



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:			

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!)
Is your property currently or has it previously been included in another Group Certificate? If yes please provide the name and location of that group, as well as any identified non-conformities.



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FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN(S), ASSESSMENTS AND FEES

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.) (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.)	YES / NO
Do you agree to practice sustainable forestry, adhere to the requirements of the Green Timber Tree Farm Group, and to meet all applicable requirements of the AFF Standards of Sustainability?	YES / NO
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)?	YES / NO
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 and to ensure applicable corrective actions (if any) are preventive measures are implemented?	YES / NO
Do you agree to the allow the Group Entity to initiate the removal of your property (management unit) from the Group Certification in the event of a non-conformity with the applicable standards?	YES / NO
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!)	YES/NO
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!)	YES/NO
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)	YES/NO
Is the Property owned greater than or equal to 10 acres and less than or equal to 20,000 acres?	YES/NO
Is the property located within Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota?	YES/NO
Do you agree to use Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. or a pre-approved alternative service for all of your forest management needs?	YES/NO

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



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GREEN TIMBER TREE FARM GROUP MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

Green Timber Tree Farm Group Management Policy

Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. has established the Green Timber Tree Farm Group to provide a streamlined and cost-effective way for private landowners to achieve 3rd party forest certification. It is the intent of Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. to maintain, operate, and continuously improve the Green Timber Tree Farm Group so that the benefits of forest certification can be realized by the Group Members and to ensure a high level of sustainable forest management is being achieved.

Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. Agrees To:

1. Maintain and operate an integrated Group Management System for maintaining conformance to the AFF Standards of Sustainability, the ATFS IMG Standards, and other requirements of ATFS certification.
2. To continuously improve the Group Management System and support improvement of sustainable forest management on Forest Management Units enrolled in the Group Organization's Group Certificate.
3. Provide at least 1 newsletter per year.
3. Notify group members at least 3 months in advance of any fee changes.
4. Maintain strict confidentiality of any proprietary information.
5. 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 and implement corrective and preventive actions (if any) actions established by the Group Entity. 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 are 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.