



WoodsWISE



Incentives to Stewardship Enhancement

Landowner/Forester Affidavit *(in lieu of Proof of Payment)*

Landowner: I, _____, have received a completed Forest Management Plan as follows (*check one*):

- FMP-1a Development of a New Forest Management Plan (10-50 wooded acres)
- FMP-1b Development of a New Forest Management Plan (51+ wooded acres)
- FMP-2 Amendment of an existing Forest Management Plan
- FMP-3 Expansion (in area) of an existing Forest Management Plan
- FMP-4a Periodic Update of a Forest Management Plan (10-50 wooded acres)
- FMP-4b Periodic Update of a Forest Management Plan (51+ wooded acres)

The plan was prepared by _____ (*Stewardship Forester*)
on _____ (*date*) for _____ wooded acres in the town of _____.

I have paid a total of \$ _____ for the development of my Forest Management Plan with the understanding that I will be eligible to receive cost-share reimbursement from the state once my claim for payment is approved and processed. **I will retain proof of payment in my records for the life of the Plan (minimum 10 years)** Check #(s) _____ (*required*).

Landowner signature(s) _____ Date _____

Forester: I, _____, (Licensed Forester # _____) certify that I have been paid in full for services rendered in the development and completion of the landowner's Forest Management Plan (as noted above) in the amount of \$ _____.

Stewardship Forester signature _____ Date _____

Proof of payment for cost share reimbursement for all types of Forest Management Plans under Maine Forest Service programs consists of:

- a copy of the cancelled check (both sides), or
- a similar written record generated by the bank that clearly shows that funds in a given amount have been transferred from the landowner to the forester.

This Affidavit may be submitted as proof of payment in lieu of the above documents if they are not readily obtainable. Check number(s) are required information. If this Affidavit is submitted in lieu of proof of payment, landowner must be able to show actual proof of payment upon request from the Maine Forest Service.

If payment is made in a form other than a check, a notarized statement signed by the forester asserting that payment has been received, and identifying the type and dollar value of payment, may substitute as proof of payment. In all cases, MFS reserves the right to request additional documentation.