The NRCS is a national program for woodland owners who are committed to sustainably managing their woods for wood, water, wildlife and recreation.

**Established Family Forest Support**

ATFS is the largest and oldest sustainable woodland system in America and is internationally recognized. Clean air, clean water, habitat for wildlife, wood for sustainable building and recreation, habitats for hunting, fishing, and beauty, all come from family forests. ATFS provides landowners with validation that they are doing right by their land, meeting the highest standards of sustainability and being good stewards for the future.

**Certification Standards**

ATFS helps family forest owners meet stringent third-party standards for managing nearly 26 million acres of family-owned forestland. Products from certified Tree Farms are recognized in the marketplace by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). Stemming the loss of America’s woodlands is vital to our country’s clean water and air, wildlife habitat, recreational activities, and producing the wood and paper products we all need.

**Idaho Tree Farm Program**

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**Idaho Forest Owners Association**

IFOA is an alliance of forest owners dedicated to the management, use and protection of private forest resources throughout Idaho.

**IFOA Objectives:**

- Encourage the multiple-use concept of forest management
- Preserve the rights of private forest owners to practice forest management
- Inform and educate members about legislative issues pertaining to forestland
- Educate the public on the value of the state’s forest resources and the need to manage them
- Cooperate with forest industry, state and federal agencies in all areas that further the Association’s objectives
- Educate the public and forest landowners about the economic and environmental benefits of sound forest management

**IFOA advocates for forest owners through membership and other functions:**

- Idaho Forest Practices Act Advisory Committee
- Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council
- Idaho Board of Scaling Practices
- Idaho Committee on Forestland Taxation Methodology
- USDA-NRCS State Technical Advisory Committee
- Forestry Day at the Idaho Legislature
- Forest Landowners & Managers Conference & Exposition
- Idaho State Forestry Contest

**Local Level**

Located at USDA Service Centers, which serves all counties in Idaho, NRCS employees have extensive knowledge in all phases of natural resource conservation planning.

Idaho NRCS is an engaged and active partner in the forestry community, working to improve Idaho’s forest resources by serving the people of the state. The USDA-NRCS is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

NRCS helps forest landowners with resource concerns through technical and financial support.

Technical assistance is provided by NRCS employees and Technical Service Providers (TSPs). TSPs provide services on behalf of NRCS. Foresters with the Idaho Department of Lands and private forestry consultants serve as TSPs.

Financial support includes programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to apply forest conservation measures on family forests.

A Forest Management Plan is required before specific activities can be funded through EQIP. Forest Stewardship Plans and Tree Farm Plans meet this requirement. NRCS offers financial assistance to develop management plans.