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## DNR welcomes public input on 2025 forest management plans



It's time to talk about your state forests.

Prescribed burns, timber harvests and other activities are carefully planned to keep Michigan's nearly 4 million acres of state forest healthy and thriving.

Plans for these activities are currently being made for 2025, but public comment is welcome now, before those plans are finalized. In-person open houses were suspended during 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many forest management units are returning to in-person open houses this season; you may also comment online or in writing.

To find out what activities are planned for the forest, choose the geographic area you are interested in and take a look at the planned activities on the interactive state forest map available at <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/forestry/public-input>. Submit online comments through the map during designated 30-day periods. If you'd prefer to attend an open house in person, scheduled dates are listed below for the Traverse City Forest Management Unit.

Once public comment has been received, a meeting called a compartment review is held. That's where plans are finalized. The DNR's Forest Resources Division welcomes public comment on all forest activities.

Here are the scheduled comment period, open house and compartment review meeting dates for the Traverse City Forest Management Unit, which covers state forest lands in Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Kalkaska and Manistee counties: comment period May 12-June 12; open houses are June 13, 3:00-7:00 p.m. in Traverse City (2022 S. M-37) and June 14, 3:00-7:00 p.m. in Kalkaska (2089 N. Birch St.); compartment review is July 12, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Traverse City (2022 S. M-37). Contact Patrick Cotant, [cotantp@michigan.gov](mailto:cotantp@michigan.gov), 231-922-6040.