



Proposed Revisions to Compartment 082

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Below is a list of changes made in response to suggestions and concerns brought forward. The combination of the maps with this narrative should help clarify the revisions.

Suggestion	Revision
Reduce overall harvest	Total harvest acres have been reduced from 569 acres to 288 acres (approximately 50%).
Provide small aspen harvests	A couple large aspen harvests were redrawn to reduce their size; one is 10 acres and the other two are 5 acres each. Stand 11 was not reduced due to regeneration concerns.
Cut only one side of the trail	While not able to do this completely, there are multiple locations where we did make this change.
Leave retention at intersections	Retention pockets will be incorporated as suggested.
Provide opportunities for wildlife planting	A proposal for planting Stand 15 with wildlife shrubs has been added to the treatment list.
Protect area surrounding parking lot	That portion of Stand 34 around the NE parking lot has been removed from the harvest plan.
Leave a buffer to trail	While there will not be a formal buffer, the area near the trail will be marked lighter with a focus on hazard trees.
Widen trails for X-country skiing	Foresters will work directly with Thunder Bay Trails Association (TBTA) to identify locations where widening could occur. This could be done in conjunction with timber harvest.
Formally dedicate mountain bike trails	The trails are being submitted to the Trails Proposal database and will follow the normal process. While not formally dedicated now they are being considered so as to receive protection during sale preparation and harvest.
Plant trails for wildlife enhancement	This can be done through a Forest Treatment Proposal at the end of harvest operations. Ruffed Grouse Society will make the proposal.

Limit cutting of oak	Significant reductions in the amount of oak being thinned are now proposed; while in a few small areas, oak will actually be regenerated.
Limit crossings of trails	Significant changes have been made which greatly reduced the number of crossings that will be needed for the logging operation.
Protect cedar	No cedar that qualifies as functional shelter is planned for harvest. Individual trees could be harvested when necessary for operability.
Reduce amount of trail impacted	Of the approximate 14.7 total miles of combined pathway and bike trails, initially there were 7.5 miles that would have had harvesting adjacent to it. Current treatments have removed 4 miles which will now have no harvesting, 1.5 miles will only have harvest operations on one side, and 2 miles in which the harvesting remained the same.
Limit loss of forest products	The harvests currently prescribed have focused on those areas that will benefit the most from thinning, and aspen stands likely to see significant losses in the next 10 years. Harvests are designed to capture stands at risk, increase growth, break up age classes, and promote regeneration of both aspen and in some cases oak. The harvest design will also provide better future opportunities to work around the trail system in a more scheduled systematic approach that will ensure the health of the forest and limit impacts to recreational users.