

Use Value Appraisal: Signature Requirements on Forest Management Plans

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Background:

One of the eligibility requirements for enrollment in Use Value Appraisal is that forest management plans must be signed by the owner of the parcel (32 V.S.A. § 3755). The Minimum Standards for Forest Management and Regeneration has required “original signatures” of all legal landowners.

Policy:

Effective immediately, the written, electronic, facsimile, or photocopied signature of a landowner on a forest management plan will be presumed to be valid. This policy supersedes and replaces any FPR requirement that only “original signatures” will satisfy the requirement that UVA forest management plans be signed.

These changes will be incorporated into the next revision of the manual.