



Compartment Review Presentation

Sault Ste. Marie Forest Management Unit

Compartment 126

Entry Year 2015

Acreage: 1,732

County Mackinac

Management Area: Mackinac Mix

Revision Date: 07/01/2013

Stand Examiner: Josh Brinks

Legal Description:

T44N-R7W, Sections 34 - 36

Identified Planning Goals:

The compartment is located 3 miles east of Rexton and ½ mile east from the burg of Caffey Corner. The compartment is composed of mostly treed bog, bog, and swamp conifers types with upland areas of aspen, birch, grassy openings and maple types. The black spruce is filling in across the bogs.

The island ridges in the bog are mostly covered with birch and aspen stands with some grassy openings. The ridges are scenic especially with fall foliage. Most of the accessible aspen stands were harvested within the last 20 years. The railroad blocks access to the pockets of aspen running along the road at the north end of the compartment. The aspen stands on Sand Products land in the south portion of Section 34 have been harvested in the last 2 years. The only stand prescribed for management is a hardwood stand where the beech is being salvaged because of beech bark disease. The snowmobile trail runs through the compartment on two different roads.

Soil and topography:

The majority of the outwash plain and lake plains are undulating to level with some rolling to steep ridges. The majority of the compartment is depressions in the lake plains and outwash plains are nearly level with Dawson and Loxley peats and Markey and Carbondale mucks soils. The variation is the ridges within the depression which are Pullup fine sand, Wallace sand, Paquin sand, Paquin-Finch sand, Springlake loamy course sand, Guardlake fine sandy loam, Finch sand and Croswell sand soils. The majority of the uplands are in Section 34. The uplands are level to rolling with some steep ridges are composed of Wallace sand, Springlake loamy course sand, and losco sand on the lake plain and outwash plains.

Ownership Patterns, Development, and Land Use in and Around the Compartment:

The compartment has one private parcel of 180 acres within Section 34 owned by Sand Products Corporation. Timber management has taken place on the Sand Products lands within the past 2 years. No mineral operations have taken place on this property in the past 10 years. There is a limestone rock quarry in the southwest corner of Section 34. A land trade had taken place to block up the ownership of both the private and state lands. The lands surrounding the compartment are state owned. Two small burgs are within a ½ mile to the west is Caffey Corner and Strouble Lake to the south.

Unique Natural Features:

There is a potential for rare threatened or endangered plant and animal species within the compartment. The stand to be managed will be checked for species of concern especially raptors. If any species are found then management will be modified to fit the management guidelines for the species found.

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features:

There are known concerns within the compartment. All proposed management activities have taken these concerns into consideration.

Special Management Designations or Considerations:

The planned harvest should not conflict with the snowmobile trail in the south half of Section 34.

Watershed and Fisheries Considerations:

The portion of this compartment that is in the Northern Lake Huron Management Unit is in the Carp River watershed. There are no waterbodies in the NLHMU portion of this compartment, so there is no concerns at this time.

Wildlife Habitat Considerations:

This compartment lies within the Mackinac Mix Management Area. Most of it is covered by muskeg. Moose, small rodents, snowshoe hares, bobcats and wood frogs are among those wildlife species that would inhabit this area. Upland areas in the southwest portion contain aspen and northern hardwoods that continue outside of the compartment.

Wildlife habitat objective in this compartment include maintaining the species and structural diversity within the hardwood

component and protecting the muskeg. A component of beech will be left in the northern hardwood stand to maintain diversity for black bear, hawks, and eventually cavity nesters. The rest of the compartment will be allowed to function naturally and continue the successional process with no habitat manipulations planned for this period. Other species utilizing the compartment include, but is not limited to white-tailed deer, coyote, wolf, beaver, otter, mink, eagle, osprey, and various others.

Mineral Resource and Development Concerns and/or Restrictions

Surface sediments consist of peat and muck and discontinuous glacial till over bedrock. There is insufficient data to determine the glacial drift thickness and 10 to 50 feet of drift. The Silurian Engadine and Manistique Groups subcrop below the glacial drift. The Engadine was quarried in the past for stone/limestone in the SW corner of Section 34. Gravel pits are not located in the area and potential may be limited. There is no economic oil and gas production in the UP.

Vehicle Access:

The access to the compartment is limited to the west 1/3. Hiawatha Trail is a county maintained paved road cuts by the very southwest of the compartment. The Molly Gibson Road is very poor DNR dirt road which can be not driven on most of the year. The water holes can be very deep. It is used as a portion of the snowmobile trail for Rexton to Trout Lake. The other roads are DNR two track roads with the snowmobile trail using the one trail road as a cut across trail from the Rexton to Trout Lake trail to the Cut River to Trout Lake trail. The ice road going north and south in Section 34 is not drivable and is barely wide enough for a snowmobile to traverse.

Survey Needs:

None needed at the present time.

