

Good Forestry in the Granite State-Survey Results December 2008

1. Have you used GFGS?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	59.2%	61
No	<div><div></div></div>	40.8%	42
answered question			103
skipped question			0

2. How would you rate the overall quality of information in GFGS?								
	Low		Medium		High	Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Rating	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	7.3% (3)	34.1% (14)	58.5% (24)	0.0% (0)	4.51	41
answered question								41
skipped question								62

3. How have you used Good Forestry in the Granite State? (check all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Timber management activities (timber sales, firewood cutting, road building, etc.)	<div><div></div></div>	78.6%	33
Habitat management activities	<div><div></div></div>	66.7%	28
Forest Stewardship plans	<div><div></div></div>	50.0%	21
Increase personal knowledge	<div><div></div></div>	78.6%	33
Educational activities	<div><div></div></div>	47.6%	20
Recreational activities (trails, etc.)	<div><div></div></div>	28.6%	12
answered question			42
skipped question			61

4. The following topics are currently covered in the INTRODUCTION. Please indicate how frequently you have used these topics.				
	Never Used	Occasionally Used	Regularly Used	Response Count
Principles of Sustainability	16.7% (6)	55.6% (20)	27.8% (10)	36
First Steps in Forest Management	23.1% (9)	66.7% (26)	10.3% (4)	39
Your Land and the Larger Landscape	21.6% (8)	56.8% (21)	21.6% (8)	37
New Hampshire Forest Types	28.2% (11)	48.7% (19)	23.1% (9)	39
	answered question			39
	skipped question			64

5. To what degree do you feel that your practices have been influenced by the INTRODUCTION?								
	No Influence		Some Influence		Significant Influence	Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Degree of Influence	10.5% (4)	15.8% (6)	44.7% (17)	10.5% (4)	10.5% (4)	7.9% (3)	2.94	38
	answered question							38
	skipped question							65

6. In your opinion, does the INTRODUCTION need to be revised?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div></div>	23.1%	9
No	<div></div>	33.3%	13
Don't Know	<div></div>	43.6%	17
	answered question		39
	skipped question		64

7. What needs to be revised in the INTRODUCTION and why?		
		Response Count
		10
	<i>answered question</i>	10
	<i>skipped question</i>	93

8. The following topics are currently covered in the SOIL PRODUCTIVITY chapter. Please indicate how frequently you have used these topics.					
	Never used	Occasionally used	Regularly used	Unsure	Response Count
1.1 Erosion and Soil Damage	15.4% (6)	48.7% (19)	35.9% (14)	0.0% (0)	39
1.2 Soil Nutrients	23.1% (9)	51.3% (20)	25.6% (10)	0.0% (0)	39
	<i>answered question</i>				39
	<i>skipped question</i>				64

9. To what degree do you feel that your practices have been influenced by the SOIL PRODUCTIVITY chapter?								
	No Influence		Some Influence		Significant Influence	Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Degree of Influence	18.4% (7)	7.9% (3)	42.1% (16)	21.1% (8)	10.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	2.97	38
	<i>answered question</i>							38
	<i>skipped question</i>							65

10. In your opinion, does the SOIL PRODUCTIVITY chapter need to be revised?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>		28.9%	11
No	<div><div></div></div>		21.1%	8
Don't Know	<div><div></div></div>		50.0%	19
	answered question			38
	skipped question			65

11. What needs to be revised in the SOIL PRODUCTIVITY chapter and why?		
		Response Count
		14
	answered question	14
	skipped question	89

12. The following topics are currently covered in the WATER QUALITY, WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN AREAS chapter. Please indicate how frequently you have used these topics.					
	Never used	Occasionally used	Regularly used	Unsure	Response Count
2.1 Wetlands and Riparian Areas	2.6% (1)	47.4% (18)	50.0% (19)	0.0% (0)	38
2.2 Water Quality	16.7% (6)	44.4% (16)	38.9% (14)	0.0% (0)	36
	answered question				38
	skipped question				65

