

# **Compartment Review Presentation**

**Crystal Falls Forest Management Unit** 

Compartment 12154
Entry Year 2015
Acreage: 729
County Iron

Management Area: Ralph Ground Moraine

**Revision Date: 2013-06-28** 

Stand Examiner: Legal Description: T42N R31W sec 1, 2

### **Identified Planning Goals:**

Optimize sustainable timber production while enhancing and protecting wildlife habitat. The compartment is dominated by quality red pine forest. Utility pole production is occurring and should be promoted. In several areas aspen is growing offsite and should not be encouraged in future treatments. Aspen age class acres are heavily weighed to ages 20 years and younger. Protect the riparian areas and transition zones during management activity.

### Soil and topography:

Very fine sandy loam soils occupy the majority of the compartment. There are small inclusions of muck soils along the lakes, stream and lowland areas. The topography overall is fairly flat.

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

The compartment is fairly contiguous in state ownership. There are large blocks of industrial forest land adjancent to the compartment with smaller parcels of private land along the boundary.

#### **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:**

Erickson and Emerson Lake are within the compartment boundary. Camp 6 Creek (trout stream) also runs through the western portion of the compartment. No aspen management will be occurring this entry period.

#### Wildlife Habitat Considerations:

Deer numbers are high in the area. The compartment falls within deer obligate winter range. Deer and large amounts of deer sign were observed utilizing the entire compartment for winter range. The limited acreage of lowland conifer stands were especially being used. These should be maintained and enhanced to continue to provide quality winter shelter.

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

Surface sediments consist of glacial outwash sand and gravel and postglacial alluvium in places thin to discontinuous over bedrock. The glacial drift thickness varies between 10 and 100 feet. The Precambrian Hemlock and Michigamme Formations subcrop below the glacial drift. There is not a current economic use for these rocks. The abandoned Hope and Cayia iron mines are located to the north. Part of this compartment was previously leased for metallic exploration and potential may still exist. The nearest gravel pit is located six miles to the southeast, but there could be some potential. There is no economic oil and gas production in the UP.

#### **Vehicle Access:**

Overall there is good access. Access is severely limited during spring breakup.

#### **Survey Needs:**

T42N R31W NW1/16, NE1/16, and N 1/16 corners section 2 W 1/16, E1/16, and N 1/16 corners section 1

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

Snowmobile trail #16 runs through the compartment

#### **Fire Protection:**

Though this compartment is dominated by red pine with drier soils, the large fire growth potential is fairly low. There exists little in the way of ladder fuels, it is expected any fire in this area would be confined to surface fire with isolated tree torching. Direct attack would likely be a successful strategy. Access for fire suppression equipment is good and dependent upon the location of a fire, water sources may be available nearby or may be some distance away. There are several camps and homes adjacent to the compartment.

