

American Tree Farm System® Inspector Training Workshop



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GROWING STEWARDSHIP FROM THE ROOTS

The American Tree Farm System Mission

To promote the growing of renewable forest resources on private lands while protecting environmental benefits and increasing public understanding of all benefits of productive forestry.

*The American Tree Farm System grows
stewardship from the roots*



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Inspector Training Agenda

- Introduction to Tree Farm
- 2015 – 2020 Standards & Guidelines
- The Inspection Process – applying the Standards
- Tools & Benefits of Tree Farm



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American Tree Farm System (ATFS)

- Program of the American Forest Foundation
(AFF)



American Forest Foundation



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American Tree Farm History

- “Tree farming” term – 1940 and The first Tree Farm was established in 1941 by Weyerhaeuser in Montesano, WA.
- The Montreal Process is the basis for all current forest certification systems.
- By 1998, the Tree Farm System needed to become a certification organization, and the 2000 Standards of Sustainability were developed



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ATFS History



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720 Tree Farms Statewide

163,287 Total Acreage

65 Tree Farm Inspectors



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As of March 30, 2015

Why become a tree farmer?

- Certification
- Recognition
- Resources



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Chain of Custody

A 3rd-party verified unbroken trail of accountability that confirms the share of wood from certified sustainable sources



Forest



Transport



Mill



Customer

Printer

Forest
certificate



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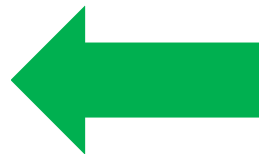
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Landowner Eligibility

- Private or public ownership
- No publicly traded companies
- Nonindustrial (small business exception)
- Agree to conform to Standard
- Agree to participate in assessments



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Landowner Acreage Eligibility

- 10 – 10,000 contiguous acres for certification through a State Tree Farm committee
- Contiguous parcels defined as boundary line or corner point held under the same ownership name.
- Forested acres may include non-forested features (food plots, water resources) that are integrated with the forest system
- 10,000-20,000 parcels may be eligible under IMG or individual 3rd party certification.



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ATFS Certification Options

Ownership Type	ATFS Program Enrollment Options		
	State Committee	IMG	Individual 3rd-Party Certificate
Individual owner - 10 to 10,000 ac.	X	X	X
Individual owner - 10,000 to 20,000 ac.		X	X
Small Business - 10 to 10,000 ac.	X	X	X
Small Business - 10,000 to 20,000 ac.		X	X
Public (except State) - 10 to 10,000 ac.	X	X	X
Public (except State) – 10,000 to 20,000 ac.		X	X
State Government – 10 to 20,000 ac.		X	X
TIMO/REIT - 10 to 20,000 ac.		X	



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2015-2020 Standards of Sustainability Development

- 2015-2020 Independent Standards Review Panel (ISRP)
 - At the direction of the AFF Board of Trustees
 - Two rounds of comments
- Sustainable Forest Management
- Credibility
 - PEFC endorsement



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Highlights of Changes

- Standardized language
 - “Must” replaced with “Shall”
- Emphasis on objectives and activities
 - Related to management plans
 - Use of adaptive innovative approaches
- Expansion of BMPs
 - Standards and guidance enhanced
 - Related to air, water, soil, and site quality



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Highlights of Changes, Cont'd

- T&E species
 - Clarified obligations for protection
- Forest Health
 - Promote broader understanding
 - Stresses resilience to multiple stressors and disturbance
- Forests of Recognized Importance (FORI)
 - Formerly High Conservation Value Forests
- Use of Contracts
 - Should seek and engage qualified contractors
 - Should use and retain contracts



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2015-2020 AFF Standards of Sustainability & Guidelines

- Standards Prologue & use
- 8 Standards and Standards of Sustainability Document
- Glossary
- 2015 Eligibility Guidance Document
- Responsibility for Conformance



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Standard 1 – Commitment to Practice Sustainable Forestry

Standard 2 – Compliance with Laws

Standard 3 – Reforestation and Afforestation

Standard 4 – Air, Water and Soil Protection

Standard 5 – Fish, Wildlife, Biodiversity and Forest Health

Standard 6 – Forest Aesthetics

Standard 7 – Protect Special Sites

Standard 8 – Forest Product Harvest and Other Activities



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Bold type: Defined in the glossary.