13. To what degree do you feel that your practices have been influenced by the WATER QUALITY, WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN AREAS chapter?								
	No Influence		Some Influence		Significant Influence	Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Degree of Influence	5.3% (2)	5.3% (2)	36.8% (14)	26.3% (10)	26.3% (10)	0.0% (0)	3.63	38
	answered question							38
	skipped question							65

14. In your opinion, does the WATER QUALITY, WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN AREAS chapter need to be revised?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>		53.8%	21
No	<div><div></div></div>		15.4%	6
Don't Know	<div><div></div></div>		30.8%	12
	answered question			39
	skipped question			64

15. What needs to be revised in the WATER QUALITY, WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN AREAS chapter and why?		
		Response Count
		20
	answered question	20
	skipped question	83

16. The following topics are currently covered in the HABITAT chapter. Please indicate how frequently you have used these topics.					
	Never used	Occasionally used	Regularly used	Unsure	Response Count
3.1 Overstory Inclusions	23.7% (9)	50.0% (19)	18.4% (7)	7.9% (3)	38
3.2 Permanent Openings	10.8% (4)	56.8% (21)	27.0% (10)	5.4% (2)	37
3.3 Beaver-Created Openings	18.9% (7)	59.5% (22)	18.9% (7)	2.7% (1)	37
3.4 Aspen Management	27.0% (10)	43.2% (16)	24.3% (9)	5.4% (2)	37
3.5 Deer Wintering Areas	8.1% (3)	54.1% (20)	35.1% (13)	2.7% (1)	37
3.6 Mast	2.6% (1)	52.6% (20)	39.5% (15)	5.3% (2)	38
3.7 Cavity Trees, Dens, and Snags	5.3% (2)	47.4% (18)	44.7% (17)	2.6% (1)	38
3.8 Dead and Down Woody Debris	7.9% (3)	52.6% (20)	36.8% (14)	2.6% (1)	38
	answered question				38
	skipped question				65

17. To what degree do you feel that your practices have been influenced by the HABITAT chapter?								
	No Influence		Some Influence		Significant Influence	Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Degree of Influence	0.0% (0)	8.1% (3)	54.1% (20)	18.9% (7)	16.2% (6)	2.7% (1)	3.44	37
	answered question							37
	skipped question							66

18. In your opinion, does the HABITAT chapter need to be revised?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	41.7%	15
No	<div><div></div></div>	33.3%	12
Don't Know	<div><div></div></div>	25.0%	9
	answered question		36
	skipped question		67

19. What needs to be revised in the HABITAT chapter and why?		
		Response Count
		18
	answered question	18
	skipped question	85

20. The following topics are currently covered in the UNIQUE AND FRAGILE AREAS chapter. Please indicate how frequently you have used these topics.					
	Never used	Occasionally used	Regularly used	Unsure	Response Count
4.1 Rare Plants and Natural Communities	16.2% (6)	48.6% (18)	35.1% (13)	0.0% (0)	37
4.2 Vernal Pools	8.1% (3)	40.5% (15)	51.4% (19)	0.0% (0)	37
4.3 Seeps	19.4% (7)	55.6% (20)	25.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	36
4.4 Woodland Raptor Nest Trees	21.6% (8)	54.1% (20)	24.3% (9)	0.0% (0)	37
4.5 Heron Colonies	48.6% (18)	43.2% (16)	8.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	37
4.6 Bald Eagle and Osprey Nests	51.4% (19)	37.8% (14)	10.8% (4)	0.0% (0)	37
4.7 Bald Eagle Winter Roosts	56.8% (21)	32.4% (12)	10.8% (4)	0.0% (0)	37
4.8 Old-Growth Forests	38.9% (14)	41.7% (15)	16.7% (6)	2.8% (1)	36
4.9 High-Elevation Forests	55.6% (20)	30.6% (11)	8.3% (3)	5.6% (2)	36
	answered question				37
	skipped question				66

21. To what degree do you feel that your practices have been influenced by the UNIQUE AND FRAGILE AREAS chapter?								
	No Influence		Some Influence		Significant Influence	Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Degree of Influence	16.7% (6)	5.6% (2)	47.2% (17)	16.7% (6)	11.1% (4)	2.8% (1)	3.00	36
	answered question							36
	skipped question							67

