2003 COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

In 2003, Cooperative Forestry worked closely with our partners to help private landowners and communities more effectively manage their natural resources. We do this through our four main programs: The Forest Stewardship Program, The Forest Land Enhancement Program, The Forest Legacy Program, and The Economic Action Programs. Through these programs, Cooperative Forestry helps private forest landowners create and implement management plans, and protects productive landscapes from development. The Economic Action Programs help rural communities develop opportunities for marketing and manufacturing products from small-diameter material and other by-products of forest restoration.

2003 Highlights

➢ The Forest Stewardship Program assisted woodland owners better manage their land by facilitating the creation of over 50,000 management plans covering almost 4 million acres.

➢ Cooperative Forestry programs facilitated the reforestation of over 850,000 acres.

➢ The Forest Legacy Program has protected over 127,000 acres by maintaining working landscapes. This makes a total of approximately 960,000 acres that have been protected since the establishment of the program.

➢ Economic Action Programs helped over 2,080 rural communities, including more than 620 communities dealing with wildland-urban interface issues.

➢ Cooperative Forestry Programs leveraged over $13 million in State funds used to cost-share activities.

➢ Cooperative Forestry facilitated the transfer of new technologies and skills to promote the health of private forestlands by providing over 250,000 people days of training (number of people instructed x number of days instructed).

In addition to the above programmatic accomplishments, Cooperative Forestry works with dozens of other agencies and non-governmental partners to promote the continued health of our nation's privately-owned lands. For more information on these activities, please go to http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/activities/.