

## **Compartment Review Presentation**

**Crystal Falls Forest Management Unit** 

Compartment 12 Entry Year 2016 Acreage: 2,482

**County Dickinson** 

Management Area: Ralph Ground Moraine

Revision Date: 07/24/2014 Stand Examiner: Ed Rice

**Legal Description:** 

T43N R28W sec 5 - 8 T44N R28W sec 31, 32

#### **Identified Planning Goals:**

Optimize sustainable timber production while enhancing and protecting wildlife habitat. Continue to sustainably balance the aspen age class acres. Get the hardwood stands on a 20 year alternating cutting cycle towards regulation. Protect the riparian areas and transition zones during management activity.

#### Soil and topography:

Soils consist of fine sandy loams in the uplands to muck soils in the lowland forest types.

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

The compartment is for the most part contiguous in state ownership. The southern end of the compartment does have a block of private lands. State ownership borders the compartment. Active forest management has occurred and will continue within and surrounding the compartment. Deer hunting by far dominates the recreational use patterns.

#### **Unique Natural Features:**

No Unique Natural Features known.

## Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features:

No Archeological, Historical, or Cultural Features known.

#### **Special Management Designations or Considerations:**

None identified

#### Watershed and Fisheries Considerations:

North Branches of Ford River are listed as cold water streams. 300 foot buffer should be applied where timber activity regenerating aspen would potentially impact streams.

#### Wildlife Habitat Considerations:

The compartment is used as wintering cover by deer, noticably where any cedar is present. Upland conifers also provide thermal cover until snow depths restrict movement. Deer numbers are fair in the area. Wolves also use the compartment and the surrounding area. Upland conifers should be promoted as a balanced component within the aspen stands and lowland conifer stands should be maintained and enhanced to continue providing good winter cover and habitat for grouse/woodcock.

#### Mineral Resource and Development Concerns and/or Restrictions

Surface sediments consist of medium-textured glacial till. There is insufficient data to determine the glacial drift thickness. The Cambrian Munising Formation and the Precambrian Archean granite/gneiss subcrops below the glacial drift. There is not a current economic use for these rocks, although the granite/gneiss has building stone potential. The Groveland Iron mine is located approximately twelve miles to the south. Gravel pits are not indicated in this area, but there appears to be potential on uplands. Most of this area was previously leased for metallic exploration and part of Section 6 and all of Section 7 were leased and recently released. There is no economic oil and gas production in the UP.

#### **Vehicle Access:**

Access is fair overall. There is a road system accessing much of the compartment with overgrown, abandoned roads present.

#### **Survey Needs:**

Survery corners are needed at: T43N R28W sec 7 S 1/16, SW 1/16, verify center 1/4. verify 1/4 corner between sec 6, 7. sec 6 SE 1/16

#### **Recreational Facilities and Opportunities:**

None

#### **Fire Protection:**

Overall there is no fuel type that would carry a sustained fire. Light to moderate intensity surface fires would be expected. An unlikely fire in the expansive swamps would pose access problems and would severely limit equipment operation. Water sources are fairly close, with the N. Branch of the Ford River forming the south compartment boundary.

