

NATIONAL FORESTS BY REGION—Continued

State in which forest is located	National forest administration unit	Headquarters location of forest supervisor
Minnesota	Ottawa	Ironwood.
	Chippewa	Cass Lake.
	Superior	Duluth.
Missouri	Mark Twain	Rolla.
New Hampshire and Maine	White Mountain	Laconia, NH.
Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Warren.
Vermont	Green Mountain	Rutland.
West Virginia	Monongahela	Elkins.
Wisconsin	Chequamegon	Park Falls.
	Nicolet	Rhineland.
Region 10, Alaska Region (Regional Forester, Federal Office Bldg., P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802-1628):		
Alaska	Chugach	Anchorage.
	Tongass	
	Chatham area	Sitka.
	Ketchikan area	Ketchikan.
	Sitkine area	Petersburg.

FOREST AND RANGE EXPERIMENT STATIONS, LABORATORIES, AND INSTITUTES NAME OF UNIT AND HEADQUARTERS OF DIRECTOR

- North Central Research Station—1995 Folwell Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.
- Northeastern Research Station—100 Matsonford Road, 5 Radnor Corporate Center, Suite 200, P.O. Box 6775, Radnor, PA 19087-4585.
- Pacific Northwest Research Station—333 S.W. 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3890, Portland, OR 97208-3890.
- Pacific Southwest Research Station—800 Buchanan Street, West Building, Albany, CA 94710-0011.
- Rocky Mountain Research Station—240 West Prospect Street, Fort Collins, CO 80526-2098.
- Southern Research Station—200 Weaver Boulevard, P.O. Box 2680, Asheville, NC 28802.

LABORATORY

Forest Products Laboratory—One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, WI 53705-2398.

INSTITUTE

International Institute of Tropical Forestry—Call Box 25000, UPR Experimental Station Grounds, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 00928-2500.

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY AREA OFFICE

Director, Northeastern Area—100 Matsonford Road, P.O. Box 6775, Radnor, PA 19087-4585.

NOTE: In Regions 1 through 8 and 10, State and Private Forestry activities are directed from Regional headquarters.

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Subpart B—Functions and Procedures

§ 200.3 Forest Service functions.

(a) *Legislative authority.* The basic laws authorizing activities of the Forest Service are set forth in the U.S.C. in title 7 (Agriculture), chapters 14, 17, 33, 55, 59, and 61; title 16 (Conservation), chapters 2, 3, 4, 5C, 6, 23, 27, 28, 30, 36, and 37; title 29 (Labor), chapter 17; and title 43 (Public Lands), chapters 22 and 35.

(b) *Work of the Forest Service.* Under delegated authority from the Secretary of Agriculture, the broad responsibilities of the Forest Service are:

(1) *Leadership in forestry.* The Forest Service provides overall leadership in forest and forest-range conservation, development, and use. This involves determination of forestry conditions and requirements, and recommendations of policies and programs needed to keep the Nation's private and public lands fully productive.

(2) *National Forest System administration.* (i) The Forest Service administers and manages the National Forest System lands in accordance with the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of June 12, 1960 (16 U.S.C. 528-531); the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of August 17, 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1600-1614); and the National Forest Management Act of October 22, 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a, 476, 500, 513-516, 521b; 576b, 1600-1602, 1604, 1606, 1608-1614).

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(ii) The National Forest System comprises about 188 million acres of land in the National Forests, National Grasslands, and other areas which have been transferred to the Forest Service for administration. On these public lands:

(A) Forestry methods are applied in growing and harvesting timber,

(B) Forage is scientifically managed for the use of domestic livestock whose numbers are kept in balance with the carrying capacity of the range,

(C) Wildlife habitat and species are managed,

(D) Watersheds are managed to safeguard the water supply and stabilize streamflow,

(E) Recreation resources are managed for public enjoyment and benefit,

(F) Many forms of land and resource use are granted under permit or lease, and

(G) Physical and resource improvements needed to develop, protect, and use all resources are built and maintained.

(3) *Cooperative forestry.* The Forest Service carries out cooperative forestry programs for public benefit through programs initiated by State, county, and other Federal agencies in accordance with the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of July 1, 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101-2111). These programs are directed at the protection, development, and sustained production of all forestry resources, both public and private.

(4) *Forest research.* The Forest Service conducts research on problems involving protection, development, management, renewal, and continuous use of all resources, products, values, and services of forest lands in accordance with the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of June 30, 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1641-1647). Research is conducted on:

(i) Forest and range management, including the five basic resources of timber, forest soil and water, range forage, wildlife and fish habitat, and forest recreation,

(ii) Forest protection from fire, insects, and disease,

(iii) Forest products and engineering, and

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(iv) Forest resource economics including forest survey, forest economics, and forest products marketing.

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§ 200.4 Administrative issuances.

(a) The regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture governing the protection and administration of National Forest System lands and other programs of the Forest Service are set forth in Chapter 2 of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(b) Administrative policy, procedure, and guidance to Forest Service employees for the conduct of Forest Service activities are issued as directives, or through correspondence, by the office of the Chief of the Forest Service and by the field officers listed in § 200.2.

(1) Directives are issued through the Forest Service Directive System, which is comprised of the Forest Service Manual and related Forest Service Handbooks. The Directive System codifies the agency's policy, practice, and procedure affecting more than one unit and the delegations of continuing authority and assignment of continuing responsibilities; serves as the primary administrative basis for the internal management and control of all programs; and is the primary source of administrative direction to Forest Service employees.

(2) In contrast to direction issued through the Directive System, guidance issued to one or more organizational units through letters and memoranda relate to decisions or interpretations on specific activities, cases, or incidents or to other matters of agency business, especially those matters of short-term duration or immediate interest.

(c) Forest Service Directive System issuances are published under delegated authority as follows:

(1) The Forest Service Manual and Forest Service Handbook issuances to all Forest Service units are published by the Office of the Chief.

(2) Forest Service Manual and Forest Service Handbook issuances may be supplemented as needed for field office use by a Regional Forester, a Regional