



MT Tree Farm System Work Plan For 2010

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- Complete 100% of sample inspections by deadline established by ATFS.
- Reduce backlog of Tree Farms that have not been inspected in the last five years.
- Inspect all Tree Farms due for 5-year re-inspection.
- Award scholarship(s) to at least one outstanding college student.
- Certify ten (10) new tree farms.
- Hold an annual meeting including a field trip to view forest management practices and recognize outstanding tree farmers and inspectors.
- Recruit three new tree farm inspectors; retain 95% of current inspectors. Conduct an inspector training once new standard has been completed. Target recently retired industry foresters to become involved in the Tree Farm program.
- Publish a semi-annual newsletter on current forest related issues, one of which will be a “Family Forest Edition” that is distributed to all Montana Forest Stewardship graduates, Montana Forestland Owners Association members and Tree Farm members
- Maintain the National Tree Farm data base.
- Prepare a program budget.
- Complete an annual internal audit of the financial records.
- Continue to distribute new member packets to new Tree Farmers.
- Send as many members to the National leadership workshop as budgets will allow.
- Develop a small grant request for the year 2011.
- Maintain two Tree Farm Forestry Ecosystem Learning Center sites.
- Maintain and update master list of Tree Farm Inspectors. Include certification expiration date on their mailing label.
- Continue to update and improve Tree Farm display board and get it out for public display.
- Update website to become a clearing house of up to date information for private landowners on forest management issues, insect and disease issues, and forest policy issues.
- Develop a grass roots network of landowners to become active in forest policy issues.
- Develop a member e-mail notification list that can be used to inform landowners of

time sensitive issues and actions.

- Develop and maintain historical archives of the Montana Tree Farm program.
- Keep the Montana Tree Farm membership informed of issues at the national ATFS level.
- Continue the inspector incentive program.
- Support the Forest Mini-College and Master Forest Steward program
- Recruit at least 2 Tree Farmers as members of the Steering Committee.
- Publish an annual newsletter to our Tree Farm inspectors to better keep them informed of Tree Farm issues.
- Maintain a Tree Farm record keeping system, including a folder for each tree farm with past inspection history and a copy of the management plan.
- Explore opportunities to improve forest products markets and utilization in conjunction with PEFC certification and any new Montana specific preference programs.
- Cooperate with MFOA on co-sponsored legislative listening session.
- Participate in Montana Forest Owners Association meetings.
- Participate in the State Technical Advisory Committee and local working groups.
- Participate in the Montana Forest Stewardship Council
- Participate in Montana forestland productivity tax working group.