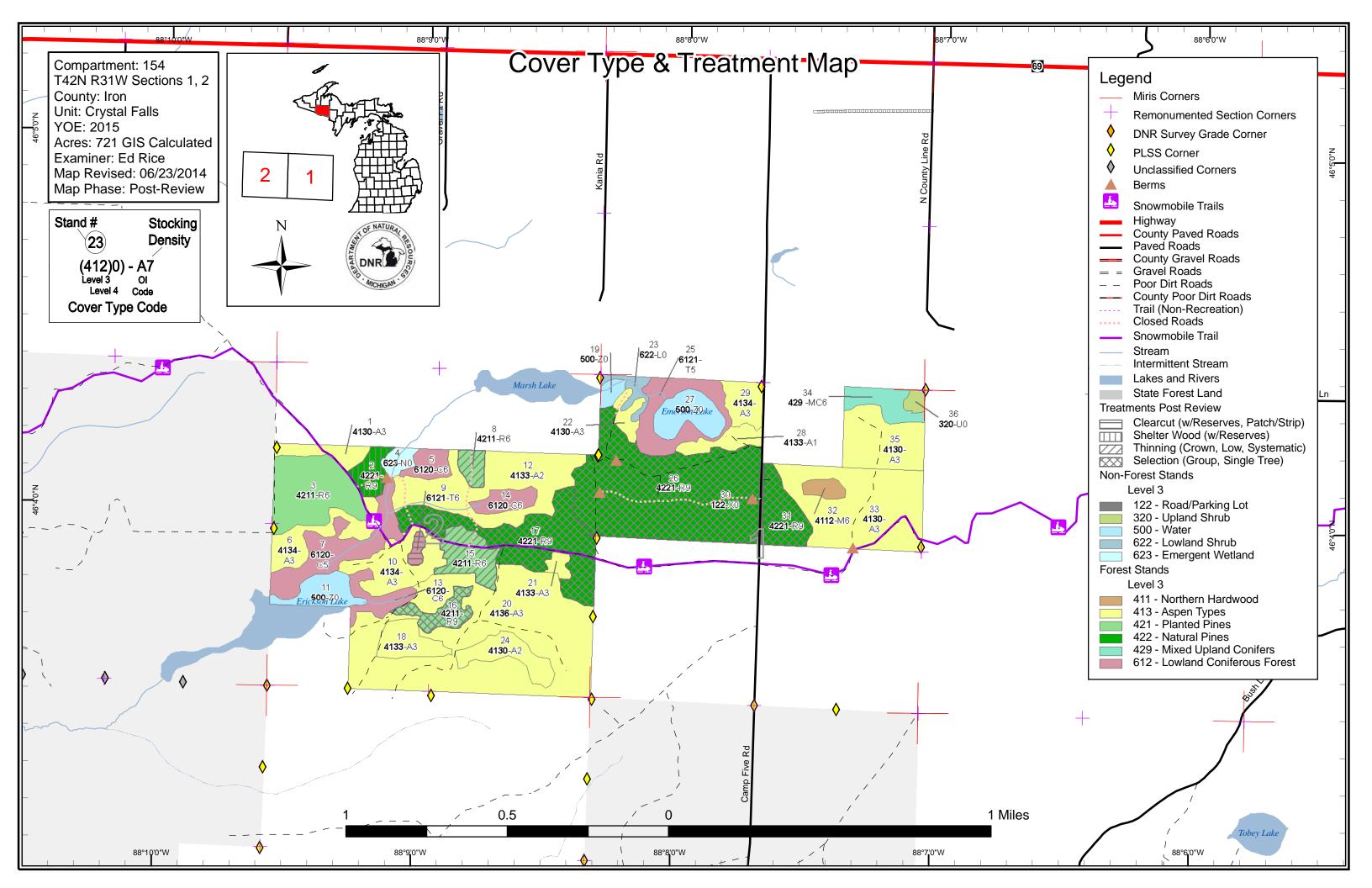
## **Additional Compartment Information:**

