

# **Sault Forest Management Unit Compartment Review Presentation**

Compartment #114 Entry Year: 2012 Compartment Acreage: 1,889 County: Mackinac

**Revision Date:** July 13, 2010

Stand Examiner: Matt Edison

Legal Description: T42N R6W Sec. 19, 20, & 21, Moran Township

Identified Planning Goals ('Management Area' or 'RMU', if applicable): Mackinac Mix

**Management Goals:** Management in this compartment is limited by access and merchantability. The proposed treatments are to manage the northern hardwoods and fir stands to promote quality and stimulate regeneration.

**Soil and Topography:** Wallace sands, AuGres sand, Kinross-Aubres complex, Markey-Carbondale muck, Histosols and Aquents

Ownership Patterns, Development, and Land Use in and Around the Compartment: Compartment consists entirely of and is surrounded entirely by State ownership.

**Unique, Natural Features:** Michigan Natural Features Inventories has identified parts of section 20 as "poor fen".

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features: None

**Special Management Designations or Considerations:** None

**Watershed and Fisheries Considerations:** The South Branch Carp River flows through the northeast corner of this compartment. A 200' no-clearcut buffer should be maintained adjacent to this stream.

Wildlife Habitat Considerations: Compartment 114 is dominated by cedar and lowland conifer swamp, part of which is very wet and contains sparse forested cover. A number of small open water areas provide habitat for beaver, great blue heron, and other species. Other cover types include limited areas of hardwoods, spruce/fir, and aspen. Wildlife objectives include maintaining the lowland swamp conifer and other wetland habitats, providing some young lowland conifer habitat as well as young early-successional mixed habitat in the northeastern part of the compartment, and maintaining some maturing upland deciduous habitat. All cedar will be left, and a component of mature birch will be included in the retention. Snags will be retained for cavity nesting species. Additional wildlife benefitting from these practices include wolves, white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, American woodcock, bobcat, American marten, and a number of neotropical migratory birds.

Mineral Resource and Development Concerns and/or Restrictions: Surface sediments consist of lacustrine (lake) sand and gravel and peat and muck. There is insufficient data to determine the Glacial Drift thickness. The Silurian Engadine Group subcrops below the Glacial Drift. The Engadine is quarried for stone/limestone elsewhere in the UP. The nearest gravel pit is five miles to the northwest. There appears to

be limited gravel potential. There is no economic oil and gas production in the UP. Portions of the land is surface only.

**Vehicle Access:** Access to the compartment is limited to two routes. Road access to section 19 is via Bennett road from the west. Dell's Mills road enters the compartment from the east and through section 21 and is the only road access into section 20. Vehicle traffic is limited to dry periods along much of these roads, as they tend to flood out during wet periods. Caffey Truck Trail crosses the very NE corner of section 21.