Recreational Facilities and Opportunities:

Snowmobile trails #2 and 473 are located in portions of this compartment. Trail 2 barely touches the southwest corner of the compartment while 473 traverses the northwest corner. The Brevort-Trout Lake Motorcycle trail is located just south of the compartment, but does not enter it. Other recreational uses within the compartment are ATV riding, hunting for various species, trapping, and mushroom and berry picking.

Fire Protection:

The compartment has a low potential for wildfires with the timber types present. If there is a wildfire in this area it would be a lower intensity fire with a good potential to be a ground fire. This type of fire would very difficult to extinguish.

Additional Compartment Information:

The following reports from the Inventory are attached:

- Total Acres by Cover Type and Age Class**
- Cover Type by Harvest Method**
- Proposed Treatments – No Limiting Factors**
- Proposed Treatments – With Limiting Factors**
- Stand Details (Forested and Nonforested)**
- Dedicated and Proposed Special Conservation Areas**
- Site Condition Details**

The following information is displayed, where pertinent, on the attached compartment maps:

- Base feature information, stand boundaries, cover types, and numbers**
- Proposed treatments**
- Site condition boundaries**
- Details on the road access system**

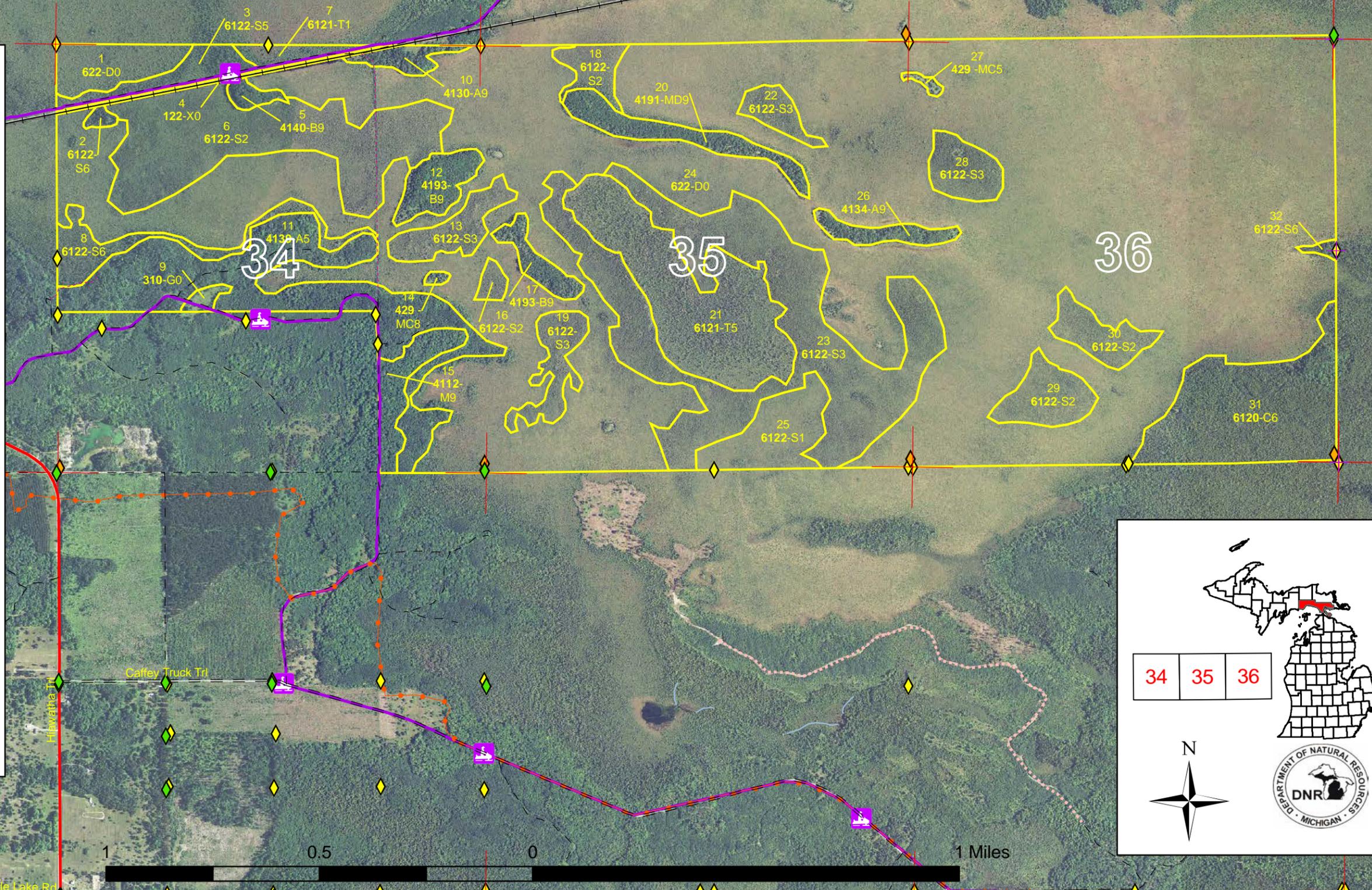
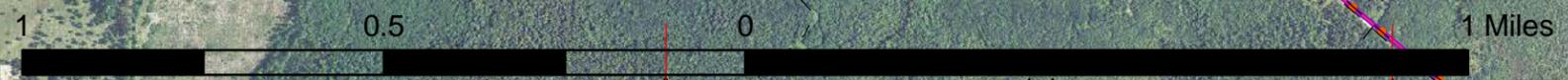
Stand Boundary Map

