COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



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Gaylord Forest Management Unit

Hybrid Meeting

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The following document details the changes and decisions made at the Compartment Review to the inventory database, reports, and compartment maps presented at the Open House for the Atlanta Forest Management Unit. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

<u>Attendees:</u> Cody Stevens, Chad Fate, Ashley Colborn, Tim Greco, John Scheele, Don Stacks, Zachary Crew, Cole Lucas Merrick, Derek Nellis, Doug Tyran, Ben Lachman, Dan Morris, Jermey Wood, Jessica Marsh, Trevor H, Grant Neuwirth, Paige Perry, Nate Stearns

Compartment specific changes made during the Compartment Review:

Compartment 9 (Stand Examiner-Derek Nellis)

• Stands 3, 9 and 13- Add trail signing specs.

Compartment 23 (Stand Examiner-Zachary Crew)

- Stand 40- Added buffer around stick nest.
- Stands 60, 62 and 64- Add trail specs.

Compartment 218 (Stand Examiner-Tricia St. Pierre)

• No Change.

Compartment 110 (Stand Examiner-Don Stacks)

- Stands 46, 49, 51 and 58- Remove comment of potential legacy trees.
- Stand 38- Change comment to add buffer around stick nests.
- Stand 117- Add snow trail specs. Add to favor underrepresented species and large trees within retention areas. Add comment: Legacy trees may occur in stand follow guidance if they occur. Add spec to push over trees along red line or identify individuals around retention to push over or cut into retention/adjacent stands to create horizontal structure.
- Stand 30- Leave all ash and beech dead or alive for future snags and structure (already in Rx). Favor underrepresented species to leave. Add comment: Legacy trees may occur in stand follow guidance if they occur. Terrain and seeps addressed in Rx comments already. Add comment to potentially mark specific trees to drop for horizontal structure.

Compartment 17 (Stand Examiner-Zachary Crew)

- Stand 9- Clear cut and replant to red pine.
- Stand 7- Change to standard thinning.
- Stand 19 and 82- Accept current regeneration and close the monitoring treatment.
- Stand 43- Add trail specs.

Compartment 118 (Stand Examiner-Ben Lachman)

• No Change.

Compartment 165 (Stand Examiner-John Scheele)

• Stand 7 from compartment 166- Add clear cut treatment to the web packet.

Compartment 35 (Stand Examiner-Doug Tyran)

- Stand 9- Change start date to 10/01/2024. "Almost There hdws" previous sales name, turned in uncut. Extensive historic ash component, dead and down wood should be satisfied. Comment: Leave all ash and beech dead or alive for future snags and structure. Favor underrepresented species to leave.
- Stand 30- Add comment to monitor of success of burn before sale. The burn should achieve at least 50 percent set back of current regeneration.
- Stand 1- Add to favor underrepresented species and large trees within retention areas. Add comment: Legacy trees may occur in stand follow guidance if they occur. Add spec to push over trees along red line or identify individuals around retention to push over or cut into retention/adjacent stands to create horizontal structure.
- Stands 17 and 30- Want to assist with burning.
- Stand 30- Add spec to push over trees along red line or identify individuals around retention to push over or cut into retention/adjacent stands to create horizontal structure. Add to favor underrepresented species and large trees within retention areas (already in Rx). Add comment: Legacy trees may occur in stand follow guidance if they occur.
- Stand 33- leave hemlock comment as is. Add comment to potentially mark specific trees to drop for vertical structure in areas of reduced beech and ash mortality (extensive mortality throughout stand).

Compartment 49 (Stand Examiner-Derek Nellis)

- Note martin presence in wildlife comments.
- Stand 3- Add comment: to identify trees to push over to cross/lean/create clumps of leaning trees. Add comment: follow legacy tree guidance. Add comment: to protect standing dead.
- Stand 39- Add limit factor to stand. Access through wilderness area from east, too wet from west.

Compartment 57 (Stand Examiner-Zachary Crew)

- Stand 52 from compartment 58- Add treatment as year out of entry to the packet.
- Stands 29, and 8- Add trail specs and consider no harvesting in the winter.
- Note American marten in wildlife comments.
- Stand 8 Add comment: potential for legacy trees, follow guidance.
- Stand 29- Add comment to potentially mark specific trees to drop for horizontal structure. Add comment to favor under represented species and protect hemlock. Add comment to follow legacy tree guidance.
- Stand 27- Protect hemlocks already in comments. Add comment to potentially mark specific trees to drop for horizontal structure. Add comment to follow legacy tree guidance.

Compartment 125 (Stand Examiner- John Scheele)

• No Change.

Compartment 128 (Stand Examiner-Tricia St. Pierre)

- Note American Marten in wildlife comments.
- Stand 33 and 44- Tribe would like to assist with burns.
- Stand 38- Tribes comments covered well in current Rx specs.
- Stand 57- Thinning. Add comment: to identify trees to push over to cross/lean/create clumps of leaning trees. Add comment: follow legacy tree guidance. Add comment to protect standing dead within stand (beech mortality). Underrepresented species already covered in comments.
- Stand 51- Add comment: to identify trees to push over to cross/lean/create clumps of leaning trees. Add comment: follow legacy tree guidance. Add comment to protect standing dead within stand. Underrepresented species already covered in comments.
- Stand 57- Group selection. Add comment: to identify trees to push over to cross/lean/create clumps of leaning trees. Add comment: follow legacy tree guidance. Add comment to protect standing dead within stand. Underrepresented species already covered in comments.

Compartment 150 (Stand Examiner-Tricia St. Pierre)

• No Change.

Compartment 160 (Stand Examiner-Don Stacks)

• Stand 33- Add comment to leave slash on stumps in the gaps.

Compartment 172 (Stand Examiner-Dan Morris)

• No Change.

Compartment 209 (Stand Examiner-John Scheele)

- Stands 31, 41, 46, 49 and 65- Add comment to protect trails.
- Add wood turtle and Blanding's turtle to wildlife comments.
- Stand 68- Identify retention now to establish 300' river buffer. Change comment "Leave all legacy Red Pine and Red Oaks," to: Legacy trees may occur in stand follow guidance if they occur. Add spec for no operations between April 15th -October 15th because of Sturgeon Guard, oak wilt, wet access, coppice regen and turtle breeding season.
- Stand 21- Add spec for no operations between April 15th -October 15th because of oak wilt(access), wet access, turtle breeding season.
- Stand 65- Split treatment as a proposal for change. Use ridge as treatment line. CC east of ridge, shelterwood west towards river, 10 to 40ba virus species. Add spec for no operations between April 15th -October 15th because of oak wilt, wet access, turtle breeding season.
- Stand 78- Pre-identify retention east of trail.