

# KEY ELEMENTS IN A WRITTEN PLAN FOR A SOUND FORESTLAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

1. Management and Landowner Objectives Statement – Long range and short range objectives of owner(s) as appropriate.
2. Location – Include a map or aerial photograph that locates the property described and also delineates each stand referenced in the “Forest Stand(s) Description/Inventory and Stand Management Recommendations” (item 3 below).
3. Forest Stand(s) Description/Inventory and Stand Management Recommendations – Include a detailed description of various stands within the forestry unit. Each stand description should detail the acreage, species, age, size (tree diameter, basal area, heights, etc.), condition (quality and vigor), topography, soils and site index or productivity information. Stand-specific forest management practices needed to sustain productivity, health, and vigor must be included with proposed timetable for implementation.
4. Regeneration-Harvest Methods and Dates – For each stand, establish a target timetable for harvest of crop trees, specifying the type of regeneration-harvest (clear cut, seed-tree, shelterwood, or selection regeneration systems as applicable).
5. Regeneration Technique – Should include a sound proposed regeneration plan for each stand when the harvest of final crop trees is done. Specify intent to naturally regenerate or plant trees.

*Forest management plans can and should be updated as forest conditions significantly change (e.g. change in product class mix as the stand ages and grows, storm damage, insect or disease attack, timber harvest, thinning, wildfire). The plans should not be open-ended and should include a timetable for re-evaluating the forestry management plan, especially in the early growth years of a forest unit.*

*\*Please note: We do not have access to forestry plan information and do not automatically receive updates. Requests should be made to your managing forester to have copies of your plan sent to our office.*

# Present Use Valuation

## Forestry Management Plan

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