



Welcome to Northwest Certified Forestry!

As a member of NCF, you will join a community of forest landowners who are pursuing innovative and entrepreneurial approaches to managing their forests. Rural landowners in the Pacific Northwest manage their forests to some of the highest standards in the world. NCF helps distinguish this management in the marketplace and with the public through the use of FSC certification. We believe that managing for ecological diversity provides opportunities for economic diversity. Therefore, NCF helps landowners recognize and act upon the diverse opportunities present in their forests.

As detailed in the enclosed brochure, NCF provides a broad suite of benefits to its members. To summarize, as a member you will have access to the following services:

- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification.
- 20% discounts to all workshops and events.
- Referrals to high quality professional consultants and service providers.
- Customized marketing assistance for your forest products.
- Assistance identifying financial and technical assistance programs.
- Periodic newsletters that keep you up-to-date on the latest forestry news, science, markets and innovations.
- Access to an exclusive on-line database of business contacts, forestry information and resources.

Here's how to apply for a Certified Membership:

1. Submit your application and membership fee to NCF.
  - a. If you have a forest management plan, submit this with your application and membership fee.
  - b. If you do not have a forest management plan, NCF can provide you with a management plan template and guidelines for developing a plan.
2. NCF staff will review your management plan and then make an appointment for a site visit.
3. NCF staff will visit your property to learn about your forest management. This is a great opportunity for information sharing and to ask questions about general forest management or FSC in specific.
  - a. An assessment of your management plan and forestry operations will be made to check compliance with FSC's Pacific Coast Regional Forest Stewardship Standards. If your property and management operations meet FSC's standards, you will receive an NCF Certificate of Certification which allows you to market forest products with the FSC label.

- b. If your assessment results in pre-conditions, you will have an additional 90 days to make adjustments to your management plan or operations before certification is granted.
4. Once you have become certified, NCF staff will provide customized advice on how and where to market your forest products. You will also receive access to the other services NCF provides (as listed above).

Again, welcome to Northwest Certified Forestry. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us below. We look forward to working with you!

Best regards,

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