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# FOREST STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN

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This plan was developed in accordance with the rules of the Stewardship program.

**Property Name: 16-9-16**

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**LANDOWNER INFORMATION**

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**PROPERTY LOCATION**

County: Hancock    Total Acres: 301    Latitude: -89.61    Longitude: 30.26  
Section: 16        Township: 9S        Range: 16W

**DISCLAIMER**

This information was derived from a small sampling of the forest resources. It reflects a statistical estimation that is only intended to be accurate enough for the purposes of making decisions for the short-term management of these resources. These estimations are temporally static. Events and circumstances may occur within the survey area that will physically alter the forest resources and therefore will not be reflected in this plan.

**INTRODUCTION**

This Forest Stewardship Management Plan will serve as a guide for accomplishing the goals and objectives for your property. In addition to addressing your specific goals and objectives, this plan includes recommendations for maintaining soil and water quality and protecting your forest from insects, disease, and wildfire. Recommendations are based on observation and assessment of the site.

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**OBJECTIVES**

*Timber Production*

The goal is to produce high quality sawtimber. This will be accomplished through reforestation and timber stand improvement practices such as herbicide applications, prescribed burning, thinning at specified intervals, and other silvicultural practices. Forestry Best Management Practices will be implemented to prevent erosion and protect water quality.

*Wildlife Management - General*

The goal is to provide a diversity of habitats suitable for a variety of game and non-game wildlife species. Habitat management will focus on developing a variety of food, cover, water, and space. This will be accomplished by establishing and maintaining access roads and firelanes, providing openings within the forest, and the management of trees located within the Streamside Management Zone

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

*General Property Information*

This section is located north of Highway 90 and Highway 604 runs through it on the west side. A large concentration of residential leases are found in southeast corner. There are 198 acres of mixed loblolly and hardwood sawtimber on the section. A ten (10) acre loblolly plantation is also located with the section.

Ninety four acres of the section are in residential lease and have been classified as non-forest.

*Water Resources*

No perennial water resources were identified during a reconnaissance of the property. However, intermittent streams and drains identified will be managed in accordance with Mississippi's Best Management Practices.

*Timber Production*

The goal is to maximize the production of high quality timber. This will be accomplished through the application of timely thinning and other silvicultural practices designed to enhance timber quality and growth. Forestry Best Management Practices will be implemented to prevent erosion and protect water quality.

*Threatened and Endangered Species*

No threatened and endangered species were identified during the reconnaissance and evaluation of your property.

*Interaction with Surrounding Property*

Prescribed practices should be carried out in a manner that will minimize adverse impacts on surrounding properties. Consideration should be given to potential air, water, visual, and other impacts. In addition, practices carried out should have positive effects on the surrounding community such as improved wildlife habitat and soil stabilization.

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*Archeological/Cultural Resources*

No archeological or cultural resources were identified during the reconnaissance of the section, however 92 acres of the section have occupied residences.

## **GENERAL PROPERTY RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Forest Protection*

A healthy vigorously growing stand is the best defense to an attack from a variety of forest insects, plants and pathogens.

**Insects and Diseases**

Trees are subject to attack from insects and diseases. Different insects and diseases affect trees according to the age, species, and condition of the trees. Planted stands of pines and pure stands of hardwoods are particularly susceptible to attack. Since there are many different insects and diseases, no attempt will be made here to explain all of them. The property should be inspected at least annually for possible signs of insect and disease activity. Some things to look for are:

- Unseasonable leaf fall
- Discoloration of leaves or needles
- Pitch pockets on pine trees
- Heavy defoliation of hardwood leaves
- Groups of three or more dying trees within a stand

This list does not cover all instances of insect or disease attacks. If anything unusual is noticed, report it to a forester. In most cases, insect and disease problems can be controlled if discovered early.

**Fire Protection**

Your forest should be protected from wildfire at all times. The best way to protect your investment is by establishing and maintaining firebreaks around the property. Guidelines for establishment and maintenance of firebreaks may be found in Mississippi Forestry Commission publication #107, *Mississippi's Best Management Practices*.

