

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

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Pigeon River Country Forest Management Unit

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

Attendees

Charlie Maltby, PRD; Greg Rekowski, FRD; Brian Mastenbrook, WLD; Don Klingler, FRD; Steve Milford, FRD; Tim Greco, FRD; Paige Perry, PRD; Rick McDonald, FRD; Scott Whitcomb, FRD; Jason Stephens, FRD; Daniel Heckman, FRD.

Members of the public in attendance: Jim Supina.

Comments from Stakeholders

J.A. Supina - Chairmen of the Pigeon River Country Advisory Council Wildlife Committee - Supports and concurs with all treatments and acknowledges that all proposed treatments adhere to the concept of management. Treatments over 40 acres in size were specifically mentioned and supported by the advisory council.

Joe Jarecki - Stated that overall the plans look good, but also mentioned the need for specific oil and gas development restrictions as noted in the Consent Order and the concept of management. There were also specific comments for details in several prescriptions and map elements.

Compartment 3 (Stand examiner – Richard McDonald)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 57 and 88 – Add comment regarding trail protection specifications in sale proposal.

- Stands 16, 20, 34, 36 – Prescribe stands for opening maintenance which may include mechanical, herbicide, or prescribed fire.

Compartment 22 (Stand examiner – Richard McDonald)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add trail comments to prescription specs

Compartment 27 (Stand examiner – Richard McDonald)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 75, 86, 91, 55 - Prescribe these stands for opening maintenance which may include mechanical operations, prescribed burning, and/or chemical use (herbicide/pesticide).
- Stands 67 and 68- These stands were coded in Operations Inventory (OI) as “Stand condition 8 (SC8)” or “Potential Old Growth (POG)”. It was decided that these stands do not meet the current definition of type 1 or type 2 old-growth and need to be removed from the Special Conservation Area (SCA) database. These stands will be coded for a SCA removal.

Compartment 34 (Stand examiner – Greg Rekowski)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 35 – Require whole tree skidding to promote scarification, chip tops. Add next step treatment of scarification if harvest or burn does not suffice.
- Stand 38 - Require whole tree skidding to promote scarification, chip tops. Add next step treatment or scarification if harvest or burn does not suffice.
- Stand 63 – Change treatment type to Seed Tree harvest, 10-20 BA (Basel Area) residual BA, natural regeneration, require whole tree skidding to promote scarification.
- Stand 44 – Remove both treatments.
- Stand 76 – Change proposed start date to 10/01/2012. Also evaluate regeneration and plant oak if deemed necessary.
- Stand 16 and 74 – Non Forested stands; add prescription specs for opening maintenance which may include mechanical, prescribed burn, and herbicide use. Management objective (MO) should be changed to mixed herbaceous open land.

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 57 (Stand examiner – Greg Rekowski)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 131, 133, 122, 127, 129, 126 – Add prescribed burn to be completed with adjacent burn.

Note: Out of YOE treatment for stands in Compartment 56 will carry burn to the north to Reynolds Road.

Note: All divisions present concur with Fisheries Division proposal to have Reynolds Road gate being open year around.

Note: Remove trail designations from map, they do not exist as formal department trail systems; show as non-recreational trail.

- Stand 65 – Change management objective to forage crop, maintain by mechanical, herbicide, or burning.