



## *New Hampshire Tree Farm Team Inspection Policy*

### *Tree Farms 2,000 to 20,000 acres*

Initial certification and subsequent reinspections of properties exceeding 2,000 acres but less than 20,000 acres will require a group inspection consisting of:

- No less than three professional foresters to be identified by the area chair of that county in which the Tree Farm is located. NH Tree Farm Rating Sheet required.

### *\*Tree Farms 10,000 to 20,000 acres*

- Properties between 10,000 – 20,000 **contiguous** acres must contact the National office to obtain an application and procedures to proceed with a third party audit by a ATFS recognized third party auditor.
- Properties exceeding 10,000 contiguous acres may be subject to an annual administrative fee.

### *Tree Farms over 20,000 contiguous acres*

- All Properties exceeding 20,000 contiguous acres are no longer eligible to be Tree Farms. Large ownerships over 20,000 contiguous acres may be divided into separate Tree Farms of 20,000 acres or less.
- Each of the separated Tree Farms needs its own identity i.e. new 004, management plan, TF #, etc.

The decision to re-certify, de-certify or put on probation rests solely with the inspecting team of foresters.

Notification of the inspection team's decision will be sent in writing to the landowner within two weeks after the inspection is completed.

**\* All Tree Farms in the system before Feb. 1, 2006 are grandfathered in and do not need to comply with the new requirements.**

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