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This folder contains introductory information about the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO). We invite you to learn more about this vibrant new organization by reviewing the individual information pages.

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History

In mid-2007, a group of private forest owners began discussing the specific and growing needs of the forest owner industry related to awareness and advocacy on Capitol Hill. The group formed a steering committee to assess the potential of a national association focused on forest owners, and by late 2007, had formed the structure and leadership of the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO).

NAFO officially incorporated in March 2008 and is currently working on a defined policy agenda to promote legislative and market policies that will enhance the economic and environmental value of the forests.

NAFO membership encompasses over 68 million acres of private forests in 47 states, including: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

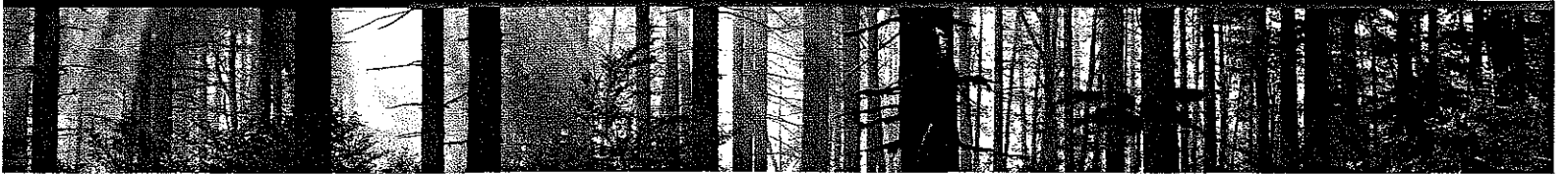
Operating Principles

NAFO has been formed as a lean and nimble organization, focused on the U.S. industry of private forest owners/managers and their business needs. NAFO will strive to effectively influence and direct private forest policy by providing timely and relevant information, education and lobbying to policy-makers. We will develop strategic alliances where it is in the best interest of the organization, either from an efficiency or leveraged expertise standpoint. We strongly believe we will provide the greatest service and resources to our members by maintaining a top quality staff and volunteer commitment.



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National Alliance of Forest Owners Frequently Asked Questions

What is the status of NAFO as an organization?

NAFO was officially incorporated in the first quarter of 2008 as a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization, with a founding board comprised of CEOs from member companies and associations. Based on the feedback from the charter members, policy makers, lobbyists and other industry experts, the organization's name was confirmed as National Alliance of Forest Owners. An Operating Committee has been formed to guide the startup and development of membership and policy-related initiatives.

Is this a national organization?

Yes. Membership will be limited to those individuals or firms which own or are engaged in the management of private forest land in the United States only. The membership will be limited to ensure alignment with NAFO's mission and purpose. A separate category for associations related to our industry is also being offered.

What is NAFO's governance structure?

A lean and simple committee structure has been established, reporting into the board of directors. Within the board, four officers have been named to lead the group and serve as the Executive Committee:

- Matt Donegan, Forest Capital Partners, Chairman
- Rick Holley, Plum Creek Timber Company, 1st Vice Chairman
- Dan Christensen, Hancock Natural Resources Group, 2nd Vice Chairman
- Bruno Fritschi, Resource Management Service, LLC, Secretary/Treasurer

What are the issues for the group's focus?

The organization has outlined several primary issues for regulatory advocacy, including:

Public Policy Priority Areas:

- Climate Change
- Renewable Energy
- Environment - Clean Water Act
- Tax Policy

Policy Areas for Active Monitoring:

- Environmental Policies
- Land Use Policies
- Green Building Standards
- Forest Certification

These issues will be addressed through a combination of direct government relations work by our professional staff, leaders and through alliances with other industry forces.

How can I become involved?

By contacting Dave Tenny, NAFO President and CEO, at 202-367-1163 or info@nafoalliance.org.



National Alliance of Forest Owners Current Members

NAFO was incorporated in the first quarter of 2008 as a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization based in Washington, DC with a charter membership representing over 28 million acres of private forestland located throughout the United States. NAFO now represents over 68 million acres nationwide. NAFO members include:

Alabama Forestry Association (Montgomery, Alabama)
<http://www.alaforestry.org/>

Association of Consulting Foresters (Alexandria, Virginia)
<http://www.acf-foresters.org/>

California Forestry Association (Sacramento, California)
<http://www.foresthealth.org/>

The Campbell Group (Portland, Oregon)
<http://www.campbellgroup.com/>

Florida Forestry Association (Tallahassee, Florida)
http://www.floridaforest.org

Forest Capital Partners (Portland, Oregon)
<http://www.forestcap.com/>

Forest Investment Associates (Atlanta, Georgia)
<http://www.forestinvest.com/>

Forest Landowners Association (Atlanta, Georgia)
<http://www.forestlandowners.com/>

Georgia Forestry Association (Forsyth, Georgia)
<http://www.gfagrow.org/>

Giustina Resources (Eugene, Oregon)

Global Forest Partners, LP (West Lebanon, New Hampshire)
<http://www.gfplp.com>

GMO Renewable Resources (Boston, Massachusetts)
<http://www.gmo.com/America/>

Green Diamond Resource Company (Seattle, Washington)
<http://www.greendiamond.com/>

Hancock Natural Resource Group (Boston, Massachusetts)
<http://www.hnrg.com>

Intermountain Forest Association (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho)
<http://www.ifia.com/>

Longview Timberlands LLC (Longview, Washington)

Louisiana Forestry Association (Alexandria, Louisiana)
<http://www.laforestry.com/>

The Lyme Timber Company (Hanover, New Hampshire)
<http://www.lymetimber.com/>

Michigan Forest Products Council (Lansing, Michigan)
<http://www.michiganforest.com/>

Minnesota Forest Industries (Duluth, Minnesota)
<http://www.minnesotaforests.com/>

Mississippi Forestry Association (Jackson, Mississippi)
<http://msforestry.net/>

Molpus Woodlands Group (Jackson, Mississippi)
<http://www.molpus.com/>

Oregon Forest Industries Council (Salem, Oregon)
<http://www.ofic.com/>

Plum Creek Timber Company (Seattle, Washington)
<http://www.plumcreek.com/>

Port Blakely Tree Farms, LP (Seattle, Washington)
<http://www.portblakely.com/>

Potlatch Corporation (Spokane, Washington)
<http://www.potlatchcorp.com/>

Resource Management Service, LLC (Birmingham, Ala.)
<http://www.resourcemgt.com/>

Society of American Foresters (Bethesda, Maryland)
<http://www.safnet.org/>

Starker Forests, Inc. (Corvallis, Oregon)
<http://www.starkerforests.com>

Stimson Lumber Company (Portland, Oregon)
<http://www.stimsonlumber.com/>

Tennessee Forestry Association (Nashville, Tennessee)
<http://www.tnforestry.com/>

Timberland Investment Resources, LLC (Atlanta, Georgia)
<http://www.tirlc.com/>

Wagner Forest Management (Lyme, New Hampshire)

Washington Forest Protection Association (Olympia, Wash.)
<http://www.wfpa.org/>

Weyerhaeuser Company (Federal Way, Washington)
<http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/>

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