

VIII. NWOS State Form

*Note – In questions throughout the West Texas and West Oklahoma surveys, we will ask landowners about their rangeland or woodland.

1. Is any of your woodland in <STATE> near public forest, parks, or wildlife areas?

Yes No Don't know

If yes, please answer a.

If no, skip to question XX.

- a. Does the closeness of your wooded land to public forestland increase your concerns about insects, wildfires, or trespassing?

Yes No

2. How familiar are you with the following services provided by state agencies to private owners of wooded land in <STATE>?

	Extremely familiar	Moderately familiar	Somewhat familiar	Slightly familiar	Not at all familiar
Technical assistance					
Management assistance					
Information/advice					
Cost-share programs					
Other					
Please specify:					

3. a. An ecosystem service market is an organizational structure for buying and selling units of environmental benefits called credits. These benefits could include carbon, water quality, biodiversity, or wetlands. Examples include California Climate Registry, <REGIONAL EXAMPLES>. How familiar are you with ecosystem service markets in <STATE>?

Extremely Familiar Moderately Familiar Somewhat Familiar Slightly Familiar Not at all Familiar

- b. Have you participated in an ecosystem service market in <STATE> in the **past 5 years**?

Yes No Don't know

- c. How likely are you to participate in an ecosystem services market in <STATE> in the **next 5 years**?

Extremely Likely Likely Undecided Unlikely Extremely Unlikely Not Applicable

4. [This question will follow question 18 in the short form questionnaire]
Please answer the following questions about your familiarity with the <STATE EXAMPLE> program in your <STATE>.

- a. What is the minimum acreage requirement to enroll?
___ acres ___ Don't know
- b. What is the minimum enrollment period?
___ years ___ Don't know
- c. Is there a withdrawal penalty?
___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't know
- d. Does it require owners to have a written management or stewardship plan?
___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't know
- e. Does it require timber management?
___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't know
- f. Does it require owners to open their land to the general public?
___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't know

5. [This question will follow question 18 in the short form questionnaire]

If yes, please answer c and d.

If no, skip to question 19.

- c. Would you use a private forester if the tax program no longer required it?
___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't know
- d. Would you have a forest management or stewardship plan if the tax program did not required it?
___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't know

6. How familiar are you with the following state programs, opportunities, and resources for private owners of wooded land in <STATE>?

	Extremely familiar	Moderately familiar	Somewhat familiar	Slightly familiar	Not at all familiar
<STATE PROGRAM 1>					
<STATE PROGRAM 2>					
<STATE PROGRAM 3>					
<STATE PROGRAM 4>					
<STATE PROGRAM 5>					
Other					
Please specify:					

7. [To be included as a sub-question under question 13 in the short form]
 What percentage of your wooded land in <STATE> is covered by a management plan or
 stewardship plan?

_____ %

8. [To be included as a sub-question under question 13 in the short form]
 Which of the following topics are included in your written management plan?

- Beauty or scenery
- Recreation
- Roads or trails
- Timber production
- Water protection
- Wildlife habitat
- Other (please specify): _____

9. How likely would you be to carry out the following activities on your wooded land in <STATE> if
 you received money from a publicly funded cost-share program?

	Extremely likely	Likely	Undecided	Unlikely	Extremely unlikely
Eliminate or reduce invasive plants					
Repair woods roads or trails					
Create/maintain wildlife habitat					
Family legacy planning					
Climate change adaptation					
Reduce or eliminate unwanted insects or diseases					
Develop a written management plan					
Reduce wildfire risks					
Other					
Please specify:					

10. Do you actively manage your wooded land in <STATE>?

Yes No

If yes, please answer a.

If no, please skip to question XX.

a. How important are the following as reasons for why you currently manage your wooded land in <STATE>?

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Of little importance	Not important
To enjoy beauty or scenery					
To protect nature or biological diversity					
To protect water resources					
To protect or improve wildlife habitat					
For land investment					
For privacy					
For firewood					
For timber products, such as logs or pulpwood					
For nontimber products, such as logs or pulpwood					
For nontimber forest products, such as berries or maple syrup					
For hunting					
For recreation, other than hunting					
Other					
Please specify:					

11. Have you ever received an unsolicited offer from someone asking to buy trees/timber from your wooded land in <STATE>?

Yes No

12. Are gas or oil extracted from your wooded land in <STATE>?

Yes No

13. Are gas or oil extracted from neighboring lands?

Yes No Don't know

14. Do you have a fish-bearing stream or creek on or abutting your property?

Yes No Don't know

If yes, please answer a.

If no or don't know, skip to question XX.

a. Have you taken any actions to protect or improve stream/creek habitat?

Yes No

15. [To be included as a sub-question under question 14 in the short form]

e. Was a professional forester used to do any of the following activities?

Check all that apply.

Plan a cut

Mark trees before they were cut

Contract a cut

Oversee a cut

f. Was a certified or master logger used for any of the cuts?

Yes No Don't know Not applicable

g. Did you receive multiple bids for your timber?

