

NACD & FORESTRY

Working with the Forestry Community

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POLL

- How many know about local conservation districts?
- How many have worked with local conservation districts?

OVERVIEW

- Who is the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)?
 - Work with Forestry
 - Communications
 - Policy
- State Associations
- Local Districts
- How Districts can help SICs

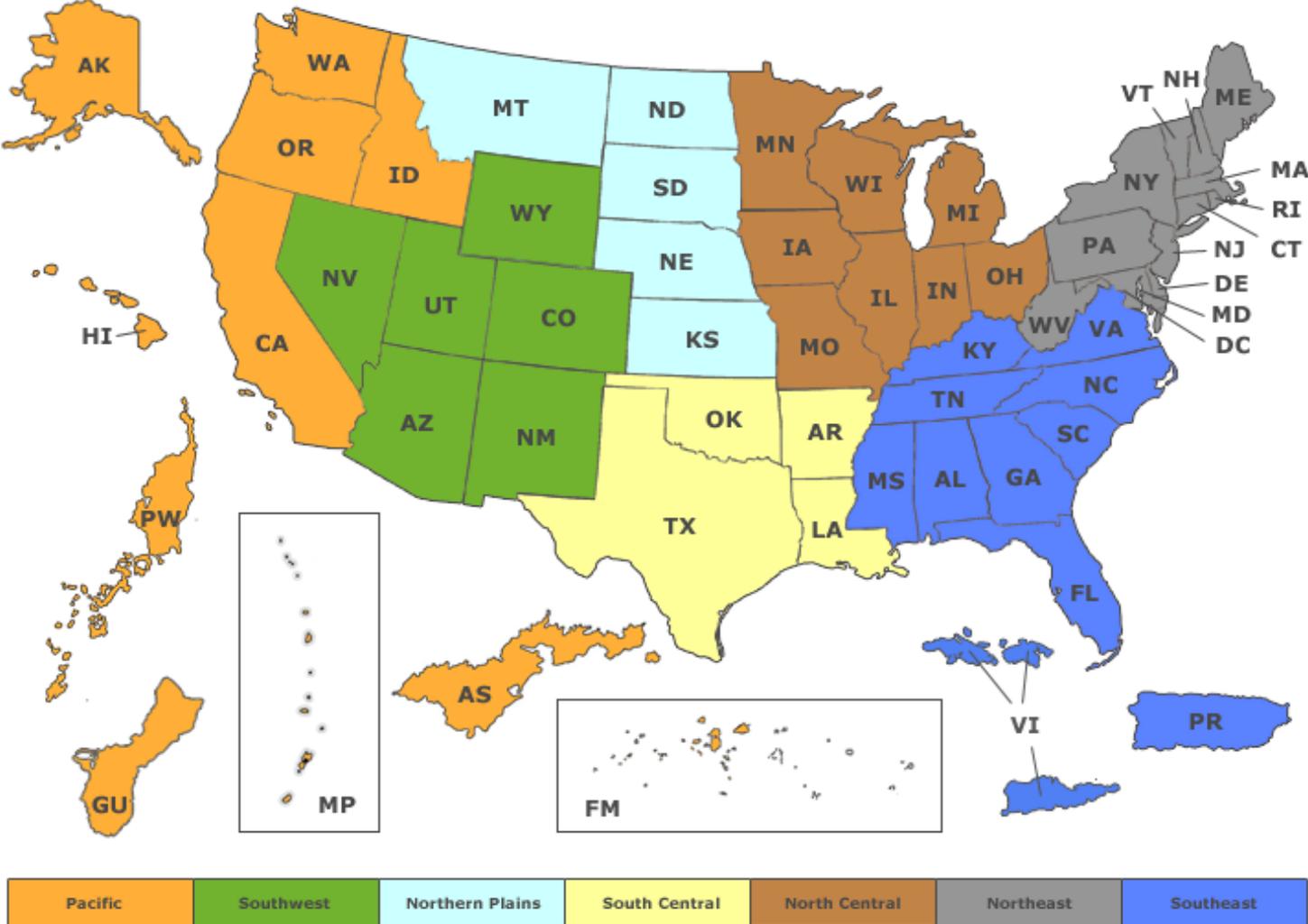


WHO IS NACD?

- Representing America's 3,000 local Conservation Districts
- Focused on locally-led delivery system
- Serving as a voice for conservation in Washington, DC
 - Government and Regulatory Affairs
 - Communications
- Board of Directors and foundation committees
- Provides information, tools, and trainings
- Building partnerships and coalitions



NACD REGIONS



NACD WORK WITH FORESTRY

- NACD Natural Resources Policy Committee (NRPC)
- Forest Resource Policy Group (RPG)—Subcommittee of NRPC
 - Representatives from each of NACD's seven regions
 - Meet during NACD Annual Meeting (January) and summer (July)
 - Oversee NACD forest policy
- Participate in regional and national forestry meetings
- Member of Joint Forestry Team (JFT) with National Association of State Foresters (NASF), United States Forest Service (USFS) & Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Seat on USFS's Forest Resource Coordinating Committee
- Numerous coalitions and partnerships
 - Sustainable Urban Forestry Coalition
 - Forest in the Farm Bill Coalition



PARTNERS IN FORESTRY

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- United States Forest Service (USFS)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- National Association of State Foresters
- Society of American Foresters
- American Forest Foundation
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- National Alliance of Forest Owners
- Public Lands Council



FOREST POLICY

- Forest Roads
- Multiple Use Public Lands
- Forest Health (e.g. Fire, Insect, Other Hazards)
- Federal Forest Programs
- Categorical Exclusions
- Planning Rule
- Secure Rural Schools
- Agroforestry

FEDERAL FOREST PROGRAMS

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Healthy Forest Reserve Program
- Forest Stewardship Program
- Forest Legacy Program
- State Fire Assistance
- Forest Health Management Program
- Forest Inventory and Analysis

STATE ASSOCIATIONS

- Focused on state/local outreach & education
- State associations serving as independent entity assisting local districts
- Each state has seat on NACD Board of Directors
- 33 states with an executive director
- Many states with forestry committee
- Cooperative agreement with state/federal agencies
 - State level Joint Forestry Teams (JFT)

LOCAL DISTRICTS

- Entity of local government, authorized by state legislatures
- Board of 3 to 5 elected or appointed officials—all volunteer
- Main driver of the locally-led process
- Chair of local working groups (LWGs)
- Focuses on work with private landowner conservation
- Provides technical expertise for on-the-ground conservation
- Coordinate with other conservation efforts throughout jurisdiction/state

HOW DISTRICTS CAN HELP SICs

- Serve as a connector with private landowners
- Provide technical expertise
- Opportunity to participate with local work groups (LWGs)
- Resource for forest management plans and practices
- Develop conservation plans
- Help connect landowners with forest markets

QUESTIONS?

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