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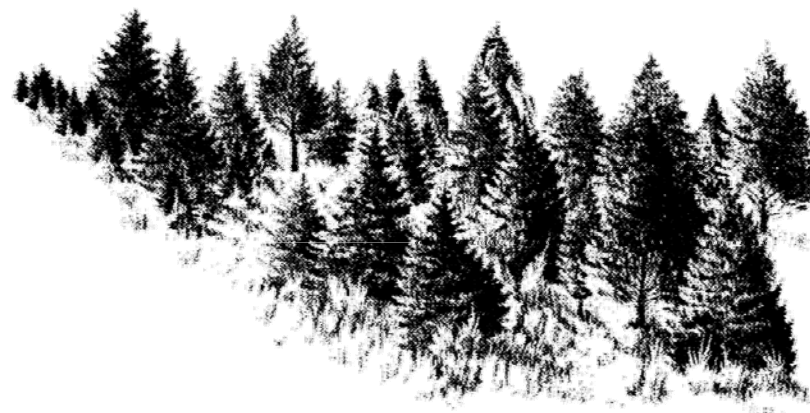


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You can complete this questionnaire  
via the Internet at:  
[www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos/quest](http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos/quest)

If you would like Thank you for participating in this survey!  
Please return the questionnaire in the postage-paid  
envelope.

If you would like a copy of the results of this survey, please  
print your name and address on the back of the return  
envelope.

If there are additional comments or concerns that you would like to share, please write them below. If there are additional comments or

## Instructions

- ✓ Please provide answers for all of the woodland that you own in <state>. If you are part of more than one group that owns woodland, please respond for the group that is listed on the outside of the envelope.
- ✓ The owner who makes most of the decisions about your woodland in <state> should answer this questionnaire.
- ✓ If this questionnaire is received by a company or other organization, please have a person knowledgeable about the organization's woodland in <state> answer this questionnaire. If the company listed on the envelope is a subsidiary of a larger company, please respond for the larger, parent company.
- ✓ If you do not own any woodland in <state>, please return this questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided and indicate why you are returning it. Thank you!

## General Questions About Your Woodland

1. Woodland covers <xx>% of <state>.

Woodland includes:

- ✓ Woods, woodlots, timberland, and forest land
- ✓ Productive and unproductive lands
- ✓ Land at least 1 acre in size and 120 feet wide that has at least 10 well-spaced trees per acres
- ✓ Land at least 1 acres in size, where trees were removed and trees will grow again (not converted to another use, such as cropland, pasture land, or residential)

Woodland does not include:

- ✓ Christmas tree farms, orchards, or nurseries
- ✓ Land that is mowed for lawn

a. How many total acres of *land* do you own in <state>?

\_\_\_\_\_ Acres of land in <state>

b. How many of these acres in <state> are *woodland*?

\_\_\_\_\_ Acres of woodland in <state>

## Your Reasons for Owning Woodland

2. How important are the following as reasons for why you own woodland in <state>?  
Check one box for each item.

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Of little importance	Not important
To enjoy beauty or scenery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To protect nature and biological diversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To protect water resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To protect or improve wildlife habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For land investment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Part of my home (primary residence)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Part of my vacation home or cabin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Part of my farm or ranch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For privacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To pass land on to my children or other heirs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For production of firewood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For production of biofuel/biomass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For production of timber products, such as logs, pulpwood, or other timber products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For collection of nontimber forest products, such as <insert regional examples>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For hunting or fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For recreation other than hunting or fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## The Future of Your Woodland

23. What are your plans for your woodland in <state> for the next 5 years?

Check all that apply

- Sell some it
- Sell all of it
- Give some of it to my children or other heirs
- Give all of it to my children or other heirs
- No plans at this time

24. Which of the following best describes you?

- I am absolutely committed to keeping my woods as woods and not developing it
- I would like to keep my woods as woods, but if I don't think I can take care of it I might sell it
- I would like to keep my woods as woods, but if the price were right, I might sell it
- I would like to eventually sell my woodland, but I could be persuaded to keep and conserve it
- I am absolutely committed to selling or developing my woods

20. Which of the following have occurred on your woodland in <state> in the *past* five years?

*Check all that apply.*

- Harvested trees for sale
- Harvested trees for own use
- Collected nontimber forest products
- Reduced fire hazard
- Prescribed fire
- Eliminated or reduce invasive plants
- Eliminated or reduce unwanted insects/diseases
- Road construction or maintenance
- Trail construction or maintenance
- Improved wildlife habitat
- Livestock grazing
- Rented land for carbon capture/sequestration
- Rented land for water protection
- Rented land for biodiversity protection

21. Who, with your permission, has hunted, hiked, or otherwise recreated on your woodland in <state> in the past 5 years?

*Check all that apply.*

- Me and/or my spouse
- My children
- Other family members
- Friends
- The general public for free
- The general public for a fee
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No one

22. Is any of your woodland in <stated> posted to restrict access and/or use by the general public?

- Yes  No

3. Which category below best describes your ownership?

*Check only one.*

- Individual
- Joint
- Family partnership
- Trust or estate
- Corporation or business partnership
  - ↳ If you are answering on behalf of a company or other organization, skip to question 7.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many people (owners) are a part of this ownership?

Owner(s)

5. Is your home (primary residence) on or within a mile of any of your woodland in <state>?

- Yes  No

6. Do you have a vacation home or cabin on or within a mile of any of your woodland in <state>?

- Yes  No

7. Do you own any land that is farmed or ranched in <state>?

- Yes  No

### The History of Your Woodland

8. How did you acquire your woodland in <state>?

*Check all that apply.*

- Purchased
- Inherited
- Received as gift
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

9. In what year did you, personally, first acquire woodland in <state>?

Year

## Uses of Your Woodland

10. Have you ever leased or collected money (other than from logging) for allowing people to use your woodland in <state>?  
 Yes  No

11. Conservation easements are *voluntary* agreements that restrict land from being used for designated purposes, such as development, in order to protect the land's conservation values. These restrictions are legally binding, permanent, and passed on from one owner to the next.

Is there a conservation easement on any of your woodland in <state>?  
 Yes  No

12. To encourage good woodland management, groups have created green certification programs to recognize woodland owners that comply with the groups' standards. Examples include Tree Farm, Green Tag, Forest Stewardship Council, and Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

Is any of your woodland in <state> currently green certified?  
 Yes  No

13. Cost-share programs provide landowners with money to help them establish or otherwise manage their woodland. Examples include the Conservation Reserve Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Forest Land Enhancement Program, and various state funded programs.

Have you ever used a cost-share program to help you establish or manage your woodland in <state>?  
 Yes  No

14. Some state and local governments have current use programs that reduce or eliminate property taxes for woodland.

Do you have any of your woodland in <state> in a current use property tax program?  
 Yes  No

15. Who makes most of the management decisions, such as whether or not to harvest trees, for your woodland in <state>?

*Check only one.*

- Me  
 My spouse  
 My children  
 My parents  
 Another family member  
 My business partner  
 My land manager or forester  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

16. Have trees been harvested from any of your woodland in <state> since you have owned it?

*Check all that apply.*

- Yes, for sale  
 Yes, for personal use  
 Yes, to improve woods  
 No

17. Have nontimber forest products, such as <insert regional examples>, been collected from any of your woodland in <state> since you have owned it?

*Check all that apply.*

- Yes, for sale  
 Yes, for personal use  
 Yes, to improve woods  
 No

18. Do you have a written management or stewardship plan for any of your woodland in <state>?

Yes  No

19. Have you received advice or information about taking care of your woodland in <state> in the past 5 years?

Yes  No