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 Map Revised: 06/17/2014
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 23
Stocking Density
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 Level 3 OI
 Level 4 Code
Cover Type Code

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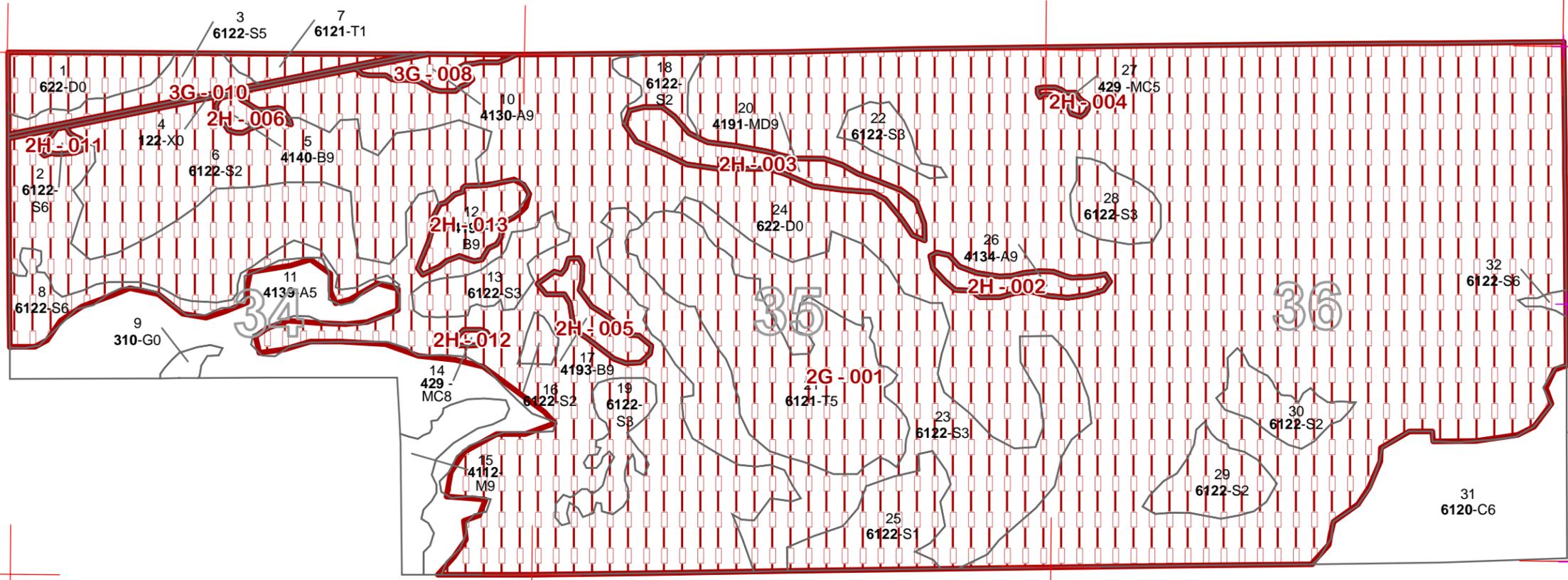
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- Closed Roads
- Railroads
- Motorcycle (DNR License)
- Snowmobile Trail
- Stream
- Stand Boundaries
- Forest Stands**
- Level 3
 - 411 - Northern Hardwood
 - 413 - Aspen Types
 - 414 - Other Upland Deciduous
 - 419 - Mixed Upland Deciduous
 - 429 - Mixed Upland Conifers
 - 612 - Lowland Coniferous Forest
- Non-Forest Stands**
- Level 3
 - 122 - Road/Parking Lot
 - 310 - Herbaceous Openland
 - 622 - Lowland Shrub

