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#### I. Timber Stand Location

Stand 82701066 is located on the Tally Lake Ranger District, Flathead National Forest and consists of 32 forested acres within the Hand Creek drainage, with a legal location description of the NE 1/4 of Section 33, T30N, R25W, M.P.M., Flathead County, Montana (Appendix A).

Access to this stand is currently possible via Forest Road No. 538B which is located off Forest Road No. 538, off the Flathead County Pleasant Valley Road, and U.S. Highway No. 2 west of Kalispell, Montana. Road No. 538B is legally open year round although it is generally inaccessible in the winter unless snowplowing is being done by timber sale purchasers in the area.

Stand 82701066 is approximately 30-60 miles from several local mills located in Olney, Columbia Falls, and Kalispell, Montana. Historically, timber from this general area has been processed by most of these mills. The nearest pulp mill is in Missoula, Montana, approximately 165 miles away.

Stand 82701066 was delineated based on past management practices as were most of the stands in the immediate vicinity. Stand 82701066 is bordered to the north by stand 82701021, to the south by stand 82701001, to the east by stand 82702017, and to the west by stand 82701025. Stand 82701021 is predominantly a mature, even-aged <u>Pinus contorta</u> stand with

other species scattered throughout. It is currently scheduled for regeneration harvest within five years. Stand 82701001 was harvested in 1972 and the subsequent regeneration is clumpy with a wide range of size and age classes and good species diversity. Stand 82702017 is a highly variable stand, both in terms of age and size class as well as species diversity, resulting from a sanitation and salvage harvest which removed most of the <u>Pinus contorta</u> component. Stand 82701025 is the riparian area along Hand Cr. and has a diverse stand structure, good species diversity, variable crown closure, and a significant dead component.

#### II. Land Management Objectives

In addition to the major laws regulating Forest activities, more site specific management of this stand is found in the Flathead National Forest Management Plan (USDA Forest Service, 1985a). Stand 82701066 is in the Sylvia Lake Geographic Unit of the Flathead National Forest Management Plan and designated Management Area 15. In Management Area 15 cost efficient timber production is emphasized while protecting the productive capacity of the land and timber resource. Other resources will be managed in a manner consistent with timber management goals. The long term desired future condition for MA-15 lands is designed to achieve many resource objectives. Specifically, this condition will include a diverse pattern of vegetation distributed across the management area in both time and space.

Stand size class (differing age classes) can best describe this vegetative diversity. It is anticipated that the future stand size class distribution will include approximately 25-35% seedling/sapling (0-30 yrs.), 45-55% pole or immature (30-80 yrs.), and 20-25% mature (80 years and older, which also could include old growth stands).

These conditions will be achieved using road development, and timber culture and harvest practices consisting primarily of even-aged silvicultural systems and treatments. Once these age-class distributions are reached, they would be maintained by timber harvest activities, regenerating approximately 10% of the area each decade. This distribution will provide a relatively even flow sustained yield of wood and other forest products along with highly productive diverse wildlife habitat components. These treatments will maintain diverse patterns of vegetation through time and space, achieving a healthy forest resistant to catastrophic fire, and insect and disease outbreaks.

The distribution of the vegetative patterns through time and space will be such that both wildlife habitat and security needs will be maintained for species of animals such as, but not limited to: elk, moose, and deer. The local need for security of various wildlife species will be balanced with the flow of wood products and recreational uses. Although cavity-dependent species habitat will be a major focus in adjacent riparian management areas and other management areas unsuitable for

timber harvest, snags and replacement snags will also be managed within MA-15 to provide diversity of this habitat across the analysis area.

Soil productivity on MA-15 lands will be maintained to at least 85% of its current condition by limiting compaction and displacement to 15% of any harvest units. Water quality in adjacent streams will be maintained at or above State Water Quality Standards to provide for the short-term and long-term quality of the water resource.

Through the use of proper design and scheduling of activities, management activities will dominate the landscape in patterns that repeat the natural line, form, color, and textures native to the area to achieve a modification or, where appropriate, a maximum modification visual quality objective.

Various recreation opportunities will be available within the management area. For those roads not closed for wildlife security objectives, access for dispersed recreation activity will be available for berry picking, firewood gathering, hunting, hiking, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. Scenic view points will change as the diverse pattern of openings changes. Access to trailheads for hikers and horseback use into the adjacent roadless areas will be provided by roads maintained to a standard for passenger car use. Sufficient parking and trailhead facilities, consistent with adjacent management area objectives, will be provided.

Management objectives, guidelines, and standards for Management Area 15 which relate to this stand include:

1) Permit vegetation management practices which:

a) maintain or create diverse patterns of vegetation, using primarily even-aged silvicultural systems.

b) are not chosen primarily because they will give the greatest dollar return or the greatest output of timber, although these factors shall be considered.

c) are made in such a way that the technology and knowledge exist to adequately restock the lands within 5 years after final harvest.

d) are chosen after considering potential effects on residual trees and adjacent stands.

e) are practical in terms of transportation and harvest requirements and total costs of preparation, logging, and administration.

 Prohibit logging in areas sensitive to soil compaction or erosion without special considerations and mitigating measures.
 This objective is discussed more specifically on page 10.

3) Maintain long-term water quality to meet or exceed State Water Quality Standards. This objective is discussed more specifically on page 18.

4) Meet a visual quality objective of modification or maximum modification.

5) Give wildlife habitat appropriate protection and manage it to provide cover, forage, and security areas. These objectives are discussed more specifically on page 15.

6) Consider integrated pest management strategies in project analysis and design. Emphasize treatments that reduce losses due to insects and diseases in project silvicultural prescriptions. These objectives are discussed more specifically on page 14-15.

# III. The Physical Site

#### A. Climate

The climate of this area is dominated by a strong westerly flow, which brings most of the precipitation from Pacific maritime weather systems. This flow is strongest from November to February, when most snowfall occurs, and also in May and June, when most rainfall occurs. Most of this precipitation is associated with orographic lifting. Other dominant climatic characteristics are a July to September drought period associated with Great Basin high pressure systems, and occasional severe winter conditions associated with Arctic air masses (Cunningham, 1983).

The mean annual precipitation for stand 82701066 is approximately 31 inches. About 40-60% of this precipitation falls as snow, or rain into the snowpack. The summer months receive less precipitation than the winter months, although this area exhibits a remarkably uniform seasonal distribution (Appendix C). Strong winds occasionally occur in the winter, generally associated with storm fronts from the southwest.

#### B. Physiography

Slopes range from 6 to 24 percent with a 15 percent average. The aspect is generally west with southwest and south slopes in the upper portion of the stand. The mean elevation is 4700 feet with a range of 4600 to 4800 feet.

## C. <u>Geology and Soils</u>

The subject stand is located in the Salish Mountains which were formed about 60 million years ago during the Laramide Orogeny, which is the mountain building episode when the Rocky Mountains were formed. Bedrock was gently uplifted and folded into an arch with many faults crossing the mountains. One fault crosses the Hand Creek watershed in a northwest-southeast direction a little east of the center of the watershed. Several small faults cross the watershed (Appendix C).

The Hand Creek watershed is underlain by Precambrian argillite and quartzite. West of the main fault bedrock is siliceous argillite of the Burke and Prichard formations; east of the fault it is argillite of the

Spokane and Empire formations. West of the fault bedrock dips gently westward and east of the fault it dips gently eastward.

Glacially deposited material overlies bedrock in most of the watershed, except the highest parts. A ground moraine was deposited by the lobe of ice that moved south from Canada over the Kalispell area and on to the south. The ice left deposits of 5 to 20 feet on the valley floor but almost no deposits on the high ridges. Lacustrine (lake) deposits consisting of very fine-grained sand, silt, and clay veneer the ground moraine in places. These deposits were formed when the ice lobe from Canada dammed small streams, including Hand Creek (Appendix C).

This stand in on Landtypes 14-2, 26D-7, and 26D-8, as mapped on an order II Landtype Inventory for the Tally Lake Ranger District in 1986 (Martinson and Basko, 1983, 1986). The major landtype in this stand is 26D. It occurs on the upper slopes away from Road 538B. Soils in Landtype 26D are developing in loamy or very fine sandy loam glacial till. The minor landtype, 14-2, occurs on the lower part of the slope along the road. Soils in Landtype 14-2 are developing in silty lacustrine deposits. Both soils have a layer of volcanic ash on their surface, deposited about 6800 years ago by the eruption of Mt Mazama. This ash is generally 4 to 7 inches thick, but is absent in some areas because of past disturbance and redistribution from logging and site preparation.

Soils in Landtype 26D are classified Dystric Cryochrepts, loamy-skelatal, mixed. These soils are formed in glacial deposits that are about 10,000 years old. These soils contain 35 to 60 percent rounded coarse fragments. Soils in Landtype 14-2 are classified Glossic Cryoboralfs, fine-silty, mixed. These soils were deposited in very slow moving or still water, and therefore have very few or no coarse fragments.

Landtype 26D has moderate timber production potential. This results from the relativly coarse soil texture, and the high coarse fragment content. Landtype 14-2 has high timber production potential. This results from the deep soil profile and silty soil textures that hold a lot of moisture and nutrients for plant growth. (Refer to site productivity potential page 17 for a more detailed discussion.)

Landtype 14-2 occupies a very small part of this stand. It will, however, affect how the stand is treated. Some small areas of wet soils exist in this part of the stand. These soils have low bearing strength when wet and are subject to rutting and puddling.

Landtype 26D, the major landtype, is a dense, brittle till soil on which compaction can greatly reduce productivity. This soil often has natural bulk densities that are near the limiting density for plant roots (1.45 g/cc). Therefore it is important to take measures to reduce the risk of soil compaction. There is a chance that the soil in this stand is

already compacted by previous management activities. If this is the case these compacted areas should be identified and avoided by future equipment passage. Continued passes of equipment could result in enough compaction to severely reduce the growth of the trees in this stand.

The following are some suggested management practices, appropriate to this landtype, to mitigate these potential impacts (Basko, 1989). These management practices generally apply to soils subject to compaction.

1) Equipment should use the existing road and skid trail system. These areas are already compacted.

2) Any equipment that operates within the stand should do so when soils are dry. This action does not eliminate soil compaction, but does reduce the degree of compaction and eliminates the risk of rutting and puddling.

3) Winter logging greatly reduces the impacts to the soil resource. If it meets the silvicultural goals, it can be a good alternative to protect soil productivity.

### D. Slope Hydrology

According to the Forest Hydrologist (Snow, 1989), water movement is controlled by localized soil and slope conditions. Subsurface movement occurs throughout the stand, with a southwest flow towards Hand Creek located about a chain outside the stand. The soils in this stand have a moderate to high infiltration capacity. The slopes are not excessively steep or long between minor benches and no drainageway development has occurred to date. Considering these factors surface erosion should not be a problem within this stand. However, water infiltration capacity could be reduced by soil compaction possibly resulting in some surface runoff.

### E. <u>Habitat Type</u>

Forest habitat types of Montana (Pfister, et al, 1977) were used to classify the stand. The primary habitat type for the stand was ABLA/VACA with some inclusions of ABLA/CLUN-VACA on lower slopes with high water tables, and ABLA/XETE-VASC on the upper slopes and benches. The ABLA/VACA habitat type is mainly found on well drained benchlands and frosty basins where cold air accumulates. Typically these areas are located primarily on the east front of the continental divide between 6000 and 7200 feet. They are, however, locally common in the Hand Cr. and Griffin Cr. drainages. This habitat type is generally associated with frequent summer frosts and warm daily maximum temperatures, a combination that damages new growth on most conifers, but not <u>Pinus</u> <u>contorta</u>. For this reason, <u>Pinus</u> <u>contorta</u> appears to be the only

species well suited for management (Pfister, et al, 1977). <u>Pinus</u> <u>contorta</u> is a persistent, seral dominant in this habitat type with minor representation of other species and even at age 15 this stand exhibits this species composition. Understory vegetation is fairly typical of this habitat type and is described in detail on page 14.

#### F. Fuel Load and Fire Hazard

The fuels in stand 82701066 are very light. Duff depth is less than an inch. Debris potential in tons per acre (ovendry weight), as given from R1 edit stand examination data, is 6.2 tons/acre. All debris would occur as live crowns and unmerchantable tops. Slash disposal following the original entry was accomplished through dozer piling of debris in large windrows. Nearly all large fuels were consumed in this process leaving little for site amelioration and nutrient capital.

Fischer's photo guide (Fischer, 1981) did not appear appropriate and was not used in rating fuel hazard. Based on my own experience and consultation with the District Fuels Management Officer the following risk and hazard ratings were assigned. The fire risk rating would be low, with rate of spread, intensity, torching, crowning, and resistance to control all rated as low. The fire hazard rating would be rated low to moderate given the volume of traffic on road number 538B.

#### IV. The Forest Community

#### A. Timber Stand

Stand exam data, field notes, and field reconnaissance comprise the basis for this stand description. Stand 82701066 was formally examined during April, 1987, using Region One stand examination procedures in compliance with Region One Field Instructions For Stand Examination And Forest Inventory (USDA Forest Service, 1985b). This 1987 exam data generated the R-1 edit stand tables included in Appendix B and summarized in the following data table.

Table 1. Stand Attributes:

				Avg	Avg	Avg	LCR
Species	T/A%	T/A	BA	Age	DBH	HT	%
PICO	90	2650	41.3	12.7	1.4	$1\overline{6.9}$	89.8
PSME	3	75	.0	2.7	•5	1.0	76.7
PIMO	1	25	.0	4.0	•5	2.0	90.0
PIEN	3	75	.0	8.7	•5	2.0	90.0
ABLA	3	100	.0	7.5	•5	2.0	85.0
All Species	100	2925	41.3	12.7	2.1	16.9	89.8

The stand data describes an even-aged stand sructure with minimal species diversity. It should be noted, however, that due to plot location species other than <u>Pinus contorta</u> were inadequately sampled. The stand, as a whole, can best be described as even-aged with 1800 to 3000 trees per acre consisting almost entirely of Pinus contorta with minor amounts of <u>Abies lasiocarpa</u>, <u>Pseudotsuga menziesii</u>, <u>Larix</u> <u>occidentalis</u>, <u>Picea englemannii</u>, <u>Pinus ponderosa</u>, and <u>Pinus monticola</u>. However, the species composition varies considerably with habitat type with a higher proportion of other species in the northeastern portion of the stand. The manageable <u>Pinus contorta</u> component is 13 to 17 years old and 15 to 25 feet tall with fairly even distribution except where windrows were burned and where there are small areas of thin soil. In the northeast portion of the stand, the manageable component of other species is 7 to 12 years old and 5 to 15 feet tall and integrated with the <u>Pinus contorta</u> component.

