

Chippewa National Forest

Administrative Correction 9 09/14/2007 Change to Proposed and Probable Practices

The 2000 Planning Rule (219.31(b)) allows the following administrative corrections to made at any time, are not plan amendments, and do not require public notice or the preparation of an environmental document under Forest service NEPA procedures:

- (1) Corrections and updates of data and maps;
- (2) Updates to activity lists and schedules as required by § 219.30(d)(1)–(6);
- (3) Corrections of typographical errors or other non-substantive changes; and
- (4) Changes in monitoring methods other than those required in a monitoring strategy (§ 219.11(c)).

CFR 219.30(d)(1-6) referenced under item #2 above includes changes to projected ranges of outcomes which may include anticipated uses, values, products and services for the next 15 years[]. These projections are estimates and as such often contain a high degree of uncertainty; they are intended to describe expected progress in achieving desired conditions and objectives within the plan area.

Proposed and Probable Practices Table APP-D2

The 2004 Chippewa National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan contains the following table (Forest Plan pg. D-3):

Table APP-D2: Estimate of Acres of timber harvest by treatment method (Forest Wide)

Treatment Method	Decade 1 (proposed)		Decade 2 (probable)	
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
Thinning	6,749	9%	11,578	14%
Clearcutting	29,866	39%	30,881	38%
Shelterwood & partial cut 30	11,149	14%	11,101	14%
Uneven-aged (red pine, white, pine, spruce fir, northern hardwood, oak, black ash)	19,524	25%	22,742	28%
Uneven-aged (aspen-aspen/fir)	9,851	13%	5,920	7%
Totals	77,139	100%	82,222	100%

On Sept 5, 2007, Forest Supervisor Robert Harper signed a Supplemental Information Report (SIR) Disclosing the Effects on Analysis Disclosed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the 2004 Chippewa National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan of Thinning Harvests that Exceed the Amount of Thinning Estimated for Decade 1 of Forest Plan Implementation. The results of that SIR demonstrated to the Forest Supervisor that an administrative correction to Table APP-D2 of the Forest Plan

constituted a non-substantial change and was consistent with the 2000 Planning Rule. The full SIR is filed on the Forest website and in the Forest Plan Revision project record in Duluth, MN. A copy can be obtained at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa/projects/changes/final_sir.pdf

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Table APP D-2 is corrected to increase the acres and percentage of Thinning treatments and to reduce the acres and percentage of Uneven-aged treatment in red pine, white pine, spruce fir, northern hardwood, oak and black ash in Decade 1. Total acres treated is unchanged. The corrected table is as follows:

Table APP-D2: Estimate of Acres of timber harvest by treatment method (Forest Wide)

Treatment Method	Decade 1 (proposed)		Decade 2 (probable)	
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
Thinning	16,000	21%	11,578	14%
Clearcutting	29,866	39%	30,881	38%
Shelterwood & partial cut 30	11,149	14%	11,101	14%
Uneven-aged (red pine, white, pine, spruce fir, northern hardwood, oak, black ash)	10,273	13%	22,742	28%
Uneven-aged (aspen-aspen/fir)	9,851	13%	5,920	7%
Totals	77,139	100%	82,222	100%