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FOREST STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Greene County BOE

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PROPERTY LOCATION

County: Greene Total Acres: 657 Latitude: -88.49 Longitude: 31.05
Section: 16 Township: 1N Range: 5W

DISCLAIMER

This information was derived from a small sampling of the forest resources. It reflects a statistical estimation that is only intended to be accurate enough for the purposes of making decisions for the short-term management of these resources. These estimations are temporally static. Events and circumstances may occur within the survey area that will physically alter the forest resources and therefore will not be reflected in this plan.

INTRODUCTION

This Forest Stewardship Management Plan will serve as a guide for accomplishing the goals and objectives for your property. In addition to addressing your specific goals and objectives, this plan includes recommendations for maintaining soil and water quality and protecting your forest from insects, disease, and wildfire. Recommendations are based on observation and assessment of the site.

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OBJECTIVES

Timber Production

The goal is to produce high quality sawtimber. This will be accomplished through reforestation and timber stand improvement practices such as herbicide applications, prescribed burning, thinning at specified intervals, and other silvicultural practices. Forestry Best Management Practices will be implemented to prevent erosion and protect water quality.

Wildlife Management - General

The goal is to provide a diversity of habitats suitable for a variety of game and non-game wildlife species. Habitat management will focus on developing a variety of food, cover, water, and space. This will be accomplished by establishing and maintaining access roads and firelanes, providing openings within the forest, and the management of trees located within the Streamside Management Zone.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

General Property Information

The property is located in the southeast part of Greene County. Access into the property is by a woods road off of Chill Churchwell Loop. Chill Churchwell Loop runs parallel to the boundary line on the northwest quarter. The section contains a total of ± 657 acres, of this ± 99 acres are non-forested with no management activities currently planned, and ± 558 acres are in timber production. The tract is mainly a upland pine composed of chip-n-saw and pulpwood size products. The stand is scheduled to have a first thin conducted in 2012. The tract contains several stands that are SMZ's, these stands are comprised of slash pine, sweet bay, black gum, red maple, and yellow poplar. No activities are planned in these stands for the duration of this plan. The stands will serve as food and shelter for wildlife and are filter strips along the streams that protect the water quality of these streams. The tract also has a good system of woods roads throughout it for access.

Water Resources

The tract contains several streams that begin on the property and flow into Brushy Creek. The perennial and intermittent streams and drains identified will be managed in accordance with Mississippi's Best Management Practices.

Archeological and Cultural Resources

These areas can range from churches, old cemeteries, or Indian mounds to old home sites or other areas of historical significance.

No Archeological or Cultural resources were identified during a reconnaissance of the property. However, if Archeological or Cultural resources are discovered anytime on the property special managements measures will be applied immediately in order preserve these sensitive areas.

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Timber Production

The goal is to maximize the production of high quality timber. This will be accomplished through the application of timely thinning and other silvicultural practices designed to enhance timber quality and growth. Forestry Best Management Practices will be implemented to prevent erosion and protect water quality.

Threatened and Endangered Species

The property was evaluated for the presence of threatened and endangered species. Evidence of gopher tortoises was found on portions of this property. A more intense survey should be conducted to identify all gopher tortoise burrows within the boundaries of the property. Management activities should be designed and implemented to protect this species where the tortoise burrows are found.

Interaction with Surrounding Property

Prescribed practices should be carried out in a manner that will minimize adverse impacts on surrounding properties. Consideration should be given to potential air, water, visual, and other impacts. In addition, practices carried out should have positive effects on the surrounding community such as improved wildlife habitat and soil stabilization.

Soils General

Soils were evaluated on the property to determine the suitability of the site for the proposed activities. Forest practices were planned so as to minimize erosion or other adverse effects on the soil. There is no soils map for Greene County. Most of the upland soils are of a sandy loam nature.

GENERAL PROPERTY RECOMMENDATIONS

Forest Protection

A healthy vigorously growing stand is the best defense to an attack from a variety of forest insects, plants, and pathogens.

Insects and Diseases

Trees are subject to attack from insects and diseases. Different insects and diseases affect trees according to the age, species, and condition of the trees. Planted stands of pines and pure stands of hardwoods are particularly susceptible to attack. Since there are many different insects and diseases, no attempt will be made here to explain all of them. The property should be inspected at least annually for possible signs of insect and disease activity. Some things to look for are:

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- Unseasonable leaf fall
- Discoloration of leaves or needles
- Pitch pockets on pine trees
- Heavy defoliation of hardwood leaves
- Groups of three or more dying trees within a stand

This list does not cover all instances of insect or disease attacks. If anything unusual is noticed, report it to a forester. In most cases, insect and disease problems can be controlled if discovered early.

