Establishing Priorities for Your Management Plan

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

1. My property is used for (rank from 1–6, in order of significance):
   - primary residence
   - weekend retreat
   - future development
   - recreation
   - investment
   - other (list)

2. Acreage _______ total _______ woodland _______ open area/pasture

3. Priorities for the property (rank from 1–7, in order of significance):
   - residence
   - wildlife management
   - hunting
   - observation
   - recreation/beauty
   - water protection
   - soil conservation
   - timber management (_____ pine ______ hardwood _____ mixed)
   - other (list)

4. Activities that you use the property for (rank in order of significance, with 1 being the highest):
   - bird watching
   - biking
   - hiking
   - firewood
   - fishing
   - camping
   - horseback riding
   - hunting
   - boating
   - nature walks
   - wildlife observation
   - other (list)

5. Woodland management goals (rank from 1–9, in order of significance, with 1 being the highest):
   - maintain forest health
   - maximize forestry income
   - generate immediate income
   - provide periodic income
   - improve future income potential
   - maximize wildlife benefits
   - maximize forest beauty
   - maintain mature forest
   - other (list)

6. Wildlife management orientation (rank from 1–6, in order of significance, with 1 being the highest):
   - recreational hunting opportunities
   - non-game species
   - observation
   - game species
   - protection
   - other (list)

7. Featured or target wildlife species:
   - fox
   - waterfowl
   - wild turkey
   - quail
   - woodcock
   - non-game 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  ____ 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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