Standard

Underlined “shall” is a required element.

The Standard is the overarching guiding principle.

Performance Measure

The Performance Measure is the conformance shown through Tree Farmer’s actions.

Indicator

An Indicator is an example of Tree Farmer’s action.



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Key Phrases

Shall
vs.
Should

Size
Scale
Intensity



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Performance Measure 1.1 - Landowner **shall** have and implement a written forest management plan consistent with the size of the forest and the **scale** and intensity of the forest activities.



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Indicator 1.1.1 – Management Plan Requirements:

- Clearly stated objectives
- Active and adaptive
- Reflect current knowledge of forest science & management



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Indicator 1.1.2a – Management Plan Requirements:

- Describe current forest conditions
- Landowner objectives
- Management activities & schedule
- Map depicting all significant forest-related resources



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Indicator 1.1.2b – Management plans

Required Plan Resource Elements

- Forest health
- Soil
- Water
- Wood & fiber production
- T&E species
- Special sites
- Invasive species
- Forests of Recognized Importance (FORI)



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Indicator 1.1.2c – Management

plans Additional Plan Resource Element Considerations

- Prescribed fire
- Wetlands
- Desired species
- Recreation
- Aesthetics
- Biomass
- Carbon

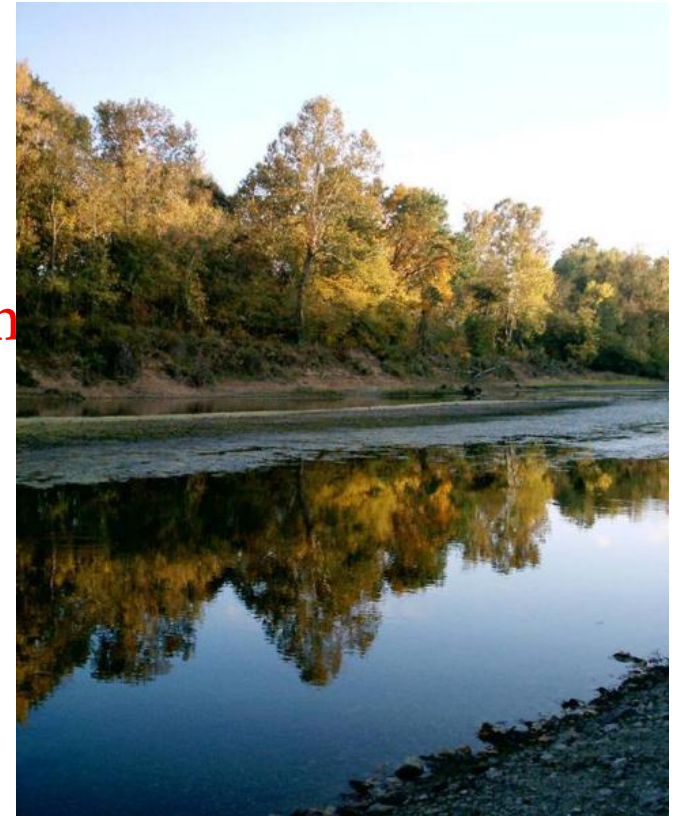


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Indicator 1.1.3 – Monitor for changes

Monitoring

- Notes: Written Record
- Updates
 - ❖ Management Plan Addendum
- Plans considered current:
 - ❖ Landowner objectives
 - ❖ Conditions on ground



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Performance Measure 2.1 - Landowner **shall** comply with all relevant federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations and ordinances governing forest management activities.



