

There are not enough DEEP foresters to manage the 175,000 acres of State Forests. The State is sitting on millions of dollars of timber resources that could be responsibly and sustainably managed to produce revenue for the State's coffers and add jobs in a forest products based economy. There needs to be one DEEP forester for every 15,000 acres of State Forests to manage our State's timber resources responsibly. The current ratio is one forester for 30,000 acres, or put another way, only one forester for each 47 square miles of State Forest. We need to hire six DEEP foresters.

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