



Support and Reinforce State Forest Action Plans

The Forest Action Plans collectively represent the first-ever strategic plan for the nation's forests. With the 2008 Farm Bill, Congress tasked the states and territories with assessing the condition of trees and forests within their boundaries, regardless of ownership, and developing strategies to: **conserve working forest landscapes, protect forests from harm, and enhance public benefits from trees and forests.**

The resulting State Forest Action Plans—completed in 2010 and reviewed in 2015 by all 59 states and territories—offer practical and comprehensive roadmaps for investing federal, state, local, and private resources where they can be most effective in achieving national conservation goals.



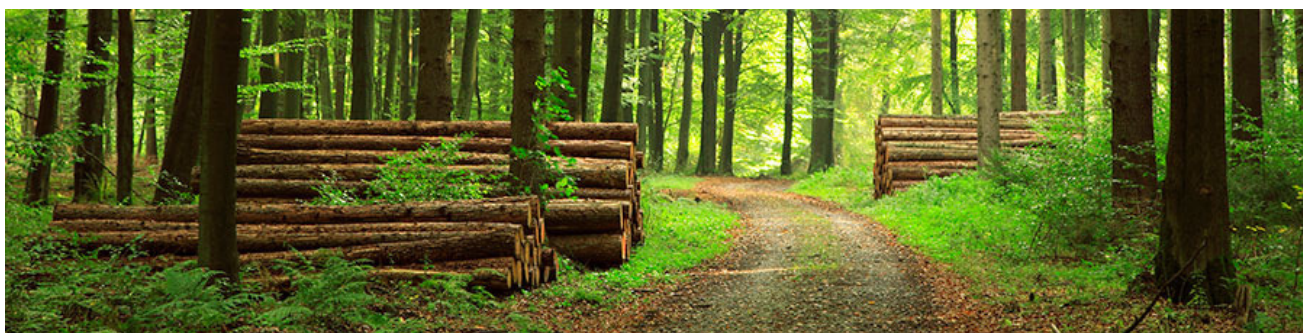
It is imperative that State Forest Action Plans are explicitly considered, included, and supported in all relevant federal legislation and agency policy, work, and planning.



It is also critical that Congress support 10-year updates to these plans by reauthorizing funding to this end in the 2018 Farm Bill.

Each state and territory's Forest Action Plan provides information for prioritizing action on national forestry challenges. Federal agencies like the USDA Forest Service can make the most informed management decisions possible on federal forests *with the greatest level of coordination with states* if they integrate Forest Action Plans into their work and planning.

States also use their Forest Action Plans to focus and leverage federal resources they receive through the Forest Service's State & Private Forestry programs—including Forest Health, Forest Stewardship, Forest Legacy, and Urban and Community Forestry.



Find your state's Forest Action Plan at ForestActionPlans.org