#### B. Understory Vegetation

Common cover types include <u>Calmagrostis</u> <u>rubescens</u>, <u>Carex</u> spp., <u>Xerophyllum tenax</u>, <u>Vaccinium caespitosum</u>, <u>Vaccinium scoparium</u>, <u>Linnaea</u> <u>borealis</u>, and <u>Spiraea betulifolia</u>. Trace ammounts of noxious weeds including <u>Centaurea maculosa</u> also occur in the stand. No sensitive plant species occur in the stand or in the immediate vicinity.

## C. <u>Diseases</u>

Several areas of residual timber serve both as a regeneration seed source and a reinfection point for the major disease pathogens in the stand. <u>Arceuthobium americanum</u> and <u>Endocronartium harknessii</u> are significant disease problems in the adjacent stands and are increasing problems in the northeastern portion of this stand. A trace of Armillaria spp. was identified in this stand but to date root diseases

have not been a major problem in this area. No other significant disease problems occur in the stand or the surrounding area.

#### D. Insects

<u>Pissodes terminalis</u> is a chronic pest at this time and has resulted in considerable top damage to many of the dominant and codominant <u>Pinus</u> <u>contorta</u>. Other insect problems include minor amounts of <u>Pissodes</u> <u>strobi</u> and, <u>Adelges</u> <u>cooleyi</u> (Appendix B).

# E. Animal Damage

Rodent damage including foliage clipping and stem barking is common in the stand. The most common damage is stem barking associated with stem galls. Some browsing of seedlings by big game also occurs, primarily near the stand perimeter. Several saplings in the general area have been girdled by bears. Girdling of sapling size trees may become a problem in this stand if tree vigor is increased (Schmidt, 1987).

# F. Wildlife and Fisheries

The Hand Creek drainage provides diverse habitat for big game animals, small animals, grouse, and a variety of non-game birds. Elk, moose, mule deer, and whitetail deer use the area in the spring, summer, and fall and migrate for winter range to the west. Black bear also use the area on a seasonal basis. Timber harvest in the area has increased habitat diversity but large opening sizes and roads have reduced habitat effectiveness. Hiding and thermal cover are adequate, and forage is

readily available throughout most of the area. A marsh/beaver pond complex near the mouth of Hand Creek provides good habitat for moose and adds to the diversity of the area. Old growth habitat is quite limited due to the fire history and previous timber harvest activities. Habitat for cavity dependent species is also limited in the area and no snags exist in the stand (Appendix D).

No streams exist in or adjacent to this stand and surface erosion should not affect the fishery in Hand Creek.

### V. Stand History and Development

Stand 82701066 (32 acres) was originally regeneration harvested as part of a larger unit (82701001/88 acres) in 1972. The slash was dozer piled in windrows in 1972 and burned in 1973. The original 88-acre unit consisted of two timber types, roughly corresponding to current stand boundaries, with the major difference in species composition being the extent of the <u>Pinus contorta</u> component. A significant amount of this component was left on the site during harvest due to the existing merchantability and utilization standards. The subsequent regeneration was unevenly distributed and varied in species composition resulting in the 1982 redelineation of the two stands referenced above. Stand 82701066 was certified stocked in 1982 and stand 82701001 was interplanted in 1984.

The pre-harvest stand probably originated from a small fire occurrence around 1860 which varied considerably in intensity in the immediate vicinity of the stand. This is indicated by the age class distribution, species composition, and the presence or absence of fire killed snags and large woody debris.

#### VI. Site Productivity Potential

#### A. Timber

The Flathead National Forest Plan includes the ABLA/VACA habitat type in productivity class 5 and habitat group 5 (Cool and Dry). Productivity for these clasifications is 50 to 84 cubic feet per acre per year under intensive timber management at CMAI. This is a general productivity rating and may vary for specific habitat types within this group (USDA Forest Service, 1985a). Pfister, et al, (1977) estimated that for this habitat type, yield capabilities could span from 45 to 65 cubic feet per acre per year based on inventory data primarily from forests east of the continental divide. Martinson and Basko (1983) assign a productivity rating of moderate, based on soils classification, with a mean annual increment of 50 to 70 cubic feet per acre per year. Based on landtype, and climatic factors, and considering the fact that this site has had considerable disturbance, the productivity of this stand is probably near mid-range of productivity for this habitat type, which is about 60 cubic feet per acre per year. The base 100 year site index for the

ABLA/VACA habitat type is 66 feet in R-1 tables or 73 feet in the PROGNOSIS model.

#### B. Watershed

Water quality for the upper Hand Cr. catchment as indicated by the water quality monitoring data (Page and Hill, 1987) can be generally characterized as good. Activities should be managed to minimize impacts on water quality.

The upper Hand Cr. catchment has been analyzed using the H2OY water yield model and estimated to be approximately 4% above natural yield (Appendix C). Current management direction allows up to 12% increase over natural yield.

These soils have a moderate to high infiltration capacity and the slopes are not excessively steep or long between minor benches. Considering these factors surface erosion should not be a problem. A system of temporary roads exists so no road construction is projected for this rotation further reducing the sediment production potential.

#### C. Grazing

This stand is not included in any current grazing allotments. Grazing occurs on the district but not in this area, at this time. This area is not scheduled for livestock grazing in the foreseeable future.

#### D. Wildlife and Fisheries

This stand is dominated by saplings of various species. Regeneration is sparse where slash was windrowed and burned following past harvest. These poorly-stocked strips increase within-stand diversity and help maintain forage productivity for wildlife. <u>Vaccinium caespitosum</u> and <u>Vaccinium scoparium</u> berries provide good forage for grouse and black bear.

This stand has high value in providing hiding cover, particularly in its eastern part. This portion of the stand lies along a gently sloping ridge heavily used by big game animals for travel and bedding.

Cavity-dependent species habitat will be a major focus in adjacent riparian areas and other management areas unsuitable for timber harvest. However, snags and replacement snags should also be managed within this stand, emphasising species other than <u>Pinus contorta</u>, to provide diversity of this habitat. Similarly, vertical diversity for avian species will be provided by other management areas.

Leaving large woody debris on the ground can improve habitat for small mammals (Appendix D).

Fisheries are not considered to be an issue with the subject stand. No live streams are present in the stand and sediment yield will be minimal

from any logging activity, therefore, fisheries will not be featured in this prescription.

#### E. Recreation

A small developed campground at Sylvia Lake lies two miles northwest of the stand on Rd. 538B. Other recreation in the area is limited to dispersed activities such as hunting and firewood cutting. Recreation will not be featured in this prescription.

#### F. Visual Resource

The visual quality objective of this area is modification. According to Pat Thomas, the Forest Landscape Architect, the subject stand is in a low level of sensitivity and is in a variety class where the vegetation and terrain is common to the Forest. The visual resource will not be featured in this prescription since nearly any treatment alternative would meet the visual quality objective.

# VII. Silvicultural Objectives

The main silvicultural objective is to maintain or improve the productivity of the site while obtaining the maximum volume production in the most cost efficient manner. Additional objectives include maintenance of species diversity, reduction of insect and disease problems, and improvement of the genetic resource. To meet these objectives, a target stand is defined below in terms of composition, structure, and density.

Composition: Silvical characteristics of Pinus contorta and Α. the other similar species in the stand largely dictate the constraints of viable management options. Pinus contorta will be the predominant species in the target stand, with other species featured in the portion of the stand where they occur. Pinus contorta appears to be the only species well suited for management in the ABLA/VACA habitat type (Pfister, et al, 1977). Other species occur mainly in the northeastern portion of the stand where the most common habitat type is ABLA/XETE-VASC. This habitat type is much better suited for management of these other species. Arceuthobium americanum and Endocronartium harknessii are significant disease problems in the adjacent stands and are increasing problems in the northeastern portion of this stand. Featuring other species in this portion of the stand will significantly reduce the rate of spread, and long term volume and value losses. At maturity, the resulting variation in species composition in the two portions of the stand will also provide different management opportunities. Desired species mix, for the entire stand, should be about 85 percent Pinus contorta and 15 percent Pseudotsuga menziesii, Larix occidentalis, and Pinus monticola, with a trace of Picea englemannii, Pinus ponderosa, and Abies lasiocarpa. This species mix will be nearly 100 percent

<u>Pinus contorta</u> in the majority of the stand and aproximately 70 percent <u>Pinus contorta</u> and 30 percent other species in the northeastern portion.

B. <u>Structure</u>: The stand should be even-aged in structure, both to match silvical characteristics of the of the preferred species with management activities and for cost effectiveness reasons. This structure also provides the greatest protection from damaging agents common to these species.

C. Density: Trees per acre and basal area should be managed to enhance stand vigor to preclude insect and disease damage and to maximize merchantable volume in a cost efficient manner. A mean stand density of 2700 trees per acre requires some form of stocking control to meet these silvicultural objectives due to the onset of restrictive competitive interaction. This stocking control will reallocate the growth potential of the site as well as provide an opportuntiy for the adjustment of species composition, the reduction of insect and disease problems, and the improvement of the genetic resource. Normal yield tables, stocking guides, and graphs provide a systematic way of evaluating stand conditions and comparing them to optimal stocking levels to meet management objectives. They help determine treatment needs, assess the benefits, and establish timing and/or intensity of treatments. Stocking guides are a valuable management tool for

diagnosing treatment needs and comparing alternatives and should be used in conjuntion with a growth and yield simulator such as PROGNOSIS.

Other resource considerations that affect stand density treatments include maintainance of suitable hiding and thermal cover for big game, and snags for cavity dependent species.

#### VIII. Alternative Treatments

#### A. Existing Stand Comparison to Target Stand

In general, the stand is similar to the target stand. However, with approximately 2700 stems per acre at age 15, the existing stand is overstocked. Species composition is similar to the target stand in both portions of the stand, although more selection favoring other species will be required in the northeastern portion of the stand. Structure is even-aged throughout the stand which corresponds to the target stand.

#### B. Alternative Treatments

Management actions considered to modify the existing stand to match the target stand involve stocking control activities, both precommercial (cleaning) and commercial thinning. Because the stand is similar to the target stand, a no action alternative was also considered. A number of other alternatives were considered but not fully developed and evaluated. The alternative treatments fully developed and evaluated for stand 82701066 are 1) defer treatment, 2) precommercial thinning (cleaning) only, 3) one precommercial thinning (cleaning) and one commercial thinning and 4) commercial thinning only. Several variations of each treatment alternative were developed, based on different intensities in both commercial and precommercial thinning (cleaning). Final harvest is projected to take place at culmination of mean annual increment (CMAI). Alternatives considered are listed below in Table 2.

Alt. No.	Precommercial Thin 1990	Commercial Thin 2020	Harvest CMAI
	(Density)	(BA/Ac)	(Year)
1.	2766	None	2070
2.	2766	125	2080
3.	2766	135	2090
4.	1210	None	2070
5. 6.	1210	125	2090
6.	1210	135	2090
7.	889	None	2070
8.	889	135	2090
9.	681	None	2090
10.	681	135	2100
11.	436	None	2100
12.	302	None	2110
7. 8. 9. 10. 11.	889 889 681 681 436	None 135 None 135 None	2070 2090 2090 2100 2100

Table 2. Intensity and Timing of Alternative Treatments

#### C. Discussion of Alternative Formulation

The twelve stocking control activities described above are thought to represent a reasonable range of alternatives to reduce the stocking density of the existing stand to the density of the target stand. Stocking guides and PROGNOSIS growth and yield simulator outputs wereused to develop, analyze, and compare the effects of the alternatives. While these tools may not be completely accurate, they still provide a relatively reliable and consistent means to compare the treatment alternatives.

I have attempted to improve the accuracy of the PROGNOSIS model, relative to this site, by adjusting the mortality prediction functions to reflect higher site productivity. The default calibrations were based on data by Pfister and others (1977) collected primarily on forests east of the continental divide. The mortality functions are modeled by three subroutines within PROGNOSIS and controlled by the basal area maximum (BAMAX) keyword. Basal area maximum is a concept that a particular type of site can only support a limited amount of biomass. BAMAX is important in the limiting of PROGNOSIS output to prevent growth projections from exceeding that which is a normal maximum for a particular type of site. The default BAMAX value for this habitat type is 180 square feet per acre based on Pfister's data (1977). Christophersen and Applegate (1987) developed a good system to use stand exam data for a given area to adjust BAMAX. This system identified a midrange BAMAX of 215 square feet per acre for this habitat group on the Lolo N.F. It should be noted that this particular habitat type is on the high end of this group in terms of productivity. The Region One Timber Management Group identified a BAMAX of 270 square feet per acre

for this habitat group in Western Montana. In the site specific establishment of a BAMAX for this prescription, I considered all of the values discussed above and made a series of PROGNOSIS runs at three different stand densities and four different BAMAX values. The results of these runs, summarized in the following data table and included in appendix F, indicate how a BAMAX value of 240 square feet per acre, as modeled by alternatives G, H, & I, bests represents the productivity estimate of this site. Refer to section VI Site Productivity Potential page 17 for detailed discussion.

