

# **Crystal Falls Forest Management Unit Compartment Review Presentation**

Compartment #88 Entry Year: 2013 Compartment Acreage: 1075 County: Dickinson

**Revision Date:** 6-22-11

**Stand Examiner:** Andy Church

Legal Description: T41N R28W Sections 28,29,33

Management Goals: Optimize sustainable timber production while maintaining species diversity and

protecting wildlife habitat.

**Soil and Topography:** Soils are mostly Carbondale and Cathro wet muck soils that are very poorly drained.

The higher ground is a sandy loam. The topography is generally flat with little variation.

Ownership Patterns, Development, and Land Use in and Around the Compartment: Compartment 88 is separated by large blocks of private ownership. Deer hunting is evident in and around this compartment. The State owned and the privately owned land in the area practice active forest management.

**Unique, Natural Features:** West Branch of Sturgeon River located towards North, and Breen Creek to South.

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features: None known.

**Special Management Designations or Considerations:** None known.

#### Watershed and Fisheries Considerations:

Wildlife Habitat Considerations: Upland conifer types, particularly white pine and hemlock have declined substantially. Upland and lowland conifer components should be restored, and maintained where present and enhanced whenever possible. This area has the tendency to regenerate to red and white pine, naturally. All species of wildlife need to be considered and a full range of habitat conditions should be provided. Conditions from early-successional to old growth must be provided to meet these needs. Lowland hardwood types and drainages are sensitive areas that provide excellent wildlife habitat in this intensively managed area. Riparian and transition zones were set aside in prior years of entry to provide some of these habitat requirements. Large aspen types should be harvested in smaller acreages to increase age class diversity.

### MINERAL, OIL AND GAS CONSIDERATIONS:

Sections 28, 29 and 33, T41N-R28W, Dickinson County

Surface sediments consist of glacial outwash sand and gravel and postglacial alluvium. There is insufficient data to determine the glacial drift thickness. The Precambrian Michigamme Formation outcrops beneath the glacial drift. There is not a current economic use for the Michigamme. The Hancock iron mine is located approximately three miles to the east. Part of this compartment was previously leased for metallic exploration and potential may still exist. A gravel pit is located three miles to the north and also two miles to the east. There appears to be limited gravel potential in the compartment. There is no economic oil and gas production in the UP.

Vehicle Access: Access is very limited due to the large blocks of private ownership, and the wet soils.

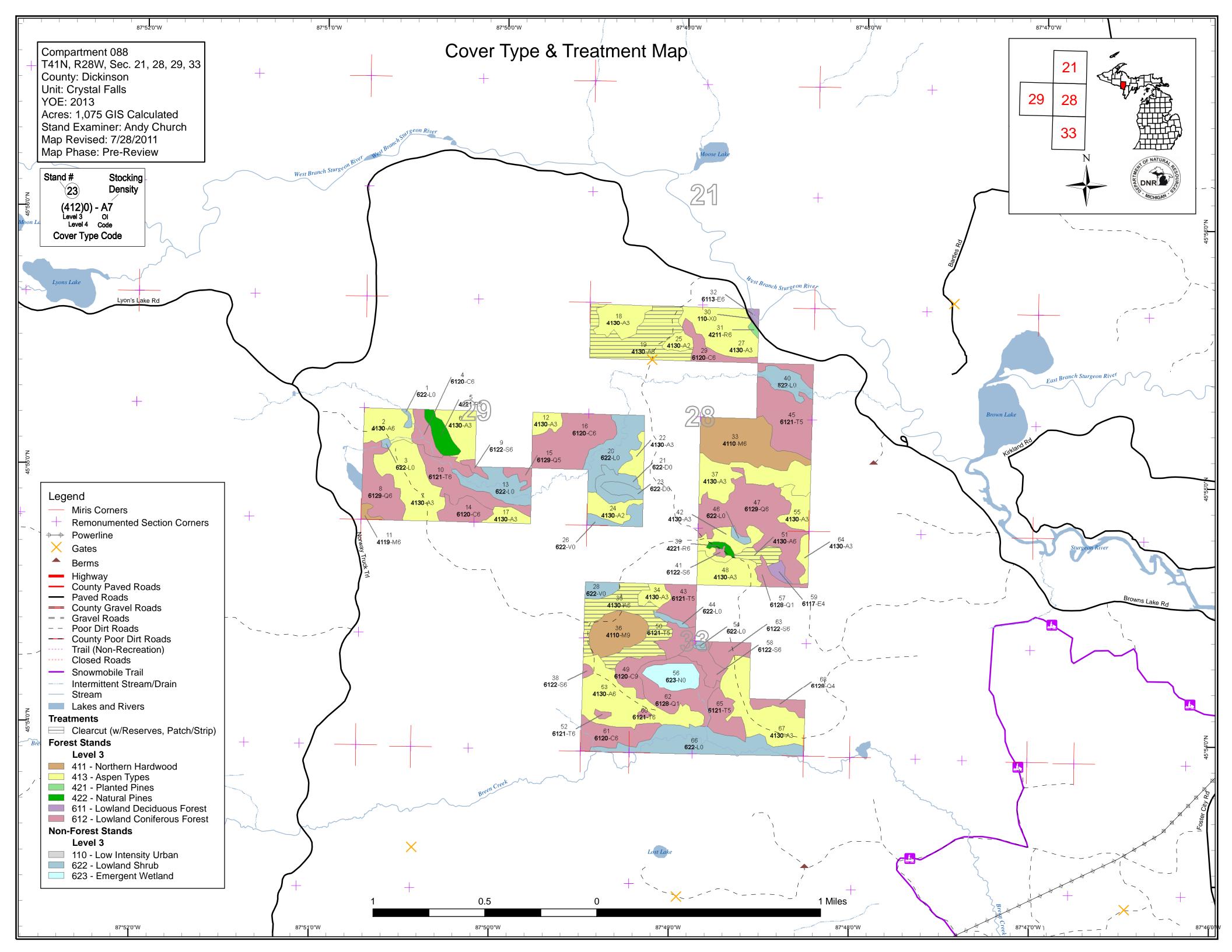
**Survey Needs:** Internal 1/16<sup>th</sup> in Section 28

