

# COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

## Newberry Forest Management Unit

2011 Year-of-Entry

Location: Newberry Corrections Training Room

December 22, 2009



The following documents the changes and decisions made at the compartment review to the inventory database, reports, and compartment maps presented at the Newberry 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, FMFM; Recorder: Sharolynn Robinson, FMFM; Leslie Homan, FMFM; Jason Tokar, FMFM; Keith Magnusson, FMFM; Ben Travis, FMFM; Tori Irving, FMFM; Theresa Sysol, FMFM; Kristie Sitar, Wildlife; Paul Gaberdiel, FMFM; Dan Moore, FMFM; Jason Stephens, FMFM; Terry Stark, OLAF; Jim Waybrant, Fisheries; Sherry Mackinnon, Wildlife; Don Kuhr, FMFM; Terry Minzey, Wildlife; Robert Ziel, FMFM; Jay Parent, DEQ; Rob Katona, FMFM; Mike Paluda, FMFM; Jen Burnham, FMFM; Ryan Mattila, FMFM; Craig Krepps, PRD

Members of the public in attendance: None.

### **Comments from Stakeholders**

Open House at McMillan Township Hall, on December 1, 2009 – 10 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

- Written comments were provided by Richard Stevenson, CFM Forester, FMFMD, Newberry OSC; and by the Michigan Sharptailed Grouse Association.

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.

### **Presentations:**

#### Update on Department Merger – Mike Paluda

Mike gave a report on the Brown Bag teleconference that Bruce Rasher held on December 17, 2009 to share information about the DNR/DEQ merger. Bruce laid out his “final recommendations” during the conference call, and these were shared here. This information is subject to change; further information should be out to employees soon.

#### Non-Timber Project Work – Paul Gaberdiel

Forest Fire: Fire Suppression; Fire Planning & Prevention; Planned equipment maintenance; Training; Review of OI Compartments for Fire & Recreation needs.

Prescribed Burns: Weather Station – Funded; Leased Land Hardwoods – Private Funding from the county.

Campground: Detailed Inspections – April/May & August; Facility maintenance from DNR/DEQ Inspections; Grade roads; ADA upgrades; General Maintenance; Revenue Collection & Counting  
Snowmobile: Grants Management; Trail Inspections; Retrieve counter data

Ski Trail: Plow parking lot.

Road & Bridge Funded RDR: Track new reports; Update data base tracking for resource damage; Install portable bridge on Culhane Pine Timber Sale.

**Comp 8 (Stand examiner – Theresa Sysol)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Rob Katona asked what considerations had been made for the ORV Trail in the sale area. Written comments from Michigan Sharptailed Grouse Association: Although Stands 20, 23, 25, 28, and 42 are not part of a managed permanent opening, they are close enough to provide good temporary habitat for sharp-tails and provide a corridor for movement through northern Chippewa County.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

**Comp 10 (Stand examiner – Keith Magnusson)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Wildlife staff suggested planting oak in any stands that are accessible to the planting equipment.

Changes made at compartment review: Add planting codes to plant oak trees in all M-9 stands (4,11,12,19,32,35,37,56,59) where feasible after harvest.

**Comp 22 (Stand examiner – Ben Travis)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Jim Waybrant thanked staff for protecting Dawson Creek.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

**Comp 23 (Stand examiner – (Ben Travis)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Dan asked how we plan to protect the North Country Trail in Stand 14 which is prescribed for clear cut. Sherry asked some questions about the regeneration of Scotch Pine in Stand 4 – Wildlife may have resources who could remove the Scotch Pine in this area.

Changes made at compartment review: Add codes for non-commercial removal of Scotch Pine in Stand 4.

