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FOREST STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Richton Schools

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Property Name: Sec 16, T4N, 10W

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PROPERTY LOCATION

County: Perry Total Acres: 647 Latitude: -89 Longitude: 31.31
Section: 16 Township: 4N Range: 10W

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

This section is located between Old Augusta Rd and Hickory Grove Church Rd. This section is split by Bogue Homa Creek and has to accessed from each of the mentioned roads. This section is unigue in its landscape due to the fact it has some very hilly and steep terrain and some that is relatively flat along the creek. It basically has three different timber types ranging from small plantation to mature sawtimber.

Water Resources

Bogue Homa creek splits this section, flowing North to South, and has to be treated somewhat carefull as the banks are sandy in most places and should not be disturbed. Also, there are many intermittent streams that should be managed within the MS BMP quidelines for there protection as well.

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 your property.

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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. The following soils are identified for this property: Heavy Clay to a Sandy loam on the West side of Creek.

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:

- 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*.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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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.

Archeological or Cultural Resources

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

No resources were identified during a reconnaissance of the property.

STRATA

Strata 1

Strata Description

Strata 1: Stand 3

Acres: 48

This area consist of a loblolly plantation that was machine planted in 2005. It is well stocked and growing at this time.

Strata Recommendations

Monitor for the posibility of insect and disease and also the chance of invasive species. Should any of these be found they will need to be treated soon.

Activity Recommendations

Strata 2

Strata Description

Strata 2: Stands 5, 10

Acres 400

These stands are very similar in timber type with it being mixed pine and hardwood that is mostly mature. They differ with stand 5 being on the West side of creek and generally

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flat and sandy while stand 10 is on the East side and very steep and has a heavy clay type soil base.

Strata Recommendations

Stand 5 could be managed a bit different due to the fact of it being flat and having some workable ground, however stand 10 should be managed the way it is because of the steep terrain and possibility of erosion on the hills.

Strata 3

Strata Description

Strata 3: Stands 1, 4

Acres 106

This stand consists of several different age pine products from pulpwood to mature sawtimber. At this time it is well stocked.

Strata Recommendations

These stand will be cruised to determine the actual stocking and the need to thin or do a final harvest on them. In the meantime the stands should be controlled burned to remove unwanted hardwood brush from the stand.

Activity Recommendations

Harvest

Harvest actions will be determined after a cruise has been done on the stands to see what the volume and stocking levels are at this time.

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.

OTHER PLAN ACTIVITIES

Boundary Lines

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Line Description

All lines are painted orange and are visible at this time.

Line Recommendations

Maintain on a five year rotation as suggested in the plan. These lines will need to be repainted in 2014 and 2019.

Activity Recommendations

Property Activities

Routine inspections and general maintenance of the roads, Firelanes, and boundary lines will ensure overall appearance and aesthetics of the property.

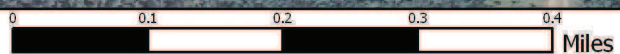


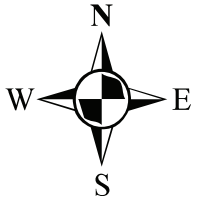
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Old Augusta Rd Section
2012 to 2021
640 Acres



