Minimum Standards Checklist
For Forest Stewardship Plans
From 2009 National Program Standards and Guidelines

Approved Forest Stewardship Plan Writers can use this document to ensure that all Forest Stewardship Plans address landowner objectives while adhering to National and State Forest Stewardship Management Plan standards.

#	Standard	Yes	No
Plan Components			
1	Landowner objectives are clearly stated.		
2	Maps or aerial photos of the property showing property boundaries, forest stands, hydrology, and significant resource elements are included.		
3	Current forest condition or condition class is described for each forest stand.		
4	Desired condition or condition class is described for each forest stand.		
5	Practices or activities for reaching desired condition are listed for each forest stand.		
6	Strategies for implementing practices or activities are identified (for example, potential cost-share programs, use of consultants, etc.)		
7	Timelines for implementation of practices and activities are identified.		
8	Monitoring activities for the forester or landowner are identified (activities to monitor forest condition or activity implementation over time).		
9	Effective period for the plan is identified (for example, 10 years or expiration date given).		
Resource Elements			
Standards 10 through 24 are resource elements that **must** be considered in each plan. Consideration includes indicating whether they are, or are not, present or relevant. When the element is present or relevant it must be described and evaluated, and site-specific recommendations included where needed for proper forest stewardship. Site-specific recommendation must protect or enhance the element AND be consistent with landowner objectives.			
10	Soils		
11	Water		
12	Biological Diversity (rare plants, animals, or ecological communities; native plant species diversity)		
13	Range (livestock grazing)		
14	Aesthetic Quality (scenic quality and visually sensitive areas)		
15	Recreation		
16	Timber		
17	Wildlife (game and watchable wildlife species)		
18	Fish (fisheries)		
19	Threatened and Endangered Species		
20	Forest Health (insects, diseases, invasive species)		
21	Archeological, Cultural, and Historic Sites		
22	Wetlands		
23	Fire (fuel conditions and wildfire risk, prescribed burning)		
24	Carbon Cycle (changes in carbon storage capacity, carbon market opportunities)		