

Unit 1 (19 acres) – This unit was a weak stand of timber prior to 2004. It was cut and replanted in 2004. This stand had some mortality after planting and therefore, could possibly be thinned in about 2-3 more years. Due to small amount of acres, this stand would need to be added in with additional acreage on the property that is harvested, to interest a timber contractor.

Unit 2 (100 acres) – This unit was clearcut and replanted in 2013. It was harvested and replanted due to the maturity and quality of the timber. It was decided that harvesting and replanting with loblolly pine trees with better genetics would be the best option. The trees currently are 8 years old and look very good. We have had good results with excellent growth. This stand can be thinned in approximately 2028.

Unit 3 (32 acres) – This unit is exactly like Unit 2 and replanted in 2013. This stand can also be thinned with Unit 2 in approximately 2028.

Unit 4 (55 acres) – This unit is sufficiently stocked with both older timber and young timber. I would recommend leaving this stand to grow for a few more years before possibly thinning. Leaving this stand alone for few years also just adds a little diversity to the property which hunters appreciate as well.

Unit 5 (28 acres) – This stand is comprised of older timber that needs to be thinned or clearcut and replanted. It is only 28 acres so would need to be done with another Unit.

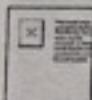
Unit 6 (50 acres) - This stand is comprised of older timber that needs to be clearcut and replanted. It is mature timber that has slowed in growth and is not as good in quality as you could have with replanting and introducing better genetics for future growth and production.

I would recommend that with any harvesting, corridors along streams, creeks and drains be protected by restricting harvesting within these areas. We did this with the past timber sales, as well as within the areas that were clearcut and replanted. This reduces erosion concerns, leaves vegetative cover for wildlife and maintains travel corridors for whitetail deer.

The property access road is in fair condition and does need a little attention. A few loads of rock would help tremendously. Additionally, the bridge at the gate entrance is not adequate for log trucks. The last time that we cut timber, I contacted the neighbor and went around the bridge through his property.

This is just a quick summary of property conditions and know that you or other family members may have additional questions so please feel free to share this and contact me if I can help with any management decision that you may be considering.

Hope this helps.
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