**Minimum Standards Checklist**

**For Forest Stewardship Plans**

From 2015 National Program Standards and Guidelines

**Instructions:** Based on plan review, check appropriate column on right. Provide comments by standard number on back of form, especially where standards are met only in part.

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| **Plan Name:** |  | **Reviewer:** |  |
| **County:** |  | **Review Date:** |  |
| **Plan Date:** |  |  |  |

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| **#** | **Standard** | **Yes** | **No** | **In Part** |
| 1 | Includes evidence that it was written or verified by a natural resource professional. |   |   |   |
| 2 | Includes evidence that it was approved by the State Forester or designated representative. |   |   |   |
|  3 | Authorship is indicated. |   |   |   |
| 4 | Includes landowner information. |  |  |  |
| 5 | Includes location, maps or aerial photos of the property showing property boundaries, forest stands, hydrology, and significant resource elements. |  |  |  |
| 6 | Landowner objectives are clearly stated. |  |  |  |
| 7 | Current forest condition or condition class is described for each forest stand. |   |   |   |
| 8 | Desired condition or condition class is described for each forest stand. |   |   |   |
| 9 | Practices or activities for reaching desired condition are listed for each forest stand. |   |   |   |
| 10 | Timelines for implementation of practices and activities are identified. |   |   |   |
| 11 | Monitoring activities for the forester or landowner are identified (activities to monitor forest condition or activity implementation over time). |   |   |   |
| 12 | Effective period for the plan is identified (for example, 10 years or expiration date given). |   |   |   |
| 13 | Reviewed, revised and renewed before the plan expires to remain current. |  |  |  |
| Standards 14 through 29 are resource elements that must be considered in each plan when they are present. When the element is present or relevant it must be described and evaluated, and site-specific recommendations included where needed for proper forest stewardship. Site-specific recommendations must protect or enhance the element AND be consistent with landowner objectives.  |
| 14 | Soils and water |   |   |   |
| 15 | Biological diversity |   |   |   |
| 16 | Range |   |   |   |
| 17 | Agroforestry |  |  |  |
| 18 | Aesthetic quality and desired timber species |  |  |  |
| 19 | Recreation |  |  |  |
| 20 | Wood and fiber production |  |  |  |
| 21 | Fish and wildlife |   |   |   |
| 22 | Threatened and endangered species  |  |  |  |
| 23 | Forest health and invasive species  |   |   |   |
| 24 | Conservation-based estate/legacy planning information |   |   |   |
| 25 | Archeological, cultural, and historic sites  |   |   |   |
| 26 | Wetlands  |   |   |   |
| 27 | Fire  |   |   |   |
| 28 | Carbon sequestration and climate resilience  |   |   |   |
| 29 | Forest of Recognized Importance |  |  |  |
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