

# XXXIII. NWOS Public Telephone Survey Guide

## INTERVIEWER INTRODUCTION

Interviewer text:

Hello, this is <NAME> calling on behalf of the <STATE> Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. We are conducting the National Public Land Manager Survey for the U.S. Forest Service and you were selected to participate. Several weeks ago you were emailed a copy of this survey. We have not received it and were hoping to collect the data by telephone today. Your cooperation is extremely important to the accuracy of the survey and your individual report will be kept confidential (under Title 7 of the U.S. Code and CIPSEA (Public Law 107-347)). Response is voluntary.

**The rest of the interview time is allotted to going through the survey and recording land manager's answers. These interview questions will a subset of the National Public Land Manager Survey (below), with the interviewer reading the questions and the land manager responding. Interviews will not go beyond the allotted time (15 minutes).**

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 againForested 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 as sand, or gravel						
For carbon capture/sequestration						
For the public to enjoy						
Other						
(Please specify):						

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.

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)