

# COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

## Roscommon Forest Management Unit

### 2016 Year-of-Entry

**Location: Roscommon Operations Service Center**

**Date: October 22, 2014**

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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.

**Attendees:** Dale Ekdorn, FRD; Jason Lewicki, FRD; Ben Wiese, FRD; Amy Swainston, PRD; Mark Boersen, WLD; Steve Anderson, FRD; Tom Haxby, FMD; Doug Bates, FRD; Brian Mastenbrook, WLD; Keith Fisher, WLD; Scott Throop, FRD; Lynn Carter-Regier, FRD; Lee Osterland, FRD; Kerry Fitzpatrick, WLD; Kathrin Schroeder, FD; Patrick Potter, FRD

#### Comments from Open House and E-Mail

There were 12 members of the public who attended the open house on September 10, 2014. One e-mail comment from Gary Scypta expressed support for continued clearcutting to maintain early successional habitat for game species. Dana Ferrell also provided an e-mail in support of clearcutting to maintain early successional cover for wildlife. Brad Utrup supports the harvests in Roscommon County to provide habitat for ruffed grouse, woodcock and other non-game birds and mammals. Bruce Balcom provided a written comment at the Open House that there is a need for easily accessible old growth, mature forest maps. Paul Wheeler provided an e-mail in support of management of more state forest in Roscommon County for Ruffed Grouse habitat.

**Changes to be made:** *(This is the record of official changes to the maps and database).*

#### Compartment 17

Stand 4 – Needs signage for public information on planned treatment to cut aspen and thin oak and pine.

Archeological site is being used by locals as a landfill, so we are discussing with archeology the possibility of filling in this site to prevent further dumping.

Continue public education efforts in light of planned treatment in stands 31&35 which is where the “Cross Country Ski Headquarters” lease/trail system is and will be impacted by upcoming timber sales. Need signage, etc.

Stands 11, 12, 13, 16 & 18 – Plans are to remove jack pine strips and replant with red pine. However, we may consider later the option of clearcutting these stands and replanting to one age class of red pine to avoid issues with sphaeropsis.

### **Compartment 22**

Stands 13, 21, 30 – Add comment to go heavy on white oak retention due to concerns for oak wilt in red oak.

Stand 30 – Add comment to include specification for rabbitat on east side of stand.

### **Compartment 27**

Stand 9 – Add to specification to leave tops, etc. in loose, rough and tangled piles to discourage browse of regeneration.

### **Compartment 35**

Stand 57 - Relocating shooting area to near 7 Mile Road and close shooting range by FFES by approximately January 1.

Stand 86 - Adjust treatment boundary to include adjacent oak area in Compartment 38 inside of the treatment area.

### **Compartment 50**

Stand 33 – Remove site condition.

### **Stand 22 – Add comment to do site preparation as needed with a preference for a prescribed burn.**

Per Amy Swainston – Reminder to consider hiking and snowmobile trail system going thru portions of this area. Snowmobile trail is mostly on county road.

### **Compartment 62**

Stands 12 & 22 – Add rabbitat specifications along swamp edge.

### **Compartment 68**

Oak wilt is still active within this Compartment, even though it was treated in certain area. Need vibratory plow to further discourage further spread.

Stands 23 & 27 – Add a treatment to cut all but white oak, add comments to trench in the fall and plant open areas lacking aspen other species to red pine and areas that are not as open plant white pine.

Stand 16 - Add a comment that whatever regeneration we get will be acceptable.

Noted that we need more information from the Forest Health Section on the longevity of oak wilt and minimizing damage/spread of oak wilt through trenching for planting.

### **Compartment 71**

Noted the abundance of cedar in the compartment and high amount of deer activity.

### **Compartment 91**

Noted that this area is full of oak wilt and the amount of illegal ORV activity is very high near the St. Helens area.

### **Compartment 98**

Stands 9 & 15 Prepare and submit an FTP

Stand 12 and bottom half of stand 20 was added previously at the Pre-review to meet planning targets.

Add rabbitat specifications as needed.

### **Compartment 105**

Stand 22 – Add rabbittat specifications for the lowland edges.

### **Compartment 108**

Stand 5 – Consider seeding jack pine from a snowmobile.

Stand 13 – Add and alternative management objective.

Stands 13, 3, 1, 32, 36 – May want to consider a delayed harvest for these areas and a fall burn to prepare sites for regeneration.

