

## Forest Action Plan Process

### On-line survey

- Conducted 10 December 2019 - 15 January 2020
- Announcement put out on MFS listservs, MFS website, and forwarded to major organizations (NRCM, MFPC, Maine Woodland Owners, Project Canopy Leadership Team, Forest Legacy Committee, DIFW, Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee, NRCS State Technical Committee, Maine Audubon, US Forest Service, Certified Logging Professional Program, Professional Logging Contractors, tribal forestry contacts, and Maine Tree Farm Committee (also re-forwarded to COG's and Regional Planning Commissions, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, and Local Wood Works, there may have been others). In short, the announcement was distributed to hundreds of people across the state.
- Received 319 responses, which helped guide drafting.

### Consultations required by USFS

- State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee (required) - 21 July 2020 - approximately 30 invited - approximately 15 attended.
- State Wildlife Agency (required) - DIFW lead staff - 16 November 2020 - 2 attended.
- State Technical Committee (required) - plus NRCS lead staff - 16 November 2020 - 82 invited - 11 attended.
- Lead agency for the Forest Legacy Program (if not the state forestry agency) (required) - 18 November 2020 - 16 invited - 6 attended.
- Applicable Federal land management agencies (required) - White Mountain National Forest - 17 November 2020 - 2 attended.
- Military installations (as appropriate and feasible) - N/A

### Others briefed

- Statewide environmental organizations - 18 November 2020 - 4 attended.
- US Forest Service State and Private Forestry - 07 December 2020 - 4 attended (est.).

### Public comment draft

- Released 02 December 2020.
- Public comment open until 16 December (but we accepted late comments) - approximately 20 comments received, mostly from agencies and NGO's.
- **After considering the public comments, staff incorporated revisions to the final draft prior to submission to the USFS.**