

Example Landowner Objectives and Introductory Overview Sections

Objectives Example 1

We have several objectives for our forested property. All of these objectives can be classified as both short and long term. Of greatest importance are:

- Keeping the forest healthy and productive for growing trees for future harvest and subsequent periodic income, as well as providing habitat for wildlife, and maintaining the aesthetic appeal of the property.
- Being able to pass along the property, in good shape, to our children.

Objectives Example 2

Stewardship Vision Statement:

The following forest management recommendations balance enhancement of water quality, wildlife and biological habitat values, forest management activities, education and passive recreational activities. Forest management of the property is consistent with the larger landscape vision of forestry and rural forest districts. Forest stewardship planning is a long-term flexible and dynamic process. As conditions of the resource and our understanding change the plan may be amended.

Short and Long term objectives

- Provide a forested environment ensuring that water quantity and quality are protected with emphasis on forested wetland protection and enhancement and down-stream fish habitat improvement and maintenance.
- Maintain and improve wildlife habitat across our property.
- Protect sensitive areas including streams and wetlands.
- Assure that management practices will accelerate the development of forest structure and biodiversity.
- Develop a road maintenance plan and upgrade existing road to current forest practice standards.
- Foster cooperative stewardship with adjacent landowners.
- Selectively harvest both timber and non-timber forest products for personal use and sale.
- Provide forest ecology educational opportunities to non-profit sponsored tours, school groups and WSU Forest Stewardship Program field sessions.

Introductory Overview Example 1

The 5 acre property was acquired by us in July 2004. It is located 5 miles NE of Sampletown, WA in Section ## of Township ## North, Range # East, in Westside County. Access is via a ¼ mile private paved road with other 5 acre properties, east of its junction with Happy Tree Road). The south side of the property is bordered by several residential lots, while all other borders are adjacent to undeveloped private property. Elevation is fairly consistent at about 490 feet above sea level. Property slope is negligible at 3-5 % in a few areas and is fairly wet in places.

The Sampletown area was first pioneered in the 1880's by logging and railway contractors connected with the West Coast Railway, which traveled from Sampletown to Anothertown. The land's first timber harvest is estimated to have occurred in the late 1880s or 1890s. The Second harvest was in the 1950s, after which most of the current properties were platted. In general, the current condition of the forested property is good, with a few trees showing possible evidence of root rot while most remain vigorous and multi-aged.

Surrounding land uses include open timber, undeveloped private owned wood lots, with increasing encroachment of clustered and single residential home sites on the south side of the property.

The site receives heavy winds during the fall and winter and there has been resulting blow down damage. The average rainfall for the area is 40 inches, which contribute to heavily soaked soils in the winter and spring.

Introductory Overview Example 2

We purchased the original 40 around 1965. Then in 1979 another adjoining 6 acres was purchased. The original 40 acres is described in our deed as:

Topography is primarily gently sloping, particularly where the pasture, pond, and Stands 2, 4, and 5. Some 30% plus slopes occur as the property drops to more pronounced easterly aspect east of the pasture.

Several small drainages were noted, but did not contain surface water. The region, including the property, is primarily glacial till plains, with some modification by water drainage patterns

Approximately 6 acres (Stand 2) suffered high-grade logging prior to our acquiring it. An estimated 8 acres, on the western part of the property, are currently in pasture. The remaining acres are mostly second growth timber, some of which has been lightly harvested using selective methods.

Surrounding tracts have been clear cut harvested several times, first around the early part of the century, followed by more recent harvests in the last ten to twenty years. Much of the area has been converted to dispersed residences and some agricultural uses.