

Appendix C

South Dakota Private Forest Land Assessment Survey



SOUTH DAKOTA PRIVATE FOREST LAND ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The South Dakota Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry is assessing the status of South Dakota's private forest and nontrust tribal forest lands to determine the risks of conversion to non-forest uses. This information will enable us to discover what technical and financial resources are needed to support private and nontrust tribal landowners who wish to ensure the health, productivity, and ecological value of their forest land.

This process will gather and evaluate a variety of geographic and environmental information. In addition, a critical component is to measure the interests and concerns of stakeholders who may be involved in the future of private forest land. Your answers to this questionnaire will provide valuable information. Please take a few moments to complete the survey and return it to the mailing address at the bottom of the second page by July 18, 2008. Feel free to distribute copies of this questionnaire to anyone you think is interested in South Dakota's private forest and nontrust tribal forest lands. You may also complete this survey on-line at www.southdakotaforestlegacy.org.

Please tell us about yourself:

Note: All information will be used strictly for the purposes of the private forest land assessment. None of the information will be used for any other purpose or given to any other organization or individual.

Residence Zip Code: _____ **County of Residence:** _____

What setting do you live in? (please circle one): Urban / Suburban / Rural

<u>Age Group: (circle one)</u>	<u>Highest Education Level</u>	<u>Annual Household Income</u>
18 & Under	High School Not Completed	Less than \$20,000
19 to 25	High School/GED	\$20,001 to \$40,000
26 to 35	Some College	\$40,001 to \$60,000
36 to 45	Associates / Technical Degree	\$60,001 to \$80,000
46 to 55	4 Year College Degree	\$80,001 to \$100,000
56 to 65	Some Graduate School	Greater than \$100,000
65 & Over	Graduate Degree	

Do you live in South Dakota? Y / N

If so, for how many years?

Less than 1

1 to 5

6 to 10

Greater than 11

Do you or someone in your household own 10 or more acres of South Dakota forest land?
Y / N

What best describes your primary interest in private forest land conservation?

I am a (please choose all that apply):

- Federal /State/Tribal government natural resource-related agency employee
- County /Local government natural resource-related agency employee
- Other federal/state/tribal/county/local (please circle one) government employee
- Private/Nontrust Tribal land owner
- Land-use planner
- Forestry / Timber industry employee
- Conservation / Preservation association member
- Elected federal/state/county/local (please circle one) public official
- Private natural resource professional
- Other: _____

Please choose only your five (5) most important state-wide criteria for protection of critical private forest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands/riparian areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Threatened and Endangered Species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality / Quantity | <input type="checkbox"/> Unique Ecological Areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Hunting Reserves | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral / Gas / Oil Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Timber Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakes, Rivers, and Streams | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Timber Forest Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Continuous Forest | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flora / Fauna Species Diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Control Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Big Game Hunting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifestyle Protection for Land Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Hunting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Viewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth / Sprawl Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic Landscape Viewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Property Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical / Archaeological Sites | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Please provide any other comments that you believe would be helpful to the South Dakota Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry as it conducts this assessment. Attach additional sheets if necessary. If you would like to be contacted by the project manager, please provide your name, address, phone number and email address.

Thank you very much for taking the time to provide your valuable input.
Please mail to our consultant:

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