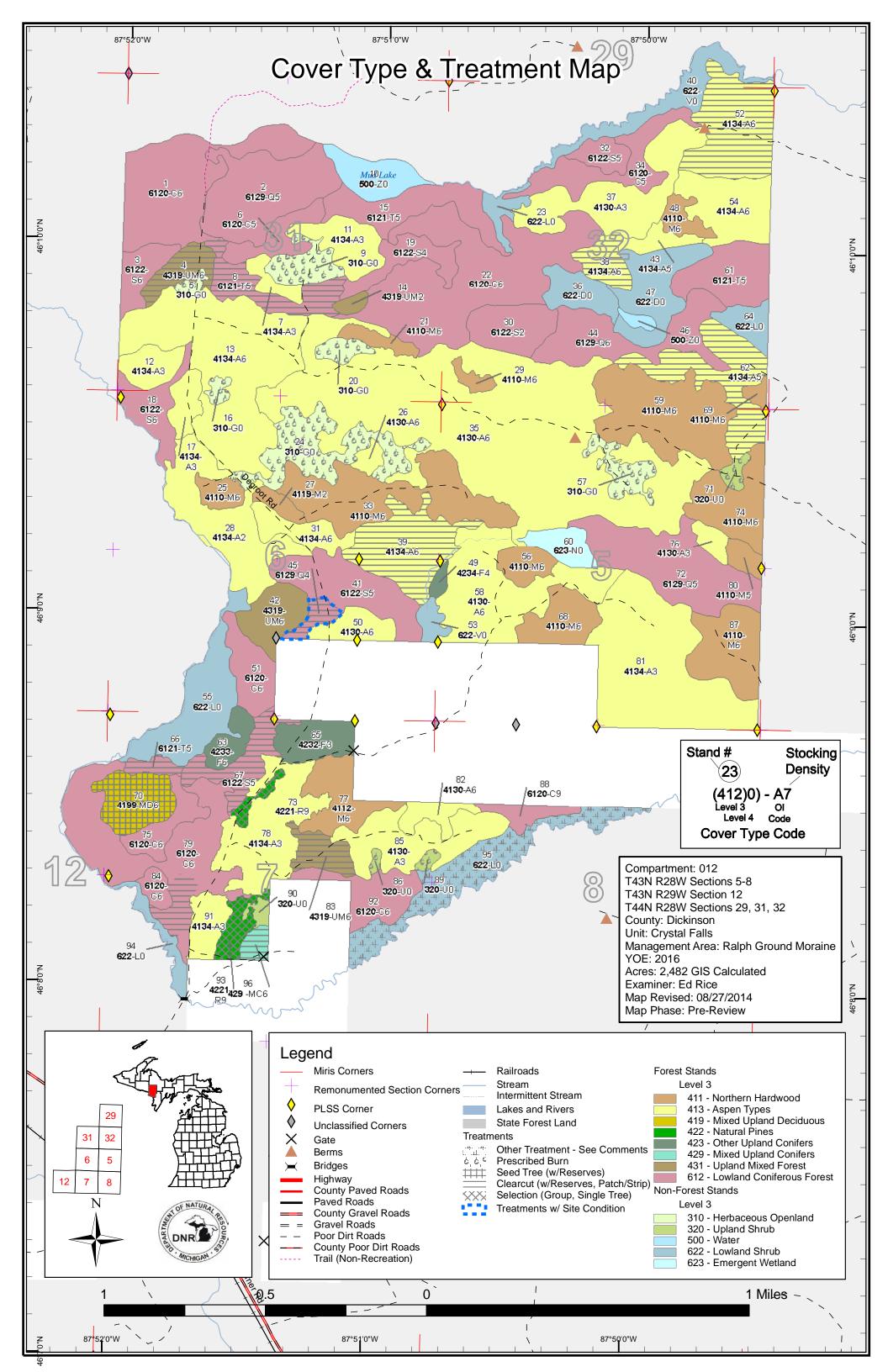
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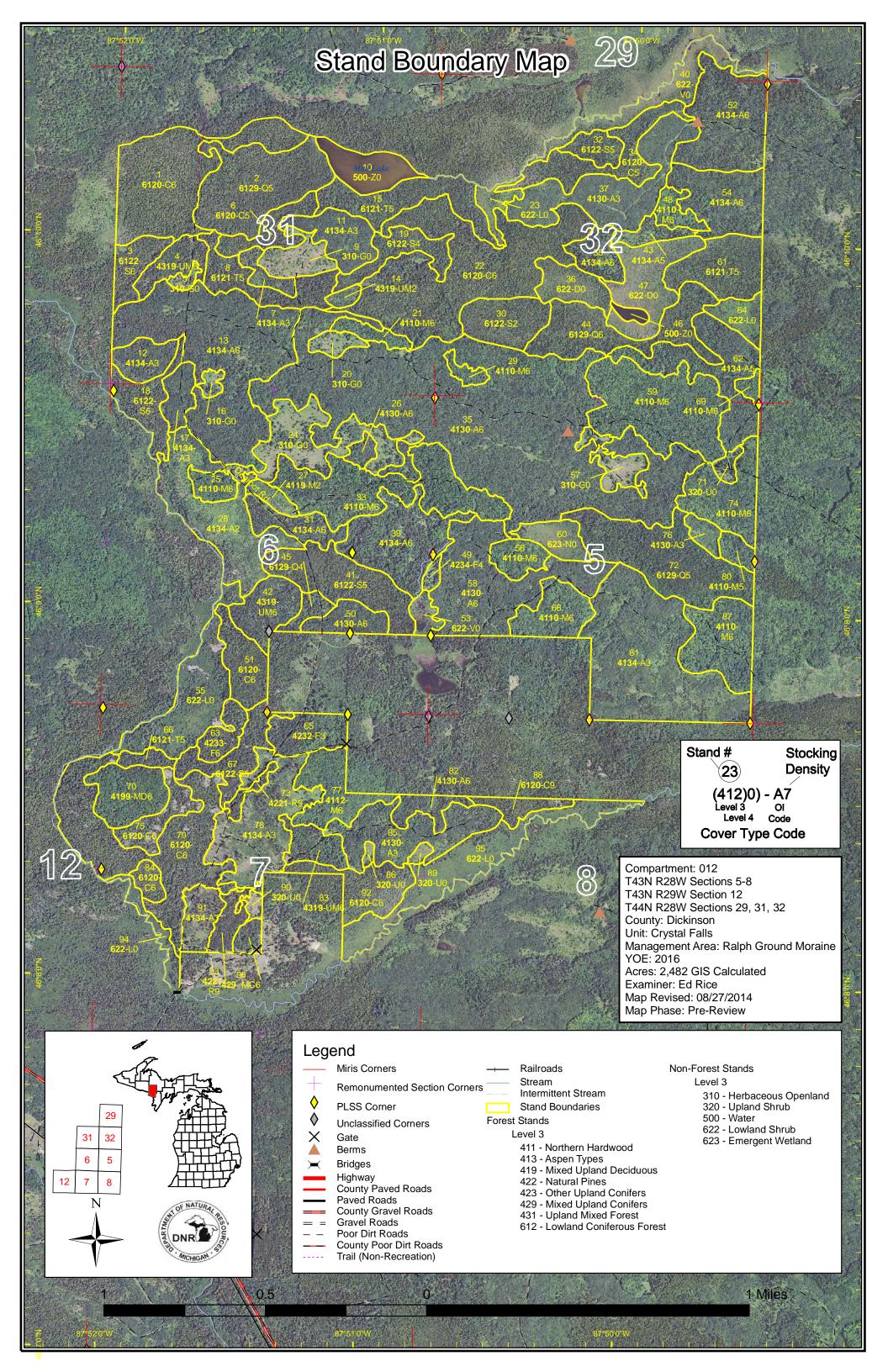
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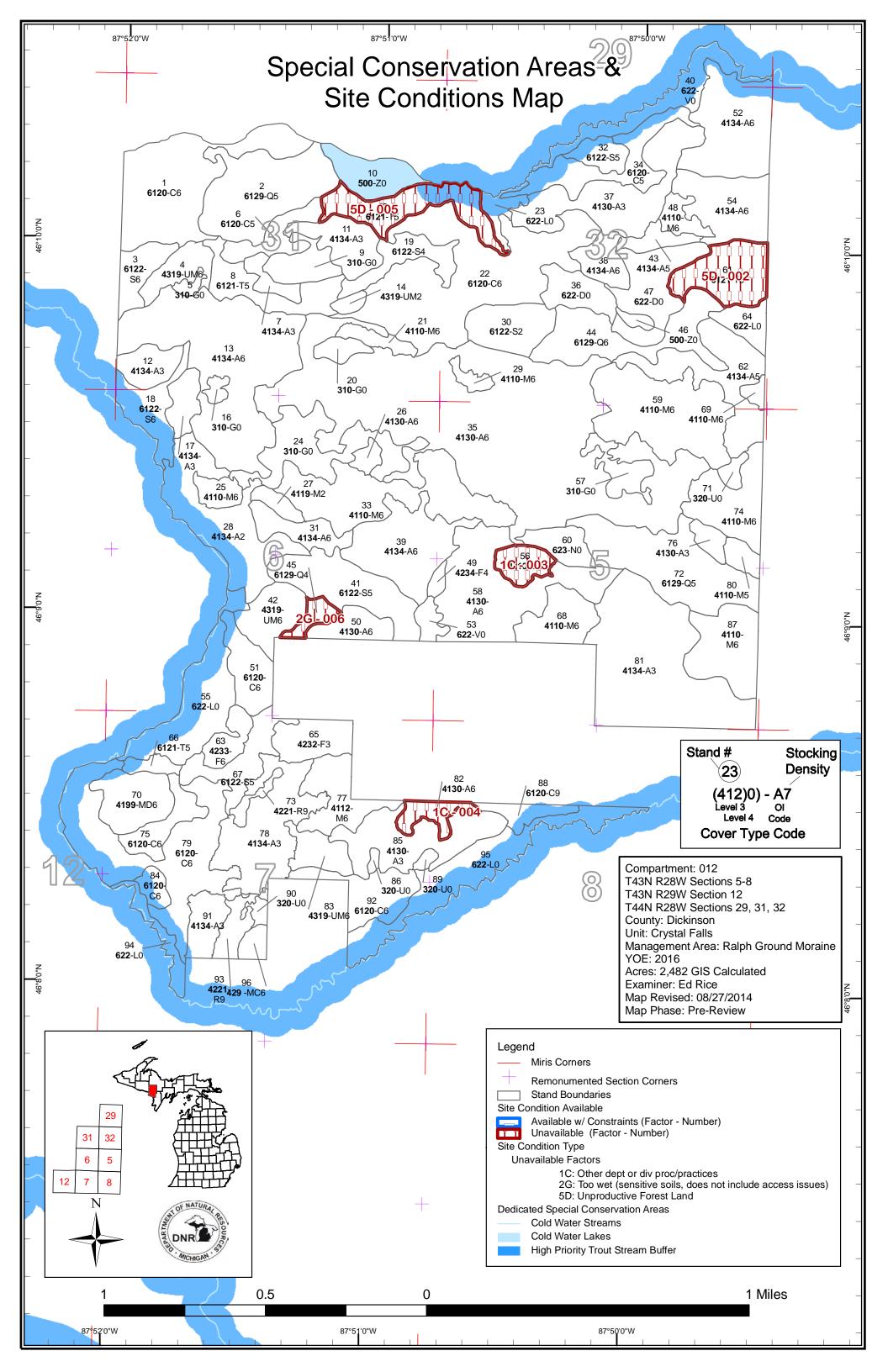
Total Acres by Cover Type and Age Class
Cover Type by Harvest Method
Proposed Treatments – No Limiting Factors
Proposed Treatments – With Limiting Factors
Stand Details (Forested and Nonforested)
Dedicated and Proposed Special Conservation Areas
Site Condition Details

