

# FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

*Good forest stewardship begins with good planning*

The purpose of the Nevada Division of Forestry's Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) is to encourage the long-term stewardship of private forest lands, by assisting landowners to actively manage their forest and related resources. The Forest Stewardship Program provides assistance to landowners of forest and other lands where good stewardship, including agroforestry applications, will enhance and sustain the long term productivity of multiple forest resources. Special attention is given to landowners in important forest resource areas and those new to, or in the early stages of, managing their land in a way that embodies multi-resource stewardship principles. The program provides landowners with the professional planning and technical assistance they need to keep their land in a productive and healthy condition at no cost.

## Forest Stewardship Plans

Since its establishment in 1991, the FSP has produced more than 200 multi-resource management plans encompassing more than 58,000 acres of private forest lands in Nevada. Forest Stewardship plans:

- \* lay out strategies for achieving unique landowner objectives and sustaining forest health and vigor.
- \* create actively managed forests which provide timber, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, recreational opportunities and many other benefits for landowners and society.
- \* motivate landowners to become more active in planning and managing their forests, greatly increasing the likelihood that their forests will remain intact, productive and healthy, and that the social, economic and environmental benefits of these lands will be sustained for future generations.



How a landowners property looked before they contacted NDF for Forest Stewardship assistance.



How the forest stewardship plan has been implemented: meeting the landowners objectives and restoring the forest to good health.

## Landowner Participation

Participation in the Forest Stewardship program is open to any private forest landowners, who are committed to the active management and stewardship of their forested properties for at least ten years.

Cost-share assistance for implementation of projects described in the FSP may be available. Some examples of projects include windbreaks, thinning, fuels reduction and habitat improvements. A requirement common to all the programs that administer these funds is a Forest Stewardship Plan. Nevada Division of Forestry's Forest Stewardship Program can help the landowner qualify for this or other financial assistance by developing a comprehensive Forest Stewardship Plan.

Have an existing plan or just need some advice on forestry or agroforestry issues? The Nevada Division of Forestry FSP is here to help. To find out how you can participate, contact:

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