Maine Forest Service Midcoast District – Consulting Forester Referral List
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The following list identifies Licensed Foresters active in the Midcoast District, which includes Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, and Kennebec Counties. As District Forester, I can help you locate foresters and answer questions on a range of forestry topics, but ultimately you as the landowner have to feel confident that you have hired the person or firm that best suits your needs. This is a partial list only, for the convenience of landowners requesting MFS assistance in finding a consulting forester.

Licensed Foresters commonly provide services to landowners including:
- preparing written, long range Forest Management Plans, and
- planning & overseeing timber harvests on the landowner's behalf.

Financial incentives are available for some activities. Some foresters are eligible as Stewardship Foresters to provide services to landowners participating in MFS’s WoodWISE incentives program. Some foresters are also eligible as Technical Service Providers (TSPs) under USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service programs. Landowners interested in these programs should ask prospective foresters about their eligibility.

Waldo
Didier Bonner-Ganter, Belfast 207-691-3056
Dave Knupp, Winterport 207-525-7756
Jonathan Robbins, Searsmont 207-342-5851
Ken Strickland, Downeast Land Mgt. Co., Searsport 207-548-2221
Mark Vannah, Robbins Lumber, Searsmont 207-342-5221

Knox/Lincoln
Barrie Brusila/Mitch Kihn, MidMaine Forestry, Warren 207-273-4046
Erik Carlson, C&L Forestry, Edgecomb 207-882-9735
Peter Hannah, Mackintosh Forest Services, Bristol 207-563-8300
Paul Miller, Forestry For You, Washington 207-845-3084
Donald Richards, Rockland 207-594-4934
David Schaible, Timberland Consultants, Nobleboro 207-563-5700

Kennebec
Scott Austin, Winslow 207-873-1380
John Ballew, Oakland 207-465-7691
Mark Brown, Vassalboro 207-233-9348
Harold Burnett, Two Trees Forestry, Winthrop 207-377-7196
tish carr, Belgrade 207-495-2392
John Churchill, Central Maine Forestry, Readfield 207-685-9380
Phillip Dow, Sr., Albion 207-437-4682
Stephen M. Elliot, Monmouth 207-933-3211
Carl Haag, Larix Consulting, Winslow 207-873-5841
Philip Malerba, Belgrade 207-495-3230
Jason Tyler, South China 207-445-3151
Jerry Young, Winslow 207-872-7623
Other Foresters who serve portions of the Midcoast:

Northwest:
- John Ackley, Prism Forestry, Skowhegan  207-374-3611
- Jason Cooke, Cooke Forestry, Skowhegan  207-474-2339
- Michael Demo, Canaan  207-426-8866
- Steve Gettle, Woodland Investment Services, Jay  207-491-2803
- Kerry Hebert, Mt Hunger Forestry, Starks  207-696-3756
- Bob Leso, Chesterville  207-778-2000
- Jeff Meserve, Oversett Forest Management, South Paris  207-743-7521
- Paul Larrivee/John Starrett/Joe Stevenson/ /Katie Cousins - SAPPI Fine Paper, Skowhegan  207-238-3066
- Pete Tracy, Maple Hill Forest-tree, Farmington  207-778-6369
- Daren Turner, Kennebec Valley Forestry, Skowhegan  207-474-7338

Southwest:
- Walter Armstrong, Woolwich  207-442-7450
- Rob Cotiaux, Ossipee Forest Management, New Gloucester  207-926-5392
- Clif & Greg Foster, Timberstate G. Inc., Gray  207-657-4441
- Rick Jones, Jones Associates, Poland Spring  207-998-5242
- Mike Maines, Maine Tree Works, Gray  207-656-4425
- Rene Noel/Chip Love
  Southern Maine Forestry Services, Windham  207-892-6562
- Jeremy Stultz, Jay Braunscheidel
  Integrated Forest Management, Turner  207-225-5202