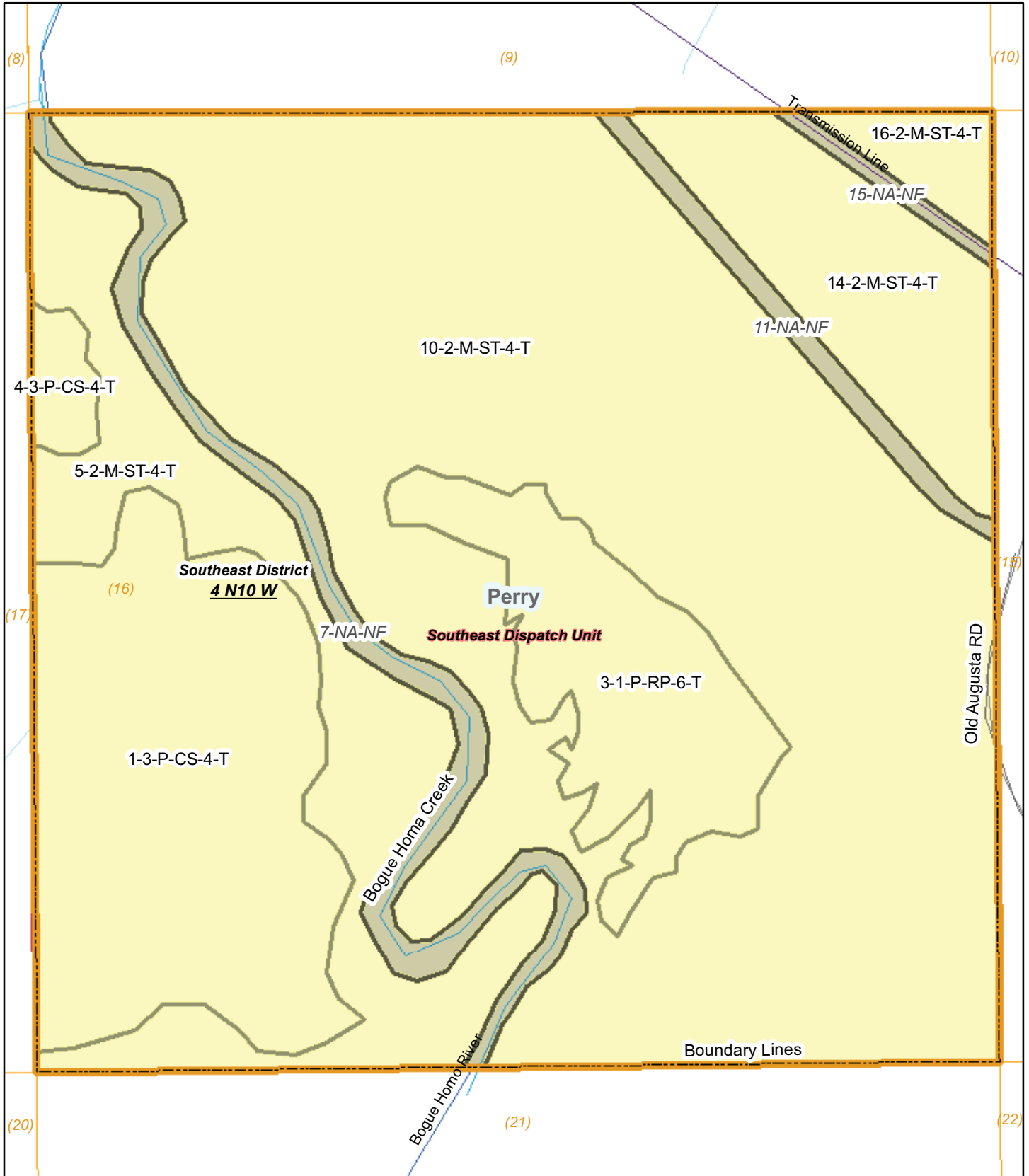
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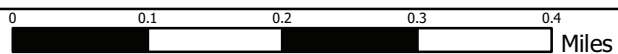


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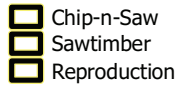
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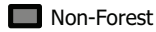
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Category 1: Stands



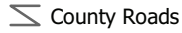
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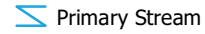
Boundary Lines



Transportation (Lines)



Hydrology (Lines)



MFC Basemap

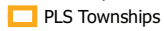
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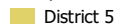
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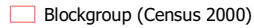
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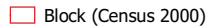
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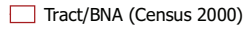
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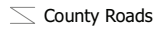
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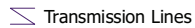
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County Roads



Transmission Lines



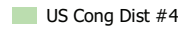
School Sections



Public School Districts



US Congressional District



MS Senate



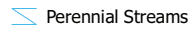
MS House



Major River



Perennial Streams



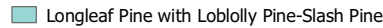
Intermittent Streams



Hydrologic Units (Basins)



Historic Forest Boundary



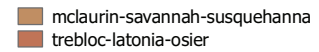
MS Forest Habitat



Physiographic Region



Soil Associations



Surface Geology



MFC Districts



MFC Dispatch Units



MS Outline



Stand Activity Schedule for
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Strata	Stand	Activity	Acre	Est. Cost	Est. Revenue
2012					
3	1	Fire Protection, Other, Burn, Hand, Fuel Reduction	6	\$150.00	\$0.00
3	1	Harvest, Mechanical, Thin, Machine, Slash	100	\$3,496.50	\$43,156.80
3	4	Fire Protection, Other, Burn, Hand, Fuel Reduction	6	\$153.75	\$0.00
3	4	Harvest, Mechanical, Thin, Machine, Slash	100	\$3,500.00	\$43,200.00
Yearly Totals			212	\$7,300.25	\$86,356.80
Grand Totals			212	\$7,300.25	\$86,356.80