

AGREEMENT BETWEEN FORESTRY SERVICES
AND THE PINELANDS COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, both the Pinelands Commission and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Forestry Services share common interests and review responsibilities associated with forest resources in the Pinelands Area, and desire to facilitate review of forestry activities, it is hereby mutually agreed that:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Forestry Services will:

1. Prepare and update forest management plans for all state forests and parks in the Pinelands Area.
2. Submit each management plan to the Pinelands Commission for review and approval.
3. Conduct all forestry activities including reforestation in accordance with the management programs and minimum standards contained in N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.1 et seq. of the Comprehensive Management Plan with special reference to N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.4 (Forestry).
4. Notify the Pinelands Commission of proposed sites selected for harvest at least 15 days prior to completing the harvest plan, in order that the Commission may review the harvest plan prior to the bid process.
5. If the Pinelands Commission comments on the proposed site or harvest plan noted in 4 above indicate inconsistencies between the plan and the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.1 et seq., Forestry Services will postpone the bid process until the Pinelands Commission deems the project consistent with Pinelands standards.
6. Notify the Pinelands Commission of each commercial harvest contract awarded on state lands, including terms of the contract and a map of the harvest area.
7. File an application with the Pinelands Commission for the development of any new fire break or plough line greater than five (5) feet in width.
8. Continue to review applications for forestry permits on private lands for the Pinelands Commission.

The Pinelands Commission will:

1. Not require the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Forestry Services, to submit applications

for Pinelands Commission approval for those individual forestry activities cited in 4 through 6 above. In addition, the Commission will not require applications for forestry activities undertaken in times of fire emergency where imminent danger to the public safety is involved.

2. Comment on harvesting plans within 15 days of date received.
3. Assist Forestry Services in promoting forestry and in educating the public concerning precautions against wildfire in the Pinelands Area.
4. Provide Forestry Services with copies of all actions relative to forestry applications on private lands in the Pinelands Area and any written complaints relating to forestry activities received and sent by the Commission.

It is further mutually agreed that:

1. Within six months of the date of this agreement, the Department of Environmental Protection, Forestry Services, will submit a schedule for preparing forest management plans for all state forests and parks in the Pinelands Area. The maximum time for preparing any plan shall be five years from the date of this agreement. This agreement will continue to apply only to those parks and forests for which plans are prepared and submitted on schedule.
2. This agreement will continue in force unless and until modified by mutual agreement or terminated, except as provided in 1. above.
3. This agreement may be modified or terminated at any time by agreement of the parties and may be terminated by either party alone by giving sixty (60) days notice in writing.

(John D. White)
Forestry Services

3/18/87
Date

Thomas J. Spone
Pinelands Commission

2/24/87
Date

Approved as to form only:

ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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