Table 3. Alternative Treatments to Calibrate Basal Area Maximum Value

Alt.	1990 Stand	Productivity	BAMAX
Id.	Density T/A	CUFT/AC/YR	BA/AC
Α.	2766	48.8	180
в.	1210	50.5	180
с.	681	47.7	180
D.	2766	55.0	210
Е.	1210	60.4	210
F.	681	57.2	210
G.	2766	60.1	240
н.	1210	60.8	240
I.	681	60.3	240
J.	2766	63.4	270
К.	1210	63.3	270
L.	681	64.5	270

<u>Precommercial thinning</u>: The stand, with a density of 2700 trees per acre, is considerably above the densities delineated by the management zone graphically displayed in appendix G (USDA Forest Service Handbook

2409.13 R-1 Supp 6 M-3, 1985). This management zone is based on the principle described by Smith (1962) that there is a wide range of stocking over which production of cubic volume is nearly constant for any given age. The zone is further defined by the goal of maximum per acre board foot volume production over a 100 year index period. The upper and lower limits of the zone represent the range of stocking to attain 90% of the maximum possible production. This range of stocking represents the optimum allocation of the growth potential of the site to meet management objectives. Precommercial thinning (cleaning) was considered as a treatment to reduce stocking. Five different densities (1210 T/A, 889 T/A, 681 T/A, 436 T/A, 302 T/A) were modelled as well as a no action alternative. These alternatives are graphically compared to the R-1 management zone in appendix E. It should be noted, however, that the alternatives modelled are an imperfect representation of the actual implementation of the precommercial thinning entry. The proposed treatment is a modified free thinning rather than a mechanical thinning modeled by spacing. Additionally, species not adequately represented in the stand exam data will be featured in part of the stand. In a free thinning (cleaning) treatment the thinner should select the best tree of any desireable species at a given location. The treated stand should result in the prescribed residual stand density with stocking well distributed. The "spacing" may vary up to 50% to select the best trees and still attain the target stand density. Phenotypically superior leave trees will be selected based on juvenile growth and form characteristics such as bole straightness, branch angle, tendency to

self prune lower live limbs, and insect and disease resistance. Only one timing choice was considered, with precommercial thinning (cleaning) to be done around 1990. This time was selected based on the current reduction in damage from <u>Pissodes terminalis</u>. This reduction probably results from natural population cycles as well as the ability of <u>Pinus</u> <u>contorta</u> to "outgrow" susceptibility to new attacks (Gibson, 1987, 1989). This timing of thinning should also correspond to a time when clear establishment of dominance and natural pruning of lower live limbs will have occurred Another factor considered was that stands of this density exhibit a significant reduction in growth after age 20 (Schmidt, 1987). Therefore waiting much past 1994 may reduce stand vigor and benefits from the thinning may be reduced.

Commercial thinning: The timing of commercial thinning is selected based on the stocking level curves in appendix G (USDA Forest Service Handbook 2409.13 Supp. 6 M-3, 1985). These curves are a function of basal area, trees per acre, and quadratic mean diameter. Stands are considered for a commercial thinning when their stocking densities meet or exceed the densities delineated by the upper level of the management zone on the stocking guide in appendix G. Commercial thinnings reduce stocking densities toward the lower level of the management zone represented on these charts. This density best allocates the growth potential of the site to meet management objectives. The summary statistics from the stand growth prognosis model (Wykoff, et al, 1982) were used to quantify and compare the growth patterns of the

alternatives and to determine when thinning should occur. Only one timing choice was considered, with commercial thinning to be done around 2020. This was selected as the time when no significant reduction in growth had occurred and minimum post and pole merchantability specifications had been attained. The timing and intensity of commercial thinning relative to these stocking charts are displayed in appendix E. Alternatives which were thinned to densities of 436 T/A and 302 T/A were not considered for a commercial thin because they did not fully occupy the site.

Normally, the only type of thinning to be considered in this type of a stand would be thinning from below due to the silvical characteristics of the prefered species. With this stand, however, some thinning from above will also occur because of the selection of <u>Pseudotsuga menziesii</u> and <u>Pinus monticola</u>, which occupy an intermediate position in the canopy. This should have no negative effect on volume production by the end of the rotation.

<u>Final harvest</u>: For modeling and analysis purposes culmination of mean annual increment (CMAI) was used to determine when the regeneration harvest would occur. This is consistent with current management direction (USDA Forest Service Handbook 2409.13-32.1, 1985). The type of harvest system used should be selected to match stand conditions at CMAI. After intermediate treatments adjusting species composition and stand density the two portions of this stand should be quite different.

As a result of these treatments the northeast portion of the stand should be well suited for a seed tree system while the optimal system for the major portion of the stand should be a clearcut. Either of these methods can provide adequate natural regeneration.

Site preparation and reforestation: Debris management and adequate site preparation can be achieved through broadcast burning or mechanical piling, trampling and scarification. The compaction susceptibility of soils in this landtype would commonly indicate broadcast burning as the preferred treatment. At this time, however, prescribed burning is considerably more expensive than mechanical site preparation. Also the backlog of units due to air quality considerations has limited the use of prescribed burning to only those units with site conditions excluding mechanical options. Impacts to the soil resource can be minimized, however, through careful timing and administration of activities. Therefore, mechanical site preparation is assumed in all alternatives. Natural regeneration is the desired method of reforestation because of lower cost, potentially greater genetic diversity, and better stock/site match than artificial regeneration. Seed trees will be retained in the portion of the stand managed for species other than Pinus contorta. The seed source for the major portion of the stand will be serotinous cones left on site during harvest activities.

#### IX. Analysis of Alternatives

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The twelve stocking control activities described in Table 2 are felt to represent a reasonable range of alternatives to reduce the stocking density of the existing stand to the density of the target stand. Stocking guides and PROGNOSIS growth and yield simulator outputs were used to analyze and compare the effects of the alternatives. The effects in terms of timing and timber volume output are summarized in the following data table and graphically displayed in appendix E.

Alt.	1990 Stand	2020 Stand	YEAR	CMAI	CMAI	CMAI
No.	Density T/A	Thin BA/AC	CMAI	QMD	BA/A	MBF/A
1.	2766	NONE	2070	9.2	201	23.5
2.	2766	125	2080	12.7	194	28.1
3.	2766	135	2090	13.1	200	30.7
4.	1210	NONE	2070	10.5	200	24.4
5.	1210	125	2090	13.7	199	31.3
6.	1210	135	2090	13.1	200	30.7
7.	889	NONE	2070	10.9	202	25.2
8.	889	135	2090	13.4	198	30.9
9.	681	NONE	2090	13.0	199	30.4
10.	681	135	2100	14.2	199	33.2
11.	436	NONE	2100	14.9	195	33.5
12.	302	NONE	2110	16.5	179	33.8

Table 4.	Growth	and	Yield	Comparison	of	Treatment	Alternatives

As previously discussed under Alternative Formulation, the range of stocking delineated by the management zone in appendix G represents the best allocation of the growth potential of the site to meet silvicultural objectives. Treatment alternatives that resulted in growth patterns outside this management zone for a significant portion of the rotation were therefore dropped from further consideration and analysis. More specifically, alternatives 11 and 12 are understocked during the entire rotation and clearly fall into this category. Alternative 1 is overstocked until about 2030 when the growth curve flattens out yielding small stems and low volume. Alternative 2 is also overstocked until 2020 when the basal area is reduced to 125 square feet per acre resulting in understocking. Similarly, alternative 5 is reduced to understocking from the optimal stocking range when the basal area is reduced to 125 square feet per acre. Alternatives 8 and 10 were also dropped because the volume and number of pieces available for a commercial thin would not make the alternative economically viable.

#### A. Productivity Enhancement

The remaining five alternatives 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9 all reach CMAI within 10% of maximum timber production and within twenty years of each other. If timber volume production was the only consideration any of these alternatives would be acceptable including alternatives 4 and 7 which are slightly deficient but still in the viable range.

#### B. Cost Efficiency Analysis

Cost efficiency is a primary concern, but not the only concern, in choosing the preferred treatment alternative. Present net value is used as the primary measure of cost efficiency (USDA 36 Code of Federal Regulations, 1982b, part 219.3). Present net value (PNV) for each

treatment was calculated using the ECON model (Cawrse, 1984), which is available on Flathead National Forest. The PNV as well as the cost benefit ratio for each alternative are included in the following data table. Modeling assumptions and additional values for each treatment are displayed in Appendix H.

Table 5. PNV & Cost Benefit Ratio Comparison of Treatment Alternatives

Alt.	Present	Cost:	YEAR	CMAI	CMAI	CMAI
<u>No.</u>	<u>Net Value</u>	Benefit	CMAI	QMD	BA/A	<u>MBF/A</u>
3.	2444	2.640	2090	13.1	200	30.7
4.	1158	1.318	2070	10.5	200	24.4
6.	273	1.078	2090	13.1	200	30.7
7.	1353	1.369	2070	10.9	202	25.2
9.	-297	.909	2090	13.0	199	30.4

When comparing the economics of the remaining five alternatives, a similar pattern to the growth and yield comparison develops. If economics was the only consideration any of these alternatives except 9 would be acceptable. Alternative 6 has a low PNV because of its longer rotation length but not enough to preclude its implementation. Alternative 3 has the highest PNV because no precommercial thinning investment had to be made and caried over the rotation. This alternative, however, is highly dependent on a market for post and pole material around 2020. This is a difficult prediction to make due to the variability of supply and demand for these products. Alternatives 4 and 7 have practically the same PNV considering the variability of the sample and the models. These two alternatives are the most reliable and economically viable.

#### C. Preferred Alternative and Rationale

In reviewing our silvicultural objectives our main objective is to maintain or improve the productivity of the site while obtaining the maximum volume production in the most cost efficient manner. Additional objectives include maintenance of species diversity, reduction of insect and disease problems, and improvement of the genetic resource. While any of the remaining five alternatives would meet the main objective the additional objectives would not be equally met by all alternatives.

I feel implementation of alternative 6 best meets all of the silvicultural objectives for the following reasons: 1. A 1990 stand density of 1210 trees per acre allows for full occupation of the site and provides future managers some treatment alternatives to respond to future conditions. The stand could be reduced to 135 square feet of basal area per acre as prescribed or carried "as is" through the rotation. This opportunity is enhanced by the "operability" of the ground. Either of these options result in 90% or more of the maximum volume production at CMAI and a positive PNV.

2. The two stand density adjustment treatments in alternative 6 provide a much greater opportunity for integrated pest management.

These treatments will foster greater species diversity and improvement of the genetic resource while reducing insect and disease problems.

#### X. The Prescribed Treatment

The selected treatment alternative consists of a precommercial thin in 1990, a commercial thin from below to 135 square feet of basal area per acre in 2020, and a final harvest at CMAI in 2090.

#### Precommercial Thin (1990)

The stand should have a precommercial thinning (mechanical/free cleaning) entry implemented at this time. This timing should provide for clear establishment of dominance, natural pruning of lower live limbs, and sufficient height to "outgrow" susceptibility to <u>Pissodes</u> <u>terminalis</u> (Gibson, 1987, 1989). In this entry <u>Pinus contorta</u> will be featured in most of the stand while other species will be featured in the portion of the stand where they occur. This will maximize species diversity and enhance the opportunity for a seed tree harvest at rotation age. Other factors considered in this timing and species selection were previously discussed in the alternative formulation section on page 25. In a free thinning (cleaning) treatment the thinner should select the best tree of any desireable species at a given location. The treated stand should result in a residual stand density of 1210 trees per acre with stocking well distributed.

The "spacing" may vary up to 50% to select the best trees and still attain this stand density. Spacing should be aproximately 6' x 6' adjusted for openings to achieve the desired density. This stocking level will allow for the intermediate harvest and mortality without dropping out of the management zone. All trees must be cut below the lowest live limb or have live limbs removed from the stump which may not exceed 8 inches in height. To reduce the fire hazard, directional fall cut trees and slash limbs and tops to a depth of 3 feet or less. A leave strip, one chain wide, will be maintained along road number 538B. This will reduce sight distance into the stand and provide hiding cover for wildlife as well as reduce the fire hazard. Phenotypically superior leave trees will be selected based on juvenile growth and form characteristics such as bole straightness, branch angle, and tendency to self prune lower live limbs. Similarly, insect and disease resistance will be selected utilizing the following preference specifications:

1. Trees that exhibit no signs of disease or insect damage.

2. Trees that exhibit only signs of insect damage.

3. Trees that exhibit disease symptoms limited to the branches.

4. Trees that exhibit disease symptoms in the bole.

5. Trees that exhibit signs of both disease and insect damage.

Commercial Thin (2020)

1. Sale Preparation (2019)

a). Unit boundaries should follow current stand boundaries.

b). Logging systems will be laid out using previous entry roads, landings, and windrows (Appendix A).

c). The stand should be leave tree marked for a thinning from below, except as necessary for species diversity, resulting in a residual stand of approximately 135 square feet of basal area per acre, evenly distributed. Selection will feature species other than <u>Pinus contorta</u> where they occur and is particularly important along the seed walls. Selection of all species will be based on the following growth and form characeristics;

- 1.) Bole straightness
- 2.) Branch angle
- 3.) Crown size and form
- 4.) Cone production ability
- 5.) Insect and disease resistance

A few extra trees should be marked along travel corridors to allow for removal of trees damaged during harvest operations.

### 2. Sale Administration (2020)

The relatively gentle topography and the extensive road and windrow network in the stand as well as the small material being harvested provide a variety of harvest system options. This stand could be thinned using a semi-mechanized, continuous loop/capstan cable, or a conventional manual-mechanical harvest system. Regardless of the system used, trees should be directionally felled with a lead angle of 45 degrees off the direction of yarding. Equipment operation should be

limited to designated corridors (Appendix A) using some form of cable yarding or manual removal within timbered strips. Bumper trees may be used to minimize damage to leave trees during yarding and should be removed.

### 3. Slash Treatment

Removal of material down to a 3" top diameter or less and lopping and scattering of debris concentrations should result in minimal fire hazard and rapid decomposition.

#### Regeneration Harvest (2090)

1. Sale Preparation (2088)

a.) Unit boundaries should be established at this time to conform to variations in species composition. The stand should be roughly divided by one of the temporary roads from the original harvest. These two units hereafter will be referred to as Unit A and Unit B (refer to appendix A for detailed map).

b.) Logging systems will be laid out using previous entry roads, landings, and windrows (Appendix A). Harvest systems will be the same as for the commercial thin with the exception of the continuous loop/capstain cable sysem no longer being applicable due to the larger material.

c.) Unit A should be well suited for a seed tree regeneration system. The seed trees should be marked leaving 3-6 per acre featuring the best individuals from the following species preference;

- 1.) Pseudotsuga menziesii
- 2.) Larix occidentalis
- 3.) Pinus monticola

d.) To meet Flathead Forest Plan snag retention and replacement guidelines all of the seed trees will remain on the unit. They will be kept live for third rotation seed trees unless a significant snag shortage requires girdling. Typically seed trees in this area have not had many problems with windthrow but a density of 3-6 per acre will allow for some problems over time and still meet management needs.
e.) In Unit B clearcutting will be the optimal regeneration harvest system.

