New Hampshire Tree Farm Rating Sheet

NH Tree Farm Requirements
(All 4 must be checked YES to proceed):

___Yes___ No Minimum 10 acres of forestland
(see instructions).

___Yes___ No Written management plan, with appropriate
maps and forest management prescriptions.

___Yes___ No Commitment to harvesting of forest products
in a silviculturally sound manner.

___Yes___ No Meets AFF standards of sustainability
standards checklist as stated on the 004

Tree Farm No. ____________________________
County(s) __________________________________
Town(s) ___________________________________
Date ________________________________________

Check one:  ___Initial Inspection  ___Pioneer TF
___Reinspection  ___Certified TF

1. Applicant: ____________________________________________________________________________________
2. Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________________________
   Email: __________________________________ Tel:(w)_____________________ (h)_______________________
3. Total Tree Farm Acreage Proposed _________________________________________________________________
4. Town(s) Tree Farm is located in (if more than one town, include acreage in each town)________________________

I.  MAPS AND PHOTOS (80 points maximum)
   0-40 _________ A. Forest type map
   0-20 _________ B. Registered survey
   0-10 _________ C. Aerial photos
   0-10 _________ D. Soil map

II. BOUNDARIES AND MAINTENANCE (50 points maximum)
   0-10 _________ A. Corners easily identifiable _____Year work done
   0-40 _________ B. Lines easily identifiable _____Year work done

III. FOREST INVENTORY (65 points maximum)
   0-30 _________ A. Written management plan
   0-20 _________ B. Timber volumes by species and product
   0-15 _________ C. Wildlife habitat features

IV. ACCESS (40 points)
   0-30 _________ A. Suitable internal roads and trails
   0-10 _________ B. Vehicular control; gates; signage

V. LONG TERM LAND PROTECTION (60 points maximum)
   0-60 _________ A. Current use (10 points), estate planning (30 points), conservation easements (40
   points), across boundary management agreements (30 points), development
   restrictions in deed (30 points), town forest designation (30 points), etc.

VI. WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT (75 points maximum)
   A. Timber Harvesting Related
      0-10 _________ 1. Retain mast producing trees and stands for maximum rotation
      0-10 _________ 2. Encourage diversity of hardwoods/ softwoods
      0-10 _________ 3. Designate wildlife trees for food, shelter, nesting
      0-10 _________ 4. Maintain and enhance winter deer yards and browse
   
   B. Non-Timber Harvesting Related
      0-5 _________ 1. Conduct and record wildlife surveys
      0-5 _________ 2. Improve logging roads and landings for wildlife
      0-10 _________ 3. Release apple trees and other fruit producers
      0-10 _________ 4. Maintain and enhance early successional habitat
      0-5 _________ 5. Other: __________________________

VII. UNIQUE NATURAL COMMUNITIES (50 points maximum)
   0-15 _________ A. Identify wetlands, vernal pools, springs and seeps, and special sites
   0-20 _________ B. Designate areas for the encouragement or maintenance of old growth forest, or
   other examples of special ecological significance.
   0-10 _________ C. Check with the New Hampshire Natural Heritage database
   0-5 _________ D. Other: __________________________
VIII. WATER QUALITY (60 points maximum)
0-30 _________ A. Follow BMP guidelines (roads, skid trails, stream and wetland crossing)
0-30 _________ B. Following BMP guidelines (landings, buffers, grading and seeding)

IX. RECREATION (50 points maximum)
0-25 _________ A. Trails constructed and maintained
0-25 _________ B. Land available to public use as appropriate

X. HARVEST AESTHETICS & UTILIZATION (50 points maximum)
0-10 _________ A. Establish buffer strips where appropriate
0-10 _________ B. Lop all tops to 4’ or less
0-5 _________ C. Properly utilize harvested trees
0-10 _________ D. Clean landings
0-5 _________ E. Maintain aesthetic character of certain stands
0-10 _________ F. Identify and protect historical resources (stone walls, cellar holes, etc.)

XI. FOREST HEALTH (20 points maximum)
0-10 _________ A. Monitor invasive pests and diseases
0-10 _________ B. Control invasive pests and diseases

XII. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES (60 points maximum)
0-20 _________ A. Sponsor forestry field trips or tours on property
0-20 _________ B. Receive media coverage for forestry-related activities on property
0-10 _________ C. Participate in conservation organizations
0-10 _________ D. Other: _____________________________________________________________

(__________) Total Points Scored in Section I-XII (300 required of 630)

LIST OF FOREST HARVEST ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHED

YES NO Has used a licensed forester? YES NO Has used a certified logger?

XIII. TIMBER IMPROVEMENT OPERATIONS ACCOMPLISHED
(and review management plan recommendations)

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SUBTOTAL (% of TF acreage) x 10 = (__________) 

XIV. TIMBER REVENUE OPERATIONS ACCOMPLISHED
(and review management plan recommendations)

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SUBTOTAL (% of TF acreage) x 5 = (__________) 

TOTAL POINTS SCORED IN SECTION XIII AND XIV (______). Suggested minimum points required for Section XII and XIII: 250 for 10-49 acres; 200 for 50-199 acres; 150 for 200-499 acres, 100 for 500+ acres.

INSPECTING FORESTER: ______________________

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