Draft 2020 Forest Action Plan Assessment review period open through October 1

Technical experts and practitioners from Wisconsin's forestry community have collaborated to develop a draft of the assessment portion of Wisconsin's 2020 Statewide Forest Action Plan. The purpose of the Forest Action Plan is to develop long-term, comprehensive and coordinated strategies for addressing issues that will impact the forest resource in the coming years. The first phase of the 2020 Forest Action Plan process is to assess relevant data, information and trends impacting Wisconsin's forests and identify conditions and trends that the forestry community will collectively face. The result of that assessment will be the basis for developing strategies. For more information on the Forest Action Plan, visit www.dnr.wi.gov and search keywords "Forest Action Plan"

The information detailed in the assessment is broad in scope – it aims to assess a large amount of statewide data to paint a broad-scale picture of Wisconsin's forests and the factors affecting them. Perspectives and ideas on how to address conditions and trends identified in the assessment will be addressed by the next step of the planning process, when we shift to identifying strategies.

At this time, we are requesting input on the assessment. You can find the draft assessment here:

This review period will be open for 3 weeks. Please return all comments to Tricia Hillner (Patricia.Hillner@wisconsin.gov) by October 1st.

We thank you for your time and greatly appreciate your contributions to the 2020 Forest Action Plan.

Please contact Amanda Koch (AmandaA.Koch@wisconsin.gov) if you have any questions.