



**SAULT FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT
COMPARTMENT REVIEW PRESENTATION**

COMPARTMENT # 29 ENTRY YEAR: 2010

Compartment Acreage: 690 County: Mackinac

Revision Date: August 11, 2008

Stand Examiner: Jeff Wise

Legal Description: T42N-R1E, Sec 5, 7 & 8; Clark Township

Management Goals: To develop an optimal age class distribution of aspen stands for sustainable forestry and wildlife values. To rotate hardwood treatments for optimum regeneration and stocking of all age classes. Maintain current openings as needed for diversity and enhancement of wildlife benefits. To provide reasonable public access for multiple use benefits such as hunting, trail riding, camping, and hiking, while protecting the natural resources. This YOE, one block consisting of two stands will be prescribed for treatment. This compartment is within the Huron Patterned Outcrop Management Area. Plans for this Management Area are currently being written.

Soil and Topography: Markey-Battydoe-Shelter Association. Nearly level to steep, very deep soils that are very poorly drained to somewhat excessively drained. Land is generally flat with a few deep ravines.

Ownership Patterns, Development, and Land Use in and Around the Compartment: The compartment is surrounded by private land with a few hunting camps in the area. The State owns a gravel pit here which has been used for county as well as State timber projects. Two roads give the public access for hunting trapping etc. One leads to the gravel pit and one to a private hunting camp. Hunting is the main activity here. Almost a quarter of this compartment is landlocked.

Unique, Natural Features: MNFI lists no element occurrences in this compartment.

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features: None known

Special Management Designations or Considerations: None

Watershed and Fisheries Considerations: This compartment contains portions of McKay Creek and Rapson Creek. McKay Creek is classified as cold-transitional while Rapson Creek is classified as a cold stream. A 300-foot buffer (no clear cuts) should be kept adjacent to McKay Creek. No treatments are scheduled near Rapson Creek.

Wildlife Habitat Considerations: Several ephemeral wetlands and streams and permanent wetlands are within this compartment. Large limestone boulders are within some stands. Wildlife use of the area included deer, great crested flycatcher, broad-winged hawk, and bald eagle.

General Wildlife Objectives and Considerations:

1. Ephemeral wetlands/intermittent streams

Despite their small size, ephemeral wetlands and intermittent streams are critically important to reptile and amphibians and contribute to the overall forest biodiversity (MI Wildlife Action Plan – wetlands: ephemeral wetlands).

Terrestrial habitats within 100 ft of ephemeral wetlands and intermittent streams will be left uncut following to protect water quality BMP guidelines. Mature, undisturbed forests surrounding wetlands are important because harvest practices can degrade habitat suitability for dependent wildlife species, particularly reptiles and amphibians. Soil temperatures increase and humidity decreases with loss of canopy closure, rutting in low areas can disrupt species movement, harvested areas have lower dead and down woody debris, and exposed soils combined with large rain events after harvest can introduce sedimentation impacting water quality and quickly fill in small isolated wetlands.

Adjacent to the water quality buffer, management of the adjacent terrestrial habitat up to 500 ft will incorporate the life requirements of reptile and amphibian species. Harvest within this core habitat zone will avoid peak breeding periods of Apr. 15 – July 15th, when logistically feasible. Retention patches, particularly with clear cut stands, will be placed adjacent to wetland buffers or between wetlands within a stand to increase protection and connectivity.

2. River/Marsh

Maintaining mature, closed canopy forest types adjacent to rivers, lakes, ponds will benefit numerous wildlife species. Wood ducks, hooded mergansers, bald eagle, osprey, numerous passerines, red-shouldered hawk, black bear, fisher, marten, and other aquatic fur bearers are some species which utilize mature forests adjacent to water bodies.

Emphasis of mature forest community elements adjacent to water quality buffers will maximize wildlife value. Retention patches, particularly with clear cuts, will be placed adjacent to or between wetlands within a stand increase protection and connectivity. Harvest within 500 ft will avoid peak breeding reptile and amphibian breeding periods of Apr. 15 – July 15th, when logistically feasible.