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Indicator 2.1.1

Landowner shall comply with all relevant laws, regulations and ordinances and will correct conditions that led to adverse regulatory actions, if any



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Indicator 2.1.2

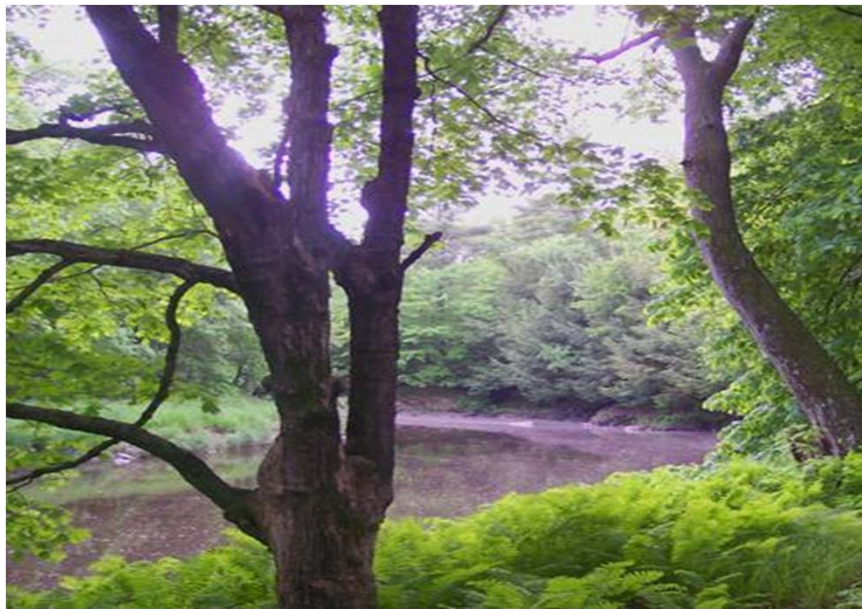
Landowner **should** obtain advice from appropriate qualified natural resource professionals or qualified contractors who are trained in, and familiar with, relevant laws, regulations and ordinances.



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Forestry Laws in Kentucky

<http://forestry.ky.gov/forestrypublications>



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**Performance Measure 3.1 –
Reforestation or Afforestation
shall be achieved by a suitable
process that ensures adequate
stocking levels**



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Indicator 3.1.1

Harvested forest land shall achieve adequate stocking of desired species reflecting the landowner's objectives, within five years after harvest, or within a time interval as specified by applicable regulation.



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Performance Measure 4.1 - Landowner shall
meet or exceed practices prescribed by state
forestry Best Management Practices (BMPs) that
are applicable to the property.



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Indicator 4.1.1

Landowner shall implement specific state forestry BMPs that are applicable to the property.



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Indicator 4.1.2

- Landowner shall minimize road construction and other disturbances within riparian zones and wetlands.



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Performance Measure 4.2 - Landowner **shall** consider a range of forest management activities to control pests, pathogens, and unwanted vegetation.



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Indicator 4.2.1

- Landowner **should** evaluate alternatives to pesticides for the prevention or control of pests, pathogens and unwanted vegetation to achieve specific management objectives.



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Indicator 4.2.2

Pesticides used shall be EPA-approved and applied, stored and disposed of in accordance with EPA-approved labels and by persons appropriately trained, licensed and supervised.



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Performance Measure 4.3 - When used, prescribed fire shall conform with landowner's objectives and pre-fire planning.



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Indicator 4.3.1

Prescribed fire shall conform with the landowner's objectives and state and local laws and regulations.



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Performance Measure 5.1 – Forest Management activities shall protect habitats and communities occupied by threatened & endangered species as required by law



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Indicator 5.1.1

Landowner shall confer with natural resource agencies, state natural resource heritage programs, qualified natural resource professionals or review other sources of information to determine occurrences of threatened or endangered species on the property and their habitat requirements.



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Indicator 5.1.2

Forest management activities shall incorporate measures to protect identified threatened or endangered species on the property.



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Who to contact in Kentucky?

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife
Resources

<http://fw.ky.gov>

US Fish and Wildlife Service

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered>

Invasive plants & insects:

<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/unitedstates/ky.shtml>

Forest pests and pathogens:

<http://forestry.ky.gov/foresthealth/Pages>



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Performance Measure 5.2 – Landowner should address the desired species and/or desired forest communities



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Indicator 5.2.1

Landowner **should** consult available and accessible information on management of the forest for desired species and/or forest communities and integrate it into forest management



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Performance Measure 5.3

– Landowner **should** make practical efforts to promote forest health.



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Indicator 5.3.1

Landowner **should** make practical efforts to promote forest health, including prevention, control or response to disturbances such as wildland fire, invasive species and other pests, pathogens or unwanted vegetation, to achieve specific management.



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Performance Measure 5.4 - Where present, forest management activities **should** maintain or enhance forests of recognized importance.



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Indicator 5.4.1

Appropriate to the scale and intensity of the situation, forest management activities **should** incorporate measures to contribute to the conservation of identified forests of recognized importance



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Performance Measure 6.1 - Landowners should manage for visual impacts consistent with size, scale and intensity of activities.



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Indicator 6.1.1

Forest management activities **should** apply visual quality measures compatible with appropriate silvicultural practices.



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Performance Measure 7.1 – Forest Management activities shall consider and maintain any relevant special sites.



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Indicator 7.1.1

Landowner shall make a reasonable effort to locate and protect special sites appropriate for the size of the forest and the scale and intensity of forest management activities.



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What is included in Special Sites?

- Historical
- Archeological
- Cultural
- Geological
- Biological
- Ecological



Can also be designated by the landowner



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Performance Measure 8.1 – Landowner should use qualified natural resource professionals and contractors



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Indicator 8.1.1

Landowner **should** seek qualified natural resource professionals and qualified contractors.



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Indicator 8.1.2

Landowner **should** engage qualified contractors who carry appropriate insurance and comply with appropriate federal, state and local safety and fair labor rules, regulations and standard practices



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Indicator 8.1.3

Landowners **should** retain appropriate contracts or records for forest product harvests and other management activities to demonstrate conformance to the Standards.



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Performance Measure 8.2 – Landowner shall monitor harvests and other activities to ensure conformance with objectives



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Indicator 8.2.1

Harvest, utilization, removal and other management activities shall be conducted in compliance with the landowner's objectives and to maintain the potential of the property to produce forest products and other benefits sustainably



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Conducting an Inspection



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Two levels of Certification

Third-Party Certification (External Monitoring)

Accredited Certification Bodies
(*PwC, BV, NSF*)



Perform third-party certification assessments for the 4 Tree Farm regions



Internal Monitoring (REQUIRED Sample)

State Tree Farm Committee



Trained inspectors verify landowner conformance
(You)



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Tree Farm Inspections

Three Types of Inspection

1. Initial
2. Required sample
3. 5 year interval or

Adopted KY Telephone Inspection process



Inspections are essential to the ATFS Internal Monitoring System

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Tree Farm Inspection Protocol

Inspection protocol

1. Review Eligibility for Tree Farm Participation
2. Review AFF Standards
3. Inspect management plan
4. Inspect property



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Tree Farm Inspection Protocol

1) Review eligibility criteria

- Size?
- Ownership?
- Willing participant?



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Tree Farm Inspection Protocols

2) Review 2015-2020 AFF Standards

- Must meet all Standards to be certified
- Record activities that support Certification



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Tree Farm Inspection Protocols

3) Inspect Management Plan

- All core elements addressed?
- Additional considerations addressed if appropriate?
- Schedule of activities still applicable?
- Addendum or updates?



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Tree Farm Inspections

4) Inspect the Property

- Recent management
- Unique features
- Ground truth the map
- Areas of emphasis
- Landowner questions
- Document findings



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Tree Farm Inspections

When should a management plan be updated?

- Changes to forest condition
- Changes to landowner objectives
- Changes to owners, ownership or acres
- Natural disasters
- Insect and disease outbreaks



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Tree Farm Inspections

Three Recommendation Options:

1. Certified Tree Farm (certification)
2. Pioneer Tree Farm (participation)
3. Not appropriate for certification through ATFS (de-certification) - specify



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Re-inspection by Phone can only be done using the following Rules.

