

# XXXII. NWOS Public Form

## Survey of Public Forest Land Managers in the United States

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### Instructions

- ✓ Please provide answers for all of the forested land that is under your agency's jurisdiction, i.e., "owned" by your agency, in <STATE>.
- ✓ Please include land that is under your agency's jurisdiction, but managed by others.
- ✓ Please do NOT include land that your agency manages, but the land is under the jurisdiction of another agency.
- ✓ The person who is most knowledgeable about the agency's forested land in <STATE> should answer this questionnaire.

**General Questions about Your Agency's Forested Land**

1. How many total acres of land are currently under your agency's jurisdiction in <STATE>?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ acres

2. Forested land covers XX% of <STATE>.

Forested land includes:

- ✓ Woods, woodlots, timberland, and forests
- ✓ Land at least 1 acre in size, 120 feet wide, and has at least 10% forest cover
- ✓ Land at least 1 acre in size, where trees were removed and trees will grow again

Forested land does *not* include:

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

How many acres of *forested land* are currently under your agency's jurisdiction in <STATE>?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ acres

3. How important are the following reasons for why your agency currently has forested land in <STATE>?

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Of little importance	Not Important	Not Applicable
To protect beauty or scenery						
To protect nature or biological diversity						
To protect water resources						
To protect or improve wildlife habitat						
For land investment						
For firewood						
For timber products, such as logs or pulpwood						
For nontimber forest products, such as <REGIONAL NTFPs>						
For hunting						
For recreation, other than hunting						
For gas or oil extraction						
For other mineral extraction, such sand, or gravel						
For carbon capture/sequestration						
For the public to enjoy						
Other						

(Please specify):	
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4. Which of the following have occurred on your agency's forested land in <STATE> **in the past 5 years?**

*Check all that apply.*

- Cut and/or removed trees for sale
- Cut and/or removed trees for internal/agency purposes
- Collected nontimber forest products, such as <REGIONAL NTFPs>
- Reduced fire hazard
- Controlled burn/prescribed fire
- Eliminated or reduced invasive plants
- Eliminated or reduced unwanted forest insects or disease
- Road construction or maintenance
- Trail construction or maintenance
- Improved wildlife habitat
- Livestock grazing
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- None of the above

5. Which of the following will likely occur on your agency's forested land in <STATE> **in the next 5 years?**

*Check all that apply.*

- Cut and/or removed trees for sale
- Cut and/or removed trees for internal/agency use
- Collect nontimber forest products, such as <REGIONAL NTFPs>
- Reduce fire hazard
- Controlled burn/prescribed fire
- Eliminate or reduce invasive plants
- Eliminate or reduce unwanted forest insects or disease
- Road construction or maintenance
- Trail construction or maintenance
- Improve wildlife habitat
- Livestock grazing
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- None of the above
- I don't know

6. a. Who, with your agency's permission, has hunted, hiked, or otherwise recreated on your agency's forested land in <STATE> in the past 5 years?

*Check all that apply.*

- The general public for free  
 The general public for a fee  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nobody -> If nobody, skip to question 7

- b. How did they recreate?

*Check all that apply.*

- Hunting  
 Fishing  
 Hiking/walking  
 Bicycling  
 Camping  
 Horseback riding  
 Skiing or snowshoeing  
 Off-road vehicles, such as ATVs or snowmobiles  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Is any of your agency's forested land in <STATE> posted to restrict access and/or use by the general public?

Yes  No -> If no, skip to question 8.

- a. Approximately what percentage of your agency's forested land in <STATE> is posted to restrict *trespassing*?

- 0% (not restricted on any of your agency's forested land)  
 1-24%  
 25-49%  
 50-74%  
 75-99%  
 100% (restricted on all of your agency's forested land)

- b. Approximately what percentage of your agency's forested land in <STATE> is posted to restrict *hunting*?

- 0% (not restricted on any of your agency's forested land)  
 1-24%  
 25-49%  
 50-74%  
 75-99%  
 100% (restricted on all of your agency's forested land)

c. Approximately what percentage of your agency's forested land in <STATE> is posted to *restrict motorized vehicles*?

- 0% (not restricted on any of your agency's forested land)
- 1-24%
- 25-49%
- 50-74%
- 75-99%
- 100% (restricted on all of your agency's forested land)

8. A management or stewardship plan may be written in order to help an agency meet its goals for its forested land. What percentage, if any, of your agency's land that is eligible for management (i.e. not designated as 'wilderness' or other non-management areas) is covered by a written management plan?

- 0% (none)
- 1-24%
- 25-49%
- 50-74%
- 75-99%
- 100% (all)
- Not applicable – no lands are eligible for management

9. To encourage good woodland management, groups have created green certification programs to recognize landowners who comply with the group's standards. Examples include Tree Farm, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI).

a. How familiar are you with green certification?

Extremely Familiar	Moderately Familiar	Somewhat Familiar	Slightly Familiar	Not at all Familiar
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b. What percentage, if any, of your agency's forested land in <STATE> is currently green certified?

- 0% (none)
- 1-24%
- 25-49%
- 50-74%
- 75-99%
- 100% (all)

10. Please indicate your level of concern about each of the following topics for your agency's forested land in <STATE>.

	Great concern	Concern	Moderate concern	Of little concern	No concern	Not Applicable
Air pollution						
Climate change						
Damage from animals						
Development of nearby lands						
Drought or lack of water						
Damage or noise from off-road vehicles						
Invasive plants						
Keeping land intact for future generations						
Misuse of forested land, such as vandalism or dumping						
Trespassing or poaching						
Unwanted forest insects or diseases						
Water pollution						
Wildfire						
Wind or ice storms						
Other						
(please specify):						