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Comments: After reveiwing the HMU Age Class and Species Composition, I agreethat there is a need to create the regeneration age class of 0-10 years old, in the hardwoood or mixer hardwood type. This will create breeding habitatfor birds and other wildlife that rely on it to meet their needs. This age class also provides food and forage in the form of berries, herbaceous forage and insects, a source of protein, for young birds to feed on.
The 0-10 year old age class is transitory, the above condition changing to sapling and pole sized trees. It needs to be replaced to keep this component in the local ecosystem.
I agree with adding 11 more acress of permanent wildife openings and their future maintenance in openings.These openings enrich a habitat componentfor a number of wildlife species in this ecosystem.This HMU is richer for having them present and maintained.After reveiwing the Stand Treatment Map, Figure 2, and comparing it to Appendix A. Proposed Silvicultural Treatments, I agree these treatments are appropriate to the stand types.
There is a need for the continuous production of pulpwood and sawtimber from this HMU. A contious supply of wood for loggers and timber producers is needed for them to continue their business. The work connected to the production of these products is important to the economy of Berlin, Coos County, and the State.
The One Mile Lonesome Ridge Integrated Project Proposal is a descriptive, detailed, well thought out document. Therefore, I think the proposal for the road system makes sense and will meet the need for current and future transportation needs in this area. I also agree with need for the replacement of the two snowmobile trail bridges on the Pipeline Trail. this is a heavily used trail due to its proximity to Berlin and the connections it has to other communities in Coos County. I agree with the need for large woody debris in Brandy Book and Bend Brook. This is an established practice to improve stream habitat and control erosion.