Steps for Consultant Foresters or Wildlife Biologists when Writing Forest Stewardship Plans

1. Check to see if parcel(s) is a Forest Stewardship Priority Parcel and has at least 50 forested acres.
   a. Landowners are eligible for reimbursement for Forest Stewardship plan development when they have at least 50 forested acres and their parcels are also considered a Forest Stewardship Priority Parcel (The sum of parcels with >50% FSP priority pixels).
      i. Reimbursement Rates:
         1. 50-100 forested acres = $600/ FSP plan
         2. Over 100 forested acres: Base Funding ($600) + $4/forested acre over 100 forested acres up to a max of $2,000.

2. The Consulting Forester must be on the SC Forestry Commission’s Consulting Forester List.

3. If the lead author is a Wildlife Biologist, it must be co-authored with an above Consulting Forester.

4. Note: If your parcel(s) doesn’t qualify for plan reimbursement, but is at least 10 acres, you can still have a Forest Stewardship plan written by a SC Forestry Commission forester at no charge.

5. Have Landowner fill-out, sign, and submit Forest Stewardship Application to the appropriate SCFC Regional Forest Stewardship Forester.
   a. If seeking Forest Stewardship Plan Reimbursement, include the following:
      i. IRS’ W-9 filled out
      ii. Parcel Stewardship Report(s) from FSP Parcel Viewer

6. Wait until Applicant receives funding approval before plan development.

7. Applicants have 6 months to complete the plan after funding approval.

8. Review Forest Stewardship Plan Criteria and Templates, one-year free membership to SC Tree Farm, Program Monitoring and Forest Stewardship Recognition.

9. Once plan is finished, send to the appropriate Regional Stewardship Forester for approval.

10. For reimbursement once the plan is complete and approved, turn receipts into the same regional Stewardship Forester.