



Cost-Share Assistance Available for Forest Stewardship Plan Development



The South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Resource Conservation and Forestry Division (RC&F) is offering cost-share payments to landowners for the preparation of Forest Stewardship Plans. The following criteria will apply:

- The landowner's application must be approved before the plan is prepared. Plans completed prior to application approval will not be eligible for cost-share.
- The minimum acreage to receive cost-share for plan preparation is 20 acres of forest land.
- A natural resource professional with a degree in forestry or a related field must write the plan. Plan preparers not listed on the state's register of private and professional foresters (link below) must submit a resume with the application for cost share.
- The plan must meet criteria established by the State Forester in conjunction with the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee.
- The State Forester or his designee must approve the plan before the landowner can receive cost-share payment.
- The cost share rate will be \$500 for the first 40 acres, \$2.50 per acre for each additional acre, not to exceed 50% of plan preparation cost with a cap of \$1,500 per plan.
- To apply, landowners will need to provide the following to an RC&F office:
 1. completed application form
 2. proof of ownership
 3. plan preparer resume (if necessary)
- The plan should be completed within six months of application approval.
- Payment will be made after:
 1. the completed plan has been approved by the State Forester
 2. the landowner has submitted an itemized cost statement to the State Forester
 3. the landowner has submitted appropriate forms requesting reimbursement to the State Forester.

The application period is open and continuous. Applications can be obtained from any Resource Conservation and Forestry office, or from our web site at

<http://sdda.sd.gov/conservation-forestry/grants-loans/grant-forms/>

The Substitute W-9 can also be found at the state's website

<http://sdda.sd.gov/conservation-forestry/grants-loans/grant-forms/>

A list of private professional foresters who are qualified to write forest stewardship plans for landowners can be found at <http://sdda.sd.gov/conservation-forestry/other-resources/register-of-private-professional-foresters/>

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