

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



Newberry Forest Management Unit

2016 Year-of-Entry

Location: Newberry Corrections Training Room

October 23, 2014

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, FRD; Don Kuhr, FRD; Jennifer Burnham, FRD; Cory Kovacs, FD; Dan Moore, PRD; Kerry Fitzpatrick, WD; Terry Minzey, WD; and Celeste Chingwa, FRD.

Members of the public in attendance: Chad Radka, Louisiana Pacific Corp.

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House was held at the Newberry Field Office on October 2, 2014. Eighteen visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff. Five written comments were received.

Opening comments:

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

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

Compartments under review:

Charcoal Grade MA:

Comp 46 (Stand examiner – Don Kuhr)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- The proposed GEMS area in the adjacent compartment was discussed, and how proposed aspen harvest in this compartment will fit in with it.
- The scenic heritage route on the edge of this compartment was discussed.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Comp 78 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)

Discussion of comments from individuals: none

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Danaher Kingston MA:

Comp 97 (Stand examiner – Kristen Matson)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed the availability of funding for prescribed burns.
- Fisheries division did a site visit and was able to correct the GIS layer which incorrectly showed a trout stream in the compartment.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Deer Park MA:

Comp 12 (Stand examiner – Amy Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Dan Moore discussed using carsonite posts along the ORV trail within the stands being clearcut.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Comp 38 (Stand examiner – Amy Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed public comments stating that the hiking trails in this area have had good maintenance, and that people are enjoying using them.
- Discussed a completed Encroachment Resolution within the compartment.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Comp 44 (Stand examiner – Matt Payment)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed the need for bridges/culverts to access wood in this area.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Tahquamenon River Basin Wetlands MA:

Comp 72 (Stand examiner – Amy Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed questions from Chad Radka (LP Corp) concerning the amount of deer wintering complexes and harvesting restrictions in those areas. Responses were provided by Kristi Sitar and Terry Minzey, WD.
- Discussed the limited access in some of the compartment.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Comp 126 (Stand examiner – Jennifer Burnham)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed the December first winter harvest guidance from WD.
- Discussed written public comments concerning sharp-tailed grouse habitat.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes

Tahquamenon River Patterned Fens MA:

Comp 116 (Stand examiner – Ryan Mattila)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed use of the snowmobile trail for winter harvesting.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Two Hearted Headwaters MA:

Comp 016 (Stand examiner – Matt Payment)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed how the bridge over the county road is insufficient for logging, and the number of acres impacted by this.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Whitefish Vermillion Point MA:

Comp 055 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Cory Kovacs discussed the merit of having a river buffer of grassland/open land, versus the traditional timbered buffer.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

Comp 057 (Stand examiner – Ryan Mattila)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussion about featured wildlife species and the potential to change them in the RSFMP to better fit the area. Discussion concerning the relation between features species and the land funding source.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Contact RAS to show East Tower Road/Betsy Road as a snowmobile trail between Wide Waters Road and Maple Block Road.

Comp 068 (Stand examiner – Amy Douglass)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Keith Magnusson discussed the public comments regarding harvesting and regeneration work around the ski trails in this compartment. Keith and Jason Tokar met on site with members of the Paradise ski club to address their concerns, and to provide explanations regarding the work done in the area. Several options were discussed to mitigate the concerns of the club. Keith and staff will continue to work with the ski club, and will discuss potential re-routing of the trail to better fit their needs.

Changes made at compartment review:

- The agreement is made to do the harvest treatments in this area, while working with the Paradise ski club and taking into consideration their concerns.
 - Treatments will be as prescribed with considerations for retention for visual and drifting concerns.
 - Work with the ski club for possible relocation of the trail – perhaps to the south.
 - Assist the club in applying for a wildlife habitat grant to plant longer lived species, including red pine, white pine and oak that will benefit wildlife.
- Add treatments to plant red pine, white pine and oak in all the stands affected by the ski trail (plant only near the trail in these stands).

Comp 78 (Stand examiner – Jason Tokar)

Discussion of comments from individuals:

- Discussed the public comment regarding Brown's Lake and the surrounding forest – person concerned about harvesting, but none is planned here.
- Discussed the proposed SCA for non-dedicated natural area, to tie together the existing two non-dedicated natural areas.

Changes made at compartment review:

- No changes.

General discussion

- Keith discussed the rest of the public comments received through open house.
- Celeste Chingwa discussed the upcoming inventory of critical bridges and culverts.
- Terry Minzey discussed several current wildlife division topics of concern, including: feral swine in Marquette County, the sharp-tailed grouse workgroup meeting in December in Newberry, recent promotions and openings in WD around the UP, recent decreases in fishing and deer hunting licenses, and Upper Peninsula Sportsmen Alliance meeting information.

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

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