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Oklahoma's Forest Stewardship Program

**Conserving, enhancing and
protecting Oklahoma's
forest resources for present
and future generations**





What is the Stewardship Program?

The Oklahoma stewardship program is designed to help Oklahomans manage their forestland for multiple natural resources. It is a program to provide technical assistance to landowners interested in more than one benefit from their land and to recognize landowners who apply stewardship skills to their forestland.

As a Forest Stewardship landowner, you will:

- be eligible to be recognized for your efforts with a certificate and a stewardship sign for your land,
- set an example of forest stewardship for other landowners and the public,
- learn about forest-resource management and obtain forestry assistance for many of your management practices, and
- increase the benefits you are receiving from your forestland.

Who Is Eligible?

Any private forest landowner who wants to manage the land for its many resources is eligible. You must have a primary objective of land management and at least one other secondary objective.

Each participant and land base must meet the following criteria:

1. There is no minimum acreage requirement,
2. but your land must be at least 25% forested (some exceptions may be allowed, such as for windbreaks, riparian areas, etc.).
3. All of the forestlands owned by the participant must be enrolled.
4. There must be a written management plan developed for the property.



How to Become a Steward of the Forest

1. The landowner completes and signs the Forest Stewardship application. The landowner is then considered "enrolled."
2. A multi-resource planning team is assembled to work with the landowner to prepare a management plan, or a qualified consultant may be employed to do the plan.
3. The management plan is reviewed. If the plan is accepted, the plan will be certified as a Forest Stewardship Plan.
4. Once the landowner demonstrates accomplishments as described in the plan, his accomplishments will be reviewed by the State Forestry Advisory Committee.
5. If accomplishments are considered adequate, the landowner will receive a certificate, and then a formal sign posting and dedication will be arranged.
6. Recertification will take place once every five years.



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Forest Stewardship Application

I am interested in the Oklahoma Forest Stewardship Program and in having a Forest Stewardship Plan developed for my property. I understand that a Forest Stewardship Plan will be developed and the cost of implementing any of the recommended practices I choose is my responsibility.

Landowner's Full Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Email

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

County

Total Acres

Forested Acres

Qtrs.

Sec

TWP

Range

My primary objective in owning this land is:

My secondary objectives for my land include:

Please sign the Stewardship Creed on the back of this form (Optional)

Forest Stewardship enables you, a private landowner, to maximize your enjoyment of the land while maintaining its value for the future.

What Is a Forest Steward?

A forest steward is many things. Foremost, a steward applies the ideas of conservation in managing the forest.

Good stewardship:

- guards against soil erosion,
- protects water quality,
- insures future timber supplies,
- encourages wildlife,
- enhances natural beauty, and
- provides recreation.

