

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



Sault Forest Management Unit 2016 Year-of-Entry Top of the Lakes Snowmobile Museum, Naubinway, MI October 2, 2014

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 Sault 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: Cheryl Ozanich, OLAF; David Jentoff, WLD; Tim Maples, WLD; Jeff Stampfly, FRD; Don Kuhr, FRD; Dan Moore, PRD; Karen Rodock, FRD; Matt Edison, FRD; Cory Louto, FRD; Jeff Wise, FRD; Dan Beaudou, FRD; Josh Brinks, FMD; Mike Pine, FRD; Cory Kovacs, FD; Craig Albright WLD; Kerry Fitzpatrick, WLD; and Thomas Paquin, PRD.

Members of the public in attendance: None.

Comments from Stakeholders

The Open House at the Naubinway Field Office on September 9, 2014 had 3 people attend. An additional Open House at the Kinross Township Hall September 10, 2014 had 7 people attend. Attendees viewed maps and data, and discussed management prescriptions with staff. No comment sheets were filled out.

A written comment was received from representatives of the Drummond Island Sportsman's Club after the compartment review. They are interested in receiving more information about harvesting operations on the island.

General Comments: During compartment review the SCA, MNFI and archeology database layers were shown as each compartment was presented. Any occurrences were discussed and mitigated.

Batty Doe Deer Yard MA

C193 (Cory Luoto)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Edit the SCA_removal comment field to state that the area does not meet Old Growth criteria.
- Contact Amy Clark Eagle about the ERA boundary not matching the stand boundaries, and the procedure to resolve.
- Stand 27: change start date to October 1.

County Line Hardwoods MA

C179 (Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review: no changes

Drummond Island MA

C016 (Jeff Wise)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 60: adjust the treatment line to buffer the lake (apx. 100 feet)
- Stand 55: adjust the treatment line to buffer the stream/seasonal pond
- Stand 21: add 'may plant oak' (as in stand 38)
- SCA_removal: add comments that the area does not meet old growth criteria

Drummond Island GEMS Plan (Dave Jentoft)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

Dave presented the plan details of the Drummond Island GEM. There was discussion about the timing of the harvests. Staff will use the new 'future management' layer to show how future harvests will be planned over time.

Changes made at compartment review:

The plan was approved as written, with the following changes to inventory data needed:

- Add treatments to stands in Compartments 3 and 4, showing in this plan as "initial treatments". Add a start date of October 3, 2014, so that these treatments will show up in the 2015 POW.
- The treatments will be for clearcut with reserves, leaving larger cedar patches. Place a 100 foot buffer on lake (or as specified by fisheries division – Godby).

Huron Patterned Outcrop MA

C020 (Josh Brinks)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- SCA_removal: change the comments to say why removing from SCA status, such as “already within an ERA for wooded dune and swale”.

C025 (Jeff Wise)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- SCA_removal: change the comments to say why removing from POG status, such as “doesn’t meet type 1 or type 2 old growth criteria”.
- Check with RAS on the shape of the SCA as it appears incorrect on the map.

Kinross Bog MA

C035 (Jeff Wise)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review: no changes

Mackinac Mix MA

C123 (Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review: no changes

C135 (Dan Beaudou)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

Discussion about the different techniques for harvesting and regenerating cedar.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 5: Change the prescription to seed tree with reserves, with a cedar management objective. Leave patches of 4-8 cedar trees throughout the stand, not further than 4 tree lengths apart.
- Update the fisheries comments in the narrative.

C148 (Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 28: add a limiting factor for access (due to railroad crossing).
- Remove the treatment and merge stand 98 into stand 95.

C170 (Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

After compartment review, phone discussion with Amy Clark Eagle resulted in a decision to add a limiting factor to stand 5 to delay harvesting until the boundary issue with the ERA is resolved.

Changes made at compartment review:

- SCA report: add the SCA-removal, with the reason that it will be an ERA.
- Stand 5: add a comment saying that the harvest will not adversely affect the ERA.

Munuscong Bay MA

C056 (Josh Brinks)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

Discussed the effect of EAB on the ash trees within the compartment. WD would prefer to delay harvest here until EAB is within the stand. Since EAB has been documented a short distance away, it is expected to occur within the stand very soon (or now), and harvesting will occur as proposed.

Changes made at compartment review: no changes

C063 (Josh Brinks)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 2: change start date to Oct. 3, 2014 (the day after compartment review)

Sage Truck Trail MA

C132 (Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 28 and 38: Buffer creek 200 feet.

C151 (Dan Beaudou)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 53: add to the prescription comments “unless required for operation”

Strickler Aspen MA

C145 (Cory Luoto)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review: no changes

Strickler GEMS Plan (Dave Jentoft)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

Dave presented the Strickler GEM plan. It is an update from the original 1994 plan.

Changes made at compartment review: Approved as written.

Waishkey Bay MA

C50 (Josh Brinks)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

Discussed the possible disposal of a small parcel in this compartment located along the river. Access is only through private.

Discussed a possible hiking trail developed from Brimley State Park into adjacent state owned land.

A trailhead is in the process of being developed just south of Brimley State Park for access to the ORV or snowmobile trails. There is a 65" limit on the trail width.

Changes made at compartment review: no changes

Closing comments: Thanks to all for participating!

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

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