Fire Protection

Your forest should be protected from wildfire at all times. The best way to protect your investment is by establishing and maintaining firebreaks around the property. Guidelines for establishment and maintenance of firebreaks may be found in Mississippi Forestry Commission publication 107, *Mississippi's Best Management Practices*.

Grazing

Tree seedlings should be protected from grazing until such time as the terminal bud of the sapling is beyond reach of livestock. Domestic livestock should be denied access to the tree planting area.

Boundary Lines

It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure that all property lines and boundaries designating areas to receive forestry work are clearly identified and visible to all contractors.

Note: Some forest practices may cause temporary adverse environmental or aesthetic impacts. These practices will only cause short-term adverse impacts where they are installed. Special efforts will be made to minimize adverse effects when carrying out any of the practices. Examples include: site preparation, planting, prescribed fires, firebreak installation and maintenance, road installation and maintenance, pesticide applications and timber harvesting.

Cogongrass Control

Cogongrass is present on every School Trust section in Greene County. While it appears that total eradication of this invasive species is impossible, every precaution must be made to prevent further spread. Treatment costs for cogongrass control are not addressed in the activities portion of this plan due to the uncertainty of the extent of cogongrass infestation on each section. An assessment is now being made to determine the best way to treat this problem.

Water Quality Protection

The objective of the landowner is to protect, preserve and enhance all water sources on or transecting the property. This can best be achieved by implementation of Best Management Practices in all aspects of the management of the property.

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Aesthetics

The goal is to assure that the property is managed in such a way that is aesthetically pleasing to the landowner as well as the community. Activities could include, maintaining buffer strips along the road and adjacent to the home site, planting wildflowers along the road, and trees with attractive fall and spring color along the drive and near the home site.

Ecological Restoration

Ecological restoration is the process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed. A reconnaissance of the property has been conducted and no ecological restoration activities are recommended at this time.

Wildlife Mgt. Target Species

The objective of this practice is to provide habitat best suited for the featured or target species. Habitat management will focus on providing food, cover, water, and space to facilitate the target species.

Wildlife Management General

The goal is to provide a diversity of habitats suited for a variety of game and non-game wildlife species. Habitat management will focus on providing a variety of food, cover, water, and space. This will be accomplished, in part, by establishing and maintaining access roads and firelanes, providing openings within the forest, and leaving mast producing and den trees.

Timber Management

Timber management goals for this property are to manage timber resources in such a manner as to maximize timber production throughout the life of the stand.

STANDS

2-1-M-PW-49-B (10 Acres)

Stand Description

The stand is made up of small creeks and drains, which will be managed as a Streamside Management Zone (SMZ). The timber type is primarily hardwood pulpwood with some scattered slash pine sawtimber mixed in. The primary species of hardwood are sweet bay, black gum, red maple, yellow poplar, beech, magnolia, and water oak.

Stand Recommendations

The stand should have all merchantable pine that is over mature, damaged, suppress, and diseased marked to be removed when the adjacent stand's harvest is conducted. The basal area will be reduced to no lower than 55 so it will open the tree canopy and increase the diameter and height of the remaining timber. All Mississippi's Best Management Practices (BMP's) will be followed when harvest is conducted.

The stand is recommended to be managed as a corridor to provide wildlife species food and cover, and to preserve water quality.

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3-1-M-PW-49-B (33 Acres)

Stand Description

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4-1-M-PW-49-B (4 Acres)

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Stand Recommendations

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6-2-P-CS-30-U (84 Acres)

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Stand Description

The stand contains a mixture of slash, longleaf, and loblolly pine that is in the pulpwood and chip-n-saw product class. The stands average DBH is 8, with a basal area of 100, and 257 trees per acre.

Stand Recommendations

The stand is recommended to be thinned in 2012. A prescribe burn should be carried out every three or four years to control undesirable vegetation and hardwood species.

Activity Recommendations

Harvest

The stand should be thinned in 2012 to reduce the basal to 60 and leave about 170 trees per acre.