Yes No Don't know Not applicable

16. [To be included as an additional under question 14 a - What types of products were harvested? in the short form]

Fence posts

17. How familiar are you with following agroforestry practices?

	Extremely familiar	Moderately familiar	Somewhat familiar	Slightly familiar	Not at all familiar
Silvopasture -- combining trees with grazing livestock					
Alley cropping -- planting crops between rows of trees					
Forest farming -- growing/collecting crops under trees					
Windbreaks -- growing trees to shelter crops, animals, buildings or soil from wind, snow, dust, or odors					
Riparian buffers -- growing trees along rivers and streams to filter runoff and prevent erosion					
Other					
Please specify:					

18. Which, if any, of the following agroforestry practices have occurred on any of your wooded land in <STATE> in the past 5 years?

Check all that apply.

- Silvopasture -- combining trees with grazing livestock
- Alley cropping -- planting crops between rows of trees
- Forest farming -- growing/collecting crops under trees
- Windbreaks -- growing trees to shelter crops, animals, buildings or soil from wind, snow, dust, or odors
- Riparian buffers -- growing trees along rivers and streams to filter runoff and prevent erosion
- None of the above
- Don't know

19. Have livestock grazed on any of your wooded land in <STATE> in the past 5 years?

Yes No Don't know

If yes, please go to a.

If no, skip to question XX.

a. Do you currently have a written grazing management plan?

Yes No Don't know

If yes, please answer question b.

If no, please answer question c.

b. Who wrote your livestock grazing management plan?

Check all that apply.

I did

Private consultant

State or local government employee

Federal government employee

Other (please specify): _____

c. If you don't have a livestock grazing plan, are you interested in having one?

Yes No Don't know

20. Which, if any, of the following management practices have occurred on your wooded land in <STATE> **in the past 5 years?**

Check all that apply.

Commercial thinning

Pre-commercial thinning

Marked trees for sale

Planted seedlings

Pruned trees

Monitored for invasives

Other (please specify): _____

None of the above

21. Have you experienced any theft of non-timber forest products, such as <REGIONAL EXAMPLES>, on your wooded land in <STATE> **in the past 5 years?**

Yes No Don't know

22. Have you experienced any theft of trees/timber products on your wooded land in <STATE> in the past 5 years?

Yes No Don't know

23. How interested would you be in having a community-wide written management plan, one that covers your wooded land and other parcels of wooded land in your community?

Extremely Interested	Moderately Interested	Somewhat Interested	Slightly Interested	Not at all Interested
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24. Which of the following management practices would you be willing to cooperate with your neighbors on?

Check all that apply.

- Cutting or removing trees for sale
- Cutting or removing trees for own use
- Reducing fire hazard
- Controlled burns/prescribed fires
- Eliminating or reducing invasive plants
- Eliminating or reducing unwanted insects or diseases
- Road construction or maintenance
- Trail construction or maintenance
- Improving wildlife habitat
- Livestock grazing
- General forest health
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above

25. Do you know a forester who works with private owners of wooded land in your area?

Yes No

26. Do you know of a land trust that works with private owners of wooded land in your area?

Yes No

27. Have you worked with a forestry professional on your wooded land in <STATE>?

Yes No

If yes, answer a.

If no, skip to question XX.

a. How satisfied were you with your experience working with a forestry professional on your wooded land in <STATE>?

Extremely Satisfied	Moderately Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not very Satisfied	Not at all Satisfied
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28. Are you a member of a natural resource or landowner organization?

Yes No -> *If no, skip to question X.*

If yes, please list which organization(s) you are a part of.

29. In general, how do you prefer to receive news and information?

Check all that apply.

- Internet
- Newspaper
- Radio
- Television
- Other (please specify): _____

30. Have you talked with anyone or received information/advice about the care, management, or protection of your wooded land in <STATE> in the past five years?

Yes No

If yes, please answer a.

If no, skip to question XX.

a. How satisfied were you with the advice you received?

Extremely Satisfied	Moderately Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not very Satisfied	Not at all Satisfied
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31. Which, if any, of the following information/advice topics would be helpful to you?

Check all that apply.

- Caring for property
- Family legacy planning
- Developing a written forest management plan
- Timber markets
- Markets for nontimber forest products, such as <REGIONAL EXAMPLES>
- Markets for ecosystem service, such as <REGIONAL EXAMPLES>
- Climate change impacts on wooded land
- Planting seedlings
- Shelterbelt management
- Other (Please specify): _____
- None of the above

32. [To be included as an additional under question 26 c - What types of products were harvested? in the long form]

Natural Resource Conservation Service, Soil and Water Conservation District or Farm Service Agency Employee

33.

	Great concern	Concern	Moderate concern	Of little concern	No concern	Not Applicable
Damage from white-tailed deer						
General health of your wooded land						

34. In 50 years, do you expect your land will be wooded?

Yes No Don't know

35. In 50 years, do you expect your land will be one continuous property?

Yes No Don't know

36. In 50 years, do you expect yourself or people in your family to own your land?

Yes No Don't know

37. [To be added as additional options under short-form question 27 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.]

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I believe my wooded land benefits/improves the environment.					

38. How likely is it that you will ever transfer or give away any of your wooded in <STATE> to your children or another family member?

Extremely Likely Likely Undecided Unlikely Extremely Unlikely Not Applicable

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If likely or extremely likely, answer a.

If undecided, unlikely, or extremely unlikely, skip to question XX.

a. Which, if any, of the following will you use to transfer or give away your wooded land?

Check all that apply.

- Limited liability company
- Trust
- Will
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above