

STANDARD 6

Forest Aesthetics

Forest management activities recognize the value of **forest aesthetics**.



PERFORMANCE MEASURE 6.1

Landowner should manage the visual impacts of forest management activities consistent with landowner objectives, the size of the forest, the **scale** and intensity of forest management activities and the location of the property.

Indicator 6.1.1

Forest management activities should apply **visual quality measures** compatible with appropriate silvicultural practices.

GUIDANCE

Forest aesthetics considerations can be incorporated into management planning with little cost to the **landowner**. Employing **forest aesthetics** considerations into the **management plan** can produce a much more visually appealing experience on property visits for owners, their guests and passers-by using nearby public roads.

Many state agencies have guidelines for forest aesthetics that **landowners**, **designated representatives** and **qualified natural resource professionals** can use to inform their management. A few good examples include:

Guide to Logging and Aesthetics by Geoffrey T. Jones:

<http://www2.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/info/pubs/Harvesting/A%20Guide%20to%20Logging%20Aesthetics.pdf>

Georgia's Best Management Practices for Forestry, Section 7:

<http://www.gatrees.mobi/resources/publications/BMPManualGA0609.pdf>



University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's *Good Forestry in the Granite State*:

<http://extension.unh.edu/goodforestry/toc.htm>

Voluntary Harvesting Guidelines for LANDOWNERS IN VERMONT. Chapter 2:

https://fpr.vermont.gov/sites/fpr/files/Forest_and_Forestry/Forest_Management/Library/VHG_FINAL_COVER.pdf

Forest Stewardship: Planning for Beauty and Enjoyment

<https://extension.psu.edu/forest-stewardship-planning-for-beauty-and-enjoyment>

Examples of **forest aesthetic practices** include:

- Place log-truck-loading zones out of public view
- Put a bend or turn in the entrance road to block view of tract interior
- Follow contour lines and timber type margins with roads and harvest boundaries
- Close and revegetate idle roads with wildlife-friendly plants

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