

New Hampshire Tree Farm Rating Sheet

NH Tree Farm Requirements	
(All 3 must be checked YES to proceed):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Minimum 10 acres of forestland (see instructions).
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Written management plan, with appropriate maps and forest management prescriptions.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Commitment to harvesting forest products in a silviculturally-sound manner.

Tree Farm No. _____
 County _____
 Date _____

Check one: Initial Inspection Pioneer TF
 Reinspection Certified TF

1. Applicant: _____
2. Mailing Address: _____
 _____ 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 (70 points maximum)

- 0-40 _____ A. Forest type map
 0-20 _____ B. Registered survey
 0-10 _____ C. Aerial photos

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 (65 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
 0-5 _____ 4. Other: _____

VII. UNIQUE NATURAL COMMUNITIES (40 points maximum)

- 0-15 _____ A. Identify wetlands, vernal pools, springs and seeps
 0-20 _____ B. Designate areas for the encouragement or maintenance of old growth forest, or other examples of special ecological significance.
 0-5 _____ C. Other: _____



VIII. WATER QUALITY (50 points maximum)

- 0-25 _____ A. Follow BMP guidelines (roads, skid trails, stream and wetland crossing)
- 0-25 _____ 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 (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. 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-XI (300 required)

LIST OF FOREST HARVEST ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHED

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

XII. TIMBER IMPROVEMENT OPERATIONS ACCOMPLISHED

(and review management plan recommendations)

	Acres	% of Total TF Acreage
A. Site Preparation	_____	_____
B. Planting/ seeding	_____	_____
C. Weeding, thinning, & releasing	_____	_____
D. Pruning	_____	_____
SUBTOTAL _____		x 10 = (_____)

XIII. TIMBER REVENUE OPERATIONS ACCOMPLISHED

(and review management plan recommendations)

	Acres	% of Total TF Acreage
A. Improvement cuttings for sawlogs, firewood, pulpwood and/ or biomass	_____	_____
B. Partial sawlog crop tree harvest	_____	_____
C. Christmas tree plantation	_____	_____
D. Sugarbush	_____	_____
SUBTOTAL _____		x 3 = (_____)

TOTAL POINTS SCORED IN SECTION XII AND XIII (_____). 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: _____

****ATTACH TO AFF INSPECTION FORM 004****