

Forest Management Plan (106)

Pennsylvania Conservation Activity Plan Checklist



Definition

A Forest Management Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) is developed for a client and will address one or more resource concerns on land where forestry-related activities or practices will be planned and applied. This plan will provide a schedule of activities over at least a 10 year period.

The forest management plan will:

- A. Meet 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.

Technical Service Providers

A Forest Management Plan (CAP 106) shall be developed by certified technical service providers. In accordance with Section 1240 (A), the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) provides funding support through contracts with eligible producers to obtain services of certified Technical Service Providers (TSPs) for development of a Forest Management Plan (FMP). The specific criteria required for each type of certification for a TSP is located here:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/technical/tsp>. Information about becoming a TSP can be found at <http://techreg.usda.gov/>.

Purpose

The purpose of the checklist is to provide guidance for elements that need to be addressed or included in the Conservation Activity Plan (CAP). This checklist is designed for use by NRCS staff and Technical Service Providers. NRCS staff should use the checklist for technical review of the sample plans submitted as part of the certification process as well as for administrative review upon completion of all other plans submitted. It is the TSP's responsibility to follow the CAP Plan Development Criteria for specific elements and the detail of each element to be included in the plan. The plan is intended to include narrative descriptions for the landowner.

<i>For:</i>	<i>Field(s) # if known:</i>
<i>Tract(s) # if known:</i>	<i>Written By (TSP Forester)</i>

Background and site information: This element provides a brief description of:	
Landowner information-name, address, operation, size;	
Location and plan map of parcel;	
Documentation of existing practices;	
Past harvest history, Past land use history;	
Identification of resource concerns.	

Client Objectives, which may include these considerations and others:	
Expected income;	
Forest stand improvement;	
Wildlife habitat/riparian areas;	
Recreation;	
Agroforestry;	
Pollinator habitat and protection.	

Existing Conditions:	
Description of the forest inventory and analysis process and methods used	
Forest management unit and stand boundaries;	
Site index, basal area, species and size classes (including understory and regeneration)	
Potential woodland products, soil conditions, slopes, topography and aspect	
Natural and cultural features	
Roads and wildfire risk (surface and crown fires);	
Risk of insect and disease infestation;	
Fish and wildlife species and habitat elements including Threatened and Endangered species	
Noxious and invasive species;	
Water quality and other important features as applicable.	

Resource Concerns on Management Unit	
Document existing soil erosion, water quality problems, poor or lacking wildlife habitat, invasive plants (categorize infestation), etc. and general location of problem in the stand if applicable. Resource concerns should reflect those listed in the National and State Resource Concerns Planning Criteria (see Section III of the eFOTG: https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/PA/ResourceConcerns_PlanningCriteria_SWAPAE_100120_13)	

Desired Future Conditions:	
Goals such as stocking, trees per acre, basal area, species composition, wildlife, pollinator habitat and protection, recreation, etc. for stands where practices/activities are to be implemented to meet future goals.	
Consider Integrated Resource Management – How will planned silvicultural treatments effect resources such as wetlands, rare species or natural communities, cultural resources, wildlife habitat, recreation, aesthetics, etc.?	

Recommended NRCS Practices	
For management practices include the planned practices and site specific specifications: how, when and extent (acres/number) each practice will be applied. For engineering/structural practices include when and extent each of the planned practices. These recommended practices are contingent upon NRCS review, programs funding, etc. Use a separate table in the forest plan to capture these recommended practices. Template is available. NRCS Practices are available on the eFOTG Section IV - Practice Standards and Specifications: https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRCS Practice Name and NRCS Code # • The amounts (acres, feet, or number) to be applied and location – stand and area within stand if applicable • Implementation Schedule – month and year 	

Maps Forest Management Plan Maps (features clearly labeled and/or symbolized)	
Topographic Map and aerial map including legend, north arrow, scale bar, property boundaries, stand delineations, roads, and water resources.	
A wetland delineation map and associated wetland compliance documentation (Food Security Act of 1985), if applicable.	
Soils map including legend, interpretations, and suitability index for applicable forest activities.	
Optional -- NRCS Practices Map– Location of Practices described in the ‘Recommended NRCS Practices’ section specified above	

Deliverables	
Complete hardcopy of the Forest Management Plan (including Maps and Appendices) for the client	
Complete hardcopy and electronic copy of the Forest Management Plan (including Maps and Appendices) for NRCS:	

Yes	No	Checklist Approval	
		I have administratively reviewed this Forest Management Plan (FMP) and it meets all the criteria of the Conservation Activity Plan 106 in accordance with Section 2508 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008.	
NRCS Representative Name and Title (print or type):			
NRCS Representative Signature			Date:
Notes (If "No" is checked, include reasons for denial, comments, missing items that need to be added, etc.):			