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







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Aspen	63	107	251	333	177	47	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1021	
Bog	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Cedar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	127	220	0	0	0	0	362	
Herbaceous Openland	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	
Lowland Conifers	0	0	0	0	41	58	54	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	
Lowland Shrub	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	
Lowland Spruce/Fir	0	0	0	0	23	9	17	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	
Marsh	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Mixed Upland Deciduous	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Northern Hardwood	0	6	0	0	0	8	225	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	277	
Red Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
Tamarack	0	0	0	0	0	28	31	24	5	0	0	0	0	0	89	
Treed Bog	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	
Upland Conifers	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Upland Mixed Forest	0	0	3	13	20	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	
Upland Shrub	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	
Upland Spruce/Fir	0	18	0	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
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Total	374	130	254	356	267	164	409	174	132	220	0	0	0	0	2482	



# **Report 2 – Proposed Treatment Summaries**

# Crystal Falls Mgt. Unit Year of Entry 2016

Compartment 012 Total Compartment Acres: 2,482

## **Acres by Treatment Type**

Commercial Harvest - 255

Tree Planting - 0

Other - 129

Habitat Cut - 24

Opening Maintenance - 0

		Cover Type by Harvest Method									
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(Habitat Cut)Mixed Upland De	ciduous	0	0	24	0	0	0	24			
Aspen Types		144	0	0	0	0	0	144			
Lowland Coniferous Forest		65	0	0	0	0	0	65			
Mixed Upland Conifers		5	0	0	0	0	0	5			
Natural Pines		0	14	0	0	0	0	14			
Upland Mixed Forest		26	0	0	0	0	0	26			
	Total	241	14	24	0	0	0	279			

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

Compartment: 012 Year of Entry 2016

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a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
4	12012004-Cut	13.6	4319 - Mixed Upland Forest	High Density Pole	57		Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription cut to utilize value of fir. remove merchantable aspen and r maple. cut spruce/fir/upland tamarack 2 sticks tall and larger. leave any associated Specs: pine or cedar that may be present. do not push cut boundary into adjacent conifer swamp types. MO is aspen/spruce/fir

Other 2 ages of fir - saplings 30 yrs old and sawtimber sized trees 50+ yrs. aspen 7 - 9" dbh and associated low quality r maple Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

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<u>Proposed</u>

Start Date: 10/01/2015

12012008-Cut 23.6 6121 - Tamarack Medium 76 Harvest Clearcut with 612 - Lowland Cmpt. Review Density Reserves Coniferous Forest Proposal Pole

Prescription remove all merchantable trees. leave cedar and balm. leave patches of b spruce 30 - 40' in diameter as seed tree groups. space these groups

2 - 3 chains apart. expect a high percent of tamarack regen. MO is for b spruce/tamarack Specs:

<u>Other</u> b spruce 4 - 8" dbh, tamarack 4 - 12" dbh. NW corner heavier to tamarack and more open. E end has slight component of w birch and balm.

very little to no winter deer usage Comments:

monitor for regeneration Next

Steps:

**Proposed** 

10/01/2015 Start Date:

12012038-Cut 12.5 4134 - Aspen. High 48 Harvest Clearcut with 413 - Aspen Cmpt. Review 38 Spruce/Fir Density Reserves Proposal Pole

Prescription remove merchantable aspen. cut spruce/fir 2 sticks and larger. leave maple component, all w birch and cherry. buffer adjacent lowland stands Specs: where conifers and hazel are predominate. MO aspen

Other\_ aspen 4 - 7"dbh, 3 sticks tall on average. fir 3 - 12" dbh and widely scattered w birch saplings. edge of stand adjacent to treed bog appears to have had aspen cut off some time ago by beavers - mainly conifers and hazel along this edge. S central area of stand has a small N. hardwood Comments: inclusion. S 1/2 of stand has more mature aspen 12 - 14", 6 - 7 sticks tall.

