

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

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Gaylord Forest Management Unit

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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 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

DNR:

Joyce Angel, FRD; Steve Milford, FRD; Keith Kintigh, WLD; Mark Monroe, WLD; Paige Perry, PRD; Daniel Heckman, FRD; Tim Greco, FRD; Margaret Spagnuolo, FRD; Jason Stephens, FRD; Tricia Mitchell, FRD; Shannon Harig, FRD. John Scheele, FRD; Paul Roell, FRD; Kimberly Lentz, FRD; Ric Barta, FRD; Lucas Merrick, FRD; Zach Crew, FRD; Don Klingler, FRD; Kyle Grieshop, FRD. Ryan Zimmerman, FRD; John St. Pierre, FRD; John Davis, FRD.

Members of the public in attendance:

There were no members of the public present.

Written Comments from Stakeholders

Randy Keen, Biewer Forest Management, LLC: Commented that he would like to see more Red Pine planted and less management for poor quality hardwood.

Pam Grassmick, Beaver Island resident: Submitted a letter with concern over the harvest of all ash on Beaver Island which stemmed from confusion caused by the out-of-YOE treatment reports being included in all compartment packets. There were no proposed harvests in compartment 068 that called for the harvest of all ash and a letter was written to Ms. Grassmick explaining the issue.

Compartment 10 (Stand examiner – Kimberly Lentz)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 13, 15, 17: Add a comment that there will be no extensions on sale contracts and also add comments regarding the protection of the recreational trails to the treatment.
- Delete the comment in the narrative regarding the harvest in stand 10, as there is no harvest prescribed.
- Stand 108 and 73: Add a comment regarding the protection of the equestrian trail to the treatment.

Compartment 15 (Stand examiner – Ric Barta)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add a comment to leave additional oak in clumps of 2-5 per acre.
- Additional delineation is needed on the non-forested stands within the military range to show gravel / dirt from herbaceous.
- Code site conditions with “Hard Factors” where the non-forested stands are not available for management.

Compartment 28 (Stand examiner – Lucas Merrick)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 51: Add a next step treatment to scarify with anchor chains if harvest does not adequately expose bare mineral soil.
- Stands 1, 6, and 9: There was a delayed decision at the compartment review to allow time for a field visit and discuss these stands with Dave Graham. This field visit occurred on September 12th, and the following decisions were made:
 - Stand 9: Prescribe the SE corner of the stand affected by forest health issues for a clear cut, leaving all white pine; management objective of aspen – mixed deciduous. Also in stand 9, north of the gravel driveway, thin the White Pine to remove suppressed trees and encourage the crown development on wind firm dominant stems. Also in stand 9- Final harvest the three pockets of scotch pine to eradicate the seed source. If possible, harvest the red pine along the road and power line where the sign is to help make it more visible to the public traveling on M-32.
 - Stand 1: Prescribe for thinning with a target residual basal area of 120 sq ft per acre.
- Remove the comment in the narrative regarding the state forest campground.

Compartment 44 (Stand examiner – Zachary Crew)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Add a symbol for the boat launches and the North Country Trail on the map
- Stand 81 –Add trail protection specs to the treatment for the North Country Trail
- Add SCA coding for the concentrated recreation areas.

Compartment 47 (Stand examiner – Lucas Merrick)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Adjust the recreational symbology regarding biking on Warner Pathway

Compartment 56 (Stand examiner – Ric Barta)

- Add a campground symbol for Pinney Bridge State Forest Campground
- Stand 3: Add a prescription to monitor the status of the Garlic Mustard
- Add recreational trail protection specifications to all non-forested treatments in the compartment as applicable.

Compartment 68 (Stand examiner – Kimberly Lentz)

No changes were made at the compartment review.

Compartment 102 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 2 – Add a comment to the treatment to look for opportunities to exclude areas with lower densities of ash and beech.
- All salvage harvests (also in stand 2): Enter a regeneration survey as a next step treatment.
- Stands 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, 12, 14, 16, and 19: Add comments regarding the protection of the recreational trails to the treatments.
- Edit the intermittent stream layer to improve its accuracy.

Compartment 130 (Stand examiner – Don Stacks)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Remove the site condition from stand 2 and 9.
- Stand 14: Add prescription, treatment type of “Other”, to cover the FTP for placing spoils from sand traps.

Compartment 133 (Stand examiner – Don Stacks)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Note in the narrative that the snowmobile trail is the “Northwestern State Trail”.

Compartment 138 (Stand examiner – John Scheele)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 64: Prescribe for final harvest, winter cut only, management objective of Tamarack, and match the proposed start date with that of stand 69.

Compartment 142 (Stand examiner – Don Stacks)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 17: Change the proposed start date to FY 2013.
- Stand 53: Add recreational trail protection specifications to the treatment comments.

Compartment 147 (Stand examiner – Tricia Mitchell)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6: Prescribe the remainder of “Pothole Hardwood” for a selection harvest and advance the proposed start date to FY 2014.
- Stand 8 and 18: Advance the start date to FY 2014 to package with the re-sale of the remainder of “Pothole Hardwood”. Add a comment to focus the retention along Wilderness Road (also a recreational trail) for visual management purposes.
- Stand 25: Change the prescription to a clearcut with reserves, focusing the retention in pockets along the river and the road for visual management purposes. Leave 20 sq. ft. basal area of RP for intrinsic values.
- Stand 14: The dominant site condition needs to be changed to the “hard factor” listed.

Compartment 174 (Stand examiner – John Scheele)

No changes were made at the compartment review.

Compartment 187 (Stand examiner – Paul Roell)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 12: Prescribe three small openings which were inclusions in this stand for opening maintenance.
- Add comments to the applicable timber sales regarding the restoration of the resource damage areas if they are within the sale boundaries or will be used to access the sales.

Compartment 188 (Stand examiner – Paul Roell)

No changes were made at the compartment review.

Compartment 207 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 11, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, and 25: Leave a clump of 2-3 trees per acre of Oak.
- Stands 5, 8, 11, 16, 17, 19, 24, and 25: Add comments regarding the protection of the recreational trails. Orient the clumps of trees around the trail where applicable.
- Stand 25: Change the management objective to planted Jack Pine, add next steps of trench and plant, and regen survey.

Compartment 217 (Stand examiner – Tricia Mitchell)

No changes were made at the compartment review.