Northeast:
- Kathleen Brooks, Brooks Forestry Services, Hampden  207-862-6745
- Sam Brown, Parkman  207-277-4221
- Teresa Davis, Otis  207-537-3432
- Kirby Ellis, Hudson  207-327-4674
- David Irving, Back to Maine Forest Management, Lincoln  207-944-9066
- Keith Johnson, Fitts Mountain Forestry, Holden  207-843-5489
- Doug “Bill” Mahan, Kenduskeag  207-884-8873
- Jake Maier, Jake Maier Forestry, Brewer  207-989-1403
- Dale Robinson, Prentiss & Carlisle, Bangor  207-942-8295
- John Mills, Brewer  207-989-1434
- Robert Nelson, Corinna  207-278-2361
- Hugh Porter, North Hampden  207-223-5315
- Fred Rooney, Sedgwick  207-359-6706
- Dave Wardrop, Golden Forestry, Orono  207-356-8747

MFS suggests that landowners speak with several Foresters to get a comparison. Landowners should ask prospective foresters about their experience, background, services, and specific expertise or credentials. Landowners should request references, interview past clients, review samples of written work, and visit past harvests.

Landowners should communicate to the forester, being as specific as possible, their values and objectives for the woodland they own. Before hiring a forester, it is important that landowners gain a clear understanding of what specific services a forester will provide and what their fee(s) will be. An independent, Licensed Forester is ethically bound to serve the interests of you, the landowner, and to disclose any potential conflict of interest. Some Licensed Foresters also provide logging services.

A more comprehensive list of licensed consulting foresters is available on the MFS website, http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpm/wwi/wwi.htm, or from the Maine Board of Licensure. This website also has additional information on Maine Forest Service programs, services, and available publications.

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Possible Forester services:

Long-range Planning*:
► Preparing/updating a Forest Management Plan or similar plan
  ▪ e.g. a Tree Growth Management & Harvest Plan
► Forest inventory & appraisal
► Mapping
► Researching/preparing/filing legal requirements or other paperwork
► Finding specialists and other contractors
► Navigating government financial assistance programs

Small projects:
► Help setting up small projects (thinning, pruning, firewood cutting, trail work, etc.)
  ▪ Marking trees to be cut or pruned
  ▪ Laying out & designing trails, roads, erosion control
  ▪ Evaluating the health/condition of individual trees or forest stands
► Help locating boundary evidence

Harvesting*:
► Forest Operations planning/preparation:
  ▪ Flagging boundaries and/or harvest area limits
  ▪ Silviculture – determining what trees will be cut/left to meet landowner goals
  ▪ Marking trees to be cut (or to be retained)
  ▪ Planning/laying out roads, log landings, major trails
  ▪ Designing Best Management Practices at/around waterbodies (erosion control, stream crossings, etc.)
  ▪ Filing notifications/reports, researching legal requirements, obtaining permits (if necessary)
► Negotiating Harvest Agreements/Contracts on the landowner’s behalf
  ▪ Estimating timber volume/value
  ▪ Identifying/researching a logger (with the skills & equipment to do the job)
  ▪ Advising the landowner on fair prices
  ▪ Negotiating prices with a logger/buyer
  ▪ **Developing a written Timber Harvest/Sale Contract
► Supervising and “administering” the timber harvest contract
  ▪ Reviewing the harvest periodically as it’s occurring (especially silviculture and protection of resources)
  ▪ Helping ensure wood is being marketed to its maximum value
    ► by working with the logger, or by marketing wood directly
  ▪ Reviewing scale slips & disbursing stumpage payments to the landowner
  ▪ Making sure the harvest is completed and “closed out”
  ▪ Providing harvest summary information for reporting/tax purposes

* A Forester Services Contract can establish what services will be provided, when, at what cost
** A Timber Harvest/Sale Contract is the most important way to ensure that a harvest will meet all landowner objectives, and provide the logger clear expectations of the work to be done. A forester working for the landowner is the best source for a clear, comprehensive written contract adapted to the landowner’s needs and the harvest situation.