



COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS
Escanaba Forest Management Unit
2011 Year-of-Entry
DNR Pocket Park, UP State Fair grounds
Escanaba, MI
October 7, 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 Escanaba Forest Management Unit compartment review. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

Attendees

Dan Racine, FMFM; John Hamel, FMFM; Celeste Chingwa, FMFM; Dan McNamee, FMFM; Bill Rollo, Wildlife; Craig Albright, Wildlife; Eric Thompson, FMFM; Jim Ferris, FMFM; Penney Melchoir, Wildlife; Bob Doepker, Wildlife; Debbie Begalle, FMFM; Bob Heyd, FMFM; Dustin Salter, FMFM; Carol Porter, FMFM; Kim Herman, FMFM; Joe Durbin, FMFM; Amy Douglass, FMFM; Keith Murphy, FMFM; Jenifer Burnham, FMFM.

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at the Menominee County Annex, Stephenson, Michigan on September 16, 2009. 8 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff and 3 written comments were received.

Attached is a summary of the comments received at the Open House

Compartment 12

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- No Changes

Compartment 14

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- No Changes

Compartment 29

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 59, Change Method of cut to shelterwood harvest.
- Stand 73, Remove treated portion of stand from SCA status. The untreated portion of stand should remain as a SCA-Riparian Corridor.

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Compartment 38

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 7, treat in 2010 Year of Entry. Mark some of the down trees for retention.

Compartment 49

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- No Changes

Compartment 62

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 63, Add comments "Consider anchor chain, herbicide, and scarification."

Compartment 81

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 98 and 103, Remove from SCA- Potential Old Growth status

Compartment 98

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 3, Change start work date to combine treatment with compartment to the north.
- Stands 8 and 21, add comments "Pursue out of Year of Entry to include with timber sales in adjoining compartments."

Compartment 105

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 90 and 100, remove limiting factors from these stands. Change start of work date to the 2010 Year of Entry

Compartment 113

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- See open house comments below

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 16, add comment to Thin stand across rows.
- Stand 69, remove white pine planting treatment.
- Stand 77, Create a new 7.7 acre stand within this stand which will be untreated.
- Break out stands, per attached map with treatments as shown.

Compartment 113 (Cont.)

- Stand 92, add proscribed-burn treatment for ERA-Pemenee Falls Hillside Prairie. (Wildlife Division will take charge of this)
- Stand 95, Remove treatment.
- Stand 155, Remove treatment from stand. Add comments to re-evaluate status of nest at next entry period.

Additional Issues Discussed at Compartment Review

Compartment 52 (2008 Year of Entry)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- None


Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 9, Changes agreed upon, as posted, following retention guidelines with a 3% retention minimum.

Pemenee Falls Hillside Prairie, Ecological Reference Area Plan

- Plan was approved as written

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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Public Open House Written Comments

September 16, 2009

Topic: Bidder's List

Request to be added to bidder's list for Menominee and Delta Counties.

Topic: Resources for Open House

Need plat book or better descriptions [available to open house attendees] on how to find area we are looking for.

Topic: Sedge treatment. I think this occurs in a few compartments, e.g. 14. From my agricultural background, trying to control sedge by cultivation only seemed to spread things around. Multiple year Roundup applications seemed to work the best. I would suggest that before using scarification to control it that a good review of literature on controlling sedge in forest situations be conducted. In our area research by MSU and IP was done a few years ago. I suspect that others have also done work on this problem.

Topic: Compartment 113

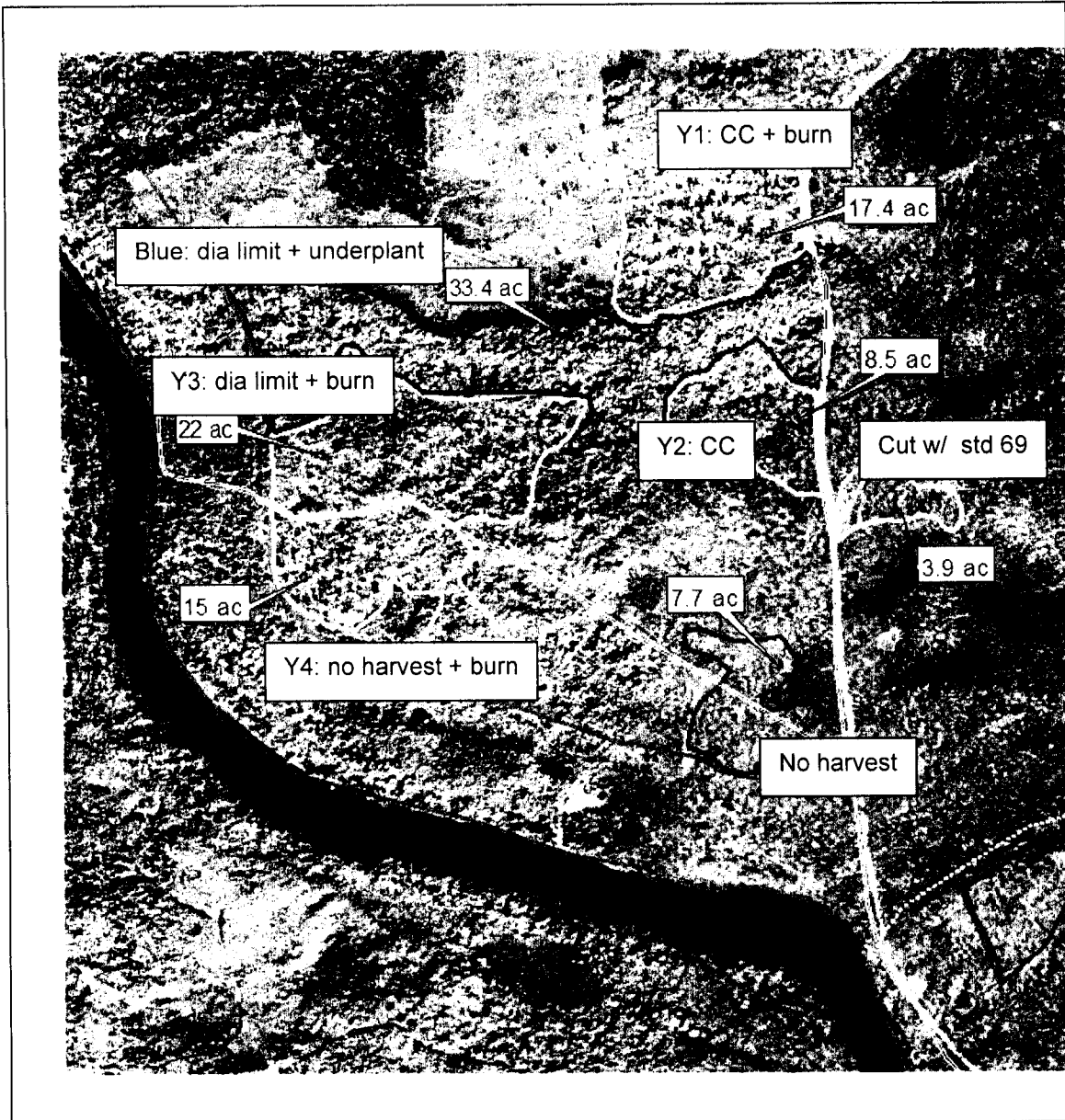
Stand 16. Consider thinning by going at an angle across the stand rather than row thinning. I feel that by doing this one can be more selective in removing trees that should come out while leaving more of the better trees. I also believe that thinning in this manner will more quickly make the plantation begin to resemble a natural stand. I feel that a natural forest appearance would be an objective in this compartment. This, I feel, would be of increasing importance in high traffic areas where folks are mainly interested in viewing the forest.

General statement regarding management of Compartment 113.

I recognize that this compartment has many very important features in addition to timber production. However, I am very concerned that we may not choose to use a reasonable and appropriate amount of sound forest management practices necessary to maintain a healthy, viable forest. I feel it is important in these early years of ownership to "clean-up" the poorer quality stands, make conversions to better adapted species when appropriate (I suspect that this might be a tool we can use to improve resistance to at least some invasive), make more use of prescribed burns or emulate the effects of fire in some way, and once we get the forest in reasonable shape use longer than normal re-entry periods. I think that this can be done without unduly sacrificing important old-growth characteristics. I feel that in the high traffic areas we need to be managing trees to maximize the number of large trees present recognizing that old and large are not necessarily the same thing. This would also enhance public safety in these areas. Practicing stewardship forestry enhanced with signage that explains what was done and why in areas such as this that have recreational user traffic would be a good way to promote public information and educational outreach. Many of the visitors are probably local folks who own similar properties and so I would expect a higher degree of relevance in the message being delivered. In summary, I feel it would be very poor stewardship if we were to follow a path of "hands-off" management.

Attachment: Compartment 113 new treatments map

- Retention in Clearcut units Y1 & Y2 = 3% consisting of oak, white pine, red pine and aspen as needed
- Plant aesthetic buffer along county road, 1 ½ chain each side. White pine and red pine. Using Brakke scarifier and hand planting.
- Stagger harvest on East and West side of road by 5 years, East side 2010 year of entry, west side 2015 year of entry.



- Schedule stands 70 and 153 in 2010 year of entry.
- No chipping in burn areas. Chipping allowed in plant areas. Slash to be scattered if not chipped.