



2013 WISCONSIN FOREST PRACTICES STUDY UPDATE

January 2016

ACRONYMS/ DEFINITIONS

COF – Wisconsin Council on Forestry

Forest Practices – WDNR policies, regulations and guidelines.

GLTPA – Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association

JCF – Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance

RFP – Request for Proposal

WCFA – Wisconsin County Forests Association

WDNR – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

WFPS – 2013 Wisconsin Forest Practices Study

NCASI – National Council on Air and Stream Improvement

T&E – Threatened and Endangered

Summary

In December 2015 the updated *'Wood Supply Chain Component Cost Analysis; A Comparison of WI and U.S. Regional Cost'* project was completed. The updated results reflect data for two years; 7/1/2013 –6/30/2015. The report can be found on the WFPS website at <http://study.wisconsinforestry.org>

Five additional scenarios will be modeled to project the potential impacts on wood availability as part of the *'Wisconsin Wood Supply Assessment'*. The scenario descriptions are as follows:

- Increase level of parcelization.
- Harvesting restrictions due to the presence of wood turtle habitat.
- Oak wilt harvest restrictions – current oak wilt counties.
- Oak wilt harvest restrictions – expanded oak wilt counties.
- Impact of road and bridge weight restrictions.
- Impact on wood markets of a new wood-using facility in Wisconsin.

These additional scenarios will extend the final project report to the end of May 2016.

'Single Tree Selection Order-of-Removal in Procedures in Northern Hardwood Forests and Rotation Lengths in Red Pine and Aspen Forests' awarded to Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc. has been extended to be completed in February 2016.

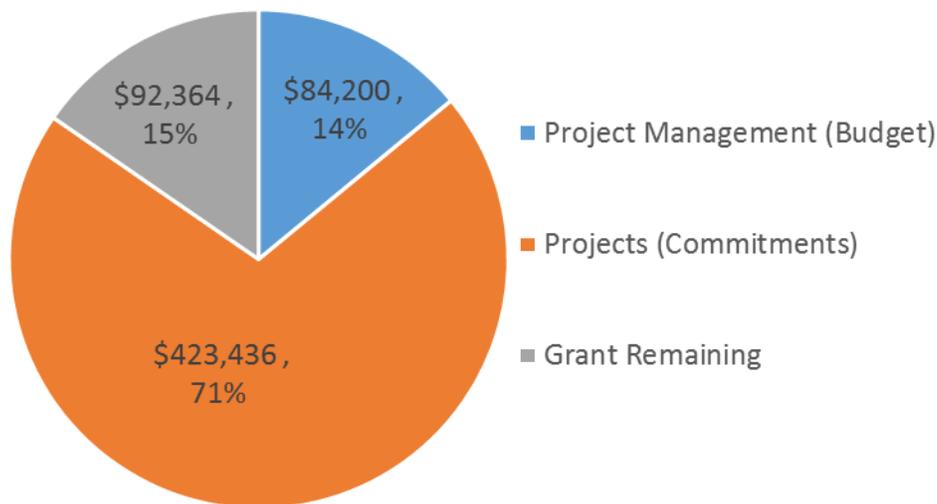
'The Scale and Cost of Seasonal Harvesting Restrictions in Wisconsin' awarded to the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point (UWSP) and *'Economic and Ecological Effects of Forest Practices and Restrictions on Wisconsin's Forest Resources and Economy'* awarded to the Forest Guild remain on schedule to be completed in February 2016.



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Budget – YTD 2015



In-Kind Hours and Value

Since the Study began, organizations and individuals have reported 321 hours of in-kind service valued at \$16,400 through 2015. This is a conservative number as all organizations and individuals have not all reported their in-kind service hours.

WFPS Project Results to Policy Recommendations

A process has been developed to review the research results of the WFPS projects to help guide decisions and policy development for investment in forest-based manufacturing industries in Wisconsin, while ensuring that social and ecological benefits provided by Wisconsin's forest remain viable for future generations. This process will be presented to the COF at their February meeting. More detailed information on the process will be available following the February COF meeting on the WFPS website at <http://study.wisconsinforestry.org>.