



# 2013 WISCONSIN FOREST PRACTICES STUDY MONTHLY UPDATE

February 201

ACRONYMS/DEFINITIONS

<u>COF</u> – Wisconsin Council on Forestry

Forest Practices – WDNR policies, regulations and guidelines.

<u>GLTPA</u> – Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association

JCF – Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance

<u>RFP</u> – Request for Proposal

WCFA – Wisconsin County Forests Association

<u>WDNR</u> – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

WFPS – 2013 Wisconsin Forest Practices Study

NCASI – National Council on Air and Stream Improvement

### **Summary**

At the February COF meeting, the Council endorsed the RFP recommended by the COF WFPS Subcommittee. Following the meeting GLTPA and WCFA directed NCASI to distribute the approved RFP to interested individuals and organizations soliciting proposals in one or more of the following research topics.

- 1. What is the availability of wood fiber in the state by broad product categories, region, and ownership now and in the future? How have changes in land ownership and management objectives, experienced over the last 15 years, affected the supply of wood fiber?
- 2. What are the economic and ecological consequences (cost/benefits) of selected aspects of forestry policies, regulations and guidelines in Wisconsin?
- 3. What forestry-related factors are expected to enhance or reduce the competitiveness of forest-based manufacturing in Wisconsin?

In addition GLTPA and WDNR signed a Grant Agreement formalizing the administrative process and enabling GLTPA to access funding for the WFPS. The RFP and more information about the WFPS can be found at the WFPS website <a href="http://study.wisconsinforestry.org">http://study.wisconsinforestry.org</a>.

#### **Schedule**

#### March 2014

 Communications with potential research providers to clarify RFP.

#### April 2014

- Evaluate proposals and select a set of proposals for funding.
- Subcommittee and COF endorse proposals for funding.
- Negotiate research proposals with providers.
- GLTPA/WCFA approve research agreements.

## May 2014

- Award agreements to research providers.
- Establish the research providers work plan.
- Monitor monthly work plan.