**Comp 37 (Stand examiner – Theresa Sysol)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: No comments.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

**Comp 60 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Written comments from Richard Stevenson: Stands 12 & 20 - Love to see large clear-cuts in Jack Pine. Written comments from Michigan Sharptailed Grouse Association: This area could provide great potential habitat for sharp-tails in Stands 8,12, and 10

where clear-cut and natural regeneration are prescribed and Stands 16 & 21 with fairly young usable temporary habitat.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

**Comp 63 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Wildlife questioned no snag/dead trees left along the Highway M-123 corridor. Les Homan said that this area is the Heritage Route, so snags are not being left in this area for aesthetic reasons. Craig Krepps is in favor of removing the snags along the Heritage Route of M-123 for aesthetics, as well. He also had a concern about invasive plant species being introduced from hay used in timber sale areas within the Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Written comments from Michigan Sharptailed Grouse Association: The acres of recently regenerated jack pine in his compartment, and those which are prescribed for clear-cut and natural regeneration; will provide a very large temporary opening which should be attractive to Sharp-tails - if there are any in the vicinity. There have been reports of Sharp-tails within 5 miles of this area within the past 10 years, so I can only suggest that an effort should be made to determine if there are enough Sharp-tails in the vicinity to warrant a large permanent opening to be created here, perhaps even one in each Compartment 60 & 63 to provide a corridor connecting to the private land to the east.

Changes made at compartment review: Change stands 53 & 54 Scotch Pine to final harvest with codes for scarification and seeding; then planting to Jack Pine if needed.

**Comp 71 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Written comments from Richard Stevenson: Stand 36 – Northern Hawk Owl wintering area. Les mentioned that this compartment contains a large portion of private land that has been offered to the state for purchase – high land with good hardwoods. Deeryards aren't showing the on the layered map – divisions are working on this to get the boundaries agreed to and get them on the map.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

**Comp 74 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals. Written comments from Richard Stevenson: There are important birding areas in this compartment (Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Pine Grosbeak, common visitor – Gray Jay breeds here; occasional - Connecticut Warbler). Wildlife suggested that raptor nests be watched for in this area.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

**Comp 79 (Stand examiner – Ben Travis)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Written comments from Richard Stevenson: Important warbler area – can you avoid sales in May and June to favor migratory bird nesting?

Changes made at compartment review: Stand 72 - Change white pine comment to say look at this after harvest. Remove limiting factors from Stand 40. Add a comment to all aspen stands to not harvest in May & June due to migratory bird nesting and soil rutting concerns.

**Comp 89 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Written comments from Michigan Sharptailed Grouse Association: The grassy openings in this compartment did and may still have Sharp-tail use. Therefore, we recommend that the 5 grass openings (#411, 432, 434, 436, & 458) be considered for

becoming a part of a permanently managed mosaic of openings. Kristen noted that in Stand 29 FMFM & Wildlife comments contradict somewhat regarding the birch to be left – Kristie & Jason agreed that the understanding is that the larger trees would be left for snags with some component of smaller left as well.

Changes made at compartment review: Mapping Error: Stands 26 & 29 should be “100” not “400”.

**Comp 95 (Stand examiner – Keith Magnusson)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Written comments from Richard Stevenson: Spring Creek Trout Pond has severe ORV abuse on hill to the west. Really important area to whippoorwills on dry site aspen. Leave snags and keep any sale size to 30 acres to favor whippoorwills. Jim Waybrant noted that Spring Creek Pond is an active trout pond with good habitat. Keith suggested placing some boulders along the edge to prevent ORV climbing. Rob asked if there's signage in that area to prevent illegal ORV activity (not at this time). Written comments from Michigan Sharptailed Grouse Association: No concerns with this area at this time, as long as the large Danaher Plains permanent opening continues to be managed.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

**Comp 106 (Stand examiner – Keith Magnusson)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Stand 42 is LED purchased land that currently has no prescription. Stand 44 is where the Newberry Field Office is located. Don suggested that Stand 42 be planted to Red Pine and the hardwood on Stand 44 be treated.

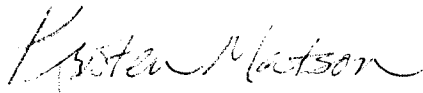
Changes made at compartment review: Change Code for Stand 42 to Red Pine planting – consult with LED regarding objections/restrictions. Mapping Error: In Stand 41, move access site symbol to the correct location.

**Comp 114 (Stand examiner – Theresa Sysol)**

- Discussion of comments from individuals: Written comments from Richard Stevenson: Stand 1 – Northern Hawk Owl area.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes recommended.

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



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