Special Conservation Areas & Site Conditions Map

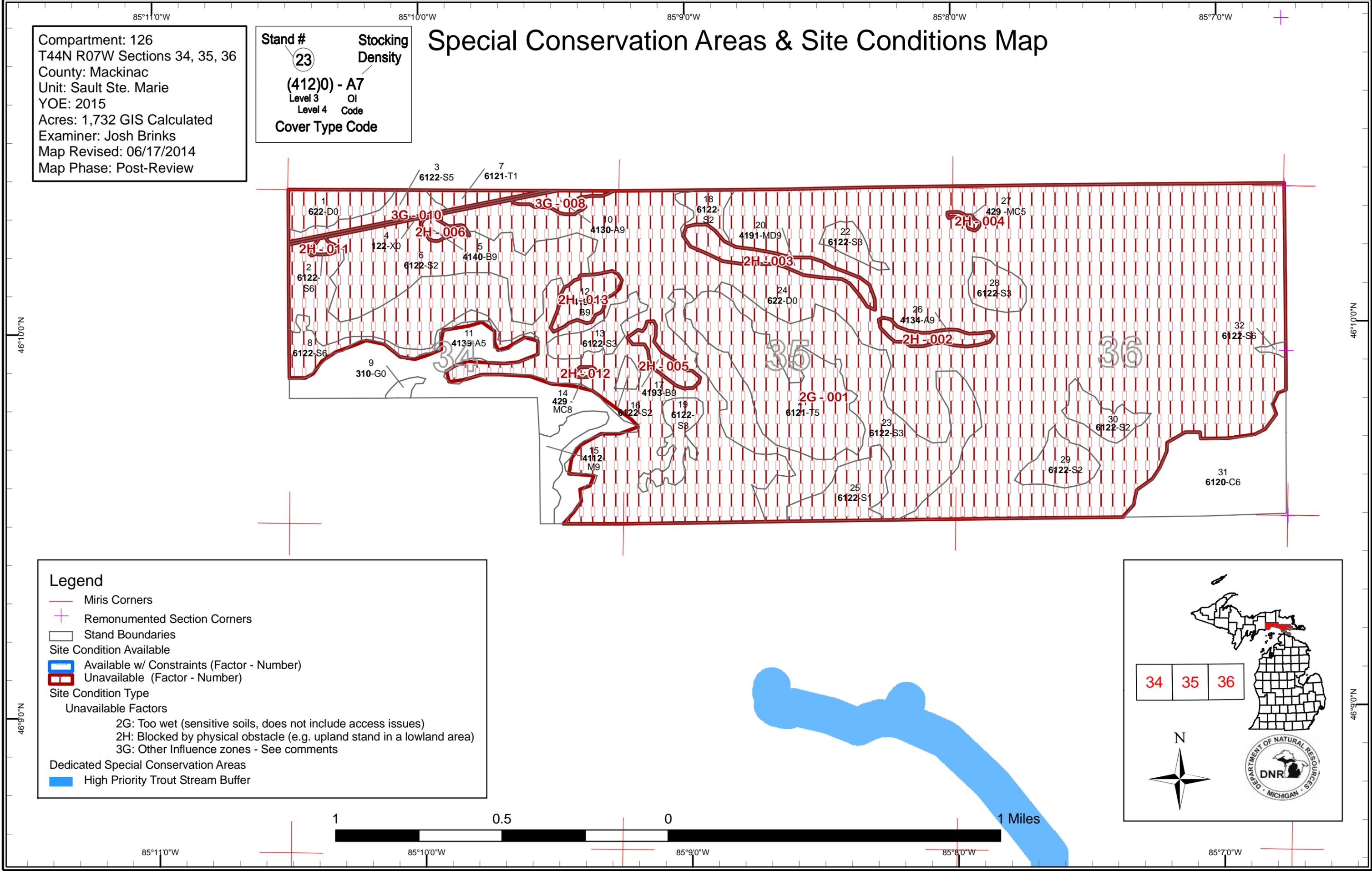
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- Stand Boundaries
- Site Condition Available
- ▭ Available w/ Constraints (Factor - Number)
- ▭ Unavailable (Factor - Number)
- Site Condition Type
- Unavailable Factors
 - 2G: Too wet (sensitive soils, does not include access issues)
 - 2H: Blocked by physical obstacle (e.g. upland stand in a lowland area)
 - 3G: Other Influence zones - See comments
- Dedicated Special Conservation Areas
- ▭ High Priority Trout Stream Buffer

