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## Managing Michigan's Forests – Newberry Forest Management Unit Public Input, 2026 Activities

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Michigan's nearly 4 million acres of State Forest lands provide our state with clean air and water, materials for a strong forest products industry, and places to hunt, fish, hike, ride ORVs and camp.

We take forest management seriously; that means maintaining our sustainability certifications and carefully planning out how we care for State Forests. These management strategies include science-based methods such as planting and harvesting trees, improving wildlife habitat, reducing wildfire risk with careful prescribed burning, and controlling invasive pests so that we will have forests now and for future generations.

We would like you to be involved in State Forest planning, also known as the Compartment Review process. Our plans for the forest include harvesting timber, planting trees, prescribed burning, and maintaining fields and open areas – activities that help to provide wildlife habitat, control invasive species, and improve the overall health of the forest. You're invited to look over proposals, view maps of the affected areas, and provide feedback.

Each year, forest management recommendations are presented at open houses - informal sessions that give you the opportunity to speak with foresters, wildlife biologists and other resource professionals. Open house will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2024, from 3:00-7:00 pm EST at the Newberry Field Office, 5666 State Hwy M-123, Newberry, MI 49868.

Starting September 3 through October 3, 2024, you can submit comments directly through the MI State Forest Map. Go to [Forestry public input \(michigan.gov\)](https://forestry-public-input.michigan.gov) and click on 'view the state forest map' and zoom to your area of interest. As you zoom in, more details will appear. Sections of forest – referred to as "compartments" – under review for 2025 activities are highlighted in bright orange. Click anywhere within the compartment, and a pop-up screen will appear with more information.

If you are unable to attend open house and would like to speak to a DNR staffer regarding your comments or concerns, contact Keith Magnusson, Newberry Unit Manager, [magnussonk@michigan.gov](mailto:magnussonk@michigan.gov) or by phone at 906-291-0120.

If you have a disability that requires accommodations to access this information, please contact Keith Magnusson using the information listed above.

Your input will be used to make final decisions on forest management actions at meetings known as Compartment Reviews, which will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2024, starting at 9:00 am EST at Zellar's Restaurant (Lounge), 7552 M-123, Newberry, MI. You may also participate in Compartment Review, but the comment period is the best time to offer your input. Learn more about open houses and Compartment Reviews at [Forestry public input \(michigan.gov\)](https://forestry-public-input.michigan.gov).