Project: Summary Report for the USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program: An Analysis of State Forestry Agency Organizational Structure and its Effectiveness for the Sustainable Monitoring of Conservation Easements

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Summary:

The United States Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program (FLP) was established to find and protect environmentally important forests threatened by conversion to non-forest land. The FLP provides Federal funds for states to purchase and conserve environmentally important forest lands. States must follow FLP established guidelines in order to be eligible to receive funds. The Capstone team analyzed organizational designs and ultimately recommended structures to ensure that states effectively and efficiently follow the FLP guidelines.