



**PENNSYLVANIA SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE®
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

211 Barrington Lane, Bellefonte, PA 16823

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TIMBER HARVESTING ASSESSMENT FORM

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

Timber Harvesting Checklist Used?	YES	NO	
Boundary Lines Located?	YES	NO	
Crew Leader has Current PA SFI Training Card?	YES	NO	
Landowner Received PA SFI 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
E&S Permit Received / On Site?	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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|---|---|
| 0 Not Applicable | 2 Adequate (meets intent and is working effectively) |
| 1 Inadequate (marginal performance against intent) | 3 Superior (exceeds intent & demonstrates excellent performance) |

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 Approach to public roads stabilized
- 0 | 1 2 3 Mud and debris minimized on public roads

COMMENTS

Haul Road Location

- 0 | 1 2 3 Existing roads used (if practical)
- 0 | 1 2 3 Located outside of stream filter strip
- 0 | 1 2 3 Road grades minimum practical for job
- 0 | 1 2 3 Grade breaks for steep pitches
- 0 | 1 2 3 Stream crossing (GP 7/8) to specification

COMMENTS

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

Skid Trail Location

- 0 | 1 2 3 Existing trails used (if practical)
- 0 | 1 2 3 Located outside of stream filter strip
- 0 | 1 2 3 Road grades minimum practical for job
- 0 | 1 2 3 Breaks graded for steep pitches
- 0 | 1 2 3 Stream crossing (GP-8) to specification
- 0 | 1 2 3 Minimum trails to harvest site

COMMENTS

MANAGING SOIL PROTECTION AND WATER CONTROL				COMMENTS	
0	1	2	3	Waterbars & diversions in place & controlling water runoff effectively	_____
0	1	2	3	Skid trails, haul roads, & landings graded to ensure drainage	_____
0	1	2	3	Sediment barriers/filters in place to trap sedimentation	_____
0	1	2	3	Filter strips working effectively (no earth disturbance)	_____
0	1	2	3	Stream crossings stabilized upon completion of installation (seeded & mulched)	_____
0	1	2	3	Harvesting activity is sensitive to weather impacts	_____
PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE AREAS				COMMENTS	
0	1	2	3	Wetlands / Spring Seeps / Vernal Pools Protected (minimize impact)	_____
0	1	2	3	Protect special sites (historical, geological, cultural significance & plants)	_____
MANAGING VISUAL APPEARANCE				COMMENTS	
0	1	2	3	Visual screens (along public roads & adjacent homes) are maintained during harvest	_____
0	1	2	3	Trees cut on all skid trails (vs. being run over) & stumps removed where needed	_____
0	1	2	3	Stumps buried or flipped upright along roads & landing areas	_____
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	Tops lopped to less than four feet within 50 feet of roads or residences	_____
MANAGING REGENERATION/LONG-TERM PRODUCTIVITY				COMMENTS	
0	1	2	3	Bumper trees used along skid trails to minimize damage to residual trees	_____
0	1	2	3	Residual stand damage minimized	_____
MANAGING OTHER VALUES				COMMENTS	
0	1	2	3	Soils not contaminated with fuels, lubricants, or other chemicals	_____
0	1	2	3	Use of harvested trees maximized	_____
POST HARVESTING (RETIREMENT OF THE SITE)				COMMENTS	
0	1	2	3	Skid trails graded & long-term water control structures installed	_____
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	Stream crossings removed & stabilized per DEP requirements	_____
0	1	2	3	Access to township/state roads retired per permit requirements	_____
0	1	2	3	Refuse removed from the site	_____

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