3. Oak

Retention of oak is now particularly important given the significant loss of beech across the landscape. Management which encourages and protects mast producing species such as oak will benefit numerous wildlife species such as white-tailed deer, grouse, bear, rodents, and wild turkey.

4. Cedar/conifer/fir/spruce within deer yards

One of the primary objectives within deer yards is to maintain a dense canopy cover which serves as an intercept to snow accumulation during winter. To maintain this cover, retention of these species is important. Because of the low probability of cedar regeneration within concentrated areas of deer use, harvest should be avoided. If harvest of cedar has been conducted within the yard, evaluating harvest techniques and regeneration will be critical to the success of future management.

5. Cedar management outside of deer yard boundaries with regeneration challenges

Where cedar is not regenerating outside of deer yards, clear criteria should be developed to judge adequate regeneration and appropriated actions to correct understocked areas (SFI Performance Measure 2.1). It must be determined where and how much this lower stocking rate is acceptable. Because of the high economic and ecological value of cedar, the priority should be to evaluate regeneration of past harvest areas and to limit or clearly define sustainable harvest levels until status within these areas is determined. Monitoring results will take time (30 - 50 yrs) but will not jeopardize cedar communities as they are long-lived.

In stands where cedar is harvested, actions will be taken to protect desirable or planned advanced natural regeneration during harvest (SFI Performance Measure 2.1):

- 1) Leave cedar seed trees every 30 ft.
- 2) Avoid cutting leaning cedar ($\sim \leq 45^\circ$) - trees provide better opportunities for vegetative regeneration.
- 3) Avoid harvesting large trees ($> 12''$ dbh) - good seed dispersal.
- 4) Create slash piles and downed whole trees adjacent to retained cedar.
- 5) Avoid harvesting in low areas with hummock microtopography as equipment can flatten and result in site conversion to species that are more adapted to wet areas.
- 6) Clearcutting of cedar on shallow organic soils, poorly decomposed acid peats, or wet mineral soils frequently result in inadequate regeneration. Harvest should be restricted to the most productive organic soils.

Citation:

Chimner, R.A., and J.B. Hart 1996. Hydrology and microtopography effects on northern white-cedar regeneration in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. *Can. J. For. Res.* 26:389-393.

Lanasa, M. 1989. Northern white-cedar management and whitetail deer habitat. In: *Proceedings of the National Silvicultural Workshop: Silviculture for all resources; 1987 May 11-14; Sacramento, CA.* Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Timber Management: 19-24.

Verme, L.J., and W.F. Johnson. 1986. Regeneration of Northern white cedar deeryards in upper Michigan. *J. Wild. Manag.* 50:307-313.

6. Northern hardwood

Retention of large diameter living trees and snags will provide cavity, den, and foraging habitat and future dead and down woody debris for numerous wildlife species.

7. Hemlock

Hemlock communities provide habitat for rare raptor species such as red-shouldered hawk and Northern goshawk and is also important to black-throated blue, cerulean, black-throated green warblers, and scarlet tanagers, black bear, moose and marten.

Closed canopy structure results in lower snow levels and lower energy expenditures for deer. When harvesting other trees species within a stand where hemlock is retained, equipment should refrain from removing trees from hemlock inclusions to avoid damaging the canopy.

8. Poor conifer swamp

This natural community is dominated by black spruce, Labrador tea, and sphagnum mosses and is important to many rare plants and animals such as the yellow pitcher plant, black crowberry, spruce grouse, wood turtle, and merlin. When managing for biodiversity within poor conifer swamps, large unharvested tracts may be left to allow natural processes to operate unhindered to generate a range of successional stages. Examples of this community with late successional characteristics are relatively rare and should be considered for retention with the presence of large trees, treefall gaps, snags and downed wood.

Dead and dying wood will be retained to become snags, stumps, and fallen logs. Long rotation periods (over 100 years) will favor numerous species, such as epiphytic lichen and trunk foraging birds that depend on old, large trees.

Where management does occur, patches of residual trees, all snags, and dead and downed wood will be retained. High retention (> 20 %) will be important because spruce is not very windfirm, thus isolated retention patches blow over easily. Retention of both spruce and fir is important to maintain the multi-storied structure within the stand.

