

South Dakota Family Forests Association

Forest Stewardship Plan Development Grant

South Dakota Family Forests Association (SDFFA) is offering cost-share payments to landowners to assist in hiring private consulting foresters to complete Forest Stewardship Plans. Private consulting foresters must qualify under South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) Resource Conservation and Forestry qualifications.

Criteria required for Forest Stewardship Plans:

- The landowner's application must be approved before the plan is prepared. Plans completed prior to application approval will not be eligible for cost-share.
- Minimum acreage to receive cost-share for plan preparation is 40 acres of forested lands.
- A professional forester must write the plan as qualified under DANR standards.
- Plan must meet criteria established by the DANR standards and American Tree Farm System criteria.
- The South Dakota State Forester or his designee must approve the plan before the landowner can receive cost-share payment.
- The cost share rate will be \$1,250 for the first 40 acres, \$10.00 per acre for each additional acre, not to exceed 75% of plan preparation cost and a reimbursement cap of \$3,250 per plan.
- To apply, landowners will need to provide SDFFA the following:
 1. Completed application form
 2. Proof of ownership
 3. A completed W-9 Form
 4. Agree to be SDFFA member
 - Annual Dues Implemented – see SDFFA White Sheet
- The plan should be completed within six months of application approval.
- Payment will be made after the following is submitted to SDFFA
 1. The completed plan has been approved by the State Forester or their Designated Representative
 2. Signed and Completed Certificate of Completion
 3. Proof of Payment for Services Rendered

The application period is open and continuous.



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Forest Stewardship/Management Plan
COST SHARE APPLICATION FORM

Return Forms To:

Patricia Weyrich
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3305 West South Street
Rapid City, SD 57702
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605.394.2588

Contract Number: _____



Applicant Information

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP(+4): _____

Phone Number: _____ Other Number: _____

Email: _____

Property Location

Acres Requested: _____ County: _____

Township _____ Range _____ Section _____

Legal Description: _____

Property Address (If Applicable): _____

Estimated Plan Cost: \$ _____ Preferred Agreement Expiration Date: ____ / ____ / ____

The undersigned owner of private forestlands hereby requests cost-share assistance from the South Dakota Family Forests Association Forest Stewardship/Tree Farm Management Plan Initiative as administered by the South Dakota Family Forests Association and co-sponsored by the South Dakota State Forester and the Black Hills Forest Products Association. The owner acknowledges that the assistance provided is limited to the development of a forest management plan and enrollment in the South Dakota Tree Farm Program.

Upon completion of the development of a written forest management plan, owner agrees to provide the South Dakota Family Forests Association Committee proof of expenses by submitting a copy of receipt, invoice, or other written document itemizing costs incurred. Owner agrees there will be no payment to the owner until such proof, along with a signed "Certificate of Completion", and the practice has been certified complete by a certified Tree Farm Inspector. Owner hereby authorizes a certified Tree Farm Inspector to enter, after reasonable notice, at reasonable times, and in a reasonable manner, to review the adequacy of the Forest Stewardship Plan developed under this cost share program.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Office Use Only Reviewed/Approved Acres: _____ Reviewed By: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Approved C/S Value: _____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Approved By: _____ Date Approved: _____