

to: Associate Director Wills

from: Al Mickelson - State Forester

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subject: Forest Improvements - Fish & Wildlife Areas\*

Per our conversation February 27th, I am instructing our Regional Foresters to coordinate efforts by their District Foresters in evaluating Fish and Wildlife areas specifically for the purpose of initiating habitat enhancement via harvesting or other forest improvements.

I am suggesting to them to proceed under the following guidelines:

1. Forestry activities must be compatible with site objectives and result in habitat enhancement.
2. District Foresters must work closely with their counterparts in Wildlife Resources, Fisheries, and Lands and Historic Sites in reaching a consensus on the type and extent of forest manipulation needed.
3. A plan, reflecting this consensus, will be developed jointly by the District Forester and the Wildlife Biologist. The plan will outline specifically what is to be achieved and how, and will address environmental safeguards.
4. Such a plan will be based upon an analysis of existing conditions (detailed forest inventory) and upon the Biologist's perception of a desirable habitat situation.
5. Completed plans will be submitted through proper channels to the division supervisors for approval.

Similar instructions to those in Wildlife Resources and Land & Historic Sites would serve to insure a mutual understanding and full cooperation in this effort.

\* Includes conservation areas and refuges.

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