

Escanaba Forest Management Unit Compartment Review Presentation

Compartment #025 Entry Year: 2013 Compartment Acreage: 641 County: Menominee

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Legal Description: T35N R28W Sections 31 and 32

Management Goals: This compartment's two major cover types are aspen and lowland conifer. There are five aspen and upland mixed stands that will be final harvested this decade. There are also five lowland conifer stands that will be harvested. These stands are over mature and are in need of treatment while there still are viable seed trees. The eastern larch beetle is present within the compartment. This beetle is killing the tamarack within the compartment and throughout Menominee County.

Soil and Topography: This compartment contains Pemene-Rubicon Complex, Onaway Loam, and Lupton-Tawas Association. This compartment is made up of well drained fine sandy loams with areas of poorly drained black muck. The terrain is nearly level with areas of undulating topography.

Ownership Patterns, Development, and Land Use in and Around the Compartment: This compartment is located on the southern edge of a block of state forest land that is about 20 miles long and 8 miles wide in the southwestern part of Menominee County. In and around the compartment the land holdings are broken up, with many private parcels within this block of state land. The east edge of the compartment is completely surrounded by private property. The primary use for this area is for recreation.

Unique, Natural Features: None

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features: None known

Special Management Designations or Considerations: None

Watershed and Fisheries Considerations: There are some tributaries to the Burke Creek that flow out of this compartment.

Wildlife Habitat Considerations: This compartment is within the Menominee End Moraine Management Area. It contains forest types that are adapted to sandy outwash plain conditions. Most of the Forest Unit's oak resource is located here, and perpetuation of this cover type is of high priority. The presence of oak wilt disease increases the urgency to find management solutions to oak regeneration challenges. Several of the stands prescribed for harvest contain an aging oak resource. Some of this oak will be harvested to provide stump-sprout regeneration or to open the canopy for acorn germination. Variable retention rates of mature oak trees were applied to these stands to ensure a mast source for wildlife is maintained following timber harvest. A large (83-acre) lowland conifer stands is being harvested due to extensive mortality of tamarack and the desire to regenerate it. The thickest area of cedar in this stand will be retained to provide wildlife winter cover.

Mineral Resource and Development Concerns and/or Restrictions: Sections 30 – 32, T35N-R28W, Menominee County Surface sediments consist of an end moraine of coarse-textured glacial till. The glacial drift thickness varies between 10 and 50 feet. The Cambrian Munising Formation underlies the glacial drift. There is not an economic use for the Munising, but it overlaps Precambrian aged rocks, which may have metallic and nonmetallic mineral potential. State land leased for metallic mineral exploration is located one mile to the northeast. A gravel pit is located in Section 28 less than one-half mile to the northeast of the compartment, and there appears to be good potential. No economic oil and gas production has been found in the UP.

Vehicle Access: The west edge of the compartment is accessed of the Sturgeon Landing Road. Currently the only access into section 32 is through private land and it is only for department use. A two-track road in compartment 29 to the south is scheduled to be improved and opened up to access a timber sale in that compartment. This road will remain open after the timber sale to allow the general public access into this portion of state land.

Survey Needs: Nine or ten corners will need to be set.

Recreational Facilities and Opportunities: There are no developed facilities within this compartment. The primary recreational uses are hunting and four-wheeling.

Fire Protection: This compartments landscape is broken up with lowland cover types so it would be very difficult for a large scale fire to occur. Access into this compartment is very good for suppression activities. There are also water sources near by.

Additional Compartment Information: Portions of stands 11 and 14 were in SCA status previously. These areas are having their designations removed. They do not link up with any other stands in adjacent compartments.

- > The following reports from the Inventory are attached:
 - **♦** Total Acres by Cover Type and Age Class
 - **♦** Proposed Treatment Summary
 - **♦** Proposed Treatments No Limiting Factors
 - **♦** Proposed Treatments With Limiting Factors
 - **♦** Stand Details (Forested and Nonforested)
 - **♦** Dedicated and Proposed Special Conservation Areas
- > The following information is displayed, where pertinent, on the attached compartment maps:
 - ♦ Base feature information, stand boundaries, cover types, and numbers
 - **♦** Proposed treatments
 - **♦** Details on the road access system

