



American Tree Farm System (ATFS) Tree Farm Inspection Record

ATFS Form 021 v2.2 Revised 12/23

State Tree Farm Number

INITIAL INSPECTION INITIAL INSPECTION: HOW DID THE LANDOWNER LEARN ABOUT ATFS? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Certified/Recognition Pioneer	Word of mouth (e.g. inspector, another Tree Farmer)	Forestry Association	Workshop/Field day
	Publication (newsletter, ad, article in newspaper/magazine)	Other (please specify)	

REINSPECTION

Recertification/Renewal Pioneer	Decertification (Choose One):	Deceased Sold	Missing Substandard	No interest
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FIELD INSPECTION DATE REMOTE/INTERVIEW DATE TYPE OF INTERVIEW

Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Phone	Email	Field
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PRIMARY OWNER CONTACT

Organization:			Last Name:			First Name:			MI
Mailing Address 1:					Mailing Address 2:				
City:			State:			Zip:		+4:	
E-mail:			Phone:			Cell Office House	Alt Phone:		Cell Office House
Preferred Contact:			Gender:						
Any	Phone	Email	No Contact	Male	Female	Other	Prefer not to say		
Age:			What is your race/ethnicity? Choose all that apply.						
Under 25	25-50	Over 50	Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	American Indian	White	Asian	Other	Prefer not to say

CO-OWNER

Last Name:			First Name:			MI:
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OWNERSHIP TYPE (Check One)

Non-Industrial Private/Family
 Other Public (non-State Forests)
 Municipal/City/Village
 Other

TREE FARM

County/Parish:	Town:	Total Acres:	Forested Acres:
Location (Legal, Parcel/Tax ID):		Longitude (-dd.ddddd):	Latitude (dd.ddddd):

Does the landowner live on the property? Yes No

SOIL TYPE

Primary:			Secondary:		
Clay	Loam	Other (please specify)	Clay	Loam	Other (please specify)
Sand	Silt		Sand	Silt	

IS THE LANDOWNER PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES?

Wildfire mitigation
 Conservation easement
 Threatened and endangered species
 Ecosystem restoration

Other (please specify):

If no, is the landowner interested?	Yes	No	If yes, please list:
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IS THE LANDOWNER PARTICIPATING IN COST SHARE?

If yes, which program(s)? (please list)

If no, is the landowner interested? Yes No

DOES THIS PROPERTY PARTICIPATE IN A LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PLAN?

Yes No

If yes, please copy and paste URL:

Landowner management objectives?

Management recommendations:

NOTES/UPDATES**APPROVALS**

Landowner * Signature	Month	Day	Year	I (Landowner) understand that, by checking this box, my typed or written signature constitutes a legal signature.		
Qualified ATFS Inspector Signature:	Month	Day	Year	Recommendation: Certification/Recognition Pioneer Decertification		
First Name:	MI:	Last Name:		ID #:		
State Approval Signature:	Month	Day	Year	Recommendation: Certification/Recognition Pioneer Decertification		

*Signature affirms commitment to comply with the 2021 AFF Standards of Sustainability and all relevant laws/regulations/ordinances. Signature further permits agents of ATFS ingress and egress for purposes of verification and in coordination of corrective or preventative activities. Participation in ATFS is purely voluntary and may be discontinued by landowner at any time or if found ineligible by ATFS. Only required for new certifications.

STANDARD 1. COMMITMENT TO PRACTICING SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY (MANAGEMENT PLAN)

PM 1.1 By checking yes, you are indicating that the landowner has a written forest management plan that complies with the 2021 AFF standards. Yes No

Notes/Observations	Indicator	Yes	No
	1.1.1. Management plan <u>shall</u> be active, adaptive and embodies the landowner's current objectives, remain appropriate for the land certified and reflects the current state of knowledge about natural resources and sustainable forest management.	Yes	No
	1.1.2. (a) Management plan <u>shall</u> describe forest conditions at time of plan preparation, landowner's current objectives, management activities aimed at acheiving landowner's objectives, document a feasible strategy for activity implementation and include a map accurately depicting significant forest-related resources.	Yes	No
	1.1.2. (b) The forest management plan <u>shall</u> demonstrate consideration of the following resource elements: forest health, soil, water, wood and fiber production, threatened or endangered species, special sites, invasive species and forests of recognized importance. Where present and relevant to the property, the plan <u>shall</u> describe management activities related to these resource elements.	Yes	No
	1.1.2. (c) Where present and relevant to the property, the plan preparer should consider, describe and evaluate the following resource elements: fire, wetlands, desired species, recreation, conversion, forest aesthetics, biomass, and/or carbon.	Yes	No
	1.1.3. The Landowner should monitor for changes that could interfere with the management objectives as stated in management plan.	Yes	No