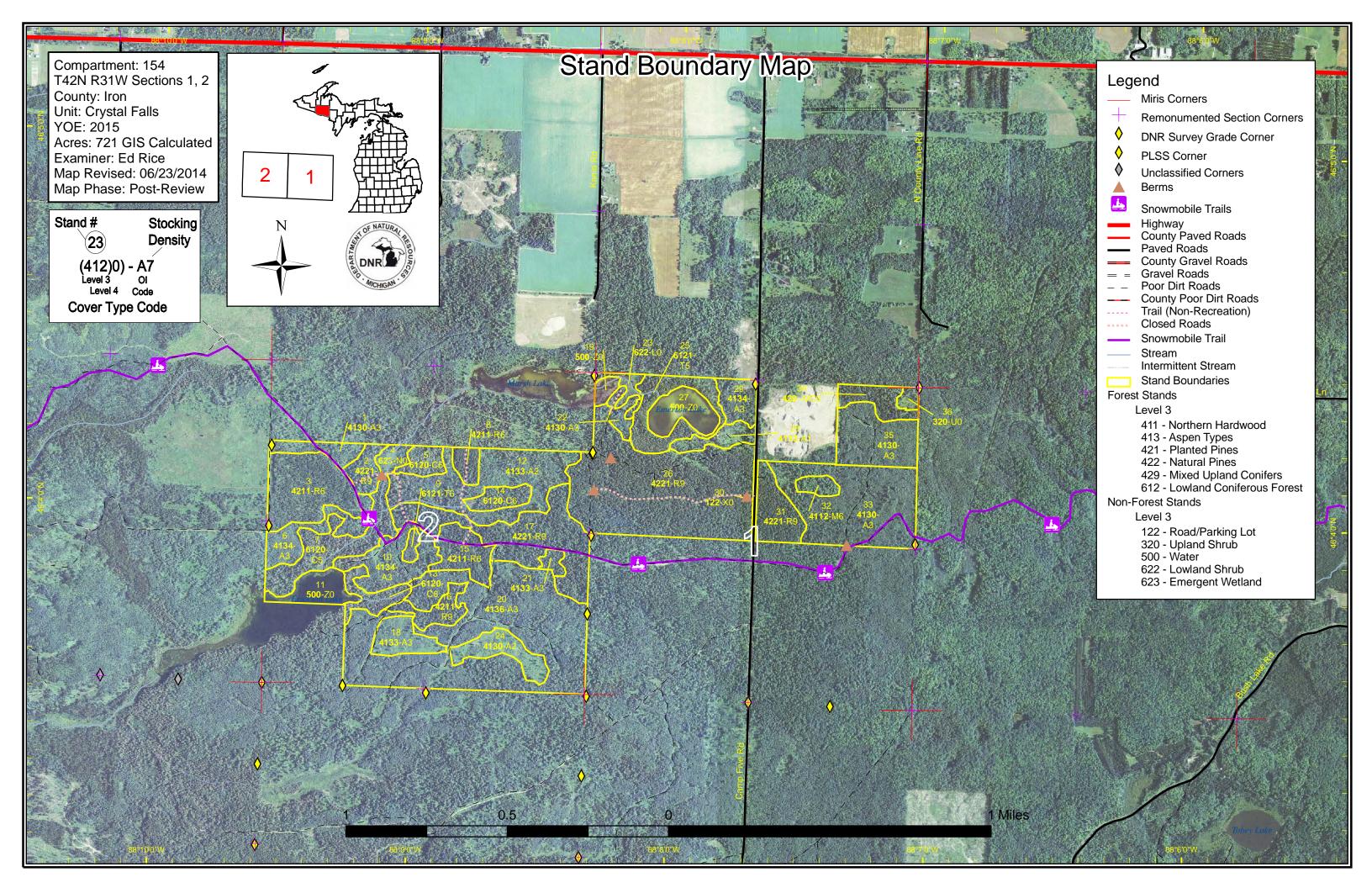
The following reports from the Inventory are attached:

