

GUIDELINES FOR CONTRACTING COOPERATING FORESTERS AS DRP CONSULTANTS

Contractual third-party consultation may be considered by the Chief State Forester in deciding disputes. These guidelines should be considered when seeking to contract cooperating foresters to provide DRP consultation services.

A cooperating forester who is not involved in the dispute may be contracted to evaluate the dispute and may recommend a resolution.

The third-party cooperating forester must be a cooperating forester and, if the dispute is specific to forest certification, a qualified ATFS inspector.

Each party may propose up to 3 candidates from the current list of cooperating foresters.

All parties must agree on the choice of who to contract and should agree on their second and third choices at the same time if possible.

If the agreed upon cooperating forester is willing and available, the DNR may contract with that professional. The DNR will seek to contract with one of the cooperating foresters the parties have selected and agreed upon. If this cannot be accomplished, the Chief State Forester may seek an alternative consultant agreeable to all parties or choose to proceed without consultation.