Stands 34 & 36 – Change primary site condition to too wet, blocked by physical obstacle may be listed as a secondary site condition.

### **Compartment 125**

Stand 58 – Add to prescription to favor white oak over red oak, but also consider leaving high quality red oak where present.

### **Compartment 131**

No changes.

### **Compartment 143**

Stand 38 – Add rabbitat specification.

Note that 16 acres have been added to meet planning targets.

### **Compartment 153**

Stand 19 - Note as an OFS the presence of a massasauga rattlesnake. .

### **Compartment 157**

Stands 44 & 50 - Add comment that site preparation is needed, and this stand may need roller chopping.

WLD plans on removing the water control structure on the dike at North Townline Flooding due to extensive ongoing maintenance and safety issues. An engineered opening will be constructed in the same place. Road access will be blocked on the west end, but foot travel will be allowed on the dike surface.

Stands 29, 32, 36, 33, 38, 30 – Add site condition for either too wet or inaccessibility.

### **Compartment 179**

Change WLD comments in Compartment Narrative such as:

“Maintain ecosystem diversity in the compartment while continuing to follow the current KWMP habitat strategy to benefit not only nongame species like the Kirtland’s warbler, and upland sandpipers but also game species like deer, snowshoe hares, wild turkey, and coyotes”.

### **Compartment 190**

Noted site visit and decision after pre-review to discuss treatment options – thin but leave single stem red maple.

Stand 32 – Add comment to favor white oak retention over red oak.

Stand 24 – Add treatment for a seed tree harvest

Stand 32 - Add comment that the management objective will be a two-aged or multi-aged mix of white pine, red maple, and white oak. Add comment to favor white oak over red oak.

Stand 34 – Add comment to encourage oak stump sprouting . Add comment to use appropriate recreation trail protection specification for the Ogemaw Hills Pathway

Stand 80 - Add a site condition for too wet.

Stand 77 – Note discussion that stand is wet, but still manageable.

### **Compartment 200**

Stand 4 – Reshape treatment boundary to follow the Natural River Guidelines for the Rifle River.

Stands 3, 5 – Remove the site conditions.

## Wraco Dam

The Roscommon Open House included a separate presentation and discussion on the current condition and future decision on the DNR owned Wraco Dam. The dam had which recently collapsed following an extraordinary rain event. The following is a summary of the proceedings:

### **Public Comment:**

Roger Brown stated that his group of outdoors friends was very excited to fish this dam in the future. His group of friends was sad when the MDNR lowered the water and reduced the fishing opportunities. Mr. Brown asked whether the plans would restore fishing in the area. He and his friends believe that more tourists would come to Roscommon County if this is the case.

Larry Holly stated that he used to be able to fish for trout on the lake.

A member of the public (did not state his name) asked if the original stream flow would return. Mark Boersen informed him that it is unknown at this time; however it is possible that the man-made spillway is probably not where it had originally flowed.

Roger Brown asked if the spillway would be cleaned up if the MDNR does not reinstall a control structure. Mark Boersen replied with a "yes" and further explained that the MDNR expects to place rock around the bank for stabilization. Furthermore, beaver may return and block the flow which would cause a small flooding. Although beaver are not currently present, it is possible.

Larry Holly asked whether the MDNR has completed a usage study. He further stated that the number of recreational users would really surprise the MDNR. Mark Boersen replied with a "no" and that the MDNR is aware of usages which lead to the installation of a parking lot. Mr. Holly further explained that each time he visits the site, which is often, he meets new people. He also stated that for what was paid for the site, the MDNR should reinstall the dam for the purpose of increasing fishing and hunting opportunities.

A member of the public (did not state his name) asked what the cost would be to repair the dam. Mark Boersen informed him that the estimated cost is \$500,000.

Larry Holly asked whether a new dam, if installed, would be placed at the original depth or a more shallow or reduced depth. Mark Boersen informed the member of the public that the decision of placement would be decided upon at a later date.

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Larry Holly stated that people did not yet know that Wraco Dam is stated owned.


Larry Holly asked who put the dam in originally. Mark Boersen stated that it is unknown; however the MDNR believes that the 2<sup>nd</sup> previous owner placed the dam. This previous owner is not who the MDNR purchased the property from.

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As the Compartment Review Meeting Facilitator, I certify that the above changes have been agreed to.

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10/23/14  
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