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What is a Consulting Forester?

- Professional Forester
- Perform services for a fee or contractual basis
- Offers services to general public

Why do I need the Services of a Consulting Forester?

- Helps you identify your goals
- Complexity of Forest Management
- Latest innovations
- Market knowledge

Why do I need the Services of a Consulting Forester?...contd

- Environmental regulations and restrictions
- Best Management Practices
- Water quality issues
- Endangered species protection
- Works directly for YOU

Whom does a Consulting Forester Serve?

- Individual landowners
- Banks
- Attorneys
- Accountants
- Appraisers
- Real Estate agencies

Services of a Consulting Forester

- Appraisals of value- both land and timber.
- Acquisition of forest land- as a Buyer's agent or as a Seller's agent
- Computer services- growth & yield studies, GPS, GIS, financial analysis
- Timber Volume estimates
- Environmental impact studies

Services of a Consulting Forester...contd

- Forest Products marketing
- Reforestation
- Forestry Taxation issues
- Wildlife habitat improvement
- Expert Witness for forestry litigation
- Management of forest resources
- Hunting lease management
- Supervision of contractors

Cost to use a Consulting Forester

- Set by agreement
- Based on time
- Based on expense of the project
- Sometimes fee based
 - Land sales
 - Timber sales

What criteria should I look for in a Consulting Forester?

- Professional Affiliations and Designations
 - He or she should be a Registered or Licensed Forester.
 - Should have no economic interest in a forest products company.
 - Is he or she a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters?
 - Is he or she a licensed real estate broker?

What criteria should I look for in a Consulting Forester?...contd

- Education
- Experience
- Specific areas of expertise

How do I choose a Consulting Forester?

- Ask : other landowners
State Forestry Commission
Extension Service
Association of Consulting Foresters(ACF)

How do I choose a Consulting Forester?...contd

- Your timberland represents a major investment with a long investment horizon, so it is essential that you find someone qualified to do the very best job possible to help you reach your forest management goals.

**Association of Consulting
Foresters.**

- National organization
- State or regional chapter
- Professional consulting foresters with
 - high standards
 - technically competent
 - professional ethics.

**Association of Consulting
Foresters...contd**

- Advance consulting forestry
- Establish high ethical standards
- Maintain high ethical standards
- Improve competency
- Provide a forum for members
- Encourage stewardship

Conclusion

- This is just a brief overview of the advantages of using a Consulting Forester to help you reach your forest management goals. I believe Consultants are uniquely qualified to help you with all aspects of forest management, and I appreciate the opportunity to bring you the Consultants' perspective.