**Grazing**

Tree seedlings should be protected from grazing until such time as the terminal bud of the sapling is beyond reach of livestock. Domestic livestock should be denied access to the tree planting area.

**Boundary Lines**

Boundary lines are scheduled to be maintained on this section in 2016.

**Note:** Some forest practices may cause temporary adverse environmental or aesthetic impacts. These practices will only cause short-term adverse impacts where they are installed. Special efforts will be made to minimize adverse effects when carrying out any of the practices. Examples include: site preparation, planting, prescribed fires, firebreak

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installation and maintenance, road installation and maintenance, pesticide applications and timber harvesting.

*Water Quality Protection*

The objective of the landowner is to protect, preserve and enhance all water sources on or transecting the property. This can best be achieved by implementation of Best Management Practices in all aspects of the management of the property.

*Aesthetics*

The goal is to assure that the property is managed in such a way that is aesthetically pleasing to the landowner as well as the community. Activities could include, maintaining buffer strips along the road and adjacent to the home sites.

*Ecological Restoration*

Ecological restoration is the process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed. A reconnaissance of the property has been conducted and no ecological restoration activities are recommended at this time.

*Wildlife Mgt. Target Species*

The objective of this practice is to provide habitat best suited for the featured or target species. Habitat management will focus on providing food, cover, water, and space to facilitate the target species.

*Environmental Education*

Environmental educational goals are to provide educational opportunities for children and adults through the development of items such as nature trails with tree identification markers, wildlife viewing areas, picnic areas, parking, public restroom facilities.

*Wildlife Management General*

The goal is to provide a diversity of habitats suited for a variety of game and non-game wildlife species. Habitat management will focus on providing a variety of food, cover, water, and space. This will be accomplished, in part, by establishing and maintaining access roads and firelanes, providing openings within the forest, and leaving mast producing and den trees.

*Timber Management*

Timber management goals for this property are to manage timber resources in such a manner as to maximize timber production throughout the life of the stand.

*Recreation*

According to landowner objectives the recreational use of the property could prove to be an avenue for personal enjoyment or for generating income. An evaluation of your property should be conducted and a plan developed to accomplish your specific goals for recreational activities on your property.

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**STRATA**

*Strata 1 (Stand 5)*

Stand Description

This strata is composed of 198 acres of mature loblolly and hardwood sawtimber. The current basal area is 68 on average with an average age of 53 years old. The loblolly is located on the slightly higher elevated ridges with the hardwood occurring on the terraces along the poorer drained soils. Blown down timber as a result of Hurricane Katrina is still making maneuvering through the section an issue.

This stand is located behind a large number of residual leases within the corporate limits of Pearlington. Highway 604 is the main entrance into Pearlington with Highway 90 which is just south of the stand.

The acreage is just above sea level and remains inoperable during all months of the year, save during extreme drought periods.

Strata Recommendations

Due to the extremely poor logging conditions, and high occurrence of urban interface from the residential leases and main thoroughfares, no sales are recommended for this stand.

*Strata 2 (Stand 1)*

Strata Description

This strata is composed of 10 acres of naturally regenerated loblolly pine. The stocking is currently 70 basal area with 700 trees per acre. The majority of these saplings are 10 years old.

A wildfire damaged this portion of the section in 1999. The resulting saplings are a result of natural seedfall following the wildfire.

Strata Recommendations

Due to the extremely poor logging conditions, and high occurrence of urban interface from the residential leases and main thoroughfares, no sales are recommended for this stand.

