

Woodland Examination Report Burkeville Tract Prince Edward County, Virginia

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Introduction

This report describes the current woodland conditions and future management recommendations for the Burkeville Tract. Management recommendations are based on a primary objective of timber production and secondary objectives of recreation, wildlife habitat, and scenic quality. This report is not intended to be a formal forest management plan but rather a qualitative assessment of the property with considerations for future management.

The general form of this report follows the convention of describing the different timber types (stands) and then identifying potential future management options. Reference is made to the attached Timber Type, Topographic, and Location maps for stand locations and extents, terrain features, and location.

The property consists of a single tax parcel (PID No. 056-A-40) containing +/- 72.5 acres per county records.

Location

Eastern Prince Edward County, Virginia; +/- 4 miles north of Burkeville.

Access/Operability

Public highway access is adequate; the tract is accessed via frontage on Prince Edward Hwy (US 460) and an out-of-service internal road network. Three access points intersect Prince Edward Hwy; only one has an existing roadway.

Topography is rolling. Soil strength may limit operability during wet periods and winter months.

Stand 1 - Loblolly Pine Plantation

+/- 61.6 acres of pulpwood-sized loblolly pine plantations on upland sites. Age is 15 years. This stand is somewhat overstocked and in excellent condition.

<u>Recommendation:</u> This stand should be considered for thinning in the next 1-3 years. Thinning (5th row/operator-select) should be implemented so as to reduce stocking to the +/- 70% level. Long-term management can follow a standard 2-thin and final harvest regime; thinning at ages 16 and 25, followed by a final harvest around age 32.

Stand 2 - Hardwood

+/- 9.1 acres of sapling- to sawtimber-sized mixed hardwoods with some scattered pines, on bottomland sites. It is well stocked and in fair condition. This stand consists of streamside management zones (SMZs). It should be retained indefinitely for water quality protection, aesthetics, and wildlife habitat



Stand 3 - Hardwood

+/- 1.2 acres of sapling- to sawtimber-sized mixed hardwoods with some scattered pines, on upland sites. It is adequately stocked and in fair condition. This stand consists of small edge pockets of residual hardwood from the 2007 harvest. Stand acreage is too small to form a discrete manageable unit; any activities here should be coordinated with similar operations in Stand 1.

Recommendation: Retain until final harvest in Stand 1; then merge with that area and manage as a single unit.

Stand 4 – Non-forest

+/- 0.5 acres of open lands forming an access point to US Hwy 460.

Recommendation: Retain for public highway access.

Respectfully submitted,

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