

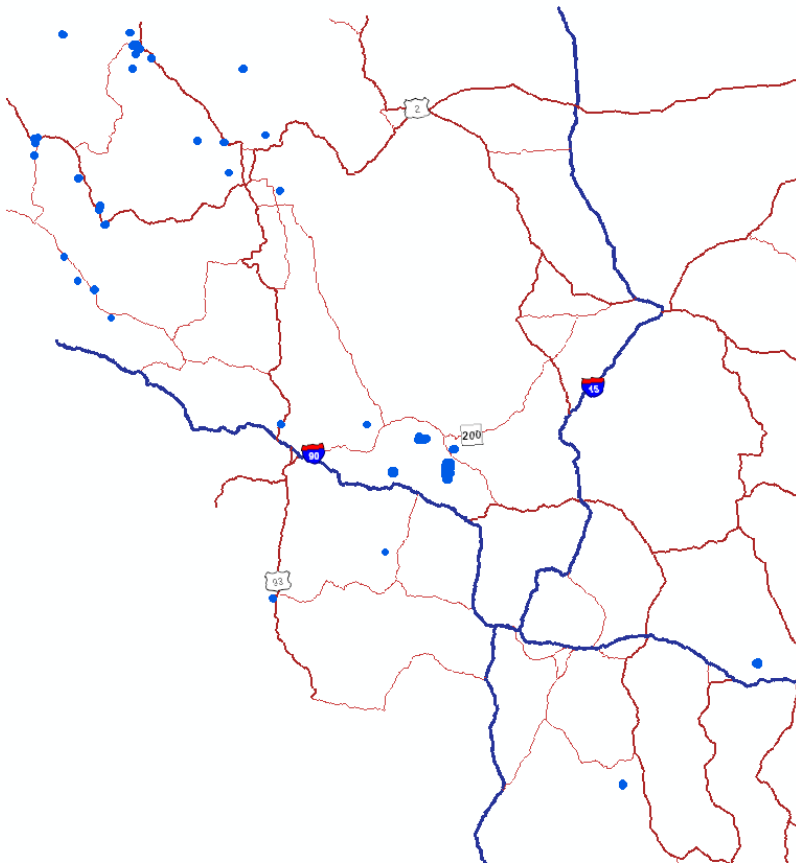
2023 Forest Stewardship Monitoring

Twenty mandatory monitoring visits were drawn by the USFS for 2023. Twenty-nine visits were completed in 2023, these were also re-inspected for Tree Farm at the same time. Of those that could not be completed, two were unavailable this year, and Two were uninterested and not monitored.

MSU Extension Forestry paid \$200 per monitoring to advisors if the visit included monitoring, and the advisor/inspector did not do the visit as part of their job and requested payment. If the Tree Farm re-inspections did not include monitoring the payment was made by MT Tree Farm.

Total: 29 monitored, 7,250 acres (total in 2023)

Stewardship mandatory – 16 + 7 completed in 2022 1,552 acres, 4 not completed (transferred ownership, deceased, not interested or not available)



Part 2. Landowner Objectives-top 4

1. Forest Health (20)
2. Fire (18)
3. Fish & Wildlife (17)
4. Aesthetics (11)
5. Tree Growth and Regeneration (8)
6. Bio diversity (6)
7. Recreation Opportunity (5)
8. Timber (3)
9. Water (2)
10. Wetlands (1)

Part 3. Primary Resource Objectives Managed-top 4

1. Forest Health (20)
2. Fire (19)
3. Aesthetics (16)
4. Fish & Wildlife (15)
5. Tree Growth and Regeneration (15)
6. Bio diversity (11)
7. Timber (11)
8. Recreation Opportunity (10)
9. Soil (7)
10. Water (6)
11. Wetlands (5)
12. Threatened & Endangered (3)
13. Archaeological, Cultural, Historical (2)
14. Carbon (1)

Part 4. Were there factors leading to difficulty in managing the property consistent with the Forest Stewardship Plan? If so, check all that apply

11 - lack of time

6 - lack of markets/loggers

3 - catastrophic natural events

1 - lack of cost-share availability

3 - landowner budget or cost escalation

1 - lack of technical assistance

1 - change in ownership interest/objective change

Other: Age/health/death in family (3), remote location, tediousness of pulling seedlings

Part 5. Briefly list forest activities completed since the Forest Management Plan was completed or last visit.

Cost Share Used by 12

Activity	# Ownerships	Approx. Acres	Cost Share
Harvesting	12	271	1- EQIP
Tree planting	11	228	1- EQIP
Pre-commercial thin	11	231	3- EQIP, County, NRCS
Road Maintenance	6	2.6 miles	0
Insect & disease mgmt.	4	42	0
Weed mgmt.	18	1,051	1 – EQIP
Fire Resilience/Haz fuel red	16	316	3-County, DNRC
Build/Home site defensible space	14	29	1-Haz fuels grant
Forest Aesthetics	13	539	0
Riparian	7	65	0
Air, water & soil protection	2	20	0
Fish, wildlife and biodiversity	10	368	0
Threatened/endangered	5	505	0
Grazing	2	20	0
Recreation	8	384	0
Special Sites	3	5	0

Management activities are planned in the near future (Note: not all included acreage):

Activity	# Ownerships	Approx. Acres	Cost Share expected
Commercial Harvesting	9	247	0
Tree planting	5	125	0
Pre-commercial thin	9	115	0
Road Maintenance	8	5 miles	0
Insect & disease mgmt.	4	47	0
Weed control	17	961	0
Fire Resilience/Haz fuel red	11	213	0
Defensible space	14	44	0
Forest Aesthetics	7	250	0
Riparian/Wetland	5	41	0
Air, Water, Soil Protection	3	106	0
Fish/Wildlife habitat conservation	8	260	0
Threatened/endangered	3	386	0
Grazing	2	15	0
Recreation	7	186	0
Special Sites	2	2	0

Prefer to attend

In-person or Online – 10 (those who chose both)

In-person – 7 (those who chose in-person only)

Online – 2 (those who chose online only)

Part 5

Educational topics landowner is interested in learning more about through the MSU Extension Forestry Master Forest Stewardship Program

1. Insect & Disease (12)
2. Finance/Grants/Tax (11)
3. Fire (9)
4. Wildlife (8)
5. Estate Planning (8)
6. Riparian/Wetland (8)
7. GPS/GIS (6)
8. Understory Plants/Range (6)
9. Harvesting/Silviculture (4)
10. Small Equipment (4)
11. Roads (2)