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FOREST STEWARDSHIP

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR ALL AMERICANS

Private forestlands provide benefits that extend far beyond property boundaries. These interconnected landscapes supply clean air and water, support wildlife habitat, produce wood products, and provide recreation opportunities for all Americans.

The **Forest Stewardship Program** (FSP) provides landowners with technical, educational, and financial assistance to ensure private forestlands remain healthy and productive for present and future owners. Support from the FSP helps to enhance the overall economic and environmental benefits that private forestlands provide.

Given their connectivity to neighboring public lands, particularly in the West, the **management of private forestlands is critical to the overall health of our nation's forests.**



PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM WILDFIRE

FSP **equips landowners with the tools and knowledge** to understand and mitigate wildfire risk on their property. By promoting responsible land management, FSP plays a key role in **protecting nearby communities** from catastrophic wildfires and **reducing wildfire risk** across the landscape.



“By leveraging agency expertise and diverse funding sources, our Forest Stewardship Program delivers meaningful benefits to private forest landowners, helping them create local jobs through forest management and advance wood energy initiatives in remote Alaskan communities. Recent projects developed through the program include Salamatof Native Association and Choggiung Ltd.’s wildfire mitigation efforts, which demonstrate how strategic forest planning and targeted treatments reduce wildfire risk while supporting local economies and providing essential resources like fuelwood to rural biomass energy projects and firewood to residents.”

JEREMY DOUSE

State Forester and Director | Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

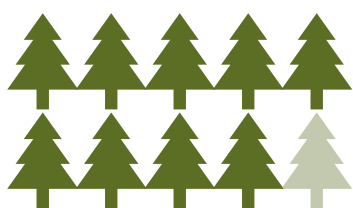


SUPPORTING RURAL ECONOMIES

FSP helps landowners identify private resources and markets for forest products, resulting in **long-term economic viability** for the landowners. The program also contributes to rural economies by providing raw material for the **forest products industry** and increasing demand for private forestry services.

Non-industrial private landowners make up approximately 19% of forest landownership in the West and contribute approximately 22% of the timber supply to local industry.

Landowners with a Forest Stewardship Plan are nearly **3X MORE LIKELY** to meet their management and timber harvest objectives than landowners without a plan.



Of the **243,754 stewardship plan acres monitored** in 2024, landowners reported **beneficial active management on 217,518 of those acres**.

In 2023, planning and technical assistance provided to landowners through the Forest Stewardship Program supported the creation of over **one million jobs** and generated **\$62 billion** in wages nationwide.



LEVERAGING STATE FUNDING & DRIVING PRIVATE INVESTMENT

FSP assists private landowners in finding market-based incentives to manage their land, which amplifies the **positive impacts of federal dollars with private investments**. State forestry agencies deliver FSP directly to landowners, tailoring the program to ensure priority resource concerns are addressed.

On average, state forestry agencies and other partners **match federal investments 2:1**, further amplifying on-the-ground impacts.



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FOREST STEWARDSHIP IN THE WEST 2024 BY THE NUMBERS

PROVIDED TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE TO

 **18,194**
LANDOWNERS



DISTRIBUTED NEARLY
9 MILLION
SEEDLINGS

 **1,413,957**
ACRES
COVERED BY **NEW OR REVISED**
STEWARDSHIP PLAN



PROVIDED
EDUCATION TO
23,411
LANDOWNERS



5,830,652
TOTAL ACREAGE WITH
STEWARDSHIP PLANS



NEW OR REVISED
FOREST
STEWARDSHIP
PLANS

Forestland owners who have management plans are **almost three times more likely to meet their management and timber harvest objectives** compared to those without management plans. These plans provide guidance for family forest landowners to **keep their land healthy and productive** and often serve as management roadmaps for several generations.



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