<u>Next</u> Steps:

<u>Proposed</u>

Start Date: 10/01/2015

39 12012039-Cut 43.2 4134 - Aspen, High 68 Harvest Clearcut with 413 - Aspen Cmpt. Review Spruce/Fir Density Reserves Proposal Pole

Prescription remove merchantable aspen and maple. spruce/ fir 2 sticks and larger. leave w birch and cherry. protect young conifers. MO aspen 100 foot

Specs: buffer small creek and its intermittent portion

aspen 10 - 14" dbh. fir 4 - 10" dbh. small pockets of r maple throughout <u>Other</u>

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

**Proposed** 

Start Date: 10/01/2015

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a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
52	12012052-Cut	47.3	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	50		Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	413 - Aspen	Cmpt. Review Proposal

<u>Prescription</u> remove merchantable aspen and maple. cut spruce/fir 2 sticks and larger. leave cherry, any pine. protect residual and advanced conifer regen. <u>Specs:</u> leave transition zone to river - establish boundary line where terrain begins dropping down with higher percent of conifers. MO aspen

Other aspen 6 - 11" dbh, spruce/fir 4 - 12", 5 - 7 stick heights. some evidence of SBW. heavy hazel throughout. N end towards river trends towards comments: older aged 12 - 16" dbh aspen

Next Steps:

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<u>Proposed</u>

Start Date: 10/01/2015

6212012062-Cut41.24134 - Aspen, Spruce/FirMedium42Harvest ReservesClearcut with Reserves413 - Aspen Cmpt. Review ReservesPole

<u>Prescription</u> remove merchantable aspen and maple, spruce/fir 2 sticks and larger. leave w birch, cherry, and oak if present. protect h maple advanced <u>Specs:</u> regen notably prevalent in W end of stand as much as possible. MO aspen

Other two aged aspen - 40 yrs and 60 yrs, 4 - 8"dbh , 4 - 5 sticks tall very dense h maple sapling regen. associated fir poletimber 4 - 12" dbh.

Comments: Next

Steps:

**Proposed** 

Start Date: 10/01/2015

6612012066-Cut5.16121 - TamarackMedium85HarvestClearcut with6121 - TamarackCmpt. ReviewDensityReservesProposal

<u>Prescription</u> cut merchantable tamarack and b spruce. leave all cedar. MO is tamarack

Specs:
Other

nearly a pure tamarack stand 3 - 6 sticks tall, good form. fir understory, very widely scattered cedar and b spruce

Comments:

Next monitor for regeneration

Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2015

67 12012067-Cut 20.8 6122 - Black Spruce Medium 70 Harvest Patch or Strip 6122 - Black Spruce Cmpt. Review Density Clearcut Proposal

<u>Prescription</u> orient strips roughly NW to SE coming out to road. alternate cutting approx 60 feet, leave 60 feet keeping cut strips fairly narrow to discourage <u>Specs:</u> full tamarack conversion. remove all merchantable trees within cut strips except leave all cedar. MO is b spruce with associated tamarack

expected

well formed b spruce/tamarack. tamarack is well interspersed throughout. natural 30 - 50' gaps in canopy have advanced fir regen

Comments:

Next monitor for regeneration

Steps:

Other\_

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2015

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a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
70	12012070-Cut	24.0	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	High Density Pole	67	81-110	Harvest	Seed Tree with Reserves	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription seed tree cut, leave 30 - 40 BA of r maple and w birch. leave scattered w spruce. no w pine, cedar, hemlock or oak if present. protect advanced Specs:

hardwood regen where possible. \*access is an issue - high ground island surrounded by swamp. MO maple, birch, spruce/fir

Other\_ low quality r maple. small areas of r maple M3 throughout

Comments:

<u>Next</u> monitor for regeneration if cut occurs

Steps:

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<u>Proposed</u>

Start Date: 10/01/2015

12012073-Cut 4.0 42210 - Natural High 111-140 Harvest Single Tree 4221 - Natural Red Cmpt. Review Red Pine Selection **Density Log** Pine Proposal

Prescription thin to 120 - 130 BA. leave w pine where possible, keep removals to absolute minimum only for equipment access. mark all trees for removal.

Specs: leave a slight aspen component. leave w birch. intermediate thin - no regen

<u>Other</u> well formed r pine overall

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

<u>Proposed</u>

Start Date: 10/01/2015

12012079-Cut 9.7 6120 - Lowland High 95 Harvest Patch or Strip 612 - Lowland Cmpt. Review Cedar Density Clearcut Coniferous Forest Proposal

Pole

Prescription could cut portions of stand - S end has good b spruce runs between cedar thickets. remove merchantable b spruce and tamarack. leave all

Specs: cedar. MO for b spruce, tamarack, cedar

cedar predominates much of stand with scattered areas of bed rock out crop throughout. tag alder prevalent. very S end has small (1 acre) <u>Other</u> Comments:

inclusion of high ground with large w pine and thick fir understory. NW edge transitions to uplands with w spruce, rock, and fir saplings. No

winter deer use 4/2/14, 2' snow.

**Next** monitor for regeneration

Steps:

Proposed

10/01/2015 Start Date:

12012083-Cut 12.8 4319 - Mixed High 38 Harvest Clearcut with 4191 - Mixed Cmpt. Review 83 **Upland Forest Upland Deciduous** Proposal Density Reserves

Pole

with Conifer Prescription remove merchantable aspen and r maple. cut spruce/fir 2 sticks and larger. leave w pine, w birch and protect conifer saplings as much as

possible. MO mixed species, maple, aspen, spruce/fir Specs:

Other fir poletimber in rough shape W or road due to SBW. poor quality r maple. E of road is has higher stocking of spruce/fir. very scattered w birch

Comments:

Next Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2015

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a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
93	12012093-Cut	9.9	42210 - Natural Red Pine	High Density Log	62 I	171-200	Harvest	Single Tree Selection	4211 - Planted Red Pine	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription thin to 120 - 140 BA. create equipment access trails - no real discernable rows. thin lightly on N end where previous cut occured. leave Specs:

components of w pine and r maple, remove for equipment access if needed. protect advanced regen where possible. intermediate thin - no

decent form on r pine - possible utility poles scattered. N end had aspen and r maple cut out during previous cut - area is still a r pine stand with Other

Comments: little regen from past cut.