Citation:

Kost, M.A., D.A. Albert, J.G. Cohen, B.S. Slaughter, R.K. Schillo, C.R. Weber, and K.A. Chapman. 2007. Natural Communities of Michigan: Classification and Description. Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Report No. 2007-21, Lansing, MI.

MDNR FMFM Within-Stand Retention Guidelines. 2006. Cover type specific considerations – spruce-fir. Pgs. 25-26.

9. Aspen

Maintaining a component of interspersed large (saw log) living aspen or aspen patches within managed stands will provide for future snag age class and a food resource for ruffed grouse. This aspen multi-age class juxtaposition also provides benefits for deer and hare.

Oak and cherry retained within aspen stands serve as important mast producers.

Retention of longer-lived species such as maple, oak, cedar, and white pine enhance vertical structure and assure a steady supply of snags and downed woody debris.

Retention of conifer < 4" dbh within stands provides cover for ruffed grouse.

10. Red pine

Retention of some red pine at final harvest in plantation stands provide wildlife values in terms of super-canopy nesting trees, a good long-term cavity resource, and live/wood legacy tree retention. The benefit of these patches to wildlife will be maximized by placing retention of red pine adjacent to 100 ft, unharvested, water quality buffers.

The retention zone beyond the buffer can be managed to maximize ecological complexity and natural plant diversity with variable density thinning and longer rotations. Retention within this zone of 60 – 80 ft² per acre of residual red pine at the initial harvest will result in development of two-age cohort stands and potentially multi-cohort stands when this level of harvest is repeated in the future. Economic rotation ages of 50 – 90 years are shorter than those to develop complex stand structures (120 – 200 years). Thus the primary determinant of harvest within the retention zone will be the acceptable level of structural complexity and within-stand heterogeneity.

Because large continuous stands of red pine of the same age are susceptible to severe pest outbreaks, having zones of red pine of varying age classes broken up with alternate non-pine species will prove beneficial.

Management within red pine plantations will enhance and perpetuate oak components which are an important hard mast source for numerous wildlife species.

Citation:

Gilmore, D. W., and B. J. Palik. 2006. A revised manager's handbook for red pine in the North Central Region. Gen. Tech. Rep. NC-264. St. Paul, MN: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, North Central Research Station. 55 p.

MDNR FMFM Within-Stand Retention Guidelines. 2006. Cover type specific considerations – red pine. Pgs. 22-23.

Michigan State Forest Red Pine Management Guidelines. 1991.

Nicholls, T. H., and D. D. Skillings. 1997. Pocket guide to red pine diseases and their management. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, North Central Research Station.

11. Limestone Boulders

These unique geologic features serve as micro-habitat for several rare plant species including Hart's tongue fern, green spleenwort, and walking fern. Harvesting too close to these boulders can interrupt the canopy cover and micro-climate for these plants. In areas where plants have been found, retention guidelines will be followed (pg. 15). In areas within the plant species distribution (see MNFI summaries) harvest will not occur at a minimum of 10 ft of large boulders (approximately $\geq 4 \times 4$ ft) to protect micro-climate and possible future colonization sites.

12. Retention considerations

- Retention patches placed within a stand for water quality, inoperability, or protection of sensitive habitat can contribute toward but not fully satisfy retention requirements (pg. 10).

- Important to vary retention patterns across the landscape to encourage structural diversity (pg. 11).
 - When retaining scattered trees, important to capture the size diversity by assuring that large diameter trees / trees with desirable wildlife characteristics are included.
 - For stands greater than 10 acres, patches are recommended. This also assures that a representation of the current species community is retained.

Mineral Resource and Development Concerns and/or Restrictions: Surface sediments consist of glacial outwash sand & gravel and postglacial alluvium sometimes thin to discontinuous over bedrock. The glacial drift thickness varies between 10 and 50 feet. The Silurian Engadine Group subcrops below the glacial drift. The Engadine is quarried for stone/dolomite in the UP. A gravel pit is located in Section 8 and there should be potential. There is no current economic oil and gas production in the UP.

