

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

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

Attendees

DNR:

Joyce Angel, FRD; Steve Milford, FRD; Brian Mastenbrook, WLD; Mark Monroe, WLD; Paige Perry, PRD; Daniel Heckman, FRD; Tim Greco, FRD; Lee Osterland, FRD; Douglas Heym, FRD; Jason Stephens, FRD; Debbie Begalle, FRD; Don Stacks, FRD; Tricia Mitchell, FRD; Shannon Harig, FRD. John Scheele, FRD; Paul Roell, FRD; Kimberly Lentz, FRD; Ric Barta, FRD; Lucas Merrick, FRD; Zach Crew, FRD; Don Klingler, FRD; Todd Markham, FRD.

Members of the public in attendance:

There were no members of the public present.

Written Comments from Stakeholders

Randy Keen, Biewer Forest Management, LLC: Compartment 36, Stand 6 and 14 - Supports red pine being replanted on these even if site prep is needed (prescribed burn and herbicide treatments) and supports the proposed treatments in Compartment 211. He also encourages the establishment of red pine on poor hardwood sites.

In addition, numerous e-mails, letters and Open House Comments were received that were not related to any 2014 YOE compartments or activities within those compartments, nor did they affect any decisions being made during the compartment review process. These comments were related to statewide policy issues regarding fracking, the Living Legacies Initiative, and Biodiversity Stewardship Areas. Fracking concerns ranged from water contamination, air

quality, wildlife and human health, increased unsightly well-pads, new road construction, forest fragmentation, heavy equipment traffic, noise pollution. All of these comments were forwarded to David Price, Lansing, Forest Inventory and Planning Specialist and Amy Clark-Eagle, Lansing, Biodiversity and Conservation specialist.

Compartment 1 (Stand examiner – Kimberly Lentz)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add next step treatment for stands 55 and 56: do regeneration. Check within two years.
- Cut in snow-off conditions (check with horse events).
- Comment to Stand 22 – ORV trails runs through stand.

Compartment 11 (Stand examiners – Josh Wall and Lucas Merrick)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 84 and 92 – Change proposed start date to October 1, 2012. Treat with stands in adjacent Compartment 24. Add ORV trail protection comments in treatment description.
- Check 73 – Add ORV trail protection comments in treatment description.

Compartment 16 (Stand examiner – Ric Barta)

Changes made at compartment review:

- For all regeneration treatments add desired stocking level comment.

Compartment 24 (Stand examiners – Josh Wall and Zachary Crew)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 8, 18 and 33 – Change stand data to show plantation.
- Stand 18 – ORV trail runs through it. Focus retention along the trail.
- Add recreation comment to compartment write-up.

Compartment 36 (Stand examiner – Ric Barta)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 34 – Note that the snowmobile trail runs through this stand.
- Stand 6 – Note that the ORV trail runs through this stand.

Compartment 48 (Stand examiner – Greg Rekowski)

- Stand 39 – Change management priority to upland herbaceous.

- Stand 26 – Change management objective to forage crop, maintain by mechanical, herbicide, or burning.

Compartment 55 (Stand examiner – Lucas Merrick)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 33 – Following ash and beech guidelines.
- Add snowmobile trail to compartment narrative.

Compartment 59 (Stand examiner – Zachary Crew)

No changes made at compartment review.

Compartment 67 (Stand examiners – Kimberly Lentz, Josh Wall and Lucas Merrick)

No changes made at compartment review.

Compartment 101 (Stand examiner – Don Stacks)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 1 - Add Special Conservation Area (SCA) comment to the Area of Interest (AOI) comment field.
- Stand 5 – Add comment to leave tree mark 1-2 birch per area.
- Stand 21 – Expand treatment to entire stand, except southeast corner. Follow ash and beech guidelines.
- Stands 14, 11, 16, 6, and 4 – Proposed for salvage harvest. Follow ash and beech guidelines.
- Stand 19 – Clearcut entire stand. Protect advanced regeneration.
- Stand 10 – Change coding to salvage harvest. Follow ash and beech guidelines.

Compartment 106 (Stand examiner – Tricia Mitchell)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 19 – Add clearcut prescription with reserves. Buffer stream by 100 feet.
- Proposed start date of October 1, 2012.

Compartment 113 (Stand examiner – Tricia Mitchell)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 28 – Add selection harvest prescription; follow ash and beech guidelines.

Compartment 129 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 2 – Prescribe entire stand, following ash and beech guidelines.
- Stands 3 and 8 – Add comment regarding hold for ash harvesting plan.
- Stand 4 – Prescribe entire stand, following ash and beech guidelines.
- Change recreational comments.

All proposed hardwood prescriptions have a start date of July 13, 2012.

Compartment 161 (Stand examiner – Don Stacks)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Change Minch Road to private road.

Compartment 171 (Stand examiner – John Scheele)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 53 and 54 – Add prescription for opening maintenance.
- Stand 61 – Add to prescription that stand should be chipped and site-prep/release, if necessary.
- Stand 108 – Prescribe for final harvest for 2014.
- Stand 3 - Change prescription to final harvest, with reserves. Leave tree mark on a few red pine.
- Stand 4 – Add prescription for final harvest with reserves. Buffer stream by 100 feet minimum. Also add limiting factor of unknown if adjacent landowner denies access.

Compartment 189 (Stand examiner – John Scheele)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 3, 6 and 9 – Add prescription of clearcut with reserves with limiting factor.
- Update compartment boundary due to recent survey on northwest corner.
- Add comments for stands 12, 19, 104 and 10 – Coordinate timber harvest with recreation events.

Compartment 211 (Stand examiner – Paul Roell)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 29 and 49 – Add comment noting ORV Trail.
- Stand 25 – Add AOI with SCA nomination; also limiting factor with 3A.
- Stand 21 – Remove comment about road from “other comment” field.
- Stand 79 – Add comment for no retention.
- Stand 85 – Change comment referring to Opportunistic Field Survey layer for stick nest.

- Stand 98 – Reshape boundary to expand into black ash area of adjacent stand.
- Stand 105 – Remove limiting factor and pursue access across stream with portable bridge or through private. No retention because of possible deer browse concerns.