



Green Timber Tree Farm Group Application For Membership



Signing this application form indicates consent to voluntarily join the Green Timber Tree Farm Group, achieve the American Forest Foundation Standards, and abide by the rules of the Group (attached to this application). Please fill out the application form as completely as possible and indicate (N/A) where the request for information is not applicable. Also note that some questions and responses are optional.

APPLICANT'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Name			
Address:			
Telephone No:		Cell No:	
E-mail:		Fax No.	

APPLICANT'S FOREST INFORMATION

Name of Tree Farm(s):
Forest location(s) (By County/State):
Forest acreage (By Tree Farm & Total):
Timber type and major tree species:
Please briefly describe your overall forest management activities over the past several years (harvesting, regeneration, site preparation, fire and insect/disease control, thinnings, recreation, wildlife management, etc.):
Please list your membership in other forestry organizations (e.g., small woodland owners associations, State Stewardship Programs, landowner assistance programs, etc.): (Optional!)



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FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN(S), ASSESSMENTS AND FEES

<p>Do you have a written forest management plan covering your property? (If yes, please describe whether the management plan is for your specific property or part of a management plan for a larger group.)</p> <p>(Note: Otherwise qualified properties without a management plan are not eligible for Group Tree Farm Certification. The landowner will need to develop a management plan or be part of a larger management plan in order to qualify.)</p>	YES / NO
<p>Do you believe that you are implementing and achieving the current AFF Standards of Sustainable Forestry (2015-2020 Edition)?</p>	YES / NO
<p>Do you intend to maintain your property in forest cover for the long-term, as well as remain a member of the Group Organization for the foreseeable future, barring any unforeseen circumstance? (Please explain)?</p>	YES / NO
<p>Do you agree to allow access to your property by the Group Manager and/or an independent Certification Body in order to assess conformance with the AFF Standards?</p>	YES / NO
<p>Are you willing to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors or other committees of the Group Organization to broaden the implementation of sustainable forestry among other members of the Group? (Optional!)</p>	YES/NO
<p>Are you willing to conduct tours or demonstrations of your forest management practices in order to inform and educate other Group Members about sustainable forest management activities? (Optional!)</p>	YES/NO
<p>The Group Organization may assess a fee for providing services in implementing and administering the ATFS Group Certification Program. Are you willing to pay these fees? (Contact the Group Organization for information on any applicable fees)</p>	YES/NO
<p>Is the Property owned greater than or equal to 10 acres and less than or equal to 20,000 acres?</p>	YES/NO
<p>Is the property located within Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota?</p>	YES/NO
<p>Do you agree to use Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. or a pre-approved alternative service for all of your forest management needs?</p>	YES/NO

Applicant's Signature:	
Date:	
Group Managers Signature:	
Date:	

Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.

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GREEN TIMBER TREE FARM GROUP MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

Benefits of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) Group Certification

ATFS Group Certification has a number of benefits that accrue to the individual Group Members, Group Organizations of family forest owners, and the customers of wood and paper products. These benefits generally include facilitating the flow of information to landowners, maintaining market access, improving forest management practices, reducing the overall costs of forest certification for landowners, and assuring customers and the public that landowners are practicing sustainable forestry. **In addition, Group Members enjoy all of the rights and benefits of individual Tree Farmers.**

Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. Agrees To:

1. Maintain certification in accordance with the American Tree Farm System, Group Certification Process and adhere to all American Forest Foundation Standards.
2. Provide a one year subscription to *TREE FARMER: THE PRACTICAL GUIDE TO SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY*. The only national magazine specially designed for forest landowners – full of articles with easy-to use information, product reviews and plans you can put to work right away on your Tree Farm.
3. Provide at least 1 newsletter per year.
4. Notify group members at least 3 months in advance of any fee changes.
5. Maintain strict confidentiality of any proprietary information.
6. Pay all applicable fees to the American Tree Farm System:
 - a. Annual administrative fee.
 - b. Fees associated with 3rd party certification.

Group Members Agree To:

1. Comply with American Forest Foundation's Standards of Sustainability. Copy available upon request or at www.greentimberforestry.com
2. Utilize the management planning services of Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. or a pre-approved alternative service.
3. Utilize the timber sale administration services of Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. or a pre-approved alternative service.
4. Notify Green timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. if/when ownership status is changed or acres added or subtracted from the Tree Farm.
5. Pay annual dues at 10 cents per acre for Tree Farms that are 1,000 acres in size or larger. Tree Farms less than 1,000 acres will not be charged annual dues.

In addition, the Michigan Tree Farm Committee has agreed to provide Group Members with a Tree Farm Sign, if requested.