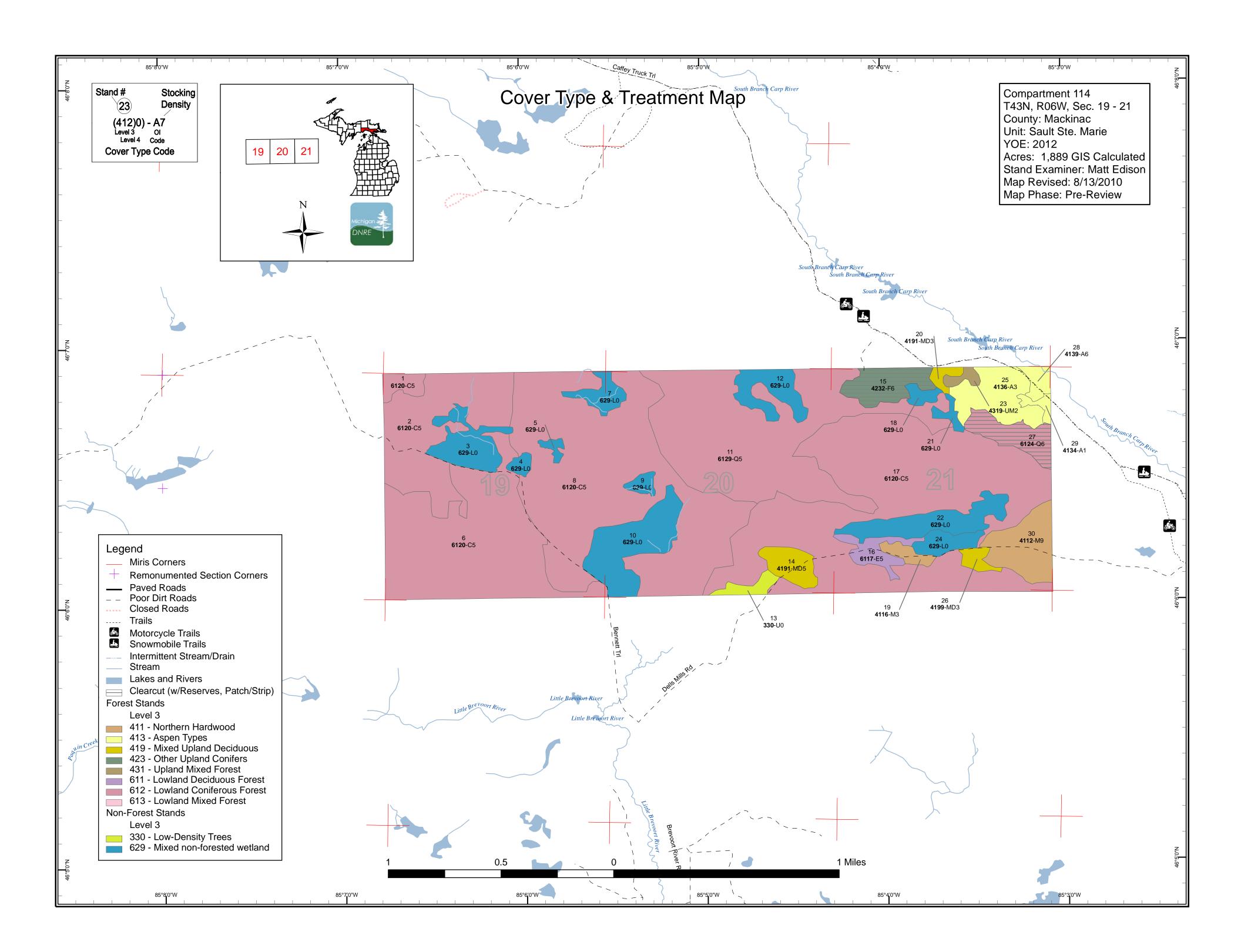
**Survey Needs:** No survey needs for proposed treatments this entry period.

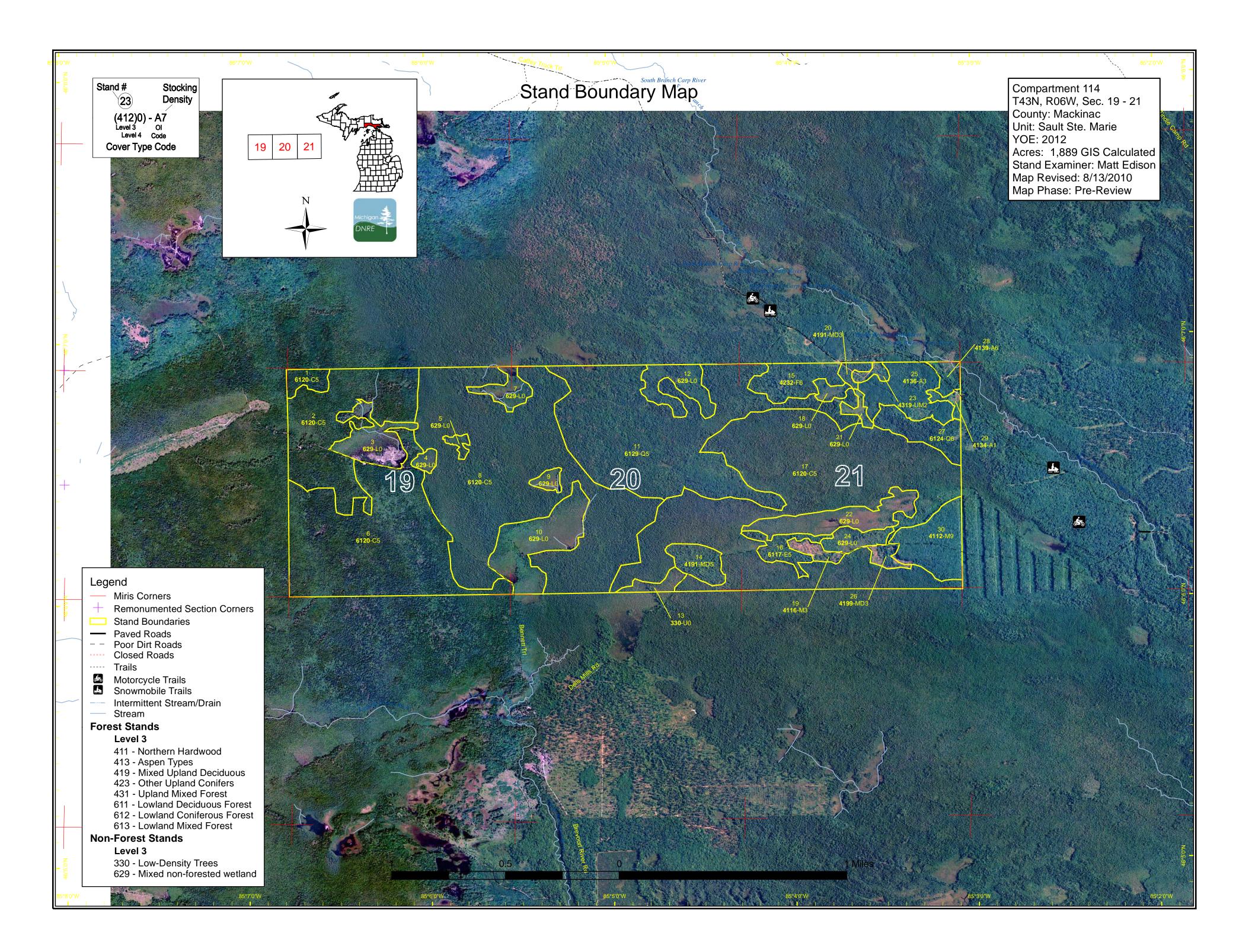
**Recreational Facilities and Opportunities:** Recreation opportunities in this compartment are deer, grouse and rabbit hunting. Trapping and wildlife viewing opportunities exist as well. Moose can be observed in this compartment.

