

**MS BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS #844-00**

**5 - YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2024 - 2028**

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## **1. Comprehensive Mission Statement**

The mission of the Board of Registration for Foresters is to benefit and protect the general public and the forest resources of the State of Mississippi by regulating the practice of forestry and requiring that persons practicing or offering to practice forestry be lawfully registered to do so. The Board will promote the highest standards of professional conduct among the Registered Foresters of the State of Mississippi through Mississippi Law and the Code of Ethics for Foresters.




## **2. Philosophy**

The Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters is committed to the purposes of safeguarding forests by regulating the practice of forestry and requiring that persons practicing or offering to practice forestry as a registered forester are qualified to be registered. This both benefits and protects the public and the forest resources in the State of Mississippi.

## **3. Relevant Statewide Goals and Benchmarks**

Statewide Goal #1.: To use every possible means to make the public aware of the importance of using a Registered Forester to secure the best results from their forest resources and safeguard the public.

Relevant Benchmarks #1.:

-  Examination
-  Registration
-  Complaints

## **4. Overview of the Agency 5-Year Strategic Plan**

The Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters has two activity areas as priorities for the next five years under their current program. The Board plans to expand in areas of communication media to make the public aware of our natural forest resources and the need to preserve them. This effort will create a need to update software and hardware for a new database and web page to keep registrants and public up to date and more informed. Also, for employers to offer incentives to forestry graduate employees to become registered Foresters to protect public interests.

The Board plans to make people more aware of the process of prosecution if you practice forestry without a license or violate the Registered Foresters Law of 1977, Mississippi Code 73-36. When the public becomes more aware of the importance of using Registered Foresters it will reduce the number of complaints the Board handles each year, promote the profession to increase registrations and to better serve and protect the people of Mississippi.

## 5. Agency's External/Internal Assessment

- 1) The number of professional foresters would affect the performance of the board and the profession.
- 2) Changes in technology will be used to enhance quality of forestry management and registrations.
- 3) Changes in policies and procedures required by government entities for education and funds management impact the goals of the Board's program.

The Board of Registration for Foresters utilizes the expertise of the State Director of The Mississippi Forestry Commission, the State Forester who serves as ex officio member of the Board; the Mississippi Extension's Forestry Leader, serves as advisor to the Board. The Mississippi State University professors in the School of Forest Resources, that are Registered Foresters, are used to produce, maintain, and expand the required examination for registration utilizing current technology practices. Management policies are in place to address deficiencies in the processes of the agency. Budgetary constraints are considered to keep the Board's assets and financial obligations accountable.

## 6. Agency Goals, Objectives, Strategies and Measures by Program for FY 2024 through 2028:

Program: Exam, Regulation and Licensure

**6.1 Goals:** Support and sustain the Board's website for Registered Foresters and the general public.

**6.2 Objectives:** Effectively manage registration information to proctor examinations, provide regulation, to be informed of registration requirements and to better serve the people of Mississippi and to safeguard our forest resources.

*Outcome:* Change in number of registrations and complaints

**6.3 Strategies:** Provide up to date information by keeping up with current technology needs and increasing the efficiency of the registration system, complaints filed and proctoring of exams.

*Output:* Increased number of registrations and decreased number of complaints

*Efficiency:* Increased revenue for profession and decreased expenditures for investigations.

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