



# PENNSYLVANIA SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE® IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

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## TIMBER HARVESTING ASSESSMENT

This form is an evaluation for use during or after the harvest is completed

Timber Harvester	_____
Township	_____
Assessor(s)	_____
Harvest Site Acres	_____
Landowner	_____
County	_____
Assessment Date	_____
% Harvest Completed	_____
Sale Activity Status	_____
	<i>Active, inactive, or retired?</i>

Timber Harvesting Checklist Used?	YES	NO	
Boundary Lines Located?	YES	NO	
Woods Crew Completed Core Training?	YES	NO	
Owner Received SFI of PA Information Packet?	YES	NO	
Pre-Harvest Regeneration Assessed?	YES	NO	
Written Timber Harvesting Plan?	YES	NO	
E&S Plan On-Site at All Times?	YES	NO	
Municipality / Township Permit?	YES	NO	N/A
Bonding - Posted Roads/Bridges?	YES	NO	N/A
Access Permit(s)?	YES	NO	N/A
GP-8 Received / On Site?	YES	NO	N/A
GP-7 Received / On Site?	YES	NO	N/A

**RATING SCALE: (Comment as Needed)**

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| <p><b>0 Not Applicable</b></p> <p><b>1 Inadequate</b> (marginal performance against intent)</p> | <p><b>2 Adequate</b> (meets intent and is working effectively)</p> <p><b>3 Superior</b> (exceeds intent &amp; demonstrates excellent performance)</p> |
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**HARVEST PLANNING PERFORMANCE: *How well pre-harvest planning is being implemented during harvest***

**Access to the Site**

- 0 1 2 3 culvert at entrance to public road
- 0 1 2 3 mud and debris minimized on public roads
- 0 1 2 3 approach to public roads stabilized

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Haul Road Location**

- 0 1 2 3 existing roads used (if practical)
- 0 1 2 3 breaks graded for steep pitches
- 0 1 2 3 stream crossing (GP 7/8) to specification
- 0 1 2 3 road grades minimum practical for job
- 0 1 2 3 located outside of stream filter strip

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Landing Location**

- 0 1 2 3 located outside of stream filter strip
- 0 1 2 3 skid road approach stable
- 0 1 2 3 diversions to handle surface water
- 0 1 2 3 haul road approach stable
- 0 1 2 3 minimum size for efficient operation

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Skid Trail Location**

- 0 1 2 3 located outside of stream filter strip
- 0 1 2 3 road grades minimum practical for job
- 0 1 2 3 existing trails used (if practical)
- 0 1 2 3 stream crossing (GP-8) to specification
- 0 1 2 3 breaks graded for steep pitches
- 0 1 2 3 minimum trails to harvest site

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>MANAGING SOIL PROTECTION AND WATER CONTROL</b>					
0	1	2	3	waterbars & diversions in place & controlling water runoff effectively	<b>COMMENTS:</b> _____
0	1	2	3	skid trails, haul roads, & landings graded to ensure drainage	_____
0	1	2	3	silt fence or hay bales in place to trap sedimentation	_____
0	1	2	3	stream crossings stabilized upon completion of installation (seeded & mulched)	_____
0	1	2	3	filter strips working effectively (no earth disturbance)	_____
0	1	2	3	harvesting activity is sensitive to weather impacts	_____
<b>PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE AREAS</b>					
0	1	2	3	wetlands (minimize impact)	<b>COMMENTS:</b> _____
0	1	2	3	protect special sites (historical, geological, cultural significance & plants)	_____
<b>MANAGING VISUAL APPEARANCE</b>					
0	1	2	3	visual screens (along public roads & adjacent homes) are maintained during harvest	<b>COMMENTS:</b> _____
0	1	2	3	trees cut on all skid trails (vs. being run over) & stumps removed where needed	_____
0	1	2	3	trees felled with severely broken tops, "rainbowed," or otherwise damaged	_____
0	1	2	3	topography considered to manage visual impact	_____
0	1	2	3	stumps buried or left upright along roads & landing areas	_____
0	1	2	3	tops lopped to less than four feet within 50 feet of roads	_____
<b>MANAGING REGENERATION/LONG-TERM PRODUCTIVITY</b>					
0	1	2	3	bumper trees used along skid trails to minimize damage to residual trees	<b>COMMENTS:</b> _____
0	1	2	3	residual stand damage minimized	_____
<b>MANAGING OTHER VALUES</b>					
0	1	2	3	soils not contaminated with fuels, lubricants, or other chemicals	<b>COMMENTS:</b> _____
0	1	2	3	use of harvested trees maximized	_____
<b>POST HARVESTING (RETIREMENT OF THE SITE)</b>					
0	1	2	3	skid trails graded & long-term water control structures installed	<b>COMMENTS:</b> _____
0	1	2	3	haul roads graded & long-term water control structures installed	_____
0	1	2	3	critical areas of skid trails & haul roads seeded & mulched	_____
0	1	2	3	landing areas stabilized (seed & mulch recommended)	_____
0	1	2	3	slash & large woody debris removed from landing	_____
0	1	2	3	refuse removed from the site	_____
0	1	2	3	stream crossings removed & stabilized per DEP requirements	_____
0	1	2	3	access to township/state roads retired per permit requirements	_____



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