



Redesign Components: OVERVIEW



PUBLIC BENEFITS FROM TREES & FORESTS

The purpose of a redesigned State and Private Forestry (S&PF) is to shape and influence forest land use on a scale and in a way that optimizes public benefits from trees and forests for both current and future generations.

NATIONAL THEMES

Investment of federal resources will be focused on critical issues and opportunities that contribute to the following national themes: Conserve Working Forest Landscapes; Protect Forests from Harm; Enhance Public Benefits from Trees and Forests.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEM

The national assessment will be produced through a geospatial decision support system that is used to characterize forest conditions, trends and opportunities across the nation and to inform national level priorities for investment of S&PF funding and resources

STATE ASSESSMENTS

Comprehensive state forest resource assessments will be collaboratively developed under state forestry leadership to assess forest conditions, identify high priority forest landscapes, and outline strategies for addressing landscapes and issues identified.

STATE RESPONSE PLANS

Each state will work with key partners and stakeholders to develop a State Response Plan that describes how the state proposes to invest competitive federal dollars, in combination with other available resources, to address the national S&PF themes and desired outcomes along with priorities identified in their own state assessments.

COMPETITIVE RESOURCE ALLOCATION

An increasing percentage of the S&PF allocation will be distributed competitively, guided by the national themes and associated outcomes and performance measures. Competitive funds will be divided among each of the three geographic regions. State forestry and USFS leadership in each region will work together to design and implement a competitive process for the funds allocated to them.

STAFFING AND ORGANIZATION

The skill base, distribution and organization of S&PF staffing will be cooperatively reviewed by state and federal leaders in the USFS Regions, Area and Washington Office to ensure that the types and organization of staffing resources effectively supports the needs, opportunities and priorities identified as part of the Redesign process.

DEMONSTRATING AND COMMUNICATING RESULTS

A three-tiered Annual Report Card will be used to demonstrate and communicate that S&PF investments are addressing priority issues and achieving meaningful results. The Annual Report Card will consist of visual demonstrations of progress (maps, charts, etc.), a discreet set of performance indicators, and the use of success stories to personalize local accomplishments.