22. In your opinion, does the UNIQUE AND FRAGILE AREAS chapter need to be revised?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>		30.6%	11
No	<div><div></div></div>		33.3%	12
Don't Know	<div><div></div></div>		36.1%	13
	answered question			36
	skipped question			67

23. What needs to be revised in the UNIQUE AND FRAGILE AREAS chapter and why?		
		Response Count
		12
	answered question	12
	skipped question	91

24. The following topics are currently covered in the TIMBER QUALITY/FLOW chapter. Please indicate how frequently you have used these topics.					
	Never used	Occasionally used	Regularly used	Unsure	Response Count
5.1 Regeneration: The Right Tree on the Right Site	13.2% (5)	47.4% (18)	39.5% (15)	0.0% (0)	38
5.2 Forest Structure	10.5% (4)	52.6% (20)	34.2% (13)	2.6% (1)	38
5.3 Managing for High-Quality Trees	15.8% (6)	47.4% (18)	36.8% (14)	0.0% (0)	38
5.4 Controlling Logging Damage	10.8% (4)	48.6% (18)	40.5% (15)	0.0% (0)	37
5.5 Clearcutting	24.3% (9)	59.5% (22)	16.2% (6)	0.0% (0)	37
5.6 Insects, Diseases and Wind Damage	14.3% (5)	57.1% (20)	28.6% (10)	0.0% (0)	35
	answered question				38
	skipped question				65

25. To what degree do you feel that your practices have been influenced by the TIMBER QUALITY/FLOW chapter?								
	No Influence		Some Influence		Significant Influence	Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Degree of Influence	8.3% (3)	13.9% (5)	38.9% (14)	25.0% (9)	11.1% (4)	2.8% (1)	3.17	36
	<i>answered question</i>							36
	<i>skipped question</i>							67

26. In your opinion, does the TIMBER QUALITY/FLOW chapter need to be revised?			
			Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	37.1%	13
No	<div><div></div></div>	22.9%	8
Don't Know	<div><div></div></div>	40.0%	14
	<i>answered question</i>		35
	<i>skipped question</i>		68

27. What needs to be revised in the TIMBER QUALITY/FLOW chapter and why?		
		Response Count
		17
	<i>answered question</i>	17
	<i>skipped question</i>	86

28. The following topics are currently covered in the AESTHETICS/VISUAL QUALITY AND RECREATION chapter. Please indicate how frequently you have used these topics.					
	Never used	Occasionally used	Regularly used	Unsure	Response Count
6.1 Timing of Forest Management Activities	17.9% (7)	66.7% (26)	15.4% (6)	0.0% (0)	39
6.2 Truck Roads and Skid Trails	15.4% (6)	56.4% (22)	28.2% (11)	0.0% (0)	39
6.3 Landings	7.7% (3)	61.5% (24)	30.8% (12)	0.0% (0)	39
6.4 Slash Disposal	15.4% (6)	64.1% (25)	20.5% (8)	0.0% (0)	39
6.5 Aesthetics of Clearcutting	21.1% (8)	55.3% (21)	23.7% (9)	0.0% (0)	38
6.6 Cultural Resources	13.2% (5)	47.4% (18)	39.5% (15)	0.0% (0)	38
6.7 Timber Harvesting in High-Use Recreation Areas	23.1% (9)	48.7% (19)	28.2% (11)	0.0% (0)	39
	answered question				39
	skipped question				64

29. To what degree do you feel that your practices have been influenced by the AESTHETICS/VISUAL QUALITY AND RECREATION chapter?								
	No Influence		Some Influence		Significant Influence	Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Degree of Influence	7.9% (3)	13.2% (5)	44.7% (17)	13.2% (5)	18.4% (7)	2.6% (1)	3.22	38
	answered question							38
	skipped question							65

