



# Appropriations Recommendations for FY 2022 USDA Forest Service Programs

The USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry (S&PF) programs leverage state and private investments to protect the majority—nearly 500 million acres—of non-federal forestland in the United States. The nation's 59 state and territorial foresters provide a cost-effective, boots-on-the-ground network to deliver these programs.

## Forest Stewardship

In FY22, \$30 million (including \$22 million for program work) to the **Forest Stewardship** program will help state forestry agencies equip thousands of forest landowners with the information and knowledge they need to sustainably manage their forests for timber and biomass production, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.

## Fire Assistance

In FY22, \$88.5 million (including \$79 million for program work) to the **State Fire Assistance** program and \$20 million to the **Volunteer Fire Assistance** program will ensure state and local fire departments have the resources they need to manage wildland fire and conduct hazardous fuels treatments to reduce wildfire risk.

## Urban and Community Forestry

In FY22, \$40 million (including \$31.91 million for program work) to the **Urban and Community Forestry** program will enable state forestry agencies to provide critical technical and financial assistance to communities and municipalities managing local forestry resources.

## Landscape Scale Restoration

Given the effects of COVID-19 on state budgets and the absence of federal stimulus funding for forestry, NASF recommends funding for the **Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR)** program be returned to the four core S&PF programs it originated from—Forest Stewardship, Urban and Community Forestry, Forest Health-Cooperative Lands, and State Fire Assistance—for both FY22 and FY23. If LSR is funded in FY22, \$20 million will help states collaboratively address critical, landscape-scale forestry concerns identified in Forest Action Plans.

## Forest Health

In FY22, \$51 million (including \$39.43 million for program work) to the **Forest Health Management Program on Cooperative Lands** will leverage state efforts to improve the long-term health and resilience of all forested landscapes.

## Forest Inventory and Analysis

In FY22, \$93.5 million (including \$32.4 million for program work) to the **Forest Inventory and Analysis Program** will ensure the most comprehensive inventory of the nation's trees and forests—and the threats they face—is conducted and available to decision-makers.

## Forest Legacy

In FY22, \$128 million to the **Forest Legacy Program** will provide critical federal assistance to states, private landowners, and conservation groups to protect working forests through permanent conservation easements and fee acquisitions.

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## NASF FY 2022 Appropriations Recommendations

| NASF Priority Programs             | -----in Millions----- |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             | NASF FY22   | NASF FY22  |             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
|                                    | FY 2011               | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | FY21        | Enacted     | Recom.     | Recom. (Old |
|                                    | Enacted               | Enacted | Enacted | Enacted | Enacted | Enacted | Enacted | Enacted | Enacted | Enacted | (New Budget | (New Budget | Structure) | Structure)  |
| Forest Stewardship Program         | \$32.55               | \$28.81 | \$30.44 | \$22.40 | \$23.00 | \$23.04 | \$20.05 | \$20.50 | \$20.50 | \$21.00 | \$11.90     | \$11.90     | \$22.00    | \$30.00     |
| State Fire Assistance              | \$97.23               | \$85.97 | \$78.43 | \$78.00 | \$78.00 | \$78.00 | \$78.00 | \$80.00 | \$81.00 | \$82.00 | \$73.43     | \$73.43     | \$79.00    | \$88.50     |
| Volunteer Fire Assistance          | \$15.66               | \$13.03 | \$12.42 | \$13.03 | \$13.00 | \$13.00 | \$15.00 | \$16.00 | \$17.00 | \$18.00 | \$19.00     | \$19.00     | \$20.00    | \$20.00     |
| Urban and Community Forestry       | \$32.04               | \$31.33 | \$30.70 | \$28.04 | \$28.04 | \$28.04 | \$28.04 | \$28.50 | \$29.50 | \$32.00 | \$31.91     | \$31.91     | \$31.91    | \$40.00     |
| Landscape Scale Restoration        | \$0.00                | \$0.00  | \$0.00  | \$14.00 | \$14.00 | \$14.00 | \$14.00 | \$14.00 | \$14.00 | \$14.00 | \$14.00     | \$14.00     | \$20.00    | \$20.00     |
| Forest Health on Cooperative Lands | \$60.23               | \$48.35 | \$44.83 | \$45.65 | \$45.65 | \$40.68 | \$39.00 | \$41.00 | \$42.00 | \$44.00 | \$30.75     | \$30.75     | \$39.43    | \$51.00     |
| Forest Inventory and Analysis***   | \$71.84               | \$69.21 | \$65.78 | \$66.81 | \$70.00 | \$75.00 | \$77.00 | \$77.00 | \$77.00 | \$77.00 | \$17.62     | \$17.62     | \$23.00    | \$93.50     |
| Forest Legacy Program**            | \$53.00               | \$53.30 | \$50.95 | \$50.97 | \$53.00 | \$62.35 | \$62.35 | \$67.00 | \$63.99 | \$63.99 | \$94.25     | \$94.25     | \$128.00   | \$128.00    |

\* FY21 enacted levels reflect the new USDA Forest Service budget structure. Salaries and expenses, as well as Forest Service "operations account" expenses are separated from program dollars.

\*\*Per the Great American Outdoors Act, the LWCF is permanently and fully funded. Forest Legacy funding is no longer part of the State and Private Forestry discretionary budget account.

\*\*\*NASF asks that Congress work with the USDA Forest Service to establish a budget line item for FIA salaries and expenses.



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