

Silvicultural Prescriptions Grading Key

Annotation	Explanation
1	Terminology is incorrect or imprecise. Be sure to use correct silvicultural terminology in all prescriptions.
2	Prescribed action is too vague . You need more detail (e.g. marking instructions, removal percentage).
3	Prescribed action does not meet landowner objectives , or some of the constraints we discussed for this stand.
4	Prescribed action is incorrectly timed . Is your rotation is too short or long based on growth rates of your species or landowner objectives? Are you applying herbicide too late compared to planting (herbaceous control spring after planting, hardwood control fall before planting)?
5	Prescribed action is not ecologically feasible. Does your regeneration method match with the shade tolerance of your crop species? Did you prescribe a burn that will likely kill all your crop trees?
6	Prescribed action is not operationally feasible. Is the stand too small? Are you removing too little volume per acre for a logger to take the contract? Are you operating when the site is too wet?
7	Prescribed action is unnecessary . Are you fixing something that is not actually a problem (e.g. mechanical site preparation on a site with no soil limitations, herbicide on a site with no competition problems, fertilizer on a droughty site, thinning a stand that's at an appropriate density)?
8	An additional prescribed action needed . Did you forget to apply herbicides when planting? Was slash management not prescribed on a high-slash site? Was bedding not prescribed on a wet site?
9	Prescribed action will not achieve the density you state. Did your planting spacing and density match? Did your row thinning intensity and post-thinning density match?
10	More than one treatments are combined on a single line. Be particularly careful with this for establishment of stands, when multiple treatments may be used in within one or two years. Each should go on its own line.