

## COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



### Sault Forest Management Unit 2011 Year-of-Entry Quality Inn, St. Ignace, MI October 6, 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 Sault 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: Cheryl Ozanich, OLAF; David Jentoff, WLD; Terry Minzey, WLD; Kristie Sitar, WLD; Penny Melchoir, WLD; Tim Maples, WLD; Mike Paluda, FMFM; Don Kuhr, FMFM; Dan Moore, FMFM; Celeste Chingwa, FMFM; Pat Hallfrisch, FMFM; Karen Rodock, FMFM; Amy Douglass, FMFM; Matt Edison, FMFM; Cory Louto, FMFM; Jeff Wise, FMFM; Jason Caron, FMFM; Derek Cross, FMFM; Jennifer Burnham, FMFM; Katie Armstrong, FMFM; Charlie Vallier, FMFM; Jason Stephens, FMFM.

#### **Comments from Stakeholders**

The Open House at the Kinross Township Hall September 15, 2009 had 8 people attend. An additional Open House at the Naubinway Field Office on September 17, 2009 had 3 visitors. Attendees viewed maps and data, and discussed management prescriptions with staff. No comment sheets were filled out. Written comments were received from John Ries of the Michigan Sharptailed Grouse Association. Copies of all comments are on file at the unit office. Comments specific to compartments were read and considered as each compartment was discussed.

#### **Maxton Plains ERA**

The Maxton Plains ERA was tentatively agreed to with the following changes:

- Celeste Chingwa will verify the wildfire policy 572 to see if the wording in the ERA plan is acceptable as is, or needs to be changed.
- Unit staff will check with Kim Herman to see if Goal 3, objective 2 is missing, or if there was just a numbering mistake.

*Discussion item: All ERA plans can only be completed if funding allows.*

#### **MNFI comments and discussion**

MNFI comments suggested prescriptions within potential Biodiversity Stewardship Areas be postponed until the areas were finalized (Compartments 6, 15, 47, 109, 112, 118, 175, 199 and 201). At review it was decided that all treatments will go forward as proposed at this time, and any conflicts with BSA's and treatments will be worked out through the compartment change of inventory process.

### **Compartment 6 (Stand examiner – Jason Caron)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 24 - WLD will change "birch" to "yellow birch".

### **Compartment 15 (Stand examiner – Jeff Wise)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- WLD will change "birch" in all stands to specify "white birch".
- Stands 64 & 91 - Timber harvesting will be allowed after Oct. 1. Otherwise winter cut units will start December 1.
- Stand 64 – combine treatments into 1 treatment.
- Map change: snowmobile trail.

*Discussion items: Deeryard compartment, therefore most stands will be "winter cut". Discussion as to why harvesting hardwood after Oct. 1 is beneficial to the deer, therefore WLD wants to stick with Oct 1 for harvest, not sooner. Discussed how winter harvesting will not affect loon activity in stand 44. Discussed FTP to move road from private to state land in Sec 15.*

### **Compartment 30 (Stand examiner – Jason Caron)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- none

### **Compartment 34 (Stand examiner – Jeff Wise)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Discussed letter from Sharptail group in favor of opening maintenance treatments in this compartment.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Change the compartment write-up to add the snowmobile trail as a recreational facility.

*Discussion items: WLD asked to leave some aspen in stand 3, FMFM may leave all, due to ease of sale prep and administration, as there isn't much aspen there anyway.*

### **Compartment 44 (Stand examiner – Jason Caron)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Discussed letter from Sharptail group in favor of opening maintenance treatments in this compartment.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 57 – code for treatment under current contract.
- Stand 64 – cut out-of-entry

*Discussion items: A portion of the compartment is currently within a deeryard SCA. Deer populations in the area are heavily influenced by supplemental feeding. WLD personnel are working on mapping of deeryards, and deeryard SCA may change.*

### **Compartment 47 (Stand examiner – Jeff Wise)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 6 – Cut out-of entry with compartment 46.
- Stand 47 – change harvest to “other/other”.
- Map corrections: modify compartment boundary, change name for Spile Dam Rd.

### **Compartment 103** (Stand examiner – Karen Rodock)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Change the wording of “ORV” trail to “Motorcycle” and specify the trail name.

### **Compartment 109** (Stand examiner – Amy Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- none

*Discussion items: Illegal ORV activity within the compartment on the motorcycle trail and on hills. Discussed marking the motorcycle trail with posts, to ensure it isn't eliminated during harvest. The trails analyst knows about the problem.*

### **Compartment 112** (Stand examiner – Cory Louto)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 51 - treatment will carry into stand 41 of compartment 111 (out-of-entry).
- Change the wording of “ORV” trail to “Motorcycle” and specify the trail name.

### **Compartment 118** (Stand examiner – Derek Cross)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 40 – SCA old growth. Unique hemlock stand and should be held for diversity and wildlife.

### **Compartment 130** (Stand examiner – Matt Edison)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 53 – treatment will carry into stand 65 of compartment 131 (out-of-entry).
- Stand 44 – Remove “?” statement in the wildlife comments. Agree to winter cut.
- Stands 48, 53, and stand 65 of comp131 – not limited to winter harvest.
- Map shop: fix small lines in stand 27.

### **Compartment 161** (Stand examiner – Karen Rodock)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- none

**Compartment 175 (Stand examiner – Cory Louto)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 22 of compartment 176 will be treated out-of-entry with this compartment.

*Discussion items: Several treatments are within a wooded dune and swale ERA, therefore have site condition factors limiting harvest at this time. Once the ERA plan is written and approved, treatments will be evaluated and conducted if not in conflict with the plan. Discussed possible invasive phragmites along the shoreline. If identified as invasive, control measures will be implemented.*

**Compartment 190 (Stand examiner – Karen Rodock)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- none

*Discussion items: Work with private landowners to get access for harvesting, and to set corners. Discuss potential to exchange parcels of difficult access. Discuss potential to experiment with cedar harvesting.*

**Compartment 199 (Stand examiner – Amy Douglass)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 13 – Remove winter harvest only restriction within the deeryard due to logger safety.

*Discussion items: Discussed possible invasive phragmites along the shoreline. If identified as invasive, control measures will be implemented.*

**Compartment 201 (Stand examiner – Matt Edison)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

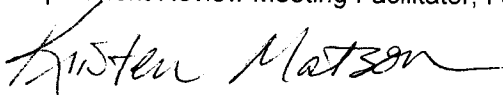
- none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 91 – Strike comment "Agreed at pre-review to treat entire stand area including area within designated old growth". Treatment will not include POG area.

*Discussion items: Maintain Simmons Wood Potential Old Growth area east of the road as originally proposed, without harvest.*

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



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