

# POLICY STATEMENT

*addressing the IFOA objective to:*

**“encourage the multiple-use  
concept of forest management”**



Multiple-use does not mean that all uses have to be maintained on each acre. It means that, as a whole, forests do support many uses. Sometimes a single place has fewer uses, sometimes many, according to the characteristics of the site and the objectives of the landowner.



Wood products, clean water, abundant wildlife, livestock, outdoor recreation, and special forest products are all examples with potential importance that can be managed on private forest lands. These activities are interrelated in many ways, so that manipulation of one will usually affect one or more of the others in some positive or negative way.

IFOA encourages a multiple-use concept that maintains a high level of forestland productivity and forest health. Responsible forest management *can* engage multiple uses while enhancing forestland productivity.

Although landowners each have their own emphasis for managing their land, good forest stewardship requires that all uses are considered so that a primary use does not cause detrimental disturbance to another part of the ecosystem. IFOA believes that managing for multiple uses will help assure that consideration is given to all facets of forest management and result in better forest stewardship, with a better ecological balance and sustained yield of all resources.



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