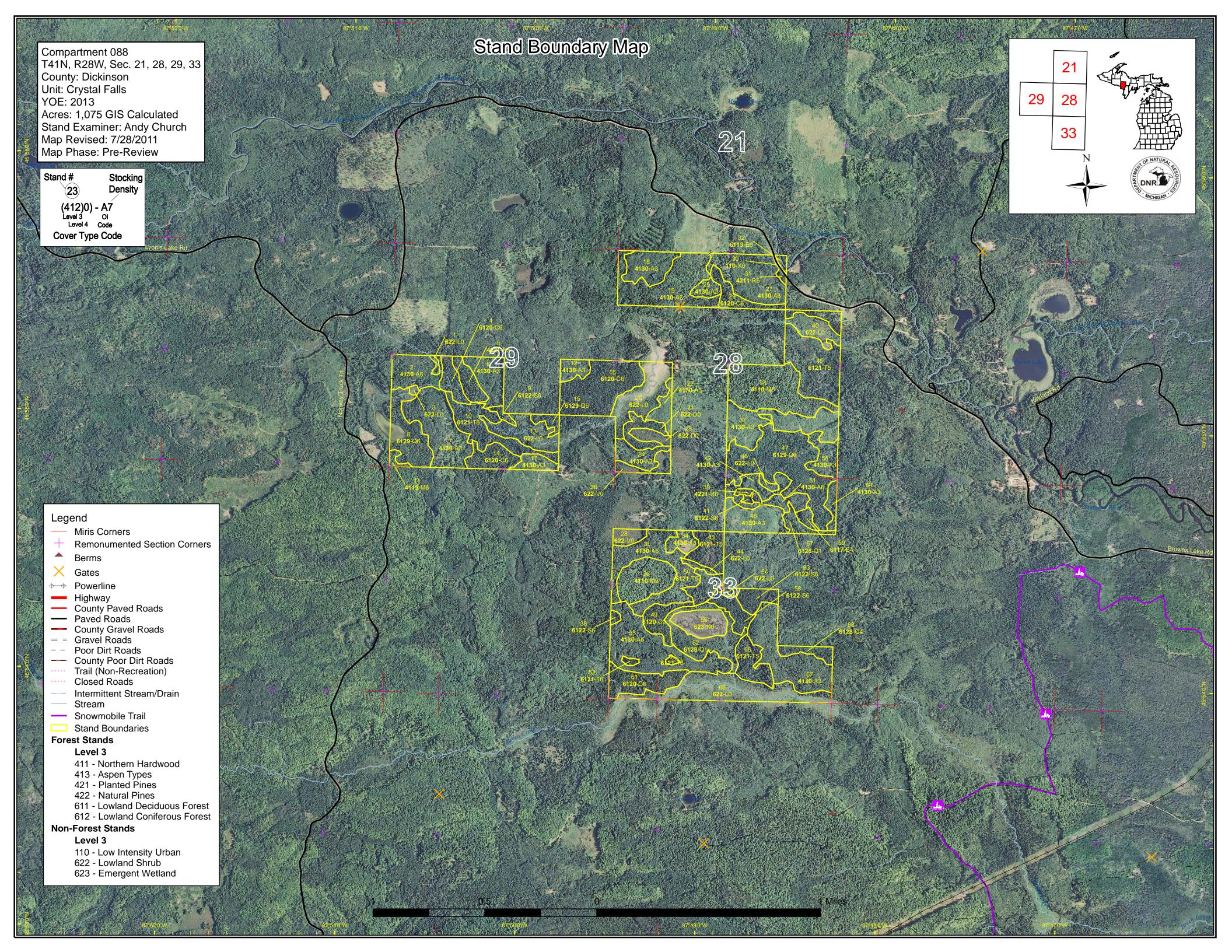
Recreational Facilities and Opportunities: Hunting, camping, fishing, trapping, hiking, canoeing.