Next Steps:

Proposed

10/01/2015 Start Date:

12012096-Cut 5.1 429 - Mixed Upland High 45 81-110 Harvest Clearcut with 4191 - Mixed Cmpt. Review Conifers Density Reserves Upland Deciduous Proposal Pole with Conifer

Prescription cut with adjacent pine. remove merch r maple and aspen. cut spruce/fir 2 sticks and larger. mark to leave w pine - leave 40 BA, reserving the

large diameter w pine from cutting. leave slight component of w birch. MO w pine, r maple, aspen, spruce/fir Specs:

Other highly variable stand. large diameter w pine scattered throughout with dense w pine/spruce poletimber 5 - 8"dbh. thick fir understory. widely scattered aspen with isolated pockets of A6. low quality r maple. E edge has opening inclusion with open grown w pine. stand appears to be Comments:

part of adjacent r pine plantation that failed in this area

<u>Next</u> Steps:

<u>Proposed</u>

10/01/2015 Start Date:

NF 12012005-3102 - Grass Prescribed Burn 3102 - Grass Cmpt. Review 5 26 Unspecified Proposal

Prescription burn to maintain opening and kill encroaching brush/seedlings. many large boulders throughout

Specs:

<u>Other</u>

Comments:

**Next** Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2015

NF\_12012009-9 14.0 3102 - Grass Prescribed Burn Unspecified 3102 - Grass Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription burn to maintain opening and kill encroaching brush/saplings. protect thick conifers at edges.

Specs:

opening with choke cherry encroaching. egdes heavily ringed with open grown w spruce and upland b spruce

Comments:

Next Steps:

Other\_

Proposed

10/01/2015 Start Date:

Compartment: 012 Crystal Falls Mgt. Unit Report 3 -- Treatments Prescribed Year of Entry 2016 with No Limiting Factor s t а **Treatment** Acres CoverType Size Stand BA **Treatment Treatment Cover Type** Approval n Method Objective d Name Density Age Range Type **Status** 3102 - Grass 3.1 Prescribed Burn Unspecified 3102 - Grass Cmpt. Review 16 NF 12012016-Burn Proposal Prescription burn to maintain opening. protect edges of spruce/fir Specs: Other Comments: Next Steps: Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2015 20 NF\_12012020-6.1 3102 - Grass Prescribed Burn Unspecified 3102 - Grass Cmpt. Review Proposal Rurn Prescription burn to maintain opening and kill encroaching brush/saplings. Specs: Other semi open with scattered b cherry and open grown spruce/fir. occasional open grown h maple. Comments: Next Steps: **Proposed** 10/01/2015 Start Date: NF\_12012024-38.6 3102 - Grass Prescribed Burn Unspecified 3102 - Grass Cmpt. Review Proposal Burn Prescription burn to maintain opening and kill encroaching brush/saplings. protect edges of thick spruce/fir Specs: Other open to semi open with scattered b cherry saplings and dense, open grown spruce/fir along edges. aspen saplings encroaching in areas Comments: <u>Next</u> Steps: **Proposed** Start Date: 10/01/2015 NF 12012057-12.1 310 - Herbaceous Prescribed Burn Unspecified 3102 - Grass Cmpt. Review Burn Openland Proposal Prescription burn to maintain opening and kill encroaching brush/saplings. protect conifer at edges Specs: <u>Other</u> open to semi open with aspen sapling/seedlings growing in especially at edges. scattered cherry and spruce/fir Comments: <u>Next</u> Steps: **Proposed** 10/01/2015 Start Date:

Prescribed Burn

Unspecified

3102 - Grass

10/01/2015

NF 12012071-

Burn

Specs: Other

Comments:

Next
Steps:
Proposed

Start Date:

Prescription burn to maintain opening

3.7 320 - Upland Shrub

upland brush - semi open with pockets of open grown spruce/fir and aspen

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Acres

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Range

Age

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Burn

NF\_12012086-Burn

**Treatment** 

Name

1.4 320 - Upland Shrub

CoverType

Size

Density

Type
Prescribed Burn

**Treatment** 

Method
Unspecified

**Treatment** 

3102 - Grass

**Cover Type** 

Objective

Status

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Prescription burn to maintain opening

Specs:

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Other semi open - edges have A3 and cherry saplings. scattered w pine

Comments:

Next Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2015

**89 NF\_12012089-** 2.0 320 - Upland Shrub **Burn** 

Prescribed Burn

Unspecified

3102 - Grass

Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription burn to maintain opening

Specs:
Other

Comments:

Next Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2015

Other

**95 NF\_12012095-** 45.5

6229 - Mixed lowland shrub Other

Other - Specify

6220 - Alder/willow

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 $\underline{\textit{Prescription}} \ \ \textit{stand planned to have tag alder/willow chopped for wood cock habitat improvement}$ 

semi open - edges have A3 and cherry saplings. scattered w pine

Specs:

Other open swamp grass/willow/tag alder along river. scattered tamarack

Comments:

Next Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2015

**Total Treatment** 

Acreage Proposed: 401.9

Crystal Falls Mgt. Unit Report 4 -- Treatments Prescribed with Compartment: 012 a Site Condition s Year of Entry 2016 t **Treatment** Acres CoverType Size Stand BA **Treatment Treatment Cover Type Approval** n Name **Density** Range Method Objective **Status** Age Type 6.0 6129 - Mixed 76 Clearcut with 6121 - Tamarack Cmpt. Review 12012045-Cut Low Harvest 45 Density Coniferous Lowland Reserves Proposal Pole Forest Prescription remove merchantable tamarack and b spruce. leave cedar, w birch and pine. \*potential for being wet for equipment operations: with sparse areas there will be less slash for a support mat and little root system. tag alder throughout. no winter deer use. MO tamarack Specs: Other appears to have had b spruce/fir cut out of stand in past. small upland inclusion with w pine and fir saplings. overall stand is conifer swamp -Comment: areas that are fairly sparse and wet. no winter deer usage <u>Next</u> monitor for regeneration Steps:

2G: Too wet (sensitive soils, does not include access issues)

**Total Treatment** 

Proposed Start Date:

**Limiting Factor** 

Acreage Proposed: 6.0

10/01/2015

Site Dominant Site

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Avail	ability for I	Management					
Total	Acres	Acres		Domina	nt Site	e Con	ditions
Acres	Available	Not Available		No	5D	2G	1C
943	934	9	Aspen	934			9
362	362		Cedar	362			
104	98	6	Lowland Conifers	98		6	
194	194		Lowland Spruce/Fir	194			
24	24		Mixed Upland Deciduous	24			
277	267	11	Northern Hardwood	267			11
14	14		Red Pine	14			
88	29	59	Tamarack	29	59		
5	5		Upland Conifers	5			
112	112		Upland Mixed Forest	112			
46	46		Upland Spruce/Fir	46			
2,170	2,085	86	Total Forested Acres	2,085	59	6	20
	96%	4%	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.

