

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



Sault Forest Management Unit

2010 Year-of-Entry

Location: St. Ignace, Quality Inn

October 10, 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 Sault Forest Management Unit compartment review. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

Attendees

Richard Stevenson, FMFM, Acting-Planner, Private Lands Specialist, Facilitator; Cheryl Ozanich, OLAF; Erynn Call, WLD; Bill Scullon, WLD; Terry Minzey, WLD; Penny Melchoir, WLD; Tim Maples, WLD; Jeff Wise, FMFMD; Mike Paluda, FMFMD; Steve Crigier, FMFMD; Amy Douglass, FMFMD; Karen Rodock, FMFMD; Don Kuhr, FMFMD; Joe Durbin, FMFMD; Patrick Hallfrisch; FMFMD; Jim Waybrant, FD; Brian Burford, FMFMD; David Neumann, FMFMD; Dan Moore, FMFMD; Charlie Vallier, FMFMD; Chuck Lanning, FMFMD; Cory Luoto, FMFMD; Matt Edison, FMFMD; Jason Stephens, FMFMD; and Mary Wollan, OLAF

Presentations

Fire Officer Lanning, of Detour, recognized for twenty years of service. Also recognized for his cooperation with Wildlife Division.

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at Naubinway on 9-16-2008 – 4 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided by:

- Steve & Sue Nelson, Naubinway – sent an email thanking us for keeping them “informed about when open houses are being held regarding our local forests.”
- Joshua Cohen, MNFI – Provided a document describing known records of natural features in each compartment that have known or high potential for occurrences of special natural features. The document also had more general comments for consideration.

Open House at Kinross Community Center on 9-18-2008 – 9 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided by:

- Joshua Cohen, MNFI – Provided a document describing known records of natural features in each compartment that have known or high potential for occurrences of special natural features. The document also had more general comments for consideration.

- John Reis, President, Michigan Sharp-tail Grouse Association, Holland, MI – wanted information on compartments which may be of interest to their group. Information was sent and written comments were provided. Essentially, "...it doesn't appear these compartments have any existing Sharp-tail habitat to warrant any treatment at this point but as you pointed out each has some areas which may be attractive to the birds on a transient basis."

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.

Comp 3 (Jeff Wise-Forester)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- ERA Draft plan written for this compartment is approved.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes to be made.

Comp 5 (Jeff Wise-Forester)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Discussion by Erynn Call, David Neumann, Mike Paluda, Terry Minzey and others regarding language to protect a located wetland in Stand 20. (This language to be used elsewhere)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 20 – Changes to be made:
 - 70% crown closure within 100 feet of specified vernal pond.
 - Focus on early successional species for harvest.
 - Within 500 feet of specified vernal pond, avoid spring harvest if logistically possible. If cutting has to be done in spring, notify WL.
 - WL to write informational specification on vernal pond management.
 - When possible, retain patches around wetlands.
 - Work only on frozen or dry soils, with 100 foot working buffer around identified vernal pools.
 - WL will monitor these activities for possible adaptation.

Comp 7 (Jason Caron-Forester – presented by Pat Hallfrisch)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 17- Remove cedar inclusion comment. Retain cedar.
- Stands 14, 16, and 48 have identified vernal ponds and will be treated as comments in Stand 20 in Compartment 5.
- Stand 14 - Remove comment retaining cedar inclusion.
- Stands 14 & 37 - Adjust comment: leave *some* large aspen.
- Stand 48 - Retain cedar inclusions. Adjust treatment boundary away from lake on map. Winter cut (can start October 1).

Comp 22 (Jason Caron-Forester – presented by Pat Hallfrisch)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 5, 6, 8, 31, 50, 54, & 62 – Add ORV comment that high stumps (5' – 8' tall) or whole trees be left on ORV trail boundaries.

Comp 28 (Jeff Wise-Forester)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

Changes made at compartment review:

- No change to be made.

Comp 29 (Jeff Wise-Forester)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 3 – has identified vernal ponds and will be treated as comments in Stand 20 in Compartment 5.
- Stand 10 - Within 500 feet of McKay Creek avoid spring harvest if logistically possible. If cutting has to be done in spring, notify WL.

Comp 46 (Jason Caron-Forester- presented by Pat Hallfrisch)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 9 – On map, change treatment boundary to show buffer 100 ft. from stream.
- Reclassify West Bygrave Road from paved to poor dirt.
- Reclassify Tilson Road from gravel to paved road.

Comp 101 (Cory Luoto-Forest Tech.)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- In the compartment narrative, clarify comments regarding who will check MNFI features.

Comp 104 (Karen Rodock-Forester)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 24 and 37, add ORV comment that high stumps (5' – 8' tall) or whole trees be left on ORV trail boundaries.
- Map change - move ORV trail from stand 15 to stand 24.

Comp 111 (Amy Douglass-Forester)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received

Changes made at compartment review:

- Fix packets for Compartment 111. Proposed treatment with no limiting factors listing is from Compartment 143. They were bundled incorrectly which combined information inappropriately.
- Stands 24, 27 & 31 – Remove comments on 100 foot buffer. Retain cedar inclusions.

Comp 141 (Amy Douglass-Forester)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 5, 6, 14 & 26 – Remove comments on 100 foot buffer. Retain cedar inclusions.
- Follow winter cut policy, except on stands 59, 77, and 58.

Comp 143 (Steve Crigier-Forester)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: Adjacent landowners offering access.

- ERA plan approved.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Change treatment boundary to reflect cutting all of stand 6. Buffer Davenport Creek by 300 feet.
- Stand 6, 45, 48 alter comments to say maintain cedar and hemlock inclusions.
- Stand 49 – drop from harvesting.
- Stand 45 needs comments for three vernal ponds (and will be treated as comments in Stand 20 in Compartment 5).

Comp 154 (Karen Rodock-Forester)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 39, 49, 58, 61 use BMP Guidelines (remove 100' spec).
- Stand 49 - retain some spruce.

Comp 156 (Matt Edison-Forest Tech.)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: Refer to MNFI comments.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 55 and 56 – Reference MNFI comments.

Comp 173 (Matt Edison-Forest Tech.)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 51 - There is one specified vernal pond. Use comments from Compartment 5, Stand 20.
- Stands 96 and 98 remove comment on 30 foot buffer and use BMP Guidelines.
- Map change - move snowmobile symbol in Section 18 – see Cory.

Comp 178 (Steve Crigier-Forester)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes to be made.

Comp 195 (Cory Luoto-Forest Tech)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes to be made.

Red Pine Project

Comp 38 (Jason Caron-Forester, Presented by Pat Hallfrisch)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: Dan Moore reported that Rob Katona asked that a spec. be added to leave "high stumps" (5 to 8 feet) with trail markers, bordering ORV trail in stand. Those specs are normally added to timber sale specifications in sales that have trails through them.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes to be made.

Comp 116 (Karen Rodock-Forester)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes to be made.

Comp 140 (Amy Douglass-Forester)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes to be made.

Comp 152 (Karen Rodock-Forester)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 8 – be sure treatment codes are current for cutting hardwood. Rerun stand treatment list for posting.

Comp 171 (Amy Douglass-Forester)

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

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes to be made.

<p>As the Compartment Review Meeting Facilitator, I certify that the above changes were agreed upon.</p> <p> Richard Stevenson, EUP, Acting Planner and Private Lands Specialist October 10, 2008</p>
