

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



Newberry Forest Management Unit

2017 Year-of-Entry

Location: Newberry Corrections Training Room

October 27, 2015

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, FRD; Recorder: Rose Wilbur, FRD; Jeff Stampfly, FRD; Keith Magnusson, FRD; Jason Tokar, FRD; Amy Douglass, FRD; Matt Payment, FRD; Ryan Mattila, FRD; Kristie Sitar, WD; Paul Gaberdiel, PRD; Don Kuhr, FRD; Jennifer Burnham, FRD; Cory Kovacs, FD; Steve Scott, FD; Kerry Fitzpatrick, WD; PJ Costa, FRD; Craig Albright, WD; and Keith Murphy, FRD.

Members of the public in attendance: Bernie Hubbard, NASSI and Glenn Moll, NASSI

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House was held at the Newberry Field Office on October 13, 2015. Seven visitors attended the open house. People were able view compartment maps and data, and discuss prescriptions with staff. One written comment was received at the open house. Three letters were received: one in support of timber management to benefit grouse and the Halifax GEM site, and two letters regarding harvesting near Canada Lakes ski trail.

General comments:

Written comments that were received during the open house comment period were read when related compartments or concerns are discussed.

The letter from Ruffed Grouse Society regarding support of timber management for grouse habitat and the GEMS was read.

Don Kuhr discussed how the prescribed harvest numbers related to the proposed harvest target numbers in the EUP Regional State Forest Plan.

During compartment review the SCA, MNFI and archeology database layers were available as each compartment was presented. Any occurrences were discussed and mitigated.

Compartments under review:

8 Mile Corner MA:

Comp 88 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussion regarding spruce budworm (SBW), and how to handle stands that are identified as high risk.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 57: Add site condition for forest health (5f).
- Stand 4 and 15: Add forest health site condition to portions not harvested.

Comp 90 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussion regarding SBW high risk stands.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 46 and 57: Add treatments for planting red pine. Add herbicide release to Stand 46.
- Stand 91: Plant north 1/3 to jack pine and south 2/3 to red pine. Add comment, "for wildlife benefit" to end of current comments.
- Stands 83 and 145: Add site condition for forest health and comments.

Charcoal Grade MA:

Comp 050 (Stand examiner – Matt Payment)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed the high risk SBW stands.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 21: Add treatment of clear cut with retention. Leave hemlock and white pine. Add 5T site condition, contingency for forest health.
- Add comments for forest health spruce budworm high risk stands and site conditions if necessary.
- Stand 29: Add site condition for access and a treatment like Stand 16, Compartment 77.

County Line MA:

Comp 122 (Stand examiner – Don Kuhr)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Read three letters from the public related to this compartment, regarding harvesting near the Canada Lakes ski trail. Treatments were adjusted to take into consideration the concerns where applicable.
- Discussed SBW high risk and salvage harvest near the trail.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 47: Remove site condition. Add clear cut with retention with start date of tomorrow (for SBW). Leave hemlock. Follow BMPs. Leave brush piles for rabbit habitat. Add site condition to areas not harvested.
- Stand 53: Leave all white pine and add comment to leave 90-100 BA residual within one (1) tree length of the trail. Hazard trees near the trail will be removed.
- Stand 58: Add comment "Leave some large trees near the trail". Work with PRD to "round off" corners of trail during harvest.
- Stand 72: In northwest corner change to thinning with 120 BA residual.
- Stand 73: Remove comments "re-route trail through stand." Buffer trail approximately two (2) tree lengths.
- Stand 77: Add comment "Leave some large trees near the trail".
- Stands 15, 18, 52, 59, 63, 76: Remove old OI coding and use current cover type codes.

Danaher Kingston MA:

Comp 094 (Stand examiner – Kristen Matson)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussion regarding adjusting the cold water trout stream layer in Arcmap.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 32, 41, 44: Change start date to tomorrow for spruce budworm risk.

Deer Park MA:

Comp 13 (Stand examiner – Ryan Mattila)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 36: Add 5C site condition.

- Stand 33: Add "burn to reduce slash if needed."
- Stands 25, 26, 29, 39, 42, 47 and 53: May need double scarification.

Comp 026 (Stand examiner – Amy Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 37 and 51: Add burn if needed to reduce slash prior to trenching.
- Add comments and/or site conditions to stands with high risk spruce budworm.

Comp 039 (Stand examiner – Amy Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Adjust SCA removal polygon and put some into a "contiguous resource area" SCA (around ERA's).

Tahquamenon River Basin Wetlands MA:

Comp 117 (Stand examiner – Matt Payment)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- SCA removal: removing as it does not meet SCA criteria.
- Stand 31: Change to clear cut with retention and adjust comments.
- Cory Kovacs will update the fisheries comments in the narrative in MiFI.

Comp 121 (Stand examiner – Jennifer Burnham)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed high risk SBW stands.

Changes made at compartment review:

- SCA removal: removing "other SCA" as already within the deeryard SCA.
- Stand 64: Change "not cutting cedar" to "work with WD on the amount of cedar that may be cut." Change to "group selection."
- Add comments and/or site conditions to high risk spruce budworm stands.

Tahquamenon River Patterned Fens MA:

Comp 084 (Stand examiner – Ryan Mattila)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- Remove campground symbol on map from Auger Creek.

Whitefish Vermillion Point MA:

Comp 054 (Stand examiner – Amy Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussion about selling/trading isolated parcels to MNA.
- Discussion regarding spruce budworm high risk stands.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 65: Add clear cut treatment to two (2) areas to facilitate planting. Add comment to leave diversity species for wildlife benefits.
- Stand 68: Add comment and/or site condition for spruce budworm high risk.

Comp 067 (Stand examiner – Amy Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed SBW high risk stands.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 53: Add comments and/or site condition for spruce budworm high risk.
- Stand 61: There is a consensus to consider this stand "surplus land."

Comp 069 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- none

Halifax GEMS plan:

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Presentation of the Halifax GEMS plan with associated discussions.

Changes made at compartment review:

- none

Red Osier Dogwood Planting:

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- C132 stands 37, 53, 57, 60: WD is proposing planting red osier dogwood on the edge of the trail/road.

Changes made at compartment review:

- none

Wild Rice Planting:

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- C104 stand 29 and C105 stand 50: WD is proposing planting wild rice in appropriate areas of the Dollarville flooding and Mudd Lake.

Changes made at compartment review:

- none

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



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