

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



Newberry Forest Management Unit

2010 Year-of-Entry

Location: Newberry Corrections Training Room

December 17, 2008

The following documents the changes and decisions made at the compartment review to the inventory database, reports, and compartment maps presented at open house, for the Newberry Forest Management Unit Compartment Review. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

Attendees

Facilitator: Richard Stevenson, FMFM; Kristen Matson, FMFM; Recorder: Sharolynn Robinson, FMFM; Leslie Homan, FMFM; Jason Tokar, FMFM; Keith Magnusson, FMFM; Theresa Sysol, FMFM; Ben Travis, FMFM; Ed Rice, FMFM; Kristie Sitar, Wildlife; Paul Gaberdiel, FMFM; Terry Stark, OLAF; Jim Waybrant, Fisheries; Doug Heym, FMFM; FMFM; Sherry Mackinnon, Wildlife; Scott Jones, Wildlife; Don Kuhr, FMFM; Mike Paluda, FMFM, Terry Minzey, Wildlife; Dan Moore, FMFM; Josh Cohen, MNFI; Bill Scullon, Wildlife; John Gustafson, DEQ; Jay Parent, DEQ; Celeste Chingwa, FMFM; and Stacy Welling, UP Field Deputy

Members of the public in attendance: Bob Zellar, Zellar Trucking

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at McMillan Township Hall, on November 10, 2008 – 7 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments from stakeholders that were provided at the open house or otherwise during the comment period were announced and discussed. Comments specific to compartments were read and considered as each compartment was discussed. Stakeholder input that resulted in changes to prescriptions for a specific compartment or stand is recorded in the compartment notes below. Copies of all comments are on file at the unit office.

Presentations:

Sleeper Lake Fire Review – Les Homan

Les talked about the analysis for salvage that took place. The southern area had Jack Pine ridges that had potential for salvage. The ridges north of Murphy Creek were a write-off due to the cost and labor of building a bridge for access. Steep ridges and unmerchantable timber covered much of the area south of Murphy Creek. There were approximately 300 acres/2940 cords of salvageable timber. There was no interest expressed at the Open House for salvage, so the proposal was left at that. Michigan Tech is doing some research on insects in that area and some tours have taken place. Regeneration is taking place and new access to the area is not recommended. The Nature Conservancy is also opposed to putting in more access to the area. Sherry noted that there are several species that would potentially use the area. Keith answered questions regarding access for timber harvest and types/size of timber available. The existing roads are poor quality and would need a lot of work and bridges would have to be built over Murphy Creek. The area has been harvested in the past. Some of the area had been prescribed for harvest prior to the fire. Mr. Zellar asked if chipping would be an option for this area. FMFM wouldn't recommend it due to poor access to the area. There would be loss of woody debris and

potential erosion in the area. Wildlife doesn't recommend chipping due to potential damage of the steep ridges and marshy ground, Terry noted that there was a cow, calf & bull moose collared in that area when Wildlife was collaring moose in the UP. Josh noted that the area is unique serral stage landscape which is very rare. Keith said that the only harvestable area would be along Williams Road.

The long-term management plan would be to hold this for a biodiversity stewardship area. FMFM recommends move this to a Stand Code 8 and move this to a biodiversity stewardship area. The stand codes could be changed now. Doug pointed out that the stand codes don't need to be changed if a polygon is added to the layer in IFMAP. This was put in place several years ago to save time.

Prop 1 - Assign the area as a BSA

Prop 2 – Change the cut codes – decision: leave inventory as is, remove the cut codes from stands that had been prescribed as they have been treated by fire and add comment that the area will not be cut and will be left out of the BSA (will not be coded stand 8).

Non-Timber Project Work – Paul Gaberdiel

Forest Fire: Fire Suppression; Fire Planning & Prevention; Planned equipment maintenance; Maintain Access Blockages for Sleeper Lake Fire Area

Campground: Detailed Inspections – April/May & August; Facility maintenance from DNR/DEQ Inspections ; Grade roads; ADA upgrades; Perch Lake Access Site upgrade; Mouth of Two-Hearted River Access Site upgrade

Road & Bridge Funded RDR: Complete open top bridges; Camp 7 Road – north of M-123; Trout Creek Crossing.

Regular Maintenance: Ditching, filling and/or grading; Install portable bridge on Culhane Pine Timber sale

Prescribed Burns: Weather Station – Funded; Sage Truck Trail- Wildlife Opening; Kensington Understory – Funded; Danaher pine – Funded; 455 Pine; Leased Land Hardwoods – Private Funding from the county

Facilities: Paint trim on shop; Insulate shop

Comp 3 (Stand examiner – Keith Magnusson)

- Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.
- TNC planning is anticipated to tie in with DNR planning for the area. MNFI is proposing a large increase of ERA. In the hardwood stands that will be leave tree marked; Wildlife would prescribe stands 110, 109, & 78 for 12-15 foot red oak plantings (Wildlife funding/FTP) wherever openings would allow survival.
- The Barfield Lakes Complex ERA Plan was agreed to.

Changes made at compartment review: Stand 109 change from Selection to Shelterwood. Stands 85-86 prescription is remove cut codes.

Comp 6 (Stand examiner – Keith Magnusson)

- Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: Comment in stand 15 - consider adding removal of jack pine inclusion in stand 15 when stand 16 is treated.

Comp 19 (Stand examiner – Keith Magnusson)

- Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

Comp 32 (Stand examiner – (Ed Rice))

- Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

Comp 51 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)

- Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: Stands 26, 27, 28, & 29 make sure SCA coding is included.

Comp 61 (Stand examiner – Theresa Sysol)

- Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: Map error: Stands 13 & 16 show harvest, but cutting has been delayed, per discussion at pre-review; 01 codes have already been changed.

Comp 62 (Stand examiner – Theresa Sysol)

- Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

Comp 82 (Stand examiner – Theresa Sysol)

- Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: During the Sleeper Lake Fire Presentation, Mr. Bob Zellar expressed interest in chipping burned wood in this and adjacent compartments. (see above)

Changes made at compartment review: For this Compartment and for Compartments 84 & 83 need to remove cut codes within Sleeper Lake Fire Area along Williams Road, and add Treatment period 5. The remainder of the area within the Sleeper Lake Fire will be considered for Biodiversity Stewardship Area, except: Keep cut codes for Stands 56 & 53

Comp 111 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)

- Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

Comp 115 (Stand examiner – Ed Rice)

- Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

Comp 125 (Stand examiner – Ed Rice)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

Comp 129 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

Comp 132 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

RPP Comp 25 YOE 2003 (Stand examiner – Matt Anderson updated by Joe Durbin)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No outside comments.

Changes made at compartment review: Need comment that if scarification fails; plant to Red Pine

- Affected Stands: 30, 37, 38, 50 and 51.

As the Compartment Review Meeting Facilitator, I certify that the above changes were agreed upon.

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