Fire Protection

A prescribed fire is recommended for this site in order to reduce fuel loading and the potential for a wildfire to occur. A prescribed burning plan must be developed and followed in the application of the burn. Because of equipment, personnel and weather requirements, the application of a prescribed fire is limited to only those days that meet requirements of the burning plan. A certified prescribed burning manager should be employed to conduct the burn. The Mississippi Forestry Commission (on a limited basis) and other certified prescribed burning vendors are available to conduct prescribed burning.

The stand is recommended to have a prescribe burn conducted in 2015 and again in 2019 to reduce the undesirable vegetation and hardwood completion.

7-1-M-PW-49-B (2 Acres)

Stand Description

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Stand Recommendations

The stand should have all merchantable pine that is over mature, damaged, suppress, and diseased marked to be remove when the adjacent stand's harvest is conduct. The basal area will be reduce to no lower than 55 so it will open the tree canopy and increase the diameter and height of the remaining timber. All Mississippi's Best Management Practices (BMP's) will be followed when harvest is conducted.

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8-3-P-RP-3-U (3 Acres)

Stand Description

The stand was a beetle spot that had a final harvest conducted in 2007 to stop the spread of the beetle activity. The stand was planted the following winter in loblolly pine and is adequately stocked.

Stand Recommendations

The stand is recommended to serve as cover for wildlife.

The stand has no timber harvesting activities recommended for the duration of this plan.

10-2-P-CS-30-U (388 Acres)

Stand Description

The stand contains a mixture of slash, longleaf, and loblolly pine that is in the pulpwood and chip-n-saw product class. The stands average DBH is 8, with a basal area of 100, and 257 trees per acre.

Stand Recommendations

The stand is recommended to be thinned in 2012. A prescribe burn should be carried out every three or four years to control undesirable vegetation and hardwood species.

Activity Recommendations

Harvest

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The stand is recommended to have a prescribe burn conducted in 2015, and again in 2019 to reduce the undesirable vegetation and hardwood completion.

11-1-M-PW-49-B (34 Acres)

Stand Description

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Stand Recommendations

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The stand is recommended to be managed as a corridor to provide wildlife species food and cover, and to preserve water quality.

OTHER PLAN ACTIVITIES

Boundary Lines

Line Recommendations

The section's boundary lines are well established and recommended to be maintained on a five year rotation.

Activity Recommendations

Property Activities

The boundary line will be painted in 2013, 2018, and will be maintained on a 5 year cycle. Routine inspections and general maintenance of the boundary lines will ensure overall appearance and aesthetics of the property.

Property Roads/Trails

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Line Recommendations

The section's woods roads will be maintained on a 5 year rotation in conjunction with the boundary line maintenance unless there are erosion issues that need to be addressed.