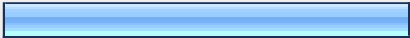
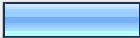
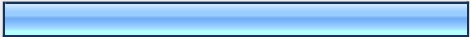
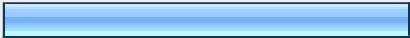
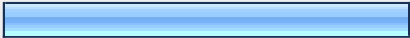
30. In your opinion, does the AESTHETICS AND VISUAL QUALITY/RECREATION chapter need to be revised?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	18.4%	7
No	<div><div></div></div>	44.7%	17
Don't Know	<div><div></div></div>	36.8%	14
		answered question	38
		skipped question	65


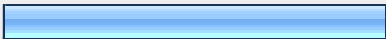



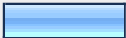
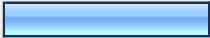
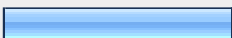
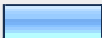


31. What needs to be revised in the AESTHETICS AND VISUAL QUALITY/RECREATION chapter and why?		
		Response Count
		7
	answered question	7
	skipped question	96

32. What topics are missing from GFGS that you would like to see included? (check all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Invasive plants	<div><div></div></div>	89.7%	35
Exotic insects	<div><div></div></div>	71.8%	28
Carbon sequestration	<div><div></div></div>	41.0%	16
Climate Change	<div><div></div></div>	43.6%	17
Non-timber forest products	<div><div></div></div>	61.5%	24
Harvesting Systems	<div><div></div></div>	69.2%	27
Educational activities	<div><div></div></div>	35.9%	14
Estate Planning/Conservation Easement	<div><div></div></div>	69.2%	27
		answered question	39
		skipped question	64

33. If you DO NOT use Good Forestry in the Granite State, why not? (check all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Didn't know it existed.	<div><div></div></div>	66.7%	26
I don't have a copy.	<div><div></div></div>	43.6%	17
I just don't think of using it.	<div><div></div></div>	7.7%	3
I tried but I don't like it.	<div><div></div></div>	2.6%	1
It's hard to find the information I need.		0.0%	0
I find the recommendations impractical.	<div><div></div></div>	2.6%	1
I pretty much know the information contained in the book and don't need to refer to it.	<div><div></div></div>	7.7%	3
I use other sources of information.	<div><div></div></div>	23.1%	9
	answered question		39
	skipped question		64

34. What format would you most like to see GFGS in? (check all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Hardcopy bound book	<div><div></div></div>	17.6%	13
Hardcopy three-ring binder	<div><div></div></div>	73.0%	54
CD/DVD	<div><div></div></div>	35.1%	26
Web pdf	<div><div></div></div>	44.6%	33
Interactive web pages	<div><div></div></div>	36.5%	27
	answered question		74
	skipped question		29

35. I know I will NOT use the following formats of GFGS: (check all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Hardcopy bound book		44.7%	21
Hardcopy three-ring binder		14.9%	7
CD/DVD		51.1%	24
Web pdf		44.7%	21
Interactive web pages		44.7%	21
answered question			47
skipped question			56

36. Are you a: (check all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Landowner		56.6%	43
Forester		42.1%	32
Logger		13.2%	10
Educator		19.7%	15
Forest policy adviser		11.8%	9
Land trust staff/volunteer		13.2%	10
Conservation volunteer (Coverts Cooperator, Tree Steward, Land Steward, etc.)		22.4%	17
Conservation commission/planning board/other town volunteer		25.0%	19
Wildlife biologist		10.5%	8
Wetland scientist		2.6%	2
Soil scientist		0.0%	0
Other		19.7%	15
answered question			76

	<i>skipped question</i>	27
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37. Do you have any OTHER recommendations/suggestions for us?		
		Response Count
		26
	<i>answered question</i>	26
	<i>skipped question</i>	77

38. I would like to receive an email when the next edition of GFGS is complete. Enter email (optional):		
		Response Count
		27
	<i>answered question</i>	27
	<i>skipped question</i>	76

Appendix A: Open Ended Responses

Question 7

What needs to be revised in the INTRODUCTION and why?