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STANDARD 2. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

PM 2.1 Landowner shall comply with all relevant federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations and ordinances governing forest management activities. Yes No

Notes/Observations	Indicator		
	2.1.1. Landowner <u>shall</u> comply with all relevant laws, regulations and ordinances and will correct conditions that led to adverse regulatory actions.	Yes	No
	2.1.2. Landowner should obtain advice from appropriate qualified natural resource professionals or qualified contractors who are trained in, and familiar with relevant laws, regulations and ordinances.	Yes	No

STANDARD 3. REFORESTATION AND AFFORESTATION

Has the property been harvested or afforested since 2015 under this ownership? (If no, skip to Indicator 3.1.2) Yes No

If yes, **PM 3.1** reforestation or afforestation shall be achieved by a suitable process that ensures adequate stocking levels. Yes No

Notes/Observations	Indicator		
	3.1.1. Reforestation or afforestation achieves adequate stocking of desired species reflecting the landowner's objectives, within five years after regeneration harvest, or an appropriate time frame for local conditions, or within a time interval as specified by applicable regulation.	Yes	No
	Regeneration Type	Acres	Species
			Est. year

Indicator
3.1.2. When applicable, landowners shall consult with a qualified resource professional to ensure that proposed afforestation does not have a negative ecological impact or degrade ecologically important non-forest ecosystems. Yes No

STANDARD 4: AIR, WATER AND SOIL PROTECTION

PM 4.1 Landowner shall meet or exceed practices prescribed by State Forestry Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are applicable to the property. Yes No

Notes/Observations	Indicator		
	4.1.1. Landowner <u>shall</u> implement specific State Forestry BMPs that are applicable to the property.	Yes	No
	4.1.2. Landowner <u>shall</u> minimize road construction and other disturbances within riparian zones and wetlands. Activities in riparian zones and wetlands shall comply with applicable BMPs.	Yes	No

PM 4.2 Landowner shall consider a range of forest management activities to control pests, pathogens and unwanted vegetation. Yes No

Have pesticides been used on the property? (If no, skip to Prescribed Fire) Yes No

Notes/Observations	Indicator		
	4.2.1. Landowner should evaluate alternatives to pesticides for the prevention or control of pests, pathogens and unwanted vegetation to achieve specific management objectives.	Yes	No
	4.2.2. Pesticides used <u>shall</u> be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and applied, stored and disposed of in accordance with EPA-approved labels and by persons appropriately trained, licensed and supervised. Landowners or their designated representative <u>shall</u> document pesticide usage.	Yes	No

PRESCRIBED FIRE

Is prescribed fire used on the property? (If no, skip to Standard 5: Fish, Wildlife, Biodiversity and Forest Health) Yes No

Notes/Observations	If yes, PM 4.3 please describe the use of prescribed fire for the past 5 years:		
		Acres	Month/year of most recent burn
	Habitat maintenance		
	Site prep		
	Wildfire risk reduction		
	Control of unwanted vegetation		
	Removal of logging debris		

Notes/Observations
Indicator
4.3.1. Prescribed burns shall conform with the landowner's objectives and state and local laws and regulations. Yes No

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THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

PM 5.1 Forest managements activities shall protect habitats and communities occupied by threatened or endangered species as required by law. Yes No

Indicator
5.1.1. Landowner shall periodically confer with natural resource agencies, state natural resource heritage programs, qualified natural resource professionals or other current sources of information to determine occurrences of threatened or endangered species on the property and their habitat requirements. Yes No

Which resources were consulted to determine occurrences of threatened or endangered species on the property?

