

FSC Family Forests Alliance

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The FSC Family Forests Alliance has been created to provide a national mechanism for bringing together individuals and organizations committed to promoting responsible forest stewardship through the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards. By creating a forum for communication, cooperation, and information sharing, participants in the Alliance can pursue issues of common interest, learn from one another, and enlarge the community of landowners and small businesses practicing responsible forestry.



Alliance Organizers:

- Blue Ridge Forest Cooperative, Christiansburg, VA
- Community Forestry Resource Center, Minneapolis, MN
- Dovetail Partners, Minneapolis, MN
- Massachusetts Woodlands Cooperative, South Deerfield, MA
- Northwest Natural Resource Group, Port Townsend, WA
- Southern Forests Network, Asheville, NC
- Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands, Hebron, ME

The four primary purposes of the FSC Family Forests Alliance are to:

- Advocate for FSC policies, public policies, and procurement policies that better serve FSC-certified family forests.
- Operate as a forum to share information and strategies for successful models of certification, forest management, policy development, and market development.
- Provide more visible networks and membership opportunities for family forest owners who feel underserved by existing forest management models and landowner organizations.
- Work collaboratively to develop new resources and tools for group certification programs.

Alliance partners are individuals or organizations that support the purposes of the Alliance and are currently involved with or pursuing the development of an FSC certification program for family forest owners. Benefits of being a partner include receiving notices and updates from the Alliance about issues related to family forest certification, an opportunity to contribute to the four purposes of the Alliance, and access to the other partners in the Alliance as resources for solutions to certification's technical challenges.

For more information about the FSC Family Forests Alliance and becoming a partner or sponsor, please visit:

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