**What are my goals?**

This is a question that most resource professionals will ask you before making any sort of recommendations or developing a management plan. It may be hard to put those desired goals into words. The following worksheet can help you describe your goals for your property as a starting point for responsible stewardship of your forested land.

What do you value about your forested land? Please rate each of the following values from 1 (not at all important) to 5 (very important):

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| Aesthetics and beauty | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Hunting | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Fishing | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Using trails for recreation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Growing trees for timber | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Gathering non-timber products, like mushrooms or syrup | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Privacy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| High quality wetlands and stream/river banks | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Good water and soil quality | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Planting trees | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Seeing different kinds of wildlife/biodiversity | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Providing habitat for rare or endangered plants or animals | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

**Wildlife habitat**: Is it important to you to protect and/or improve wildlife habitat on your land? If so, what species are most important to you?

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Does your property have any of these features (check any that you consider significant)?

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| ❑ | Old fields | ❑ | Spring seeps |
| ❑ | Apple trees | ❑ | Areas showing bear use |
| ❑ | Beaver pond | ❑ | Brooks or streams |
| ❑ | Natural marsh | ❑ | Oak forests |
| ❑ | Deer wintering areas | ❑ | Cedar forests |
| ❑ | Aspen forests | ❑ | Other?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Timber**: Are you willing to have trees cut on your property for any of the following reasons (check any that apply)?

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| ❑ | Cash return on current timber value |
| ❑ | Enhancement of future economic value |
| ❑ | Improve wildlife habitat |
| ❑ | Improve other forest values (i.e., recreation, tree health) |
| ❑ | Firewood |

**Wetlands and stream sides**: Do you know of any wetlands on your property? Do you want to develop, restore or protect them?

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**Fisheries**: Are there any streams or ponds on your property? Do you have any concerns about them?

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**Cultural/historic features**: Are there any structures or sites on the parcel that you consider to have cultural or historic significance and that you would like to protect?

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**Unique features**: Are there any unique geological or natural features on the parcel that you would like to protect?

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**Other conservation**: Do you feel you would like to have any windbreaks or shelters built?

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Your goals! Based on the topics and interests you listed in the above questions, how might you summarize your goals for the future of your property?

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