



Commercial Forest (CF) Program

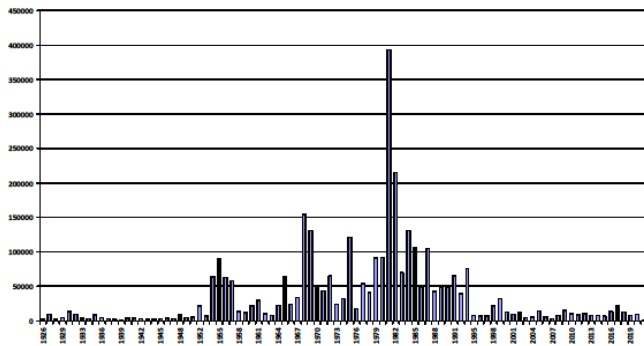
- Introduction
- As of 3/1/21, there are 2,228,932 acres, 17,718 parcels, and 1793 CF landowners in the commercial forest program.
- Average acres enrolled over the last 3 years is 7,650 acres.
- Average acres withdrawn over last 3 years is 8,200 acres.
- CF acres has remained about the same over the last 3 years due to acres enrolled being about the same as acres withdrawn.



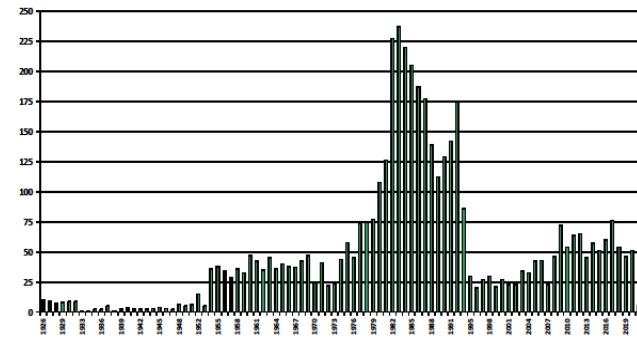
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- CF acres has also remained about the same over the last 20 years:

**Annual Commercial Forest List
Applications - Total Acres**



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Applications**





List Applications

- Can submit list applications beginning January 1, but no later than April 1 postmark. Applications submitted early will be given opportunity to correct errors/omissions if received by April 1.
- Make sure to get the application from the CF website. Need application, deed, property tax bill, plan and application fee.
- Parcels to be enrolled must be as listed on the tax bill.
- Forest Management Plans may be emailed, but all other documents must be mailed to the address on the application.
- Access can be through other CF land, State Forest, or USFS land. Easements must have language that the public can use it.
- Applicant's existing CF land must be compliant as of the April 1 deadline (this includes applicant's other ownership interests). Nothing can be pending after April 1.



List Applications

Some of the more common issues affecting eligibility discovered during field review are:

- Buildings and/or structures on the land regardless of condition
- Delinquent property taxes (existing CF and land enrolled)
- Forest management plan doesn't meet the CF program requirements
- Lack of public access
- Land posted against entry by the public
- Owner's existing CF land is not compliant
- Storage and/or disposal of personal property



CF Withdrawals

- New withdrawal application on CF website
- Parcels <40 acres may require split approval and a survey
- If withdrawal is not for all owner's CF land, a review will be done to determine if the remaining CF land is eligible to stay in CF:
 1. Meets forest productivity requirements
 2. Has access and access has not been inhibited by withdrawing the land under application
 3. Remaining CF land is compliant



CF Noncompliance

- Declassification-Removal of land from the CF program if land is not compliant.
- Declassification procedure was updated January 24, 2020.
- There are currently 300+ CF landowners that are not compliant due to:
 1. Land less than 40 contiguous acres
 2. No forest management plan
 3. Structures or other violations
- Majority of noncompliance is due to no forest management plan.



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Questions?