

Forestland Interpretations

Forestland interpretations are important to good management. The management of trees begins with an understanding of the soil where they grow or are to be grown. Some soils are very suitable for growing wood crops; others barely support tree cover. Different tree species may vary in production on the same soil.

Forestland interpretations should be used to assist land users in planning, installing, and maintaining forestland management systems.

Forest Management and Productivity

The Forestland Management and Productivity tables presents information about suitable for producing timber for each soil map unit. Management concerns, which include hand planting, mechanical planting, use of harvesting equipment, mechanical site preparation (surface), roads (natural surface), erosion on roads and trails, off-road/trail erosion, soil rutting, log landings, seedling survival, are listed by ratings of:

- Not Limited (0.00)
- Slightly Limited (0.01 to 0.30)
- Moderately Limited (0.31 to 0.60)
- Limited (0.61 to 0.99)
- Very Limited (1.00)

Information on potential productivity includes plant competition, common trees, site index, productivity class, and trees to plant.

Management Concerns

PLANT COMPETITION - A rating of slight indicates little or no competition from other plants; moderate indicates that plant competition is expected to hinder the development of the fully stocked stand of desirable trees; and severe means that plant competition is expected to prevent the establishment of a desirable stand unless the site is intensively prepared, weeded, or otherwise managed for the control of undesirable plants.

POTENTIAL PRODUCTIVITY - This is discussed under the ordination class symbol.

COMMON TREES - Trees that generally occur on the soil are listed regardless of economic importance.

SITE INDEX AND PRODUCTIVITY CLASS - These are discussed under ordination class symbol.

TREES TO PLANT - Trees that are suitable for commercial wood production and that are adapted to the soil.

HAND PLANTING – ratings are based on slope, depth to a restrictive layer, content of sand, plasticity index, rock fragments on or below the surface, a water table, and ponding. Ratings indicate the expected difficulty of hand planting, which includes the proper placement of root systems of tree seedlings to a depth of up to 12 inches, using standard hand planting tools. It is assumed that necessary site preparation is completed before seedlings are planted.

MECHANICAL PLANTING – ratings are based on slope, depth to a restrictive layer, content of sand, plasticity index, rock fragments on or below the surface, a water table, and ponding. Ratings indicate the expected difficulty using a mechanical planter, which includes proper placement of root systems of tree seedlings to a depth up to 12 inches. It is assumed that necessary site preparation is completed before seedlings are planted.

USE OF HARVEST EQUIPMENT – ratings are based on slope, rock fragments on the surface, plasticity index, content of sand, surface texture, a water table, and ponding. Ratings indicate the suitability for operating harvest equipment for off-road transport or harvest of logs and/or wood products by ground-based wheeled or tracked equipment.

MECHANICAL SITE PREPARATION (SURFACE) – ratings are based on slope, depth to a restrictive layer, plasticity index, rock fragments on or below the surface, a water table, and ponding. The part of the soil from the surface to a depth of about 12 inches is considered in the ratings. Ratings indicate the suitability of using surface-altering soil tillage equipment to prepare the site for planting or seeding.

ROADS (NATURAL SURFACE) – ratings are based on slope, rock fragments on the surface, plasticity index, content of sand, surface texture, a water table, ponding, flooding, and the hazard of soil slippage. The ratings indicate the suitability for using the natural surface of the soil for roads on which trucks transport logs and other wood products from the site.

EROSION (ROAD/TRAIL) – ratings are based on the soil erodibility factor K, slope, and content of rock fragments. The ratings apply to unsurfaced roads and trails.

EROSION (OFF-ROAD/OFF-TRAIL) – ratings are based on slope and on soil erodibility factor K. The soil loss is caused by sheet or rill erosion in off-road or off-trail areas where 50 to 75 percent of the surface has been exposed by logging, grazing, mining, or other kinds of disturbance.

SOIL RUTTING – ratings are based on a water table, rock fragments on or below the surface, surface texture, depth to a restrictive layer, and slope. Ratings indicate the hazard or risk of ruts in the uppermost soil surface layers by operation of forest equipment. Soil displacement and puddling (soil deformation and compaction) may occur simultaneously with rutting.

