

Certified Forest Steward Checksheet		Points by Region (Accomplishment Value)	
Resource Elements	Practice or Accomplishment <sup>1,2</sup>	East Texas	Central and West Texas
General Property Management	Boundary lines well defined (adequate fencing, paint, or signs)	5	5
	Permanent road or firelane installation	3	3
	Permanent road or firelane maintenance	1	1
	Firewise - defensible space maintained around residence	3	3
	Protect historical/cultural resources	3	3
	Use consulting forester	2	2
	Current member of Landowner Assoc. and/or TFA	2	2
	Estate Plan or Succession Plan in place	2	2
Soil and Water	Voluntary BMPs used and maintained	10	10
	New riparian zone establishment (plant and protect/keep intact)	8	8
	Riparian area repair and planting	6	6
	Protect waterbodies from livestock	4	4
	Clean major trash from waterways	5	5
	Wetland protection/keep intact	4	4
	Windbreak or living snow fence establishment		10
Fish and Wildlife	Inventory species of interest <sup>3</sup>	2	2
	Manipulate populations (hunting/fishing); augment populations	4	4
	Permanent food plots/corridors:		
	Installation (for annual use)	8	8
	Maintenance	4	4
	Constructed wetland (shallow water impoundment, green tree reservoir)	6	10
	Tree planting for wildlife	6	10
	Protect young trees from wildlife and livestock	2	2
	Artificial cavities/nest boxes; other supplemental shelter (rock piles, brush piles, leave snags, etc.)	3	3
	T/E species habitat improvement	10	10
	Enrolled in T/E species Habitat Conservation Plan / Safe Harbor	8	8
	Wildlife forage monitoring	2	2
	Provide supplemental water	3	8
	Fisheries improvements:		
	Pond stocking (based on survey)	4	4
	Pond fertilization	4	4
	Water control structures (dams, etc.)	3	3
	Pond habitat improvement structures (spawning and protection structures, silt ponds, etc.)	2	2
Forest Health	Active monitoring for pests and disease	2	2
	Prompt treatment for southern pine beetle, Texas leaf-cutting ants, gophers	5	
	Control undesirable species (for the area) and exotic invasives	5	5
	Oak wilt control		10

Certified Forest Steward Checksheet, continued		Points by Region (Accomplishment Value)	
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<b>Fire</b>	Prescribed fire for understory control, competition reduction, plant community enhancement, wildlife habitat enhancement, fuel reduction	4	4
<b>Range Management</b>	Rotational/controlled grazing system (in forested areas)	6	8
	Protect young trees from livestock	2	2
	Protect waterbodies from livestock	4	4
<b>Recreation, Aesthetics, and Environment</b>	Recreational or educational trail establishment	3	3
	Plant flowering trees and shrubs; wildflowers; native grasses and other native plants	4	4
	Plant and/or protect rare plant communities	4	4
	Tree planting for shade		10
	Protect young trees and shrubs from wildlife and livestock	2	2
	Maintain bee hives	4	4
	Leave aesthetic management zone (AMZ) along public roads in harvest area	2	2
	Special organized hunts, tours, wildlife viewing, educational events on property	3	3
	High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) protected under Conservation easement or similar agreement (buffer to National Forest, T&E species management, etc.)	8	8
	Carbon credits obtained; following agreement	2	2
<b>Timber</b>	Improved harvesting <sup>4</sup> – includes thinning, selective harvest, salvage cut after storm or insect damage	10	
	Tree planting/natural regeneration established <sup>5</sup>	10	
	Stand improvement or release – includes herbicide application, pruning, mulching, other mechanical means	5	
	Forest product production other than lumber and pulp - posts, poles, firewood, biofuels, craft material, etc.	5	5
<i>Minimum Points Required:</i>		<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>

General Rules:

1. Stewardship practices listed on nomination must have been implemented within last 10 years to count.
2. BMPs must be followed when any practice is installed for the practice to count.
3. Wildlife species of interest should be identified in the plan.
4. Regeneration plans must be in place before final harvest is made to count the harvest as an accomplishment.
5. Seedlings must have been in the ground for a year, or at least until first survival check, and have acceptable survival before planting can be considered “established.”