

# Sample Resource Concern, Goal, and Objective

The Effective DC

DEVELOPING AN AREA/COMMUNITY PLAN

## Identify and Describe the Resource Concern

Landuse: Forestland for the Garnet and Willow Watershed

### 1. What is the resource concern?

Forestlands are not producing the yields and quality to meet the objectives of the landowners and community. There is over harvesting on private lands and lack of forest regeneration. Livestock are concentrated along the streams causing damage to the riparian zone.

### 2. How large is the problem?

5792 acres of private forestland are affected by overcutting and lack of forest regeneration. Harvesting from Forest Service 10,091 acres has been reduced and access to stands is limited due to the existing road system.

There is a permit for 215 head of livestock on the national forest and industrial forest land. There is no defined management plan and very little livestock control.

### 3. How severe are the effects?

The human aspects are most significantly effected because the timber industry is the primary employer in the community.

Poor livestock management is resulting in damage to the riparian zone adding sediment delivery to streams affecting water quality. Stream bank erosion is also reducing cover for fish and wildlife and higher water temperatures. Poor vegetative cover allows for weed infestations. This may add to the decline in anadromous fish populations.

### 4. How long has it been a concern?

The concern has existed for 10 + years however the concern has become a reality in last five years when the F.S. was forced to reduce its' harvest volume.

### 5. What people are affected? How are they affected?

The concern has existed for over 10 years. However the concern has become a reality in last five years when the Forest Service. was forced to reduce its harvest volume. The fishery is culturally important to the Willow Tribe.

### 6. What geographical area is affected?

15,890 acres of forestland located at the upper end of the watershed in Hill County.

7. What impacts does it have on water quality or other natural resources?

Continued lack of management either of livestock or forest management, could cause an increase in erosion and sediments entering the waterways. The human resource will be affected if timber is no longer the resource for the community's economic structure.

8. What will happen if nothing is done to correct the problem?

Forest production will cease on private lands and the Forest Service land can not sustain the economic needs of the community. Private lands could have increasing numbers of undesirable species invade the landscape. The few numbers of spawning fish could decrease further.

9. Why should the general public be concerned about the problem?

The timber industry is their natural resource economic base. They would need to find another resource to sustain the community of Chester. Recreational and cultural benefits are negatively affected.

**Write a concise descriptive paragraph using the answers from the questions above to describe the natural resource concern.**

There are 15,890 acres of forestland, 10,098 acres are managed by the US Forest Service and 5,792 acres are privately managed. The sustainability of forestland production is a concern on private lands. The limited harvest on USFS lands is not enough to maintain the economic stability of the community of Chester. Lack of forestland and livestock management is cause more concern for water quality in the waterways from increased sediment loads.

**Write a goal statement, statement of desired conditions related to the resource concern in the space below.**

Develop and maintain a sustainable timber resource for all future generations.

**Write a measurable objective using the questions above.**

Over the next 12 months facilitate and assist in the development of a Coordinate Resource Management Plan that will address long term management and sustainability of the timber resource in Hill County.

**Action Plan**

Action Items	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date
1. Contract key community and timber industry stakeholders and coordinate a meeting to discuss the sustainability of the timber industry	SWCD Manager	10/15/04	12/15/04
2. Assemble forest land resource data, including land use, ownership, wate resources, roads, etc.	NRCS DC & GIS coordinator	11/1/04	11/30/14
3. Assemble forest inventory data on USFS lands and for industrial forest lands.	USFS & Pvt. Forester	11/1/04	12/15/04
4. Assemble forest industry economic data including labor force, income, etc.	RC&D coordinator	11/1/04	11/30/04
5. Core committee set up to review resource information, discuss issues and initiate work on management plan.	Ark-Pac Lumber manager	12/15/04	3/1/05
6. Hold public meeting to review draft plan.	SWCD manager	3/1/05	3/31/05
7. Additional inventory to address public comment.	USFS & Pvt. Foresters	4/1/05	5/31/05
8. Core committee develops second draft.	Ark-Pac Lumber manager	6/1/05	9/1/05
9. Hold second public meeting.	SWCD manager	9/1/05	9/15/05
10. Publish Coordinated Resource Management Plan.	SWCD	9/15/05	10/15/05