LOG LANDINGS – ratings are based on slope, rock fragments on the surface, plasticity index, content of sand, surface texture, a water table, ponding, flooding, and the hazard of soil slippage. Ratings indicate the suitability of the soil at the forest site to serve as a log landing and allows the efficient and effective use of equipment for the temporary storage and handling of logs.

SEEDLING SURVIVAL – ratings are based on flooding, ponding, a water table, content of lime, reaction, salinity, available water capacity, soil moisture regime, soil temperature regime, aspect, and slope. Ratings indicate the impact of soil, physiographic, and climatic conditions on the survivability of newly established tree seedlings.

See the National Forestry Manual, Subpart B for criteria used in rating management concerns.

This subsection includes:

- **(a) Forest Management (one or two tables)**

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Map symbol and soil name	Potential productivity			Trees to manage
	Common trees	Site index	Volume of wood fiber cu ft/ac	
15002: McGirk-----	white oak-----	55	43	eastern cottonwood, green ash, pecan, pin oak, sweetgum, white oak
60001: Menfro-----	black oak-----	73	57	black walnut,
	northern red oak----	81	57	northern red oak,
	sugar maple-----	68	43	sugar maple,
	white ash-----	70	43	tuliptree, white
	white oak-----	59	43	oak
60002: Menfro-----	black oak-----	73	57	black walnut,
	northern red oak----	81	57	eastern white
	sugar maple-----	68	43	pine, green ash,
	white ash-----	70	43	shortleaf pine,
	white oak-----	59	43	sugar maple, tuliptree, white oak
60003: Menfro-----	black oak-----	73	57	black walnut,
	northern red oak----	81	57	northern red oak,
	sugar maple-----	68	43	sugar maple,
	white ash-----	70	43	tuliptree, white
	white oak-----	59	43	oak

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60004: Menfro-----	black oak-----	73	57	black walnut,
	northern red oak----	81	57	northern red oak,
	sugar maple-----	68	43	sugar maple,
	white ash-----	70	43	tuliptree, white
	white oak-----	59	43	oak
60005: Menfro-----	black oak-----	73	57	black walnut,
	northern red oak----	81	57	northern red oak,
	sugar maple-----	68	43	sugar maple,
	white ash-----	70	43	tuliptree, white
	white oak-----	59	43	oak
60006: Marion-----	post oak-----	---	0	black willow,
	white oak-----	50	29	eastern cottonwood, green ash, pin oak, silver maple, tuliptree, white oak
60007: Menfro-----	black oak-----	---	0	eastern white pine,
	northern red oak----	---	0	green ash,
	post oak-----	---	0	tuliptree, white
	sugar maple-----	---	0	oak
	white oak-----	61	43	

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60007: (cont) Gatewood-----	black oak-----	42	29	eastern redcedar, shortleaf pine
	eastern redcedar----	40	43	
	post oak-----	43	29	
	white oak-----	45	29	
64000: Raccoon-----	green ash-----	---	---	pin oak, red maple
	pin oak-----	80	57	
	post oak-----	80	57	
	white oak-----	---	---	
64001: Freeburg-----	white oak-----	65	43	black oak, eastern cottonwood, green ash, pecan, pin oak, white oak
64002: Freeburg-----	black walnut-----	---	---	eastern cottonwood, green ash, pecan, pin oak, white oak
	green ash-----	---	---	
	white oak-----	65	43	
64003: Freeburg-----	white oak-----	65	43	black oak, eastern cottonwood, green ash, pecan, pin oak, tuliptree, white oak

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66003: Jemerson-----	black oak-----	65	43	black oak, green
	northern red oak----	60	43	ash, northern red
	white oak-----	65	43	oak
66004: Dockery-----	pin oak-----	76	57	eastern cottonwood, pecan, pin oak
66005: Deible-----	eastern cottonwood--	100	129	eastern cottonwood,
	pin oak-----	75	57	green ash, pin
	silver maple-----	95	43	oak, silver maple
66006: Waldron-----	eastern cottonwood--	110	157	eastern cottonwood,
	pin oak-----	80	57	green ash, pecan, pin oak, silver maple
66007: Leta-----	black willow-----	---	0	eastern cottonwood,
	eastern cottonwood--	90	100	green ash, pecan,
	silver maple-----	85	43	silver maple, sweetgum
66008: Leta-----	black willow-----	---	0	eastern cottonwood,
	eastern cottonwood--	90	100	green ash, pecan, silver maple, sweetgum

