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## Forest Stewardship Plans

### Description of Plans Included in SAP Maps

Two categories of Forest Stewardship Plans were compiled and mapped for SAP Maps 2, 3, 6, and 7: (1) Existing Stewardship Plans and (2) FY 2008 Stewardship Plans. For FY 08, both polygons of tract boundaries and centroids were compiled. For existing stewardship plans, centroids and buffers based on plan acreage were utilized.

Existing Stewardship Plans included all plans belonging to Certified Stewardship Forests in the 10 years before FY 2008. The Certified Stewardship Forest Program (CFSP) identifies and awards landowners who have implemented Stewardship practices on their property. This recognition program, or a similar one, has been conducted by all states in the South. In Louisiana, the program was initiated in 1992. Centroid points for all historic Certified Stewardship Forest tracts were digitized from paper maps or from GPS readings taken in the field. The State Stewardship coordinator maintains full copies of each Forest Stewardship Plan belonging to Certified Forest Stewards. Most all paper maps were products of heads-up digitizing over digital orthophotos or imported from field data collected with Solofield software. Existing Stewardship Plans are shown as black points on SAP Maps 2, 3, and 6. Because points were used on Maps 2, 3, and 6, black polygons are shown on Map 7, which zooms in on one typical Southeast Louisiana Parish.

FY 2008 Stewardship Plans includes ALL plans developed in federal fiscal year 2008. Polygon shapefiles were gathered from Louisiana Office of Forestry field foresters, LOF GIS department, consultant foresters under contract, LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries biologists, and compiled into one shapefile. FY 2008 Stewardship Plans are shown as red points on SAP Maps 2, 3, and 6 and as red polygons on Map 7.