Compartment 025 Year of Entry 2013

Escanaba Mgt. Unit

Dustin Salter: Examiner



Age Class

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Aspen	0	93	0	71	0	0	65	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254	
Cedar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	48	
Lowland Conifers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	6	0	0	0	111	
Lowland Shrub	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	j
Lowland Spruce/Fir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	0	0	0	18	
Mixed Upland Deciduous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	
Northern Hardwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	4	0	0	0	0	44	
Tamarack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	45	
Upland Mixed Forest	0	0	40	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	j
Total	3	93	40	95	0	0	65	24	0	95	164	62	0	0	0	642	



Table 2 – Proposed Treatment Summaries

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Compartment 025 Year of Entry 2013 **Total Compartment Acres: 641.9**

Acres by Treatment Type

Commercial Harvest - 294 Site Prep - 0 Tree Planting - 0 Prescribed Burn - 0 Other - 0

Habitat Cut - 0 Opening Maintenance - 0 Tree Seeding - 0 Pesticide - 0

Cover Type by Harvest Method

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Aspen		90	0	0	0	0	0	90					
Lowland Conifers	S	0	0	89	0	0	0	89					
Lowland Spruce/	Fir	0	0	15	0	0	0	15					
Mixed Upland De	ciduous	55	0	0	0	0	0	55					
Tamarack	·	0	0	45	0	0	0	45	•				
	Total	145	0	149	0	0	0	294					

Table 3 -- Treatments Prescribed

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a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	s Stage1 CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
1	33025001-Cut	8.3	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	106	Harvest	Seed Tree with Reserves	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	Cmpt. Review Proposal
Preso Spec		this sta	ind, leaving an adequat	te seed source and	retention				
Other Com	Stunted	black s	pruce stand with some	poor quality tamara	ack, jack	pine, and red pir	ne mixed in.		
Next Steps	•	this sta	and for spruce and tame	arack, but a mix wit	h other lo	wland species is	s acceptable.		
5	33025005-Cut	55.3	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	Medium Density Log	86	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4121 - Oak, Aspen	Cmpt. Review Proposal
Preso Spec			and, leaving 10% reten be managed for a mix o			onsist primarily o	of oak. Within this star	nd cut all other stems gre	eater than 4".
Other Comm	ments: stand ca sproutin	ame bad g. Whe	ck fairly well to aspen, b	out the west half is I n opened up there i	heavier to is a subs	residual oak. T tantial amount of	his oak shaded out the foak saplings. About	ech, and some pine. The e aspen and other specie a 3 acre portion of this si is about 50.	es from
Next Steps	<u>s:</u> harvesti	ng it. T est this	his will also allow for so stand should become	ome pine to also se	ed in. W	ith the combinat	ion of existing regener	o become established pration and oak stump spra I, the remainder of the st	outs following
6	33025006-Cut	5.8	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	High Density Pole	106	Harvest	Seed Tree with Reserves	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	Cmpt. Review Proposal
Preso Spec		rvest th	is stand leaving an ade	equate seed source	and rete	ntion.			
Other Com	nents:								
Next Steps	•		and for tamarack, spruc	e, and cedar. But a	a mix with	n other lowland s	pecies is acceptable.	About 60 cords of cedar	would be cut in
8	33025008-Cut	35.5	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	Medium Density Pole	52	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Cmpt. Review Proposal
Preso Spec			g all red pine, white pin stand. Cut all other sp			ive some scatter	ed pin oak in areas wh	nere there is no dead oal	k. Leave 5%
Other Com	<u>ments:</u> large pe	rcentag		and now as well. V	Vill have	to check to deter	mine if it is oak wilt, at	between 1995 and 1998. first glance it is hard to regeneration.	
Next Steps		this sta	and for a mix of aspen a	and oak primarily, b	ut a mix	of the other over	story species is accep	table.	
9	33025009-Cut	9.4	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	53	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Cmpt. Review Proposal
Preso Spec			and, leaving all white or n as well. Cut all other			pin oak seedling	gs less than 3 inches in	n diameter. Mark some l	arger diameter

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Mature aspen with a thick understory of hazel brush.

Manage this stand for aspen and oak.

<u>Other</u>

Steps:

Comments: <u>Next</u>

Table 3 -- Treatments Prescribed with No Limiting Factor

Compartment: 025 Year of Entry 2013

a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	Stage1 CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
12	33025012-Cut	83.3	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	High Density Pole	98	Harvest	Seed Tree with Reserves	6121 - Tamarack	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Specs:

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Prescription Harvest this stand. Leave an adequate amount of spruce and tamarack seed trees. Also retain the thick cedar area in the north central part of the stand, this will be about two acres in size.

