

SYNOPSIS OF 2006 CHANGES IN THE USE VALUE PROGRAM

Minimum Standards For Forest Management & Regeneration

PRIMARY FOCUS OF MANAGEMENT – Clarification of Longstanding Guiding Principle

“the production of high quality forest products on a sustainable basis shall be the primary focus of management efforts on all enrolled parcels.”

REGENERATION must consist of acceptable commercially valuable species. See the definition of Acceptable Growing Stock (AGS) Basal area in the Minimum Standards for Forest Management Plans for some specific exclusions.

EVEN-AGE MANAGEMENT: intermediate thinning: *“total basal area shall not be reduced below “B” level, or by more than one third in densely overstocked stands. The stocking of AGS will not be reduced below the “C” level in the appropriate stocking guide (SEE APPENDIX A). If no stocking guide is available, the residual basal area of AGS will not be reduced below 60 ft² per acre.”*

UNEVEN-AGE MANAGEMENT: *“the total basal area will not be reduced below minimum levels recommended in the appropriate silvicultural guide. Where no silvicultural guide is available, total basal area will not be reduced below 80 ft² per acre. The ratio of AGS basal area to total basal area should be maintained or increased by any management activities.”*

EROSION CONTROL AND WATER QUALITY — Clarification

“Appropriate preventative soil erosion and stream pollution control devices, as outlined in the.... AMPs, or a successor publication, shall be employed to the maximum practicable extent..... If erosion control measures are not implemented where deemed necessary to comply with appropriate rules and regulations, an adverse inspection may be filed on those acres affected.”

NOTE: This statement means that **waterbars can be required** on roads if erosion is occurring which is causing an impediment to forest management, even though there is no sedimentation of a watercourse.