Woodlot Management and Maintenance Checklist

A.) Annual Review of Management Plan
   1.) Are you doing what is specified in plan? Is your plan current?
   2.) Are your goals and objectives still the right ones
   3.) Have your resources and challenges changed or remained the same? Invasives, new erosion
   4.) What actions or decisions are required in the next year?
   5.) Is your plan and activities in compliance with current standards and expectations of any certification organizations certifying your land, if any?

B.) Are all your records up to date? Harvest records, abutters info, Tax info, town ordinances, public use of your land
   1.) Do you have a current succession plan in place?
   2.) Are your maps current?
   3.) Are your tax records up to date? Depletion, cost basis, depreciation, cutting records?
   4.) Is your woods activities log/diary up to date?

C.) Have you walked your land and trails lately?
   1.) Are your boundary markers all in good shape and clearly evident?
   2.) Are your woods trails in good shape and free of erosion?
   3.) Has there been any harvesting going on around your woodlot?
   4.) Has there been any timber trespassing on your lot?
   5.) Are your signs, if any, in need of maintenance or updating?
   6.) Is a harvest needed to release future crop trees?
   7.) Where are you going to get your next year’s firewood?
   8.) Do the fields need mowing?
   9.) Do you have any invasives to get rid of?
   10.) Are there trees that need pruning or releasing?
   11.) Is this a seed year? If so, what should you do to promote propagation and growth?
   12.) Do trails need to be reestablished or cleared of debris?
   13.) Have beavers or other undesirables moved in since your last inspection?

D.) Does your land have enough natural diversity? Do you want more?
   1.) Are you providing enough wildlife habitats? Do you want more habitat clearings?
   2.) Do you want to put up bird boxes, duck boxes, brush piles etc.?

E.) Does your woods equipment need maintenance work done on it?

F.) Do you need to update your chainsaw and tractor safety training skills before working in the woods again?

G.) Do you have any open NRCS contracts? If so, what must you do to comply with them this year?