1. My input is biased, because I work for a land trust and have a background in resource management, so the intro isn't really new stuff for me. It depends on who your audience is - if it's the layperson or landowner, then I think it's right on. If it's the professional, more detail might be good.
2. I think a new landowner needs to understand that they they need to prioritize their management objectives.
3. Reviewed for updating only. GSD is working on a guide to forests in New hampshire and the NE. Perhaps this could be incorporated into the section on NH timber types.
4. It was well done and provides good overview especally for landowners new to "management". Updating of information is needed. Otherwise fine.
5. More on planning, connections to NH Wildlife Action Plan
6. More detailed discussion of management planning. Discussion of certification. Discussion of ecological forest types/natural communities along with SAF forest types.
7. Add discussion of some of the larger issues like carbon sequestration and climate change impacts on NH forests in introduction.
8. The intro seems to be written for a landowner and not a Natural Resource Professional perspective. I think we need to start holding professional foresters to higher standards and moving our knowledge along.
9. needs to incorporate increased pressure on our forest due to wood heating consumption and carbon sequestration demands on our forest with climate change
10. updating to reflect new science

Question 11

What needs to be revised in the SOIL PRODUCTIVITY chapter and why?

1. Not enough emphasis on the importance of preventing soil erosion and the effects soil erosion has on the landscape level ecosystem.
2. This is an extremely important section in reards to timber activity and impacts from motorized recreational vehicles and perhaps even mountain bike use. It should be beefed up.

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3. Tie regeneration (spp) more directly to soils (ie drainage, texture), v. productivity expectations.
4. This section could address the impacts of new equipment systems on soils - forwarders,... and the different road systems required by them.
5. Soil Nutrients most important. Should be the first chapter. Update to include new equipment, practices, refs., and literature.
6. More discussion of biomass harvesting impacts
7. update with latest information
8. Talk about NH's Important Forest Soils AND current knowledge on whole tree harvesting's effects on soil productivity - if any.
9. would just re-emphasize leaving branches and limbs in low fertility soils and in general keeps DWD on the forest floor for soil nutrients
10. i believe that it's best to scarify as much as you can to disturb the upper layer of soil to burry the seed for regeneration
11. more interested in finalized soils maps for Merrimack county
12. routine updating
13. I would like to see information on soil habitat, Important Forests Soils Grouping.
14. zunder considerations - a lot more is known about the role weathering plays in nutrient replacement. See the work of Scott Bailey.

Question 15

What needs to be revised in the WATER QUALITY, WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN AREAS chapter and why?

1. Include new Shoreland Protection Act buffers. In addition, I'd love to see more science on how buffers really affect ecosystems - I know UMASS has done some studies. Hard data is always convincing...
2. Obviously reference new laws and recommendations and provide websites.
3. Update Riparian zones for any recent legal requirements.
4. The water quality section is very short and is unsubstantive. Include sections on prime wetlands, and expand section on vernal pools and seeps. Also, revise the section on

Appendix A: Open Ended Responses

riparian buffers - numerous complaints that the recommended buffers are unrealistic and impractical.

5. Cover new legislation

6. Revisit buffer zones on intermittent streams! Retaining 70% crown closer 100 ft to each side is way more restrictive than even studies in ME (with their LERC laws) indicate! Also the seemily arbitrary jump from a 100 ft to a 300 ft buffer around wetlands at 10 acres all still to 70% crown closure! Why? I think the entire section needs to be reviewed!

7. Updating to reflect any changes in the laws, regulations or general practices.

8. update current CSPA laws etc.

9. Laws have changed since 1997. Updates likely are needed.

10. Reflect recent changes in NH law. Add information on the importance and management of floodplain forests. Add information about the recent flooding and the role of wetlands in flood protection and how forest management can protect or harm flood protection.

11. We tend to use more specific/technical refs that are available, but the section is great for new woodland owners. Update laws, rules, refs, literature.

