



## 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 plan must be prepared by a natural resource professional with a degree in forestry or a related field.
- The plan must meet criteria established by the State Forester in conjunction with the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee.
- The prepared plan must be approved by the State Forester or his designee for the landowner to receive cost-share payment.
- 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.
- The cost share rate will be \$6.00 per 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 a RC&F office:
  1. completed application form
  2. completed Substitute Form W-9
  3. proof of ownership.
- 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 considered open and continuous. Applications can be obtained from any Resource Conservation and Forestry office, or from our web site at <http://www.state.sd.us/doa/Forestry/forms/index.htm>.

The Substitute W-9 can also be found at the state's website [http://www.state.sd.us/bfm/vendor/Substitute\\_W-9\\_SD.pdf](http://www.state.sd.us/bfm/vendor/Substitute_W-9_SD.pdf).

A list of private professional foresters who are qualified to write forest stewardship plans for landowners can be found at <http://www.state.sd.us/doa/Forestry/programs-Services/index.htm>.

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**Resource Conservation & Forestry**  
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**Hot Springs - Field Office**

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**Lead - Field Office**

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523 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501-3182  
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**Sioux Falls - Field Office**

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