Appendix L

Forest Plan Consistency Checklist

Commander Tract Motorized Access

The tables below identify applicable Forest Plan management direction and explain how the proposed action and action alternatives are consistent with that direction. The interdisciplinary team identified this management direction as being applicable to the proposal and action alternative. They evaluated compliance based upon the results of their environmental analysis and public scoping.

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Facilities and Transportaion (pp IV 18-20)

6. Determine the influence of each road on aquatic conservation strategy objectives through watershed analysis. Meet aquatic conservation strategy objectives.

ACTION ALTERNATIVES COMPLY – Refer to items 1d, 1e, 1i under Riparian and Aquatic Ecosystems below, for compliance with applicable ACS objectives.

8. Minimize sediment delivery to streams from roads....

ACTION ALTERNATIVES COMPLY – Hydrology report indicates no increase in disturbance.

Heritage Resources (pg IV – 22)

3. Whenever heritage resources might be affected by an activity, protect the properties or resource sites

Area of potential effects has been surveyed; 2 sites have been identified for protection (Section 106 NHPA project compliance case #MNF-01-2007).

Recreation (pp IV – 28, 29)

1. Integrate recreation planning and management with other management activities through the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) as reflected by the ROS objectives specified in this plan, and shown on the ROS map accompanying this Plan...

ACTION ALTERNATIVES COMPLY – The ROS classification for the area in which this proposal is located is 'roaded natural'. The proposed approval of mixed use is compatible with this ROS class.

2. Separate conflicting recreational uses to the extent practical and consistent with Management Area objectives.

ACTION ALTERNATIVES COMPLY – There are no known conflicting

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recreational uses in the affected area. The opening of roads to public use under the action alternatives could result in conflicts between legal motorized recreation uses and non-motorized recreation uses (e.g. noise). Since the area's ROS classification is Roaded Natural, such conflicts would be resolved in favor of the motorized uses (i.e. vehicle use on the roads that would be opened).

Riparian and Aquatic Ecosystems (MNF 1995 LRMP p IV 30

- 1d. Maintain and restore water quality necessary to support healthy riparian, aquatic, and wetland ecosystems. Water quality must remain within the range that maintains the biological, physical, and chemical integrity of the system and benefits survival, growth, reproduction, and migration of individuals composing aquatic and riparian communities.

 ACTION ALTERNATIVES COMPLY Neither action alternative would increase disturbance within the affected subwatersheds.
- 1e. Maintain and restore the sediment regime under which aquatic ecosystems evolved Elements of the sediment regime include the timing, volume, rate, and character of sediment input, storage, and transport.

 ACTION ALTERNATIVES COMPLY Neither action alternative would increase disturbance within the affected subwatersheds.
- 1i. Maintain and restore habitat to support well-distributed populations of native plant, invertebrate and vertebrate riparian-dependent species.

 ACTION ALTERNATIVES COMPLY Neither action alternative would directly impact such species. Neither action alternative would have indirect impacts because they would not have water quality or sediment regime impacts.

Watershed & Water Quality (pp IV - 40, 41)

1d. Implement Best Management Practices (BMP) to meet water quality objectives and maintain and improve the quality of surface water on the Forest. Identify methods and techniques for applying the BMPs during project level environmental analysis and incorporate them into the associated project plan and implementation document...

ACTION ALTERNATIVES COMPLY – Road maintenance BMPs would be implemented on retained roads; decommissioning would comply with BMP 2.26

Table 2 - Management Area Direction

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MA 39 Brushy Mountain (pg IV - 236)

Provide protection for the outstandingly remarkable values found along ...Cold Creek...(Spawning and rearing grounds for rainbow trout, Chinook salmon, and winter steelhead [MNF LRMP FEIS, Appendix L, pg. L15]).

ACTION ALTERNATIVES COMPLY – Neither action alternative would have direct or indirect impacts because they would not have water quality or sediment regime impacts.

Table 3 - Prescription Direction

No Applicable Prescriptions

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