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Your final decision will seldom be based upon any one of the checks. You will be building a mental picture based on your answers to each of the questions. Only at the end of the questioning, when the picture is fully formed, will you finally decide whether or not to implement the action.

**Proposed Action / Decision:**

Context Checks	Remarks	✓	x
<b>1. Cause and Effect:</b> Does this action address the root cause of the problem?			
<b>2. Weak Link:</b> <b>Social:</b> Could this action, due to prevailing attitudes or beliefs, create a weak link between us, and those whose support we need?			
<b>Biological:</b> Does this action consider the weakest link in the life cycle of this organism?			
<b>Financial:</b> Does this action strengthen the weakest link in the chain of production (resource, product, or market conversion)?			
<b>3. Marginal Reaction:</b> <i>(comparing two or more actions)</i> Which action provides the greatest return for each additional unit of time, or resource/money invested?			
<b>4. Gross Profit Analysis:</b> <i>(comparing two or more enterprises)</i> Which enterprises contribute the most to covering the overheads of the business?			
<b>5. Energy/Money Source:</b> Is the energy or money to be used in this action derived from the most appropriate source in terms of our holistic context?			
<b>Energy/Money Use:</b> Will the way in which the energy or money is used be in line with our holistic context?			
<b>6. Sustainability:</b> If we take this action, will it lead toward or away from the future resource base described in our holistic context?			
<b>7. Gut Feel:</b> How do we feel about this action now? Will it lead to the quality of life we desire? Will it adversely affect the lives of others?			
<b>Monitoring Criteria</b>			