- Permission of legal owner
- 004 Form completed
- On the ground within 180 days.
- No management activity since visit.
- KY Telephone Inspection Process



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ATFS Tree Farm Inspection Record (004 Form)

- Key to Certification under ATFS
- Recently revised for the new standards
- All inspections must be done with this form starting 3/15
- You must be trained to the 2015-2020 Standards to use this form



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American Tree Farm System (ATFS) Tree Farm Inspection Record
ATFS Form 004 Revised 01/15

State Tree Farm Number

INITIAL INSPECTION		INITIAL INSPECTION: HOW DID THE LANDOWNER LEARN ABOUT ATFS? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified/Recognition	<input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer	<input type="checkbox"/> My Forester	<input type="checkbox"/> Currently a Tree Farmer
		<input type="checkbox"/> ATFS Sign	<input type="checkbox"/> Referred by Tree Farmer
		<input type="checkbox"/> Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Brochure
		<input type="checkbox"/> Landowners Assn	<input type="checkbox"/> Magazine
		<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry Association	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Day/Education Event
REINSPECTION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Recertification/Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer	Decertification (Choose One): <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> No Interest	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sold <input type="checkbox"/> Substandard	
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LANDOWNER INFORMATION (Legal Owner)		PRIMARY CONTACT	
Organization or Last Name <input type="text"/>		First Name <input type="text"/>	MI <input type="text"/>
Co-Owner / Contact Last Name <input type="text"/>		First Name <input type="text"/>	MI <input type="text"/>
PRIMARY CONTACT		PRIMARY CONTACT	
Mailing Address 1 <input type="text"/>		Mailing Address 2 <input type="text"/>	
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WHAT CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS ARE YOU INVOLVED IN? (Check All That Apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> State Forestry Assn <input type="checkbox"/> State Landowner Assn <input type="checkbox"/> County/Local Forestry Assn <input type="checkbox"/> Ducks Unlimited <input type="checkbox"/> Nat Wild Turkey Fed <input type="checkbox"/> QDMA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) <input type="text"/>			
TREE FARM LOCATION			
County <input type="text"/>	Town <input type="text"/>	Acres <input type="text"/>	Location (Legal or GPS) <input type="text"/>
OWNERSHIP TYPE (Check One)		WHAT PROGRAMS IS THE PROPERTY ENROLLED IN? (Check All That Apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Industrial Private/Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Tax Law / Tax Abatement <input type="checkbox"/> State Forest Stewardship Program	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) <input type="text"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Successional Planning (Estate Planning, etc)	
		Cost Share (Please Specify) <input type="text"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) <input type="text"/>	
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* Check on either notification with all relevant insurance information and number holder of ATFS license and ensure for insurance certification purposes. Pick one for the new certificate.

Page One

- All about the Landowner and his/her property
 - Contact information is Key!
- Inspection outcome
- Signatures of approval
- All Sections on this page are REQUIRED
- Form will be returned to you if anything is missing

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ATFS Form 004 Revised 01/15

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* Signature affirms compliance with all relevant laws/regulations/ordinances and permits agents of ATFS ingress and egress for inspection verification purposes. Only required for new enrollments.



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Improved Standards Checklist

STANDARD 2. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS			
PM 2.1 Landowner complies with all relevant federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations and ordinances governing forest management activities.			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Notes/Observations	Indicator		
	2.1.1. Landowner corrects conditions that led to adverse regulatory actions, if any.		
	2.1.2. Landowner should obtain advice from appropriate qualified natural resource professionals or qualified contractors who are trained in, and familiar with, relevant laws, regulations and ordinances.		
STANDARD 3. REFORESTATION AND AFFORESTATION			
Has the property been reforested or afforested in the past 5 to 10 years? (If no, skip to Standard 4: Air, Water and Soil Protection)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
If yes, PM 3.1 reforestation or afforestation achieved by a suitable process that ensures adequate stocking levels.			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Notes/Observations	Indicator		
	3.1.1 Harvested forest land achieves adequate stocking of desired species reflecting the landowner's objectives, within five years after harvest, or within a time interval as specified by applicable regulation.		
	Number of acres affected?	Methods of regeneration?	Species selected?

- Not all questions are required, depends on what is happening on the ground
- Example: All questions in Standard 2 Section are required. All questions in Standard 3 are required if the property has been reforested or afforested in recent years.



