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FOREST STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Property Name: S16-T14N-R4W

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PROPERTY LOCATION

County: Humphreys Total Acres: 635 Latitude: -90.61 Longitude: 33.06
Section: 16 Township: 14N Range: 4W

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

Section16_T14N_R4W is +/- 634 acres of agriculture fields and bottomland hardwood forest. The forested consists of 177 acres. Timber consists of mature bottomland hardwood sawtimber and pulpwood. Dominate species being willow oak, sweetgum, and nuttall oak. The section is located approximately 7 miles south west of Silver City, Mississippi. County roads 18 and 19 run through the section. Property's topography is low, but the section is welled drained.

Water Resources

The section contains a perennial canal in the north east corner of the section. There is also a intermittent drainage canal that runs through stands 2 and 3. The section drains into the Yazoo River watershed. Mississippi's Best Management Practices will be followed at all times during any management activities.

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

No threatened and endangered species were identified during the reconnaissance and evaluation of this property.

If any threatened and /or endangered species are discovered, immediate management procedures will be applied to protect these sensitive natural resources for future generations.

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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. Mississippi Best Management Practices will be implemented to prevent any adverse effects.

Archeological and Cultural Resources

A residential house is located on the north boundary of the section. This area will be protected at all time during any management activities.

GENERAL PROPERTY RECOMMENDATIONS

Forest Protection

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

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.

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:

- 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.

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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

Currently boundaries are not clearly marked on the section. Boundaries should be surveyed and clearly marked especially on the South and West boundary of the section. This part of the section is still in timber and meets another landowner's property. Boundaries will need to be established before any management activities such as harvesting can take place. Once the boundaries have been surveyed the MFC will maintain these boundaries.

Water Quality Protection

The objective of the landowner is to protect, conserve, and enhance all water resources and drainages on or transecting the property. This objective can be met by implementing Mississippi's Best Management Practices in all aspects of management practices. Protection for water resources must be given in order to maintain the water quality. This protection will be done by the use of stream side management zones (SMZ's) as well as following all Mississippi Best Management Practices.

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.

Environmental Education

Environmental educational goals are to provide educational opportunities for children and adults through the development of items such as nature trails with tree identification markers, wildlife viewing areas, picnic areas, parking, public restroom facilities, "etc".

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,

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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.

Recreation

According to landowner objectives the recreational use of the property could prove to be an avenue for personal enjoyment or for generating income. An evaluation of your property should be conducted and a plan developed to accomplish your specific goals for recreational activities on your property.

SOIL TYPES

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The Alligator component makes up 70 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 3 percent. This component is on backswamps. The parent material consists of clayey alluvium. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is poorly drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is moderate. Shrink-swell potential is very high. This soil is rarely flooded. It is not ponded. A seasonal zone of water saturation is at 12 inches during January, February, March, April, December. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 2 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 3e. This soil meets hydric criteria.

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The Forestdale component makes up 30 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 3 percent. This component is on natural levees. The parent material consists of clayey alluvium. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is poorly drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is very low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is high. Shrink-swell potential is moderate. This soil is rarely flooded. It is not ponded. A seasonal zone of water saturation is at 15 inches during January, February, March, April. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 1 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 3w. This soil meets hydric criteria.

STRATA

Strata 1

Strata Description

This 177 acre strata is made up of stands #2 and #3. This strata was approximately established in 1950. Stands are fully stocked bottomland hardwood mixed forest with willow oak, sweetgum, and nuttall oak being the dominate species. This strata has a basal area of 140 and 108 trees per acre. This strata contains 93 tons of pulpwood and 77 tons of sawtimber per acre. An intermittent drainage ditch runs through the south corner of both stands.

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Strata Recommendations

Stands 2 and 3 will be harvested by final harvest method or seed tree method. The stands will be reaching the management age of 65 years. Stands could begin to decline in growth and yield values. Harvesting will be used to release the stand and create natural regeneration or final harvesting will allow for a new forest. The harvesting technique will be based on the amount of natural regeneration of desirable species available at the time of harvest. Seed tree method will be used if enough desirable hardwood species regeneration such as oak is adequate enough to fully restock the stand. Final harvest method will be used if there is not an adequate stocking of natural regeneration. If final harvest method is chosen then the stand will be re-planted with desirable hardwood species to achieve full stocking.