12. too much stuffed into too few sections. Need more on streams. Seperate wetlands and riparian areas. Graphic on stream order hard to read. need more on riparian cooridors, stream crossings

13. Update with latest information

14. Maybe should include invasive plant issues in wetlands

15. Could there be some discussion on the effect of water quality - again if any - when forests on slopes are cut. Many municipalities are blaming flooding and low water quality on harvesting in the upland. I think a clear and concise statement on this needs to be incorporated. Essentially what some towns are saying is the forest canopy can hold that water that falls in a 5 -10 inch rain event and that is just not true.

16. The wetlands laws keep changing

17. always worth working at latest research in wetlands info (ie. woody debris)

18. I appreciate the need for protecting our wetlands and riparian areas but the blanket approach to buffers is not helpful. The recommended buffers don't consider soils or topography. Has anyone looked at a stand that has 70% crown closure? This alone would preclude harvesting in many if not most stands. And managing to "B" line stocking

Appendix A: Open Ended Responses

would only increase the re-entry time frame, when the "C" line would allow for longer re-entry periods.

19. Much research has been done on these topic areas over the last 10 years. All sections should be reviewed and updated to ensure all of the info is incorporated.

20. Perhaps Vernal Pools and Seeps should be in this chapter instead of where they are. A landowner might not find them just listed in cross reference list.

Question 19

What needs to be revised in the HABITAT chapter and why?

1. Now that the WAP is out, it might be helpful to cross-reference it, and to mention the habitat types that are most imperiled in our state so that managers are aware of them. I know this is also covered in the next section, so maybe a cross-reference to it would help close the circle.

2. Consider suggesting local seed mixes rather than conservation mix. Suggest native options. Give general guidelines for seeding/liming/fertilizing needs in permanent openings.

3. Incorporate new science if there is any.

4. perhaps pictures of examples

5. update wiht WAP and NHHNB information

6. update based on WAP

7. We use the chapter more early on. Like water we now tend to use more technical publications, but chapter is fine for the beginner. Add initial chapter as to why habitat is important. Otherwise update.

8. Specifics on some forest types. Differences between hardwood and softwood in terms of wildlife needs.

9. Organize by scale of practice; condense openings, beavers, aspen into a more complete early successional habitats tab

10. More discussion of necessity of planning for recruitment of snags and CWD (not just retention).

11. Update with latest information

12. Include section on young forest habitat creation Maybe incorporate WAP habitats and practices to enhance those habitats for wildlife

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13. I'll use other references for habitat management. However, always good to have updated with the most current information.

14. need to reference websites that might pertain

15. inclusion of trail corridors, config. habitat types, etc

16. include new habitat techniques which have been developed since first publication

17. How about the layout of evenaged and un-evenaged (Groups selection) treatments to maximize wildlife benefit.

18. Again, update with new info

Question 23

What needs to be revised in the UNIQUE AND FRAGILE AREAS chapter and why?

1. If the WAP has come up with any habitats that aren't covered in this section, it would be good to add them in.

2. NHNHB info needs to be added. Include data check tool info....no fee required for forest management practices. I realize this is still "in the works" but the correct process needs to be identified here.

3. Is the high elevation MOU effective on private land? and Update with new science

4. Update based on NHNHB and WAP information

5. Update based on WAP and NHNHB data

6. Overall a good summary. Suggest combining Heron colonies, Eagle & Osprey nests into single chapter perhaps "Special Bird Habitats" Most people do not have these nests on their land.

7. Rare wildlife, forest differences (see previos comment),

8. Old growth needs better discussion of successional sequence - OG is not an "either or" situation - rather than focusing on protection of very rare true OG it should have more discussion of creating and retaining late-successional conditions.

9. Update with latest information

10. Invasive plants should be included somehow

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11. Always good to update

12. Certainly the new research done on vernal pools needs to be incorporated. Haven't really reviewed the remainder.

Question 27

What needs to be revised in the TIMBER QUALITY/FLOW chapter and why?

1. This is not my area of expertise, so I wouldn't know. I think it's a good overview.

2. I think this should include a section about logging equipment. Types of machinery and operations (whole tree chipping, mechanized, hand-felling, mixed, forwarding, etc). How to choose the right equipment for the job or at least an explanation of how each system and piece of equipment works...advantages/disadvantages of each. Would also be good to include information about quarantined areas/species due to insect/disease.