Other Comments:

Overall this stand is a lowland mix, but there are areas that are heavier to tamarack, spruce, and cedar. There are also a number of upland knobs and ridges within the stand. These ridges consist mainly of balsam fir, aspen, and birch. The southern part of this stand was strip cut in 1995. The harvested area has fully regenerated to tamarack and spruce primarily. The leave strips were very narrow so they will be retained also there is a couple acre area of black ash and tagalder included. This southern area will not have the harvest treatment applied to it. Also there is an area of thick larger diameter cedar on the far east of the stand that will be retained from harvest.

Next

Manage this stand for tamarack, spruce, and cedar; but a mix with any other lowland species is acceptable.

Steps:

33025015-Cut Clearcut with 4130 - Aspen 15 6 1 4139 - Aspen, High Density Pole 60 Harvest Cmpt. Review Mixed Deciduous Reserves Proposal

Prescription Clearcut this stand, retaining the oak and cherry .

Specs:

Other_ Decent quality stand with a mix of species.

Comments:

Manage this stand for aspen and balm primarily, but a mix with the other overstory species is acceptable. **Next**

Steps:

Medium Density 16 33025016-Cut 25.8 6121 - Tamarack 98 Harvest Seed Tree with 6121 - Tamarack Cmpt. Review Pole Reserves Proposal

Prescription Harvest this stand, leaving enough seed trees to provide an adequate seed source and to meet the retention guidelines.

Manage this stand for tamarack and spruce primarily, but a mix with any other lowland species is acceptable.

Specs:

Other_ This stand is not fully stocked, but there is enough volume to harvest it. There is a 3 to 4 acre upland patch in the center of the stand. There Comments: would be about 40 to 50 cords of cedar harvested within this stand

Spruce/Fir

Next Steps:

> 33025017-Cut 18.4 17 High Density Pole Clearcut with 4134 - Aspen, Cmpt. Review 4134 - Aspen, Harvest

Reserves

Spruce/Fir

Prescription Clearcut this stand, leaving the oak and cedar for retention and diversity.

Specs:

Other_ Stand is primarily a mix of aspen, birch, and balsam fir. The birch is older than the aspen.

Comments:

Next Manage this stand for aspen primarily, but a mix with any of the overstory species is acceptable.

Steps:

33025019-Cut 19

6122 - Black Spruce High Density Pole Seed Tree with Cmpt. Review 6.8 Harvest 6122 - Black Spruce Reserves Proposal

Prescription Harvestarvest this stand leaving enough seed trees to meet the retention guidelines and provide an adequate seed source.

Specs:

Other_ Stunted black spruce stand.

Comments:

Manage this stand for black spruce and tamarack, but any mix of lowland species is acceptable.

Next Steps:

Total Treatment

254.8 Acreage Proposed:

Proposal

Escanaba Mgt. Unit Table 4 -- Treatments Prescribed with Compartment: 025 a Limiting Factor s Year of Entry 2013 t а **Treatment** Acres Stage1 Size Stand **Treatment Treatment** Cover Type **Approval** n CoverType Method Objective Status Name **Density** Age Type d 21 33025021-Cut 19.3 6121 - Tamarack Medium Density 96 Harvest Seed Tree with 6121 - Tamarack Cmpt. Review Proposal Pole Reserves

Prescription Harvest this stand, leaving enough seed trees to provide an adequate seed source and meet the retention guidelines.

Specs:

Poor quality lowland swamp, with pockets of tagalder within it. Stand containns mostly tamarack, but there are other lowland species mixed in. Other Comment:

This stand might need to be factor limited due to access issues. We will need to get permission from one of the adjacent landowners to cross

their property. About 30 cords of cedar would be harvested.

Manage this stand for tamarack, but any mix of lowland species is acceptable. <u>Next</u>

Steps:

Limiting Factor and No 2A: Adjacent landowner denies

Treatment Reason access

33025022-Cut 20.2 Cmpt. Review 22 4133 - Aspen, High Density Pole 50 Harvest Clearcut with 4130 - Aspen Mixed Pine Reserves Proposal

Prescription Clearcut this stand, leaving a two acre retention patch on the south end of the stand in the area that consists primarily of pine and oak.

Specs: Other

Comment:

Decent quality aspen w some pine, oak, and balsam fir mixed in. The pine and oak is primarily in the southern third of the stand. This stand will

have to be factor limited due to access. We will have to get permission from one of the adjacent landowners to access this stand.

