

# **Recommended Outline: Forest Land Management Plan for Timber Tax Designation**

Written by:

Date:

Land Owner:

Mailing Address:

City, State Zip:

Phone:

Property Address:

City, State Zip:

Parcel Number:

Legal Description: (Example: SW NW lying SE of County road, Section 5, T21N R31E, W.M., Lincoln County, Washington)

## **I. Property Description**

- a. Location relative to common landmarks and main access road
- b. Year purchased by current owner
- c. Past management activities
- d. Ownership Acreage and distribution of acreage (rectangular, narrow strip, etc.)
- e. Topography/aspect
- f. Slope average and extremes
- g. Proximity to significant water bodies
- h. Streams, wetlands, lakes on property
- i. List all improvements: buildings, well, septic, etc.
- j. Soil types (Discuss each)

## **II. Stand Description(s) and Status**

- a. Trees: overstory and understory
  - Species
  - Average height
  - Average diameter and diameter distribution
  - Percent live crown
  - Spacing and trees per acre
- b. Trees: Regeneration
  - Species

- Age
- Height
- Vigor (health)

c. Shrub and grass species

- Percentage of ground covered by shrubs, grass, bare soil, rock.
- Height of each vegetation type
- Distribution of each vegetation type

d. Stand health

- Mistletoe
- Beetles
- Other pathogens
- Noxious weeds

e. Current uses

- Timber production
- Grazing
- Wildlife habitat
- Aesthetics

f. Stand Acreage

- Topography
- Aspect
- Harvest History

### **III. Management Objectives: Short term and long term**

a. Public interests

- Fire: safe fuel loading, ladder fuels, fire breaks, defensible space
- Soil stability: mass wasting prevention, topsoil erosion

b. Timber Production

- Species
- Age distribution
- Diameter
- Stand structure
- Trees per acre (spacing)

c. Other objectives

- Grazing
- Wildlife
- Aesthetics
- Conversion to other use (residential, commercial, etc.)
- Accessibility (roads)

#### **IV. Management Activities to Achieve Aforementioned Objectives**

- a. Timeline of activities (Include year and season for activities)
- b. Timber harvest cycle and type
- c. Pre commercial thinning
- d. Vegetation Control
- e. Noxious weed control
- f. Fire protection/prevention
- g. Road maintenance
- h. Wildlife enhancement (food, shelter)
- i. Soil stabilization/ enhancement

#### **V. Maps**

- a. Aerial photo with property lines and stand boundaries
- b. Copy of the soils map
- c. Plat map if applicable

\* Note that this format is not required, just recommended. Most of the headings above require only one sentence to one paragraph. Please address each of the items above even if it is to say that it does not apply. Please be as thorough as possible. The management plan should be considered to be a document of long term significance so typing it is important. If you do not have access to a computer or typewriter, neat printing is acceptable.