

MGT AREA 2 -- SPRUCE OVER 40% SLOPES

A VISION

This is a healthy and stable environment.

This looks into the future, although some of it may be happening now. It is stated in the "present tense" as if it is already that way. This gives a feel of where we are heading. It paints a general picture with a broad brush.

DESIRED FUTURE CONDITION

- Activities and uses retain the form, line, color, and texture which are characteristic of the landscape (retention visual quality objective) or remain visually subordinate to the characteristic landscape (partial retention VQO).
- There is quality habitat for the hairy woodpecker and elk.
- There is a representative area designated as a Research Natural Area that is over 300 acres.

This table snaps a more detailed picture of what this management area will look like in the future. Since much depends on natural cycles, which need time, these conditions may take many years to achieve. Some of it may be in this condition now.

DESCRIPTION

The steep slopes tend to have rocky thin soils which support smaller trees. Very little logging has taken place within the spruce over 40%.

On-site recreation use usually occurs only on trails passing through the unit because of the steep slopes and amount of downfall on the ground. In addition, portions of these steep slopes serve as primary scenic backdrops for sensitive recreation viewpoints offsite.

Natural mortality is the cause for fuel accumulations of 20 to 60 tons per acre.

D. Management Area Prescriptions

Standards and Guidelines

This section contains the standards and guidelines against which activities and uses are to be **compared**. It focus on and **provides** more details about the "Desire Future Conditions." In some **cases**, it gives the long term 'where and when.' The Forest Plan **Implementation Schedule** is the tool used for all short-term planning and scheduling. The Implementation Schedule provides the operational perspective [making the commitment -- asking for the dollars and scheduling what year it will be **done** in.] The tactical perspective [the execution] is the actual implementation on the ground. This is done after we get the funding. It is also documented as accomplishments in the Forest Plan Implementation Schedule.

TIMBER... All timber management standards and guidelines are included under the Forest-wide prescriptions.

ROADS... Construct roads for timber sales using Best Management Practices with the following guidelines: 3.1 miles per square mile for construction first entry; 0.9 miles per square mile for reconstruction first entry; 4.0 miles per square mile for reconstruction second entry.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT REPLACEMENT... Replacement of structural improvements will be planned in a 25-30 year interval and will take priority over new structures if needed for prescribed management intensity.