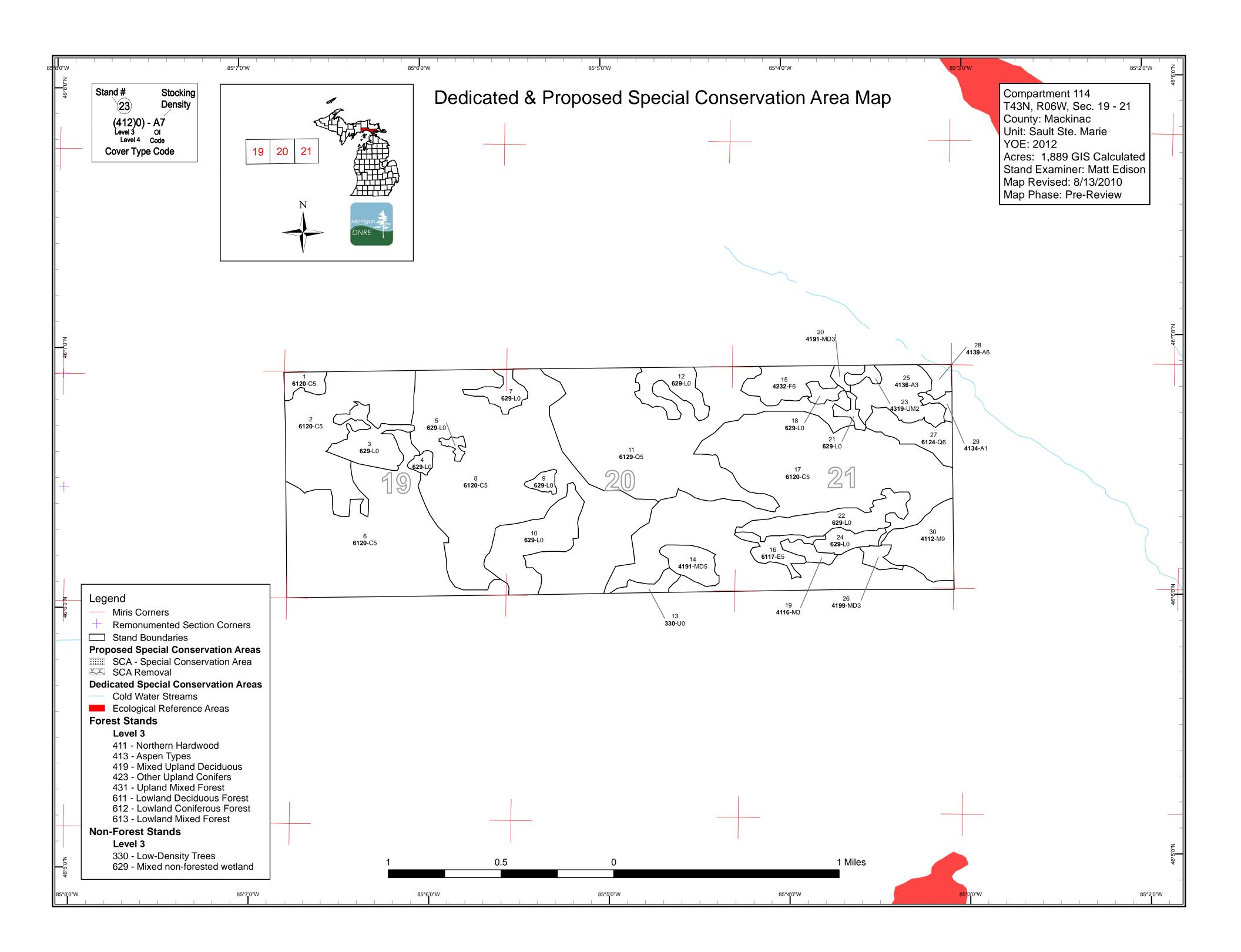
**Fire Protection:** Little potential for large problem fires exists. Nearly the entire compartment consists of low and wetter ground. Equipment access would be a problem for any fires. There are some scattered large white pine that could attract lightning and with heavy amounts of organic matter in the soil, any duff fires could require extensive mop-up.

