

Chapter 23: Liquidation Harvesting Rule

LQH interpretation question #6.5; Option 3.
Timber harvest plan content.

Question: How much information is required to satisfy the condition for a Chapter 23, Option 3 liquidation timber harvesting plan?

Answer: The Option 3 for harvest standards requires a timber harvest plan that is developed prior to the timber harvest. Section 6 (C)(1-4) lists all the required elements including the attestation. An example of one of these elements is stocking which is found in the stand specific narrative, Section 6 (C)(1)(f)(i). Stocking is defined as: a description of the number of trees, basal area, and volume per acre in a forest stand compared with a desired level for health and growth. The determination of stocking levels for tree species or forest types use stocking guides which require field data that is collected for basal area, trees per acre and tree diameters. A vague description of stocking that is expressed as understocked or adequately stocked is not specific enough and provides no quantitative data to qualify the statement as an acceptable element for the timber harvest plan. Narratives that do not include adequate data and background information will not satisfy or be accepted as a condition for the liquidation timber harvest plan.