3. We need the best info available on regeneration. I get best regeneration with ground disturbance in summer logging not winter! Don't pack slash too close to ground, looks nice, but nothing grows.

4. logging damage needs to be updated to include new equipment options, insect and disease needs to be updated for new pest, include invasive plant info

5. It doesn't seem to me that the science or arguments presented in this chapter have changed much in the last 10 years

6. Greater emphasis on balancing age classes, regeneration (ie diversify forest "portfolio", manage risk)

7. Questions: Should the publication include managing for energy and products other than high quality trees? Sometimes the goal needs to be other than high quality trees for some reasons, such as a practical look at the productivity of the forest lands that one is working with. We can't say that high quality trees are always the right thing to work for. Energy production is going to be a factor in NH and should be addressed. Should there be mention of carbon sequestration - just so people know about the subject? Information is needed rather than a sell-job on the subject. Should there be something on alternative forest products? Again, not a sell-job, just addressing the subject so that people have a handle on the subject and resources to turn to. For example, agro-forestry has gained some popularity. Are animals in the woods a good thing or bad thing?

8. Update pest section

9. Overall well written, but needs current info. Suggest site and soil conditions might better be in Soils section.

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10. A more complete silvicultural section -- not just focusing on clearcutting -- but a range of mgt options; plus a harvesting systems section would complete a topical review of the important elements; pull bugs and diseases into a forest health section

11. Need significantly better discussion of silviculture - most stands don't fit into the academic evenaged/unevenaged dichotomy - more focus on the range of conditions and options facing landowners - low-quality stands; multi-aged management, etc.

12. Update with latest information, particularly new insect issues

13. Total rewrite is needed - this was one of our most contentious chapters and there was very little consensus on it. The title is poor. What is the real objective for this chapter. For that matter who is the publication written for. If it's for professionals the whole thing needs to be cranked up. If it's for landowners maybe it needs to be cranked down.

14. updates

15. more in depth silvicultural discussion including techniques not necessarily traditional or classic systems such as expanding gap management

16. - Harvest methods are covered but no mention to seasonal timing.

17. I am sure the insects, diseases, etc. needs to be updated.

Question 31

What needs to be revised in the AESTHETICS AND VISUAL QUALITY/RECREATION chapter and why?

1. Again, this is a great overview, but I don't know if anything has changed in this arena.

2. In my opinion promoting turning landings into lawns is overkill!

3. loggers need to be licensed

4. Well written and organized. Update info, references and literature cited.

5. Update

6. The material in this section is helpful - not sure what could be added

7. needs to cover more trail (recreation) related issues such as layout/design with timber harvesting activities. A lot of references from the USFS multiple use plans could be used.

Question 37

Do you have any OTHER recommendations/suggestions for us?

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1. Keep Inge's illustrations in it, they are amazing! This is a tremendous resource. We reference it in our easements.
2. yes, I'd like to have a forum to air serious disagreements with N>H. Dept. Forests and Lands.
3. I keep this in my truck under the drivers seat and look at it several times a year during lunch, rain, etc. I also have the BMP - Erosion Control (65 pages) and the pocket guide in with it. The Good forestry binder should come with the latest BMP's. Also in there is the Forest Products road manual and a Skidder Bridge fact sheet.
4. Include an index.
5. Is there a similar resource to guide the management of urban forests/trees in NH?
6. Delete "Voluntary" from title - these are recommendations for sound forestry, period.
7. good for you keep up good work
8. wish i had been familiar. good advise is appreciated. Tho shalt not / or must do are less so.
9. Publicity to support new publication of the Good Forestry manual. Maybe on chronicle and on news on channel 9 WMUR
10. Foresters have missed one natural resource in all most of our education to others - geology. We probably are influenced more by geology than we influence it. Foresters and landowners need some basic information about geological resources, features and influences. The bio-timber type of inventory (probably will have a new name for it sometime) in which many forest attributes are measured when doing a forest inventory and stewardship plan - should be mentioned. To do a good job of managing forests, we need to know hat's there. This is not a promotional piece that's needed. Just addressing the possibilities to consider when inventorying forest lands. Forestry certification schemes can be ddressed without "selling the idea". Providing an objective brief overview so that landowners and foresters can get a handle on the subject would be valuable. Before developing this, consider agin the purpose and audiences. We know landowners, foresters, loggers and some public agencies are targets. Are there other, such as conservation commissions or conservation volunteers. Is this going to be used mostly for regulation or education? The focus may not change from the original, but it is good to look with the end purpose in mind at the beginning. Good luck with this!
11. Drop licencing requirements for foresters practicing in NH
12. Sending an e-mail to Karen Bennett :