Vehicle Access: Winberg Road is a county road and provides year round access to the east side of this compartment. A two track provides good access vehicle access to the southern part in snow free conditions for hunting. Not much else takes place here.

Survey Needs: None needed for treatments, but some work in Sec 5 would give confidence. Private land on the east side has been cut giving reasonable evidence of property lines. Stand examiner accepts private lines established by Shepard Forestry.

Recreational Facilities and Opportunities: Nothing much here save access for hunting, perhaps trapping, and other nature watching activities. No trails of any type.

Fire Protection: There is good access from Winberg Road. Water sources would be limited to ravines and drainages. Nothing is nearby in the way of lakes or streams.

Additional Compartment Information:

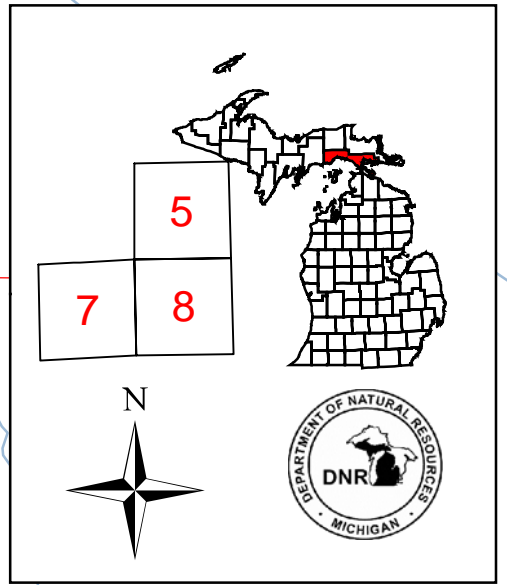
- **Cover Type details, Proposed Treatments, and Stand listings are listed in the attached reports:**
 - ◆ **Proposed Treatments – No Limiting Factors**
 - ◆ **Proposed Treatments – With Limiting Factors**
 - ◆ **Stand Listing – Forested**
 - ◆ **Stand Listing – Non Forested**
 - ◆ **Special Conservation Area (SCA) Details**

- **The following information is displayed, where pertinent, on the attached compartment maps:**
 - ◆ **Base feature information, stand numbers, cover types**
 - ◆ **Proposed treatments**
 - ◆ **Proposed road access system**
 - ◆ **SCA – Special Conservation Areas**

