Establishing Management Objectives
Planning

– Forest management decisions can have long-term impacts
  • Health and productivity of forests
  • Financial resources
– Unintended consequences in forestry are rarely positive
– May be difficult to change in the short-term
– Planning can help minimize unintended consequences
Goals

• Statements of desired outcomes or future conditions – the big picture vision for the property
• Broad, open-ended
• Must be achievable

“Grow mature pine sawtimber.”
“Create wildlife habitat.”
“Earn enough income to pay the property taxes.”
Objectives

- Written statements of concrete steps to achieve each goal

“Plant 450 loblolly pine trees per acre in the winter of 2013 following a site prep burn and an herbicide application to control woody competition.”

“Convert the southern field from fescue to warm season grasses in 2014.”
Goals & Objectives

- Hire a professional forester
- Are goals realistic?
- Incorporate into management plan
- Revisit periodically, especially if your resources change
Activity

FAMILY RESOURCE INVENTORY

Date: ______________ Completed by: ____________________

SECTION 1: BASIC PROPERTY INFORMATION.
1. State and locality where property is located: ________________________________
2. Date forest property acquired or inherited: ________________________________
3. Forested acreage: ________________________________
4. Open field/agricultural acreage: ________________________________

SECTION 2: FAMILY RESOURCE INVENTORY. Complete for each family member or stakeholder in your property.

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SECTION 3: GOALS. Using your family resource inventory and conversations with your family, write one to four goals for your forest property.

GOAL 1.

GOAL 2.

GOAL 3.

GOAL 4.

SECTION 4: VISION STATEMENT. Using your goals, try to write an overall vision statement for your property.