We cite GFGS in our easements where forest management is likely or desirable. The following is an excerpt from our easement document:

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d. Such forestry shall be carried out in accordance with all applicable local, state, federal, and other governmental laws and regulations, and, to the extent reasonably practicable, in accordance with then current, generally accepted best management practices for the sites, soils, and terrain of the Property. For references, see "Best Management Practices for Forestry: Protecting New Hampshire's Water Quality" (Sarah Smith, 2005), and "Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire" (New Hampshire Forest Sustainability Standards Work Team, 1997), or similar successor publications or standards.

We see the publication as a standard by which we can raise the bar for forest management above the "floor level" provided by NH Law. Having updated copies available in hard copy as well as on the web, will serve our needs well. Also, timely updates are important to keeping the publication relevant.

I recall some criticism of the document as being contradictory between sections. I understand that the recommendations made are for the instances cited in each section, but adding some kind of acknowledgement of those logical contradictions would be helpful to some.

Overall, I think this is a great publication and look forward to the result of this revision.

13. Not at this time, but glad to see the process of updating well underway.

14. keep it simple

15. Good luck bringing the forestry & wildlife community together on this. The "buy in" was really difficult. I actually took myself off the committee for a while because it seemed as though they didn't want my input and therefore weren't asking me to write sections or provide comments on drafts. Later in the process Bob Edmonds asked me to get involved again and in all honesty the rumblings from dissatisfied professionals that I respect didn't go away. New Hampshire did this to get a star for being a leader in this process. We got it done. This time let's do it in a way the most of us can agree is first rate.

16. Thanks for the update!

17. Although I believe I practice good forestry and haven't used GFGS if I saw an updated version I would certainly read it to see what new ideas I should consider

18. Many loggers don't know about GFGS and i had forgotten about the GFGS binder as a source of information. It could use a reintroduction into the forestry world

19. Stream crossing rules are being revised so hold on any new publication until the new rules are final

20. Overall i think the publication is a great resource. I believe it just needs to be updated on recent forthcoming issues such as: exotic/invasives, carbon regimes- related to climate

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change, and maybe incorporating management for non-forest products such as for maple sugar production

21. i have been logging for 15 years- i got into logging because I enjoyed outdoors/wildlife. I did all these GFGS activities the day i started logging. 15 years later, the public/logging community don't seem to care, \$\$\$ control the industry. Because i see little reward for good work, careful logging in southern NH i have little interest in updating anything- new programs, etc. NH consulting foresters, put money ahead of good work and the loggers who work cheapest gets the work, quality is low on foresters list. If this survey is to be reviewed by agencies listed in intro letter, they should hand book/website adress to logging operations working in coos county. The logging activity violates every wetland rule in NH, the slash is ridiculus and quality of logging in the north county is devastating. I'm embarrassed to be involved in logging after seeing ad hunting in the north county woods. All organizations supporing NH's north woods activities should feel ashamed at what's left in the northern forest.

22. good luck and thanks

23. -don't overthink it and make it too complicated -don't buy into the hype of poor science

24. Keep the subjects to what a landowner will use and keep the terminology such as the landowner will understand without constantly having to consult the glossary.

25. Not yet... let me look over what you have. I've been spending alot of time on logging operations (that went terribly wrong) this past summer & fall. So I'm very interested in knowing more about preventitive measures before I have to go and fix everything.

26. not at this time until I've had a chance to view the 3-ring binder report