Implementation Report
Randall Tract

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The Randall tract boundaries were put in, including the buffer outlining the wetlands area. The marking of the Arseno tract has been completed, with only a few acres to finish marking on the remaining tract before harvesting of the tract begins in late summer when the area is dry enough. The tracts timber was put up for bid on October 18, 2004. Of the 72 bid packages sent out 2 came back. The winning bid was granted to Northwest Hardwoods, Weyerhauser. A contract was devised and has been signed by Northwest Hardwoods. It was determined that access to property will go through Laakso’s property during the logging operation, and the road use agreement still needs to be finalized with them. The Northern access was looked at and deemed inaccessible for equipment. The North East corner of the tract was located by flagging and an old post, which was most likely from the Ford Center’s determination of the corner. Tallies were completed for timber that was marked during the fall of 2004 and previous semesters. This information is located in the Randall folder under ‘Tally_2004’ and ‘final_tally_2004’. A map was generated showing the addition of the 40 acre Arseno parcel along with the 2005 harvest areas and the 200 ft. lake buffer that goes around Log lake. Unit 2 management area from the Capstone report and part of unit 3 south of unit 2 was looked at for potentially being harvested in the late summer of 2005. This is the area that has had the yellow birch regeneration experiments on it. It was determined that the area consisted mostly of pole sized saplings and it would create too much damage to the saplings to enter with machinery at this point.

Future goals to be meet:

- Summer or Fall of 2005 FERM team members needs to oversee the harvest of the tract.

- It was discussed that management units 2 and part of 3 could be have total stand improvement (TSI) done to the area. This would be done at a manual level with chainsaws, basically removing the worst stems providing growing space for potential crop trees. Spring/summer/fall 2005 FERM members could do this or it would be possible for students from Ford Forestry Fall Camp to do this as a learning experience. The sooner this could be done the more beneficial it would be.

- Many of the wet areas on the property could use new culverts. If this is investigated and done it maybe possible to access the property through the meadow land on the North property line and avoid the process of going through the
Laaskso property in the future. Jim Schmierer has information on building/using removable PVC stream and wet area crossing. This project does not need to be done immediately, but should be looked at before the next (after the 2005 harvest) harvest is done.