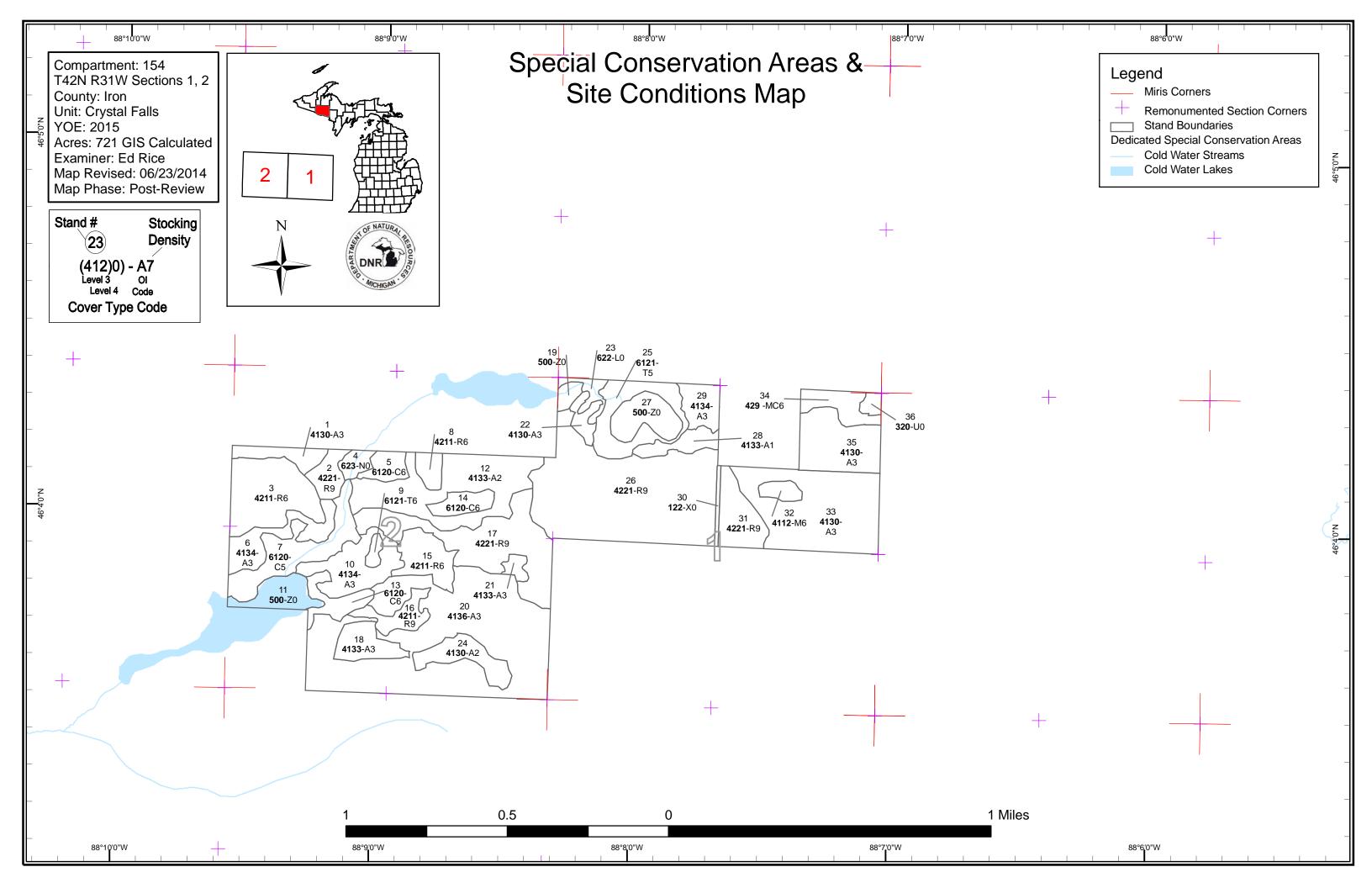
Total Acres by Cover Type and Age Class
Cover Type by Harvest Method
Proposed Treatments – No Limiting Factors
Proposed Treatments – With Limiting Factors
Stand Details (Forested and Nonforested)
Dedicated and Proposed Special Conservation Areas
Site Condition Details

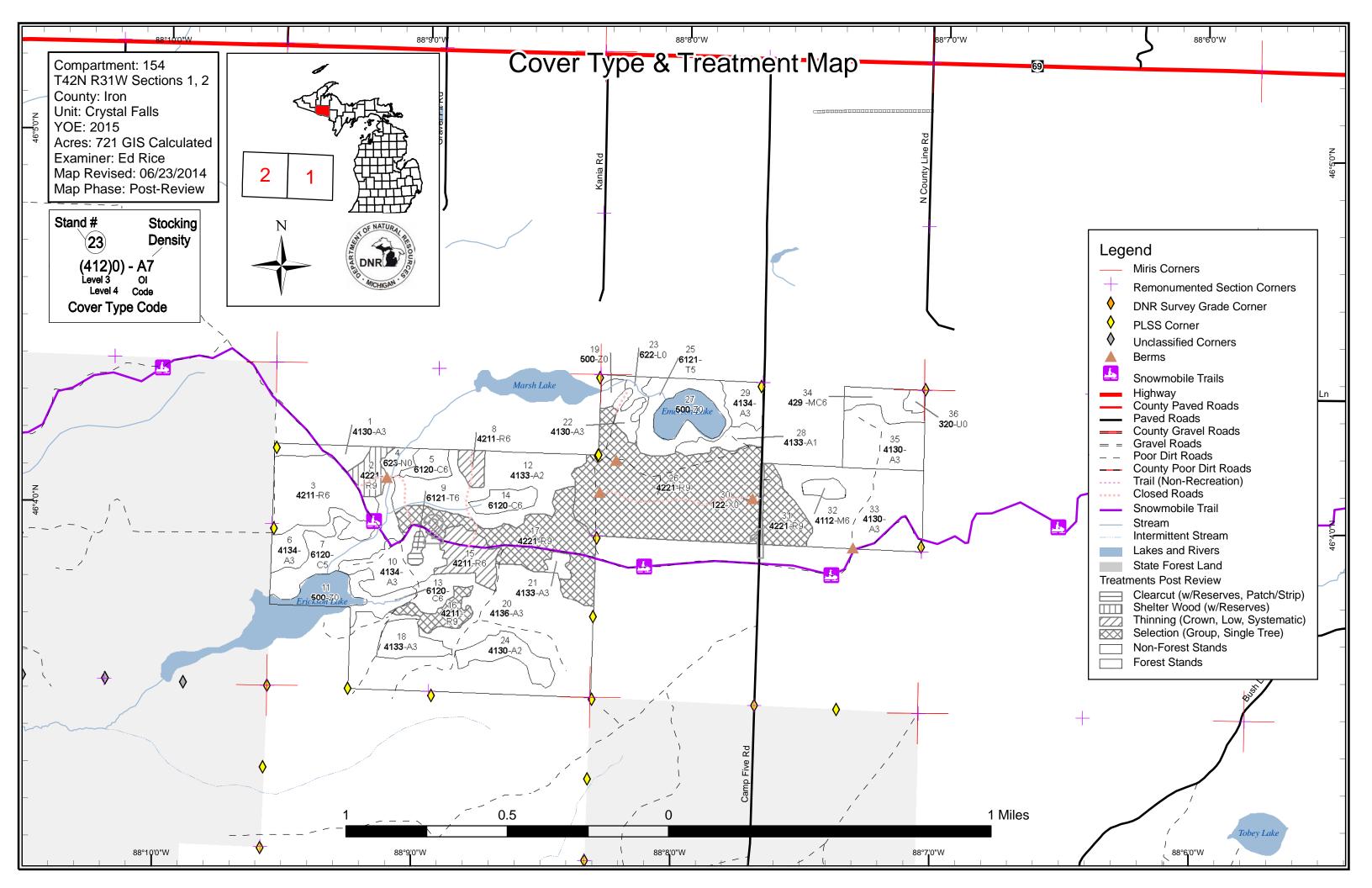
The following information is displayed, where pertinent, on the attached compartment maps:

Base feature information, stand boundaries, cover types, and numbers Proposed treatments
Site condition boundaries
Details on the road access system









# Report 1 – Total Acres by Cover Type and Age Class

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## Age Class

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Cedar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Lowland Shrub	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Marsh	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Northern Hardwood	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Red Pine	0	0	0	0	0	48	15	128	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	238
Tamarack	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Upland Conifers	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Upland Shrub	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Urban	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
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## **Report 2 – Treatment Summary**

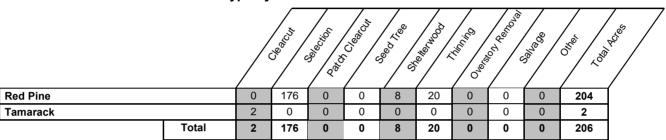
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#### **Acres of Harvest**

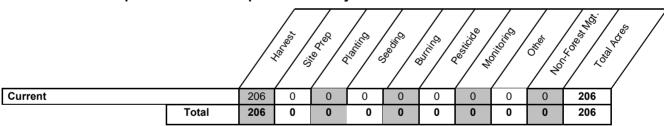
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Total Compartment Acres: 729

Commercial Harvest - 206 Harvests with Site Condition - 0 Next Step Harvest - 0 Habitat Cut - 0

## **Cover Type by Harvest Method**



## **Proposed and Next Step Treatments by Harvest Method**





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a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	Stand CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Age Structure	Approval Status
2	12154002-Cut	7.8	42210 - Natural Red Pine	Sawtimber Well	62	81-110	Harvest	Shelterwood with Retention	42290 - Natural Mixed Pine	Two-Aged	Draft Field Boundary

Prescription shelterwood to 30 - 40 BA. For leave trees select large windfirm r pine and w pine. Concentrate on leaving majority of w pine in the stand where possible. leave w birch, aspen, and w spruce. scarify after a cut. Specs:

Next Step Treatments:

Acceptable

Regen: Other

good form on r pine but is fairly limby - clear boles to 16'. scattered r pine saplings 16 - 20' tall with semi open areas throughout the stand from a previous cut. pockets of aspen saplings 20 - 30' tall and scattered r pine seedlings 2 - 3' tall Old next step comments: mechanical scarification. Comment:

MO is mixed red and white pine, no alternate.

