Using this workbook will help you determine goals for your land, and can expedite the writing of your management plan as you will have completed some of the information your forester needs as they complete your plan. If you have questions about how to use this workbook, talk to your forester they can offer some good advice to help you along in your process. If you would like an electronic version of this form, please contact Rural Action at (740) 767-4938 or visit www.ruralaction.org/forestry to download it.

Service Forestry Case Record Number (From your service forester): ____________________________

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm and Tract Number (From FSA): ____________________________

Ownership

Your Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Location of Your Land

County:

Civil Township:

Section, Township, & Range:

Road Address:

Access:
Area

Total Acreage:

Wooded Acreage:

Agricultural Acreage:

Other Acreage:

Parcel Identification Numbers and Acreage:

History

(For example: How long have you owned the land? Who owned the land before you? When were livestock removed from the woods? When was the last time timber was cut? Are there any historical, archaeological, or cultural sites such as an old home site, a cemetery, or an Indian mound? Do you know if the land was once a mine?):

Your Land

Describe the land. Is it steep, hilly, rocky, flat, etc.? Is there anything that might block your access or keep you from managing your woods? Are there any gas or oil wells, utility rights-of-way or easements, roads, trails, etc.?

Describe the waters. Are there any creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, pools, or springs? Do you know in which watershed your land is located?
Describe your woods. Tell what kinds of trees are there, their size, age, quality, etc. Tell how long it has been since the last timber cutting.

Describe any special or unique features such as springs, caves, rock outcrops, large trees, unusual trees, old home sites, buildings, cemeteries, Indian mounds, etc.

**Your Goals**
List your goals. How much can you do in meeting your goals? How much can you do to manage your woods? Do you have the time, ability, money, and energy? Do you have any helpers? What tools and equipment do you have? What might you need?
Prescription

What would you like to do and what do you think you should do to meet your goals? If you need help, refer to the question “What can I do to manage my woods?” in the question and answer section of this publication or talk to a professional forester.

Do you have any problems or questions to bring up with your forester?

Name, address, phone number, and email of your service forester:

Name, address, phone number, and email of your district conservationist (NRCS):

Name, address, phone number, and email of the person in the county auditor’s office who deals with property tax programs (CAUV, OFTL, etc.):

Other names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails:

Map

Attach a map showing boundary lines, roads, trails, woods, fields, and other features. Be sure to include a north arrow, a legend or key, and a scale if you know the scale.

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