

Draft Management Areas for the Northern Lower Peninsula Ecoregion

The map below shows Management Areas (MA) boundaries for the Northern Lower Peninsula Ecoregion, based on input received from internal and external stakeholders. These MAs will provide a framework for specifying management direction in a Northern Lower Peninsula Regional State Forest Management Plan for the next ten year period. The various attributes listed below were considered in determining Management Area boundaries.

As the Northern Lower Peninsula Regional State Forest Plan is developed, there will be additional opportunities for public input. Comments from stakeholder organizations and the general public are an important part of this planning process.

Input can be sent by email to DNR-NLP-Eco-Team@michigan.gov or by postal mail to: NLP Eco-team, DNR Gaylord OSC, 1732 W M-32, Gaylord, MI 49735

We thank you for taking the time to help the DNR in this planning effort, and we look forward to hearing from you.

ATTRIBUTES THAT WERE USED IN FORMING MANAGEMENT AREAS IN THE NORTHERN LOWER PENINSULA ECOREGION

Ownership Attributes:

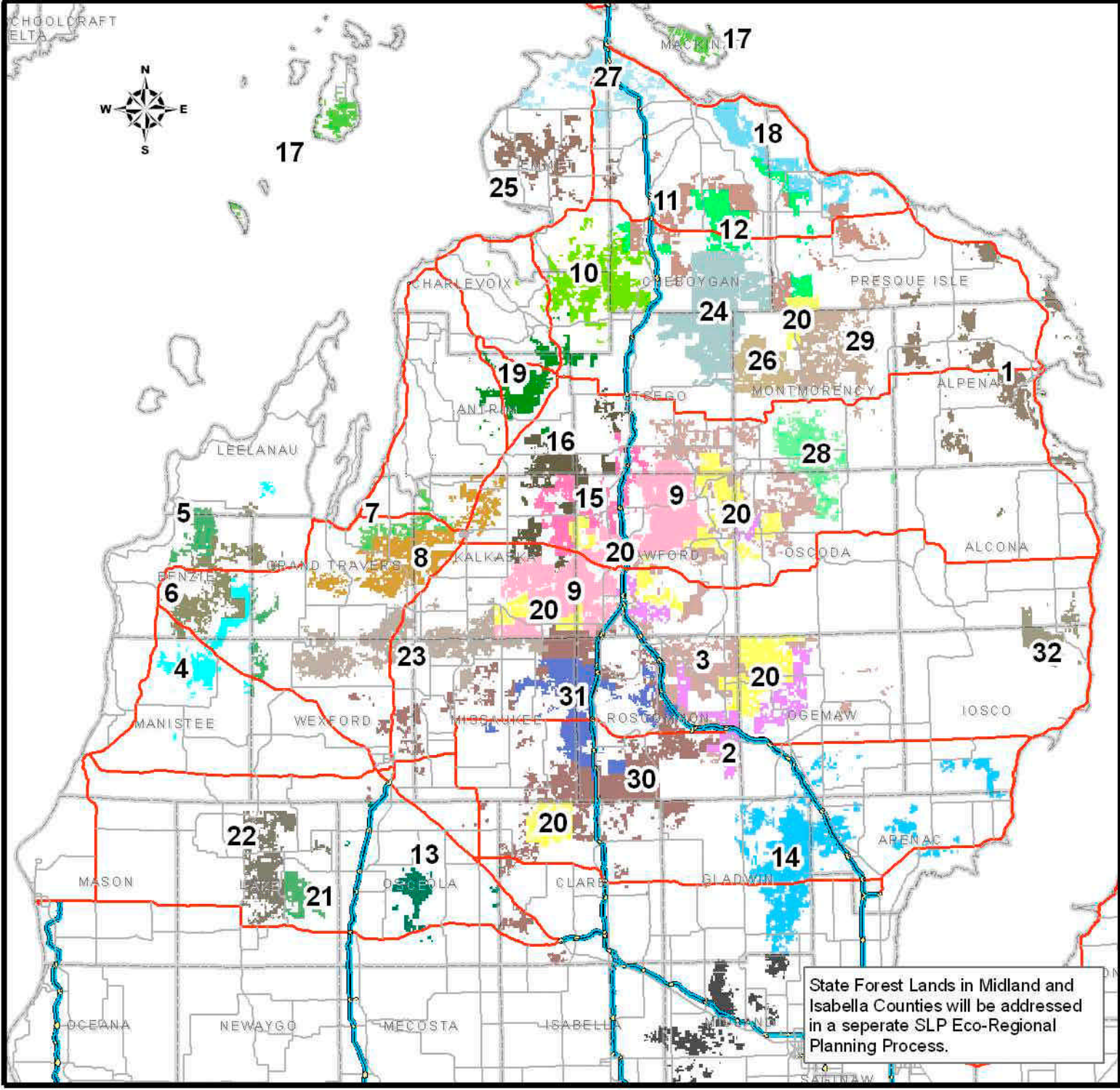
1. Adjacency to other public (including DNR parks and wildlife areas) or private ownerships, and also considering their varying intensity of stewardship and protection.
2. Percentage of the landscape in different public and private ownerships.
3. Consideration of ownership size and connectivity.
4. Areas with existing DNR management plans.

Social/Economic Attributes:

1. Proximity to wood product markets.
2. Proximity to population areas and major transportation arteries.
3. Trends in population growth and recreation demands.
4. Proximity to known historical/cultural sites.
5. Degree of access.

Ecological Attributes:

1. Similar site potential as expressed by habitat type.
2. Historic vegetative composition.
3. Current vegetative composition and structural characteristics.
4. Wildlife species distribution patterns for select species (including threatened and endangered species and those defined by the DNR Wildlife Action Plan (WAP)).
5. Proximity to known ecologically sensitive sites.
6. Existing forest connectivity or fragmentation.
7. Analyses of watersheds and the climate, bedrock geology, glacial landform and soils in Ecological Classification Systems.



Legend

Draft Management Areas

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| 1 Alpena Lake Plain and Outwash | 11 Cheboygan Basin Lake Plain or Outwash | 23 Manistee River Outwash |
| 2 Ausable Ice Contact | 12 Cheboygan Basin Moraine or Till | 24 Pigeon River Country |
| 3 Ausable Outwash | 13 Ewart Block | 25 Pleasantview Block |
| 4 Benzie Lake Plain | 14 Gladwin Lake Plain | 26 Rattlesnake Block |
| 5 Benzie Moraines | 15 Grayling Fingers Ice Contact | 27 Straits Lake Plain |
| 6 Benzie Outwash | 16 Grayling Fingers Outwash | 28 Thunder Bay Basin Moraines |
| 7 Boardman Moraines | 17 Great Lakes Islands | 29 Thunder Bay Basin Outwash or Till |
| 8 Boardman Outwash | 18 Huron Shores Lake Plain | 30 Upper Muskegon Ice Contact and Outwash |
| 9 Camp Grayling | 19 Jordan Valley | 31 Upper Muskegon Wetlands |
| 10 Chandler Hills | 20 Kirtland's Warbler MUs | 32 Wurtsmith Block |
| 21 Lake County Moraines | 22 Lake County Outwash or Till | |

