

Appendix D. Pre-Intervention Considerations

Volume Removal and Ecosystem Disturbance/ Pre-Operations Plan and Monitoring:
Forest management plans are a mandatory component of FSC certification: they help direct and advise the forest caretaker, and help FSC in their monitoring and auditing of the Certified Resource Manager.

A pre-operational plan is required for an intervention that is significant or commercial. Although one should always be aware of activities, the pre-intervention considerations would not be necessary for minor forays into the woodland. The selection and gathering of utilitarian resources such as a clothesline pole, a few fence posts, some fir boughs for banking or mulching or even clearing-out a walking trail do not require pre-intervention considerations.

Pre-intervention considerations arise with the use of machinery and with the anticipation of a sale. Pre-intervention considerations occur when there is a measure of ecosystem disturbance.

The Pre-intervention Plan should address the following:

- ❖ what is going to be done - the purpose or objective – how does it fit with the Acadian Forest type
- ❖ when is the intervention likely to take place - month or season of the year
- ❖ where on the woodland will the action take place
- ❖ why has the caretaker chosen to make this intervention; does it fit with prescriptions in the management plan
- ❖ who is actually creating the disturbance; is the caretaker assured that the skills required are in place
- ❖ how much disturbance – estimate of area and volume of product
- ❖ has the caretaker considered issues of both health and safety of forest workers
- ❖ what monitoring provisions are in place; how will the caretaker know that the prescription will be that actually achieved

Monitoring or Follow-up:

After the operation is completed briefly answer the question, „How did this job turn out?“ Either at that time or at the end of the calendar year, report the volume cut by species and products.