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*TO THE HARMONIZATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE BASE OF FOREST AND LAND INVENTORY:
DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSALS ON IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATE FOREST CADASTRE*

The study analyzed the aims and objectives of information exchange between the State Land Cadaster and the State Forest Inventory, determined how requirements for keeping the State Forest Inventory have changed and suggested the proposals to draft the document “The Procedure for Keeping the State Forest Inventory”..

Regarding the opportunities to improve the regulatory framework and modern practices for regulating forest land relations, it is still important to solve problems related to formalization of property rights to permanent land use for forestry purposes. The land survey law strictly regulates all aspects of the work, regardless of the category of land. The study proved that the promising idea of recognizing forest inventory materials as land survey materials cannot be implemented as a regulatory scheme.

Key findings and proposals expressed in the paper are as follows:

- The current system of state statistical reporting of quantitative and qualitative land records do not provide timely information on the status of forest land plots in the absence of mechanisms for the mutual exchange of documentation forms of the State Forest Inventory. In the long term, quantitative and qualitative land records will be based on the State Land Cadaster, therefore the information exchange mechanisms between the State Land Cadaster and the State Forest Inventory should be developed.

- A Draft Regulation on information exchange between the State Agency of Land Resources of Ukraine and the State Agency of Forest Resources of Ukraine provides the information exchange procedure, whereby information on cadastral numbers of land plots is entered into the State Forest Inventory and information on the distribution of land group “forests and other wooded areas” is entered in the State Land Cadaster in the forest category. The purpose of a mutual filling of cadasters with the same information is rational only in terms of the joint keeping record of lands and forests. However, until the complete filling of the State Land Cadaster such a goal is unattainable.

- The procedure for keeping the State Land Cadaster includes a section “Correcting Errors in Keeping the State Land Cadaster”. Obviously, in the process of information exchange errors will be

identified in the data of the State Land Cadaster because of errors in the land survey documentation and errors in the data of the State Forest Inventory. It is suggested that the contents of the documentation and the procedure for approval of technical documentation in case of errors in the cadaster documentation in the information interaction process should be simplified.

- The Instruction on the procedure for keeping the State Forest Inventory and initial registration of forests determines the composition of the State Forest Inventory documentation as a set of tabular forms, which summarize information on administrative and territorial units or departments based on forms provided by regular users and owners of forests. To exchange information with the State Land Cadaster the State Forest Inventory should be established as a state geographic information system.