



# MISSISSIPPI FOREST STEWARDSHIP



## NOMINATION FORM

I respectfully nominate the following landowner and property for official Forest Stewardship Certification as endorsed and provided by the **Mississippi Forest Stewardship Program**.

<i>Landowner's Name</i>	<i>Street or Box Number</i>	
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
<i>County or counties in which property is located.</i>		

The nominee has met the minimum criteria for certification as a Mississippi Forest Steward. Furthermore, the nominee has duly noted his/her commitment to the Forest Stewardship principles by the application of practices set forth in a Forest Stewardship Plan and hereby agrees to pursue the objectives of the plan and principles set forth in the Mississippi Forest Stewardship Creed.

Nominator's Signature Date

<i>Nominator's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Nominator Information ( Please Print)</i>	
<i>Name:</i> _____	<i>Organization:</i> _____
<i>Address:</i> _____	<i>Telephone:</i> _____
_____	<i>E-mail:</i> _____

### MISSISSIPPI FOREST STEWARDSHIP CREED

Believing that the right to own land is among the most treasured and valued rights of all Americans; and

Believing that the ownership of land not only grants me the privilege of pursuing my goals but also carries the responsibility of good stewardship; and

Believing that good stewardship of this country's precious natural resources is necessary to the strength and well-being of our great nation; and

Believing that good stewardship of my forest lands will help provide for this country's need for forest products, while protecting air and water quality, enhancing wildlife, and providing forest-based recreation; and

Believing further that good stewardship of my forest lands will contribute to the natural bounty of Mississippi and will guard against erosion and the loss of soil productivity; and

Believing that good stewardship involves protecting my forest lands from insects, diseases, wildfires, and overgrazing; therefore

I pledge to practice good stewardship on my lands, protecting and enhancing the natural resources that occur on them; further I pledge to promote good stewardship among my peers so that future generations will benefit from our collective actions; and

I pledge that if I discontinue managing my Stewardship Forest in the manner outlined by this creed, I agree to withdraw my lands from the Mississippi Forest Stewardship Program.

<i>Landowner's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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*(Submit this nomination form to the Service Forester. If nomination is for public lands, attach a copy of the Forest Stewardship Demonstration Plan.)*