**Section 1536.25 Preparation of Forest Management Plans**

This practice provides timber growers with an additional opportunity to obtain professional assistance in Plan preparation.

a) The timber grower must accept the Plan and sign the Certification Form before the IDNR Forester will authorize reimbursement for the cost-share of the Plan preparation practice.

b) A cost-share application for this practice must be submitted and approved by the IDNR Forester prior to development and preparation of a Plan.

c) The Plan must meet the conditions, requirements, standards and specifications contained in FDA, 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1537 and this Section.

d) Components eligible for cost-share reimbursement can include reconnaissance, travel, secretarial, mailing, telephone, forest inventory, data analysis and plan writing.

e) Copies of inventory output must be submitted to the IDNR Forester with the proposed Plan.

f) The flat rate payment for this practice is $300 plus $7 per acre. The base cost for this practice is $400 plus $10 per acre.

g) Fractional acres for all stands and practices in a Plan shall be rounded to the nearest 1/10th acre for cost-share payment.

(Source: Amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 4272, effective March 31, 2017)