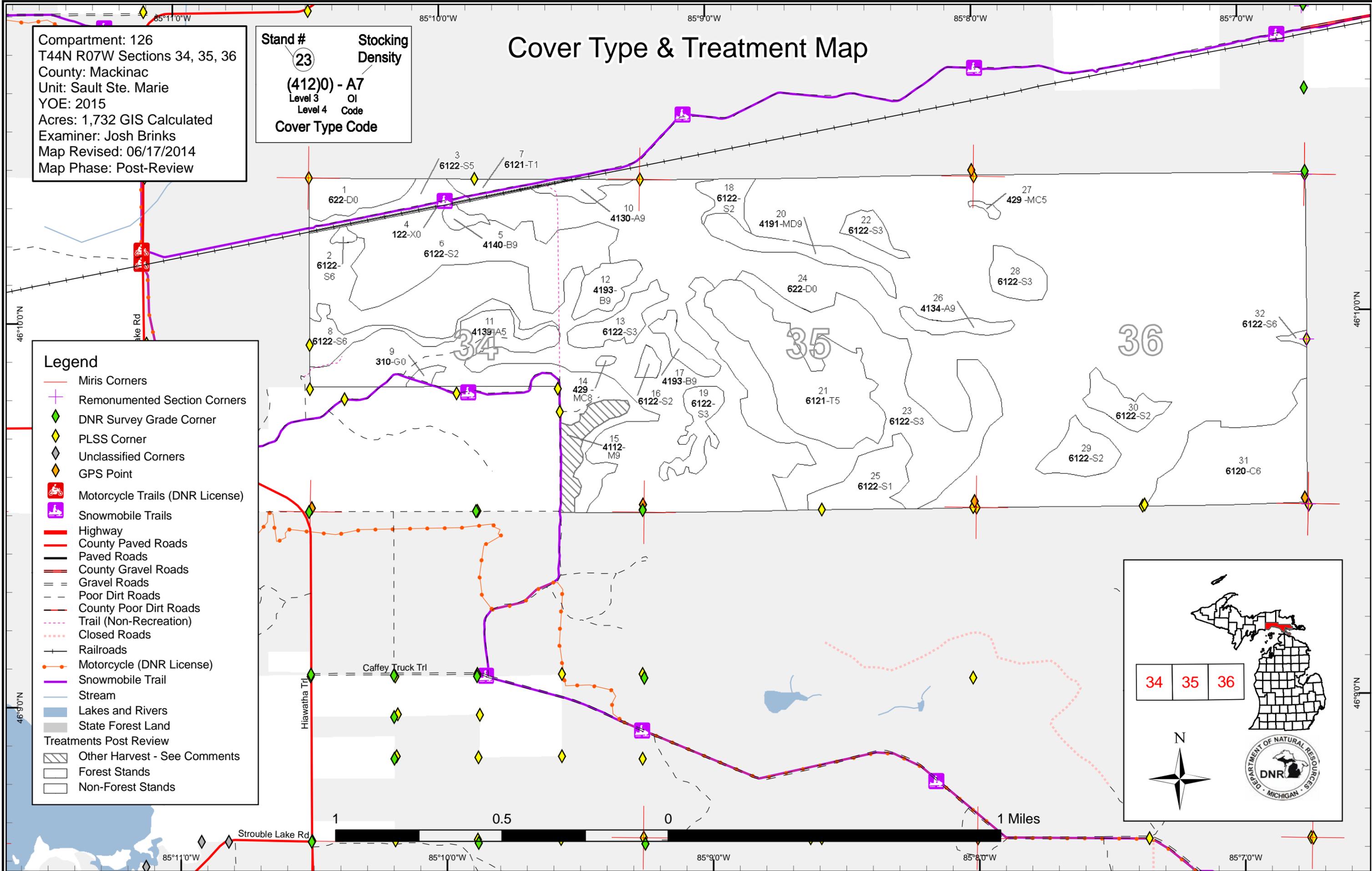
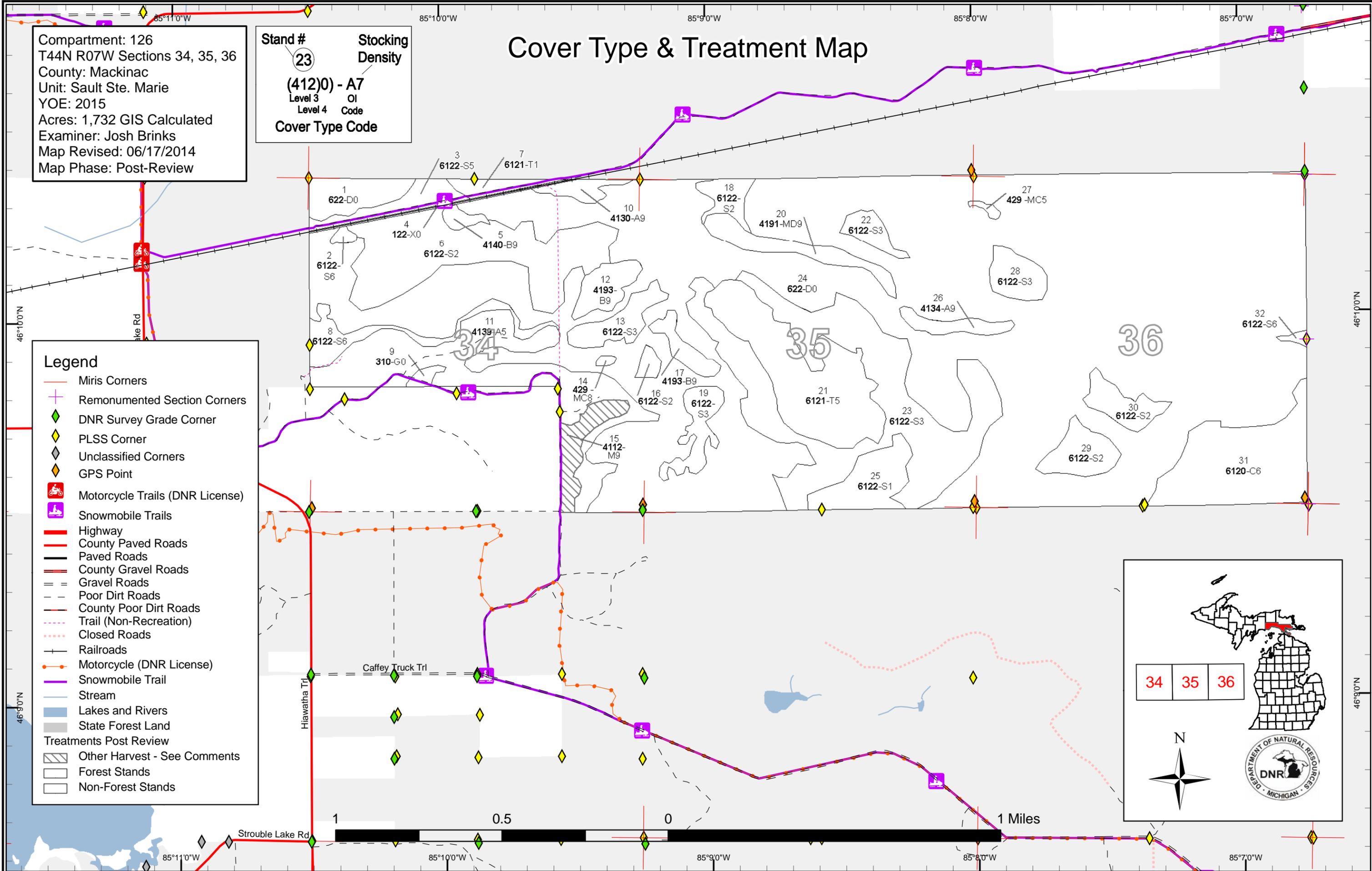
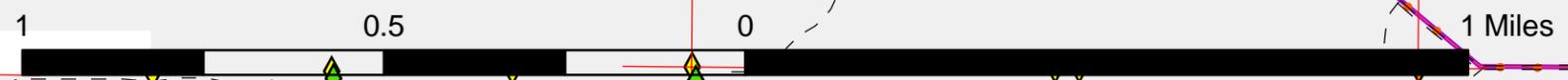


