

BOARD OF FORESTRY POLICY OBJECTIVES

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PRC §740 sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Forestry. "It shall . . . represent the state's interest in the acquisition and management of state forests . . . in federal land matters pertaining to forestry, and in the protection of the state's interests in forest resources or private lands, and shall determine, establish and maintain an adequate forest policy for guidance of the Division of Forestry [sic]. . . ."

The clear intent of the Legislature was to establish a policy-making body for the management and protection of all the forest resources of the state. Included in these broad policy-making responsibilities is, of course, what is now termed environmental protection responsibilities.

These responsibilities extend not only to privately owned forest resources but also to those resources controlled by the federal government, municipalities, and other governmental agencies.

The Board of Forestry has defined specific policies directed toward the protection of the state's forest, range, and watershed resources. These include policies for the protection and management of forests to minimize damage from fire, disease, insects, and other destructive agents; to promote effective forest practices; to protect watersheds from fire; to reduce floods and erosion; to ensure natural forest regeneration; to promote reforestation; to promote suitable vegetative protection for watershed lands; to promote research in wildland management; and to promote conservation and fire prevention education, and to cooperate with other agencies and private organizations to achieve the above objectives. These policies are directly related to the protection of the environment.

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