

WebDET Intended Audience

The WebDET computer application is designed to be used and accessed by field foresters, state planners and administrators, and federal coordinators.

All people accessing WebDET will be required to be required to authenticate themselves (essentially establishing that you are who you say you are when you gain access to the computer application) and then will be granted authorization to use the WebDET application, based on intended use and need. If a person will be using WebDET, the STATE ADMINISTRATOR will be notified of that need. The STATE ADMINISTRATOR will normally be the Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) Manager for the state (see State Contact for your state, under [State Results](#))

Once the State Administrator has approved the need to access WebDET, then the prospective user will be directed to establish an e-authentication account. WebDET users will be required to obtain a “Level 2” e-authentication account.

User-friendly instructions for setting up a Level 2 account are available at:
<http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/eauthWhatIsAccount.html>

This site explains that a WebDET prospective user must have a valid email address to register for an account with Level 2 Access. They will then be directed to create an account, and finally will need to visit, in person, a USDA Service Center (normally located in each county at the location of the NRCS or FSA offices) and provide a photo identification. The USDA Service Center will then activate the user’s e-authentication account. They are then ready for WebDET authorization!

Authorization focuses on identifying the person’s user permissions. Once a prospective WebDET user has been identified by the State Administrator that he or she should have access to WebDET, and they obtain an e-authentication account, they will then be granted the appropriate level of permissions to WebDET. Table 1 describes the extent of access each category of user will be provided.

Plan Preparers (field foresters) – Plan preparers are those professionals who work directly with non-industrial private forest landowners by preparing Forest Stewardship Management Plans. In some states, the FSP is delivered by state forestry agency employees or other state natural resource professionals, while in others it is delivered exclusively by consultant foresters and natural resource professionals, and yet other states employ a combination of the two – utilizing both consultant foresters and state employees.

WebDET allows plan preparers, working with private landowners, to prepare Forest Stewardship Management Plans, record contact and other attribute information of the plan property, track plan implementation accomplishments, and spatially display and analyze plan locations and associated activities, through internet access, without the need for desktop GIS software or software expertise.

Plan preparers are provided access to WebDET to create plans, edit those plans, and manage the plans and their accomplishments through time. They are only allowed access to the plans they create. The majority of WebDET users will be plan preparers. (See Table 1)

State Administrators and Browsers – These WebDET users are primarily State Forestry Agency personnel who APPROVE Forest Stewardship Management Plans, review the summary information for the plans in their state, and use the results to track accomplishments and to strategically deliver the Forest Stewardship Program. State Administrators authorize new WebDET users in their state (plan preparers and browsers). State Administrators and Browsers can ONLY access their state records. (see Table 1)

Plan Approvers – Plan approvers are State forestry agency personnel who have the authority to approve Forest Stewardship Plans prepared by state employees or by consultant foresters. They have the ability to see the plans prepared by individuals within their jurisdictional area, approve those plans and query the database within their state. They are not able to edit the plans, rather they would need to return the plan to the plan preparer to edit to the extent necessary and then resubmit for approval by the Plan Approver. (see Table 1)

National Browsers – These WebDET users are primarily Forest Service national State and Private Forestry-Cooperative Forestry program leads and staff or Forest Service regional FSP coordinators and support staff, including database and GIS specialists. They have the ability to query the summary information from across the nation, and to map and quantify those results. They do NOT have the ability to look at individual plans including any landowner contact information. (see Table 1)

National Administrator – The National Administrator is the authorizing entity who grants permission and access to WebDET prospective users. State Administrators will send names and requested levels of access to the National Administrator who will then grant that authorization and provide the new WebDET user with account information and direction. (See Table 1)

Table 1 – WebDET USERS AND THEIR ROLES
(extracted from ESRI – WebDET Documentation)

	National Administrator	National Browser	State Administrator	Plan Approver	State Browser	Plan Preparer
Manage all users	X					
Manage all users in your state except National Administrators, National Browsers, and other State Administrators			X			
View detailed information about plans	X		X	X	X	X
View all approved plans	X	X				
View all approved plans in your state			X	X	X	
View all plans pending approval in your state			X	X		
View all plans pending deletion in your state			X			
View all plans approved, pending deletion, pending approval, and in progress that you created						X
Edit the approved and in progress plans that you created						X
Check out a plan for disconnected editing						X
Submit a plan for approval						X
Approve plans in your state			X	X		
Delete or confirm deletion of plans in a state			X			
Delete or confirm deletion of plans that you created						X
Query (advanced, by activity, by geopolitical association, or by preparer) on visible plans	X	X	X	X	X	
Query (advanced, by activity, or by geopolitical association) on visible plans						X
Run summary reports and print maps of all visible plans	X	X	X	X	X	X
Download a personal geodatabase of query results for approved plans. Confidential information is removed depending on the your access permissions.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Validate the entire WebDET database	X					
Recalculate the geopolitical associations for the entire database	X					
Download a complete statewide database			X			
Download an empty statewide database schema			X			
Upload a populated statewide personal geodatabase			X			