

ATFS Eligible Lands

The AFF Board of Trustees approved the following ATFS Eligible Lands Requirements for ATFS certification. The following requirements apply to Individual Certification, Independently Managed Group (IMG) Certification, and properties certified through ATFS Program Group Certification.

- Properties up to 10,000 contiguous* acres may continue to be accepted by ATFS state committees
- Properties exceeding 10,000 contiguous acres and less than 20,000 contiguous acres must complete an application to be administered by the National Office
- All properties exceeding 10,000 contiguous acres must undergo a third party audit by a certification body accredited to conduct ATFS certification audits. These entities may be certified under an IMG Certification or Individual Certification.
- Properties exceeding 10,000 acres may be subject to an annual administrative fee
- Properties must be non-industrial but may be associated with small local business
- Ownership must be privately held and not publicly traded
- Commitment to sustainable, long-term forest management is apparent through management objectives or management plan
- Owner(s) demonstrates proactive forest management involvement
- Ownership goals and objectives do not compromise ATFS mission
- Owner(s) are susceptible to active outreach effort or can contribute to the effort.
- Not appropriate for landscape scale ownership

**Properties ATFS certified prior to February 1, 2002 are not subject to this guidance.*

**Contiguous is defined as the ability to walk the entire property with out leaving it.*