

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

Michigan Department of Natural Resources



Gaylord Forest Management Unit

2013 Year-of-Entry

Northland Sportsmen Club, Gaylord

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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

John Pilon, FMD; Shannon Harig, FMD; Jeff Stampfly, FMD; Rex Ainslie, WLD; Brian Mastenbrook, WLD; Erin Victory, WLD; Ken Phillips, FMD; Joyce Angel-Ling, FMD; Charlotte Farner, FMD; Dan Heckman, FMD; Don Stacks, FMD; Kim Lentz, FMD; Tim Greco, FMD; John Sheele, FMD; Mark Monroe, WLD; Lee Osterland, FMD; Doug Heym, FMD; Jason Stephens, FMD; Zachary Crew, FMD; Ric Barta, FMD; Paige Perry, FMD; Don Klingler, FMD; Paul Roell, FMD; Trisha Mitchell, FMD; Josh Wall, FMD; Patrick Blanzey, FMD student; Joe Reink, FMD student

Members of the public in attendance: None

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at Gaylord Unit Office June 27, 2011 – 10 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided at the open house by:

- Steve Umlor, Friends of the Jordan – In compartment 48, leave stand 61 as natural area. Thanked Forest Management Division for aiding various requests over the years.
- John Richter, Friends of the Jordan – Provided document concerning the proposed downsizing of the biodiversity stewardship area for the Jordan River watershed.
- Jeff Hunt, Lansing Motorcycle Club – Inquired about motorized trails in compartment 40. On behalf of his club, offered to do trail maintenance in all areas.
- Warren Weisfus, Ruffed Grouse Society, Battle Creek – Picked up compartment packets.
- Peg Myers, no address – In compartment 48, requested stand 61 not be removed from SCA consideration. Expressed appreciation for efforts to repair logging damage to North Country Trail. Emphasizes listing NCT on future logging contracts as a federally mandated trail system.
- Randy Keen, Biewer Lumber Co. – Commented that it was nice to see replanting of red pine in prescriptions. Would like to see aspen clearcuts in the Jordan Valley.

Open House at Indian River Field Office June 28, 2011 – 5 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided at the open house by:

- John Brown, Mullett Township officer – Inquiry on which parcels of state land had mineral rights recently sold. Also wondered if there was any timber sales proposed in the township for YOE 2013.
- Charles Murray, no address – Expressed concern about road maintenance in compartment 208, stands 57 and 72. After discussion with forester, he said his concerns were addressed.
- Warren Weisfus, Ruffed Grouse Society, Battle Creek – Picked up compartment packets. Discussed with wildlife biologist the feasibility of cutting and expanding small clones of aspen for grouse habitat. He was told that economies of scale determined feasibility of such activities.
- John Haggard, Charlevoix – As a member of the Coyote Hunt Club on Beaver Island, offered access into the stand prescribed for harvest if possible. Suggested members of the hunt club would conduct habitat cuts in the prescribed stand if logging access was not possible.

Other comments received:

