

Division of Forestry Public Comment Cover Sheet

Private Forestry

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Summary:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking stakeholder input on proposed changes to Chapter 15 and Chapter 21 of the [Private Forestry Handbook](#), which focus on program guidelines for the School and Community Forest Programs and Private Land Management Plans, respectively.

Why Are We Updating This Chapter?

The primary reason we are updating Chapter 15 is to provide program clarification, updates to the application procedure and eligibility, and add a section outlining the process for the Sale of School and Community Forest Lands.

The primary reason we are updating Chapter 21 is to provide clarity to the different types of private land management plans and updates to the Forest Stewardship Plan standards as set by USFS. There is a 45-day service standard that has been added for review and approval of forest stewardship plans once submitted.

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Please submit your comments about this proposed guidance no later than **March 14, 2024** to:

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Next Steps

Once the 21-day stakeholder input period is complete:

- All comments will be considered
- Revisions will be made to the draft guidance if warranted
- A Response Summary will be prepared
- The Response Summary and Final Program Guidance (final handbook language) will be made [available to all internal and external stakeholders online](#)

Comments due: 03/14/2024