

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



**Sault Forest Management Unit
2017 Year-of-Entry
Top of the Lakes Snowmobile Museum
Naubinway, MI
October 6, 2015**

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; Karen Rodock, FRD; David Jentoff, WLD; Tim Maples, WLD; Jeff Stampfly, FRD; Don Kuhr, FRD; Paul Gaberdiel, PRD; Matt Edison, FRD; Cory Louto, FRD; Jeff Wise, FRD; Steve Tuovila, FRD; Josh Brinks, FMD; Mike Pine, FRD; Cory Kovacs, FD; Craig Albright WLD; Keith Murphy, FRD; Jason Stephens, FRD; and Jennifer Burnham, FRD.

Neal Godby, FD, was unable to attend compartment review, but approved the Munuscong State Wildlife Management Area plan by email on Oct. 20, 2015.

Members of the public in attendance: Ralph Colegrove, USFS.

Comments from Stakeholders

PRD and FRD held a joint open house/public meeting on September 14, 2015 in the Sault to discuss harvest treatments and ski trail maintenance of the Algonquin Ski Trail. Five members of the public attended.

The Open House at the Naubinway Field Office on September 16, 2015 had zero people attend. An additional Open House at the Kinross Township Hall September 17, 2015 had six people attend. Attendees viewed maps and data, and discussed management prescriptions with staff. One comment sheet was filled out concerning the availability of ash for craft purposes.

Three letters were received: one regarding management in C18 on Drummond Island and concern with harvesting near Cornbeef Junction, one from Ruffed Grouse Society supporting management of a diverse mix of forest age classes, and one from a landowner supporting early successional forest management and browse/habitat for deer and grouse.

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

Spruce budworm risk analysis review: Add comments to all stands in the spreadsheet in the high and very high risk stands, or use soft factor 5T, to state why no prescription is needed at present.

Carp River Red Pine MA

C105 (Cory Luoto)

Discussion of comments from individuals: General discussion of Spruce Budworm.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add site conditions to riparian corridors, as appropriate.
- Switch all old (OI) codes to new coding (non-forested stands).

Drummond Island MA

C017 (Josh Brinks)

Discussion of comments from individuals: Discussed SBW and adjacent compartments.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 46 – add clearcut with reserves. Leave retention patches.
- Stand 45 -add opening maintenance treatment.
- Stand 40 of Compartment 16 – add clearcut with reserves. Leave retention patches.
- Stand 28 – change comment: delete “stay out of patches of thick”.

C018 (Jeff Wise)

Discussion of comments from individuals: Discussion regarding Corned Beef Junction public comment and beech salvage. Discussed timber sale specs including: slash treatment, limited access points to harvesting, and limited skid trails. PRD stated that it is against safety rules to let trees/branches fall across the trails. Trails must be worked on twice per year to remove debris. Hazzard tree removal along the trail is important for safety.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Work with the public that has commented on treatments in this area to address their concerns.
- Add next steps for “monitor for invasive plant species” near Stand 63 gravel pit area.
- Stand 9: add a site condition to east for “too steep.”

- Stand 9 west ½: Add treatment and site condition 5T – monitor spruce budworm.

Kinross Bog MA

C042 (Jeff Wise)

Discussion of comments from individuals: No discussion.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

C043 (Jeff Wise)

Discussion of comments from individuals: Read and discussed the public comment read regarding the shooting range.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Lake Michigan Shoreline MA

C162 (Cory Luoto)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Remove old (OI) coding.
- Add site conditions.

C174 (Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add site conditions as needed.

C200 (Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- SCA removal: the area is already covered by ERA/HCVAs.
- Remove old (OI) coding.

C202 (Jennifer Burnham)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Drop treatment on Stand 6.

C203 (Steve Tuovila)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 49 and 401 – update (OI) coding to new cover type codes.

Mackinac Mix MA

C125 (Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

C164 (Cory Luoto)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Remove old (OI) cover type coding.
- Stands 22, 129, 134, 138, 132, etc.: change treatment to “monitor” with next step of “spray as needed”.
- Remove private railroad corridor from state ownership layer.

C167 (Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Milakokia Lakes MA

C188 (Cory Luoto)

Discussion of comments from individuals: Discuss how site conditions affect planning, and how site conditions should be added to stands regardless of age of the stand.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Remove old (OI) cover type coding.
- Add site conditions to areas without access.

Munuscong Bay MA

C057 (Josh Brinks)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- SCA removal: the area does not meet SCA criteria.

Sage Truck Trail MA

C128 (Cory Luoto)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

C129 (Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individuals: None.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Update site conditions.
- Stand 70: drop treatment and change to 2A site condition.
- Stand 71: add site condition 2A.
- In NE corner, north of railroad, add site condition "blocked by landowner", with a comment that it is for the railroad. (Jason will make a new site condition later.)
- Remove 100' railroad ownership in this compartment and others where appropriate.

Waishkey Bay MA

C51 (Josh Brinks)

Discussion of comments from individuals: Discussed the Ski Trail open house information and comments about harvesting near the trail.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Update the fisheries section of the compartment narrative.

Munuscong State Wildlife Management Area – Management Plan

- Kristen Matson will obtain Fish Division and PRD staff signoff at a later date within standard timeline.
- No changes.
- Neal Godby, FD, approved the Munuscong State Wildlife Management Area plan by email on Oct. 20, 2015.

Closing comments: Thanks to all for participating!

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



Kristen Matson, EUP Inventory and Planning Specialist

October 26, 2015