2. Sale Administration (2090)

As with the commercial thin, a variety of logging systems could be used. However, conventional manual-mechanical or full to semi-mechanized systems are the most common in these types of stands. Both of these systems utilize machinery over much of the site during harvest. The soils on these land types are operable for equipment only during dry conditions. These conditions typically occur for only a short time each summer. For this reason a much more workable option in this area has been winter logging. Both of these systems are well adapted for winter operation. If a summer operation is conducted equipment should be restricted to designated corridors (Appendix A) using some form of cable yarding in between. If whole tree yarding is used sufficient tops to leave at least 3.7 serotinous cones per square

meter should be left on the site (Lotan 1975). This is particularly important for Unit B. In Unit A care should be taken to minimize damage to seed trees.

### 3. Debris Management (2091)

Activity fuels and debris loading resulting from this type of management will likely be in the 5-15 tons per acre range and vary considerably in size. This volume and size distribution should not constitute an unacceptable fire hazard and will produce a mosaic of microsites for regeneration. Additionally, this debris enhances long term site productivity through moisture retention, ectomycorrhizal activity, nitrogen fixation and erosion prevention. Debris adjacent to Rd. 538B should be piled and burned to minimize the fire hazard. This could be accomplished even during wet periods using an excavator-piler from the road surface.

## 4. Site Preparation (2091)

Site preparation and scarification should occur when soils are sufficiently dry to minimize compaction. Scarification should result in 30-45% bare mineral soil. A number of tools exist to accomplish this objective. Chain-drag and Leno type scarifiers are generally the most cost effective for these conditions. Concurrent with site preparation activities some rehabilitation of old windrows should also occur. Dependent on the degree of soil compaction these areas should be ripped with a decompactor where possible.

#### 5. Reforestation (2096)

Desired stocking level after the fifth growing season should be 550 trees per acre with a minimum of 250 seedlings per acre well distributed throughout the stand (USDA Forest Service, 1985b, pg I-12). Monitor for natural regeneration by use of stocking surveys in the first, third, and fifth growing seasons. If natural regeneration is not successful or reasonably projected to meet minimum stocking levels after the fifth growing season, interplanting the stand should be programmed. If interplanting is required, plant for species diversity in Unit A and <u>Pinus contorta</u> in Unit B as needed. Stock should be 2-0 DF, 1-0 WL, 2-0 WP, or 2-0 LP depending on natural species composition. All stock should be spring planted with a hoedag. Spacing will vary with the natural stocking but should result in 550 trees per acre.

#### Monitoring and Treatment Evaluation Plan

The following monitoring and evaluation proceedures will ensure the prescription is effected in a manner consistent with management objectives.

#### 1. Sale Preparation

Unit layout, marking guidelines and contract clauses should be agreed upon by both the silviculturist and pre-sale forester. Contact should also be made with key ID Team members to ensure NEPA compliance on mitigation measures and special treatment areas. Crews should be

trained and/or inspected as needed to insure consistency with unit layout and marking guidelines.

#### 2. Timber Harvest and Debris Management

Silviculturist and sale administrator should discuss contract clauses during sale preparation. They should also visit operations to ensure contract compliance and identify prescribed management objectives to be met through timber sale activities.

# 3. Stand Examinations

Stand examinations should begin with first, third, and fifth year stocking surveys and then be done at ten year intervals to monitor growth, mortality, species composition, and stand density, as well as insect and disease conditions in the stand. Estimated timing and need for intermediate treatments should be verified with stand examination data and field reconnaissance.

#### XI. Effects of the Treatment

#### A. Growth and Yield

The preferred alternative comes close to maximizing net merchantable volume production when compared with management zone projections and exceeds that of other alternatives. Stand vigor should be enhanced with each treatment as both precommercial thinning and commercial thinning from below will reallocate the growth potential of the site and increase the amount of water and nutrients available for the residual stand.

#### B. Genetic Consequences

In this type of treatment the potential for genetic gain varies considerably from one characteristic to another since genetic gain is a function of both selection differential and heritability. For some characteristics heritability is clearly defined, while for others little or no research has been completed. In the following section I have tried to address these characteristics in <u>Pinus contorta</u> specifically as well as other aspects of the treatment with genetic implications for other species.

The genetics of growth charateristics is complex and usually has a strong nonadditive and environmental component in addition to the additive component (Zobel & Talbert, 1984). However, relatively intense selection pressure for good juvenile growth will probably result in some genetic gain. The potential for this gain is enhanced with an intermediate entry harvest by further increasing the selection differential and selecting non-juvenile growth characteristics.

Form characteristics, such as bole straightness and branch angle, are strongly inherited (Wright, 1976). Because of the strength of this inheritance and the intensity of the selection differential the genetic gain from this treatment should be moderate. These characteristics have

commercial significance due to their ability to increase wood quality, volume, and value.

The selection for species other than <u>Pinus contorta</u> will maintain the maximum possible species diversity. This will also provide an opportunity for the environment (frost/warm temperatures) to continue its intense selection for individuals well suited to these climatic conditions. These individuals will be evaluated at rotation age to determine their suitability for seed trees which would realize the genetic gain from this natural selection and increase the species diversity of future stands.

The concept of integrated pest management is simple, but most difficult to achieve in silviculture. This integrated approach is becoming routine with other organisms but has been too infrequently used in forestry (Waters & Cowling, 1976). One aspect of integrated pest management is the selection and breeding of disease and insect resistant stock. This has proven to be a difficult task and many species have yet to be adequately researched including the major pest species problems in this stand. In the absense of specific data, I will address the general characteristics of insect and disease resistance and discuss the potential genetic gain from mass selections such as the prescribed treatments. Most of this discussion of genetic gain will be implied from comparable host/pest relationships as well as general characteristics.

Breeding for resistance to diseases is the most difficult aspect of breeding forest trees (Heimberger, 1962). Genetically, most disease resistance in forest trees is complex, and is not determined by a simple Mendelian dominant-recessive system. Cronartium ribicola is an example in which tolerance may be inherited through a complex quantitative system (Blake, 1987). However, experience has shown that, especially for rust and canker diseases, breeding for resistance by selecting within wild populations has been generally successful (Zobel & Talbert, 1984). And although it has not been experimentally demonstrated, there are indications that strong genetic gains in mistletoe resistance can also be made through this type of selection and breeding (Roth, 1978). It can be assumed that since the stand is heavily infested with Endocronartium harknessii and the selection pressure will be fairly intense that some genetic gain will be realized. The situation with Arceuthobium americanum is somewhat different since the disease is localized in the stand and primarily effects the younger trees. The selection pressure will probably be greater during an intermediate harvest entry.

Although damage to forest trees by insects is sometimes catastrophic, much less progress has been made in developing insect-resistant strains of forest trees than has been achieved for diseases. There are many reasons for this, among which are the mobility of the insect, the lack of ability to predict where and when an attack will occur, lack of knowledge of insect genetics, and a limited understanding of what causes

resistance (Connola & Belskafuer, 1976). Resistance on an individual tree basis is perhaps the most important in control of insect damage, although only limited studies have been done on this aspect of resistance to insects. Work has been published on resistance to <u>Pissodes strobi</u> (Gerhold, 1962: Garrett, 1970), but the results have been variable and inconclusive. Some usable resistance has been isolated however, and due to the similarities of both the host and pest species some resistance to <u>Pissodes terminalis</u> can be implied. Given the intensity of selection both for lack of infestation and good recovery form characteristics, some genetic gain can be expected for both susceptibility and vulnerability resistance.

Since genetic gain is a function of both the heritability of different characteristics and the selection differential of the treatments with respect to those characteristics, it is difficult to make general statements about the stand as a whole. In this treatment, however, the number of crop trees will be reduced from 2700 T/A to 1210 T/A then further reduced through an intermediate harvest and natural mortality to 213 T/A. With this selection intensity, including the intermediate entry, there is some potential for genetic gain even when it is distributed over several characteristics. In the long term this gain will be realized in future stands of genetically improved trees. Gain may also be realized by planting genetically improved stock if interplanting is required.

### B. Insects and Disease

The timing and selection criteria for these intermediate treatments will reduce the incidence of most of the insect and disease problems in the stand. With soil compaction minimized through proper logging methods and nutrient cycling increased through decomposition of debris from thinnings the stand should not be predisposed to insect and disease attacks. The probability of any serious outbreaks of insects or diseases including <u>Dendroctonus ponderosae</u> should be precluded by proper timing of final harvest.

#### C. <u>Soils</u>

Impacts on the soil resource will be minimal provided management guidelines and mitigation measures are followed. This will be particularly true if final harvest is conducted in the winter. Additionally, long term site productivity will be enhanced by the volume of organic debris left from the treatments as well as the decompaction of old windrows and skid trails.

#### D. Slope Hydrology

No increase in water yield is anticipated from the intermediate treatments because the site is fully occupied following the each entry. The shrub forb community will also contribute somewhat to this stability. Minimal water yield increase is expected from the regeneration harvest which should be coordinated both in time and space with other harvest activity in the catchment. Effective hydrologic

recovery is projected for this type of stand in 10 to 20 years following harvest.

#### E. Wildlife

The within-stand habitat diversity will be maintained quite well for a maturing stand because of the old windrows and skid trails. As the stand matures into summer thermal cover these areas will become increasingly valuable forage. The treatments will also increase the value of the ridge as a travel corridor. Managing for replacement snags will ensure adequate habitat for cavity dependent species. Screening cover will be provided by the green strip" left along the road during the precommercial thinning.

# F. Recreation

The recreation resource should not be affected by the prescribed treatments.

#### G. Visual Quality

The visual quality objective of modification will be met.

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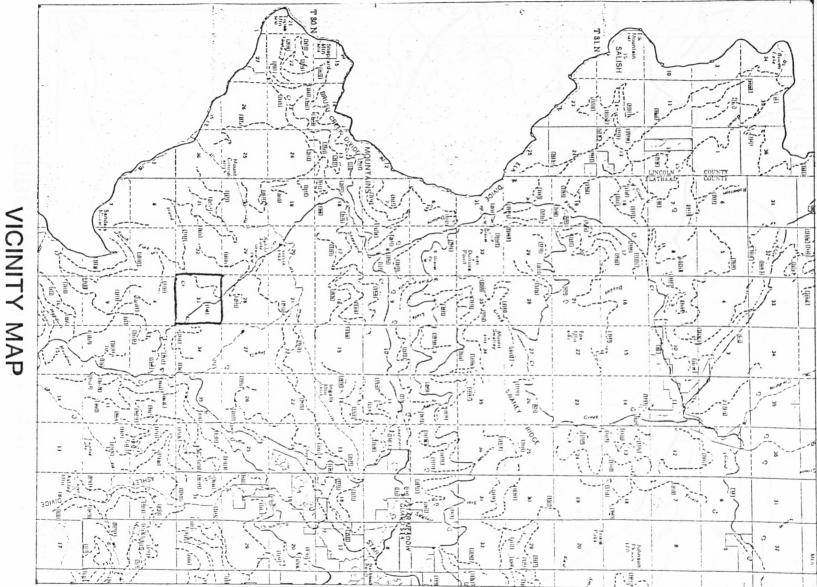
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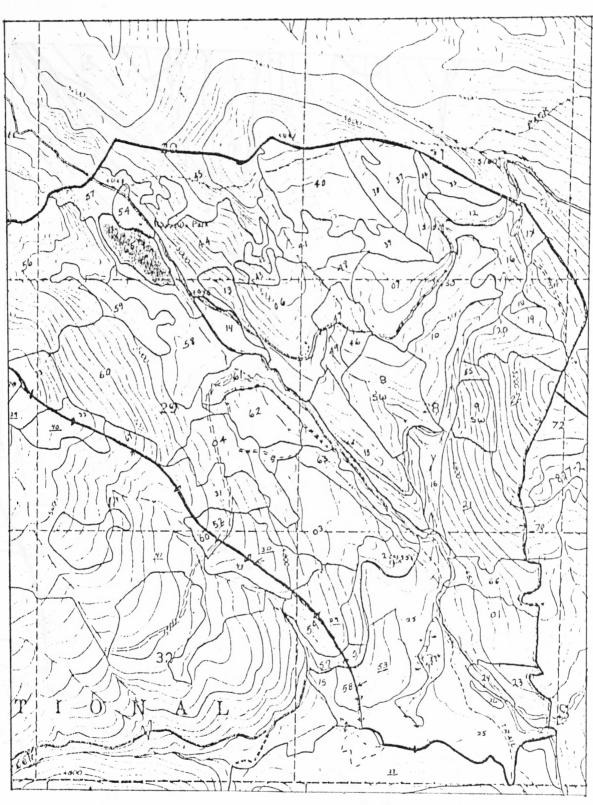
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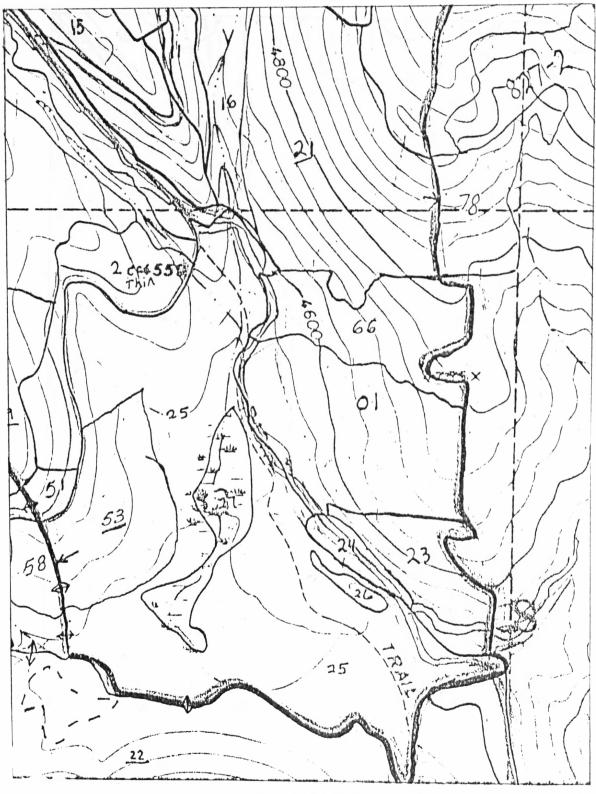
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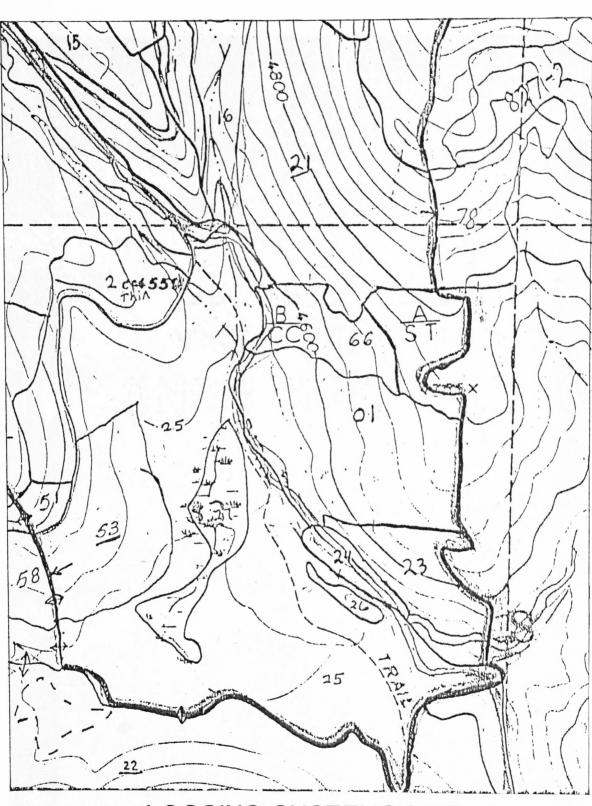