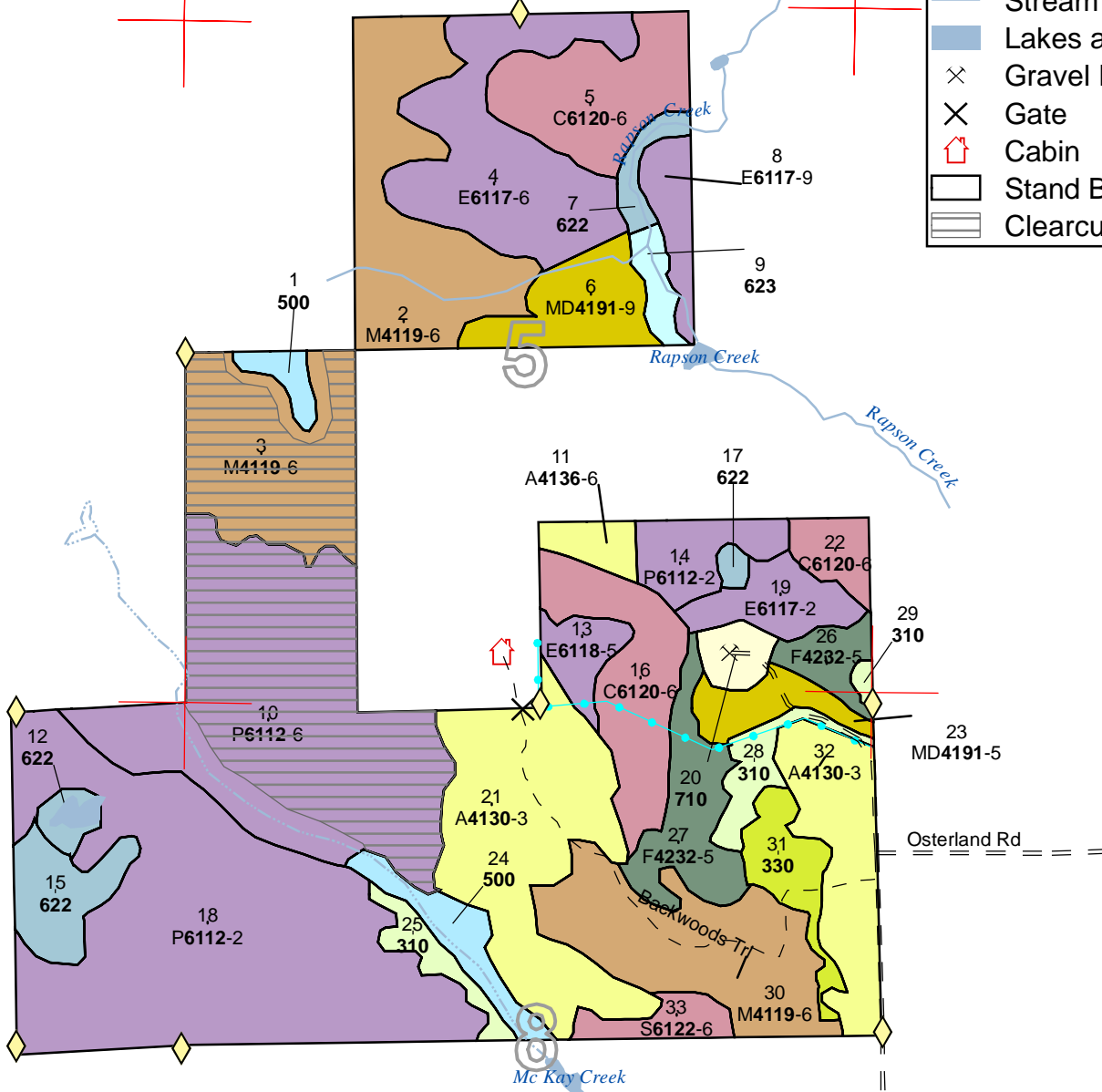
Cover Type & Treatment Map

Compartment 029
 T42N, R01E, Sec. 5, 7, 8
 County: Mackinac
 Unit: Sault Ste. Marie
 YOE: 2010
 Acres: 690 GIS Calculated
 Stand Examiner: Jeff Wise
 Map Revised: 8/13/2008
 Map Phase: Pre-Review

Stand #
 23
Stocking Density
 (412)0 - A7
 Level 3 OI
 Level 4 Code
Cover Type Code



- Legend**
- RLS Corners
 - Miris Corners
 - Highway
 - Paved Road
 - Gravel Road
 - Poor Dirt Road
 - Powerline
 - Intermittent Stream/Drain
 - Stream
 - Lakes and Rivers All
 - Gravel Pit
 - Gate
 - Cabin
 - Stand Boundaries
 - Clearcut with Reserves



