



Oklahoma Forest Assessment/Resource Strategy Overview



“The purpose of a redesigned State & Private Forestry (S&PF) is to shape and influence forest land use on a scale and in a way that optimizes public benefits from trees and forests for both current and future generations (Redesign Presentation, USDA Forest Service).” The S&PF Redesign is a response to increasing pressures on our nation’s forests and a decrease in resource funds. The Redesign process also came about because of a need for better partnerships on projects and better program integration. The S&PF Redesign has decided there is a need for more progressive strategies or programs to properly address our threatened forests, our resources need to be focused on forest issues and landscapes.

As a part of the Redesign process and required by an amendment to the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (CFAA), as enacted in the 2008 Farm Bill, each state is required to complete a State Assessment and Resource Strategy by June 18, 2010. There are three components to the assessment and planning strategy.

For more information about S&PF Redesign or the 2008 Farm Bill, visit:
<http://www.forestry.ok.gov/facsupport>.

Oklahoma Forest Resource Assessment

At a minimum the Oklahoma Forest Resource Assessment will include:

- An analysis of present and future forest conditions and trends
- Forest issues including threats, benefits, and services
- Future opportunities for forest resources and priority forest landscapes
- Priority rural and urban forest landscapes
- Multi-State or regional priority areas
- A review of existing statewide natural resource plans

(Qualitative, quantitative, geospatial, and non-geospatial data will be used to identify priorities and complete the assessment.)

Oklahoma Forest Resource Strategy will:

- Outline long term strategies for addressing priority landscapes identified in the Forest Resource Assessment while following the National Themes (Conserve working forest lands, Protect forests from harm, Enhance public benefits from trees and forests.)
- Describe how the state proposes to invest funding to address forest management objectives
- Include long term timeline for projects and program implementation
- Identify partner and stakeholder involvement
- Identify strategies for monitoring outcomes

- Describe how the state's proposed activities will accomplish State and Private Forestry program objectives
- Describe how State and Private Forestry programs will be used to address priority landscape and management objective
- Incorporate existing statewide natural resource plans

Oklahoma Annual Report on Use of Funds

This report will describe how Oklahoma used all of the S&PF program funds throughout the year. The report will also describe specific actions taken throughout the year to address the state assessment and resource strategy. The report should include a comprehensive budget with contributions from all federal, state, and nongovernmental partners.