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November 7, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), Division of Forests and Lands requests **Retroactive** renewal of a membership with the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) (VC #170159), Washington, DC in the amount of \$11,552.18 for Fiscal Year 2026 annual assessment effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. 100% General Funds.

Funding is available in account, Forest & Lands Administration, as follows:

	<u>FY2026</u>
03-035-035-351000-10-35000000-026-500251 - Organizational Dues	\$11,552.18

EXPLANATION

This request is **Retroactive** because, while the invoice covers the timeframe beginning October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 the department cannot submit requested action until the invoice was received in November.

Membership in the NASF is beneficial to the State of New Hampshire by providing a forum for sharing information and problem solving; allowing members to identify and discuss emerging issues and trends and share ideas on innovative approaches to topics from forest sustainability to agency management. Only NASF members have the license authority to use Smokey Bear images in wildfire prevention materials and programs.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization? **NASF has been in existence since 1920 and NH has always been a member.**
2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to? **No, there is no other organization that provides the same or similar services.**

3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hamp hire state agency that is a member? **All 50 states, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the US Territories are all members of the organization. Our agency is the only NH state agency that is a member.**

4. How are the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population. based on other criteria, etc.) **Membership dues are standard. All states pay the same amount of dues.**

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership? **NASF keeps members informed on national legislation and administrative policies affecting state and private forest lands. NASF is one of the leading organizations that provide support at the federal level for forestry programs such as the Farm Bill that provides funding to the States. The division receives approx. %15 of its budget from these federal programs.**

6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? Yes. If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail. **Yes. Information is disseminated to members through various communication methods including member updates, website, publications, and action alerts.**

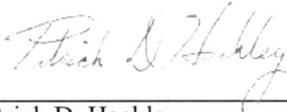
7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain. **No, but members have received federal funds through ASF for their states.**

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips. **Yes. Travel for members to attend committee meetings, trainings, partner organizations meetings, and meeting with the US Forest Service is included in the fee.**

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization) **The State Forester (Division Director) is a voting member, and the Forest Management Bureau Administrator serves on the NASF Forest Markets and Utilization Committee.**

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if Agency did not belong to this organization. **The State Forester would not have the support needed on national issues related to State and Private Forest lands that affect New Hampshire. In addition, we would not be allowed to use Smokey Bear for fire prevention.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Concurred,



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Annual Membership Dues

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MEMBERSHIP
DUES
DATE 10/01/2025
DUE DATE 10/01/2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10/01/2025	FY26 - NASF Annual Membership Dues NASF Annual Membership Dues - FY26 (October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026)	11,552.18

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this invoice, please contact Rafael Chapman (NASF Accounting Department) for assistance at (202) 624-5258 or email at rchapman@stateforesters.org

BALANCE DUE **\$11,552.18**

NASF Accepts Check, Wire Transfer or Credit Card.

THANK YOU!!