

Readopt with amendment Cub 304.07, effective 8-23-19 (Doc. #12857-B), to read as follows:

Cub 304.07 Documented Forest Stewardship Assessment.

(a) At the time of application for current use assessment, or at any time after enrollment into current use, landowners requesting documented forest stewardship assessment shall submit the following supporting documentation:

(1) A statement of current and past forestry accomplishments, including an explanation of deviations from the objectives of the past plans;

(2) A map as defined in Cub 301.11; and

(3) One of the following:

a. A letter from the New Hampshire Tree Farm Committee confirming certified tree farm status;

b. A current certificate documenting the land's conformance with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard (SFI) or Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-US Forest Management Standard;

c. A forest stewardship plan that includes:

1. A title page with the following:

(i) Complete ownership information; and

(ii) Complete mailing address;

2. Date plan is being submitted;

3. Term of plan:

(i) Effective dates; or

(ii) Expiration date;

4. A statement of forest stewardship objectives;

5. Current forest stand type descriptions;

6. Current management prescriptions that address the following:

(i) Timber;

(ii) Fish and wildlife habitat;

(iii) Soil;

- (iv) Water quality;
- (v) Recreational resources;
- (vi) Aesthetic values;
- (vii) Cultural features;
- (viii) Forest protection;
- (ix) Wetlands; and
- (x) Threatened and endangered species and unique natural communities;

7. A boundary maintenance schedule;

8. An access development and road maintenance plan, if applicable; and

9. The signature of:

(i) A New Hampshire licensed forester; or

(ii) A person exempted from licensure under RSA 310-A:98 II, if the person meets the qualifications for licensure in RSA 310-A:104; or

d. A completed Form CU-12 “Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment” as described in Cub 309.06.

(b) A landowner receiving documented forest stewardship assessment shall, periodically, at intervals of 5 or more years after the initial documented stewardship assessment, provide to the municipal assessing officials upon their request:

(1) An update of the information contained in Cub 304.07 (a) (1) through (3); or

(2) A statement that either the current forest stewardship plan satisfying Cub 304.07 (a) (1) through (3), or the current CU-12 form has not expired.

(c) When the ownership changes for land enrolled in current use receiving the documented forest stewardship assessment, the new landowner shall have 6 months from the date of the ownership change to:

(1) Remove the documented forest stewardship assessment by filing a CU-18 “Notice of Change in Current Use Assessment” as described in Cub 309.07; or

(2) Continue the documented forest stewardship assessment by providing the municipal assessing official evidence of continued stewardship by submitting:

a. Supporting documentation satisfying Cub 304.07(a) (1) through (3); or

b. A statement that either the current forest stewardship plan satisfying Cub 304.07 (a)(1) through (3) or the current CU-12 form has not expired and an updated title page containing the new landowner’s information and expiration date.

(d) If the landowner fails to provide the documentation sought under Cub 304.07 (b) or (c), the municipal assessing official or their designee shall remove the documented forest stewardship assessment by completing and filing a Form CU-18 “Notice of Change in Current Use Assessment”.

Readopt with amendment Cub 309.06, effective 8-23-19 (Doc. #12857-B), to read as follows:

Cub 309.06 Form CU-12 Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment.

(a) A landowner without a NH tree farm confirmation letter, documentation of a certified tree farm, or a forest stewardship plan that meets the requirements of Cub 304.07(a)(3)c, but who is applying for documented forest stewardship assessment, shall complete and file the landowner’s portion of Form CU-12 “Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment” as approved by the board, with the municipal assessing officials in the municipality where the land is located.

(b) A landowner requesting forest stewardship assessment shall complete the Form CU-12 and provide in:

(1) STEP 1 of Form CU-12:

- a. The tax year for which the forest stewardship summary has been submitted;
- b. An indication by checking the appropriate box if the landowner is enrolling the land into forest stewardship or is providing an update to the existing forest stewardship information;
- c. The name of the current property owner(s) of record for the parcel or tract of land for which the forest stewardship current use assessment applies;
- d. The owner’s current mailing address; and
- e. If there are more than 2 owners, submit a supplemental list of names and signatures;

(2) STEP 2 of Form CU-12, the term of the plan providing either:

- a. The effective dates; or
- b. An expiration date;

(3) STEP 2 (a) of Form CU-12, the physical property location of the parcel or tract of land for which the forest stewardship current use assessment applies by specifying:

- a. The nearest street from which the parcel or tract of land may be accessed; and
- b. The municipality and the county in which the parcel or tract of land is located;

(4) STEP 2 (b) of Form CU-12:

- a. The total number of acres in the parcel or the tract of land as referenced by deed, survey, or the municipal property assessment record(s);
- b. The total number of acres of a portion of the parcel or tract of land that is presently being assessed as current use land;
- c. The total number of acres of the parcel or tract of land that the landowner(s) request to be classified as forest land with documented stewardship; and
- d. The total number of acres not in current use;

(5) STEP 2 (c) of Form CU-12, the current municipal tax map and lot number for the parcel, or for each contiguous parcel in the tract of land;

(6) STEP 3 (a) of Form CU-12, a check in the box acknowledging compliance with Cub 304.07(a)(1) that the required statement of current and past forestry accomplishments has been included with the submitted Form CU-12;

(7) STEP 3 (b) of Form CU-12, a check in the box acknowledging compliance with Cub 304.07(a)(2) that the required map has been included with the submitted Form CU-12;

(8) STEP 3 (c) of Form CU-12, a check in the box acknowledging compliance with Cub 304.07(a)(3)(c) by including a written summary of the forest stewardship plan as described in Cub 304.07(a)(3)(c) 1 through 6;

(9) STEP 4 of Form CU-12, acknowledgement that the current use documented forest stewardship assessment requires compliance with New Hampshire State Statute RSA 79-A and Cub 304.07 and, that failure to comply with the requirements might result in reclassification of the forest land assessment by providing:

- a. Landowner(s) listed in application STEP 1 printed name(s), signature(s), and date of their signature or the printed name, signature, and date of signature by an agent with power of attorney including a copy of the agent’s executed power of attorney; and
- b. The forester’s printed name, signature, license number, and date of signature; or
- c. An indication that the person is exempt from licensure pursuant to RSA 310-A:98, II.

APPENDIX

RULE	STATUTE
Cub 304.07	RSA 79-A:4
Cub 309.06	RSA 79-A:4