



COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

Baraga Forest Management Unit

2011 Year-of-Entry

MTU, Ford Forestry Center

Alberta, Michigan

July 9, 2009

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 Baraga Forest Management Unit compartment review. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

Attendees

Deb Begalle, FMFM; Don Mankee, FMFM; Jim Ferris, FMFM; Jason Mittlestat, FMFM; Brad Carlson, FMFM; Brad Johnson, WLD; Fred Hansen, FMFM; Ron Yesney, FMFM; Mike Koss, WLD; John Turunen, FMFM; Doug Wagner, WLD; John M. Hamel, FMFM; Bob Doepker, WLD; Kevin Swanson, WLD; Josh Brinks, FMFM; Doug Heym, FMFM.

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at the Baraga OSC, Baraga Michigan on June 24, 2009. 12 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff and 4 written comments were received.

Comments were provided by: Mike Rose, Dave Allen, Martin Nelson, and Steve Plunkett. Generally Comments were positive. Martin Nelson provided specific comments regarding the inventory system, maps and other information provided to the public and other issues that have been forwarded to the appropriate persons

Compartment 8

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 24 and 29, – No scarification. Management Objective, barrens type open oak and pine. No regeneration treatment prescribed. No seasonal Kirtland Warbler restrictions.
- Summer operations on all stands in compartment.

Compartment 19

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 35, Prescription changed to 50 sq. ft. Under-plant with white pine and red oak.
- Stand 56, Change Management Objective to hemlock and yellow birch from mixed upland forest; creating 1/10-acre gaps for regeneration.

Compartment 29

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 9, Retention from Stand 10, comment removed. Leave ¼ to ½ acre retention pockets to reach 3% of treatment area.

Compartment 29 (Cont.)

- Stand 12, Retention from Stand 10, comment removed. No retention.
- Stand 14, Retention from Stand 10, comment removed. Follow retention guidelines
- Stand 17, Retention from Stand 10, comment removed. Follow retention guidelines
- Stand 18, Retention from Stand 19, comment removed.

Compartment 32

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- No Change

Compartment 37

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 1, Leave yellow birch seed trees.

Compartment 62

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- No Changes

Compartment 69

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 2, Hardwood stand. Single tree selection cut. Do not harvest hemlock, cedar or pine.
- Stand 3, Change treatment method to group selection. Remove hardwood down to 2" dbh. Other than yellow birch, which has a diameter harvest of 8-10" (stump diameter). Cut all merchantable balsam and spruce. Do not harvest hemlock or pine.
- Stand 5, Change treatment method to single tree selection with an M0 of H. Remove no more than 30 sq. ft. of hemlock per acre. Mark hardwood while concentrating on creating 1/10-acre gaps to foster hemlock regeneration; no harvest of pine or cedar. (No agreement was reached regarding this stand at the unit and district level. Treatment plan was deferred to the field coordinators for resolution. Deb Begalle and Bob Doepker will present Issue to Coordinators for resolution by August 20th. Change approved by Field Coordinators December 21, 2009.)
- Stand 6, Change treatment method to group selection. Remove hardwood down to 2" dbh. Other than yellow birch, which has a diameter harvest of 8-10" (stump diameter). Cut all merchantable balsam and spruce. Do not harvest hemlock or pine.
- Stand 9, Change treatment method to group selection. Remove hardwood down to 2" dbh. Other than yellow birch, which has a diameter harvest of 8-10" (stump diameter). Cut all merchantable balsam and spruce. Do not harvest hemlock or pine.

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

John M. Hamel, Inventory and Planning Specialist

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