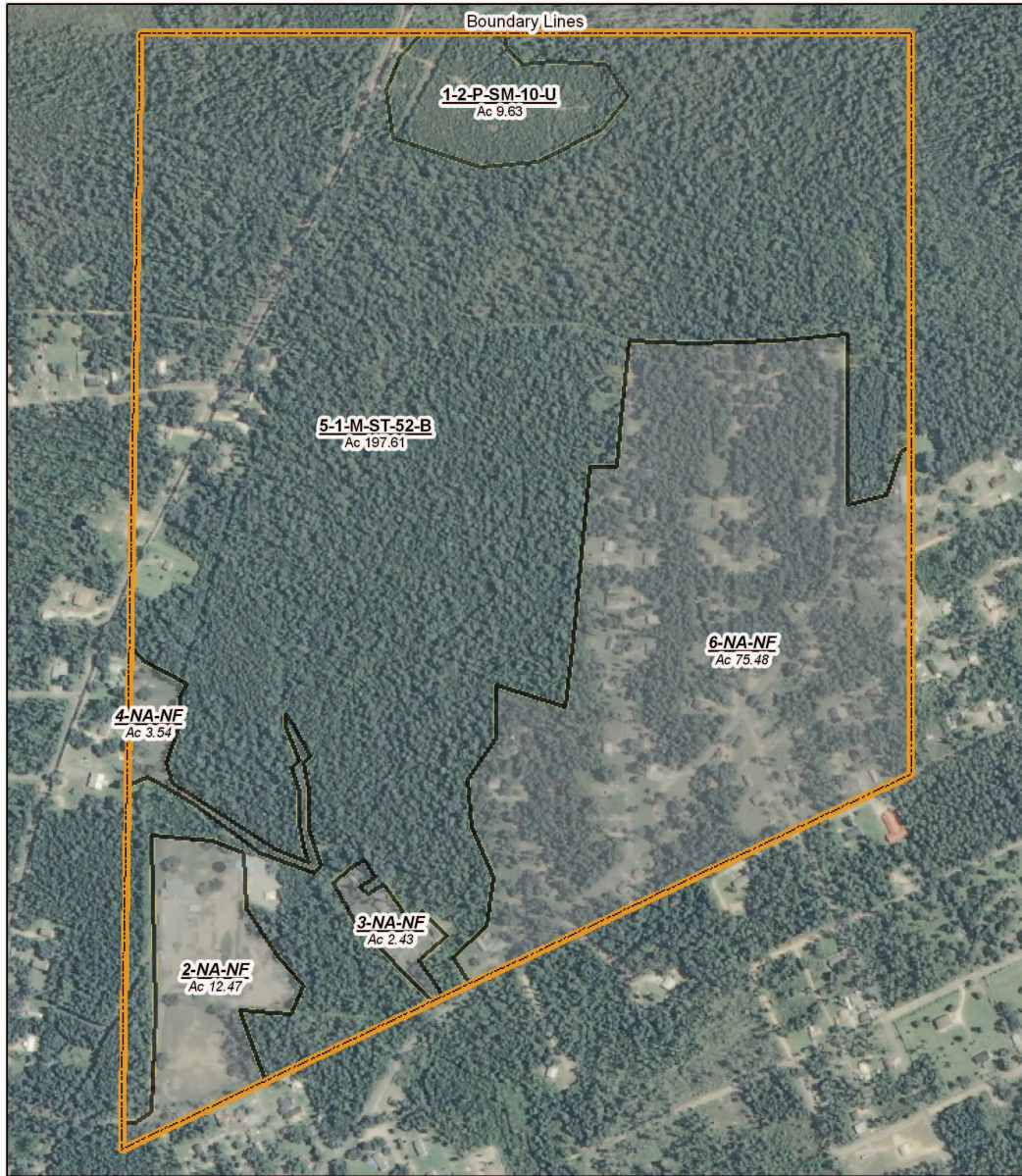


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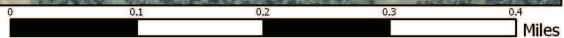


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SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 09S, RANGE 16W  
2011 to 2021  
300 ACRES



(11/22/2011)





Stand Activity Schedule for  
Hancock Cty BOE  
16 9S 16W

Strata	Stand	Activity	Acre	Est. Cost	Est. Revenue
		Yearly Totals	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
		<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>