Are there known occurrences of threatened and endangered species on the property? (If no, skip to Desired Species) Yes No

If yes, which species? Gopher tortoise Red cockaded woodpecker Dusky gopher frog Northern long-eared bat	<p style="text-align: center;">Acres affected:</p> Wood turtle Grizzly bear Lynx Northern spotted owl	<p style="text-align: center;">Acres affected:</p> Salmon Bull trout Other (please list)
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Notes/Observations Yes No
Indicator
5.1.2 Forest management activities shall incorporate measures to protect identified threatened or endangered species on the property.

If yes, what management activities have been undertaken or are planned to protect the habitats and communities occupied by threatened or endangered species?

DESIRED SPECIES

Has the landowner identified objectives related to desired species and/or forest communities? (If no, skip to PM 5.3: Forest Health) Yes No

If yes, which species/forest community?

White oak and/or white oak habitat	Fire tolerant species	Other
Longleaf pine and/or longleaf habitat	Early successional habitat	

PM 5.2 Landowner should address the desired species and/or desired forest communities when conducting forest management activities, if consistent with landowner's objectives? Yes No

Notes/Observations Yes No
Indicator
5.2.1. Landowner should consult available and accessible information on management of the forest for desired species and/or forest communities and integrate it into forest management.

FOREST HEALTH

PM 5.3 Landowner should make practical efforts to promote forest health. Yes No

Notes/Observations Yes No
Indicator
5.3.1. Landowner should make practical efforts to promote forest health, including prevention, control or response to disturbances such as wildland fire, other pests, pathogens or unwanted vegetation, to achieve specific management objectives

Which forest health issues are relevant to the property? Storm damage Pests Wildfire Other	If yes to wildfire, what mitigation is being done? Acres Thinning Pruning Managing for fire tolerant/resilient species and/or composition Prescribed burning
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In what ways is the landowner seeking to prevent, control or respond to forest health concerns?

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FORESTS OF RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE (FORI)

Which resources were consulted to determine relevance of FORI to the property?

Are FORI relevant to the property? (If no, skip to Standard 6: Forest Aesthetics) Yes No

If yes, **PM 5.4** forest management activities should maintain or enhance forests of recognized importance (FORI). Yes No

Notes/Observations	Indicator 5.4.1. If relevant, appropriate to the scale and intensity of the situation, forest management activities should incorporate measures to contribute to the conservation of identified forests of recognized importance.	Yes	No
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STANDARD 6: FOREST AESTHETICS

PM 6.1 Landowner should manage the visual impacts of forest management activities consistent with landowner objectives, the size of the forest, the scale and intensity of forest management activities and the location of the property. Yes No

Notes/Observations	Indicator 6.1.1. Forest management activities should apply visual quality measures compatible with appropriate silvicultural practices.	Yes	No
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STANDARD 7: PROTECT SPECIAL SITES

Notes/Observations	Indicator 7.1.1. Landowner <u>shall</u> make a reasonable effort to locate and protect special sites appropriate for the size of the forest and the scale and intensity of forest management activities.	Yes	No
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Which resources were consulted to reach this determination? For example, field observations by qualified natural resource professional, state natural, historical or cultural heritage databases or offices.

Are special sites relevant to the property? (If no, skip to Standard 8: Forest Product Harvests and Other Activities) Yes No

If yes, which special sites are present?	Number of occurrences:	How are special sites protected?
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Notes/Observations	If yes, PM 7.1 Forest management activities <u>shall</u> consider and maintain any special sites relevant on the property.	Yes	No
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STANDARD 8: FOREST PRODUCT HARVESTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

PM 8.1 Landowner should use qualified natural resource professionals and qualified contractors when contracting for services. Yes No

Notes/Observations	Indicator 8.1.1. Landowner should seek qualified natural resource professionals and qualified contractors.	Yes	No
	8.1.2. Landowner should engage qualified contractors who carry appropriate insurance and comply with appropriate federal, state and local safety and fair labor rules, regulations and standard practices.	Yes	No
	8.1.3. Landowner should retain appropriate contracts or records for forest product harvests and other management activities to demonstrate conformance to the Standards.	Yes	No

PM 8.2 Landowner or designated representative shall monitor forest product harvests and other management activities to ensure they conform to their objectives. Yes No

Notes/Observations	Indicator 8.2.1. Harvest, utilization, removal and other management activities <u>shall</u> be conducted in compliance with the landowner's objectives and to maintain the potential of the property to produce forest products and other benefits sustainably.	Yes	No
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