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46°40'N

46°30'N

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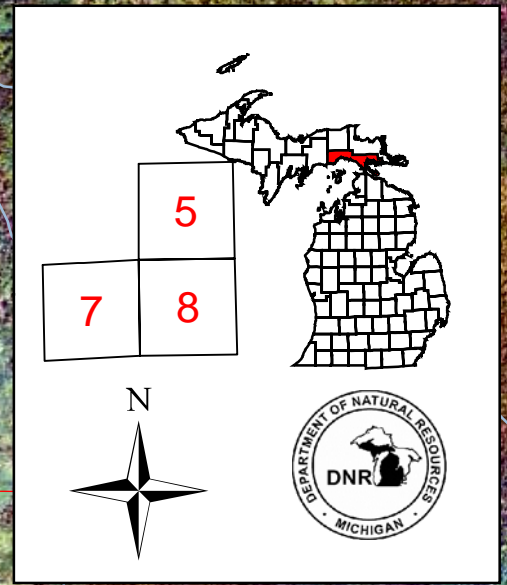
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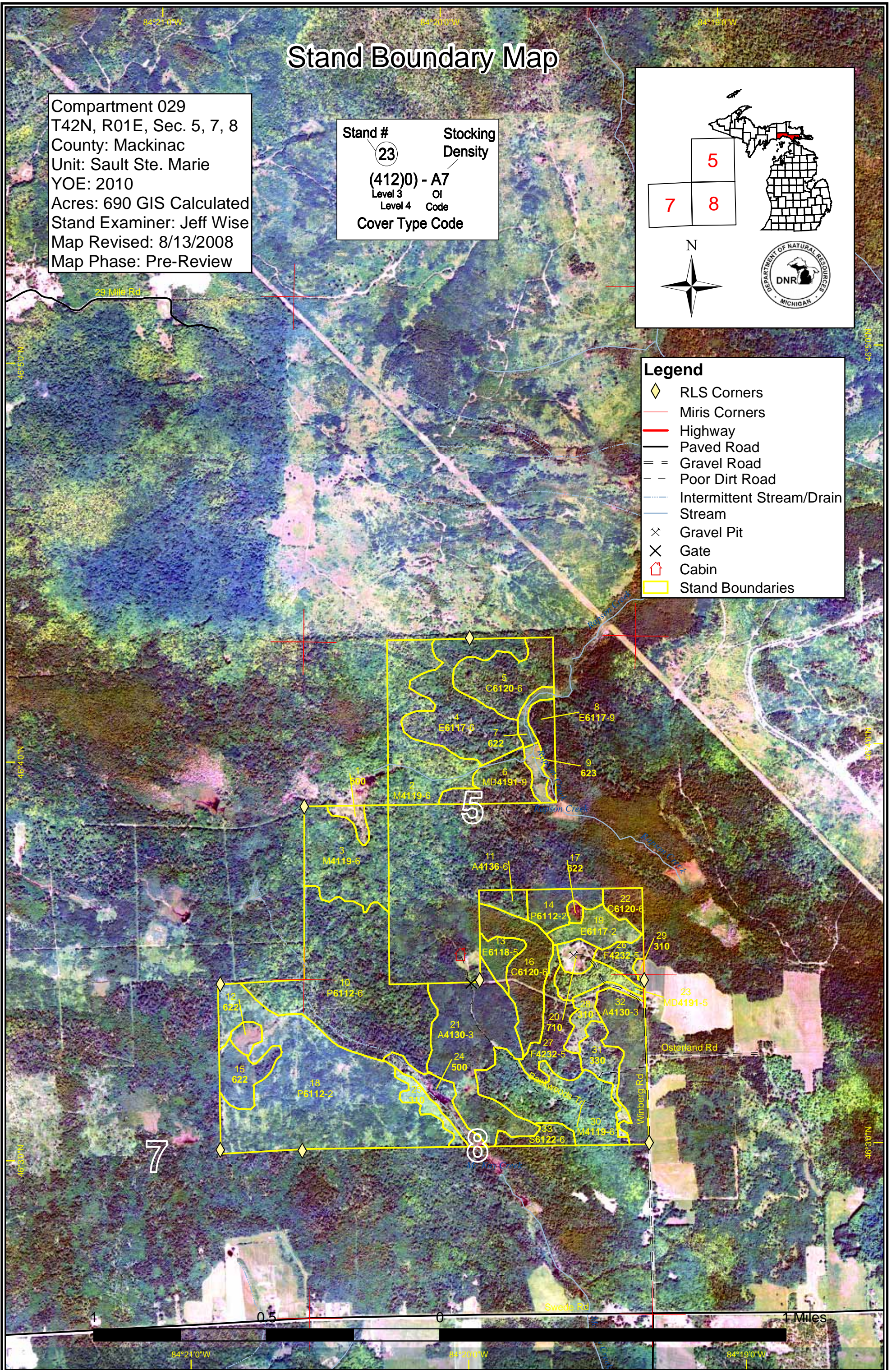
Stand Boundary Map