Cover Type & Treatment Map

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 - Lakes and Rivers
 - State Forest Land
 - Treatments Post Review**
 - Other Harvest - See Comments
 - Forest Stands
 - Non-Forest Stands

Report 1 – Total Acres by Cover Type and Age Class



	Age Class														Total
	0-9	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	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	0	0	0	0	104
Cedar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	66
Herbaceous Openland	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lowland Spruce/Fir	0	0	18	14	0	40	302	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	375
Mixed Upland Deciduous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
Northern Hardwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
Paper Birch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	12	0	0	0	0	0	26
Tamarack	0	0	7	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81
Treed Bog	1038	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1038
Upland Conifers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Urban	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	1044	0	114	87	0	40	302	13	57	8	0	0	66	0	1732



Report 2 – Proposed Treatment Summaries

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Total Compartment Acres: 1,732

Acres by Treatment Type

Commercial Harvest - 15	Tree Planting - 0	Other - 0
Habitat Cut - 0	Opening Maintenance - 0	

Cover Type by Harvest Method

		Clearcut	Selection	Seed Tree	Shelterwood	Thinning	Other - Specify	Total Acres
Northern Hardwood		0	0	0	0	0	15	15
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	15	15

**Report 3 -- Treatments Prescribed
with No Limiting Factor**



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Treatment Name	Acres	CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
15 45126015-Cut	15.2	4112 - Maple, Beech, Cherry Association	High Density Log	87	51-80	Harvest	Other - Specify in Comments	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Fld. Tr. Bdy.

Prescription Cut all beech. Leave 1-3 beech per acre that are large wolfy trees, resistant or have bear claw marks.

Specs:

Other

Comments:

Next Monitor the stand for the possibility of spraying the beech brush to release other regeneration.

Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2012

**Total Treatment
Acreage Proposed: 15.3**



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Treatment Name	Acres	CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
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Prescription
Specs:

Other
Comment:

Next
Steps:

Proposed
Start Date: #Type!

