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RE: 1-D-1 (Open Space) Timber Appraisal

Dear Weldon Cook,

Texas A&M Forest Service is committed to helping Texas landowners responsibly manage and care for their forested lands. In that role, we frequently assist landowners in developing management strategies that encourage healthy, sustainable forests and long-term stewardship of natural resources.

Because every property and ownership objective is different, many landowners benefit from working directly with a **private consulting forester** when developing plans specifically intended to meet 1-D-1 Timber Appraisal requirements. Forestry consultants can provide customized, timely, and hands-on assistance tailored to the landowner's goals and appraisal needs.

To help connect landowners with these professionals, we maintain an up-to-date public directory of forestry consultants who are experienced in preparing 1-D-1 management plans. The directory, with a print list option, can be found at:

<https://texasforestinfo.tamu.edu/MyLandManagementConnector/>



These consultants are well-equipped to prepare management plans that meet appraisal criteria while promoting the long-term health and productivity of timberland. We view them as strong partners in supporting responsible land stewardship across Texas.

Of course, our agency remains available to answer questions about forest management, best practices, and general program guidance. We are always glad to assist where we can.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further support, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Riley

Management Chief
Texas A&M Forest Service