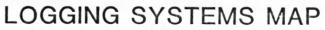


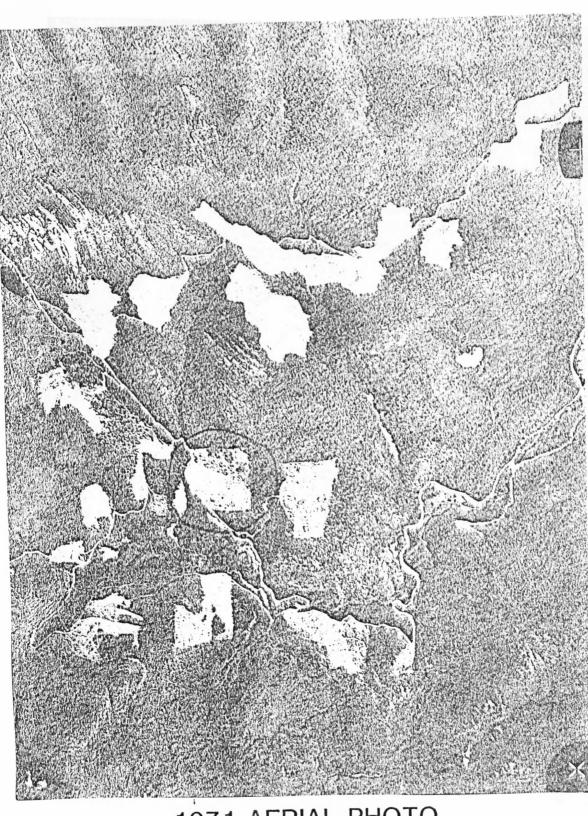




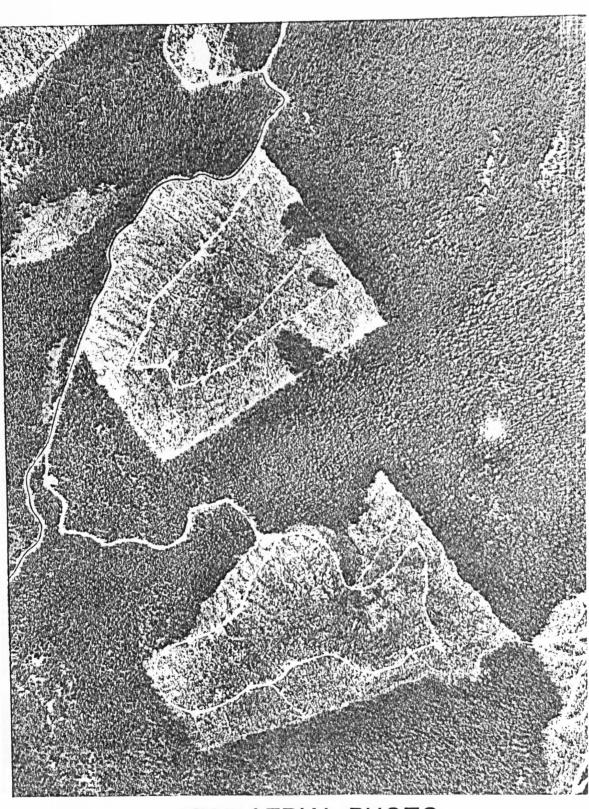
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APPENDIX C

HAND CREEK GEOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY REPORT

#### HAND CREEK GEOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY REPORT

#### LOCATION

Hand Creek lies in the Salish Mountains of northwestern Montana. It is in the headwaters of the western side of the Flathead drainage. Water from Hand Creek flows into Griffin Creek and on to Logan Creek, the Stillwater River, and the Flathead River.

#### GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE

The Salish Mountains were formed about 60 million years ago during the Laramide Orogeny--the mountain building episode when the Rocky Mountains were formed. Bedrock was gently uplifted and folded into an arch with many faults crossing the mountains. One fault crosses the Hand Creek watershed in a northwest-southeast direction a little east of the center of the watershed. Several small faults cross the watershed.

#### ROCK TYPES

The Hand Creek watershed is underlain by Precambrian argillite and quartzite. West of the main fault bedrock is comprised of siliceous argillite of the Burke and Prichard formations; east of the fault it is argillite of the Spokane and Empire formations. West of the fault bedrock dips gently westward and east of the fault it dips gently eastward.

Glacial material overlies bedrock for most of the watershed except the highest parts. Ground moraine was deposited by the lobe of ice that moved south from Canada over the Kalispell area and on to the south. The ice left deposits of 5 to 20 feet on the valley floor but almost no deposits on the high ridges. Lacustrine (lake) deposits veneer the ground moraine in places. These deposits were formed when the ice lobe from Canada cammed small streams, including Hand Creek, in the Salish Mountains. Lacustrine deposits are very fine-grained (silt and clay).

Recent alluvium has been deposited from present-day streams along and in stream channels.

## GEOLOGIC HISTORY

The geologic history of this area includes several chapters. The sediments that became the present bedrock of northwestern Montana were deposited in a shallow ocean about 600 million years ago. These were compacted into shale, limestone, and sandstone.

The geologic record has a gap from about 600 million years ago to about 70 million years ago. Probably the land surface during this time was about at sea level or slightly higher and either very little sediment was deposited or what sediment was deposited was later eroded.

About 70 million years ago bedrock was uplifted during the Laramide Orogeny. Most of the mountain building occurred during the beginning of the orogeny. Crustal unrest of that mountain building episode is not completely stopped, though, as is expressed by present-day earthquakes in the Flathead Valley. Pressures associated with the mountain building caused the rocks to become denser than when they were first formed. The rocks are classified as metasedimentary because they are denser than sedimentary but not as dense or with the mineralogic changes expected in metamorphic rocks.

About 10,000 years ago a lobe of ice from one of the main glaciations in North America moved south from Canada over Eureka, over Kalispell and on south to about Polson. Ice in the study area was probably 1000-1500 feet thick. Both glacial scouring and glacial deposition occurred in the study area. Scouring was dominant on the high ridges and deposition was dominant in the low areas. As the ice fluctuated in thickness and lateral extent due to changes climate, glacial scouring and deposition occurred when the ice advanced and erosion from meltwater occurred when the weather was warm enough for the ice to melt. During times when the area was subjected to erosion by running water fine material--sand, silt, and clay--in the previously deposited ground moraine was eroded leaving numerous boulders (up to about 1 foot in diameter) on the bedrock pavement. At times when the ice advanced lakes were formed where the ice dammed tributary valleys. This happened in valleys like Hand Creek. Very fine-grained sediment was deposited in these glacial lakes (lacustrine deposits).

#### STABILITY OF ROCKS TO MASS WASTING AND EROSION

Bedrock is resistant to erosion because it is slightly metamorphosed and because some of the formations contain silica particles that,

during the process of metamorphism, acted to produce a particularly dense, erosion-resistant rock mass. The glacial deposits are easily eroded except for boulders that may be in the ground moraine. When subjected to stream or overland flow erosion such boulders are commonly left where they were deposited in the ground moraine because the water or overland flow does not have enough power to move them. The lacustrine deposits are very easily eroded--particularly wherever the vegetative cover of grasses, forbes and shrubs is broken.

Bedrock in this study area is stable to mass wasting because it is dense, is generally gently dipping, has relatively gentle topographic slopes, has had loose masses of rock removed by glaciation, and is relatively resistant to chemical weathering. The other rock materials are prone to mass wasting if they lie in steep slopes or have been undercut by stream erosion or man's activities.

#### PRECIPITATION AND RUNOFF

Average annual precipitation of the watershed ranges from about 27 inches at the mouth of Hand Creek to about 31 inches at the high parts of the watershed. Corresponding average annual runoff is 8.2 and 10.8 inches. About 50 percent of the average annual precipitation falls as snow. Snow usually melts relatively early for northwestern Montana because the elevations are low and snowfall is moderate in amounts. In the study area snow begins to melt in March and is mostly melted by late April or early May.

Temperatures are moderate throughout the year. Some of the lowest parts of the watershed have frost pockets and these can be large areas.

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Flathead N.F. Hydrologist/Geologist



GEOLOGY MAP

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## APPENDIX D

HAND CREEK WILDLIFE REPORT

#### WILDLIFE REPORT

### BIG GAME

The Hand Creek drainage lies between the Ingalls Mountain and Mt. Conner ridge systems. Elk migrate through the area in the spring and fall periods as they move from winter ranges to the west. The area is used by elk, moose, black bear, muledeer, and whitetail deer during the summer period.

Timber harvest in the area has increased habitat diversity, but habitat effectiveness for some big game species has not increased as it could have due to creation of large openings with long distances to cover. If the distance to cover exceeds 500' in a roaded environment, forage will not be fully utilized by elk. For whitetail, the optimum distance to cover is 130' or less. Muledeer and moose are more tolerant of large openings. This effect generally lasts 15-20 years, until cutover areas have reached the point where they provide hiding cover.

Hiding and thermal cover are adequate throughout most of the area. Road 538 is a popular loop road connecting the Sheppard and Griffin Creek drainages and receives a high degree of use by hunters during the fall. Road closures in Hand Creek, Ingalls Mtn., and Mt. Conner help to increase habitat security.

A marsh/beaver pond complex near the mouth of Hand Creek provides good habitat for moose and adds to the diversity of the area. The upper Sheppard Creek area, to the north of Hand Creek, has high moose densities during May and June.

SMALL GAME/NON-GAME

The area is inhabited by three species of grouse; blue, spruce, and ruffed grouse. Blue grouse use open grassy areas along the ridges, ruffed grouse use moist habitats, and spruce grouse are often found in lodgepole stands.

Numerous woodpecker species are found in the area. Three-toed woodpeckers are frequently observed in stands of dying lodgepole, where they find an abundant food source. Three-toed woodpeckers nest most frequently in clumps of snags which exceed 10" DBH. Flickers nest in single snags left in cutover areas, while pileated woodpeckers prefer snags exceeding 20" DBH which are surrounded by a timber canopy. Other cavity-nesting birds, such as chickadees and nuthatches, are also '' common in the area. The Flathead Forest Plan specifies that snags and snag replacement trees are to be left in cutting units. The minimum standard is to retain the following number of snags per 100 acres:

5 snags>20" DBH
55 snags>12"
30 snags >10"

This level of snag retention has not been achieved in past cutting units within the area. It is desirable to compensate for this lack of snags by leaving a greater number in stands to be cut in the future.

Several birds of prey are also found in the area. Red-tailed hawks and sawhet owls are common, while goshawks, great grey owls, and boreal owls are uncommon.

Great grey owls often nest in large, broken-topped larch snags surrounded by lodgepole stands and feed in open meadows. A pair of great grey's has been sighted in the Sylvia Lake area during the past several years. Boreal owls nest in Spruce/fir stands above 5000', and have been heard from monitoring stops along road 538B. Boreal owls are listed as a sensitive species on the Flathead Forest. No other sensitive or threatened/endangered species are known to occur in the area.

Furbearers are not common in the area, although a few beaver, ermine, and marten do occur.

## STAND 82701066

This stand is dominated by sapling-sized lodgepole pine, with minor amounts of Douglas-fir, western larch, white pine, spruce, and sub-alpine fir. Regeneration is sparse where slash was windrowed and burned following past harvest. These poorly-stocked strips increase within-stand diversity and help maintain forage productivity for wildlife. Vaccinium caespitosum and vaccinium scoparium berries provide good forage for grouse and black bear.

This stand also has high value in providing cover, particulary in the eastern part of the unit. This portion of the unit occurs along a gently sloping ridge-- a topographic type which is heavily used by big game animals for travel and bedding.

If this stand is not precommercially thinned, it may become so dense that its use by wildlife will decrease in the future. If it is precommercially thinned, several wildlife objectives should be considered. It is desirable to keep slash depths to less than 1 1/2 feet, particularly along the ridge. Varying the spacing of leave trees a little helps to maintain better hiding and thermal cover for big game. Dense leave patches may be used to avoid being seen or to reduce exposure on hot sunny days, while more open portions of the stand may be selected on days when winds help to keep insects away. Retention of other species besides lodgepole will help to increase habitat diversity. Retention of larch, Douglas-fir, and sub-alpine fir is important for improving cavity habitat in the future.