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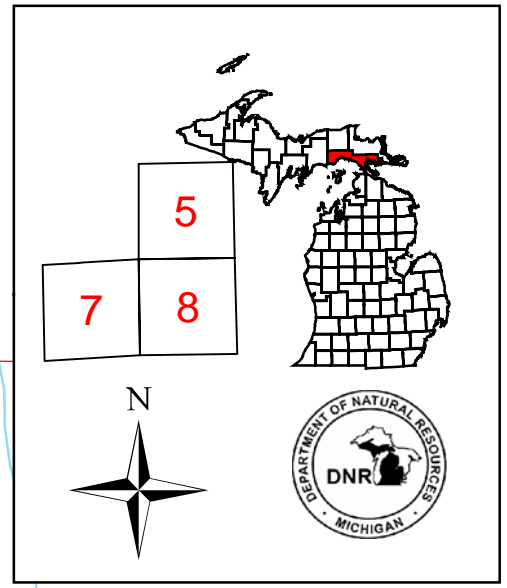
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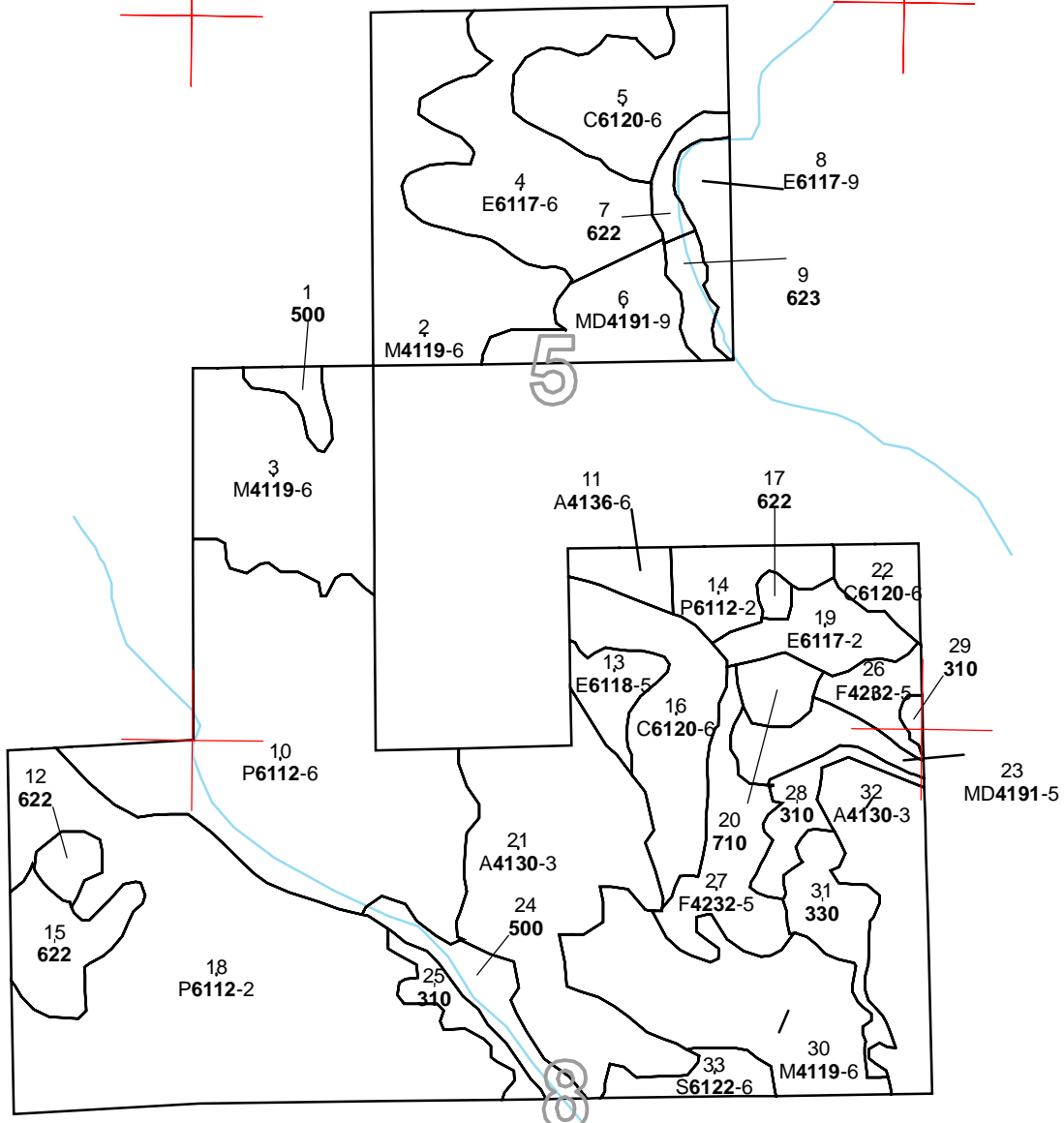
Dedicated & Proposed Special Conservation Area Map

