

servation districts, private organizations and corporations, consultants, and to developers of residential and commercial areas. Technical advice, assistance and training, involving establishment, maintenance, protection and use of trees and associated woody plants to improve environmental quality, may be provided to individuals."

What does the above signify? It signifies that virtually all the functions of the private consultants in the related field would be taken over by the Forest Service with free services to all. Would not this be the death knell of private enterprise in this allied field? Or, again, Page 5, Item No. 3, "*Planning*. Technical forestry assistance may be provided to regional and local planning agencies and other qualified clients," etc. Then further: "Such planning assistance includes advice on land development — the selection of trees and other woody plants for streets and roadsides —" etc. All this very definitely usurps the functions of private consultants in this field for what local planning agency would employ a private consultant if such a service is provided free of charge by the Forest Service whether Federal or State?

Once again, last paragraph, Page 3, "Planning assistance may include inventories of street trees in communities to provide a basis for recommendations for removal — or maintenance." This is presently one of the functions of the private Urban Forester Consultant.

Or under "Kind of Assistance" Section 'd' Page 6 — Maintenance — Technical advice may be available in the proper maintenance of trees and woody shrubs." This is a very large part of the activities of the private Urban Forester or the Consulting Arborist who supply this service for a fee.

Or Section "E", Page 6, "Land Use Changes." Many landscape architects perform this service. Should they be deprived of one source of their income?

Although the "Policy" Page 3, states, "The program will encourage and support competent private enterprise tree services, landscape services, professional consulting services and others," it assumes that the Forest Service is better able to judge what is "competent" rather than leaving the judgment of competency to the give and take of the market place — the traditional place of judgment in a free enterprise system. If the Forest Service is to be the sole judge, then all of the above professionals and craft services would be subordinate to the opinions of the Forest Service and thereby those professionals would have to place themselves in a demeaning position in order to survive.

Cooperative Forestry — Urban and Community Forestry under the ACT as amended by PL 92-288, general forestry assistance can best service the nation, not by killing off free enterprise consultants, but by educating political bodies and individuals on the desirability of employing private consultants; and certainly not by supplying free services which would deprive consultants of their just living.

I do believe that we private consultants should express our opinions not only to the Forest Service in order to modify this Draft but also to our representatives as our whole independent existence may depend on it.

*Leslie S. Mayne Associates  
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## ABSTRACT

Anonymous. 1976. **Match the chain saw to the job.** *Weeds, Trees and Turf* 15(5): 28, 30-31.

Match the operator to the job too, says Michigan State University agricultural engineer Howard Doss. His checklist for safe, efficient chain saw work can be used as basic training for every person on your crew.