

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 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

Dan Heckman, FRD; Brain Mastenbrook, WLD; Rick McDonald, FRD; Steve Milford, FRD; Tim Greco, FRD; Paige Perry, PRD; Greg Rekowski, FRD; Matt Lincoln, PRD; Patrick Potter, FRD; Don Klingler, FRD; Charlie Maltby, PRD and Kerry Fitzpatrick, WLD.

Comments from Stakeholders

There were no additional comments from stakeholders.

Compartment 5 (Stand examiner – Rick McDonald)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 31 – Add next step of regeneration survey.
- Add High Country Pathway (line portion of the symbol) to the map.
- Stand 57 – Add comment to post the trail with 'Logging Ahead' signs and protect the trail with specifications.

Compartment 11 (Stand examiner – Rick McDonald)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 6 and 54 – Add comment to protect the trail and use appropriate caution signs.

Compartment 18 (Stand examiner – Greg Rekowski)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 64 – Split the treatment into two parts. On one half do a seedtree harvest, residual basal area of 20 – 30 square foot (about one to 1.5 tree length spacing). Next step of past harvest burn to prepare seedbed and reduce undesirable competition. On the other half, prescribe burn first and follow up with a next step of seedtree harvest. Proposed start date of both treatments is April 1st, 2015. Regeneration survey and mechanical scarification will also be next step treatments. 10-20 per acre of oak is desired, and may need to be planted in both treatments.
- Stand 73 – Reshape treatment in the northwest corner to reduce treatment size by about five acres.
- Stand 35 – Try to make a commercial harvest, change treatment type to harvest, commercial=yes. Management objective of non-forested. Expand into Stand 43 up to five acres.
- Compartment 27 Stand 18 - Add a comment to expand future treatment into swamp conifer edge in Stand 5.
- Stand 78 – Reduce “hard factor” to a five chain (eight acre) buffer; remainder of stand should be coded as 5C, soft factor.

Compartment 23 (Stand examiner – Rick McDonald)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 55 – Change to final harvest, leave retention in three to four small .25 to .5 acre islands. Management objective of natural regeneration of mixed lowland, less than minimum stocking levels area acceptable.
- Add a comment to Stand 57 to expand into this stand with the harvest when Stand 48 is prescribed for harvest.

Compartment 35 (Stand examiner – Greg Rekowski)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 17 – Drop prescription burn treatment.
- Update trail data of the new spurs in the GDSE (inventory database).
- Add campground symbol to the map.
- Add dispersed campground points to the compartment map, already captured as an OFS (Opportunities Field Survey).

Compartment 52 (Stand examiner – Greg Rekowski)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Remove 3A coding and change to other applicable hard factors as needed.

- Expand Special Conservation Area to include areas that have been managed in the past. Request MNFI (Michigan Natural Features Inventory) survey to determine if this area meets the requirements of a rich conifer swamp.
- Add campground symbols to the map.
- Stand 38 – Add a comment to the treatment to coordinate with recreation specialist for timing and access routes.
- Stand 92 – Change comment to refer to “Shore to Shore” Trail.
- Stands 36, 66 and 86 – All blue marked trees should be protected; post “Logging Ahead” signs. Add comment to protect Shore to Shore Trail.