

**Green Mountain Division  
New England Society of American Foresters  
Funding Statement for  
Public Natural Resource Agencies**

The Green Mountain Division of the New England Society of American Foresters (GMD) is comprised of about 170 members, employed in all sectors of the forestry profession. Whether our members are involved in private or public lands management, decisions made concerning our natural resources affect their ability to do their jobs and sustain those resources. As the organization representing the forestry profession, the GMD supports the advancement of education, research, and technology associated with the practice of forestry and the stewardship and sustainability of this country's resources.

As our understanding of natural systems continues to increase and the stewardship goals of society have shifted, public natural resource agencies have taken on many more responsibilities. Over time traditional funding sources have become inadequate to fully support the additional work loads of these agencies. At this time it is important to support reasonable and creative funding sources in order to allow public natural resource managers to protect and manage the valuable natural resources for which they are responsible.

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