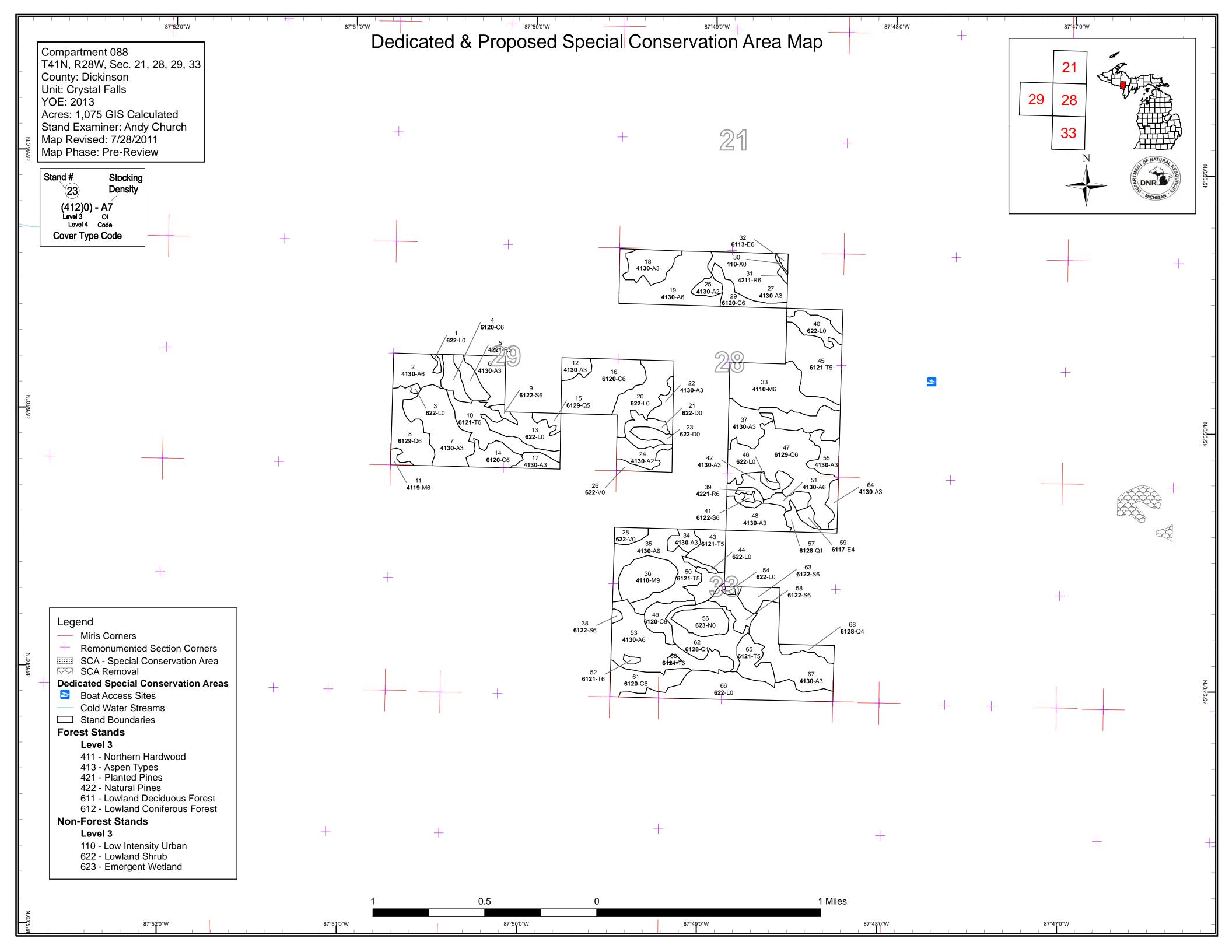
**Fire Protection:** Felch protection area. Access to most upland stands is fair. Access to swamp types would be difficult.

