



**NORTHWEST
NATURAL
RESOURCE
GROUP**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Welcome to the NNRG Forestry Program, a non-profit membership and services program developed by Northwest Natural Resource Group (NNRG) to assist small forest landowners in Oregon and Washington with optimizing the economic and ecological potential of their forestlands.

Please read through our membership options and fill out the application form included at the end of this packet.

1. CONSERVATION MEMBERSHIP

Recommended for landowners who are interested in receiving direct assistance from Northwest Natural Resource Group with forest management planning or implementation.

Conservation membership includes the following benefits:

- Up to a two-hour on-site consultation at your property
- A reduced consulting rate for fee-for-service work performed by NNRG staff
- Assistance identifying cost-share and other financial assistance programs for conservation practices or small business development
- 20% or greater discount to all NNRG sponsored workshops and events over \$35
- Referrals to consulting foresters, loggers and other high quality natural resource professionals through our *Preferred Provider Program*
- Forest inventory guidebook and software

<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Initial fee</i>	<i>Annual renewal</i>
1-100	\$250	\$75
101-200	\$350	\$150
201+	Negotiated	Negotiated

NNRG strives to promote the highest level of conservation-based forest management. Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certification is one tool we use to provide recognition to forest owners who are careful stewards of their forests. Whether you choose to pursue FSC certification or not, NNRG expects all of our members to apply careful consideration to the management of their forests and strive for a minimum level of management that meets or exceeds the FSC standards.

As a member of NNRG's Forestry Program, your forest and responsible management activities give NNRG the power to promote and market your products and successes in the best way possible. Therefore, we ask that you pledge to manage your forest to a standard comparable to the FSC U.S.

Forest Management Standards. The FSC U.S. Forest Management Standards are found at: <https://us.fsc.org/forest-management-certification.225.htm>.

2. CERTIFIED MEMBERSHIP

Certified membership is for landowners interested in obtaining Forest Stewardship Council® certification for their property. Certified membership includes all the benefits listed above, plus:

- FSC® Certification
- Customized marketing assistance for your FSC certified forest products
- An 18" x 24" heavy gauge metal FSC/NNRG membership sign for your gate

<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Initial fee</i>	<i>Annual renewal</i>
1-100	\$350	\$250/\$75*
101-200	\$450	\$350/\$150*
201+	Negotiated	Negotiated

** Ongoing annual membership fees are reduced for landowners who have not conducted significant management activities, such as harvesting or road building, in the previous year. A reduced renewal fee is \$75 for 1-100 acres and \$150 for 101-200 acres. Members with over 200 acres should expect to pay roughly 1/3 of their first year fee in years with no significant management activity and 2/3 in years that require a field audit.*

Addendum to Certified Membership

In order to become Forest Stewardship Council certified through NNRG's group certificate, please be aware that you will need to fulfill the following steps:

1. Pay your annual membership fee.
2. Submit and follow a comprehensive forest management plan for the properties included in this application. The plan must be reviewed and approved by NNRG staff as to meeting the [FSC-US Forest Management Standard v 1.0](#). If you do not currently have a forest management plan, NNRG can provide resources and assistance.
3. Submit tenure rights documentation (e.g. title) if you are not the property owner.
4. Receive a site visit from an approved NNRG assessor.
5. Adhere to the Service Agreement with the Northwest Natural Resource Group, as outlined in Appendix 6 of the Membership Manual. This includes:
 - a. Abiding by all NNRG policies and operational guidelines defined in the NNRG Membership Manual;
 - b. Maintaining an NNRG approved forest management plan and make a long-term commitment to FSC standards;
 - c. Providing adequate documentation to show ownership or management rights of land parcels in the certified pool is legally secure;
 - d. Properly identifying property boundaries on the ground prior to harvest and to verify that contractors or employees know where boundaries are located;

- e. Verifying and providing documentation showing that timber harvesting or other operations are legally permitted;
- f. Granting access to lands in the certified pool to NNRG, the certifier staff (Soil Association) and designated contractors, following a minimum two days prior notice, to review compliance with certification standards;
- g. Complying with all conditions, corrective actions, suspension or termination procedures relevant to meeting the certification standards; and
- h. Responding to the Annual Renewal check-in in a timely fashion, which includes any commercial or non-commercial tree/ timber harvesting activity.

If your property and management system are compliant with FSC standards, you will receive an FSC “chain-of-custody” certificate which allows you to market and sell products within the FSC marketplace. All sales must be documented and include your unique chain of custody number, which will be assigned upon completion of your certification.

If your assessment results in preconditions that you cannot or do not wish to meet, NNRG will charge the actual cost of the monitoring visit (based on \$95/hour and current IRS rate for mileage reimbursement) and refund the remainder of your fee. Members owning less than 200 acres will not receive a refund. You may be charged additional fees for time and travel, not to exceed the amount of your original fee, for additional field auditing required to verify compliance with preconditions.

Participation in NNRG’s Forestry Program is fully voluntary, and you are free to end your membership and certification at anytime for any reason, thereby relinquishing all rights to make FSC claims via NNRG’s group certificate. If you wish to re-join NNRG, restrictions may apply.

APPLICATION FORM

Please complete and mail this form with payment to the address below.

I wish to join NNRG's Forestry Program and have enclosed a check for the following amount (check one):

Acreage	Conservation	Certified
1-100	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$350 <input type="checkbox"/>
101-200	\$350 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$450 <input type="checkbox"/>
Over 200	Negotiated <input type="checkbox"/>	Negotiated <input type="checkbox"/>

Landowner/Organization: _____

(If land is owned by more than one person, family, or organization, please identify the additional landowners or describe the ownership structure in an addendum.)

Mailing Address: _____ Property Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Property City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Property county and parcel numbers (attach list if needed): _____

Total Acreage: _____ Year the land was acquired: _____

Approximate Acres in Forest or Semi-Forested Habitat: _____

Annual Allowable Harvest if known (mbf/year): _____

Commercial Tree Species: _____

Forest Products Produced: _____

Please sign below as acknowledgement that you understand and agree to the commitments described herein.

Printed Name Title

Signature Date