A consulting forester is a valuable resource for forest landowners. These trained professionals provide forest management assistance, while protecting the best interests of their clients (the landowner), throughout the process. Consulting foresters are independent business people who charge a fee for their services, which is often covered by enhanced long-term property values and increased forest product revenues.

A few requirements of ACF membership include:
- Minimum B.S. degree in forestry or natural resources
- At least five years experience in forestry
- Must follow a strict code of ethics (e.g. no financial interest in timber or log purchasing entities, provide confidentiality, etc.)

Strengthening Forest Stewardship Skills is an annual series of workshops, field days, and other educational events that are designed to strengthen forest owners' abilities to implement practices that improve forest health and growth.

Idaho Master Forest Stewards program trains volunteers to provide educational assistance to Idaho's forest owners. Training includes 70+ hours of indoor and field educational experiences.

Idaho Big Tree Program is part of a national program to locate, measure, and recognize the largest individual tree of each species in Idaho.

Extension Forestry Tree Clinic provides Idaho residents with tree problem diagnosis and recommended management and control practices.

Logger Education to Advance Professionalism (LEAP) is a nationally acclaimed Extension program to improve logger skills, document and market their services, and communicate more effectively with forest owners and managers.

Extension publications and videos can be obtained at county Extension offices, UI Moscow campus, or online at www.cals.uidaho.edu/edComm/catalog.asp.

To locate a member:
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Other Resources
Society of American Foresters, Certified Foresters
www.safnet.org
UI Extension Consultant Guide
www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry/resources
NRCS, Technical Service Providers
techreg.sc.egov.usda.gov/CustLocateTSP.aspx
Tree Farm Inspectors
treedafarmsystem.org/services

University of Idaho Extension—Forestry
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Forest managers (Private Forestry Specialists) provide assistance to help family forest owners maintain and create healthy forests and become stewards of their land.

**Assistance includes:**
- Forest management planning
- Forest Stewardship Plan development
- Advice on planting, thinning, harvesting, tree pests, hazard fuel reduction, improving water quality and wildlife habitat, and other natural resource concerns
- Cooperation with other natural resource organizations to help meet landowners’ goals
- Administration of the Idaho Forest Practices Act

**Local Level**
Located at USDA Service Centers, which serves all counties in Idaho, NRCS employees have extensive knowledge in all phases of natural resource conservation planning.

Idaho NRCS is an engaged and active partner in the forestry community, working to improve Idaho’s forest resources by serving the people of the state. The USDA-NRCS is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

NRCS helps forest landowners with resource concerns through technical and financial support.

Technical assistance is provided by NRCS employees and Technical Service Providers (TSPs). TSPs provide services on behalf of NRCS.

Foresters with the Idaho Department of Lands and private forestry consultants serve as TSPs.

Financial support includes programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to apply forest conservation measures on family forests.

A Forest Management Plan is required before specific activities can be funded through EQIP. Forest Stewardship Plans and Tree Farm Plans meet this requirement. NRCS offers financial assistance to develop management plans.

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ATFS is a national program for woodland owners who are committed to sustainably managing their woods for wood, water, wildlife and recreation.