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The following illustrates *some examples* of **long-term management commitment objectives** (MCOs) followed by sample strategies to achieve them.

EXAMPLE
MCO

Grow and harvest trees of commercial value that are suited to the ecosystem(s) of the property and explore the market potential for other botanical products.

- Select harvest methods and equipment to minimize any potential adverse environmental impact
- Tend regenerated stands as necessary to grow trees to a healthy merchantable size
- Salvage damaged timber promptly

EXAMPLE
MCO

Reforest harvested or disturbed areas promptly with healthy, ecologically suited commercial species.

- Plant healthy seedlings within the first two years following harvest, and in sufficient numbers to meet the regulations, and/or leave seed trees to establish natural regeneration
- Conduct survival and regeneration surveys to confirm stocking standards are being met
- Fill plant or stand tend (brush, weed, space, etc.) as necessary to establish a healthy productive stand

EXAMPLE
MCO

Soil conservation objectives are to minimize soil productivity loss and maximize retention of productive site for growing trees.

- Minimize productive forest area lost to roads or erosion
- Ensure harvest activities do not adversely impact soil productivity or area available to reforest

EXAMPLE
MCO

Protect **water quality** in streams with licensed waterworks intake.

- Maintain streams in natural watercourses and meet private managed forest land legislated standards for harvesting and forest road operations
- Determine presence of any licensed waterworks intake that could be impacted

EXAMPLE
MCO

Protect and preserve **fish habitat**.

- Confirm fish presence or absence for streams adjacent to operating areas and classify them prior to activity; default is to treat riparian area and stream as fish habitat
- Adhere to all legislated requirements for fish habitat protection and water quality

EXAMPLE
MCO

Critical wildlife habitat protection will be achieved by cooperative projects with appropriate ministries to identify critical habitat and implement protection strategies under agreed terms.

- Recognize critical wildlife habitats and restrict activities accordingly

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