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Includes 12 chapters of case studies involving interviews with forest-owning families all over the United States; families who are trying to pass their forests intact for one or more generations.

A chapter on the many strategies forest-owning families can use to pass lands without having to subdivide forests; including full details on current tax advantages of different strategies, and a complete discussion of how to use land trusts.

One chapter is devoted to family meetings; how to engage children and grandchildren in meaningful conversations regarding your plans to pass woodlands within the family.

A glossary of forestry and legal terms introduced throughout the book, so readers thoroughly understand the legal methods used to effect intergenerational transfer of forests. The book is also fully indexed to allow readers to quickly locate all aspects of topics of interest.

Book Specifications

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Planning Family Forests

How to Keep Woodlands Intact and in the Family



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About the book...

It took nine years to complete this project for reasons explained in the book's Preface. The book contains stories of forest-owning families representing every major timber type in the United States. Their narratives tell the trials, missteps and successes of an older generation of woodland owners sufficiently committed to keeping their family forests productive, devoted to forest benefits, while also maintaining the environmental quality of woodland landscapes.

Chapters, 17 in all, describe the problems facing family forest owners in America: that *parcelization of forests leads to fragmentation of purpose*. Unless current titleholders take steps to keep forests intact, there is a high probability that heirs will liquidate.



Are forests just another asset? Or are they well-managed ecosystems worth keeping intact?

If you fail to plan, this is what will happen:



Quotes from the book:

If there is one thing we've learned over the years it is that families connect with the land. Without these connections, forests lose some of their special qualities and, with time, families go their own ways. – Sherry, Midwest

It is very important to realize that when you have woodlands it is a long term investment. There has to be a lot of passion and humor about it. – Paul, Pacific Coastal

I want somebody who will love the land ... the way my parents loved it. – Mary, Alleghenies

We look upon the land as just another kid at the table when it comes to our estate. – Doris, Northern New England

I want to manage [my land] from the grave. – Brian, Southeast.

It's never enough. You cannot have too much communication. – Steve, South Central