

Regional State Forest Management Plan Implementation

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Regional State Forest Management Plans



- The three plans were approved by Director Creagh in December 2013.
- <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/regionalforestplans.html>
- Plan implementation has begun with YOE 2016.



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Plans enable use of landscape-level analyses:

- Management Areas vs. Forest Management Units
- Inform operational decisions made in the compartment review process



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Primary scope and objectives of plans in most MAs:

- Forest type management objectives:
 - Area regulation (versus growth and yield modeling)
 - Age class distribution of even-aged forest types
 - Basal area distribution of uneven-aged forest types
- Habitat for featured species:
 - Implement habitat specifications



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Statewide proposed timber harvest levels:

- 611,000 acres over a decade
- An average of 61K acres per year
- Replaces the minimum 53K acres/year provided in the 2008 Michigan State Forest Management Plan



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Regional proposed timber harvest levels:

- NLP: 353,000 acres/decade; about 35K acres/year
- EUP: 122,000 acres/decade; about 12K acres/year
- WUP: 136,000 acres/decade; about 13K acres/year



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- DOES NOT mean that 61,000 acres of timber will be harvested during every year in the planning period.
- Modeled harvest projections are a theoretical ideal
- Actual harvest levels may be HIGHER or LOWER in any given YOE.



Questions?

