



Executive Summary
The Year in Forestry
State and Private Forestry
in the Northeast and Midwest
Fiscal Year 2011



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Selected Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2011 **Results**

Forest Legacy Program	
Tracts protected	8
Acres protected	115,384
Acres protected (all years)	1,530,000
Forest Health Program	
Acres treated for gypsy moth	512,922
Acres surveyed and/or monitored	125,400,000
Cooperative Fire Program	
National Fire Plan	
• Hazardous acres treated, prescribed fire	48,071
• Hazardous acres treated mechanically	18,050
• Community Protection Plans delivered	263
Firefighters trained	29,610
Volunteer assistance grants to small communities	2,022
Community education programs conducted	1,849
Communities assisted through education programs	2,560
Forest Stewardship Program	
Technical assists to landowners	43,427
Acres owned by landowners receiving educational services	56,720
Acres under Stewardship Plans (all years)	10,321,191
Acres in new or revised Stewardship Plans	775,886
Percentage of new acres on priority lands	47
New or revised Stewardship Plans	9,809
Urban and Community Forestry	
Communities with management plans	2,814
People living in communities assisted	51,300,000
Urban Forestry Program cost per capita in communities assisted	\$0.07
Volunteer hours contributed	766,627
Wood Education and Resource Center	
Projects funded	17
Value of funded projects	\$1,200,000

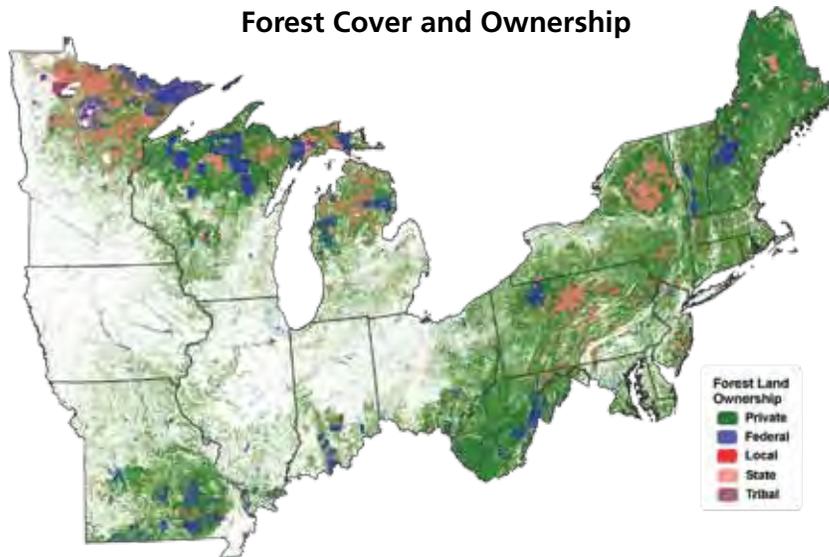


The people of the 20 Northeastern and Midwestern States live with an abundance of forests. Despite having 9 of the 10 most densely populated States in the country, the region is the nation’s most heavily forested, with 42 percent of its land area in forests. The region also has the top four most forested States percentage-wise, with Maine at 89 percent, New Hampshire at 85 percent, Vermont at 78 percent, and West Virginia at 78 percent.

The Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF) is the branch of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, that is primarily focused on the sustainability of non-Federal forest lands in the 20 States bounded by Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, and Maryland, including the District of Columbia.

NA S&PF supports the Forest Service’s role as steward of the Nation’s forests. Assisting landowners and communities in managing their forest resources helps to ensure that the region’s private forests continue to yield public benefits.

Forest Cover and Ownership



The Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry serves 20 Northeast and Midwest States and the District of Columbia. Seventy-four percent of the forest land is privately owned (areas in green).

Our mission statement defines our primary purpose: *Lead and help to support sustainable forest management and use across the landscape to provide benefits for the people of the 20 Northeastern and Midwestern States and the District of Columbia.*

The Northeast and Midwest States have—

- 41 percent of America’s population.
- 32 percent of the nation’s timberland area.
- 40 percent of the nation’s forest-related jobs.



Summary: Natural Resource Challenges and Results

Program	Program investments (millions)	Challenge or opportunity	Sample results and benefits
Urban and Community Forestry	\$ 10.7 in FY 2011 \$ 10.2 in FY 2010 \$ 10.9 in FY 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 of the 10 most densely populated States in the United States are in the region served by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry. • 20 million people live in communities that are not managing urban trees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80.5 million people live in communities that are actively managing urban forest resources at a Federal cost of just \$0.07 per resident. • The number of communities managing urban forest resources has risen by nearly 20 percent since 2007.
Cooperative Fire and National Fire Plan	\$ 24.0 in FY 2011 \$ 22.8 in FY 2010 \$ 19.7 in FY 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 62 million acres of land and more than 14 million homes are within areas classified as wildland-urban interface.* • More than 11,000 wildfires start in a typical year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21,305 people were trained in the Incident Command System and wildland fire suppression. • 524 communities are at high risk of catastrophic wildfires are now covered by Community Wildfire Protection Plans.**
Forest Health Management	\$ 30.4 in FY 2011 \$ 30.3 in FY 2010 \$ 28.4 in FY 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 234 million forest acres are potentially at risk. • Threats from exotic pests include Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid, and gypsy moth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to swift, coordinated action among the Forest Service and other Federal and State agencies, ALB was eradicated in Chicago and Jersey City, NJ. • The gypsy moth Slow-the-Spread Project has prevented environmental damage and financial losses on more than 90 million acres since 2000.
Forest Stewardship	\$ 9.7 in FY 2011 \$13.2 in FY 2010 \$ 9.9 in FY 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.9 million landowners are potentially eligible. • About 14 million acres are potentially eligible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and private forest land under management has increased by 650,000 acres since 2008. • About 47% of the new acres with management plans in FY 2011 were in priority areas.
Forest Legacy	\$ 32.3 in FY 2011 \$ 27.3 in FY 2010 \$ 27.2 in FY 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.8 million forest acres were converted to nonforest uses or lost to development between 1982 and 1997. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than half of the funds used to protect lands have been from non-Federal sources. • 1.53 million acres have been protected since program inception.

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*Wildland urban-interface: developed areas in close proximity to wildfire-prone lands
 ** National Association of State Foresters. 2009. *Communities at Risk Report, FY 2008.*
www.stateforesters.org/files/NASF-finalCAR-report-FY08.pdf