

# COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

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

## **Attendees**

Bill Sterrett, FRD; Scott Throop, FRD; Steve Anderson, FRD; Kathrin Schrouder, FISH; Mark Boersen, WLD; Dale Ekdorn, FRD; Jason Lewicki, FRD; Doug Bates, FRD; Jake Figley, FRD; Lynn Carter-Regier, FRD; Amy Swainston, PRD; Brian Mastenbrook, WLD; Patrick Cotant, FRD.

## **Comments from Stakeholders received prior to Compartment Review**

### **\*Entire comments available upon request**

**Paul Wheeler:** I will not be able to attend the meeting but would like to see more land developed for Ruffed Grouse habitat.

**Eric Ellis** – Wildlife Biologist, Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society: Strongly supports active forest management that maintains a diverse mix of forest age classes, forest types and species diversity. Eric also complimented the Roscommon FMU for their focus on management for oak regeneration, use of drumming log specs on sales, maintenance of coarse woody debris and the extension of many aspen cuts into wetter soils and into or near riparian areas.

Additionally, Eric would like to encourage us to attempt to regenerate aging alder stands, create openings within hardwood and oak stands for regeneration purposes, continue to harvest aspen stands with the goal of regenerating and maintaining this forest type and plant native soft and hard mast species in open areas found within aspen cuttings or along edges of log landings. He mentioned that RGS and AWS will continue to offer support for the above mentioned

management activities through volunteer efforts and potentially, funding via the “drummer fund” or additional grant applications.

## **AuSable Outwash MA**

### **Compartment 7 (Stand Examiner – Doug Bates)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- Drop next step treatment – site prep w/ demasticator/dozer – keep spray treatment and add comments that hand or spot application would be preferred method.

### **Compartment 12 (Stand examiner – Doug Bates)**

No changes made at compartment review.

*\*Approved gating of newly established road within stand 25 which was built for, and will allow for future timber management access.*

### **Compartment 14 (Stand Examiner – Doug Bates)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add next step treatment – roller-chop & spray to stand 9.

### **Compartment 45 (Stand examiner – Jason Lewicki)**

No changes made at compartment review.

### **Compartment 55 (Stand examiner – Jason Lewicki)**

Changes made at the compartment review:

- Add final harvest treatment to stand 48, west of Moore Rd with comments stating to retain oak component in places, preferably white oak.  
WLD – Add spec 5.2.4.7 and drumming log spec to treatment.

### **Compartment 132 (Stand examiner – Doug Bates)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add treatment to stand 1, adjacent to treatment on stand 23, in vicinity of stand 12. In addition, add a separate treatment area to the western portion of stand 1, adjacent to the treatment area of stand 27. Attempt to harvest approximately 30-40 acres total within stand 1, focusing on trembling and big tooth aspen clones.

## **Gladwin Lake Plain MA**

### **Compartment 201 (Stand examiner – Kevin Ehlert/Jason Lewicki)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- Delayed Decision for this compartment pending a site visit to stands 56, 66, 67 and 108 in order to determine more accurately the potential to access these stands. If it is deemed that access is possible, approximately 70-140 acres of aspen will be considered as potential to regenerate by harvesting

## **Houghton Lake Wetland MA**

### **Compartment 33 (Stand examiner – Jason Lewicki)**

No changes made at compartment review.

### **Compartment 73 (Stand examiner – Dale Ekdorn)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- Remove dormant season harvest restriction from stand 2 in order to open up harvest window.

### **Compartment 80 (Stand examiner – Jason Lewicki)**

No changes made at compartment review.

### **Compartment 85 (Stand examiner – Dale Ekdorn)**

No changes made at compartment review.

### **Compartment 106 (Stand examiner – Doug Bates)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- Adjust compartment boundary to accurately reflect boundary line along western edge of stand 1.
- In compartment 81, directly to the north of stand 1, appropriately delineate stand 34 and then merge with stand 1 of compartment 106 – ensure that newly added area to stand 1 has treatment applied to it.
- Add comments to stand 30 stating that treatment area may be reduced because of wet ground, buffers along lowland, etc. In addition, adjust comments to allow greater timeframe for harvest activities.

### **Compartment 149 (Stand examiner – Kevin Ehlert/Jason Lewicki)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- Correct site conditions coding on stands 42 & 93.
- Delayed decision to allow for site visit to stand 29 in order to determine treatment specifics.
- Delayed decision to allow for site visit to stands 32, 40 & 79 in order to determine treatment potential.

### **Kirtlands Warbler MA**

#### **Compartment 176 (Stand examiner – Dale Ekdome)**

No changes made at compartment review.

#### **Compartment 185 (Stand examiner – Doug Bates)**

No changes made at compartment review.

### **Ogemaw Hills MA**

#### **Compartment 94 (Stand examiner – Jason Lewicki)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add next step treatment – site prep/roller chop to stand 2.

### **Upper Muskegon MA**

#### **Compartment 28 ( Stand examiner – Dale Ekdome)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add winter cut spec to stand 49 in treatment comments.

#### **Compartment 104 (Stand examiner – Dale Ekdome)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add snowmobile/ORV trail protection specs to treatment within stand 37.

#### **Compartment 121 (Stand examiner – Jason Lewicki)**

Changes made at compartment review:

- In treatment notes for stand 8, add detailed notes about adding “exclosures” within stand to research/monitor success of regeneration. In

addition, a write-up including a summary of what/why/when in regard to treatment specifics (strip placement/orientation, nurse log species preference, etc) should be submitted to the TMS for research/monitoring tracking purposes.

- Add treatment to western portion of stand 27, approximately 40-50 acres. WLD – add spec 5.2.4.7 along with drumming log spec to treatment on stand 27.

### **Compartment 137 (Stand Examiner – Dale Ekdorn)**

Changes made at the compartment review:

- Add ORV trail protection specs to stands 11 & 13.
- Add next step treatment – site prep/roller chop to stands 8, 9, 11, 13, 26 & 55.