Activity Recommendations

Roads

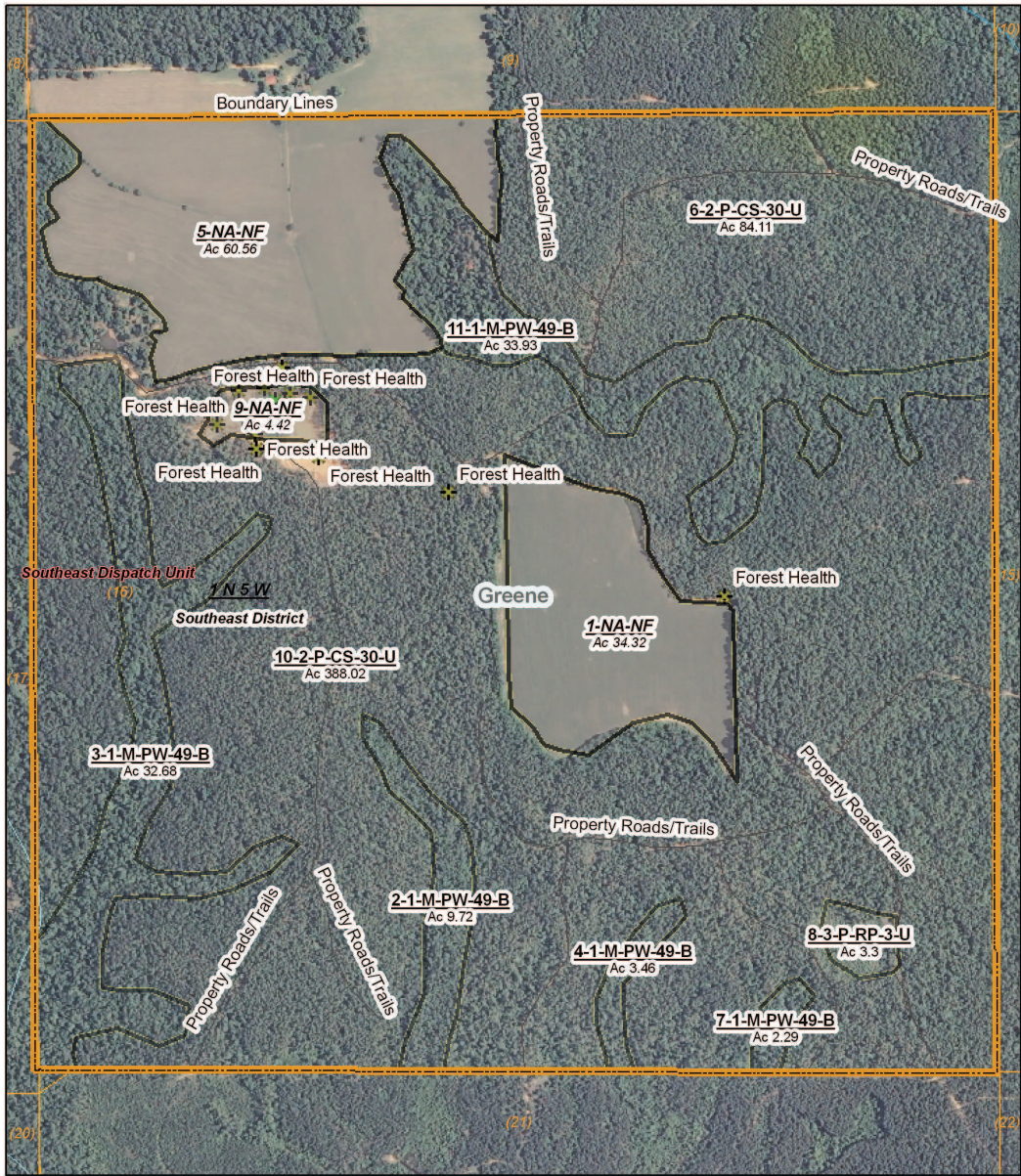
The woods roads will be sustained in 2013, 2018, and will be maintained on a 5 year cycle. Routine inspections and general maintenance of the roads will ensure overall appearance and aesthetics of the property.

Map 1



Section 16, Township 01 North, Range 05 West

Chil Churchwell Road
2012 to 2021
656.80 Acres



(09/22/2011)

