

UAM OPERATING PROCEDURE 745.1

HARVESTING OF TIMBER

The University of Arkansas at Monticello's (UAM) School of Forestry and Natural Resources (School) promotes development and sharing of knowledge and stewardship of Arkansas's natural resources. One way the School accomplishes this goal is by owning and managing properties providing opportunities for research, education and sustainable use. A primary sustainable use is the harvesting of timber.

UAM's forests are located primarily in Monticello and Southeast Arkansas and represent conditions common to Arkansas' forests. Through periodic data collection, these forests provide continuous information on how forests change. These data allow assessment of forest change in relation to succession, disturbance, health, and harvesting over time. Data, in addition to timber, remain an important product of these forestlands.

Timber sales:

1. The property must have a management plan prior to harvesting any timber. The management plan should indicate the purpose, location, method and general intensity of the proposed harvest.
2. UAM's forester will supervise all marking and harvesting of timber.
3. Income derived from timber sales will be split between the School (25%) and UAM's general fund (75%). Income will be determined to be gross proceeds from all sales less the costs to harvest (survey, advertisement, etc.).
4. Income allocated to the School shall be used in the management of University forests. Expenditures for site preparation and planting must be approved by the Provost.
5. An unscheduled timber harvest in a University forest/block/compartiment/stand could result from an act of nature such as fire or wind. If this occurs, prompt and reasonable efforts will be taken to (1) salvage salable timber and (2) then restore the site to the previous or improved condition as soon as is practical. Site restoration should not hinder the salvaging of salable timber.
6. Following a scheduled timber harvest, post-harvest timber stand improvement and/or site preparation must be completed in accordance with the management plan.

Timber harvesting in conjunction with the sale of University property will be considered to be outside the purposes of this policy. All harvesting of timber must be conducted in accordance with best management practices including the proper location of log yards, main skid roads, and stream crossings.

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