



Redesign Components: STATE ASSESSMENTS & RESPONSE PLANS



Comprehensive State Forest Resource Assessments will provide a valuable and unique opportunity to highlight the full scale of work needed in forests across each state and potentially across multiple states. State Response Plans will tier to the state assessment by identifying landscapes and projects where a federal investment could most effectively stimulate or leverage desired action.

State Forest Resource Assessments — In order to ensure that State and Private Forestry (S&PF) resources are being focused on high priority areas with the greatest opportunity to achieve meaningful outcomes, each state will work collaboratively with key partners and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive state forest resource assessment. The initial development of these assessments will begin in 2008 and be completed in 2010.

At a minimum, these assessments will:

- Describe forest conditions on all ownerships in the state
- Identify forest related benefits and services
- Highlight trends and issues of concern
- Delineate high priority forest landscapes to be addressed
- Outline strategies for addressing the critical issues and landscapes identified

State forest resource assessments will be geospatially based and make use of the best existing data. States are encouraged to identify critical information gaps as part of their assessment process so that this information can be acquired as opportunities arise.

States are also encouraged to coordinate with other natural resource and related entities in their state to ensure that the state's forest resource assessment builds on and compliments other state natural resource strategies (e.g., state wildlife plans) to the greatest extent possible.

State Response Plans — Once the state forest resource assessments are completed, each state will work collaboratively with key partners and stakeholders to develop an annual State Response Plan. These plans will describes how the state proposes to invest competitive federal dollars, in combination with other available resources, to address the national S&PF National Themes and desired outcomes along with priorities identified in their own state assessments.

At a minimum, State Response Plans will:

- Describe how the state proposes to invest both competitive and non-competitive federal funding, along with other available resources, to address national priorities as well as those identified in the state's forest resource assessment
- Describe how the state's proposed activities will accomplish national program objectives and respond to specified performance measures
- Outline a specific timeline for project/program implementation
- Provide a detailed budget including opportunities to leverage non-federal resources
- Identify partner/stakeholder involvement
- Identify strategies for monitoring outcomes and revising action as needed

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