

Forest Legacy Administrative Funds Grant Narrative

Description:

The <STATE> will use the grant funds to conduct an Assessment of Need to establish the Forest Legacy Program in the State. The funds will be used to contract the public involvement and analysis required to establish eligibility criteria, identify important forest areas by determining which forested areas meet the eligibility criteria and propose to the Secretary some or all of the important forest areas in the State as Forest Legacy Areas.

Federal Role:

The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) was authorized under the 1990 Farm Bill (PL 101-624) to conserve and protect important forest areas threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. Collaborating with states to administer the program helps implement the Northeastern Area Strategic Plan for 2000 - 2004, which calls for maintaining a viable forest land base to ensure the production of economic, environmental and social benefits over the long term (Strategic Priority 4). Activities conducted by the state will be to begin the public notification, compilation of pertinent maps, analysis of important environmental values, and analysis of the threat of conversion of these forests to nonforest uses.

Accomplishments/Targets:

List target accomplishments for this grant, e.g.:

- Conduct public involvement Statewide regarding the establishment of a Forest Legacy program;
- Establish Eligibility Criteria considering the national eligibility criteria for Forest Legacy Areas through analysis of environmental values and definitions of threatened forests;
- Identify the important forest areas that meet the Eligibility Criteria;
- Delineate and describe potential Forest Legacy Areas;
- Propose Forest Legacy Areas to the Secretary (through the Forest Service) for approval.

Methodology/Timetable:

[Choose any that apply.]

Activity

When to be completed

Assessment of Need :

*Public Involvement Plan

*Compilation of pertinent data

*Map production

*Public Involvement completed

*Finalize document with Forest Service