Compartment 029
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Stand #
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Stocking Density
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 Level 3 OI
 Level 4 Code
Cover Type Code



Legend
 — Miris Corners
 □ Stand Boundaries
 — Cold Water Streams
 ▨ Mineral Resource Polygon



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Covertypes, Acres, and Age summary (Level 3 Cover Type)

Sault Ste. Marie Mgt. Unit

Compartment 029 Year of Entry 2010

Report Date: 08/13/2008



	Age Class														Total	
	Non-Forested	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100-109	110-119	120 +		Uneven Age
Aspen Types	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86.0	86.0
Emergent Wetland	4.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.8
Herbaceous Openland	14.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14.8
Low-Density Trees	11.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11.3
Lowland Coniferous Forest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65.7	65.7
Lowland Deciduous Forest	0	0	135.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	151.9	287.3
Lowland Shrub	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.9
Mixed Upland Deciduous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.6	25.6
Northern Hardwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120.7	120.7
Other Upland Conifers	0	0	0	0	0	6.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18.6	25.4
Sand, Soil	5.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.5
Water	14.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14.1
Total	73.3	0	135.3	0	0	6.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	468.6	684.1

**PROPOSED TREATMENTS
NO LIMITING FACTORS**



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Treatment Name	Acres	Stage1 CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective
3 45029003-Cut	34.4	4119 - Mixed Northern Hardwoods	High Density Pole	83	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	Mixed N. Hardwood - Aspen

Rev Cmmt: Buffer wetland by 100 ft and this will serve as retention also. Possible survey needed but not a limiting factor.

Rev Spec: Cut all trees to a 4" top, retain cedar, oak, hemlock, pine, yellow birch, and large, wolfy old sugar and red maple, as well as den trees and snags.

Next Steps: Regeneration survey in year four after harvest, regeneration of present species desired.

10 45029010-Cut	73.6	6112 - Lowland Aspen	High Density Pole	83	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	Lowland Aspen
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Rev Cmmt: Fisheries requests 300 ft no cut buffer along McKay creek with select cuts to 100 ft, treatment map reflects buffer and will be regarded as retention. Operational restrictions in south 1/2 of stand for herps breeding during April, May, and June. May operate with written permission. Possible survey needed but not a limiting factor.

Rev Spec: Cut all trees to a 4" top, retain cedar, oak, hemlock, pine, all den trees and snags. Cut aspen, balm, and w birch to within 100ft of McKay Creek, leave all conifer. This could be a separate Unit.

Next Steps: Regeneration survey in year four after harvest, regeneration of present species is desired.

**Total Treatment
Acreage Proposed: 108.0**

**PROPOSED TREATMENTS
WITH LIMITING FACTORS**



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Limiting Factor
and Comment:

Rev
Cmnt:

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Spec:

Next
Steps:

No Treatment
Reason

**Total Treatment
Acreage Proposed: 0**



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.

Inventory Method: IFMAP

Stand	SCA Name	Acres	Comments



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.

ERA = Ecological Reference Area
 HCVA = High Conservation Value Area
 SCA = Special Conservation Area

Conservation Area	Type	Description
SCA	Cold Water Stream	A coldwater stream has temperature and dissolved oxygen conditions that allow naturally-reproduced or stocked trout populations and those of other coldwater fish species (e.g., slimy sculpin) to persist from year to year. Coldwater streams in Michigan typically provide these conditions due to substantial contributions of groundwater to their stream flows. Such streams are established by Director's action and designated as trout resources by Fisheries Order 210.