Limiting Factor

Total Treatment
Acreage Proposed: 0.0

Report 5 – Site Conditions

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Availability for Management

Total Acres	Acres		Dominant Site Conditions	No	3G	2H	2G
	Available	Not Available					
104	85	19	Aspen	85	7	9	3
66	66		Cedar	66			
375	0	375	Lowland Spruce/Fir	0		2	373
18		18	Mixed Upland Deciduous			18	
15	15		Northern Hardwood	15			
25		25	Paper Birch			25	
81		81	Tamarack				81
2		2	Upland Conifers			2	
687	167	520	Total Forested Acres	167	7	56	457
	24%	76%	Relative Percent				

**Due to limitations in the current Site Conditions Analysis tool, all nonforested acres are considered available. Future development will enable analysis of nonforested types.*

Site No.	Dominant Site Cond Availability	Dominant Site Condition	Acres	Other Site Condition	Other Site Condition	Other Site Condition	Other Site Condition
001	Not Available	2G: Too wet (sensitive soils, does not include access issues)	1,492				
Comments:							
002	Not Available	2H: Blocked by physical obstacle (e.g. upland stand in a lowland area)	9				
Comments: Upland in a lowland area							
003	Not Available	2H: Blocked by physical obstacle (e.g. upland stand in a lowland area)	18				
Comments: upland in a lowland area							

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004	Not Available	2H: Blocked by physical obstacle (e.g. upland stand in a lowland area)	1	
Comments: upland in a lowland area				
005	Not Available	2H: Blocked by physical obstacle (e.g. upland stand in a lowland area)	9	
Comments: upland in a lowland area				
006	Not Available	2H: Blocked by physical obstacle (e.g. upland stand in a lowland area)	4	
Comments:				
008	Not Available	3G: Other Influence zones - See comments	7	
Comments: Cannot cross the railroad tracks.				
010	Not Available	3G: Other Influence zones - See comments	4	
Comments: Railroad				
011	Not Available	2H: Blocked by physical obstacle (e.g. upland stand in a lowland area)	2	
Comments:				

012	Not Available	2H: Blocked by physical obstacle (e.g. upland stand in a lowland area)	1
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Comments:

013	Not Available	2H: Blocked by physical obstacle (e.g. upland stand in a lowland area)	13	3B: Threatened, endangered, and special concern species/communities
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Comments:



Report 6 – 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.

SCA Name	SCA Category	Detail Type	Recommendation	Acres
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Report 7 – EXISTING SPECIAL CONSERVATION AREA DETAILS

* This is a list of SCA's for this compartment along with a 1/4 mile buffer surrounding the compartment. Refer to the Special Conservation Area Map for locations of the below listed Conservation Areas.

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

Conservation Area	Type	Description
SCA	Archaeological Site	An aquatic or terrestrial area of the State that contains physical remains of human occupation. These are sites of cultural and historical significance that may occur upon terrestrial areas and Great Lakes bottomlands. They include thousands of Native American settlements and burial sites, as well as French and British outposts, nineteenth century logging camps, mines and homesteads. Beneath the waters of the Great Lakes, there are shipwrecks and other remains documenting the maritime trade. Such sites may be identified by Natural heritage data from the State Historic Preservation Office. Proposed treatments in this compartment will be implemented in such a manner as to maintain the integrity of these sites. Due to the sensitive nature of this information, no further detail about location is available.
SCA	Habitat Area	An area that provide some specific need for the life cycle of wildlife species, including State Wildlife Areas and Waterfowl Production Areas, deer wintering complexes in lowland conifer communities, grassland openings and savannas. Habitat areas are distinct from critical habitat designated for recovery of endangered or threatened species (such as Kirtland's warbler or piping plover areas) in that they are more general in nature, are not primarily associated with threatened or endangered species, and are not covered by species recovery plans that are developed in cooperation with Federal agencies.



