

# FAQ for Landowners Interested in Forest Regeneration Monitoring

**What is FRM? Why are you doing this?** The Forest Regeneration Metric (FRM) is a monitoring tool used to assess the regrowth of seedling and sapling trees after a harvest. The Forest Regeneration Monitoring Program is using FRM to assess the status of forest regeneration across the state. The data will be used by DNR staff, resource managers, researchers, county deer advisory committees (CDACs) to inform sustainable management guidelines, assess impacts of deer browse, and monitor forestry trends. The surveys will take place across state, federal, county, and private lands. Participation of landowners will be crucial to the success of the project and collecting the best data possible.

**What kinds of sites are you looking for?** Our program is looking for properties in the highlighted counties that have been harvested within the past 8 years. Our primary sampling takes place in oak-hickory, pine, and northern hardwood forests across this zone. In selected counties, we are also looking for aspen-birch (Bayfield, Douglas, Oneida), fir-spruce (Price, Oneida, Forest) and bottomland hardwood (Marathon, Marinette, Oconto) forests. We are mainly looking for harvests larger than 15 acres.



**What does a site visit entail?** During a site assessment, a field technician will visit the recently harvested area to assess regrowth. Depending on the size of the property or nature of the cut, this typically takes 2-6 hours to fully complete. Technicians will always obtain landowner permission before entering a property and make sure you that are informed of when they plan to visit. As long as the property is readily accessible, landowners do not need to be present for the assessment.

**What kind of data will be collected?** FRM primarily measures seedling and sapling densities by height classes. Additional variables on intensity of deer browse, plant competition, and overstory shading are also evaluated.

**Is this the same as a forester's regeneration check?** No, this survey should serve as a compliment to the more intensive regeneration assessment that your forester would complete, not a replacement.

**Is there any commitment or cost to me?** This survey does not involve any obligation or cost to the landowner! We will likely want to conduct follow-up sampling a few years after our initial visit, but landowners would be contacted again at that time and are under no commitment to continue participation.

**What are the benefits for me?** Landowners will receive a report detailing our results for your property and how they relate to silvicultural guidelines. These findings can help guide your forest management and identify any obstacles to regeneration. These reports are typically mailed the fall or winter following the field season.

**Will data collected on my property remain private?** Yes. The data we collect will be compiled and reported at the county level. While these data summaries will be released to the public, no property-specific results or personal information will be linked to these publications.