A Forest Owner is the owner of any interest in the real (as opposed to person) property involved in a forest Project, excluding government agency third party beneficiaries of conservation easements. Generally, a forest Owner is the owner in fee of the real property involved in a Forest Project. In some cases, one entity may own the land while another entity may have an interest in the trees or the timber on the property, in which case all entities or individuals with interest in the real property are collectively considered Forest Owners, however, a single Forest Owner must be identified as the Offset Project Operator.

The Offset Project Operator is responsible for undertaking, listing, and verifying a forest project, however, all Forest Owner(s) are ultimately responsible for all Forest Project Commitments. The Offset Project Operator may identify an Authorized Project Designee pursuant to 95974 of the Regulation, to assist or consult with implementation of the Forest Project. All information submitted to ARB or an Offset Project Registry shall reference the Offset Project Operator and all Forest Owner(s) who are ultimately responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information submitted.