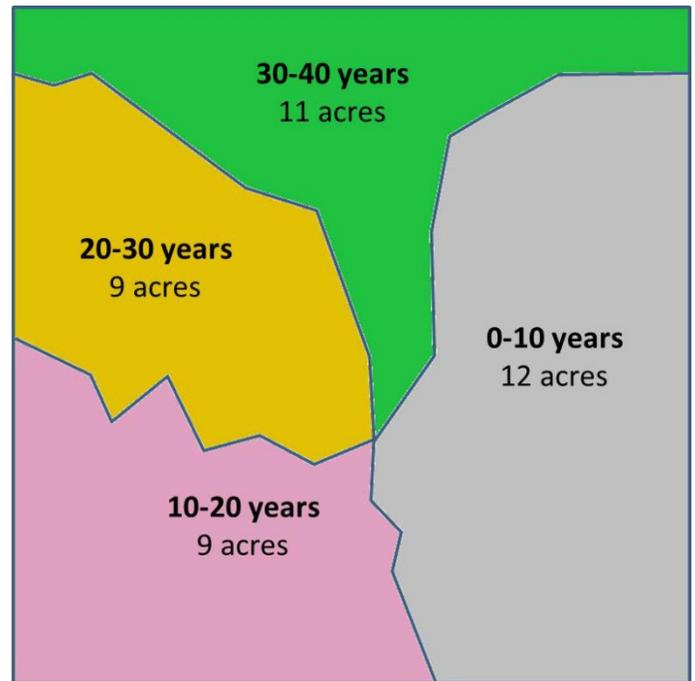


Young forest management guidelines

Aspen management

Managing large areas of aspen has historically meant large clear-cuts in many cases. To benefit not only aspen forests but also the wildlife that use them, we recommend setting up smaller blocks of varying ages. Timber blocks of 10-15 acres harvested 10-15 years apart on a 30-50 year rotation would be ideal. Additionally, ten percent of the landscape should be openings that are two to 10 acres. The surrounding landscape within a half mile in all directions should be at least 70 percent forested. Your land may not meet all of these conditions, but if you are able to get reasonably close, young forest wildlife will benefit. The example shows one way to divide a 40 acre aspen stand using the preferred management guidelines.



Alder management

Tag alder is not managed for timber production and is rarely managed for wildlife utility. Alder blocks can be cut, sheared, mowed or burned. Manage alder in five acre blocks, five years age difference. Stands should be re-treated at or before 20 years. Additionally, 10 percent of the landscape should be openings that are two to ten acres. The surrounding landscape within a half mile in all directions should be at least 70 percent forested. Your land may not meet all of these conditions, but if you are able to get reasonably close, young forest wildlife will benefit. The example shows one way to divide 40 acres of aspen with a tag alder using the preferred management guidelines.

