

North Shore Subsections SFRMP Meeting Notes
Two Harbors Area Office
March 25 - 26, 2004

March 25, 2004 10:00 am – 5:15 pm

March 26, 2004 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Present: Doug Rowlett, Martha Minchak, Craig Sterle, Bob Kirsch, Lawson Gerdes, Tim Quincer, Doug Tillma, and Gaylord Paulson. Paul Olson and Brad Berg attended morning of the 25th.

CSA to FIM-based Database: Paul Olson attended the meeting to discuss the switch from the CSA based forest inventory data to FIM based forest inventory data prior to completing the stand selection portion of the North Shore SFRMP. Discussion items included:

CSA to FIM differences:

CSA: updated yearly through Resource Assessment, Paul made corrections relating to SFRMP in the shapefile/database, additional information done through added fields

FIM: updates continuous, Area entry, will build databases/shapefiles for added fields.

Covers:

Paul will clip the 3 North Shore subsections and post on the ftp site.

Create individual databases/shapefiles for added fields, e.g., patches and MCBS Sites.

The team reviewed the 51 fields that have been added to the NLTCSA shapefile to determine which ones (or groups) to make as separate databases. Patches, MCBS Sites and Releve's, SMZ (OFMC), and maybe ERF. (Field Names to FIM database 040325.doc)

Criteria inputs that need to be carried over to the FIM-based shapefile to run the script for stand selection:

Included in both CSA and FIM:

Ctype

Age (new_age)

SI

Cdense

Affect

TBR (ERF?) – ERF included in a FIM Field?

RAD

Others not in CSA/FIM that need to be brought in for running the script:

Chen selections (thin and uneven-aged managed stands)

inoperable

Man_acres

EILC

PRNA
ECO_REC

ERF: Is there a method to tag ERF stands in FIM other than the Timber Status Field, Code 4? Can the ERF stands identified in the SFRMP shapefile be imported into FIM to mass update the stand information?

Prior to the switch from CSA to FIM, the Areas need to clean up FIM: Old growth, SNA areas, park boundary changes, Timber Status 9, and any updates to inventory data from re-inventory or alterations. Recommended that **Doug Tillma** send a memo to Areas to complete the updates by June 1. *Doug T sent memo on 4-1.*

Crosby-Manitou SP boundaries: about 200 acres not updated. Brad Berg is updating stand boundaries in FIM. The ownership is a separate layer and will be updated by Lands & Minerals staff at a later date.

Recommendation that metadata including the descriptions of the added fields in the SFRMP database be completed sometime before the final plan is completed.

3/11-12 Meeting Notes: reviewed, edited, and approved. After meeting notes are approved by the team, Gaylord will remove the “Draft-For Internal Review Only” statement and distribute to the team (Doug R will send to the Areas), region managers, and to Jon for his information and posting on the DNR website.

Natural Area, Element Occurrence, and Biodiversity Significance Definitions: Lawson provided updated “draft” definitions for the glossary that may still have to be revised because of the change in data platform in progress for the Natural Heritage Information System.

GDS-1F: The team continued the discussions on the background information and strategies relating to the management of state lands within MCBS Sites that have a biodiversity significance rank of Outstanding and High (NSH) or have a preliminary survey priority of High (LU & TU).

Lawson will draft, for team review, more detailed explanations of the management objectives descriptions listed in the Monitoring SFRMP Accomplishments in FORIST document.

Meeting Dates: Tentatively set meeting dates for April 7-8 and 20-21 and May 4-5 and 19-20.

Next Meeting: April 7-8 at the Two Harbors Area Office.
Agenda: GDS-1F, GDS-1C, Things to Do Yet Review, and Chapter 4 recommended edits.

Notes by gp/3-29.
Team approved 4-7.