- Brad Grassmick, MD – Sent email hoping a meeting can be arranged on the Island with DNR and the various groups and residents such as the NREC, Wildlife Club and BICC who are interested in a management plan for the Island by identifying common goals and working together.
- Brad Grassmick, MD – Sent another email citing the adverse outcome of the last clear cutting at Camp 3 near Fox Lake on Beaver Island that led taxpayers of the Island paying for the road repairs and opened up the area to invasive species. Asks that the DNR have a series of public meetings on the Island to discuss the purpose of the cutting, alternative management plans and islander's role in the decision making process.
- Pam Grassmick, Beaver Island Natural Resource Eco Tourism Commission; and John Legge and Dave Ewart, The Nature Conservancy – Sent email regarding the proposed harvest treatment for stand 27, compartment 66 on Beaver Island. Provided a list of suggestions to instead promote northern white cedar regeneration and minimize the spread of invasive species from the mainland to the island.
- Jared Pike, Beaver Island: Sent email supporting the proposed 33 acre clear cut on Beaver Island as forest resources have gone unattended. Said the majority of Beaver Islanders supported responsible forest management.
- Don Tritsch, Beaver Island Wildlife Club – Sent email supporting clear cutting on Beaver Island, for the same reasons as Jared noted, and encourages further clear cuts.
- Steve West, Beaver Island – Sent email supporting the modest (33 acre) clear cut plan slated for Beaver Island in 2013. Said most Beaver Islanders understand that a wide variety of species, both game and non game, benefit from an active forest management plan.
- Seamus Norgaard, Beaver Island – Sent email requested DNR refrain from further treatment recommendations on the Island until larger issues of community involvement and review and comprehensive planning for the Island are resolved.
- George Pike, Cheboygan – Sent email supporting prescribed harvest on Beaver Island to help all types of wildlife.
- John Haggard, Charlevoix – Faxed in Beaver Island News items:
 - Editorial letter from Seamus Norgaard asking for a better process for public awareness in managing state land on the island.
 - Editorial letter from Ed Wojan suggesting a new Natural Resources Steering Committee on the island to eradicate invasive species and to continue the collaborative work to preserve ecologically sensitive areas.
 - Associated Press article on the law that expands ways in which volunteer can help the DNR, reinforcing his earlier offer to allow the Coyote Hunt Club to conduct habitat cuts on the island.
- Jeff Andersen, Beaver Island – Emailed that he is adjacent landowner to the compartment 66 and have hunted there for 32 years. He requested that regardless of the type of harvesting that is done, that "best forestry practices" are being used and not just what is the easiest or less costly. Requested map of the area.

- Randy Roberts, Hometown, IN – Emailed that he is opposed to any more clear cutting on state owned land on Beaver Island. State land on the island should be considered old growth.
- Kristina BeLonge, Holt, MI – Emailed urging DNR not to clear cut 33 acres off Johnny Martin's trail. There has been no public forum. Do not spend the state's money on this project.
- Jeffrey Stein, Beaver Island – Emailed their concern that a portion of state land is being recommended for clearing. Asked that decision be delayed pending active solicitation of Beaver Island residents.

Comments from stakeholders that were provided at the open house or otherwise during the comment period were announced and discussed. Comments specific to compartments, if available, 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.

Compartment 2 (Stand examiner – Ken Phillips)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

Compartment 7 (Stand examiner – Ken Phillips)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 40 and 51 - Add coding to continuation of stand 40 and 51 to compartment 10 Kirtland's Warbler management block

Compartment 19 (Stand examiner – Josh Wall)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 31 – Change prescription to crown thinning.
- Stand 68 – Edit treatment shape to reflect acreage target.

Compartment 22 (Stand examiner – Ric Barta)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

Changes made at compartment review:

- Map – Add snowmobile trail symbol in sections 6 and 7.
- Stands 42, 43 and 49 – Change MO to mixed red pine and oak. Prescription to include planting oak with red pine. Add comment: Retention was treated as if stands were a multi-part polygon.
- Stand 73 – On north half - Change comment to reflect that stand may be chipped instead of must be chipped. Add to comment: Consider chipping to facilitate planting.
- Stand 69, 72, 76, 74, & 85 – Add burn prescription.
- Stand 89 – In north two third, clear cut in 2018 and plant red pine, white pine and red oak. Change MO to pine and mixed deciduous.
- Stand 89 – In south one third, change MO to aspen and natural regeneration. Clearcut and naturally regenerate. Change MO to pine and mixed deciduous.

- Stands 96 and 98 - Retention was treated as if stands were a multi-part polygon.
- Stands 3 & 10 - Add treatment comment to protect snowmobile trail.
- Stands 83, 84, 89, 96, 100 - Add to comment: Consider chipping to facilitate planting.

Compartment 40 (Stand examiner – Ric Barta)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 53 – Add treatment to map.
- Stand 5 – Add to comment field: If oak regeneration is damaged, plant acorns. Protect apple tree in opening.
- Operations Inventory (old inventory system) stands 46, 47 & 48 – Remove Stand Condition 8 code (Potential Old Growth). (Stand Condition 8 refers to a coding in the discontinued Operations Inventory system. Potential Old Growth is being superseded by the Living Legacies designation system which considers broader biodiversity considerations.)
- Recreation narrative – Needs to be updated.

