

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



Newberry Forest Management Unit

2020 Year-of-Entry

Location: Newberry Correctional Facility

October 30, 2018

The following documents the changes and decisions made at the compartment review to the inventory database, reports, and compartment maps presented at the Newberry Forest Management Unit Compartment Review. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

Attendees

Facilitator: Kristen Matson, FRD; Recorder: Rose Wilbur, FRD; Dennis Nezich, FRD; Jeff Stampfly, FRD; Keith Magnusson, FRD; Jason Tokar, FRD; Amy Douglass, FRD; Matt Payment, FRD; Kristie Sitar, WD; Paul Gaberdiel, PRD; Peter Costa, FRD; Lester Livermore, FRD; Cory Kovacs, FD; Kerry Fitzpatrick, WD; Craig Albright, WD; Jennifer Burnham, FRD; Keith Murphy, FRD; and Jason Hartman, FRD.

Members of the public in attendance: None.

Delayed Decision:

C132 is under “delayed decision”, with a resolution date of November 30, 2018. An additional 30 days is available at each level of decision making.

- March 7, 2019: Place a site condition of “1C” on the proposed treatment (stand 51) that does not have a resolution. *The Assistant Chiefs of FRD and WLD will be conducting a field visit to the site and will reach resolution on the proposed harvest by September 1, 2019 (roughly 6 months from now). This site condition will not be changed until a decision is reached.*

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House was held at the Newberry Field Office on October 16, 2018. Seven visitors attended the open house. Attendees were able view compartment maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

One written comment was received from a North Country Trail Association (NCT) member regarding proposed harvesting near the NCT in Compartment 32.

A phone conversation with a member of the EUP Regional Planning and Development Commission occurred regarding proposed harvesting along M-123.

General comments:

During compartment review the SCA/HCVA, MNFI and archeology database layers were available as each compartment was presented. Any occurrences were discussed and mitigated.

2020 YOE Compartments and ERA Plans Under Review by Management Area:

8 Mile Corner MA:

C111 (Stand examiner – Payment)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed timing of sale still on contract and new harvesting.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 37: Close treatment. Add monitor next step. Use standard ORV trail protections. **
- Stand 66: Check commercial harvest box.
- Stand 63: Remove 5C site condition, add comments about possible green-up.
- Use new spray codes for all spray treatments.

**Review of this stand on 11/2/2018 showed that this treatment has not been completed as previously thought and should remain open.

Wildlife Additions (Sitar)

- C090 Stand 155: Add planting treatment for oak and apple.
- C102 Stands 25, 33, 39, 52 and 64: Plant clover, rye and mass-producing shrubs on trails only. Adjust treatment shape.

County Line Hardwoods MA:

C125 (Stand examiner – Tokar/Payment)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Reviewed the need to have all cultivation treatments coded with the correct divisional sponsor.
- Reviewed the use of 3L site condition for areas in which WLD does not want to harvest at this time.
- Discussed application of buffers on trout streams.
- Discussed nearby HRD concerns. No extra specifications yet.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 21: Change to WLD sponsor.
- Stand 35: Change site condition to 3L, secondary code 5C. Add comment WLD wishes to hold for 10 years.
- Use standard trail specs on all harvests near trails.

Deer Park MA:

C003 (Stand examiner – J. Burnham)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed BMP guidance and buffers around wetlands.
- Discussed survey issues in this area and expected timing of survey.
- Reviewed criteria for designating type 1 or 2 old growth.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 27: Change prescription specification to remove 'final harvest' language.
- Stand 61: Change comment about BMP to: "No 100-foot buffer. Use unmerchantable trees as BMP buffer and retention."
- Stands 64, 65, 66, 67, 70, 71, 72, 101, 102, 103, 112, 113, 114 and 116: Change start date to 10-1-19.
- Possible OG area: Does not currently meet OG criteria. Add comments to Stands that are close to meeting the criteria.
- Use standard trail protection specifications.

