

Crystal Falls Forest Management Unit  
**COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS**  
**2007 Year-of-Entry**  
Crystal Falls Township Hall, Crystal Falls, MI  
October 27, 2005

The following documents the changes and decisions made to the OIPC database and Compartment maps at the Crystal Falls Forest Management Unit Compartment Review. Unless a revision is prepared, this document is the official record of changes and decisions.

**In Attendance:**

Deb Begalle, FMFM; Bob Doepker, WLD; Jim Ferris, FMFM; Terry Cryderman, FMFM; Cynthia Cooper, FMFM; Debbie Goupell, FMFM; Rich Ahnen, FMFM; Otto Jacob, FMFM; Jon Lamy, L-P Sagola; Monica Joseph, WLD; Doug Wagner, WLD; Steve Milford, FMFM; Linda Lindberg, FMFM; Tom Seablom, FMFM; Scott Sebero, FMFM; Julie Graff, OLAF; John M. Hamel, FMFM; Ron Yesney, FMFM, Jason Stephens, FMFM; Mike Koss, WLD; Robert Ziel, FMFM; Bob Heyd, FMFM.

**Comments from Open House and E-Mail**

13 visitor's attended the Open House. Most had industry interests or were bird hunters. Written comments received generally asked for more aspen harvest and more cutting of timber.

**Compartment 4**

- St. 36. Add "summer cut only" comment.
- St. 16 & 35. Change comment to "Influence Zone for deer". Will not treat them.
- Parmalee Lake. FISH wants BMP buffer.

**Compartment 19**

- FISH wants 200' aspen buffer if near "Little Brook".
- On 400 stands, add comments to maintain road system.

**Compartment 24**

- FISH wants 300' buffer (for aspen) on West Branch.
- No aspen within 300' of river. Treat St. 18 north of road. Monitor for disease (Diplodia; Sirococcus).
- St. 26. Summer cut because of snowmobile trail.
- St. 37. Check changed comments of low stocking and small acreage.
- St. 23. 3M lowland conifer structural diversity.
- On 400 stands, prescribed for opening maintenance (fire option).

**Compartment 43**

- St. 42. If regeneration does not come back by logging, will do mechanically.
- Turner Creek. FISH wants 300' buffer, no aspen.
- Cutting should not affect snowmobile trail.

#### **Compartment 49**

- St. 8. Will not harvest.
- St. 22. Look for opportunities to split and/or not cut.
- St. 19 & 26. Wildlife comments have been changed.
- FISH wants 300' aspen management buffer to Sturgeon River.

#### **Compartment 55**

- St. 21. Hawk nest in or near. If "in", will be dropped. If "out", Wildlife should have buffer.
- St. 14 & 15. Avoid using snowmobile trail, if possible, in winter. Consider coming in from Leeman Road.
- St. 21. Look at area in Compartment 54 on other side of road (YOE 2008) and perhaps consider cutting then.
- FISH wants 200' no aspen management on Sturgeon River.

#### **Compartment 62**

- For stands that need it, add comment that surveys are needed.

#### **Compartment 79**

- St. 21. Slash down within 100' of the trail. If birch fails, accept aspen/fir/white pine as management objective. Look at St. 21 in field for scarification methods. Delay decision, with Wagner and Milford, until November 14<sup>th</sup>. (Changes approved January 9, 2006), use a birch seed tree harvest leaving many more seed trees than normal. Within 100 feet of the trail leave 30 birch seed trees per acre (approx 1 tree every 40 ft). Within this 100 foot buffer slash should be reduced to less than 12" in height. Outside the 100 ft buffer leave 10 seed trees per acre (approx 1 tree every 66 ft). Leave all WP, RP, hemlock and cedar throughout the stand. The inoperable rock outcrops will be left uncut.
- St. 47. FISH wants 300' buffer along Mitchell Creek, as this is a brook trout spawning area. Work with FISH to decide on buffer. (Changes approved January 9, 2006). No Change.
- St. 61. FISH wants 200' buffer and no cutting for aspen
- St. 36, 40 & 48. Defer to staff to discuss under plantings and managing by November 14<sup>th</sup> (Changes approved January 9, 2006). Allow the RP and the aspen to mature, final harvest them in another 40 - 50 years and reestablish RP.

#### **Compartment 86**

- St. 43. Defer to Begalle and Doecker for a decision by November 14<sup>th</sup>. (Changes approved January 9, 2006). Operable areas will be final harvested and the management objective for these areas be changed to A (Aspen)
- St. 59 & 61. Avoid ash, hemlock and cedar swales that run through them.

#### **Compartment 98**

- St. 68. Snowmobile trail can be used to cross, but avoid using as a skid trail.
- FISH wants normal BMPs to Benton Lake.
- Add MNFI comments to stands that are being treated.
- Remove ORV trail off map & put comment on Compartment Header.

### **Compartment 110**

- St. 21. Protect red and white pine for regeneration. Hold oak.

### **Compartment 118**

- St. 33. Delay treatment, limited out.
- St. 86 & 11. Move up to 2006 since loggers are in the area now for blow down sales.
- St. 23. Needs limiting factor of “too wet”.
- St. 16 & 52. Due to wind storm on August 9<sup>th</sup>, are being salvaged.

### **Compartment 137**

- Need comments for Phase 2.
- St. 26. Summer cut.
- Undivided interest limiting factor comments.

### **Compartment 153**

- St. 37. Monitor for disease.
- Try to accommodate needs for annual cross country meet (Forest Park) in fall.
- Slash has to be off road or cleared away daily where trail goes through.

### **Compartment 157**

- St. 18 & 19 are switched. This is a map issue.

### **Compartment 168**

- no changes

### **Compartment 171**

- BMP buffers.

### **Compartment 180**

- St. 5. Cut with limiting factor for access.
- St. 14, 30, 36. Review for 2006 harvest before disposal. Get survey needs.
- St. 1 & 2. Use special considerations for signage during logging for access site.
- BMP buffers.

### **Compartment 189**

- St. 19, 26, 30 & 43 are proposed and in the process of salvage on November 9, 2005 from the August 9<sup>th</sup> blow down. Comments to that effect should be entered.
- St. 6. Remove/edit comment about “natural area.” More details can be added after a meeting regarding “Bakes Lake Area”.
- St. 6 & 10. FISH wants 300’ buffer.