

**EUP Eco-Team
Public Meetings/Comments**

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| September 25 | Newberry | Tahquamenon Area School – Cafeteria |
| September 27 | Cedarville | Angio's Restaurant, M-134 |
| October 4 | Sault Ste. Marie | Sault Area High School – Strahl Theater |
| October 8 | Manistique | Comfort Inn – Conference Room |
| October 11 | Munising | Sydney's Restaurant, M-28 |

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| "Stakeholder Workshop" | | |
| January 9 | Newberry | Newberry Best Western |
| January 20-21 | Newberry | Newberry Best Western |

Major Concerns of the Public

Ownership Patterns

- Planning, Stewardship & wildlife corridors
- Monitor changes and patterns of parcel size (Landscape fragmentation)

Institutional Processes

- Vocabulary is confusing, add a glossary
- http://www.michigan.gov/documents/GLOSSARYOFTERMSSept13-2005_136497_7.pdf

Recreation

- Desire for opportunities available for all users (Universal Access)
- Diversified activity types (camping: rustic, developed campgrounds. Trails: Cross country skiing and snowmobiling)
- Harden Trails ecologically (fabrics/woodchips)

Spiritual

- Sustainability
- Population areas
- Parcel Size (ownership fragmentation)
- All Users Access (Different age groups and different user groups)

General Verbal Comments from attendees

What do you value???

- Timber resource
- Recreation
- Sustainability
- Economics/fisheries, etc.
- Non-timber resources
- Horseback riding
- Aesthetics
- The world depends on how we manage our own resources

- Watersheds
 - Availability of resources
 - Protecting resources
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General Written Comments from attendees

- ✓ **CONCERN** How will this plan affect personal rights of citizens/landowners?
- ✓ Every criteria and indicator are extremely important – none should be allowed to fall by the wayside
- ✓ Difficult to measure indicators should not be allowed to slip thru the cracks
- ✓ “Healthy forests”
 - ✓ should contain trees of all ages
 - ✓ some s/b left as “old growth”
 - ✓ old growth areas of various tree species s/b used as one indicator of a healthy forest
 - ✓ healthy forest should show natural regeneration of every species of tree
 - ✓ a measure of regeneration of forest is needed
- ✓ Biodiversity indicators
 - ✓ inventory/monitoring of plant and animal species within forest stands (could add these components to “forest inventory” data)
- ✓ Furbearer management and furbearer populations to be taken into consideration when developing the eco-system plan. Also, take into consideration the fur harvesters and their access to the furbearers.
 - ✓ Most trapping occurs in the late fall and winter and into areas sometimes difficult to access. Need to maintain existing roads for access but caution continuing to allow more “two tracks”. Recommend these newer roads be blockaded on the end. The old roadbed allows easy walking and some ease of access without allowing too much access (by car or truck). These newer two tracks would be new logging or skid roads.
- ✓ Continue timber harvesting both clear cut and select cut. Manage the forests primarily for the timber industry and wildlife. We need to place less focus on perceptions of the public. Timber management needs to be scientific based.
- ✓ Packets should have been made available in advance. It was a lot to flip through and get familiar within a workshop.
- ✓ Biodiversity measure – ongoing, long range studies that survey the (population level) number of and diversity of species – including game and non-game.
- ✓ Logistics – it was tough to hear in this meeting room with two groups
- ✓ Biodiversity/healthy forest measure – participate in surveys of species thought to be affected by forest fragmentation (thrush, raptors, warblers)