

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN INSTRUCTION

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CHAPTER VI ORGANISATION OF WORKS IN THE SCOPE OF PREPARING THE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE FOREST DISTRICT AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COORDINATION AND APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN

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1. Projects of forest management plans for forest districts are developed by specialized workmanship execution units based on relevant agreements.
2. The preparation of a forest management plan for the forest district is coordinated and organised by the Director of the Regional Directorate of State Forests through:
 - 1) planning the implementation of the forest management plan according to the multi-annual work schedule adopted in RDSF;
 - 2) convening the Plan Establishing Committee (PEC) - after preparatory work for drafting the forest management plan, referred to in §§ 8 and 9 of this manual - in the 8th year of validity of the current plan, whose main task is to formulate "Assumptions for the forest management plan" and the scope of the draft arrangements for the forecast of the impact of this plan on the environment and Natura 2000 areas;
 - 3) submitting, within three months after PEC, a request to the Regional Director of Environmental Protection to agree on the scope and level of detail required for the forecast of the impact of the forest management plan on the environment and Natura 2000 sites, or request a waiver of this forecast (with justification); with such an application the Director of RDSF also applies to the State Voivodship Sanitary Inspector;
 - 4) preparation of the terms of reference after the arrangements referred to in point 3 and accession (not later than in the third quarter of the 9th year of the current forest management plan) to the selection of the contractor of the forest management plan and forecasts of the impact of this plan on environment and Natura 2000 areas, according to applicable regulations;
 - 5) convening, not later than in the first quarter of the first year of the forest management plan being drawn up, the Technical and Economic Consultation (TEC), whose main task is to formulate the "Forest management plan" and acceptance of the "Forecast of the impact of the forest management plan on the environment and areas Natura 2000";

6) submission, directly after TEC, of the "Draft forest management plan" referred to in point 5, together with "Forecast of the impact of the forest management plan on the environment and areas Natura 2000", for an opinion of the Regional Director of Environmental Protection and the State Voivodship Sanitary Inspector, according to art. 54 para. 1 of the act on the provision of information about the environment, with the simultaneous publication of the draft plan in the Public Information Bulletin (PIB) of RDFS;

7) optional convening, after obtaining the opinion referred to in point 6, but no later than in the second quarter of the first year of the forest management plan being drawn up, the Draft Plan Commission (DPC), having character of a public debate about the "Draft forest management plan" and "Forecast of the impact of the forest management plan on the environment and areas Natura 2000", whose main task is to discuss submitted opinions, comments and applications, and to formulate the justifications referred to in art. 42 point 2 of the act on the provision of information about the environment; in case of opinions submitted only by the entities referred to in point 6 (no remarks to plan assumptions and to the draft plan after their publication in PIB of RDSF), DPC is not convened;

8) providing opportunities for public participation in the proceedings related to the preparation of the draft forest management plan, consisting in:

a) public announcement, at least one month prior to convening the PEC, in the PIB of RDSF and in the local press, information of joining a forest management plan for a given district, on the expected date of convening the PEC in this matter, on the possibility of public participation in the PEC proceedings, and about "Assumptions for the forest management plan" determined during the PEC;

b) inviting representatives of authorities, local governments, forest entrepreneurs and organisations interested in forest management and nature protection in forest districts to the meeting of PEC (which is also possible at the TEC meeting), detailing the main goals of the meeting and anticipated schedule;

c) make public - directly after the director of RDSF signed the PEC - in the PIB of RDSF and in the local press of information on the manner, place and date of presentation of the "Assumptions to the forest management plan", and on the manner, place and date (at least 21 days from public announcement) of submitting comments and requests to "Assumptions ...", as well as on competences of the Director of RDSF to consider these comments and requests;

d) make public - directly after the director of RDSF signed the TEC protocol, at least one month prior to the possible convening of DPC (referred to in point 7) - in the PIB of RDSF and in the local press of information on the manner, place and date of presentation of the "Assumptions to the forest management plan" for a given forest district, and on the manner, place and date (at least 21 days from public announcement) of submitting comments and requests to "Assumptions ...", as well as on competences of the Director of RDSF to consider these comments and requests, and of the expected date of convening the DPC, as well as the possibilities of society participation in DPC session;

e) possible inviting (see point 7) of representatives of authorities, local governments, forest entrepreneurs and organisations interested in forest management and nature protection in forest districts to the meeting of DPC, detailing the main goals of the meeting and anticipated schedule;

9) carrying out inspections and approving of draft forest management plan (periodical, stage and final), according to Regulation No. 63 of the General Director of State Forests of August 13, 2002;

10) preparing an application for approval of the forest management plan together with a written summary, referred to in art. 55 sec. 3 of the act on the provision of information about the environment, and applying to the minister competent for environmental matters - through the General Director of State Forests - to approve this plan;