



WHAT IS A PIONEER TREE FARM?

The Pioneer Tree Farm category allows interested landowners who do not quite meet the American Forest Foundation (AFF) standards to participate in the American Tree Farm System. The Pioneer category also serves as a corrective action program for landowners who were found, through an inspection or other contact, to be out of conformance with the standards and program requirements.

The goal of the Pioneer Tree Farm category is to provide landowners the opportunity to work toward certification whether they are new to the Tree Farm system or were previously certified but must update their management requirements.

In New Hampshire, Pioneer Tree Farms must meet the AFF standards within the time frame recommended by the inspector and approved by the N.H. Tree Farm Executive Committee.

Pioneer Tree Farms may not display the Certified Tree Farm Sign and they no longer qualify for the New Hampshire Documented Stewardship reduced rates category under Current Use.