No.	Cond Availability	Dominant Site Condition	Acres	Other Site Condition	Other Site Condition	Other Site Condition	Other Site Condition
002	Not Available	5D: Unproductive Forest Land	29				
	Comments: very scattered tama	rack, little volume - open area	as with ta	g alder			
003	Not Available	1C: Other dept or div proc/practices	11				
	Comments: stand held to be thin	ned with adjacent hardwood	stands ne	ext entry instead of makino	g a small acreage unit.		
004	Not Available	1C: Other dept or div proc/practices	9				
	Comments: vell formed aspen, r	needs time for diameter grow	th				

# Report 5 – Site Conditions

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005	Not Available	5D: Unproductive Forest Land	31					
	Comments: very scattered trees and hummocks with swamp grass transitioning to Mud Lake bog							
006	Not Available	2G: Too wet (sensitive soils, does not include access issues)	6					
С	omments:							

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Year of Entry: 2016



### 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
Comments				

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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.

Conservation	on Type	Description	ERA = Ecological Reference Area HCVA = High Conservation Value Area SCA = Special Conservation Area				
SCA	Archaeological Site	An aquatic or terrestrial area of the State that contains physical r sites of cultural and historical significance that may occur upon to bottomlands. They include thousands of Native American settlem and British outposts, nineteenth century logging camps, mines at the Great Lakes, there are shipwrecks and other remains docum be identified by Natural heritage data from the State Historic Pretitis compartment will be implemented in such a manner as to mathe sensitive nature of this information, no further detail about local	errestrial areas and Great Lakes nents and burial sites, as well as French and homesteads. Beneath the waters of enting the maritime trade. Such sites may servation Office. Proposed treatments in aintain the integrity of these sites. Due to				
SCA	Cold Water Lake	A coldwater lake has temperature and dissolved oxygen conditions that allow naturally-reproduced or stocked trout populations and those of other coldwater fish species to persist from year to year. Suitable conditions for coldwater fishes may occur in Michigan lakes if they are relatively deep, have substantial groundwater inflows, or are located in colder (northern) areas of the state. Such lakes are established by Director's action and designated as trout resources by Fisheries Order 200.					
SCA	Cold Water Stream	A coldwater stream has temperature and dissolved oxygen conditions that allow naturally-reproduced 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 designated as trout resources by Fisheries Order 210.					
SCA	Riparian Area	A transitional area between aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems in influences the aquatic ecosystem and vice-versa. Because of the streams and open water wetlands, riparian areas harbor a high of communities are ecologically and socially significant in their effect as aesthetics, habitat, bank stability, timber production, and their	e unique conditions adjacent to lakes, liversity of plants and wildlife. Riparian cts on water quality and quantity, as well				

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density Acres		Stand BA Age Range		General Comments:	MICHIGAN .
1	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	66.8	91		good cedar with associated fir poletimber and saplings. wi scattered w birch. scattered small semi open areas fror windthrow with w birch and fir advanced regen. no sign of o regen. East end has slighly higher stocking of tamarac	m cedar
2	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	Medium Density Pole	54.1	60	small scattered pockets of higher stocked tamarack, tamara 4 - 6" dbh, b spruce 3 - 6 " dbh. very widely scattered cedar 14" dbh		
3	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	13.7	77	b spruce 4 - 8" dbh with widely scattered 10" dbh trees. Tamarack is a minor component. sphagnum, lab tea - true b spruce swamp.		
4	4319 - Mixed Upland Forest	High Density Pole	13.6	57		2 ages of fir - saplings 30 yrs old and sawtimber sized trees yrs. aspen 7 - 9" dbh and associated low quality r map	
6	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Medium Density Pole	14.3	72		scattered small openings throughout.	
7	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Sapling	6.8	23		aspen 2 - 3" dbh heavy fir/w spruce/upland b spruce 2 - 8" dbł with scattered 10" trees. appears that in previous timber sale n conifers were removed?	
8	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	23.6	76		b spruce 4 - 8" dbh, tamarack 4 - 12" dbh. NW corner heav tamarack and more open. E end has slight component o birch and balm	
11	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Sapling	20.3	23		aspen 2 - 4" dbh. good distribution of associated spruce	e/fir
12	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Sapling	12.9	27		aspen 3 - 5" dbh associated fir saplings	
13	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	105.8	44		aspen 6 - 8" dbh with scattered 10 -12" dbh trees. fir 4 - 8" and associated h maple poletimber scattered throughout. percent of small poletimber - overall stand is just beginnin move into 8 -10" diameter classes. In NE end, small pock more mature aspen 10 - 12" dbh with heavy h maple sapl understory. scattered larger diameter w spruce. W end of shas higher stocking of spruce/fir poletimber	High g to et of ling
14	4319 - Mixed Upland Forest	Medium Density	3.2	23		aspen saplings 30 - 40' tall. associated upland b spruce/ saplings, scattered tamarack saplings notably along swamp	

6121 - Tamarack

4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir

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Medium Density Pole

High Density Sapling 31.4

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tamarack 4  $\,$  - 7" dbh, b spruce 3 - 6" dbh and small pockets of cedar. hummocky stand - transitioning to adjacent Mud Lake bog