### **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







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Otto Jacob : Examiner



#### Age Class

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Aspen	0	72	109	62	91	19	44	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	444	
Bog	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
Cedar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	0	0	0	0	0	115	
Lowland Conifers	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	102	0	0	0	0	0	135	
Lowland Deciduous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Lowland Shrub	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	
Lowland Spruce/Fir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	1
Marsh	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1
Northern Hardwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	72	0	0	0	0	0	75	1
Red Pine	0	0	0	0	2	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	ĺ
Tamarack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	106	ĺ
Treed Bog	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	ĺ
Urban	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	j
Total	158	72	109	95	93	20	53	15	78	381	0	0	0	0	0	1075	



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

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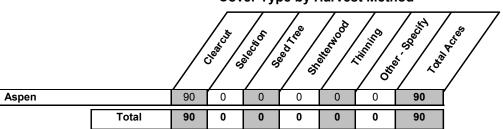
. Unit Compartment 088
Total Compartment Acres: 1075

**Acres by Treatment Type** 

Commercial Harvest - 90 Site Prep - 0 Tree Planting - 0 Prescribed Burn - 0 Other - 0

Habitat Cut - 0 Opening Maintenance - 0 Tree Seeding - 0 Pesticide - 0





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

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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
19	12088019-Cut	43.7	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	50	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4130 - Aspen	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription Final Harvest with Reserves. Use 2" spec to promote sprouting and a fully stocked Aspen stand in future. Wetter in West. Avoid wet areas Specs: where rutting is likely. Leave all: Cedar, Hemlock, and Oak if found. RETENTION: Wet areas, Cedar, Hemlock, and Oak if found.

ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE REGEN: Maple/Fir.

Other\_ Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

> Clearcut with 35 12088035-Cut 39.4 4130 - Aspen High Density Pole 77 Harvest 4134 - Aspen, Cmpt. Review Reserves Spruce/Fir Proposal

Prescription Clearcut with reserves of Cedar, Hemlock, and Pine if present. Reserve conifer 6" and less at stump.

Specs: Other\_

Setup for harvest FY 2011 as part of "additional acres."

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

> 12088051-Cut 7.2 4130 - Aspen High Density Pole 77 Harvest Clearcut with 4134 - Aspen, Cmpt. Review Reserves Spruce/Fir Proposal

Prescription Clearcut with reserves of Cedar, Hemlock, and Pine if present. Reserve conifer 6" and less at stump.

Specs:

Setup for harvest FY 2011 as part of "additional acres." Other\_

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

**Total Treatment** 

90.3 **Acreage Proposed:** 

Crystal Falls Mgt. Unit Table 4 -- Treatments Prescribed with Compartment: 088 a Limiting Factor s Year of Entry 2013 t **Treatment** n **Treatment Acres** Stage1 Size Stand **Treatment Cover Type Approval** Name CoverType Density Method Objective Status Age Type d #Error **Prescription** Specs: <u>Other</u> Comment: <u>Next</u> Steps: Limiting Factor and No

Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:

Treatment Reason

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# Out of YOE -- Treatments Prescribed with No Limiting Factor

Year of Entry: 2013

Treatment Name	Acres	Stage1 CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
12060_OutOfY OE-Cut	6.0				Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4130 - Aspen	Cmpt. Review Proposal
Prescription Clea	arcut 2" db	h and above except	cedar hemlock a	and nine if r	oresent			

<u>Prescription</u> Clearcut 2" dbh and above except cedar, hemlock and pine if present

