

Forestry Management Program Evaluation Prework

This document is intended to provide background information on the Forestry review, and focus for the areas that will be examined in closer detail through interviews with state and field office managers and program staff. Questions asked during the interview process will focus on the four main objectives of the PD forest management *Evaluation Plan*.

Objectives and Focus of Key Questions:

- Evaluate the adequacy of PD Forest Management Program regulations, policies, direction, guidance, and funding as they relate to carrying out the dual emphasis on improving forest ecosystem health and providing opportunities for commercial use.
- Evaluate performance in terms of workload accomplishments, cost efficiency and effectiveness, including what incentives and disincentives exist.
- Evaluate the adequacy of technical and professional skills within the employees responsible for managing PD forests.
- Evaluate if the framework for improving forest ecosystem health and providing opportunities for commercial use is in place and functioning, such as staffing, inventory, plans, and external support.

Data Gathering and Analysis Methods:

Several sources of information will be collected and analyzed to accomplish the objectives listed above. This information (see list below) will be summarized at the State level to assess the relative differences between States and to enable the development of State specific findings and recommendations. Some of these data were used in make a Go/No-Go determination for this evaluation and are identified below with an * beside the source name.

Employee Survey*

MIS/FMIS Cost Management Data*

MIS Workload Measure and Performance Measure Data*

Public Land Statistics*

Previous Evaluation and Assistance Trip Information*

Program Element/Subactivity Analysis

State and Field Office Visits

Meetings with External Constituents