Activity Recommendations

Stand #2 will be scheduled for a final harvest or seed tree harvest in 2012 and stand #3 in 2021. IF a final harvest is completed it will be reforested using multiple hardwood species seedlings planted on 12' X 12' (302ac) spacing. It will be managed on a 65 - 80 year rotation. Until harvesting this strata will provide habitat for native wildlife species. After harvest this strata will grow fresh vegetation that will provide new food sources and cover for native wildlife species.

During the time frame of the plan monitoring will be conducted periodically to make sure that the stands are in good vigor condition and no major transformations have occurred that could alter the goal for future harvesting. Over the course of the plan this strata will provide habitat for native wildlife species on the property.

Harvest

A final harvest or seed tree cut is scheduled for stand 2 in 2012 and stand 3 2021.

Regeneration

Regeneration will be based on the type of harvesting method that is used. If a seed tree harvest is completed then the stand will be regenerated by natural regeneration of unharvested trees. If the stand is final harvested will be replanted on a 12' X 12' spacing (302 ac.) using mixed bottomland hardwood seedling species. The species planted will be determined by the site and soil type.

Strata 2 (Non-Forest)

Strata Description

This 457 acre strata consists of stand #1. Stand #1 consists of 457 acres of agricultural land and home site. The Humphreys County School board leases this land for agricultural production.

Strata Recommendations

Stand #1 is leased out by the Humphreys County School board for agriculture production. The agriculture lease provides an annual income of \$72,046. The agriculture

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lease provides the highest and best use for this stand.

Strata Activities

During the time frame of the plan monitoring will be conducted periodically to insure no damaging activities are occurring that could impact other stands on the section. No activities are planned for the time period of the plan.

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Humphreys County, Mississippi
2012 to 2021
634.82 Acres



(12/14/2011)

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 Miles



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Property

Property (1)

Category 1: Stands

Sawtimber (2)

Category 3: Non-Forest Stands

Non-Forest (1)

Structures

Single-Family (1)

MFC Basemap

County Boundary

County Boundary (1)

Quadrangle Grid

USGS Quad (1)

PLS Townships

PLS Townships (1)

Survey Districts

District 2 (1)

Blockgroup (Census 2000)

Blockgroup (Census 2000) (2)

Block (Census 2000)

Block (Census 2000) (6)

Tract/BNA (Census 2000)

Tract/BNA (Census 2000) (1)

County Roads

County Roads (6)

School Sections

School Sections (1)

Public School Districts

HUMPHREYS COUNTY SCHOOL DIST (1)

US Congressional District

US Cong Dist #2 (1)

MS Senate

22 (1)

MS House

51 (1)

Intermittent Streams

Intermittent Streams (2)

Hydrologic Units (Basins)

BOGUE PHALIA RIVER (1)

Historic Forest Boundary

Bottomland Hardwood (Oak-Gum-Cottonwood-Cypress) (1)

MS Forest Habitat

MISCELLANEOUS ALLUVIAL FLOODPLAINS (1)

Physiographic Region

Delta (1)

Soil Associations

alligator-sharkey-forestdale (1)

forestdale-dundee-sharkey (1)

Surface Geology

ALLUVIUM (1)

MFC Districts

MFC Districts (1)

MFC Dispatch Units

MFC Dispatch Units (1)

MS Outline

MS Outline (1)

Stand Activity Schedule for
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Strata	Stand	Activity	Acre	Est. Cost	Est. Revenue
2012					
1	2	Harvest, Mechanical, Final, Machine, Misc Hardwood	89	\$3,115.00	\$153,614.00
Yearly Totals			89	\$3,115.00	\$153,614.00
2013					
1	2	Regeneration, Artificial, Plant, Hand, Misc Hardwood	89	\$11,083.75	\$0.00
Yearly Totals			89	\$11,083.75	\$0.00
2021					
1	3	Regeneration, Artificial, Plant, Hand, Misc Hardwood	89	\$11,125.00	\$0.00
1	3	Harvest, Mechanical, Final, Machine, Misc Hardwood	89	\$3,115.00	\$153,614.00
Yearly Totals			178	\$14,240.00	\$153,614.00
Grand Totals			356	\$28,438.75	\$307,228.00

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Strata	Stand	Activity	Acre	Est. Cost	Est. Revenue
2012					
1	2	Harvest, Mechanical, Final, Machine, Misc Hardwood	89	\$3,115.00	\$153,614.00
Yearly Totals			89	\$3,115.00	\$153,614.00
2021					
1	3	Harvest, Mechanical, Final, Machine, Misc Hardwood	89	\$3,115.00	\$153,614.00
Yearly Totals			89	\$3,115.00	\$153,614.00
Grand Totals			178	\$6,230.00	\$307,228.00