Specs:

Other Comments:

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Next Steps:

**Total Treatment** 

Acreage Proposed: 6.0

S t	Crystal Falls		5 – Fo	orested Sta	Compartment: 088 Year of Entry: 2013	
a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
2	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	19.4	40		
4	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	9.3	82		
5	42210 - Natural Red Pine	Medium Density Pole	9.6	52	51-80	Good pine regen. All aged stand was cut in1994 to remove other than pine.
6	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	17.4	16		
7	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	40.3	27		
8	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	High Density Pole	26.3	80		
9	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	2.5	75		
10	6121 - Tamarack	High Density Pole	26.0	80		Very clumpy with tamarack patches of regen and of poles.  Pretty dry lowland with creek.
11	4119 - Mixed Northern Hardwoods	High Density Pole	2.3	75		A small stand of big red pine on south end of the stand
12	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	7.1	16		Fair quality aspen on droughty ground. Stocking variable.
14	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	13.3	82		
15	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	Medium Density Pole	4.4	82		
16	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	42.2	82		
17	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	7.0	7		
18	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	17.7	16		
19	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	43.7	50		
22	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	7.8	5		
24	4130 - Aspen	Medium Density	11.7	16		

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
25	4130 - Aspen	Medium Density	5.4	27		
27	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	35.4	16		Dense stocking with good site.
29	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	17.7	82		
31	42110 - Planted Red Pine	High Density Pole	1.1	40	81-110	It appears that the neighbor planted the pine over the line onto state land.
32	6113 - Lowland Maple	High Density Pole	1.6	70		River flood plain.
33	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	47.0	80	81-110	This stand was thinned on the last yoe.
34	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	7.0	16		
35	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	39.4	77		
36	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Log	25.2	80	81-110	Thinned last yoe
37	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	36.4	6		
38	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	1.4	82		
39	42210 - Natural Red Pine	High Density Pole	2.4	38	111-140	
41	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	1.1	70		
42	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	13.0	16		
43	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	14.6	82		Some mortality.
45	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	38.0	82		Wet and flat ground with tamarack of all sizes in patches. More black spruce on south side.
47	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	High Density Pole	64.4	82		
48	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	20.8	5		

s t	Crystal Falls Mgt. Unit			5 – Fo	orested Stands	Compartment: 088 Year of Entry: 2013
a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
49	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Log	11.5	82		
50	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	9.6	82		
51	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	7.2	77		Many potholes. Portion of aspen is in wetland.
52	6121 - Tamarack	High Density Pole	1.3	80		
53	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	48.5	35		
55	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	11.9	27		
57	6128 - Lowland Coniferous, Mixed Deciduous	Low Density Sapling	6.4	25		
58	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	11.1	78		
59	6117 - Lowland Deciduous, Mixed Coniferous	Low Density Pole	3.4	78		
60	6121 - Tamarack	High Density Pole	1.1	80		
61	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	20.5	82		
62	6128 - Lowland Coniferous, Mixed Deciduous	Low Density Sapling	26.0	27		
63	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	9.4	78		
64	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	4.9	27		
65	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	15.0	60		
67	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	42.0	35		
68	6128 - Lowland Coniferous, Mixed Deciduous	Low Density Pole	7.1	82		

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	Management Priority (Objective)	General Comments:	TCHIGK!
1	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	1.2	No	Unspecified		
3	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	1.0	No	Unspecified		
13	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	20.4	No	Unspecified		
20	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	27.2	No	Unspecified		
21	6224 - Treed Bog	9.9	No	Unspecified		
23	6224 - Treed Bog	5.7	No	Unspecified		
26	6225 - Bog	7.6	No	Unspecified		
28	6225 - Bog	6.2	No	Unspecified		
30	11 - Low Intensity Urban	0.6	No	Unspecified		
40	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	12.4	No	Unspecified		
44	6220 - Alder/willow	2.3	No	Unspecified		
46	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	2.0	No	Unspecified		
54	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	1.1	No	Unspecified		
56	6239 - Mixed Emergent Wetland	15.7	No	Unspecified		
66	6220 - Alder/willow	44.8	No	Unspecified		

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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.

Stand	SCA Type	SCA Name	Acres	Comments

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#### 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 Type Description
Area

ERA = Ecological Reference Area

HCVA = High Conservation Value Area

SCA = Special Conservation Area