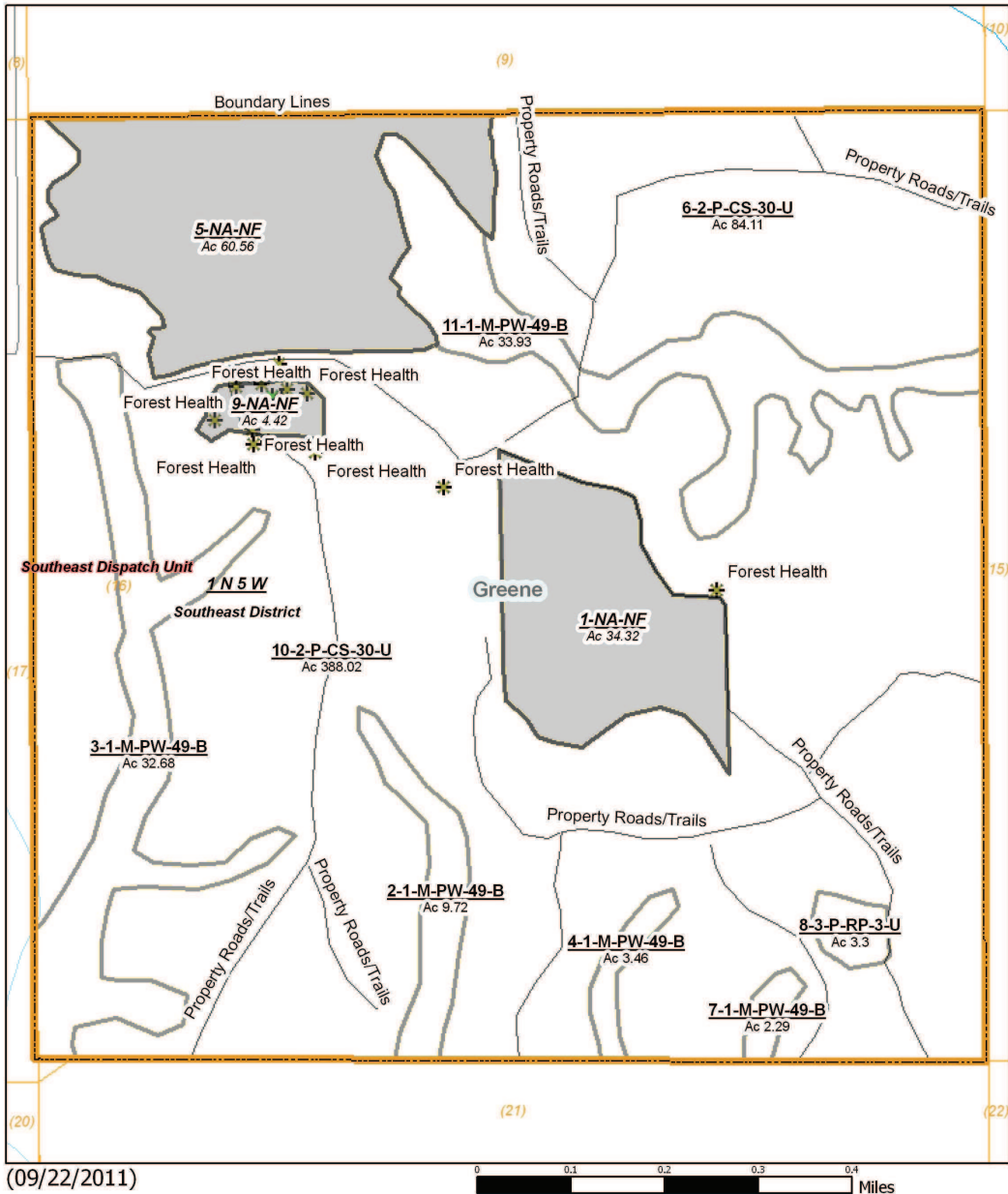


Map 2



Section 16, Township 01 North, Range 05 West

Chil Churchwell Road
2012 to 2021
656.80 Acres

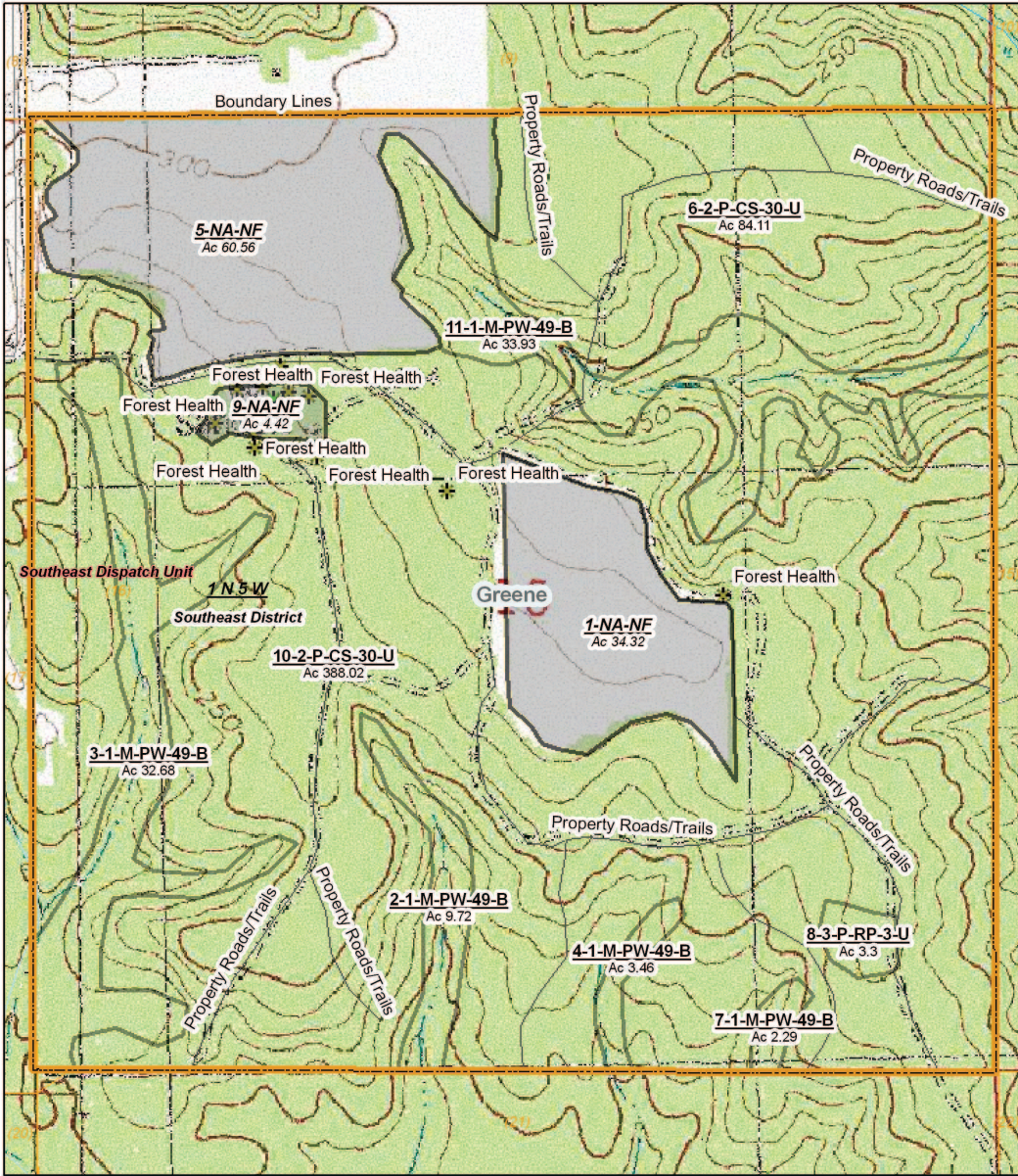


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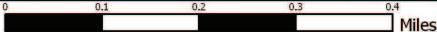


Section 16, Township 01 North, Range 05 West

Chil Churchwell Road
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(09/22/2011)



Legend



Section 16, Township 01 North, Range 05 West

Property

Property (1)

Category 1: Stands

Pulpwood (5)
 Reproduction (1)
 Chip-n-Saw (2)

Category 3: Non-Forest Stands

Non-Forest (3)

Forest Health (Points)

Kudzu (1)
 Cogon Grass (15)

Property Roads/Trails

Access Road (8)

MFC Basemap

County Boundary

County Boundary (1)

Quadrangle Grid

USGS Quad (2)

PLS Townships

PLS Townships (1)

Survey Districts

District 5 (1)

Blockgroup (Census 2000)

Blockgroup (Census 2000) (1)

Block (Census 2000)

Block (Census 2000) (3)

Tract/BNR (Census 2000)

Tract/BNR (Census 2000) (1)

School Sections

School Sections (1)

Public School Districts

GREENE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (1)

US Congressional District

US Cong Dist #4 (1)

MS Senate

43 (1)

MS House

105 (1)

Intermittent Streams

