



## **Public Lands Foundation Position Statement Forest Carbon Stewardship Principles for Public Lands**

### **Executive Summary**

The nation's public lands play a critical role in the stewardship of carbon stored and sequestered by natural vegetation across the landscape. Carbon management has become a consideration in the management of forests and grasslands across all ownership types. The National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) has devoted considerable time developing a science statement written by member scientists with considerable experience researching carbon in forests and grasslands titled *Forest and Grasslands Carbon: Science to Support Principles for Carbon Stewardship in the Nation's Forests*. The NAFSR Board of Directors used the Science Statement to develop a position statement, *Forest Carbon Stewardship Principles for Our Nation's Forests*. NAFSR approved the statement at their 2024 annual meeting on February 6, 2024.

The Public Lands Foundation Board of Directors finds that the NAFSR position is based on sound science and the principles developed are broad enough for use in carbon stewardship on BLM-managed forests and rangelands and adopts the NAFSR position statement and science statement for PLF use. In particular, the Board finds the support of "Principle #3, Diverse Approaches", meshes well with the BLM philosophy of partnerships, that "meaningful engagement with diverse partners helps ensure that management decisions and efforts reflect the interests of affected communities while accomplishing shared or complementary goals (<https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/partnerships>)".

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