# Improved Forest Management on Non-Federal U.S. Forestlands

montréal process compatibility

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background This is a supplemental document to the ACR Methodology Improved Forest Management on Non-Federal U.S. Forestlands, version 2.1 (“the Methodology”). Projects registered under the Methodology must demonstrate sustainable management by meeting the requirements of Section 1.3 of the Methodology. Projects utilizing Options 2, 3, or 4 (Methodology Section 1.3) must demonstrate forest management compatible with Criteria 1 through 6 of the Montréal Process Criteria and Indicators.[[1]](#footnote-2) This addendum may be used to demonstrate compatibility.

INSTRUCTIONS Complete the following sections corresponding to Criteria 1 through 6. Criterion 5 (Maintenance of forest contribution to global carbon cycles) is satisfied by enrollment in the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Project. Criterion 7 (Legal, institutional and economic framework for forest conservation and sustainable management) is not relevant at the project scale and therefore not considered. Further details concerning Criteria 1 through 6 may be found in materials provided by the Montréal Process. Responses must consider all forestland in the GHG Project. If using entity-wide adherence to the sustainable management option to demonstrate no activity shifting leakage, responses must also consider all forestland owned/controlled by participating entities (Project Proponent, landowner, etc.) outside of the GHG Project. References to specific Indicators from the Montréal Process may be provided but are not required.

If using this form to demonstrate adherence to the sustainable management requirements, it must be provided as a publicly available appendix to either the GHG Project Plan (at validation) or the Monitoring Report (later in the project term).

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| section I: project information | | |
| 1 | **Project Title** |  |
| 2 | **ACR Project ID#** |  |
| 3 | **Date form completed** | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| 4 | **Sustainable Management Option used (2, 3, or 4; Section 1.3 of the Methodology)** |  |
| Section II: MONTRÉAL PROCESS Criteria | | |
| Criterion 1 | **Conservation of biological diversity**  *How is the forestland managed to conserve biological diversity?* | |
| Criterion 2 | **Maintenance of productive capacity of forest ecosystems**  *How is the forestland managed to maintain the productive capacity of forest ecosystems?* | |
| Criterion 3 | **Maintenance of forest ecosystem health and vitality**  *How is the forestland managed to maintain forest ecosystem health and vitality?* | |
| Criterion 4 | **Conservation and maintenance of soil and water resources**  *How is the forestland managed to conserve and maintain soil and water resources?* | |
| Criterion 5 | **Maintenance of forest contribution to global carbon cycles**  *Enrollment in the GHG project demonstrates compatibility with Criterion 5. How is forestland owned/controlled by participating entities (Project Proponent, landowner, etc.) but outside of the GHG project managed to maintain forest contribution to global carbon cycles, if applicable? (Response only required if using entity-wide adherence to the sustainable management option to demonstrate no activity shifting leakage; Section 5.3)* | |
| Criterion 6 | **Maintenance and enhancement of long-term multiple socio-economic benefits to meet the needs of societies**  *How is the forestland managed to maintain and enhance long-term multiple socio-economic benefits?* | |

1. https://montreal-process.org/The\_Montreal\_Process/Criteria\_and\_Indicators/index.shtml [↑](#footnote-ref-2)