

# COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

## Gaylord Forest Management Unit

2009 Year-of-Entry

Location: Northland Sportsmen Club, Gaylord

June 21, 2007



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

### Attendees

John Pilon, FMFMD; Don Foco, FMFMD; Shannon Harig, FMFMD; Dayle Garlock, FMFMD; James Bielecki, FMFMD; William O'Neill, FMFMD; Brian Mastenbrook, WLD; Ken Phillips, FMFMD; Joyce Angel-Ling, FMFMD; Robin Pearson, FMFMD; Charlotte Farner, FMFMD; Dan Heckman, FMFMD; Don Stacks, FMFMD; Kim Lentz, FMFMD; Ric Barta, FMFMD; Tim Greco, FMFMD; Paige Perry, FMFMD; Penney Melchoir, WLD; Donna LaCourt, FMFMD; Cara Boucher, FMFMD; Glen Matthews, WLD; Robin Pearson, FMFMD; John Sheele, FMFMD; Mark Monroe, WLD; Keith Kintigh, WLD; Jason Stephens, FMFMD; Don Klingler, FMFMD; Dave Graham, OLAF; Duane Etter, WLD

Members of the public in attendance: Tom Callison, Grand Traverse Band - Ottawa

### Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at Indian River Field Office June 5, 2007 – 18 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided by:

- Morris Domke, Wild Turkey Federation – “Road closure process is not public friendly. Hound people, coyote hunters and fox hunters have a real hard time getting access.”

Open House at Gaylord Unit Office June 6, 2007 – 10 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided by:

- Tim Flynn, Sierra Club, on behalf of the Mackinaw Forest Council – Sent documentation recommending inclusion of specific areas of compartment 122 in the State's system of biodiversity conservation areas. Addressed in compartment 122 below.
- Bret Huntman, Mackinaw Forest Council – Sent documentation recommending parts of compartment 43 designated as Old growth and Biodiversity Special conservation Area. Addressed below in compartment 43.

Comments from stakeholders that were provided at the open house or otherwise during the comment period were announced and discussed. Comments specific to compartments were read and considered as each compartment was discussed. Stakeholder input that resulted in changes to prescriptions for a specific compartment or stand is recorded in the compartment notes below. Copies of all comments are on file at the unit office.

### **Compartment 13 (Stand examiner – Gregory Gatesy)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 35, 63 – Add to comment: Specific SCA value is historic remnant, and large diameter white pine with mixed hardwoods.
- Stands 19, 38 – Add to comment: Specific SCA value is visual and aesthetics.
- Stand 65 – Change to F type.

### **Compartment 14 (Stand examiner – Kim Lentz)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 47 - Add to comment: There will be no aspen retention.
- Stands 26, 90 - Add to comment: This area is a possible ER - northern shrub thicket. ERA needs verification.

### **Compartment 43 (Stand examiner – Ric Barta)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Bret Huntman, Mackinaw Forest Council submitted a Conservation Area Recommendation (CAR) for parts of compartment 43 (Sections 4 – 10) to be designated an Old Growth and Biodiversity Special Conservation Area. The intent is to restore old growth habitat by minimizing rutting, soil erosion and compaction, and the destruction of recovering habitats, flora and fauna. Expressed disagreement with clearcutting aspen stand 28. Complete set of documents on file.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Note: Stand 28 prescription stands as the forest managers felt it mimicked a windthrow event.
- All hardwood stands in sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 19 - Add to comment: In treatment development staff will review elements noted in Mackinaw Forest Council Conservation Area Recommendation document, and incorporate techniques as appropriate that support features such as seeps, steep slopes, coarse wood debris, and selected understory species.

### **Compartment 52 (Stand examiner – Kim Lentz)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 26, 34, 36 – Un-prescribe. Change to Stand Condition 8 (Potential Old Growth). Add to comment: SCA - expansion of Natural River corridor.
- Stand 39 - Add to comment: Consult with WLD regarding non-commercial cut.
- Stands 3, 60 – Un-prescribe.

### **Compartment 62 (Stand examiner – Tim Greco)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 6, 15, 22, 24, 56, 64, 66, 68, 69, 83, 102 - Add to comment: No retention due to management objective and / or adequate representation in adjacent stands.

### **Compartment 73 (Stand examiner – Tim Greco)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 12 - Remove cut code, schedule cultural need, priority 2.

### **Compartment 117 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review: None

### **Compartment 122 (Stand examiner – Don Stacks)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Tim Flynn, Sierra Club, on behalf of the Mackinaw Forest Council, submitted a Conservation Area Recommendation (CAR) for specific areas of compartment 122 (all or parts of stands 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 122, 222) be designated biodiversity conservation areas. The proposal also requires the proposed treatments of stands 22 and 122 be dropped. Complete set of documents on file.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 122 - Forest managers decided to not change the cutting prescription. Add to comment: The reason for final harvest is to increase in-stand and wildlife diversity in the area. Stand 222 was left as a buffer along the river protecting the attributes found in stand 122.
- Stand 22 - Forest managers decided to not change the cutting prescription. Add to comment: The reason for treatment is to increase tree species diversity in the area. Protect hemlock and yellow birch. Retain larger diameter trees.

### **Compartment 127 (Stand examiner – Ken Phillips)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Bret Huntman, Mackinaw Forest Council submitted a document requesting keeping a closed canopy for hardwood stands in compartment 127 so as to have the old growth feature of pre-settlement times. He also objected to the clearcutting of the aspen stand 13 because repeated clearcutting would deplete the site over time and leaving it to succeed to hardwood would regenerate the soil. Complete set of documents on file.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 4, 10, 31, 36 – Add to comment: Exclude areas of steep slopes.

### **Compartment 141 (Stand examiner – Don Stacks)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 25, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34 – Add to comment: SCA, part of a larger wetland complex. Manage for wetland values.
- Stand 26 – Remove Stand Condition 8. Add to comment: Doesn't share same conservation value as the SCA to the south.
- Stand 24 – Add to comment: Put in two gates to roads that lead to river.
- Stand 19 - Create new stand for campground and associated access site. Add campground symbol to map.

**Compartment 148 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 37, 38 - Add to comment: Cut with proposed pilot area stands to the west.
- Stands 10, 13, 20, 32 - Add to comment: Convert to hardwood.
- Map and legend - Change trail symbol to motorcycle.
- Compartment write-up – Change Trail from MCCC trail to motorcycle trail.

**Compartment 159 (Stand examiner – Dan Heckman and Don Stacks)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 35 - Remove prescription. Add to comment: Prescription removed due to elk hazard along I-75.
- Compartment narrative – Change ORV to motorcycle trail. In addition to snowmobile trail, note it is a multi-use recreational rail rail.
- Stand 17 - Add to comment: Close road.
- Map and Legend - Symbol should be motorcycle, not ORV.

**Compartment 176 (Stand examiner – Dan Heckman)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 30 - Add to comment: No aspen retention to promote regeneration.
- Stands that are regeneration cuts: Add to treatments database comment other species that are acceptable as regeneration. Regeneration survey is the next step.
- Stand 51 - Add to comment: Target residual red pine BA 100.

**Compartment 178 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 4 - Add to comment: Propose for treatment early to coincide with road commission construction.
- Stand 41 - Add to comment: Mark one or two oak per acre in reserve for mast.
- Stand 44 - Proposed start date 10/1/2010.

**Compartment 183 (Stand examiner – Dan Heckman)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 91 - Change from clearcut with reserves to clearcut.

**Compartment 206 (Stand examiner – Ken Phillips)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 51, 52, 59, 61, 65 - Approved recommended road closures.
- Clarify SCA values to existing stands coded as Stand Condition 8.

**Compartment 221 (Stand examiner – Ken Phillips)**

Compartment will be reviewed at 2010 compartment review due to lack of access Boblo Island in time for the 2009 review.

As the Compartment Review facilitator, I certify that the above changes have been agreed upon.

John Pilon, Inventory and Planning Specialist

Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Pilon".

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