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This publication contains a list of consulting foresters and the services each provides for Louisiana forest landowners.

A consulting forester is like a doctor, lawyer, or engineer in that he provides professional services for a fee. The basic requirement of a consulting forester is a Bachelor of Science degree from a recognized school of forestry. In addition, he may hold licenses as a realtor, lawyer, surveyor, or other specialized field. Most consultants have worked for several years in public or industrial forestry before going into private practice. Consulting foresters and consulting firms set their own fees. Fees may be based either on the amount of time and expenses involved in a job or on a lump -sum contract for the job. Fees may also be based on a percentage of the amount realized from a timber sale. The Louisiana Office of Forestry strongly recommends that a complete understanding of the work and of the fee be established before retaining the services of a consultant. As in any other contract for goods or services, a written agreement is preferable.

Louisiana does not require the licensing of foresters, thus any person, even if he is untrained and inexperienced, may CALL HIMSELF a consulting forester. The Office of Forestry's policy prohibits recommendations for a specific consultant by its employees. Instead, the agency suggests that landowners obtain recommendations from other landowners and that they ask prospective consultants for credentials and/or references.

The Louisiana Office of Forestry endorses the services of qualified consulting foresters and urges Louisiana forest landowners to use their services for more professional management of their forest land.

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 - (b) Hardwood
- (2) Timber marking service,
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 - (b) Sawlogs only
 - (c) Poles and piling only
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- (4) Boundary line, establishment
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 - (a) Establishment only
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