# MY FOREST

## Where is my forest?

We can find information on the location and state of a forest, planned measures and the contact of a district forester in the *Forest data viewer* (we need the number of cadastral municipality and plot number).

## How do I define borders of a forest in the field?

To define borders of a forest plot, we can contact the district forester and, together with abutters, we roughly determine the border, whereas for a precise delineation, we should contact a geometer who will carry out the measurements. Geometer's services carry a fee.

## What does basic care of forests include?

Examining the (health status) of a forest several times a year. In, particular, we should inform the district forester of broken trees and outbreaks of pests and diseases.

Implementing type C decisions which are related to sanitary cuts and other urgent forest interventions (due to bark beetles, windthrow, ice storms etc.). The forest owner is obliged   to carry out the interventions in the forest in accordance with descriptions and time frames prescribed in the decision.

Taking care of visible property borders and following traditional rules for maintaining signs.

Forest ownership is a special type of ownership that does not apply only to an immovable property, but also includes responsibility for managing animate and inanimate nature with important ecological, social and economic roles. Accordingly, taking care of our forests should be our primary concern.

# FUTURE FOREST OWNER

# MANAGEMENT

## How do I manage my forest? Can I cut down a tree?

Based on the silvicultural plan, prior guidance of a district forester and a common agreement on the selection of trees for possible felling, the Slovenia Forest Service issues a decision in an administrative procedure. This decision contains all foreseen works, scope and conditions for implementation (e.g. silvicultural and protection works; quantity and structure for the largest possible felling, guidance and conditions for felling and skidding of timber etc.). This is a matter of agreement between the owner and the district forester – between what we, as owners, are allowed and want to do. The district foresters adapt to the needs of owners (e.g. if an owner needs construction timber, suitable trees are selected).

## Who are district foresters and what can we expect from them?

A district forester is responsible for guiding the management of a forest in alignment with the forest management and silvicultural plan and for providing advisory services to forest owners in their forest district. They are the contact for information on your forest. The district forester will provide advice on a adequate forest management, implementation of measures, acquiring subsidies and co-financing, and respecting obligations and rights of a forest owner. You can find contact information for the district foresters at the Slovenian Forest Service website.

## Where can I find contractors for performing works in the forest?

Via the portal: www.mojgozdar.si

# STEPS TO A RESPONSIBLE FOREST OWNER

**1.**
I check on-line the location, status and planned measures and contact the district forester for a field inspection of the forest.

**2.**
I carry out the field inspection with the district forester and agree on planned interventions in the forest.

**3.**
Upon receiving the decision by the Slovenian Forest Service, I chose the contractor for carrying out work in the forest (www.mojgozdar.si).

**4.**
At least once a year I visit the forest and monitor the health status of trees and maintenance of paths, I notify the Inspectorate for Forestry and the police of unmonitored waste disposal sites in the forest, I inform visitors of forest etiquette.

**5.**
I follow all the decisions received by the Slovenian Forest Service in the prescribed time frame and scope.