Intermittent Streams (1)

Hydrologic Units (Basins)

ESCATAWPA RIVER (1)

Historic Forest Boundary

Longleaf Pine with Loblolly Pine-Slash Pine (1)

MS Forest Habitat

SOUTHERN LOAM HILLS-GENTLE TOPOGRAPHY (1)

Physiographic Region

Pine Belt (1)

Soil Associations

mclaurin-heidel-prentiss (1)
 mclaurin-savannah-susquehanna (1)

Surface Geology

PASCAGOULA/HATTIESBURG (1)
 CITRONELLE (1)

MFC Districts

MFC Districts (1)

MFC Dispatch Units

MFC Dispatch Units (1)

MS Outline

MS Outline (1)

Stand Activity Schedule for
Greene County BOE
16 1N 5W

Strata	Stand	Activity	Acre	Est. Cost	Est. Revenue
2012					
2	6	Harvest, Mechanical, Thin, Machine, Slash	84	\$756.00	\$28,141.68
2	10	Harvest, Mechanical, Thin, Machine, Slash	388	\$3,492.18	\$129,994.46
Yearlv Totals			472	\$4,248.18	\$158,136.14
2015					
2	6	Fire Protection, Other, Burn, Hand, Fuel Reduction	84	\$2,102.75	\$0.00
2	10	Fire Protection, Other, Burn, Hand, Fuel Reduction	388	\$9,700.50	\$0.00
Yearlv Totals			472	\$11,803.25	\$0.00
2019					
2	6	Fire Protection, Other, Burn, Hand, Fuel Reduction	84	\$2,100.00	\$0.00
2	10	Fire Protection, Other, Burn, Hand, Fuel Reduction	388	\$9,700.50	\$0.00
Yearlv Totals			472	\$11,800.50	\$0.00
Grand Totals			1,416	\$27,851.93	\$158,136.14