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66009: Haynie-----	American sycamore---	110	157	black walnut, eastern cottonwood
	black walnut-----	---	0	
	eastern cottonwood--	110	157	
	green ash-----	---	0	
66010: Sarpy-----	eastern cottonwood--	95	114	American sycamore, black willow, eastern cottonwood
	silver maple-----	90	43	
66011: Moville-----	American sycamore---	110	157	black walnut, eastern cottonwood
	black walnut-----	---	0	
	eastern cottonwood--	110	157	
	green ash-----	---	0	
66012: Blake-----	American sycamore---	---	0	American sycamore, eastern cottonwood, green ash, silver maple
	eastern cottonwood--	115	172	
	silver maple-----	---	0	
66013: Waldron-----	eastern cottonwood--	110	157	black willow, eastern cottonwood, green ash, pecan, pin oak, silver maple, sweetgum
	pin oak-----	80	57	

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70028: Moko-----	eastern redcedar----	30	29	eastern redcedar
Rock outcrop-----	---	---	---	---
70029: Moko-----	eastern redcedar----	30	29	eastern redcedar
Rock outcrop-----	---	---	---	---
73035: Gravois-----	black oak----- northern red oak---- white oak-----	58 62 50	43 43 43	northern red oak, white oak
73088: Rueter-----	black oak----- northern red oak---- white oak-----	61 61 58	43 43 43	northern red oak, white oak
73089: Rueter-----	black oak----- northern red oak---- white oak-----	61 61 58	43 43 43	northern red oak, white oak
73090: Useful-----	black oak----- northern red oak---- post oak----- white oak-----	--- --- --- 61	--- --- --- 43	black oak, northern red oak, white oak

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73091: Useful, eroded-----	black oak----- northern red oak---- post oak----- sugar maple----- white oak-----	--- --- --- --- 61	--- --- --- --- 43	black oak, northern red oak, white oak
73092: Gatewood-----	black oak----- eastern redcedar---- post oak----- white oak-----	42 40 43 45	29 43 29 29	eastern redcedar, shortleaf pine
73093: Gatewood-----	black oak----- eastern redcedar---- post oak----- white oak-----	42 40 43 45	29 43 29 29	eastern redcedar, shortleaf pine
73094: Gatewood-----	black oak----- eastern redcedar---- post oak----- white oak-----	42 40 43 45	29 43 29 29	eastern redcedar, shortleaf pine
73095: Gravois-----	black oak----- northern red oak---- white oak-----	58 62 50	43 43 43	northern red oak, scarlet oak, white oak
73096: Swiss-----	---	---	---	---

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	Common trees	Site index	Volume of wood fiber cu ft/ac	
73097: Swiss-----	eastern redcedar----	---	---	eastern redcedar, northern red oak, shortleaf pine
	northern red oak----	61	43	
	post oak-----	---	---	
	white oak-----	48	29	
73098: Plato-----	black oak-----	60	43	black oak, post oak, shortleaf pine
	post oak-----	---	---	
	white oak-----	55	43	
73099: Plato-----	black oak-----	60	43	black oak, post oak, shortleaf pine
	shortleaf pine-----	---	0	
	white oak-----	55	43	
73100: Wrengart-----	black oak-----	---	0	black oak, northern red oak, shortleaf pine, tuliptree
	northern red oak----	70	57	
	shortleaf pine-----	---	0	
	white oak-----	66	43	
73101: Wrengart-----	black oak-----	---	0	black oak, northern red oak, white oak
	northern red oak----	70	57	
	white oak-----	66	43	
73102: Wrengart-----	black oak-----	---	0	black oak, northern red oak, shortleaf pine, tuliptree
	northern red oak----	70	57	
	shortleaf pine-----	---	0	
	white oak-----	66	43	