Compartment 48 (Stand examiner – Ken Phillips)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: Friends of the Jordan (FOJ) requested stand 61 not be removed from Special Conservation Area (SCA) consideration. Compartment review decision was to remove stand condition 8 (Potential Old Growth) because it falls outside the proposed natural area and is on the ridge top where management can occur. (Stand Condition 8 refers to a coding in the old Operations Inventory system. Potential Old Growth is being replaced by the Living Legacies designation system.)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 61 - Remove Stand Condition 8 code.

Compartment 63 (Stand examiner – Kim Lentz)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 102 – Change to no planting with Management Objective of Upland Brush.
- Stand 117 – Change Management Objective to red pine.
- Stand 60 – In the SE forty acres, final harvest and replant to red pine and oak.

Compartment 66 (Stand examiner – Kim Lentz)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: See comments above.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 27 – Change limiting factor to 1F (OTHER DIVISION POLICY) which defers the decision to harvest this stand until the DNR Wildlife Division completes a public planning process for the Island. This decision means that there will a Beaver Island plan completed before consideration will be given to harvesting the stand as prescribed.

Compartment 108 (Stand examiner – Don Stacks)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand condition 8 (Potential Old Growth) classifications was removed from the stands in this compartment. (Stand Condition 8 refers to a coding in the discontinued Operations Inventory system. Potential Old Growth is being superseded by the Living Legacies designation system which considers broader biodiversity considerations.)

Compartment 111 (Stand examiner – Don Stacks)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

Compartment 120 (Stand examiner – John Scheele)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

Compartment 151 (Stand examiner – Paul Roell)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 16, 22 & 23 – In the NEXT STEP COMMENT field, add: If harvest does not provide adequate scarification, follow up with a Forest Treatment Proposal for scarification.
- Stand 27 – Change Management Objective to natural regeneration. Add comments about an acceptable mix of pine and oak. Change treatment method to clearcut with reserves.

Compartment 157 (Stand examiner – Zachary Crew)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

Compartment 162 (Stand examiner – John Scheele)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

Compartment 167 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

Compartment 181 (Stand examiner – Tricia Mitchell)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 10 & 13 – Add to map as openings for wildlife maintenance.

Compartment 182 (Stand examiners – John Scheele, Tricia Mitchell & Paul Roell)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 38 – Change harvest type from clearcut with reserves to clearcut.
- Stand 39 – Change OTHER COMMENTS to: Slowed growth in the past 8, 10 years; minimal regeneration. Consider emphasis on basswood management for site quality. Protect/encourage birch and hemlock regeneration. Shelterwood to 80 BA (60 BA around hemlock, birch). Create large canopy gaps (70-100') within unit. Evaluate next entry and consider overstory removal. Eliminate comments in NEXT STEPS.
- Stand 42 – Change OTHER COMMENTS to: Large diameter aspen falling out. Smaller diameter aspen on west ½, 6-10" dbh; more fir canopy/subcanopy. Consider treating with adjacent stand. Clearcut with no retention because of small size of stand.
- Stand 56 – In PRESCRIPTION SPECS add: Place scattered 100' regeneration gaps to encourage mixed regeneration.
- Stands 54, 56, 64, & 67 – Add to COMMENT field: When setting up sales, follow trail specs.

Compartment 208 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: None

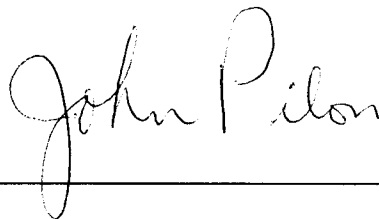
Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 57 – Add to COMMENT field: Leave oak and pine.
- Stands 41 and 41PB cut – Should be combined into Stand 41PB cut.
- Stand 48 and 48PB cut – Should be combined into Stand 48PB cut.

As the Compartment Review facilitator, I certify that the above changes have been agreed upon.

John Pilon, Inventory and Planning Specialist

Signature:



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