During commercial thinning, it is important to leave some larch, Douglas-fir, and sub-alpine fir with defect to provide habitat for

cavity nesters. Leaving portions of logs on the ground would also help to improve habitat for small mammals.

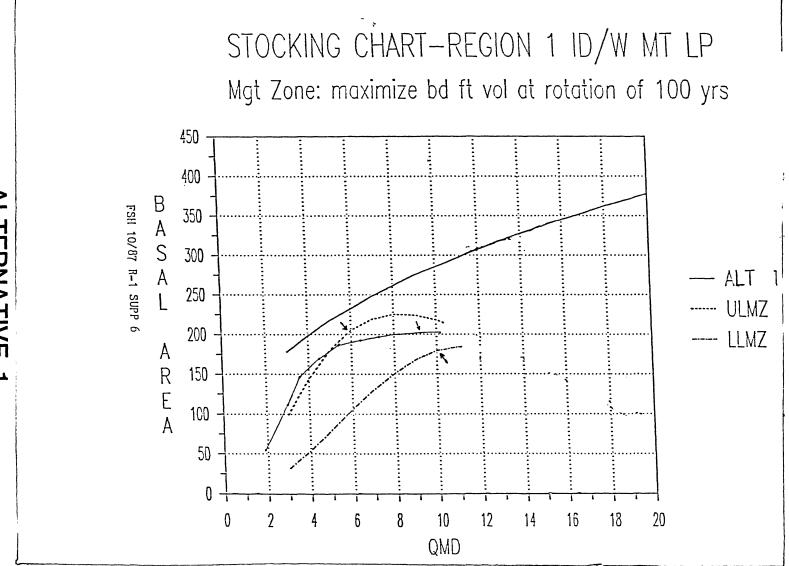
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Tally Lake District Biologist

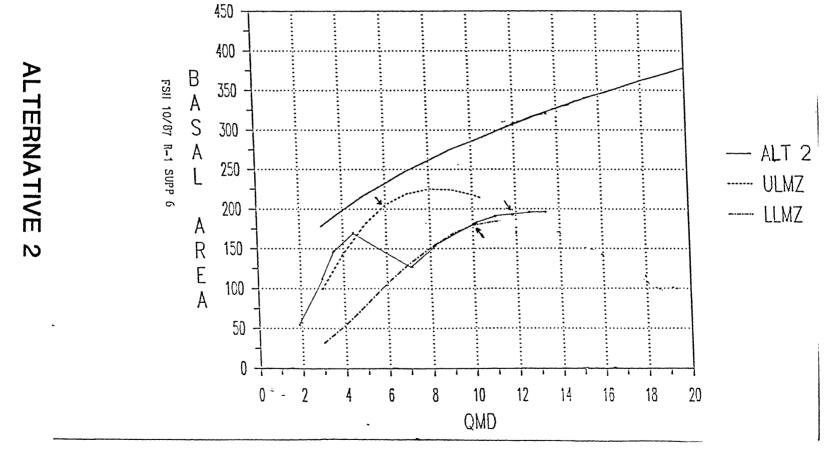
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## PROGNOSIS MODEL OUTPUTS

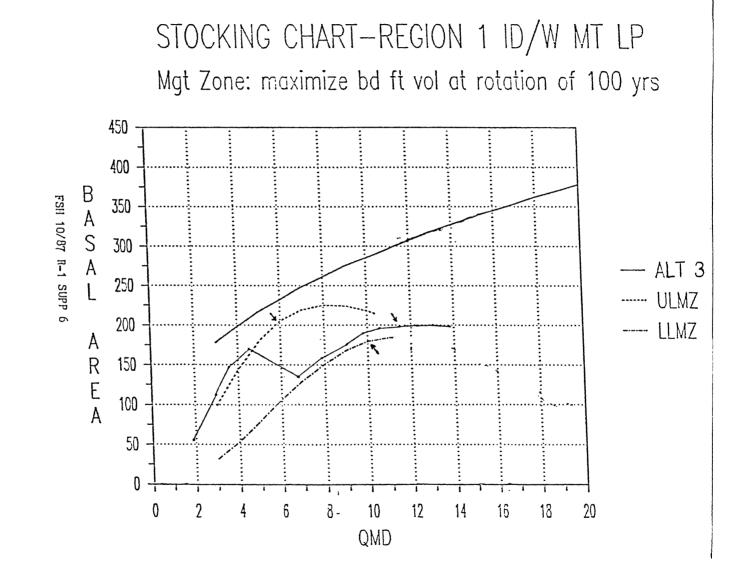


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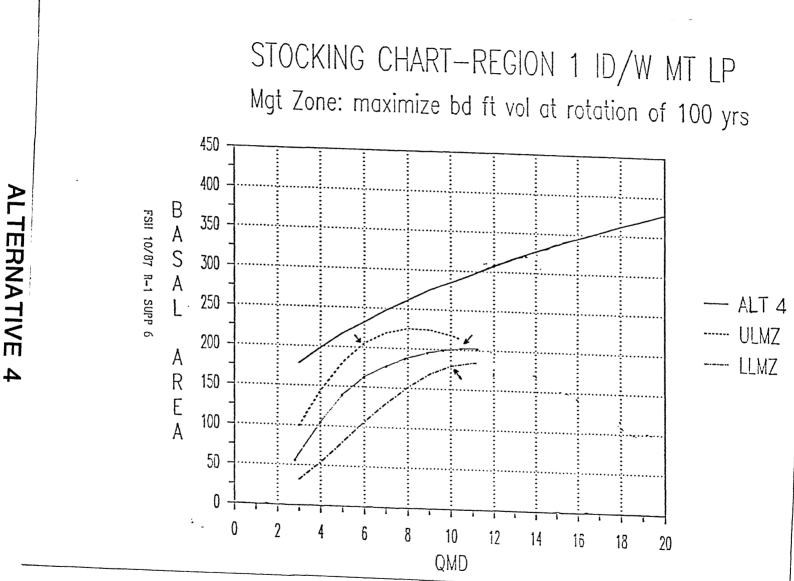


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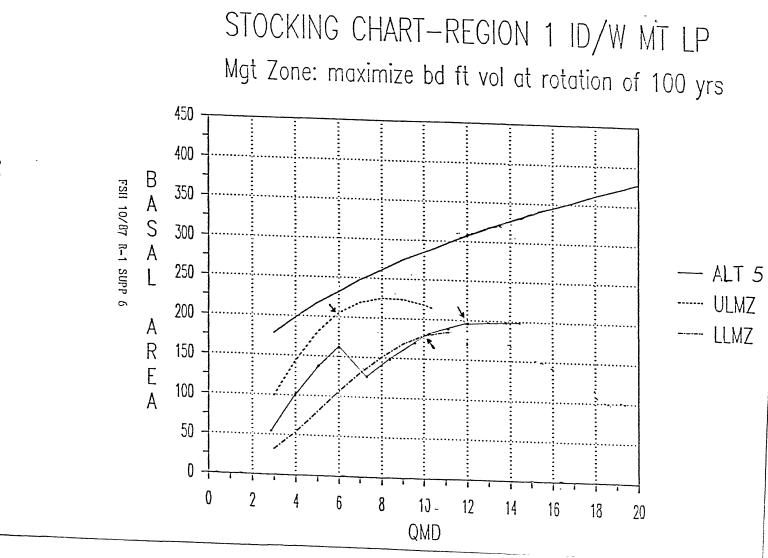


