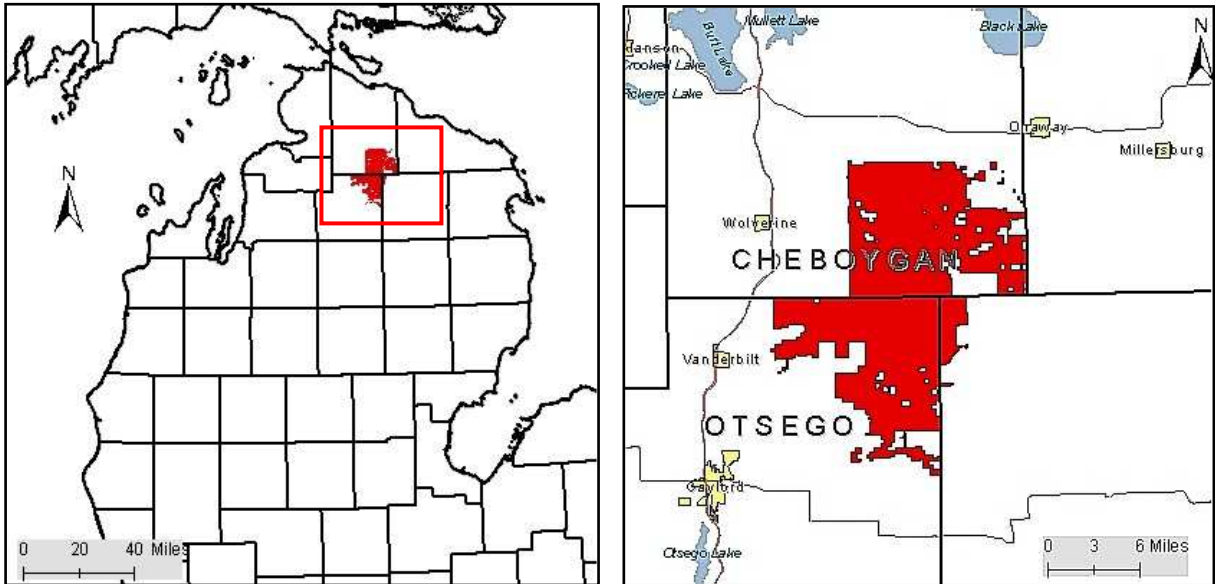


Pigeon River Country Management Area



Attributes

The Pigeon River Country (PRC) Management Area, designated as a “special management unit” (now classified as a Forest Management Unit) by the DNR early in the 20th century, has approximately 105,000 acres of State Forest land. The PRC is centrally located between the communities of Gaylord, Indian River, Onaway and Atlanta.

- The State Forest land in the PRC MA is very concentrated, with only 7,450 acres of private land in-holdings.
- The State Forest land in the PRC MA was acquired over time through Game and Fish Fund purchases, tax reversion, private and government exchanges, and through various grants.
- A major oil and gas discovery in the PRC was made in 1970 resulting in associated industrial activity that caused concern about undesirable changes to the area. Oil and gas development was eventually restricted to the southern third of the Management Area. The oil and gas development led to the creation of the Kammer Land Trust Fund where royalties from State-owned lands would be used to purchase new recreational lands for public use.
- The Pigeon River Country Forest Management Unit has an Advisory Council whose responsibilities include advising the DNR Director on plans, programs, activities and proposed management conducted within or affecting the Pigeon River Country.
- Pigeon River Country is the heart of Michigan’s active elk population.

Pigeon River Country			Age Class (Years)											Uneven Aged
Cover Type	Acres	%	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100+	
Aspen	28,592	27%	1,150	4,392	8,301	6,201	4,829	728	645	1,180	981	80	1	104
Upland Hardwoods	17,432	17%	21	221	318	184	430	103	47	1,212	1,916	1,355	5	11,620
Red Pine	12,303	12%	0	173	316	90	1,115	382	228	4,002	3,597	907	336	1,157
Mixed Swamp Conifers	11,151	11%	0	229	160	38	33	0	225	945	1,018	2,396	5,717	382
Cedar	5,665	5%	8	18	41	0	29	0	26	170	577	850	3,426	503
White Pine	4,951	5%	0	101	315	224	58	69	290	1,480	1,110	521	557	226
Jack Pine	4,466	4%	100	587	468	604	633	555	315	465	505	116	0	118
Oak	3,415	3%	0	41	95	62	16	0	170	1,099	1,026	593	154	159
Grass	2,783	3%												
Lowland Brush	2561	2%												
Upland Brush	2,283	2%												
Water	1,162	1%												
Other Types	8,308	8%												

Total 105,072

Other Types include: Marsh, Swamp Hardwoods, Spruce-Fir, Lowland Poplar, Black Spruce, White Birch, Bog, Hemlock, and Tamarack.

Concepts of Management

A Concept of Management for the Pigeon River Country - November 2008 (originally adopted in 1973 and amended in 1983) provides policy and guidelines that are designed to protect the natural features of the area while providing for other compatible uses without harming important characteristics of the Pigeon River Country MA.