

## ***Forestry Consulting Service***

Consulting foresters provide forest landowners a variety of services.

### **Forest Management Planning**

This should be the first step to managing your forested property. Based upon your management objectives, a consulting forester can help you develop a plan to meet your management objectives. The written plan includes a description of your forest resource, specific management recommendations and a map of your woodlands.

### **Timber Sales**

Having a professional forester inventory and sell your timber is the preferred method of obtaining fair market value for your timber. In addition, the consulting forester can oversee harvesting operations and ensure Best Management Practices (BMPs) for timber harvesting are implemented.

### **Timber Appraisal**

A timber appraisal is a value assessment of the standing timber in your forest. Because consulting foresters possess local timber value information they can provide precise value estimates of your timber. Timber value information is beneficial for estate planning, forestland real estate transactions and timber sales.

### **Timber Trespass**

Timber trespass occurs when timber is cut without permission from an adjoining property. This may happen intentionally or unintentionally. When it does occur, an estimate of the volume and value of timber removed must be made to recover damages. Consulting foresters can provide these values and when appropriate determine monetary values for damages done to the land.

### **Other Service**

Consulting forester can serve landowners in other capacities such as expert witness testimony, timber stand improvement, site preparation, ecological assessments or environmental impact study development. Contact your local consulting foresters to discuss the services they provide.

### **Fees**

Each member of the association is an independent business person or an employee of a consulting firm. Each business sets the services it provides and the fees they charge. Depending upon the service provided, the consultant may set their fees based upon the hours and expenses required to complete the job or as a percentage of a sale transaction.

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# Kentucky Chapter Association of Consulting Foresters



**The Kentucky Chapter of ACF (KACF) is a non-profit, professional organization representing the professional consulting foresters in Kentucky.**

## ***What is a Consulting Forester?***

A consulting forester is a privately employed business person with a minimum of a B.S. degree in forestry from an accredited college or university. A consulting forester's role is to provide professional forestry services to a client in exchange for a fee or commission.

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