pockets of very dense F3, notably along E side

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
18	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	19.1	75		good b spruce 5 - 7" dbh. higher stocking of cedar in N end of stand. cedar 12 - 18" dbh. Mid to S portion of stand moves towards semi upland b spruce with trace amounts of tamarack and w birch. S end transitions to smaller run of spruce 3 - 7" dbh. far NW end is tag alder and semi open tamarack in transition to creek
19	6122 - Black Spruce	Low Density Pole	16.9	69	51-80	heavy tag alder understory, scattered b spruce/tamarack. slight w birch component
21	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	6.8	75	81-110	widely scattered fir. low to fair quality h maple and r maple, mainly an open grown stand.
22	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	106.7	87		edges are b spruce poletimber 3 - 7" dbh and tamarack 6 - 10" quickly transitioning to heavy cedar. small interspersed high ground islands in W end with fir poletimber/saplings 2 - 7"dbh, aspen saplings and scattered large aspen/r maple - majority of larger timber is windthrown
25	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	7.8	67	51-80	well formed boles. occasional 12 - 16" dbh. r maple towards edges of stand. scattered w birch snags throughout
26	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	4.3	35		edges have scattered aspen 7 - 9" dbh, trace amounts of w birch. very thick hazel. aspen seedlings filling into field edges
27	4119 - Mixed Northern Hardwoods	Medium Density	5.5	13		H maple saplings 1 - 2" dbh from stump sprouts. associated fir saplings 1 - 2"
28	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Medium Density	52.3	13		NW end heavier to fir saplings 1 - 3" dbh - little aspen regen in this area, r maple stump sprouts. areas of tag alder in S central of stand - previous cut went into lowland inclusions - these areas did not regenerate. Buffer strip along creek inclusion with spruce/fir 7 - 8" dbh, windthrow and tag alder.
29	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	4.2	67	81-110	fair to good form on maple 3 - 4 sticks to first limbs, little defect.  H maple 4 - 10" dbh. nice basswood 10 - 16" dbh. very scattered w spruce saplings
30	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density	22.6	42		b spruce, tamarack, fir thicket - trees 1 - 4" dbh. very thick
31	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	14.8	35		small poletimber 4 - 7" dbh. aspen 2 - 3 sticks tall with scattered 4 stick trees. aspen is in pockets interspersed among F6. thick spruce/fir
32	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density Pole	9.4	56		b spruce 3 - 6" dbh, tamarack 6 - 10" dbh. high percentage of submerchantable b spruce
33	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	59.5	69	51-80	well formed h maple 24 - 32' to first limbs, clear boles. light raspberry in areas with less canopy closure. N end has higher stocking of ironwood. E end has higher stocking of basswood

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
34	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Medium Density Pole	27.6	95		heavy fir understory in areas heavier to cedar. tamarack distributed throughout stand 8 - 12" dbh
35	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	268.8	35		aspen 4 - 7" dbh with scattered 8" dbh, 3 - 4 sticks tall. heavy hazel. associated spruce/fir poletimber. pockets of dense M3 and small diameter poles
37	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	48.8	15		aspen 1 - 2" dbh spruce/fir 3 - 7" dbh
38	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	12.5	48		aspen 4 - 7"dbh, 3 sticks tall on average. fir 3 - 12" dbh and widely scattered w birch saplings. edge of stand adjacent to treed bog appears to have had aspen cut off some time ago by beavers - mainly conifers and hazel along this edge. S central area of stand has a small N. hardwood inclusion. S 1/2 of stand has more mature aspen 12 - 14", 6 - 7 sticks tall.
39	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	43.2	68		aspen 10 - 14" dbh. fir 4 - 10" dbh. small pockets of r maple throughout
41	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density Pole	37.7	76		far SE end graduates to F3F4 - very thick b. spruce/fir saplings. E 1/2 has heavier cedar component and W end dense S6 with slightly smaller diameters 4 - 6" dbh
42	4319 - Mixed Upland Forest	High Density Pole	19.7	47		heavy spruce/fir understory 3 - 5" dbh
43	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Medium Density Pole	7.7	45		open grown stand transitioning to adjacent swamp. fair to heavy hazel understory. aspen 2 - 7" dbh with scattered 10" trees
44	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	High Density Pole	40.7	45		strips of cedar 10 -12" dbh between tamarack, b spruce regen 16 - 20' tall. inclusion of high ground at far W and E ends with associated aspen. W end of stand has higher stocking of b spruce poletimber 4 - 7" dbh. thick tamarack and fir regen throughout
45	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	Low Density Pole	6.0	76		appears to have had b spruce/fir cut out of stand in past. advanced regen to w pine, fir, spruce. w birch poletimber throughout with top die back. small upland inclusion with w pine and fir saplings. overall stand is conifer swamp - areas that are fairly sparse and wet
48	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	8.0	57	81-110	fair quality maple - has potential for future quality sawtimber production. areas of open grown
49	42340 - Upland Spruce/Fir	Low Density Pole	2.7	40		semi open F4F5. openings throughout with spruce/fir 10 - 40' tall

4130 - Aspen

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High Density Pole

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aspen 3 - 4 sticks tall. very thick fir understory

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t a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
51	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	19.1	98		good cedar stand 7 - 12" dbh with associated b spruce. fairly open understory. very small pockets of purer b spruce/tamarack scattered throughout. extreme W end graduates to higher stocking of tamarack/b spruce and small high ground "island" inclusion
52	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	47.3	50		aspen 6 - 11" dbh, spruce/fir 4 - 12", 5 - 7 stick heights. some evidence of SBW. heavy hazel throughout. N end towards river trends towards older aged 12 - 16" dbh aspen
54	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	32.4	37		aspen 4 - 6" dbh 2 - 3 sticks tall. fir 2 - 5" dbh. heavier fir component at edges of stand and scattered fir throughout. heavy hazel understory. small seasonal pond/swamp grass inclusion in SE of stand
56	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	10.8	69	111-140	fair form on maple - eutypella and defect are present. appears not to be a great site for producing quality hardwoods - drier site with hazel present and denser in more open areas of stand
58	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	63.0	26		stand just moving into poletimber size classes with scattered 7 - 8" aspen. scattered spruce/fir throughout. heavy hazel understory
59	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	61.2	69	51-80	fair to good form on maple. ironwood in understory 3 - 35' tall. light raspberry in areas with more open canopy. thinned last entry
61	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	28.5	58		fairly open tamarack, cedar and scattered b spruce. isolated 12" dbh tamarack throughout with S edge heavier to cedar component 8 - 16"dbh. possibly species designated cut in the past - appears open in areas with tamarack/fir saplings
62	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Medium Density Pole	41.2	42		two aged aspen - 40 yrs and 60 yrs, 4 - 8"dbh , 4 - 5 sticks tall very dense h maple sapling regen. associated fir poletimber 4 - 12" dbh.
63	42330 - Upland Fir	High Density Pole	10.5	35		w birch, r maple poletimber - sawtimber sized trees throughout. w birch a heavier component in NE end. heavy spruce/fir saplings and small poletimbre 3 - 6" dbh
65	42320 - Upland Spruce	High Density Sapling	17.9	15		very thick upland b spruce 1 - 3" dbh, 10 - 20' tall. scattered w pine and r pine log sized trees. small rock hills and large boulders present. small component of aspen mainly along road edge. small (1 ac) inclusion of aspen 12 - 14" dbh, w pine, spruce/fir at far E edge
66	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	5.1	85		nearly a pure tamarack stand 3 - 6 sticks tall, good form. fir understory, very widely scattered cedar and b spruce
67	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density Pole	20.8	70		well formed b spruce/tamarack. tamarack is well interspersed throughout. natural 30 - 50' gaps in canopy have advanced fir regen