#### **Additional Compartment Information:**

- > 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







**Upland Mixed Forest** 

Upland Spruce/Fir

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Aspen	0	0	5	46	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
Cedar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	376	412	360	0	0	1148	
Low-Density Trees	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	
Lowland Conifers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	270	0	0	299	
Lowland Deciduous	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Lowland Shrub	228	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	228	
Mixed Upland Deciduous	0	8	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	
Northern Hardwood	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	



## **Table 2 – Proposed Treatment Summaries**

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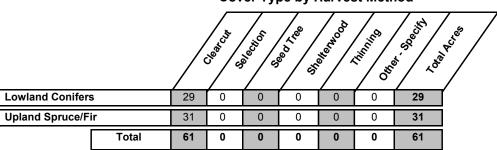
Compartment 114
Total Compartment Acres: 1889

#### **Acres by Treatment Type**

Commercial Harvest - 61 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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a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	Stage1 CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
15	45114015-Cut	31.5	42320 - Upland Spruce	High Density Pole	72	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	Mixed Upland Forest	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription Clearcut spruce, fir, aspen, birch, and red maple. Leave any cedar as retention.

Specs:

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Other\_ Comments:

Follow-up treatment with a regeneration survey as per the work instructions. Acceptable regeneration is aspen, maple, cherry, cedar, yellow and <u>Next</u>

paper birch, balsam fir, white spruce, black spruce and white pine. Steps:

45114027-Cut 29.4 6124 - Lowland High Density Pole 66 Clearcut with 27 Harvest Lowland Spruce-Fir Cmpt. Review Spruce-Fir Reserves Proposal

Prescription Clearcut spruce, fir, aspen, paper birch, and red maple. Leave cedar for retention.

Specs:

Other\_ Comments:

Follow-up treatment with a regeneration survey as per the work instructions. Acceptable regeneration is aspen, maple, cherry, cedar, yellow and <u>Next</u> Steps:

paper birch, balsam fir, white spruce, black spruce and white pine.

**Total Treatment** 

**Acreage Proposed:** 60.9

Sault Ste. Marie Mgt. Unit Table 4 -- Treatments Prescribed with Compartment: 114 a Limiting Factor s Year of Entry 2012 Data updated before 2:00 PM t **Treatment Treatment Treatment** n Acres Stage1 Size Stand **Cover Type Approval** Method Objective Status Name CoverType Density Age Type

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Prescription

Specs:

Other Comment:

Next Steps:

<u>Limiting Factor and No</u> <u>Treatment Reason</u>

Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:

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# **5 – Forested Stands**Data updated before 2:00 PM