Manage this stand for aspen primarily, but a mix with pine and oak is acceptable. The oak will regenerate via stump sprouting after harvest. Next

Steps:

Limiting Factor and No 2A: Adjacent landowner denies

Treatment Reason access

Total Treatment

39.4 Acreage Proposed:

Out of YOE -- Treatments Prescribed with No Limiting Factor

Year of Entry: 2013

Treatment Name	Acres	Stage1 CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status	
33002_OutOfY OE-Cut	0.7				Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	Cmpt. Review Proposal	

<u>Prescription</u> Final harvest this stand, leaving some seed trees. Harvest this stand with stand 13 in comp 1.

Specs:

Other Decent quality tamarack and spruce stand.

Comments:

Next Manage this stand for a mix of tamarack and spruce primarily, but a mix with other lowland species is acceptable.

Steps:

Total Treatment

Acreage Proposed: 0.7

S t	Escanaba Mgt. Unit			5 – Fo	orested Sta	Ands Compartment: 025 Year of Entry: 2013
a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
1	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	8.3	106		Stunted black spruce stand with some poor quality tamarack, jack pine, and red pine mixed in.
2	4319 - Mixed Upland Forest	High Density Pole	23.9	27		The red pine was planted in 1984. This stand is not fully stocked with red pine, but in the areas where it is not heavy to red pine there is an abundance of oak stump sprouts and acorn origin saplings. This stand is fully stocked. This stand will be managed more as a natural pine stand.
3	4131 - Aspen, Oak	High Density Sapling	76.9	7		This stand was final harvested in 2004 on contract 036-03-01. The north third of the stand was treated for oak wilt as well. After the oak wilt area was harvested it was scarified with a brakke scarifier and than hand planted with a mix of red oak and white pine seedlings. There was one oak planted and than 3 to 4 pine planted and than another oak, with this being repeated throughout the area. The oak seedlings had tree shelters placed on them as well. These seedlings were planted in 2010. There is also quite a bit of advanced oak regeneration throughout the stand.
4	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	48.1	106		Not high quality cedar, with areas that are heavier to tamarack and spruce. The tamarack and spruce are ready to be harvested, but hold 10 years because of all of the lowland conifer stands prescribed for treatment in this comp. There were five strips cut out of this stand between 1962 and 1965. These strips are fully regenerated. The tamarack within them is nearly the same size as the tamarack within the rest of the stand.
5	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	Medium Density Log	55.3	86	51-80	This stand was cut in 1999 on contract 025-98-01. All species were cut, except oak, cedar, hemlock, beech, and some pine. The east half of the stand came back fairly well to aspen, but the west half is heavier to residual oak. This oak shaded out the aspen and other species from sprouting. Where the canopy has been opened up there is a substantial amount of oak saplings. About a 3 acre portion of this stand was treated for oak wilt in 2010-2011, this was in the northern part.
6	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	High Density Pole	5.8	106		Small lowland conifer swamp.
7	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	2.6	91		Stagnated lowland conifer stand.
8	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	Medium Density Pole	35.5	52		Aspen stand with a mix of oak, pine, and red maple. The dead oak was cut out of this stand on a permit between 1995 and 1998. There is a large percentage of dead oak in this stand now as well. Will have to check to determine if it is oak wilt, at first glance it is hard to tell because there is so much dead. Where the stand has been opened up before there is quite a bit of advanced oak regeneration.
9	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	9.4	53		Mature aspen with a thick understory of hazel brush.

