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FOREST STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Richton Schools

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Property Name: 16-5N-10W

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PROPERTY LOCATION

County: Perry Total Acres: 645 Latitude: -89 Longitude: 31.4
Section: 16 Township: 5N Range: 10W

DISCLAIMER

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 of land is located on the Whitfield Road and the intersection with the Leonard Clark Road in North Perry County. It consists of three different age pine plantations, one is 3 years old now, the next is approximately 16 years old and the other is approximately 19 years old. All stands are well stocked and growing at this time with the older stand just having been thinned in 2011, and the next younger stand to be thinned in the near future. The land is rolling hills along with well drained soils.

Water Resources

No perennial water resources were identified during a reconnaissance of the property. However, intermittent streams and drains identified will be managed in accordance with Mississippi's Best Management Practices.

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: Sandy Loam soils on the ridge tops and a clay/sand Loam mixture in the bottoms.

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.

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.

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.

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. All of these opportunities can be had at Lake Perry where we have all of the above listed facilities.

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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.

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 found during a reconnaissance of the property.

STRATA

Strata 1

Strata Description

Strata 1: Stands 1,3,5,6,9,14

Acres: 276

This is a mixture of slash and loblolly plantation in which a small portion was thinned just before Hurricane Katrina and the rest will need thinning in the near future. The reason for the several different stand numbers is due to this area being broke up by roads and pipelines. The area is well stocked and growing at this time with an average BA of 95.

Strata Recommendations

Thin by fifth row method in order to reduce average BA to 70 throughout the stand. This thinning will remove all undesirable trees that are crooked, forked and not dominant trees.

Strata 2

Strata Description

Strata 2: Stands 7,8,11,13

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Acres: 85

This strata was thinned in 2011 and now has an average BA of 72, with a well stocked slash plantation. The stand should respond well to the thin as the trees are now well spaced and have room to grow.

Strata Recommendations

This strata will need to be monitored for the possibility of a control burn in the future. This burn may be needed to control unwanted hardwood brush from coming back into the stand. Should it need this practice it will have to be added to the list of activities for this section.

Strata 3

Strata Description

Strata 3: Staands 2,12,15

Acres: 202

This strata consist of 3 year loblolly plantations that was machine planted, all stands are well stocked and growing at this time.

Strata Recommendations

These stands should be monitored for the possibility of insect and disease and also invasive species. Should any of the listed occur it will need to be treated to control the problem.

Strata 4

Strata Description

Strata 4: Stand 9

Acres: 26

This stand severs as an SMZ area and should be managed that way throughtout the life of the plan.

Strata Recommendations

No recommendations for this stand as is still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina, which almost destroyed it completely.

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OTHER PLAN ACTIVITIES

Boundary Lines

Line Description

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

Line Recommendations

The line should be maintained on a five year rotation with new paint. This section should be painted in 2015 and again in 2020.