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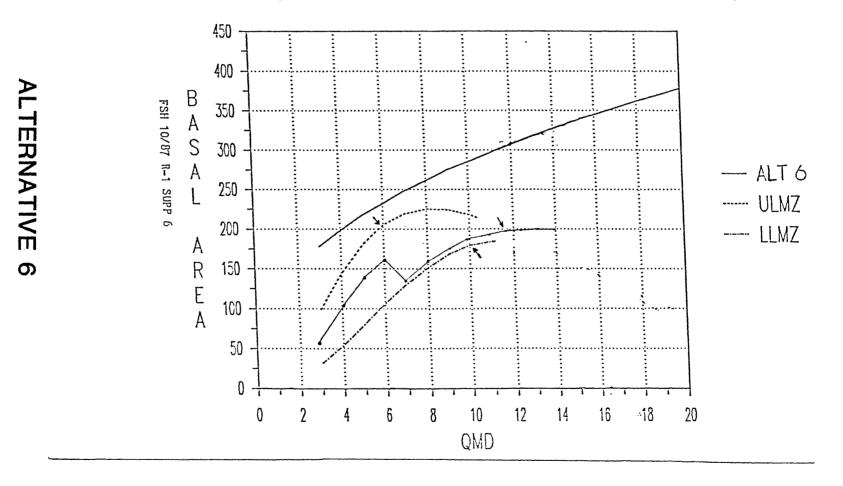
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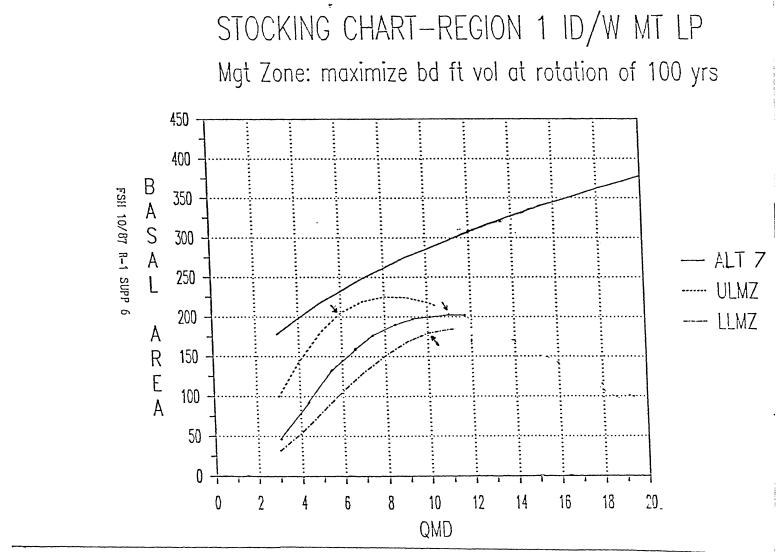
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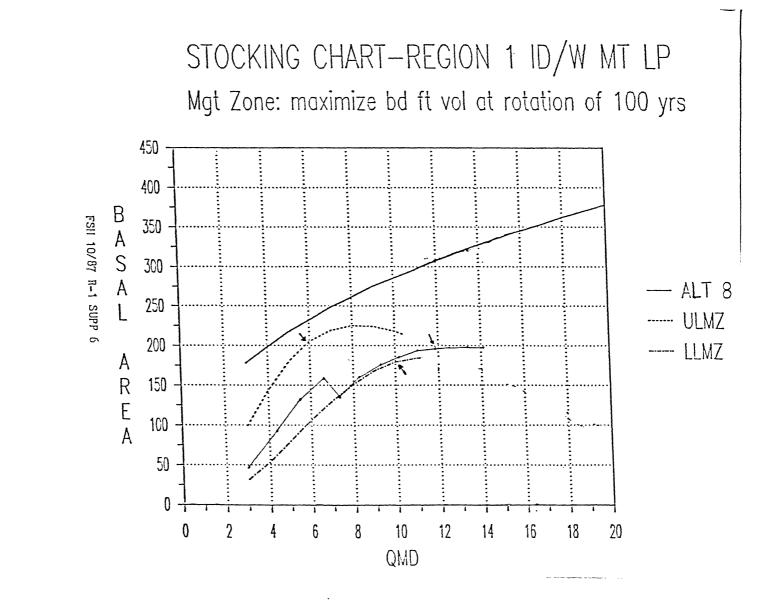
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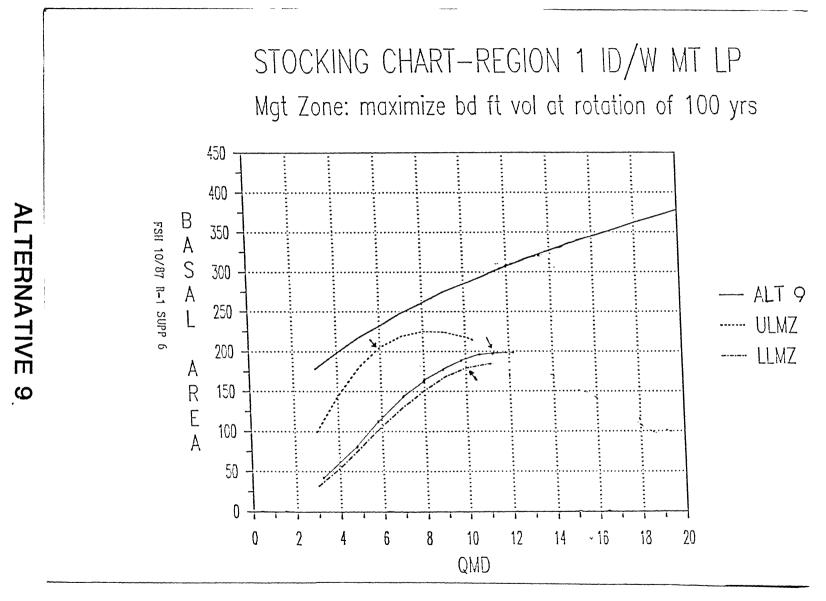
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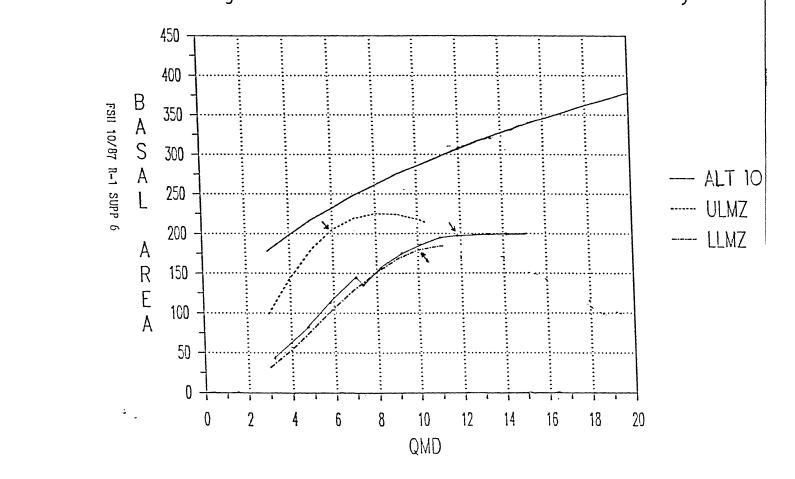
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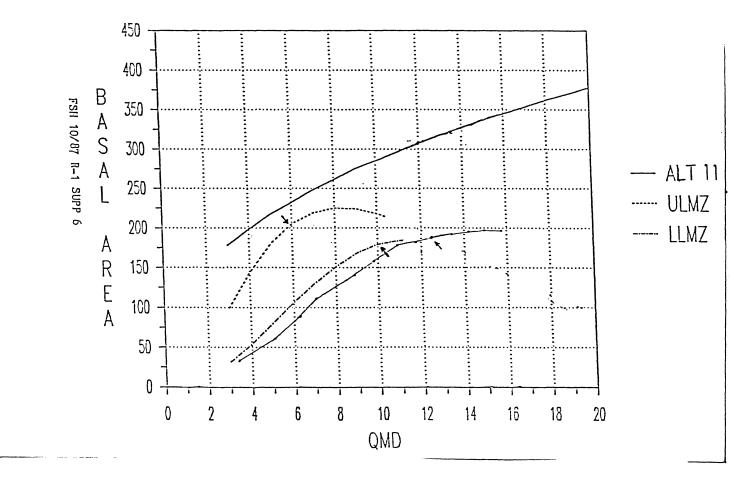
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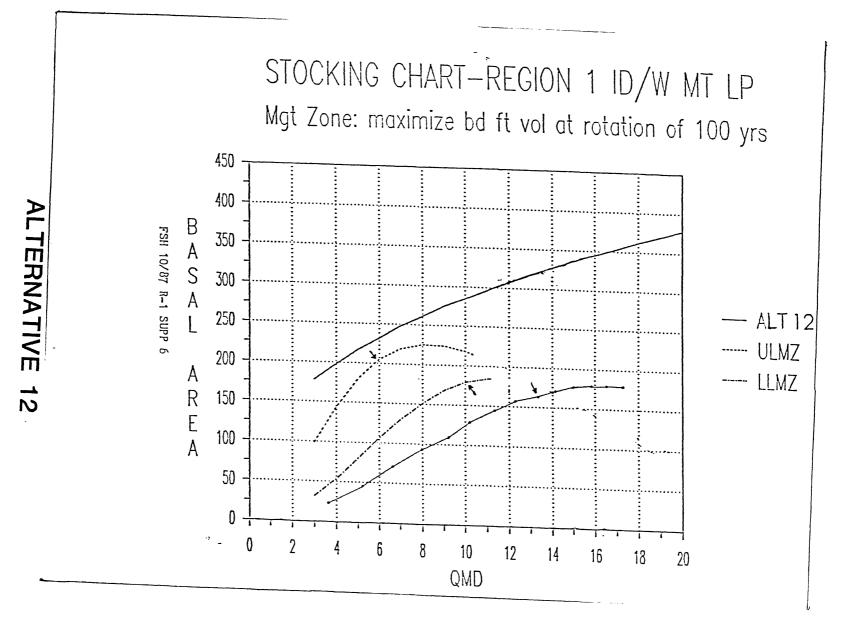
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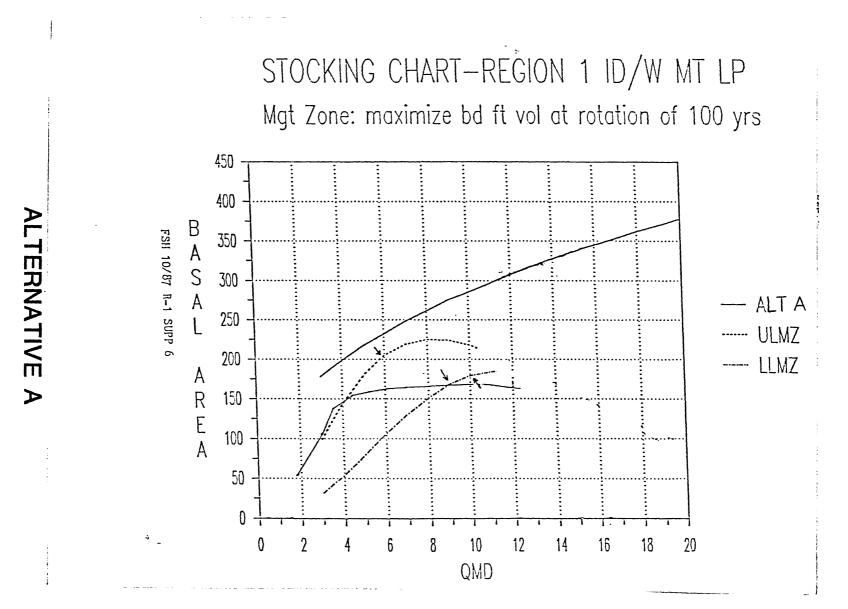
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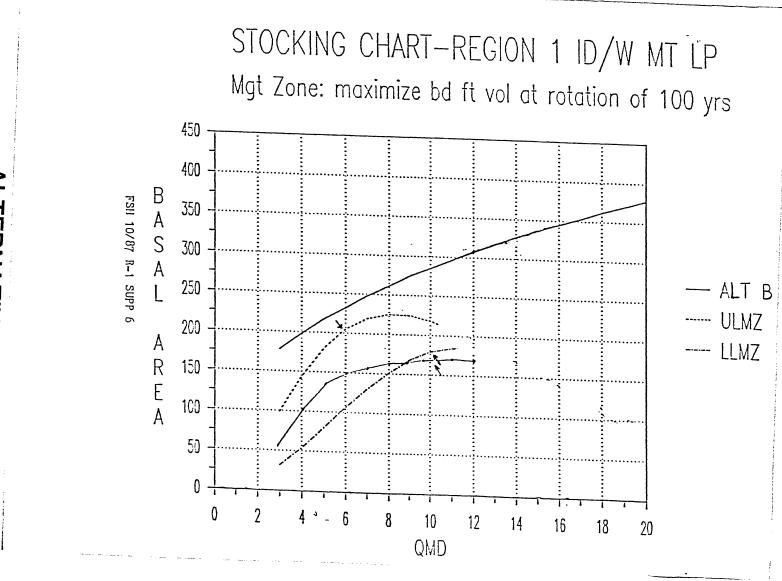
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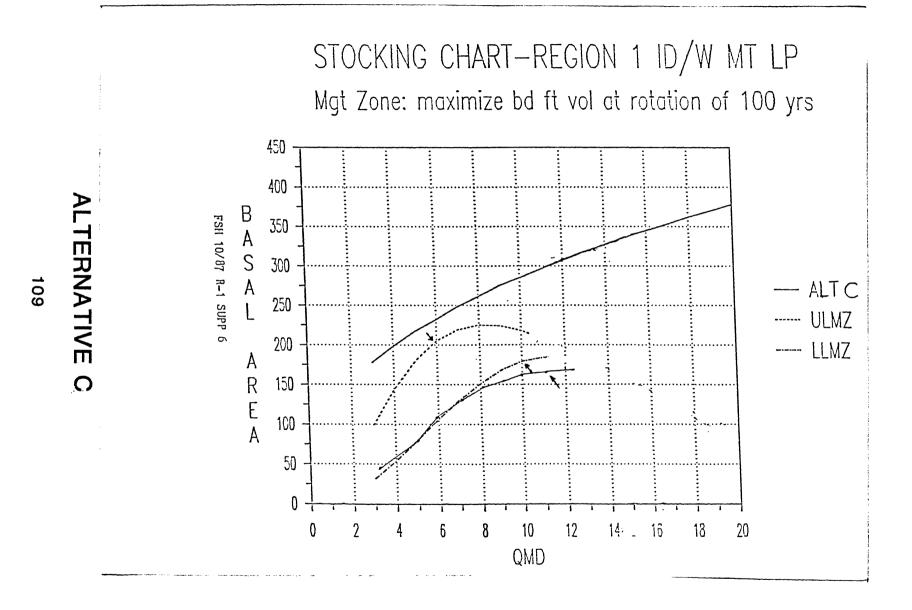


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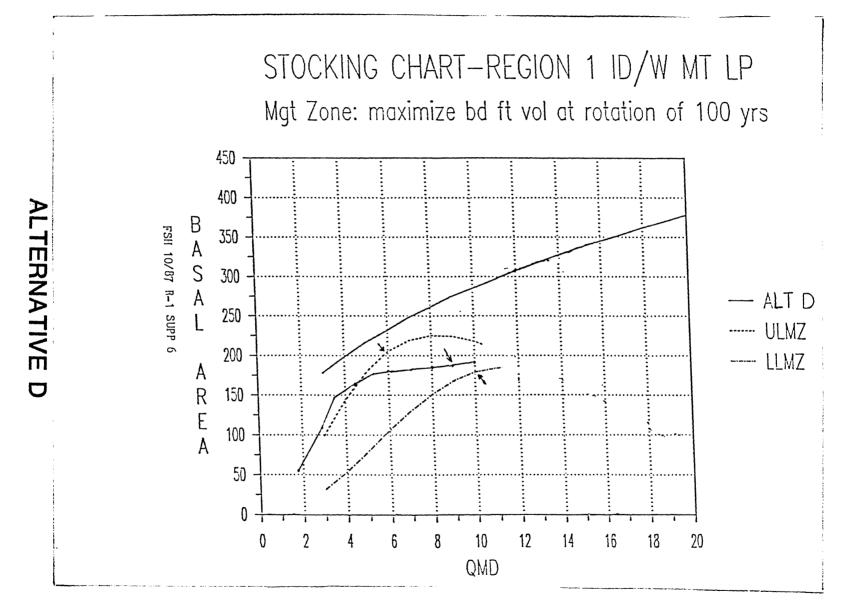
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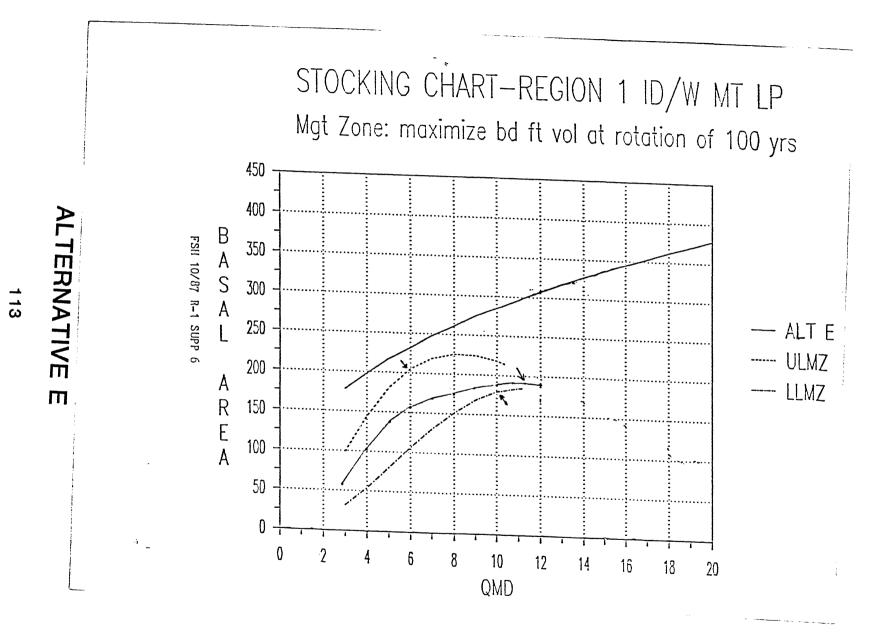
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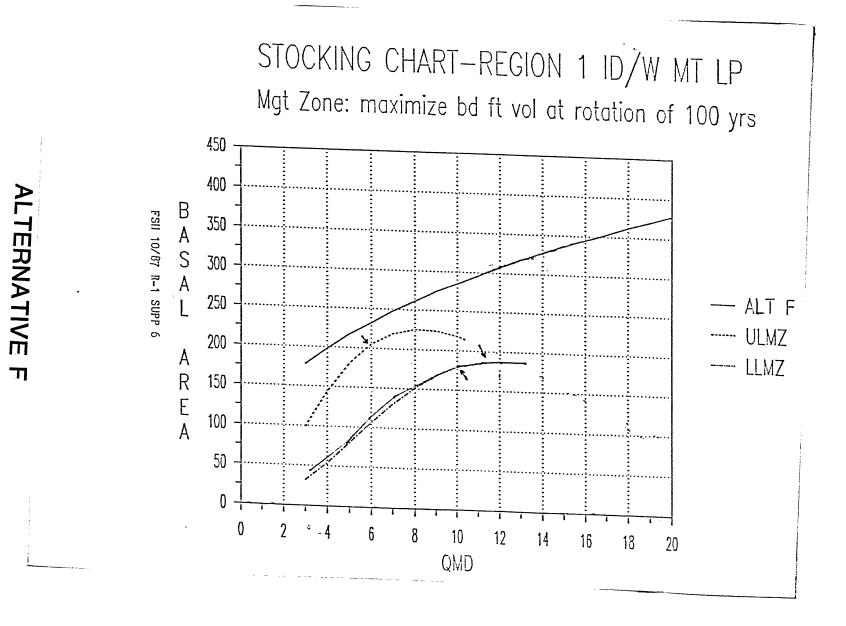
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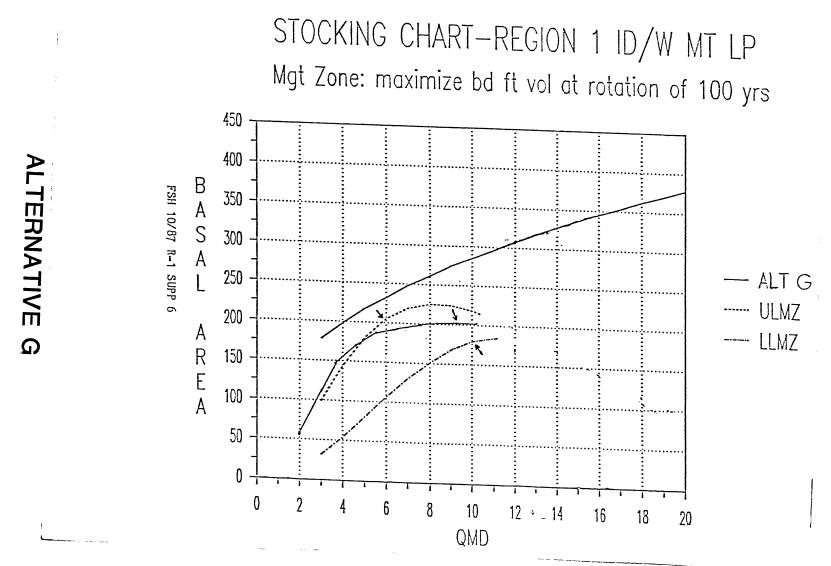
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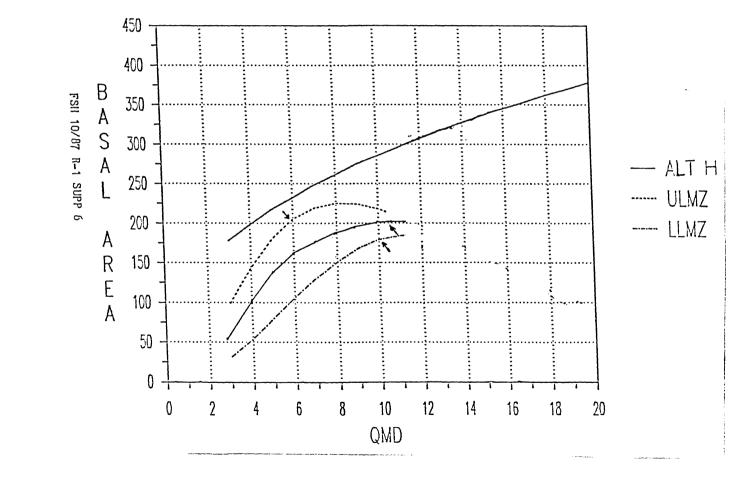
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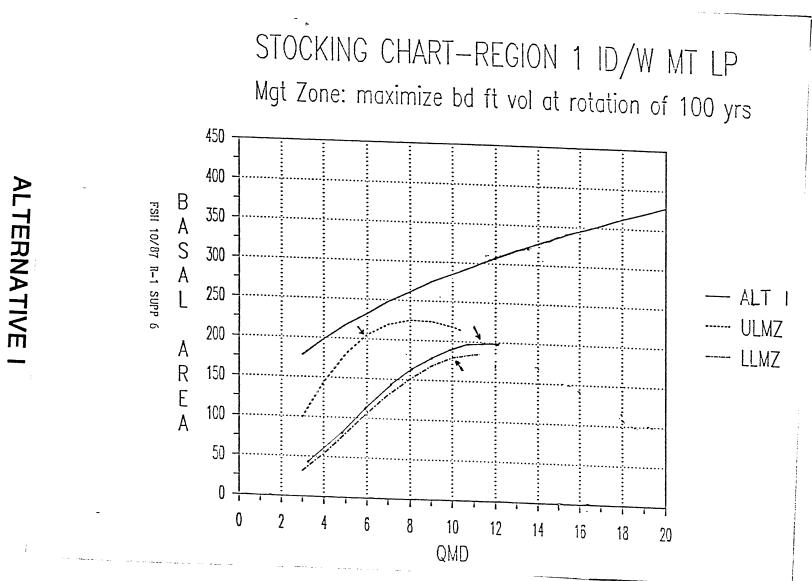
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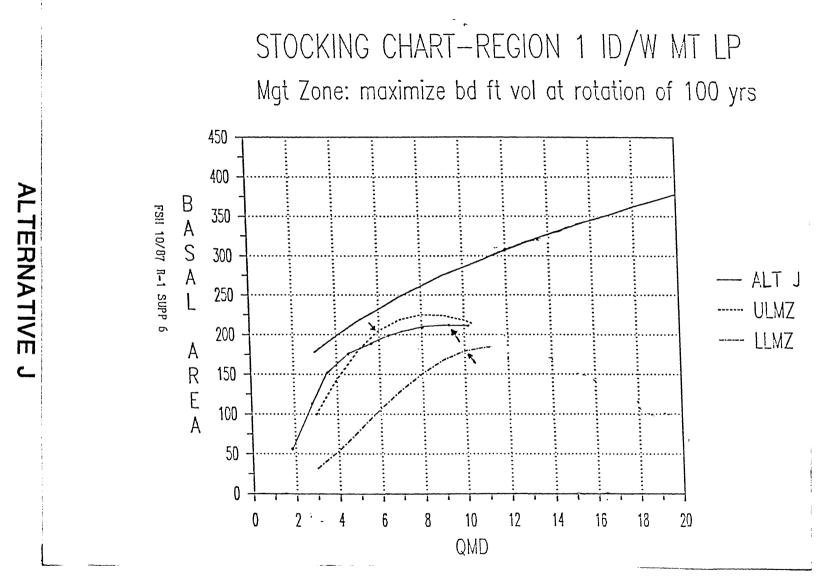


