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## **American Tree Farm System Certification**

The City of Coos Bay and the Coos Bay North Bend Water Board recently acquired an American Tree Farm System (ATFS) Certification in recognition of management practices in their forestlands in the Pony Creek and Joe Ney Watersheds. These forestlands are managed for the citizens of the Coos Bay area to ensure and protect the high quality of their potable water supply. The Tree Farm Standards go beyond minimum State Forest Practice Standards to ensure a steady supply of timber, wildlife, and clean water.

ATFS is the United States' oldest certification program. In 1941, ATFS began promoting responsible forest management on our nation's private forests. The Tree Farm sign is the sign of good stewardship. ATFS certification gives woodland owners confidence and validation that they are doing right by their land. ATFS certification is now internationally-recognized and meets strict third-party verification and auditing standards. An ATFS-certified forest meets eight standards of sustainability and is managed for multiple purposes. ATFS is a strong network of woodland owners who share the same core values of hard work, community responsibility, and commitment to protecting America's forest legacy. Woodland owners with ATFS certified forestland provide multiple public benefits from clean air and water, wildlife, to green jobs and forest products.

If you have any questions, please call the City of Coos Bay Public Works and Development Department's Engineering Division at 541-269-8918.

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