

Minimum Standards Checklist for Forest Stewardship Plans (FSP)

Forest Stewardship Plan Writers can use this document to ensure that all Forest Stewardship Plans address National Forest Stewardship Management Plan Standards. All plans must meet these minimum standards for the Forest Stewardship program and be approved by a representative of the State Forester.

#	Standards	Yes	No	N/A
Plan Components (Numbers 1-10 must be addressed)				
1	Landowner's and Plan Writer's Contact Information (Name, Address, Phone Numbers, Email optional)			
2	Property identification and location information such as Maps or aerial photos of the property that includes property location, boundaries, forest stands, open areas, soil types, hydrology, and significant resource elements.			
3	Landowner's goals and objectives are clearly stated.			
4	Current forest stand condition is described for each forest stand/area.			
5	Desired forest condition is described for each forest stand/area.			
6	Practices or activities for reaching desired condition are listed for each forest stand/area.			
7	Strategies for implementing practices or activities are identified. (cost-share programs, use of contractors to perform the work, or consultants, etc.)			
8	Timelines for implementing practices or activities are outlined in the Plan and can be documented by the landowner following completion.			
9	Monitoring activities for the landowner or resource professional are identified.			
10	Effective time period for the Plan is identified (for example, 10 years or expiration date given for when the plan should be revised or updated to be considered current).			
Resource Elements				
Standards 11 through 27 must be considered in each plan. Consideration includes indicating whether they are, or are not present or relevant. If they are not present or relevant N/A should be marked and these resource elements should be addressed using the NCFS Forest Stewardship Plan Addendum. When the resource element is present or relevant, it must be evaluated, described and site-specific recommendations included within the plan.				
11	Soil and Water			
12	Biological Diversity (unique native plants, rare plants, or ecological communities)			
13	Range (livestock grazing)			
14	Agroforestry (Timber and Crop systems combined)			
15	Aesthetic Quality (scenic quality and visually sensitive areas)			
16	Recreation			
18	Wood and Fiber production (Timber)			
19	Fish and Wildlife (game and nongame, aquatic, fisheries)			
20	Threatened and Endangered Species			
21	Forest Health and Invasive Species (insects, diseases, non-native plants, and disturbances)			
22	Conservation-based Estate or Legacy planning information			
23	Archeological, Cultural, and Historic Sites			
24	Wetlands			
25	Fire (fuel conditions and wildfire risk, prescribed burning)			
26	Carbon Sequestration and Climate Resilience			
27	Forests of Recognized Importance (FORI)* (If Plan will be aligned with NC Tree Farm program)			

_____ Forest Stewardship Plan meets the National Standards and Guidelines

_____ Forest Stewardship Plan requires additional content to address resource elements and/or plan components above

Plan Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____