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FOREST STEWARDSHIP
IMPACT REPORT

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PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR ALL AMERICANS

Private forestlands provide benefits that extend far beyond property boundaries. These interconnected landscapes supply clean air and water, support wildlife habitat, produce wood products, and provide recreation opportunities for all Americans.

> The **Forest Stewardship Program** (FSP) provides landowners with technical and educational assistance and access to financial assistance to ensure private forestlands remain healthy and productive for present and future owners. Support from the FSP helps to enhance the overall economic and environmental benefits that private forestlands provide.

Given their connectivity to neighboring public lands, particularly in the West, the **management of private forestlands is critical to the overall health of our nation's forests**.

PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM WILDFIRE

FSP **equips landowners with the tools and knowledge** to understand and mitigate wildfire risk on their property. By facilitating active land management, FSP plays a key role in **protecting nearby communities** from catastrophic wildfires and **reducing wildfire risk** across the landscape.

SUPPORTING RURAL ECONOMIES

FSP helps landowners identify private resources and markets for forest products, resulting in **long-term economic viability** for the landowners. The program also contributes to rural economies by providing raw material for the **forest products industry** and increasing demand for private forestry services.

Across the West, non-industrial private forest (NIPF) landowners make up approximately 19% of forest landownership and are the predominant landowners in many areas. NIPF lands contribute approximately 22% of the timber supply region-wide and serve as the primary source of timber supply for some local industries.[1]



Of the **297,325 stewardship plan acres monitored** in fiscal year (FY) 2025, landowners reported **beneficial active management on 86%** of those acres.[2]

In 2023, planning and technical assistance provided to landowners through the FSP supported the creation of over **one million jobs** and generated **$62 billion** in wages nationwide.[3]

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WY | Wyoming State Forestry Division, Nate Wilson

LEVERAGING STATE FUNDING & DRIVING PRIVATE INVESTMENT

FSP assists private landowners in finding market-based incentives to manage their land, which amplifies the **positive impacts of federal dollars with private investments**. State forestry agencies deliver the FSP directly to landowners, tailoring the program to ensure priority resource concerns are addressed.

On average, state forestry agencies and other partners **match federal investments 2:1**, further amplifying on-the-ground impacts.

FY25 BY THE NUMBERS

PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & EDUCATION TO
52,154
LANDOWNERS

446
NEW OR REVISED **FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLANS**

DISTRIBUTED OVER
17 MILLION
SEEDLINGS

571,224
ACRES COVERED BY **NEW** OR **REVISED** STEWARDSHIP PLANS

NEARLY 6 MILLION
ACRES WITH STEWARDSHIP PLANS

Landowners with management plans are nearly 3X MORE LIKELY to meet their management and timber harvest objectives compared to those without management plans.

These plans provide guidance for family forest landowners to keep their land healthy and productive and often serve as management roadmaps for several generations.

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[1] Forest Industry Research Program. Forest Industry Data Collection System (FIDACS). 2025. Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana. https://www.bber.umt.edu/FIR/default.asp and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service [USDA FS]. 2025. Forest Inventory EVALIDator web-application version 2.1.0. St. Paul, MN: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station. https://apps.fs.usda.gov/fiadb-api/evalidator. (July 2025),
[2] USDA Forest Service SMARTar database accessed August 2026, [3] https://www.stateforesters.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/FSP.pdf accessed July 2025

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