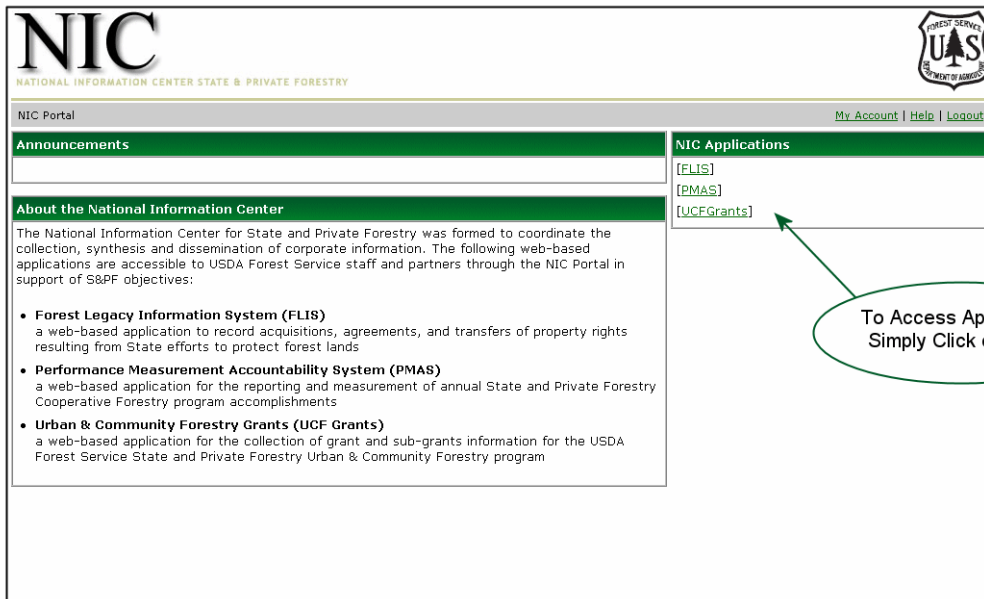


FAQ – Why do I need a NIC Portal account?

Simply stated you need a NIC Portal account to access the National Information Center applications, like the Forest Legacy Information System (FLIS), Performance Measurement Accountability System (PMAS) and the Urban & Community Forestry Grant Information System (UCFGrants). Access to these applications has been managed independently in the past. This required that many people had to have several accounts to NIC applications. Users of the National Information Center may now access multiple systems through a single account (Figure 1).



The screenshot shows the NIC Portal interface. At the top left is the NIC logo and the text "NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER STATE & PRIVATE FORESTRY". At the top right is the US Forest Service logo and the text "FOREST SERVICE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE". Below the logo is a navigation bar with "NIC Portal" on the left and "My Account | Help | Logout" on the right. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a green header "Announcements" and a section titled "About the National Information Center" with a paragraph of text and a bulleted list of three applications: Forest Legacy Information System (FLIS), Performance Measurement Accountability System (PMAS), and Urban & Community Forestry Grants (UCF Grants). The right column has a green header "NIC Applications" and three links: [FLIS], [PMAS], and [UCFGrants]. A green arrow points from a callout box to the [UCFGrants] link. The callout box contains the text "To Access Applications Simply Click on a Link".