Activity Recommendations

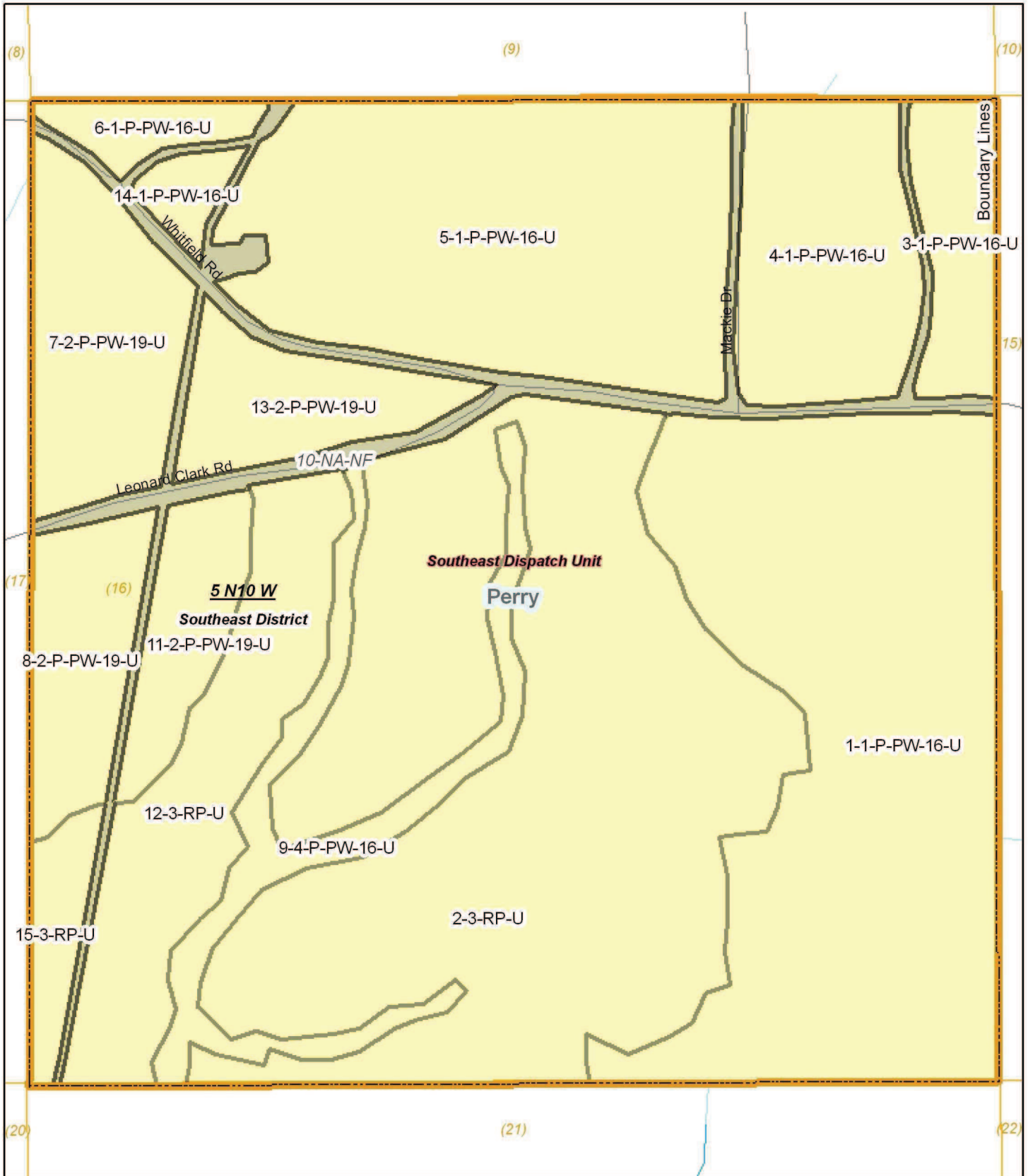
Property Activities

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

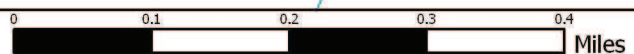


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Whitfield Road
2012 to 2021
640 Acres



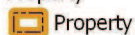
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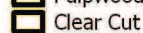
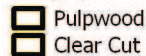


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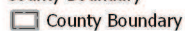


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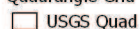


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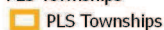
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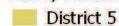
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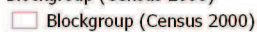
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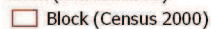
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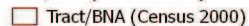
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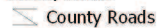
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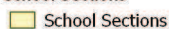
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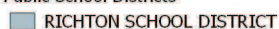
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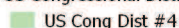
School Sections



Public School Districts



US Congressional District



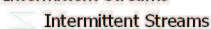
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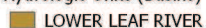
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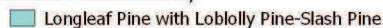
Intermittent Streams



Hydrologic Units (Basins)



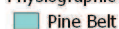
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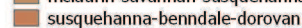
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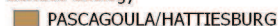
Physiographic Region



Soil Associations



Surface Geology



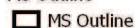
MFC Districts



MFC Areas



MS Outline



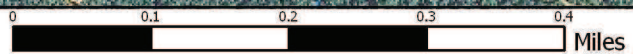


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2007 to 2017
640 Acres



(08/14/2008)



Stand Activity Schedule for
 Richton Schools
 16 5N 10W

Strata	Stand	Activity	Acre	Est. Cost	Est. Revenue
		Yearly Totals	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Grand Totals	0	\$0.00	\$0.00