• Provides fish and wildlife related technical assistance
• Develops habitat-based management plans
• Supports locally-led conservation efforts
• Assists landowners with achieving their habitat management goals
 Recognitions and Certifications
American Tree Farm System Standards

1. COMMITMENT TO PRACTICING SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY (MANAGEMENT PLAN)
2. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS
3. REFORESTATION AND AFFORESTATION
4. AIR, WATER AND SOIL PROTECTION
5. FISH, WILDLIFE, BIODIVERSITY AND FOREST HEALTH
6. FOREST AESTHETICS
7. PROTECT SPECIAL SITES
8. FOREST PRODUCT HARVESTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES
Standard 4: Air, Water, and Soil Protection

Forest management practices maintain or enhance the ecosystems and ecosystem services provided by the forest, including air, water, soil and site quality.

Performance Measure 4.2
Landowner shall consider a range of forest management activities to control pests, pathogens and unwanted vegetation.
4.2. Air, Water, and Soil Protection

Indicator 4.2.1
Landowner should evaluate alternatives to pesticides for the prevention or control of pests, pathogens and unwanted vegetation to achieve specific management objectives.

Indicator 4.2.2
Pesticides used shall be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and applied, stored and disposed of in accordance with EPA-approved labels and by persons appropriately trained, licensed and supervised.
What’s new with the standards?

2015-2020 ATFS Standards
Standard 4-
No requirement for landowner to maintain pesticide usage, outside laws and regulation requirements.

2021 ATFS Standards
Standard 4- G for I 4.2.2
Additional requirement to maintain records of all pesticide usage.

What kind of records?
• Size/Scale/Scope
• Addendum
Standard 4: Implementation
Air, Water, and Soil Protection

• Does the landowner consider a range of activities to control forest pests, pathogens, and unwanted vegetation?
• Are pesticides used, and if so, is the use documented?
What will be inspected ????
Benefits of Pesticide Recordkeeping for Management Planning and Success

• Success/Improvements of Treatment
  • Own Property Management
  • Share with Others
• Documenting Conditions
• Assessing Cost
• Future Decisions
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