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**Maine Forest Service Midcoast District – Consulting Forester Referral
List
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The following list identifies Licensed Foresters active in the Midcoast District, which includes Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, and Kennebec Counties. As District Forester, I can help you locate foresters and answer questions on a range of forestry topics, but ultimately you as the landowner have to feel confident that you have hired the person or firm that best suits your needs. This is a partial list only, for the convenience of landowners requesting MFS assistance in finding a consulting forester.

Licensed Foresters commonly provide services to landowners including:

- preparing written, long range **Forest Management Plans**, and
- planning & overseeing **timber harvests** on the landowner's behalf.

Financial incentives are available for some activities. Some foresters are eligible as **Stewardship Foresters** to provide services to landowners participating in MFS's WoodWISE incentives program. Some foresters are also eligible as **Technical Service Providers** (TSPs) under USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service programs. Landowners interested in these programs should ask prospective foresters about their eligibility.

Waldo

Didier Bonner-Ganter, Belfast	207-691-3056
Dave Knupp, Winterport	207-525-7756
Jonathan Robbins, Searsmont	207-342-5851
Ken Strickland, Downeast Land Mgt. Co., Searsport	207-548-2221
Mark Vannah, Robbins Lumber, Searsmont	207-342-5221

Knox/Lincoln

Barrie Brusila/Mitch Kihn, MidMaine Forestry, Warren	207-273-4046
Erik Carlson, C&L Forestry, Edgecomb	207-882-9735
Peter Hannah, MacKintosh Forest Services, Bristol	207-563-8300
Paul Miller, Forestry For You, Washington	207-845-3084
Donald Richards, Rockland	207-594-4934
David Schaible, Timberland Consultants, Nobleboro	207-563-5700

Kennebec

Scott Austin, Winslow	207-873-1380
John Ballew, Oakland	207-465-7691
Mark Brown, Vassalboro	207-233-9348
Harold Burnett, Two Trees Forestry, Winthrop	207-377-7196
tish carr, Belgrade	207-495-2392
John Churchill, Central Maine Forestry, Readfield	207-685-9380
Phillip Dow, Sr., Albion	207-437-4682
Stephen M. Elliot, Monmouth	207-933-3211
Carl Haag, Larix Consulting, Winslow	207-873-5841
Philip Malerba, Belgrade	207-495-3230
Jason Tyler, South China	207-445-3151
Jerry Young, Winslow	207-872-7623

Other Foresters who serve portions of the Midcoast:

Northwest:

John Ackley, Prism Forestry, Skowhegan	207-374-3611
Jason Cooke, Cooke Forestry, Skowhegan	207-474-2339
Michael Demo, Canaan	207-426-8866
Steve Gettle, Woodland Investment Services, Jay	207-491-2803
Kerry Hebert, Mt Hunger Forestry, Starks	207-696-3756
Bob Leso, Chesterville	207-778-2000
Jeff Meserve, Oversett Forest Management, South Paris	207-743-7521
Paul Larrivee/John Starrett/Joe Stevenson/ /Katie Cousins - SAPPI Fine Paper, Skowhegan	207-238-3066
Pete Tracy, Maple Hill Forest-tree, Farmington	207-778-6369
Daren Turner, Kennebec Valley Forestry, Skowhegan	207-474-7338

Southwest:

Walter Armstrong, Woolwich	207-442-7450
Rob Cotiaux, Ossipee Forest Management, New Gloucester	207-926-5392
Clif & Greg Foster, Timberstate G. Inc., Gray	207-657-4441
Rick Jones, Jones Associates, Poland Spring	207-998-5242
Mike Maines, Maine Tree Works, Gray	207-656-4425
Rene Noel/Chip Love Southern Maine Forestry Services, Windham	207-892-6562
Jeremy Stultz, Jay Braunscheidel Integrated Forest Management, Turner	207-225-5202

Northeast:

Kathleen Brooks, Brooks Forestry Services, Hampden	207-862-6745
Sam Brown, Parkman	207-277-4221
Teresa Davis, Otis	207-537-3432
Kirby Ellis, Hudson	207-327-4674
David Irving, Back to Maine Forest Management, Lincoln	207-944-9066
Keith Johnson, Fitts Mountain Forestry, Holden	207-843-5489
Doug "Bill" Mahan, Kenduskeag	207-884-8873
Jake Maier, Jake Maier Forestry, Brewer	207-989-1403
Dale Robinson, Prentiss & Carlisle, Bangor	207-942-8295
John Mills, Brewer	207-989-1434
Robert Nelson, Corinna	207-278-2361
Hugh Porter, North Hampden	207-223-5315
Fred Rooney, Sedgwick	207-359-6706
Dave Wardrop, Golden Forestry, Orono	207-356-8747

MFS suggests that landowners speak with several Foresters to get a comparison. Landowners should ask prospective foresters about their experience, background, services, and specific expertise or credentials. Landowners should request references, interview past clients, review samples of written work, and visit past harvests.

Landowners should communicate to the forester, being as specific as possible, their values and objectives for the woodland they own. Before hiring a forester, it is important that landowners gain a clear understanding of what specific services a forester will provide and what their fee(s) will be. An independent, Licensed Forester is ethically bound to serve the interests of you, the landowner, and to disclose any potential conflict of interest. Some Licensed Foresters also provide logging services.

A more comprehensive list of licensed consulting foresters is available on the MFS website, <http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpm/wwwi/wwwi.htm>, or from the Maine Board of Licensure. This website also has additional information on Maine Forest Service programs, services, and available publications.

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Possible Forester services:

Long-range Planning*:

- ▶ Preparing/updating a Forest Management Plan or similar plan
 - e.g. a Tree Growth Management & Harvest Plan
- ▶ Forest inventory & appraisal
- ▶ Mapping
- ▶ Researching/preparing/filing legal requirements or other paperwork
- ▶ Finding specialists and other contractors
- ▶ Navigating government financial assistance programs

Small projects:

- ▶ Help setting up small projects (thinning, pruning, firewood cutting, trail work, etc.)
 - Marking trees to be cut or pruned
 - Laying out & designing trails, roads, erosion control
 - Evaluating the health/condition of individual trees or forest stands
- ▶ Help locating boundary evidence

Harvesting*:

- ▶ Forest Operations planning/preparation:
 - Flagging boundaries and/or harvest area limits
 - Silviculture – determining what trees will be cut/left to meet landowner goals
 - Marking trees to be cut (or to be retained)
 - Planning/laying out roads, log landings, major trails
 - Designing Best Management Practices at/around waterbodies (erosion control, stream crossings, etc.)
 - Filing notifications/reports, researching legal requirements, obtaining permits (if necessary)
- ▶ Negotiating Harvest Agreements/Contracts on the landowner's behalf
 - Estimating timber volume/value
 - Identifying/researching a logger (with the skills & equipment to do the job)
 - Advising the landowner on fair prices
 - Negotiating prices with a logger/buyer
 - ****Developing a written Timber Harvest/Sale Contract**
- ▶ Supervising and “administering” the timber harvest contract
 - Reviewing the harvest periodically as it's occurring (especially silviculture and protection of resources)
 - Helping ensure wood is being marketed to its maximum value
 - ▶ by working with the logger, or by marketing wood directly
 - Reviewing scale slips & disbursing stumpage payments to the landowner
 - Making sure the harvest is completed and “closed out”
 - Providing harvest summary information for reporting/tax purposes

**A Forester Services Contract can establish what services will be provided, when, at what cost*

*** A Timber Harvest/Sale Contract is the most important way to ensure that a harvest will meet all landowner objectives, and provide the logger clear expectations of the work to be done. A forester working for the landowner is the best source for a clear, comprehensive written contract adapted to the landowner's needs and the harvest situation.*