by development pressures?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, are you seeing more properties around your woodland in <state> being broken up into smaller parcels?

Yes No

W. LANDUSEPRESSURE_MINING

X. Is any of your woodland in <state> being threatened by mining?

Yes No

X. MANAGEMENT_ACTIVE

X. Do you plan to actively manage your woodland in <state>?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, please answer a, b, and c.

a. What do you plan to manage it for?

More wildlife
Income
To leave it better than I found it
Provide clean water
Sequester carbon
Healthier woods
Other (please specify): _____

b. How likely are you to use a professional forester to help you meet these goals?

Very likely
Somewhat likely
Neither likely nor unlikely
Somewhat unlikely
Very unlikely

c. How willing are you to pay for these services?

Very likely
Somewhat likely
Neither likely nor unlikely
Somewhat unlikely
Very unlikely

Y. MANAGEMENTINFORMATION

X. a. How interested are you in learning more about managing your woodland in <state>?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Neither interested nor uninterested
- Somewhat uninterested
- Very uninterested

b. How would you prefer to get this information?

Check all that apply.

- Seminars
- Field trips
- Internet
- Short-courses
- Newsletters
- Brochures and pamphlets
- Talking with a forester
- Having a forester visit my land
- Other (please specify): _____

Z. MANAGEMENTPLAN_ACRES

[To be appended to MANAGEMENTPLAN]

x. How many acres does the plan cover?

____ Acres

AA. MANAGEMENTPLAN_CERTIFIED

[To be appended to MANAGEMENTPLAN]

x. If yes, has your property been certified in the Stewardship Program?

Yes No

BB.MARKETS

X. How would you rate the local market for selling <product> from your woodland in <state>?

- Very strong
- Strong
- Neither strong nor weak
- Weak
- Very weak
- No opinion

CC.MEMBERSHIP_ENVIRONMENTAL

X. Are you a member of a wildlife, forestry, or other natural resource oriented organization?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, which one(s)? _____

DD. MEMBERSHIP_FORESTRY

X. Are you a member of a forestry oriented organization, such as <state forest landowner organizations>?

Yes If yes, go to question xx.

No If no, why not?

Check all that apply.

I am unaware of any in my area

I am not interested in their issues
 I see no benefits in it for me
 Too expensive
 Other (please specify): _____

EE. NEIGHBORS

- X. How many different people or groups own land that borders your woodland property in <state>?
 __ Number
- X. Of these adjacent landowners, how many do you know personally, for example you know their name and could contact them with a question?
 __ Number

FF. NEIGHBORS_COOPERATION

- X. How interested would you be to work with a neighbor if there was an opportunity to jointly pursue a project related to your woodland in <state> that benefits both you and your neighbor?
 Very interested
 Somewhat interested
 Neither interested nor uninterested
 Somewhat uninterested
 Very uninterested

GG. Dropped

HH. PROGRAM_EFFECTIVENESS

- [To be appended to PROGRAM_AWARENESS]
- x. How effective do you think this program is at protecting landowner interests?
 Very effective
 Somewhat effective
 Neither effective nor ineffective
 Somewhat ineffective
 Very ineffective
- x. How effective do you think this program is at protecting public interests?
 Very effective
 Somewhat effective
 Neither effective nor ineffective
 Somewhat ineffective
 Very ineffective

II. Dropped

JJ. PROGRAM_PARTICIPATION

- X. How likely would you be to enroll some or all of your woodland in <state> in the following programs?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely
"Managed Woodland" property tax credit					
Ad valorem property tax credit for having a woodland management plan					
Capital gains credit on timber income where regeneration is planned and BMPs are followed					

Increased protection from liability
Availability of cost-share funds for woodland improvement practices
Payments to landowners for ecosystem services, such as carbon sequestration, watershed protection, etc.

KK. RANGE

Change:

- “Woodland” to “Woodland and Rangeland ”
- Add juniper, mesquite, and oak savannah to woodland definition

LL. STATEFORESTRYAGENCY

X. Are you aware of any services or technical assistance provided by the <state forestry agency> for private woodland owners?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, please answer a, and b.

a. What do you believe is the most important function the <state forestry agency> provides to private woodland owners?

Diagnosis and treatment recommendations for woodland pests, such as insects and diseases

Timber harvest monitoring/review

Woodland management recommendations and assistance

Wildfire suppression

Other (please specify): _____

b. Have you used any of these services or assistance?

Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, when was the last time?

Within the last year

Within the last 5 years

Longer than 5 years ago

MM. TAXABATEMENT_DETAILS

[To be appended to TAXABATEMENT]

If yes, please answer a, b, c, and d.

a. Does your state's program require the assistance of a professional forester?

Yes No

b. How long are you required to be enrolled in the program without incurring a penalty?

I can get out at any time

Less than 5 years

Less than 10 years

10 years or more

c. How satisfied are you with the program?

Very satisfied

Somewhat satisfied

Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied

Somewhat unsatisfied

Very unsatisfied

d. How concerned are you about continuing compliance with the program's requirements?

Very concerned

Somewhat concerned

Very low concerns
No concerns

NN. TAXABATEMENT_WHYNOT

[To be appended to TAXABATEMENT]

If no, why not?

Check all that apply.

- I am unaware of any such programs
- Property tax savings are not significant enough
- Enrollment requirements are too complex
- Enrollment commitment (minimum number of years) is too long
- Withdrawal penalties are too high
- I use another current use property tax programs
- Please specify program: _____

OO. TIMBERHARVEST_BIDS

[To follow TIMBERHARVEST_COMMERCIAL]

- x. Did you receive more than one bid for your most recent commercial harvest of trees in <state>?
Yes No

PP. TIMBERHARVEST_COMMERCIAL

- x. Have trees been commercially harvested from your woodland in <state> since you have owned it?
Yes No If no, go to question xx.

QQ. TIMBERHARVEST_CONTRACT

[To follow TIMBERHARVEST_COMMERCIAL]

- x. Did you have a written contract for your most recent commercial harvest of trees in <state>?
Yes No

RR. TIMBERHARVEST_DIAMETERLIMIT

[To follow TIMBERHARVEST_COMMERCIAL]

- x. Was a "diameter limit" used to select trees for your most recent commercial harvest of trees in <state>?
Yes No I don't know

SS. TIMBERHARVEST_FORESTER_MARKETING

[To follow TIMBERHARVEST_COMMERCIAL]

- x. Did a professional forester help you market timber from your most recent commercial harvest of trees in <state>?
Yes No

TT. TIMBERHARVEST_INDIVIDUALMARK

[To follow TIMBERHARVEST_COMMERCIAL]

- x. Were trees individually marked by a professional forester for your most recent commercial harvest of trees in <state>?
Yes No I don't know

UU. TIMBERHARVEST_REPLANT

[To follow TIMBERHARVEST_COMMERCIAL]

- x. Was your most recent commercial harvest of trees in <state> a clear-cut?
Yes No If no, go to question xx.

If yes, was it replanted after harvesting?
Yes No

VV. TIMBERHARVEST_TAXADVANTAGES

[To follow TIMBERHARVEST_COMMERCIAL]

x. Did you take advantage of any tax benefits following your most recent commercial harvest of trees in <state>?
Yes No

WW. TIMBERHARVEST_UNSOLICITED

[To follow TIMBERHARVEST_COMMERCIAL]

X. Have you ever received an unsolicited offer to buy trees from your woodland in <state>?
Yes No If no, go to question xx.

Have you ever accepted one of these offers?
Yes No

XX. TIMBERHARVESTING_WHYNOT

[To follow TIMBERHARVEST_COMMERCIAL]

x. If no, why not?