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73103: Wrengart-----	black oak-----	---	0	black oak, northern red oak, white oak
	northern red oak----	70	57	
	white oak-----	66	43	
73104: Wrengart, eroded-----	black oak-----	---	0	black oak, northern red oak, white oak
	northern red oak----	70	57	
	white oak-----	66	43	
73105: Wrengart-----	black oak-----	---	0	black oak, northern red oak, shortleaf pine, tuliptree
	northern red oak----	70	57	
	shortleaf pine-----	---	0	
	white oak-----	66	43	
Gatewood-----	black oak-----	42	29	eastern redcedar, shortleaf pine
	eastern redcedar----	40	43	
	post oak-----	43	29	
	white oak-----	45	29	
73106: Mariosa-----	---	---	---	---
73107: Wrengart-----	black oak-----	---	0	black oak, northern red oak, shortleaf pine, tuliptree
	northern red oak----	70	57	
	shortleaf pine-----	---	0	
	white oak-----	66	43	
Swiss-----	---	---	---	---

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	Common trees	Site index	Volume of wood fiber cu ft/ac	
73108: Gravois-----	black oak-----	58	43	northern red oak, scarlet oak, shortleaf pine, white oak
	northern red oak----	62	43	
	white oak-----	50	43	
Gatewood-----	black oak-----	42	29	eastern redcedar, shortleaf pine
	eastern redcedar----	40	43	
	post oak-----	43	29	
	white oak-----	45	29	
73109: Alred-----	black oak-----	53	43	black oak, shortleaf pine
	post oak-----	---	---	
	white oak-----	48	29	
73110: Gravois-----	black oak-----	58	43	northern red oak, scarlet oak, shortleaf pine, white oak
	northern red oak----	62	43	
	shortleaf pine-----	53	86	
	white oak-----	50	43	
Gatewood-----	black oak-----	42	29	eastern redcedar, shortleaf pine
	eastern redcedar----	40	43	
	post oak-----	43	29	
	white oak-----	45	29	
73112: Gunlock-----	black oak-----	60	43	black oak, northern red oak, white oak
	northern red oak----	60	43	
	white oak-----	57	43	

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73135: Union-----	black oak-----	58	43	northern red oak, scarlet oak, shortleaf pine, white oak
	northern red oak----	62	43	
	white oak-----	50	43	
74633: Hartville-----	green ash-----	---	---	eastern cottonwood, green ash, pin oak, silver maple
	pin oak-----	---	---	
	silver maple-----	---	---	
	white oak-----	55	43	
74634: Hartville-----	green ash-----	---	---	eastern cottonwood, green ash, pin oak, silver maple
	pin oak-----	---	---	
	silver maple-----	---	---	
	white oak-----	55	43	
74635: Tanglenook-----	eastern cottonwood--	90	100	American sycamore, common hackberry, eastern cottonwood, green ash, pin oak, silver maple
	silver maple-----	80	29	
75376: Cedargap-----	black oak-----	66	43	black walnut, green ash, Shumard's oak, white oak
	black walnut-----	---	---	
	green ash-----	---	---	
	Shumard's oak-----	---	---	

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75391: Possumtrot-----	American basswood---	---	---	black walnut, northern red oak, white ash, white oak
	American sycamore---	---	---	
	bitternut hickory---	---	---	
	northern red oak----	---	---	
	white oak-----	80	57	
75395: Jamesfin-----	American sycamore---	---	---	black walnut, eastern cottonwood, green ash
	black walnut-----	90	57	
	eastern cottonwood--	---	---	
	river birch-----	---	---	
	white ash-----	102	57	
75398: Kaintuck-----	American basswood---	---	---	American sycamore, black walnut, green ash, white ash
	American sycamore---	90	100	
	black walnut-----	---	---	
	river birch-----	---	---	
75399: Jamesfin-----	American sycamore---	---	---	black walnut, eastern cottonwood, green ash
	black walnut-----	90	57	
	eastern cottonwood--	---	---	
	green ash-----	---	---	
	river birch-----	---	---	
	white ash-----	102	57	
75400: Gladden-----	American sycamore---	85	86	black walnut, green ash, white oak
	black walnut-----	---	---	
	white oak-----	75	57	

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75407: Gabriel-----	eastern cottonwood-- silver maple-----	90 80	100 29	American sycamore, common hackberry, eastern arborvitae, eastern cottonwood, green ash, silver maple
99000: Pits, quarries-----	---	---	---	---
99001: Water-----	---	---	---	---
99003: Miscellaneous water-----	---	---	---	---