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
68	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	20.4	69	81-110	w pine inclusion 24 - 28" dbh. heavy ironwood saplings
69	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	3.1	65	51-80	fair to good form on h maple. heavy ironwood regen, few h maple saplings
70	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	High Density Pole	24.0	67	81-110	low quality r maple. small areas of r maple M3 throughout
72	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	Medium Density Pole	57.6	52		open pockets heavier to tag alder and fir saplings. cedar throughout with inclusions of higher stocking. S edge of stand has higher stocking of small diameter b ash and balm saplings with small diameter poletimber.
73	42210 - Natural Red Pine	High Density Log	4.0	64	111-140	well formed r pine overall
74	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	28.9	67	81-110	good to fair form 1 1/2 - 2 log heights before first limbs. occasional h maple 18 - 20" dbh and basswood 12 - 18" dbh. scattered eutypella. very scattered h maple seedlings/saplings - more present in S end of stand. heavy ironwood understory 16 - 20' tall.
75	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	14.8	80		mixed conifer stand interspersed with bed rock knobs. knobs are sparsely timbered with fir, r pine, and w pine
76	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	5.7	14		aspen 1 - 2" dbh, heavy h maple saplings 10 - 15' tall at edges. very scattered basswood and cedar
77	4112 - Maple, Beech, Cherry Association	High Density Pole	23.5	67	81-110	occasional r maple/h maple sawtimber. N end heavier to r maple. y birch and w birch scattered throughout. very widely scattered hemlock. far W end has component of large w pine 24" dbh + and higher stocking of fir saplings 3 - 10'
78	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Sapling	49.5	5		aspen 6 - 12' tall. large w pine and pockets of conifer saplings throughout. scattered r pine with some inclusions having higher stocking of r pine 30 - 50 BA.
79	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	75.4	95		cedar predominates much of stand with scattered areas of bed rock out crop throughout. tag alder prevalent. very S end has small (1 acre) inclusion of high ground with large w pine and thick fir understory. NW edge transitions to uplands with w spruce, rock, and fir saplings.
80	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Medium Density Pole	6.0	67	81-110	h maple overall low quality 12 - 16" dbh, a lot of defect. good h maple sapling growth 1 - 3" dbh 25 - 30' tall. very scattered w birch saplings. small lowland conifer inclusion at W end, fir at S edge
81	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Sapling	98.4	22		scattered semi open areas with tag alder understory. pockets of spruce/fir

4130 - Aspen

High Density Pole

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good aspen 3 - 4 sticks tall - needs time for diameter growth

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
83	4319 - Mixed Upland Forest	High Density Pole	12.8	38		fir poletimber in rough shape W or road due to SBW. poor quality r maple. E of road is has higher stocking of spruce/fir. very scattered w birch
84	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	5.9	80		just about a pure cedar overstory. very thick fir understory in areas
85	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	39.3	27		aspen 2 - 5" dbh. very widely scattered r maple poletimber throughout. heavy hazel understory. pockets of tag alder in low areas that were cut through.
87	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	31.6	75	81-110	scattered log sized h maple 16 - 18" dbh. good to fair form on sawtimber - good clear heights. good h maple sapling establishment in pockets throughout. rollling hills - areas with large rocks in gullies - potential for springs/seeps/drainages.
88	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Log	8.7	91		nearly pure cedar in overstory - very little understory. classic cedar swamp with open understory. pockets of fir saplings in natural canopy openings
91	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Sapling	13.1	5		aspen 6 - 12' tall. large w pine and pockets of conifer saplings throughout. scattered r pine with some inclusions having higher stocking of r pine 30 - 50 BA.
92	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	22.8	91		
93	42210 - Natural Red Pine	High Density Log	9.9	62	171-200	decent form on r pine - possible utility poles scattered. N end had aspen and r maple cut out during previous cut - area is still a

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5.1

81-110

429 - Mixed Upland

Conifers

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High Density

Pole

r pine stand with little regen from past cut.

highly variable stand. large diameter w pine scattered

throughout with dense w pine/spruce poletimber 5 - 8"dbh. thick fir understory. widely scattered aspen with isolated pockets of

A6. low quality r maple. E edge has opening inclusion with open grown w pine. stand appears to be part of adjacent r pine plantation that failed in this area

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	Management Priority (Objective)	General Comments:	MCHIGAT
5	3102 - Grass	2.6	Yes	Low		
9	3102 - Grass	14.0	Yes	Low	burn to maintain opening	
10	50 - Water	18.8	No	Unspecified		
16	3102 - Grass	3.1	Yes	Low		
20	3102 - Grass	6.1	Yes	Low	burn to maintain opening.	
23	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	7.4	Unspecified	Unspecified		
24	3102 - Grass	38.6	Yes	Low	burn to maintain opening.	
36	6224 - Treed Bog	15.5	No	Unspecified		
40	6225 - Bog	23.9	No	Unspecified		
46	50 - Water	2.7	No	Unspecified		
47	6224 - Treed Bog	31.7	No	Unspecified		
53	6225 - Bog	5.7	No	Unspecified		
55	622 - Lowland Shrub	43.3	No	Unspecified		
57	310 - Herbaceous Openland	12.1	Yes	Low	burn to maintain opening	
60	6233 - Wet Meadow	12.0	No	Unspecified		
64	622 - Lowland Shrub	10.2	No	Unspecified		
71	320 - Upland Shrub	3.7	Yes	Low	burn to maintain opening	
86	320 - Upland Shrub	1.4	Yes	Low	burn to maintain opening	
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# Report 9 - Nonforested Stands

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	Management Priority (Objective)	General Comments:
89	320 - Upland Shrub	2.0	Yes	Low	burn to maintain opening
90	320 - Upland Shrub	2.9	No	Unspecified	
94	622 - Lowland Shrub	8.7	No	Unspecified	
95	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	45.5	Yes	Medium	stand planned to have tag alder/willow chopped for wood cock habitat improvement