Barfield Lakes ERA Plan (Matson)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- General discussion of specific BMP wording that was written in the management actions section of this plan.
- Barfield Lakes ERA plan was approved with the following change.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Change BMP wording in the "Management Action" section to the 2 bullet "Lake Huron FD" language used in Sault and Shingleton ERA plans.

C006 (Stand examiner – Matson)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed the proposed treatment in the campground, and the input received from PRD.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 15: Add "cut hazard trees." It is ok to drop a few trees into the lake for fisheries. Make unmerchantable trees available to FD for fish structure in the lake.
- Stand 61: Remove SCA, add comments to 2F factor and stand notes. Add 3D site condition.

C019 (Stand examiner – Payment)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Update on the new Equestrian Trail that is in this area, and possible concern with nearby timber harvesting.
- Reviewed new direction on coding for spraying treatments.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 2: Remove site condition.
- Stand 24: Use new coding for spraying on this and all other spray next steps.
- Stands 69 and 78: Change to 3L with 5C as secondary site condition. Add comment "WLD asked to wait 10 years."
- Stand 20: Review info from Jessica Yann.

C032 (Stand examiner – Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Reviewed the public comment from the NCT group regarding harvesting in this compartment to be sure their concerns were addressed.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes to posted data.

Tahquamenon River Basin Wetlands MA:

C115 (Stand examiner – Reidenga)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes to posted data.

C129 (Stand examiner – Tokar, Payment)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 57: Remove site condition.
- Stand 82: Winter cut.
- Add "no chipping" to all harvest treatments.
- Stand 90, 91: Add WLD sponsor.

C132 (Stand examiner – J. Burnham)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussion regarding deer wintering complex management plans, and the need to further analyze the amount of functional cover and food.
- Discussed the good cedar regeneration in the area.
- Considered the amount of proposed harvesting in the compartment, and the need to balance harvesting based on silvicultural rotation ages with harvesting as food for deer.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 37, 57, 60: Change to WLD sponsor.
- Stands 54, 56, 58, 65, 67, 70, 72, 73, 74 and 84: remove treatment and add 3H with a comment.
- Stand 23, 39 and 41: No chipping.
- Stand 51 east half: No chipping.
- **Delayed decision: Consensus was not reached regarding the harvesting of stand 51. This is referred to Dennis Nezich and Terry Minzey with the goal to resolve within 30 days. Contact Kristen when a decision is reached.**
 - **March 7, 2019:** Place a site condition of “1C” on the proposed treatment (stand 51) that does not have a resolution. *The Assistant Chiefs of FRD and WLD will be conducting a field visit to the site and will reach resolution on the proposed harvest by September 1, 2019 (roughly 6 months from now). This site condition will not be changed until a decision is reached.*

Tahquamenon River Patterned Fens MA:

C082 (Stand examiner – Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed a phone conversation with a member of the EUP Regional Planning and Development Commission regarding proposed harvesting along M-123. The commission member asked for information regarding the harvesting and all concerns were addressed.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes to the posted data.

McMahon and Sleeper Lakes ERA Plan (Matson)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- General discussion of specific wording that was written in the management goals, objectives and actions sections of this plan, and whether it was appropriate to have such specific language.
- McMahon and Sleeper Lakes ERA plan was approved with the following change.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Change BMP wording in the “Management Action” section to the 2 bullet “Lake Huron FD” language used in Sault and Shingleton ERA plans.

Whitefish Vermillion Point MA:

C061 (Stand examiner – Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Use standard snowmobile specs if winter harvest operations occur.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes from posted data.

C062 (Stand examiner – Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 30: Update coding of site prep spray treatment. Add “on POW’ in trenching next step.

C051 (Stand examiner – Tokar)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Reviewed changes to the compartment boundary and the Crisp Point/Browns Lake Proposed Natural Area SCA.

Changes made at compartment review:

- PRD: Adjust trail on map.
- Cory Kovacs will check status of trout stream layer in Stand 34 and other nearby stands. If applicable, trout stream BMPs will be applied.

As the Compartment Review Meeting Facilitator, I certify that the above changes were agreed upon.

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March 7, 2019