

# Many agencies and programs use forest management plans.













# From the landowner's perspective...

## What do you see as the benefits of management planning?



# The Uniform Planning System



Natural Resources Conservation Service











Uniform Forest Management
Planning and Endorsement
System
a.k.a. "Uniform Plan"

## **The Uniform Planning System - Cooperators**





















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# **Uniform Plan process**

- April 2011 Cooperators summit #1
- Summer/Fall 2011 Pilot phase and website developed
- Nov 2011 Cooperators summit #2
- Winter/Spring 2012 Revisions
- June 2012 Uniform Plan endorsed by cooperators (OTFS and OR Forest Stewardship Coord. Committee)
- Now Adoption phase, training
- Soon Additional cooperator endorsements (FSC, NRCS)



## **Uniform Plan Structure**

- "Woodland Discovery"
  - Designed to be easily completed by a landowner
  - Property description, history, goals, aerial photo
- Planning elements
  - Forest vegetation, fish & wildlife, soils, roads, water...
  - Schedule of actions
- Addendums
  - For agency specific requirements NRCS Job Sheets;
     FSC Chain of Custody



# Implementing the Uniform Plan

- Mentored Management Planning Shortcourses (OSU Extension)
- Training for professional foresters, agency staff and Tree Farm Inspectors (April/May 2013)

April 4 (Albany)

April 18 (Aurora)

April 23 (Pendleton)



# Oregon Forest Management Planning Website...

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### Oregon Forest Management Planning

Welcome to the Oregon Forest Management Planning home page.

This site is intended to provide guidance and resources to woodland owners and forestry professionals who are writing forest management plans.



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#### About this Site

Explanation of the Uniform Resource Planning and Endorsement System, Partners, and Planning Process



#### About Management Planning

What it is, why it is useful and how to do it



#### What's in a Plan?

A step-by-step guide to a complete forest management plan



#### Plan Writing Tools and Guidance

Uniform Plan guidance and templates

## OSU Oregon State University

#### Forest Management Planning: What and Why

A guide for woodland owners and professionals who work with them.



Why have a plan?

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This interactive presentation will give you an overview of the many different components of a forest management plan.

Along the way, small woodland owners Bob and Bonnie Shumaker will share their experiences in creating their management plan.

The "?" icon in the lower right provides tips on how to navigate this module.



Woodland Discovery



Writing the Plan



Resources

#### Uniform Plan Standards

Explore the links and icons below to learn about the kinds of information that go into a management plan. Every plan is unique in terms of its length, content and complexity; these things should be a reflection of the landowner and his/her management goals.

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Property Information

Location, size, ownership, history and other details



Goals and Objectives

What are your big ideas?



Maps and Photos

A visual overview



Property Resources

Wood, water, wildlife, and more



Recommendations for Future Action

Steps for the future



**Business and Operations** 

Keeping track of tax, business, and liability matters



#### Addendums

Program-specific attachements for your plans

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### Property Resources



Soils and Geology

Map and describe the soil types on your land



Forest Vegetation

Quantitative and qualitative inventory of your timber stands.



- Water Resources

Streams, ponds, springs, and wetlands



Fish and Wildlife

Understanding your property's habitat value and its potential.



Integrated Pest Management

Considering all the options



Wildfire Protection

Taking action to reduce risk



Roads

Taking stock of your infrastructure

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#### Fish and Wildlife

#### What Needs to be in the Plan?

- Describe the different wildlife species and habitats that are present on the property and desired in the future.
- Describe species and habitats that are not currently present, but that you would like to see in the future.
- Identify species causing problems that you need to manage or control.



## Threatened and Endangered Species

- Identify federally or state listed threatened and endangered species that may occur
  on or near your property.
- List sources (resource professionals, databases, etc.) used to learn more about state and federally listed threatened, endangered species.

#### Tips

Identifying threatened and/or endangered species

Protecting resource sites

Wildlife management on more than one unit

Do you want to improve conditions for at-risk fish and wildlif

- Check out the Oregon
   Conservation Strategy Oregon's statewide blueprint for fish and wildife it provides a menu of conservation options.
- Check to see if your property is located within one of Oregon's Conservation Opportunity Areas and see if there are opportunities for you to implement voluntary conservation actions on your property.



#### Rare, Sensitive and Other Unique Resource Sites

#### Landowner Information

Landowner:		
Name of Landowner Contact:		
Landowner Contact Address	Phone:	
	Cell:	
	E-Mail:	
	Web Address:	

#### **Property Information**

Name:							ation:		
PARCEL INFORMATION (Repeat for Multiple Parcels)									
Total Acres:			Forestland A			res:			
Address:			Co	ounty:					
				Legal					
Structural Fire Protection District:									
Forest Fire Protection District:									
Watersl	hed Name:	[6 <sup>th</sup> Field watershed nam	ne] W		atershed #:	[12 0	digit number]		
Seed Zo	one (New):	[Add for each species]		Seed Zone (Old):		Ada	d for each species]		
	Latitude:				Longitude:				





# Are you wondering...

- I don't have a management plan. Where do I start?
- Do I need to re-write my existing plan to make it a "Uniform" Plan?
- Do I need to use the template?



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