	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
2	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	1.8	68	111-140	A small pole size stand of black spruce with a few scattered jack pine and tamarack that is very thick. Wet ground covered in leatherleaf.
3	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density Pole	13.8	39		Mostly black spruce with a patch of good tamarack. Low wet ground.
5	4140 - Other Upland Deciduous	High Density Log	3.7	84	141-170	Very nice stand of Birch on dry ground. Stand shows signs of being used by deer. Almost no chance of ever harvesting because of the railroad tracks.
6	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density	86.1	61		Stand of small black spruce that is patchy in places.
7	6121 - Tamarack	Low Density Sapling	7.1	26		Sapling size tamarack along the edge of a much bigger bog to the north. There are enough trees in this portion of the bog to consider it a forested stand. There are scattered pole size tamarack in the stand which are much more common on the east side.
8	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	18.4	29		Pole size spruce with tamarack and scattered paper birch.
10	4130 - Aspen	High Density Log	6.8	93		Nice stand of aspen and paper birch. There is more of a paper birch component the further east you go. On the far west side there are some X-Log aspen.
11	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	Medium Density Pole	88.8	26	1-50	This stand is the ultimate mixing pot as a result of it being choppers choice harvested in 1987. Throughout the stand there are scattered large white pine but there is a larger concentration of them along the edge of the bog and up on top of the ridge. There are three different cohorts of aspen apparent in the stand. The oldest is 64 year old and is log size, then there is pole size which is 25 years old which is regeneration from the harvest in 87, finally there is sapling size aspen which is 16 years old which is regen from the harvest in 97. There are two pockets of smaller but very nice aspen regen one is located on the east edge of the hardwood stand and the other is at the tip of the point. Spruce is growing on the hill as the stand transitions into the bog.
12	4193 - Birch, Aspen	High Density Log	13.2	79	111-140	A very cool stand of birch and aspen out in the spruce swamp. There are a few mid-tolerants that are starting to grow into the canopy of the stand. There are some maples in the canopy and lots of maple in the understory. Lots of conifer around the edge of the stand. Some of the paper birch is starting to die. There are some yellow birch in the understory. Along the west edge of the stand as you come out of the swamp there is younger aspen with spruce, white pine, balsam fir, and scattered open areas.
13	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Sapling	14.8	59		Sapling size stand of black spruce out in the bog. Some scattered larger tamarack and a few white pine.
14	429 - Mixed Upland Conifers	Medium Density Log	1.0	86		Small upland stand of white pine with paper birch and fir.



	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
15	4112 - Maple, Beech, Cherry Association	High Density Log	15.2	87	51-80	Small hardwood stand with lots of nice looking yellow birch. Stand was last thinned in 2008 as part of Pigskin Hardwood. Lots of infected beech that should be salvaged. Understory is thick to beech in the interior of the stand with more conifer along the edge of the bog. Here are the results of three points taken for beech: 70 BA with 20 BA of it being beech, 70 BA with 30 BA of it being beech and 80 BA with 20 BA of it being beech.
16	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density	3.2	63		Sapling size black spruce with a few tamarack.
17	4193 - Birch, Aspen	High Density Log	8.6	82	111-140	An island of paper birch and aspen in the middle of the swamp. There is a pocket of upland cedar on the west end of the stand. Trees are very mature.
18	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density	9.4	61	81-110	Stand of sapling size black spruce.
19	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Sapling	14.2	62		Black spruce stand out in the bog. Just like the rest of the stuff in the area there is some tamarack mixed in.
20	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	High Density Log	18.2	81	111-140	This island is mostly birch with a heavy sub canopy of balsam and spruce. Lots of nice wood that is mature but there is very little chance of accessing for a harvest. There are some scattered cedar along the edges of this stand even some up on the dry ground. This stand is very steep on the west end and gradually goes down hill to the east.
21	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	73.4	39		This stand has pole size tamarack in the canopy with a thick understory of sapling black spruce and scattered white pine. Could see the north end of this stand from just south of the birch island to the north.
22	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Sapling	8.2	60		This stand of black spruce has slightly more tamarack than some of the others in this compartment.
23	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Sapling	136.0	68		Another stand of mixed black spruce and tamarack. The canopy is sparse in a few places.
25	6122 - Black Spruce	Low Density Sapling	24.9	58		
26	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Log	8.7	81	111-140	Lots of nice birch and aspen. This island is mostly aspen compared to the one to the west that is mostly birch. Its out in the middle of the spruce bog with no access for harvest.
27	429 - Mixed Upland Conifers	Medium Density Pole	1.4	87		A small upland island in the middle of the spruce bog.
28	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Sapling	13.5	63		Thick black spruce and tamarack out in the bog.
29	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density	16.4	60		Stand of black spruce. canopy is not as thick in this stand as some of the others.

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Report 8 – Forested Stands

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	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
30	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density	13.5	60		Stand of black spruce out in the bog with a slightly more open canopy than some of the others.
31	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	65.8	127		A nice cedar stand that has some regen. Would be nice to harvest if we could get there. The cedar transitions into a thin strip of spruce and tamarack along the edge of the bog. There is a small hatch of hardwood located within the stand.
32	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	1.4	97		



Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	Management Priority (Objective)	General Comments:
1	6224 - Treed Bog	18.2	Unspecified	Unspecified	
4	122 - Road/Parking Lot	3.6	Unspecified	Unspecified	
9	310 - Herbaceous Openland	2.7	Unspecified	Unspecified	
24	6224 - Treed Bog	1019.9	Unspecified	Unspecified	This is a very large treed bog stand. Some portions of this stand have enough trees to be considered forested but it is to patchy to pick out on the imagery. The bog is covered in leatherleaf and other bog species and has scattered black spruce and tamarack. There are lots of snags. There are also a few upland islands in this stand that were too small to meet mapping standards. They typically have white pine, spruce, fir, birch or aspen growing on them. The smaller ones seem to be mostly conifer with little birch or aspen.