

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

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

Attendees

Jennifer Kleitch, WLD; Dale Parris, FRD; Richard Barber, FRD; Darrick Coy, FRD; Chad Fate, FRD; Cody Stevens, FRD; Daniel Heckman, FRD; Tim Greco, FRD; Paige Perry, PRD; Jeff Autenrieth, FRD; Blade Gingrich, PRD; Kerry Fitzpatrick, WLD; Patrick Potter, FRD; John St. Pierre, FRD; John Cherry, Executive Office.

Comments from Stakeholders

No comments received.

Compartment 6 (Stand examiner – Richard Barber)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 12, 37 and 43 – Add trail protection and signage comments (likely will be hauled on snowmobile trail).
- All oak regeneration harvests: Leave fewer retention pockets and make them larger in size to reduce forest health concerns.
- Add campground symbols to the map.
- Add proposed equestrian trail to the map.

Compartment 17 (Stand examiner – Darrick Coy)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Remove SCAs (Special Conservation Areas), about one acre total, for vernal pools, maintain as site conditions only.

- Stand 28 – Change trail comment to “Motorcycle Trail” specifically.
- Stand 18 – Add trail comment specifications for motorcycle trail.

Compartment 21 (Stand examiner – Chad Fate)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 91 – Reshape treatment boundary to exclude areas covered by the ERA (Ecological Reference Area).
- Stand 17 – Add treatment to plant this stand with containerized stock.
- Stand 95 – Reshape site condition to only areas heavy to the vernal pools and switch dominant site condition to BMPs (Best Management Practices).

Compartment 28 (Stand examiner – Chad Fate)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add comment to the narrative concerning the Headwaters Land Conservancy Conservation easement.
- Add treatment to Stand 20 in Compartment 29, clearcut, re-plant to red pine.
- Add specifics to follow-up treatments to include herbicide, mechanical, and prescription burn.
- Update roads and base features to show county/state owned two-tracks.
- Stand 87 – Add comment to make sure BMP guidance is applied near eastern edge of the stand.

Compartment 43 (Stand examiner – Darrick Coy)

No changes made at compartment review.

Compartment 57 (Stand examiner – Jeff Autenrieth)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 40 – Add a clearcut with reserves to the east half of the stand, management objective of upland mixed forest. Add trail specifications to protect the snowmobile trail.
- Stand 27 – Reshape the site condition to exclude treatment area.
- Stands 7, 16 and 32 – Add trail comments.
- Add ORV route to the compartment narrative and appropriate symbology to the map.
- Add parking lot symbol to the map.

Compartment 66 (Stand examiner – Richard Barber)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 22 Compartment 65 – Add clearcut with reserves to treat with Stand 5 in this compartment.
- Reshape the treatment on 77 to exclude the portion south of County Road 628.
- Stand 99 – Change management objective to mixed upland deciduous.
- Stand 90 – Avoid areas dominated by oak regeneration when planting red pine.
- Stand 40 – Change management objective to Mixed upland forest.
- Stand 80 – Change management objective to Mixed upland deciduous.
- Add ORV route symbology.
- Ensure all treatments that the trails influence have trail protection specifications.

Compartment 69 (Stand examiner - Darrick Coy)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 56 Compartment 68 – Prescribe for a clearcut with reserves south of two-track and harvest with Stand 38 in this compartment.
- Stand 47 – Change to no retention due to regeneration concerns (small stand).
- Stand 64 – Add prescription as a next step to maintain undesignated hunter walking trail.
- Stand 80 – Prescribe for opening maintenance.
- Stand 18 – Add trail protection specifications to the treatment comments.

Compartment 80 (Stand examiner - Dale Parris)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 21 – Change management objective to 6117 lowland deciduous mixed coniferous.
- Stands 49, 66 and 84 – Change proposed start date to match Stands 60 & 76.
- Stand 76 – Add comment to leave one to three oak per acre in clumps.

Compartment 95 (Stand examiner – Dale Parris)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 80, 81, 84 and 88 – Remove comments pertaining to not managing in the 100 foot buffer, and change retention comment to “Focus retention along the river”. Add comment to coordinate with fisheries biologists during sale preparation.

Compartment 104 (Stand examiner – Chad Fate)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 30 – Prescribe a thinning to reduce basal area to 80, focus on removing hazard trees around Girl Scout camping area. Winter cut only. Proposed start date of January 01, 2015.
- All artificial regeneration treatments in the compartment need to specify follow-up activities including herbicide, mechanical and prescription burn.
- Stands 81, 85, 33 and 21 – Accept current regeneration from the harvest (did not meet objectives).

Compartment 111 (Stand examiner – Richard Barber)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 20 – Reshape treatment to eliminate “Too Wet” areas. Focus retention along the trail.
- Stand 14 – Focus retention pockets along the trail.
- Stand 23 – Reshape treatment to harvest east of the snowmobile trail.
- Stands 11, 13, 30 and 33 – Remove treatment, summer field visit proved to be too wet to harvest.
- Add appropriate site conditions to reflect “Too Wet” areas to the stands listed above.
- Add comment to all treatments (except 6 & 12) regarding protecting the snowmobile trail, restoring the condition of the road/trail post-harvest, and trail posting during harvest operations.
- Add specification to recommend no hauling during the weekends because of the snowmobile trail influences.
- Stand 47 – Change proposed start date to treat with the adjacent compartment.

Compartment 119 (Stand examiner – Jeff Autenrieth)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 1 – Add comment to refer to the locked Opportunities Field Survey (OFS) points regarding an archeological concern.
- Compartment Narrative needs to be updated for recreation concerns - MCCCT, High Country Pathway
- Stands 30, 32 and 70 – Add trail protection specifications to the comments.
- Stand 32 – Split treatments along two-track, treatment to the east will need a management objective of natural jack pine mixed deciduous.

Compartment 126 (Stand examiner – Richard Barber)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 35 – Add locked OFS for archeological site, and reshape the treatment boundary to avoid the area. Also remove the center portion of the treatment between the two tracks and continuing north.
- Stand 4 – Add prescription to clearcut with reserves west of the two-track that runs north/south through the stand, trench and plant to red pine. Add trail specifications to protect snowmobile trail.
- Stand 10 – Add partial treatment to clearcut with reserves, trench and plant to red pine north of Jack Pine Road. Add trail specifications to protect snowmobile trail.
- May need to update snowmobile trail on map (some shown that are not accurate).
- Stand 5 – Add comment to protect the snowmobile trail.

Compartment 130 (Stand examiner – Jeff Autenrieth)

No changes made at compartment review.

Compartment 132 (Stand examiner – Darrick Coy)

No changes made at compartment review.

Compartment 158 (Stand examiner – Jeff Autenrieth)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add trail head symbol to the map (County Road 49).
- Stand 56 – Change management objective to Mixed Upland Deciduous.

Compartment 172 (Stand examiner – John St. Pierre)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 6, 8 and 52 - Remove proposed special conservation area nominations.