



National Report on Sustainable Forests-2003

“This report provides factual information. It explains what we know and do not know about forest sustainability. But this report will cause no change by itself. . . .”



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“Our actions speak louder than words. This report gives us a golden opportunity to better understand SFM and to immediately begin doing what we know needs to be done on the ground to improve forest sustainability.”

**Preliminary National Report
To the Fourth Session of the
United Nations Forum on Forests**

*Progress and Issues Related to the Implementation of
The IFF/IPF Proposals for Action*

United States of America





Purposes of country reports

1. *International.* Serve as a basis for technical and/or financial assistance to promote SFM—or as a model to guide other nations as they build their own institutional, legal and policy framework for SFM.
2. *Domestic.* Facilitate a country's own internal assessment of forest conditions and trends as a basis for ***evaluation and potential further actions to promote SFM.***



US country report to UNFF:

Unique approach

Existing responses to Proposals for Action from:

- Government: federal, state and tribal
- Private forest landowners
- Forest industry
- Conservation NGOs



Consultation with stakeholders:

- Acceptability of current conditions and trends
- Adequacy of existing actions
- Options for possible further actions
- Prioritization among possible actions



How should the *National Report on Sustainable Forests – 2010* read differently from the 2003 report?

- Changes measurable in the near-term
- Changes measurable only over longer-term, but requiring decisive action now for progress to become apparent in subsequent National Reports on Sustainable Forests



United States Department of Agriculture



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Advancing

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

in the United States





Resource for an ongoing national dialogue on sustainable forest management in the US:

- Broaden range and diversity of stakeholders with an opportunity to participate
- Facilitate coordination among institutions on:
 - Policy development
 - Improvements in information systems
- Action-oriented to address unsatisfactory forest conditions and trends in advance of next National Report



Reports available for review at:

- ***www.pinchot.org/international/unff*** (US reports-long version, including policies, programs, activities by public private and nonprofit sectors)
- ***www.un.org/esa/forests/reports-unff5*** (country reports-short version)



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