

Silviculture Handbook Survey

Where you work:

1. Which position best describes your work?
 - Federal** forester / land manager / technician
 - State** forester / land manager / technician
 - Tribal** forester / land manager / technician
 - County** forester / land manager / technician
 - Private consulting** forester / land manager / technician
 - Industrial** forester / land manager / technician
 - Logger**
 - Other role (please specify):** _____
2. Are you a DNR Cooperating forester?
 - Yes
 - No
3. Do you typically work on *(Check all that apply)*:
 - Federal land
 - State land
 - Tribal land
 - County land
 - REIT / TIMO / Industrial land
 - Non-industrial private land
4. Do you work on Managed Forest Law (MFL) land?
 - Yes, small account land only
 - Yes, large account land only
 - Yes, small AND large account land
 - No, I don't work on MFL land

5. Which area(s) of the state do you currently work in? *(Check all that apply)*.

- Southwest Wisconsin:** Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Lafayette, Marquette, Richland, Sauk, Vernon, Waushara
- Northwest Wisconsin:** Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Washburn
- West central Wisconsin:** Buffalo, Dunn, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau
- Central Wisconsin:** Adams, Chippewa, Clark, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, Marathon, Monroe, Portage, Wood
- Southeast Wisconsin:** Calumet, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Winnebago
- Northeast Wisconsin:** Brown, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Shawano, Vilas, Waupaca

6. How many years have you worked in forestry?

- More than 20 years
- 11 – 20 years
- 5 – 10 years
- Less than 5 years

7. In the last 5 years, have you referred to the DNR Silviculture Handbook?

- Yes
- No → **Skip to 7a below**

7a. What are the primary reasons you don't refer to the Handbook for your work? *(Check all that apply)*

- I didn't know the Handbook existed.
- I don't need silvicultural information for my job.
- The Handbook guidance is too difficult to use.
- I prefer to use other silvicultural resources.
- Other reason (please specify): _____

7b. If applicable, please tell us what other silvicultural resources you typically use for your work.

[open text response]

7c. How could the Handbook be improved to be of value to your work?

[open text response]

(End survey)

9. How valuable, or not, are each of the following sections in the Handbook to your work?

	<i>Not at all valuable</i>	<i>Slightly valuable</i>	<i>Moderately valuable</i>	<i>Very valuable</i>	<i>Extremely valuable</i>
Foreword	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Section I: Ecological Tools (site productivity, forest habitat type classifications)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Section II: Silvicultural Methods (artificial and natural regeneration, intermediate treatments, marking guidelines)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Section III: Cover Types (e.g. white pine, northern hardwood, black walnut)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Section IV: Forest Management Objectives (Big tree silviculture, Economic considerations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Section V: Appendices (glossary, scientific/common tree names, forest cover type definitions)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. For the Handbook sections that you indicated were valuable to your work, in what situations do you typically use this information?

[open text response]

11. For the information and tools you rarely use or that are not valuable to your work, how could their value to you be improved?

[open text response]

12. Do you use the Silvicultural Trials directory on the Wisconsin DNR website (<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestmanagement/silviculturetrials.html>)?

- Yes, I use it.
- No, I don't use it, but I'm familiar with it.
- No, I don't use it, and I'm not familiar with it.

Format of the Handbook:

13. How beneficial to you, or not, are the following potential format changes?

	<i>Not at all beneficial</i>	<i>Somewhat beneficial</i>	<i>Very beneficial</i>
Standardize the structure of the chapters in the Handbook, so I can find similar information in a similar place in each chapter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create a search tool to help me find information in the Handbook using keywords	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create a mobile-friendly version of the Handbook, so I can view it on a phone or tablet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Include more photos and visuals to support the information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. What other suggestions do you have for improving the format of the Handbook to support your work?

[open text response]

17. Where in the Handbook would it be useful to include information about different landowner objectives?

(Check all that apply)

- A general section on landowner objectives
- A prescription writing section with information on how to integrate landowner objectives
- Cover type guidelines based on landowner objectives
- Stand level tree marking guidelines based on landowner objectives (e.g. adjustments for wildlife values)

18. Please describe any other areas of the Handbook that could be improved to meet landowner objectives.

[open text response]

19. In general as a forestry professional, do you typically feel you have the flexibility you need from the Handbook guidance to meet landowner objectives?

	<i>No, I need more defined targets in the guidance</i>	<i>Yes, the guidance is just about right</i>	<i>No, I need more flexible ranges in the guidance</i>
Stocking levels (e.g. basal area targets)	○	○	○
Natural regeneration methods by cover type	○	○	○
Rotation lengths	○	○	○
Natural regeneration stocking levels (e.g. 2,000 – 5,000 seedlings per acre for northern hardwoods)	○	○	○

20. Please describe any other content in the Handbook where you need more defined targets or more flexible ranges in the guidance, and why.

[open text response]

21. Please tell us about any specific situations in your work where you need more defined targets or more flexible ranges in the guidance, and why.

[open text response]

Wrap up:

22. What more would you like to tell us about the Handbook?

[open text response]

23. If we have any follow up questions about your responses about the Handbook and you would like to be contacted, please provide your contact information below. *(Note: your survey responses will still only be reported in summary form).*

Name:

Organization:

Email address: