Establishing Priorities for Your Forest Plan

Establish priorities and develop objectives for managing your land by answering/ranking responses to these questions.

1. My property is used for:
   ___ primary residence  ___ weekend retreat
   ___ agriculture  ___ recreation
   ___ investment (timber)  ___ future development
   ___ other (list) ______________________________

2. Acreage _______ total  _______ woodland  _______ pasture or cropland

3. Priorities for the property:
   ___ timber management (___ pine  ___ hardwood  ___ mixed)
   ___ wildlife management (___ hunting  ___ observation)
   ___ recreation/beauty  ___ water protection
   ___ soil conservation
   ___ other (list) ______________________________

4. Activities that you use the property for:
   ___ bird watching  ___ biking  ___ hiking
   ___ firewood  ___ fishing  ___ camping
   ___ horseback riding  ___ hunting  ___ boating
   ___ nature walks  ___ wildlife observation
   ___ other (list) ______________________________

5. Timber management goals:
   ___ generate immediate income  ___ maximize forestry income
   ___ maintain forest health  ___ provide periodic income
   ___ improve future income potential  ___ maximize wildlife benefits
   ___ maximize forest beauty  ___ maintain mature forest
   ___ other (list) ______________________________

6. Wildlife management orientation:
   ___ recreational hunting opportunities  ___ non-game species
   ___ observation  ___ game species  ___ protection
   ___ other (list) ______________________________

7. Featured or target wildlife species:
   ___ fox  ___ waterfowl  ___ wild turkey
   ___ quail  ___ woodcock  ___ nongame species
   ___ rabbit  ___ songbirds  ___ gray squirrel
   ___ beaver  ___ raccoon  ___ mourning dove
   ___ grouse  ___ birds of prey  ___ white-tailed deer
   ___ other (list) ______________________________
8. Soil and water management focus:
   ___ stabilize existing erosion        ___ improve water quality
   ___ increase soil productivity
   ___ other (list) ___________________________________________________________________

9. Management constraints:
   ___ limited capital                ___ need technical assistance
   ___ lack equipment                ___ need funding assistance
   ___ distance from property        ___ heir property                ___ multiple owners
   ___ other (list)                  ___________________________________________________________________

10. Property history:
    ______________________________________________________________________________________
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11. Outstanding or unique features (requiring protection/special management):
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12. Management philosophy:
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13. Ownership/family situation:
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