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
1	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Medium Density Pole	11.3	108		Large dia, short height cedar w/ some scattered birch and such. Wet ground, some cedar is blown down. Not much for deer sign and there is some cedar regen.
2	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Medium Density Pole	128.7	110		Thick jumble of shorter cedar. A lot is tipped in the wet soil. Some scattered ash, birch, and spruce. A tamarack or 2 near the road. Not much productivity here. There is some cedar regen in places and a lot of tag alder where wettest. Stay away from here.
6	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Medium Density Pole	231.4	110		Poor quality sparse cedar stand that has been flooded out in past. Little chance of merchantability here ever. It is what it is, a wet non productive cedar swsmp.
8	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Medium Density Pole	376.3	95		Areas of down cedar, very wet in spots. More mix of tamarack in this stand. Not much to see or do here.
11	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	Medium Density Pole	269.7	112		Non-merchantable wet cedar and tamarack. some areas of black spruce and mr brush. Alot of tag wherever open. Poor quality stand. No reason to ever come here again, deer flies the size of small birds!
14	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	Medium Density Pole	20.3	27		Cc in 1983. Stand is mostly mr, cherry brush w some aspen and balsam. tagalder filling in wet open areas. Poor quality.
15	42320 - Upland Spruce	High Density Pole	31.5	72		Soft ground, sphagnum. Mostly spruce and birch with scattered red maple and aspen.
16	6117 - Lowland Deciduous, Mixed Coniferous	Medium Density Pole	18.0	50		Poor quality mixed stand of variable aspen,maple and cherry. Some tamarack and cedar scattered. not merchantable at thi time. check again in 10 years.
17	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Medium Density Pole	400.7	100		Very wet, poor quality sparse stand of mostly cedar. 1to 2 sticks. Some spruce and tamarack in small patches scattered.  Do not return for years!
19	4116 - Mixed N. Hardwood - Aspen	High Density Sapling	8.6	8		cc in 2002. mix of maple and cherry brush with aspen and some scattered spruce and balsam.
20	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	High Density Sapling	5.7	29		Mix of young aspen, birvh, cherry, and maple. Not big enough to be merchantable. Heavy stocking, check in 10 years for possible cc?
23	4319 - Mixed Upland Forest	Medium Density	5.3	21		Mixed bag of poor quality aspen, mixed conifer w tamarack, balsam, & spruce. Small size, wet ground.
25	4136 - Aspen, Mixed Conifer	High Density Sapling	45.7	27		aspen w patches of conifer and maple. cut in 1983.
26	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	High Density Sapling	7.7	8		portion cut in 2002. mix of cherry, maple, aspen, mostly brush at this point.

5 - Forested Stands Compartment: 114 Sault Ste. Marie Mgt. Unit s Year of Entry: 2012 Data updated before 2:00 PM t а Level 4 Size Stand BA General n **Cover Type** Density Acres Age Range Comments: d 27 6124 - Lowland Spruce-High Density 29.4 66 mixed conifer with scattered maple and birch. access off of Fir Pole existing two track to north. winter cut. 4139 - Aspen, Mixed High Density 30 9.4 Stand is mix of aspen and some clumps of maple and spruce 28 Deciduous Pole and balsam. immature, chevk in 10 years. 4134 - Aspen, Low Density 5.2 15 opening closing in with scattered aspen, balsam, & black cherry. 29 Spruce/Fir

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Thinned in past 10 years. maple, nice black cherry, hemlock,

and some scattered white pine.

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46.4

Sapling

High Density

Log

4112 - Maple, Beech,

**Cherry Association** 

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# **6 – Nonforested Stands**Data updated before 2:00 PM

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Gen Cmts:
3	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	34.9	Stand swapped from Non-Forested to Forested. Stand swapped from Forested to Non-Forested.
4	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	5.0	
5	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	4.0	
7	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	15.1	
9	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	6.0	
10	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	62.8	
12	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	28.7	
13	330 - Low-Density Trees	9.2	
18	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	6.4	
21	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	5.5	
22	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	44.3	
24	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	15.3	New stand added. Stand swapped from Forested to Non-Forested.

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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.

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Stand	SCA Type	SCA Name	Acres	Comments





#### **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 Area	Туре	Description	Data updated before 2:00 PM	ERA = Ecological Reference Area HCVA = High Conservation Value Area SCA = Special Conservation Area
SCA	Cold Water Stream	stocked trout popul year to year. Coldw contributions of gro	lations and those of other coldwater fish vater streams in Michigan typically provid	conditions that allow naturally-reproduced or species (e.g., slimy sculpin) to persist from the these conditions due to substantial eams are established by Director's action and