

DNR STATE STEWARDSHIP COORDINATING COMMITTEE

(1) ESTABLISHMENT

(A) In general

The Secretary, in consultation with the [State](#) Forester or equivalent [State](#) official of each [State](#), shall establish a [State](#) Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee (hereafter referred to in this section as the “[State](#) Coordinating Committee”) for each such [State](#).

(B) Composition

The [State](#) Stewardship Coordinating Committee shall be chaired and administered by the [State](#) Forester, or equivalent [State](#) official, or the designee thereof, and shall be composed, to the extent practicable, of—

- (i) representatives from the Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and National Institute of Food and Agriculture;
- (ii) representatives, to be appointed by the [State](#) forester or equivalent [State](#) official, representative of—
- (iii) local government;
- (iv) consulting foresters;
- (v) environmental organizations;
- (vi) forest products industry;
- (vii) forest land owners;
- (viii) land-trust organizations, if applicable in the [State](#);
- (ix) conservation organizations;
- (x) the [State](#) fish and wildlife agency; and
- (xi) the [State](#) Technical Committee.
- (xii) any other individuals determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(C) Terms

The members of the [State](#) Coordinating Committee appointed under subparagraph (B)(ii) shall serve 3-year terms, with the initial members serving staggered terms as determined by the [State](#) forester or equivalent [State](#) official, and may be reappointed for consecutive terms. Appointments are approved by the State forester.

(D) Existing committees

Existing [State](#) forestry committees may be used to complement, formulate, or replace the [State](#) Coordinating Committees to avoid duplication of efforts if such existing committees are made up of membership that is similar to that described in subparagraph (B)(ii), and if such existing committees include landowners and the general public in their memberships.

(2) DUTIES

A [State](#) Coordinating Committee shall—

- A. consult with other Department of Agriculture and [State](#) committees that address [State](#) and private forestry issues;
- B. make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the assignment of priorities and the coordination of responsibilities for the implementation of this chapter by the various Federal and [State](#) forest management agencies that take into consideration the mandates of each such agency;
- C. make recommendations to the [State](#) forester or equivalent [State](#) official concerning the development of the [State](#)-wide assessment and strategy regarding forest resource conditions under [section 2101a of this title](#); and
- D. make recommendations to the Secretary concerning those forest lands that should be given priority for inclusion in the Forest Legacy Program established pursuant to [section 2103c of this title](#).

(3) TERMINATION

The [State](#) Coordinating Committees shall not terminate.