



Support the Nation's Forests through the Forest Stewardship Program

The Forest Stewardship Program supports state forestry agencies in their work to equip private landowners with the unbiased, science-based information they need to sustainably manage their forests for any number of benefits, including timber production, wildlife habitat, and recreation.

This on-the-ground technical assistance yields tremendous economic and environmental benefits for individual families, local communities, and the nation as a whole. In fact, much of the actively managed forestland in private ownership is in close proximity to federal lands, which means the Forest Stewardship Program plays a significant role in curbing forest threats—such as invasive insects, disease, and wildfire—that know no bounds.

In FY19, the nation's 59 state and territorial foresters recommend the Forest Stewardship Program be allocated \$29 million.

Quick facts about the Forest Stewardship Program:



About 90 percent of the wood produced in the United States comes from privately owned forests. **The Forest Stewardship program routinely provides assistance to more than 300,000 private forestland owners annually, targeting forests that are deemed most in need by the states' Forest Action Plans.**

Non-commercial forestland owners that have management plans are 2.7 times more likely to meet their management objectives and 2.4 times more likely to reforest their land compared to those without management plans. **With Forest Stewardship Program dollars, state forestry agencies can provide management plans to private landowners at a discounted rate or free of charge.**

On average, state forestry agencies match federal investments 2:1, which means the impact of federal dollars delivered through the Forest Stewardship Program have amplified on-the-ground impacts. For example, **timber harvests resulting from each additional \$100,000 in federal investment conservatively result in 25 to 58 jobs and \$1.3 to \$2.9 million in annual income.**

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