

ALASKA FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Forest Landowner Assistance Fact Sheet:



The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection's Forest Stewardship Program is available to assist Alaskan landowners with 7 or more forested acres, as well as Alaska Native Corporations, in managing their land. Our Regional Stewardship Foresters develop customized Forest Stewardship Plans based on landowner goals, which include on-site visits and expert guidance. These plans are provided at no cost and with no obligation, covering a range of topics, including:

- Wildfire risk mitigation
- Forest inventories
- Assessing forest health
- Wildlife habitat improvement
- Tree planting and care
- Information on financial assistance opportunities
- Other landowner goals

Your Forest, Your Plan

A Forest Stewardship Plan is a detailed management plan designed to help landowners achieve long-term goals for their property. It outlines the landowner's objectives, current forest conditions, and desired outcomes, while specifying practices and activities to reach those goals. The plan includes a timeline for implementation and addresses key resource elements such as soil, water, wildlife, timber production, and forest health. Tailored to the landowner's needs, it provides recommendations to protect or enhance the land's resources and includes a detailed map of the property.

Financial Assistance

Forest Stewardship Plans that meet specific requirements can be used by landowners to qualify for financial cost-share programs through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Additional assistance for landowners may be available. To stay informed about current opportunities, please contact your regional Stewardship Forester.

Alaska Native Corporations are eligible for grant funding to help cover the cost of hiring a consulting forester to develop a Forest Stewardship Plan. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

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