

WHAT:

The *Wisconsin Forestry Practices Study (WFPS)* was a comprehensive study of Wisconsin forestry practices. Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA) and Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) received a state grant from the legislature in 2013 for \$600,000 to complete the study. GLTPA and WCFA used a consultative process with the Wisconsin Council on Forestry to guide the research and resulting recommendations developed in 2018.

GOAL:

Provide information to better understand where efficiencies can be gained to ensure Wisconsin's forest products industry can remain competitive and vibrant, while assuring the ecological, economic and social benefits of Wisconsin forests continue for future generations.

STUDIES: (SEE councilonforestry.wi.gov FOR ABSTRACTS, REPORTS & UPDATES)

Wisconsin Wood Supply Assessment	Steve Prisley, Professor and Director Virginia Tech Center for Natural Resources Assessment and Decision Support
Wisconsin Wood Supply Assessment - A) Logging Capacity Utilization in Wisconsin B) Landowner Survey	A) Joseph Conrad, Assistant Professor, and Melinda Vokoun, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point; Steve Prisley, Professor, and Chad Bolding, Associate Professor, Virginia Tech B) Melinda Vokoun, Associate Professor, and Joseph Conrad, Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point; Steve Prisley, Professor, and Chad Bolding, Associate Professor, Virginia Tech; and Charlie Wade, Forest Inventory Analyst SilviaTerra
Economic and Ecological Effects of Forest Practices and Harvesting Constraints On Wisconsin's Forest Resources and Economy	Alexander M. Evans, Research Director, Forest Stewards Guild Co-Authors: Forest Stewards Guild: Michael Lynch and Fred Clark; Applied Ecological Services: Genesis M. Mickel, Kim Chapman, and Elizabeth R. Tiller; Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Minnesota Duluth: Monica Haynes
The Scale and Cost of Seasonal Timber Harvesting Restrictions in Wisconsin	Michael Demchik, Professor, Joseph Conrad, Assistant Professor, and Melinda Vokoun, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point
An Economic and Ecological Analysis of: Northern Hardwood Single-Tree Selection Order of Removal Procedures and Red Pine Plantation and Aspen Forest Rotation Ages	Forrest M. Gibeault, ACF, Analysis and Investments Operations Director, Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc.
Wood Supply Chain Component Cost Analysis: A comparison of Wisconsin and U.S. Regional Costs	Forrest M. Gibeault, ACF, Analysis and Investments Operations Director, Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc. and Peter Coutu, Sales Director – North America, Forest2Market, Inc.

WFPS STEPS: INPUT, RESEARCH, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**FOREST-BASED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS
REGARDING FOREST MANAGEMENT POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS**

(July 2014 WFPS Economic Workshop):

- Seasonal harvesting restrictions
- MFL administration
- General harvesting restrictions

RESEARCH PROPOSALS (2014-2016)

RECOMMENDATION AREAS of FOCUS, RESULTS FROM RESEARCH (2017)

Seasonality	Silviculture	Outreach/Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak wilt • Rutting • Prescriptions • Plant and wildlife restrictions • Road weight restrictions • EAB restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NH management and marking guidelines • Aspen and Red Pine rotation ages • Landowner objectives • Increased flexibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landowner outreach on the value of forestry to achieve multiple objectives. • DNR forester economic training. • Forester NH management training.

HIGHLIGHTS OF IMPACTS & RESULTS OF STUDIES (2018)

Review of Silvicultural Handbook to improve structure, user functionality and value (est. completion Dec '18)

EAB Statewide Quarantine (issued Mar '18)

Improve consistency and efficiencies in tax law administration (est. completion Dec '18)

Timber Sale administration: outcome based standards & improved training (est. completion Dec '18)

Understand impact of cumulative sale restrictions by NIPF (begin work 2019)