

Forestry Project Priority *for*

1) This plan or application is for Forestry practices. Does the project include proposed practices to address moderate or significant (versus minor) resource concerns?

Examples of projects where the answer would be NO are provided in Right Sidebar below and right. If answered NO, the application will be labeled “low” priority in ProTracts. The status of the application will remain eligible.

Answer:

2) Are the site conditions suitable for the proposed practices?

Answer no if the site conditions are problematic and are not suitable or advisable. If site conditions are unsuitable answer NO. If answered NO, the application will be labeled “low” priority in ProTracts. The status of the application will remain eligible. See Examples for this Question on Right Sidebar.

Answer:

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I have documented the landowner's objectives, resource concerns and potential practices. The answers above are answered using my best professional judgment.

When answering No to any of the questions above, print out a copy of this sheet, sign it and file it with the landowners application as justification for a 'Low Priority' classification in Protracts.

The intent of this evaluation is to determine if the proposed project meets minimum requirements for funding and then to adjust the priority of the project in Protracts.

It is expected that a site visit is necessary to determine the answers to these questions. The minimum requirements include addressing a priority resource concern and having suitable site conditions for the proposed practices. Answer with a Yes or No below the Question. If you answer No to any of these questions, document the reason why and then change the status of the landowner from 'High Priority' to 'Low Priority' in Protracts.

Question 1 Examples where 'No' would be the answer:

- The landowner only has the land associated with their house lot and could only complete 0.1 acre of invasive control.
- Proposed project only includes minimal erosion (e.g. few minor rills) on a short section of low slope forest trail (e.g.<100 feet) that flattens out where the fix is basic shaping and grading and the current erosion is not impacting water quality.
- Minor erosion at a ford type stream crossing on a forest trail with low slopes due to recent access.

Question 2 Examples where 'No' would be the answer:

- Invasive plant control in a suburban setting with no forest mgt. value.
- Invasive plant control on a site with a severe infestation (75% or greater cover) over many acres surrounded by properties with similar conditions. In other words successful control is unlikely.
- Forest Stand Improvement on a site with very poor growing stock, with few acceptable stems on a wet site even though forest plan appears to meet minimum specifications.
- Forest Stand Improvement on a stand with stand conditions that clearly do not match the forest plan stand descriptions (e.g. trees are all sawtimber size while plan describe pole stand).
- Forest stand improvement planned on a site with invasive plants in the understory of the treatment area where no invasive control is planned.
- Forest Trails and Landings planned on a site that is accessed frequently (daily or weekly or at worst times of year such as spring) with wheeled vehicles that are contributing to erosion problems. This would not meet the standard for Forest Trails and Landings which are intended for infrequent motorized vehicle use - This condition is common on intensive sugarcorn operations.
- Fish passage is proposed with no supporting geomorphic and biological evaluations or if it has been found to be not suitable after review
- Patch cut planned in productive sawtimber size Acceptable Growing Stock (AGS) dominated stand.

Question 2 Examples where 'Yes' would be the answer:

- Forest Trails and Landings planned on a site that is actively eroding due to poor logging practices (e.g. no waterbars, skidding down stream, etc.) 3 years ago. The next harvest is not planned for 9 years.

Planner Name

Planner(s) Signature