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### LIST OF APPROVED FORESTERS

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:3-2, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), New Jersey Forest Service, maintains a list of foresters approved to annually attest that a landowner is in compliance with the woodland management plan **or forest stewardship plan** and respective programs. This is an additional requirement for certain woodland owners to qualify their woodlands for Farmland Assessment values.

To be included on the list an approved forester must meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:3.2©. Specifically:

(c) The minimum qualifications an applicant shall demonstrate are the following:

1. Education that includes one of the following earned (not honorary) degrees:
  - i. A bachelor's degree from a college or university in a forest management or equivalent forestry program that is accredited by the Society of American Foresters;
  - ii. A bachelor's degree from Rutgers—the State University in the forest management option within the natural resource management curriculum awarded no later than 2007; or
  - iii. A graduate degree from a college or university in a program that the Department determines to be at least equivalent to the bachelor's degree programs referenced at (c)1i above; and
2. Two years' experience in forest management or equivalent employment, beginning not earlier than the time of registration for the degree program specified pursuant to (c)1 above, including:
  - i. Preparing woodland management plans, forest stewardship plans, Federal guidelines plans, and/or equivalent plans prepared for property in another state; and
  - ii. Carrying out management practices commonly included in such plans, such as thinning, planting, invasive species control, and/or the harvesting and marketing of forest products

Approved Foresters are professionally trained to assist landowners to clarify their objectives and to prepare and implement forest management plans, which will achieve those objectives. Their work is provided on a fee contract basis, and their services are available to the general public.

## **New Jersey State Approved Foresters**

Fees charged by a consulting forester may be based on an hourly or daily rate, acreage of the forest, or contract price based on a percentage of gross revenues from the sale of forest products. Many variables such as distance, size of tract, boundary line designation (marking), location, terrain, site, stand conditions and landowners' objectives, to name a few, are determining factors in establishing a fee. Therefore, consulting fees for management services not only can vary between consultants but also must necessarily vary from tract to tract and area to area.

Costs should be one consideration in choosing a consultant but a forester's experience, past performance record and understanding of the client's objectives are also important factors. Compilation and distribution of this list in no way infers that the Bureau of Forest Management is recommending or guaranteeing the professional competence or quality of performance of approved foresters. The Bureau of Forest Management is stating the regulatory requirements to be included on this list. The list is provided to assist landowners in obtaining certification by an approved forester that their woodlands are in compliance with the filed woodland management **or forest stewardship plan** accordance with N.J.A.C.18:15-2.7 **and N.J.A.C. 7:3-5.2, respectively.**

### **Key to Consulting Foresters' Services**

1. Timber Inventory and Appraisal
2. Forest Management Plan Preparation
3. Reforestation/Tree Planting Assistance
4. Timber Stand Improvement
5. Firewood Marketing and Management
6. Timber Sale Administration - includes marking, selling and supervising sale of timber and other forest products.
7. Forest Insect and Disease Control
8. Christmas Tree Management
9. Forest Wildlife Management
10. Forest Taxation and Finance
11. Tree Farm Inspection and Recertification
12. Forest Stewardship Plan Preparation
13. Community Forestry Management Plan Preparation

### **Key to Professional Association Membership**

ACF – Association of Consulting Foresters

SAF – Society of American Foresters

CF – Certified Forester

LTE – New Jersey Licensed Tree Expert (formerly Certified Tree Expert - CTE)

RPF – Registered Professional Forester in Maryland

ISA – International Society of Arboriculture

TSP – Technical Service Provider (USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service)

CFMP – Community Forestry Management Plan

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