

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD AND GENERAL SPECIFICATION**

**FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN**

(No.)

**Code 106**

**Definition**

A forest management plan is a site specific plan developed for a client, which addresses one or more resource concerns on land where forestry-related conservation activities or practices will be planned and applied. These criteria were developed to implement Section 1240 (A) of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, which allows for the development of forest management plans as one of the purposes of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The forest management plan will:

- a) Describe management actions to be implemented at the site to meet and maintain Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) quality criteria for the identified resource concern(s).
- b) Comply with federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements.
- c) Meet the client's objectives.

**Forest Management Plan Criteria**

**General Criteria**

Environmental Evaluation  
An Environmental Evaluation (EE) (NRCS-CPA-52) is to be prepared for all activity plans to document required NRCS compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Completing the NRCS-CPA-52

is required documentation regardless of who prepares the Forest Management Plan. All non-NRCS preparers are required to take the AgLearn course entitled "Environmental Compliance Level 1" in order to be considered technically proficient. Upon completion of the Forest Management Plan, Form NRCS-CPA-52 should then be retained in the contract file and be re-evaluated before the plan progresses towards financial assistance for any implementation of the practices in the plan.

**B. Background and Site Information**

1. Landowner information – name, address, operation, size
2. Location and plan map of parcel
3. Documentation of existing practices
4. Past harvest history
5. Identification of resource concerns

**C. Client Objectives, which may include these considerations and others**

1. Expected income
2. Forest stand improvement
3. Wildlife habitat/riparian areas
4. Recreation
5. Agroforestry
6. Pollinator Habitat and Protection

**D. Existing Conditions**

1. Identify resource concerns based on an inventory to assess these concerns and

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opportunity for treatment. The inventory will typically include forest management unit and stand boundaries, site index, basal area, plant species, size class, wood product potential, soil conditions, slopes, topography, aspect, natural and cultural features, roads, wildfire risk (surface and crown fires), risk of insect and disease infestation, fish and wildlife species and habitat elements, noxious and invasive species, wetlands, water quality and other important features as applicable.

#### E. Desired Future Conditions

1. Identify all goals such as stand stocking levels, basal area, species composition, wildlife, pollinator habitat and protection, recreation, harvest objectives and timing, stand management, and at least all objectives/ resource concerns identified in item C. and D. above, etc. for stands where practices/activities are recommended.

#### F. Forest Management Plan Documentation

1. Forest management plan map – boundaries, fields, scale, north arrow, stand boundaries, intermittent or perennial streams/watercourses, using appropriate map symbols.
2. Soils map – legend, interpretations, suitability index for forest activities
3. A wetland perimeter location map for wetlands lying within the planning unit (s) boundary (ies). Also include any pertinent associated wetland delineation and/ or compliance documentation (Food Security Act of 1985), if applicable.
4. Conservation plan (record of decisions) (*Utilizing Customer Service Toolkit – Plug-In or MsWord Document*) to include the planned practice(s), the amounts to be applied, the schedule for implementation, and the

appropriate site specific specifications and/or job sheet for each practice. A Forest Management Plan may include, but is not limited to, the conservation practices listed below:

- **Access Control** (472)
- **Forest Stand Improvement** (666)
- **Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment** (654)
- **Forest Trails and Landings** (655)
- **Forest Slash Treatment** (384)
- **Firebreak** (394)
- **Fuel Break** (383)
- **Riparian Forest Buffer** (391)
- **Tree/Shrub Site Preparation** (490)
- **Tree/Shrub Establishment** (612)
- **Tree/Shrub Pruning** (660)

#### G. Deliverables for the Client – a hardcopy of the plan that includes:

- Cover page**– name, address, phone of client and TSP; Total Acres of the Plan, signature blocks for the TSP, producer, and a signature block for the NRCS acceptance.
- Soils map and appropriate soil descriptions**
- Resource assessment results** (wind and water erosion, water availability, soil fertility, and others that may be needed)
- For management practices.** The planned practices and the site specific specifications on how each practice will be applied; when the practice will be applied, and the extent (acres or number) that will be applied.
- For engineering/structural practices.** The planned practice when it will be applied and extent, and located on the conservation plan map.

**H. Deliverables for NRCS Field Office:**

- Complete Hardcopy and Electronic copy of the client's plan including any/ all practice standard required job sheets and implementation specifications, as well as the planned practice implementation schedule.
- Digital Conservation Plan Map with fields, features, and structural practices located.
- Digital Soils Map.
- Completed CPA 52 and appropriate worksheets.