Site: _____ **Plot:** _____ **Date (M/D/Y):** _____ **Team:** _____

Total plot area (m²):	Plot dimensions (m x m):		Plot Shape: Square Rectangular

GPS Plot Location (UTM):

Cover by stratum (10 x 10 m plots):	Cover class: 0-10, 10-25, 25-50, 50-75, or 75-100%			
	SE plot	NE plot	SW plot	NW plot
Tree cover				
Shrub cover				
Herb cover				

Invasive trees & shrubs (list by species):	SE plot	NE plot	SW plot	NW plot

Slope aspect (°):

Slope aspect direction:

N NE E SE S SW W NW

Slope steepness (%):

Slope (descriptive):

0-3% (level or nearly so)

3-8% (gentle / undulating)

8-16% (sloping / rolling)

16-30% (moderate / hilly)

30-65% (steep)

65-75% (very steep)

75+% (extremely steep)

Landscape shape (circle one):

Planar   Concave   Convex

Soil Moisture / Wetland status:

xeric (moist very briefly after precip)

submesic (moist mod-short after precip)

mesic (moist significant time after precip)

hydric (water table at surface yr round)

Topographic Position:

1 - wetland depression

2 - floodplain terrace

3 - lower, concave slope

4 - middle slope

5 - upper, convex slope

6 - crest, ridgetop, summit

Soil sample collected?

YES   NO

INTERIOR (>30 m from forest edge) or **EDGE** (<30 m from edge)? If edge, describe edge width and type below

Dominant ground cover (>50% of plot):   bare rock   bare soil   leaf litter   grass   forbs   native shrubs   invasive shrubs

Secondary ground cover (25-50% of plot):   bare rock   bare soil   leaf litter   grass   forbs   native shrubs   invasive shrubs

Describe distance to nearby roads, trails, excessive vine or invasive coverage, deer browse, insect damage, wind damange (extensive downed trees or logs), or other noteworty features. If plot is within 30 m of forest edge, describe edge distance and type: