

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



Pigeon River Country Forest Management Unit

2009 Year-of-Entry

Location: Pigeon River Country Unit Office

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

Attendees

Dayle Garlock, FMFMD; Laurel Marzolo, FMFMD; Jim Bielecki, FMFMD; Rick McDonald, FMFMD; Don Mittlestat, FMFMD; Brian Mastenbrook, WLD; Glen Matthews, WLD; John Pilon, FMFMD; Jason Stephens, FMFMD

Members of the public in attendance: Bob Jacobson, MUCC; Arch Reeves; Ken Ide; Joe Jarecki

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at Pigeon River Country Headquarter on July 18, 2007 – 10 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided by:

- Arch Reeves, Wolverine – Suggested planting acorns in compartment 1, stand 414. Expressed satisfaction with oak being retained in treated stands as they are beneficial to wildlife.
- Bob Jacobson, Michigan Conservation Foundation – Provided comments for each compartment requesting additional aspen harvest to accelerate regulation of the aspen age class structure. He was advised that careful consideration was given to the aspen age class disparity in each compartment and the age class issue is being addressed but will take time to solve. It was explained that most aspen stands provide suitable habitat regardless of age. He also expressed concern with the low percentage of grass openings and upland brush in each compartment. It was explained that, due to limited resources for maintaining openings, priority was being given to certain high quality sites for opening maintenance.
- Joshua Cohen, MNFI – Provided a document describing known records of natural features in each compartment that have known or high potential for occurrences of special natural features. The document also had more general comments for consideration.
- Ken Ide, citizen - Lives near comp 58. Sent an email offering DNR winter access into compartment 58, stands 2, 4 and 7 so as to increase the operability of timber harvest on a small part of his family's land.
- Eric Nelson, Huron Pines – Attended open house to view maps and data to gain knowledge on the compartment review process.
- Robin Pearson, FMFMD – Provide a list of comments for several compartments regarding recreation considerations and suggestions.
- Joe Jarecki, retired PRC Unit Manager – Provided email suggesting comp 30, stand 93 be designated as a vista. Also, in comp 40, encouraged the harvest of more of the 70-79 age class red pine in order to spread out age classes.

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.

Comp 1 (Stand examiner - Rick McDonald)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Arch Reeves – Suggested planting acorns in stand 414. Decision was not to plant acorns because it was decided it was best to keep it as an opening.
- Bob Jacobson – addressed above.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 13 – Check ownership of one acre private in-holding parcel. Correct boundary if necessary.

Comp 4 (Stand examiner - Rick McDonald)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Bob Jacobson – addressed above.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 55 – Add treatment year 2014 to comment.
- Stands 25, 34, 42, 55, 66 – Add acceptable regeneration to comment field.

Comp 28 (Stand examiner - Rick McDonald)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Bob Jacobson – addressed above.

Changes made at compartment review:

- All stands prescribed with regeneration cut - Add acceptable regeneration to comment field.
- Stand 58 – Add comment: Leave selected oak clumps.
- Private forty in sec 23 needs a line established around it.

Comp 30 (Stand examiner – Don Mittlestat)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Bob Jacobson – addressed above.
- Joe Jarecki – Suggested that Pickerel Lake Road in stand 93 be designated as a vista, rather than a stand to be managed for final harvest.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 93 – In response to Joe Jarecki's input to designate as a vista, change treatment period to 0. Change Management Objective to U. Prescribe cultural need of opening maintenance, using hand tools.
- Stand 18 - Add acceptable regeneration to comment field. Change source code to 2.
- Stands 7, 78, 45, 72, 78, 99 – Add comment: Follow Concept of Management procedure for cutting stands greater than 40 acres in size.
- Stand 43 – Add comment: Leave 10 basal area white pine, 15 basal area of oak.
- Stand 45 – Add partial cut. Add acceptable regeneration to comment field.

- Stand 49 – Update comment to show compartment review and what is acceptable regeneration.
- Stands 56, 66, 72, 78, 87 – Add acceptable regeneration to comment field.
- Stand 97 – Add comment: Leave any oak.

Comp 40 (Stand examiner – Don Mittlestat)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Bob Jacobson – addressed above.
- Joe Jarecki – Recommends doing more stand replacement harvesting of the 70 – 79 age class red pine to start smoothing out its age class distribution.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 44 – As per Joe Jarecki's suggestion to cut more older red pine, prescribe seed tree harvest. Add comment: Leave 20 – 30 basal area of clumps of red and white pine. Also leave some clumps of scattered super-canopy trees. Add acceptable regeneration mix.
- Create new stand from two legs off southeast part of stand 44. Use same data as the original stand 44. Treatment period 9. Add comment: These untreated stands were retained as representation of the original stand.

Comp 51 (Stand examiner – Don Mittlestat)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Bob Jacobson – addressed above.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 52, 56 – Change Management Objective to Shelterwood Preparation.
- Stands 46, 52, 56 – Add comment: Whole tree harvest.
- Stands 66, 67 – Note treatment year 2013 in comment field. Add acceptable regeneration to comment field.
- Map – Stand 59 needs number and Type Size Density (TSD) on map.

Comp 58 (Stand examiner - Rick McDonald)

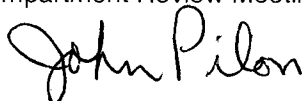
Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Bob Jacobson – addressed above.
- Ken Ide - Offering DNR winter access into stands 2, 4 and 7 so as to increase the operability of timber harvest on a small part of his family's land.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 2, 4, 7 – In cooperation with Ken Ide's proposal, remove site condition factor: ADJACENT OWNER DENIES ACCESS.
- Stands 4, 7 – Prescribe final harvest. Add site condition factor: TOO SMALL.
- Stand 7 – Remove site condition factor: TOO STEEP.

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



John Pilon, Inventory and Planning Specialist

August 23, 2007