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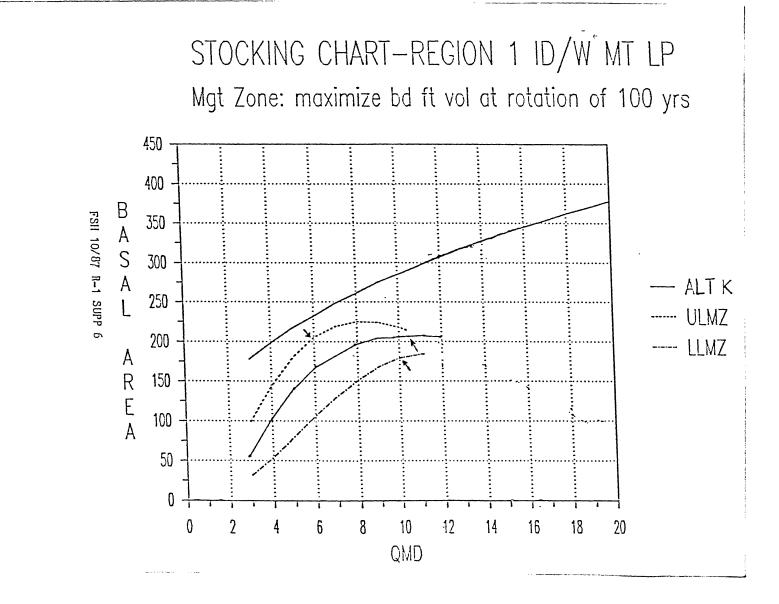


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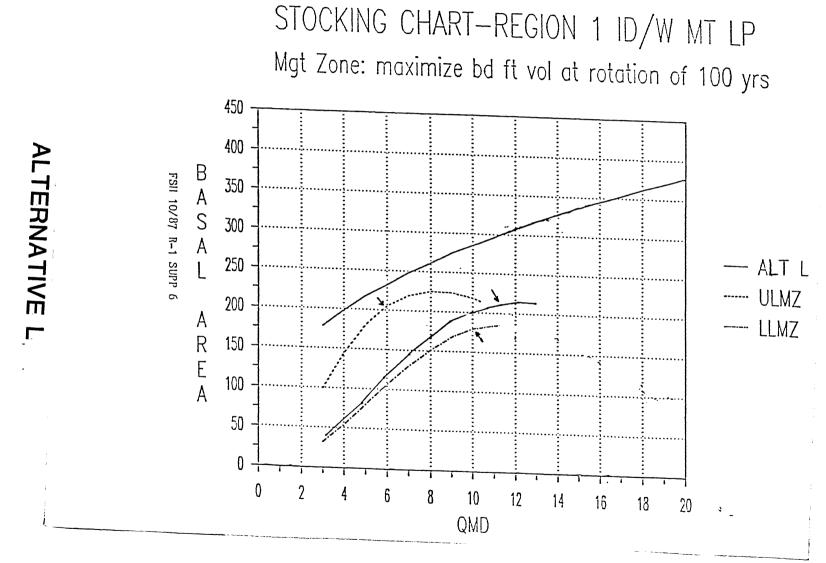
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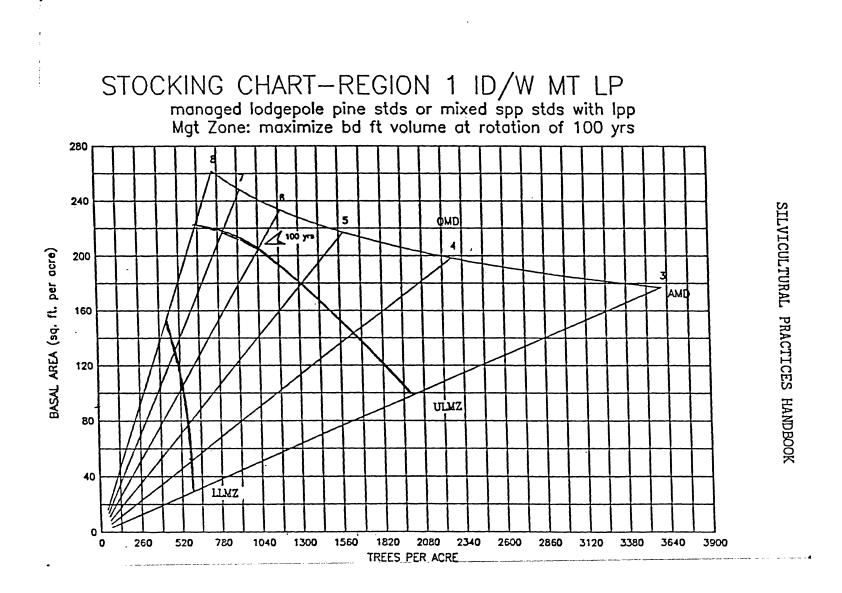
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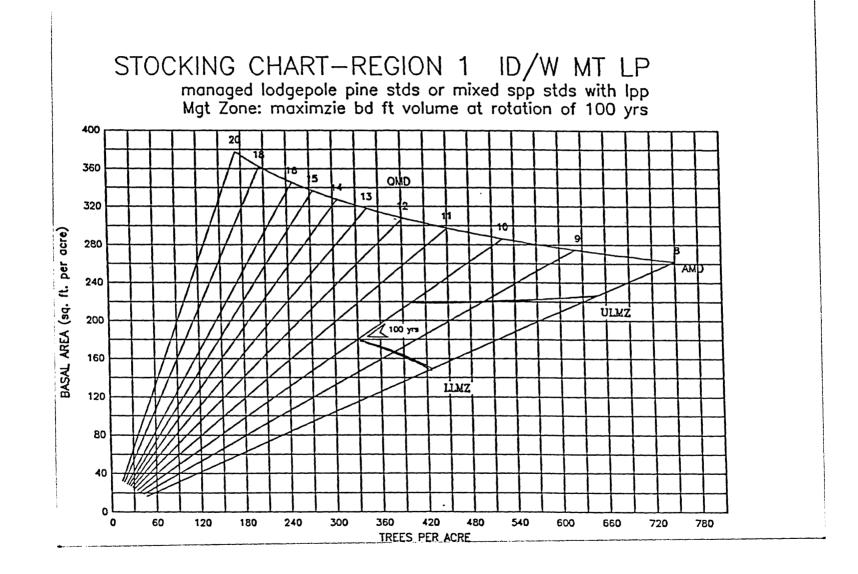
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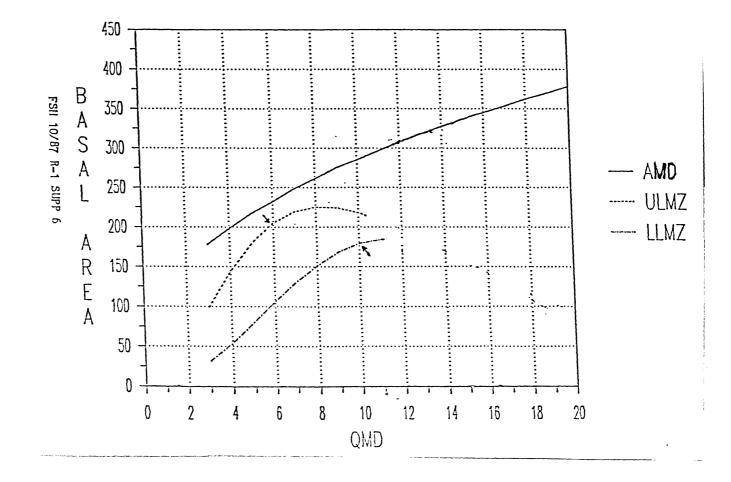
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#### APPENDIX H

#### ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

#### ECONOMIC ANALYSIS 4 RY4 DATE: E9/04/21 ALL COSTS DISCOUNTED TO 1939 DISCOUNT RATE IS 4 % REAL PRICE INCREASES ARE USED NUMBER OF ENTRIES = 2 TOTAL PV COLLECTOR ROADS (3)= +0 TOTAL PV LOCAL ROADS (3) = +0--27 59 (5) = TOTAL PV PRECOMM THIN (:)=---456-TOTAL PV SALE PREP TOTAL PV PLANTING (3) = -18 TOTAL PV SITE PREP (3) =---33 TOTAL PV ROAD MICE (3) = -284 TOTAL PV ENGINEERING (5) = +0 TOTAL PV OTHER COSTS (1) = -37 32 TOTAL ACRES ACCESSED (ACRES) =(M8F) = TOTAL VOLUME REMOVED 781 +4805 TOTAL PV OF VALUES (\$) = TOTAL PV OF COSTS (\$) = -3647 TOTAL PRESENT NET VALUE(PNV) (\$) = +1158 TOTAL PNV PER ACRE (STACKE) = --+30-BENEFIT-COST RATIO 2 1.318

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