



EL PASO COUNTY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN OUTLINE

The intent of this outline is to assist the property owner in developing an acceptable forest management plan which must be approved by El Paso County. While it is intended to give guidance to the property owner, some components are best completed by a Certified Forester**.

I. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A general statement about the overall reasons for developing the plan and what is hoped to be gained by it.

II. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION

A) Property Location

- A legal description with narrative. A general location map is helpful.

B) Property Description

- A detailed description of the property including the acreage, topography, elevation, vegetation types and other physical features of significance.

C) Property Map

- A good topographic or aerial map of the property with a parcel boundary and contours.

D) Management Compartments**

- A map detailing units that are delineated on the basis of topography, aspect, access, or stand condition.
- A description of each compartment similar to property description but more specific.

E) Climate

- A summary of local climate conditions describing temperature ranges, precipitation amounts and average weather statistics.

- F) Land Use History
 - Background on prior use of the property noting any significant cultural and historical uses and/or structures.
- G) Public Issues: Impact of forest management activities
 - Public issues as related to natural resources management actions that are likely to affect the health, productivity or character of adjacent properties and the surrounding community.

III. INVENTORY**

- A) Type of Cruise and Accuracy
 - Description of the method used to sample and measure the stands.
- B) Cruise Data
 - A table of the data set collected during the cruise.
- C) Forest Insect and Disease Infestations
 - Description of any insects and disease noted during the cruise.
- D) Fire Hazard Rating
 - Assessment of the potential fire danger of each unit and of the overall property area. (There are a variety of methods for gathering this information).
- E) Soil Types
 - A map and description of the soil types found on the property.
- F) Access, Roads, and Trails
 - A map and description of any access to and through the property that would be useful during management operations.
- G) Aquatic, Riparian, or Wetland Features
 - A map and description of all significant hydrological features on the property.
- H) Landmarks and Cultural Features
 - A map and description of all significant features on the property noting any significant cultural and historical uses and/or structures.
- I) Noxious Weeds
 - A list of all noxious weeds as defined by county, state or federal guidelines found on the property.

- J) Wildlife Species
 - A list of wildlife species as noted through surveys and observation.
- K) Threatened and Endangered Species
 - A list of any special status species (Federal or State threatened and endangered) that are known to exist on site.
- L) Recreational, Scenic, and Aesthetic Resources
 - Any resources that might be adversely affected by management operations.
- M) Archeological Sites
 - Any archeological sites or resources known to exist on the property.

IV. MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS, IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE, AND IMPLEMENTATION RECORDS**

- A) Management Prescriptions and Discussion
 - A detailed description of the silvicultural prescriptions recommended for each unit with annual Work Plans and implementation schedules.