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
11	4319 - Mixed Upland Forest	High Density Sapling	40.5	17		This stand was final harvested in 1994 on contract 023-93-01; except the pine, cedar, hemlock, oak, and spruce less than 10" was retained. There was a buffer left on a small creek in the southwestern corner of the stand when it was cut. This area was an SCA, but we are recommending removing the SCA designation from it.
12	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	High Density Pole	105.4	98		Overall this stand is a lowland mix, but there are areas that are heavier to tamarack, spruce, and cedar. There are also a number of upland kbobs and ridges within the stand. These ridges consist mainly of balsam fir, aspen, and birch. The southern part of this stand was strip cut in 1995. The harvested area has fully regenerated to tamarack and spruce primarily. The leave strips were very narrow so they will be retained also there is a couple acre area of black ash and tagalder included. This southern area will not have the harvest treatment applied to it. Also there is an area of thick larger diameter cedar on the far east of the stand that will be retained from harvest.
13	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	4.1	91	81-110	Stand was thinned in 2004 on contract 029-03-01.
14	4136 - Aspen, Mixed Conifer	High Density Sapling	71.3	27		This stand was cut between 1984 and 1988, there was some scattered pine and oak left. There is a small drain/creek that flows through the eastern third of this stand and a buffer was left on it when the stand was harvested. This stand had the SCA designation. Both wildlife and forest management is in favor of removing this designation.
15	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Pole	6.1	60		Decent quality stand with a mix of species.
16	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	25.8	98		This stand is not fully stocked, but there is enough volume to harvest it. There is a 3 to 4 acre upland patch in the center of the stand.
17	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	18.4	60		Stand is primarily a mix of aspen, birch, and balsam fir. The birch is older than the aspen.
18	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	39.5	80	81-110	This stand was last thinned in 1993-1994 on contract 003-93-01. This stand is not ready to be thinned yet.
19	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	6.8	96		Stunted black spruce stand.
20	4130 - Aspen	Medium Density	16.0	7		Stand was final harvested in 2004 on contract 029-03-01.
21	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	19.3	96		Poor quality lowland swamp, with pockets of tagalder within it. Stand containns mostly tamarack, but there are other lowland species mixed in. This stand might need to be factor limited due to access issues. We will need to get permission from one of the adjacent landowners to cross their property.

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:	MICHIGAN
22	4133 - Aspen, Mixed Pine	High Density Pole	20.2	50		Decent quality aspen w some pine, oak, and balsan The pine and oak is primarily in the southern third of This stand will have to be factor limited due to accu- have to get permission from one of the adjacent la access this stand.	of the stand. ess. We will

6 - Nonforested Stands

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	Management Priority (Objective)	General Comments:
10	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	2.6	No	Low (NonForested)	

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7 - PROPOSED SPECIAL CONSERVATION AREA* (SCA) DETAILS

* This is a partial list of SCAs for this compartment. Not included are those areas identified under other Department initiatives (Natural Rivers, Deer Wintering Areas, etc.). Those will be identified in separate, future map and report products.

Stand	SCA Type	SCA Name	Acres	Comments
11	SCA Removal	33025011	40.5	This stand contains a small buffer along a creek that was coded as SCA previously. We are removing this designation.
14	SCA Removal	33025014	71.3	This stand contains a small buffer along a creek that was coded as SCA previously. We are removing this designation.

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8 – DEDICATED CONSERVATION AREA DETAILS

* This is a list of Dedicated Biodiversity Areas for this compartment along with a 1/4 mile buffer surrounding the compartment. Refer to Dedicated Conservation Area Map for areas that the below listed Conservation Areas are located.

Conservation	on Type	Description	ERA = Ecological Reference Area HCVA = High Conservation Value Area SCA = Special Conservation Area
SCA	Cold Water Stream	A coldwater stream has temperature and dissolved oxygen cond stocked trout populations and those of other coldwater fish speci year to year. Coldwater streams in Michigan typically provide the contributions of groundwater to their stream flows. Such streams designated as trout resources by Fisheries Order 210.	es (e.g., slimy sculpin) to persist from se conditions due to substantial
ERA	Ecological Reference Areas	Ecological Reference Areas (ERAs) are high quality examples of identified as Element Occurrences (EOs) by the Michigan Natura context of their natural community classification system. Element (Excellent) or B (Good) and a Global (G) or State (S) element (rathreatened (2), or rare (3) serve as an initial base of ERAs. They the State. The system is comprised of individual or associations of managed for restoration and maintenance of natural ecological public submit recommendations for lands as ERAs using the DNR Constitutions.	Il Features Inventory (MNFI) within the Cocurrences with viability ranks of A rity) ranking of endangered (1), may be located upon any ownership in of natural community types that are rocesses and values. The public may
SCA	Non-Dedicated Natural Areas and National Natural Landmarks	This category is comprised of those Natural, Wilderness and Wilproposed for legal dedication, but for which legal dedication by le nomination process is defined by Part 351, Wilderness and Natu Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. The program is adm require the submittal of a Natural Areas Nomination Packet to the proposed sites in various stages of review. Final dedication of no Areas is accomplished through legislative action.	egislature has not occurred. The ral Areas, of the Natural Resources and ninistered by the DNR. Nominations DNR. This is an active program, with