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Additional Tips

PRESCRIBED FIRE

Is prescribed fire used on the property? ☒ Yes ☒ No

If yes, PM 4.3 prescribed fire conforms with landowner's objectives and pre-fire planning. ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, number of acres treated: MANY

Notes/Observations

Indicator
4.3.1. Prescribed fire conforms with the landowner's objectives and state and local laws and regulations. ☒ Yes ☒ No

- Use State abbreviation in when asked for State. (Texas should be written as TX)
- Date format is always mmddyyyy
- Acres should be written as whole numbers
- When asked for a number of something (acres) do not use text, only numerical
- If the question is a yes or question, do not choose yes and no.
- Make sure to answer ALL of the required fields for the property



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How To Obtain A 004 Form

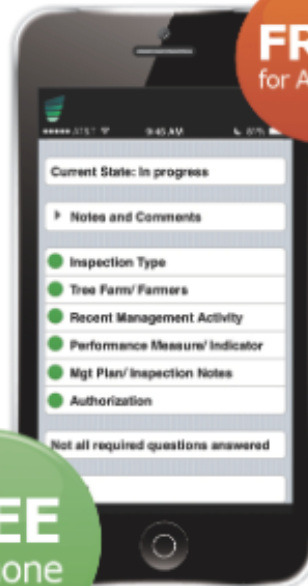
- Several Options
- Online in the inspector's corner-resources
<http://www.treefarmssystem.org/inspectorscorner>
- Your local state committee representative
- ATFS Inspector's app



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The ATFS Inspection App

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MEET OUR NEW APP

- A quick and easy way to complete your ATFS inspections
- Download it to your smartphone or tablet, then it's always with you
- Complete an inspection even if you don't have an internet connection, just synch the app when you are back online

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STARTING THE APP

Learn how to launch and log in to the ATFS Inspection App on your iPhone, iPad or Android.

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APP GUIDELINES

Before using the ATFS Inspector App, there's a few things you need to keep in mind. Please read and follow our best practices for using the new app.

[READ GUIDELINES](#)



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Management Plan Template and Addendum

- ATFS offers tools for foresters and landowners:
 - Template (NRCS, Forest Stewardship, ATFS)
 - Management Plan Addendum
 - My Land Plan



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Tools & Benefits For Landowners and Foresters



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Benefits for Landowners

- Education
- Information
- Communication
- Community
- Certification
- Representation



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Tools to Share With Landowners:

- Management Plan Template & Addendum
- Woodland Owner Resources
- ATFS Webinars
- Family Forests Network & Online Updates
- *Woodland* Magazine
- Forests & Families Newsletter
- Brochures: Tree Farm, Farm Bill, etc.
- Tree Farm Signs
- ATFS Blog, Facebook, and Twitter
- My Land Plan



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Family Forest Action Network

- Stay up-to-date on current legislation that will affect you and woodland owners
- Have your voice heard on Capitol Hill
- Join our Grassroots Action Network:
<http://www.forestfoundation.org/actionnetwork>



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Tree Farm Signs

- Two types available:
 - Certified Family Forest
 - Certified Tree Farm
- Landowners can purchase additional signs online:

www.treefarmssystem.org/atfssigns



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Benefits for Foresters

- Contacts
 - Landowners and foresters
- Recognition
 - Commitment to Sustainable Forestry
- Resource Efficiencies
 - SFI-SIC
 - Landowner outreach
- Communications



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Volunteer Recognition

- Tree Farmer and Inspecting Forester of the Year
 - State
 - Regional
 - National
- Hard Hat Awards
- Field Leadership Award



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What we covered:

- Tree Farm History & Overview
- 2015-2020 AFF Standards
- Conducting an Inspection.
- Tools & Benefits



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Where to go with questions?

- Kentucky Tree Farm Program website
- ATFS website
- ATFS Inspector's Corner
- Sightline & Sightline Express newsletters
- 2015 Eligibility Guidance Document
- 2015-2020 Standards for Sustainability
- Send Questions to

inspectors@forestfoundation.org



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Conclusion



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