10/1 /2014 Proposed Start Date:

Site Condition: None

12154008-Cut 5.2 42110 - Planted Poletimber 141-Harvest Systematic 42210 - Natural Even-Aged Draft Field Red Pine Well 170 Thinning Red Pine Boundary

Prescription row thin every 3rd row or take 2 rows, leave 3 if needed for equipment width access. keep spruce/fir understory where possible. leave any w

pine, w birch present Specs:

Next Step Treatments:

Acceptable Regen:

Other planted r pine with thick spruce/fir understory. low to fair amount of defect present

Comment:

**Proposed Start Date:** 10/1 /2014

Site Condition: None

12154009-Cut 2.4 6121 - Tamarack Poletimber 69 Unspec Harvest Clearcut with 6121 - Tamarack Even-Aged **Draft Field** Well ified Retention Boundary

Prescription remove all merchantable tamarack and b spruce. leave submerch b spruce and any w pine or cedar.

Specs:

Next Step **Treatments:** 

<u>Acceptable</u> Regen:

Other little winter deer usage. MO is tamarack, fully expected to regenerate

Comment:

**Proposed Start Date:** 10/1 /2014

**Site Condition: None** 

12154015-Cut 42110 - Planted 141-Systematic 42110 - Planted Even-Aged Poletimber 51 Draft Field 14.9 Harvest Red Pine Well 170 Red Pine Boundary Thinning

Prescription row thin E 1/2 of the stand. remove 1/3 - create approx 12' wide rows - may have to mark rows by compass if plantation rows can not be

followed. keep w pine as much as possible Specs:

Next Step **Treatments:** 

<u>Acceptable</u>

Regen:

areas of stand have not been thinned. W end was cut in past treatment with 16 - 20' tall aspen. single aspen trees are throughout with denser Other

Comment: pockets.

**Proposed Start Date:** 10/1 /2014

Site Condition: None

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a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	Stand CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Age Structure	Approval Status	9
16	12154016-Cut	9.2	42110 - Planted Red Pine	Sawtimber Well	49	141- 170	Harvest	Single Tree Selection	42140 - Planted Mixed Pine	Uneven- Aged	Draft Field Boundary	

Prescription thin to 120 BA or remove no more than 1/3 BA. equipment access trails will need to be created. leave w pine as much as possible, protect

Specs: aspen saplings.

Next Step Treatments:

Acceptable Regen:

Other r pine 8 - 14" dbh. scattered aspen sapling pockets, areas of thick spruce saplings

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/1 /2014

Site Condition: None

12154017-Cut 47.1 42210 - Natural Sawtimber 70 111-Harvest Single Tree 42290 - Natural Uneven-**Draft Field** Red Pine Well 140 Selection Mixed Pine Aged Boundary

Prescription lightly thin to 100 BA targeting utility poles for removal. keep w pine, oak, spruce/fir, w birch. begin moving stand towards wind firmness for

<u>Specs:</u> future shelterwood.

Next Step Treatments:

Acceptable Regen:

Other r pine 12 - 16" dbh w pine 10 - 26" dbh small openings scattered throughout with hazel and aspen/r maple saplings. widely scattered oak

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/1 /2014

**Site Condition:** None

12154026-Cut 103.3 42210 - Natural Sawtimber 141-42290 - Natural Draft Field 69 Harvest Single Tree Uneven-Well 170 Red Pine Selection Mixed Pine Aged Boundary

Prescription thin to approx 120 BA targeting utility poles for removal. leave w pine unless occassional tree needs to be cut for equipment access. leave

Specs: spruce, fir, w birch, oak.

Next Step Treatments:

Acceptable Regen:

Other well formed r pine poles 7 - 14" dbh. scattered spruce/fir throughout. heavy hazel understory, widely scattered r oak, winter deer usage

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/1 /2014

Site Condition: None

31 12154031-Cut 16.2 42210 - Natural Sawtimber 111-Single Tree 42290 - Natural Uneven-Draft Field Harvest Well Aged Red Pine 140 Selection Mixed Pine Boundary

Prescription thin to approx 120 BA, targeting removal of utility poles. only cut w pine if necessary leave w birch, w pine, spruce.

Specs:

Next Step Treatments:

Acceptable Regen:

Other well formed r pine - clear boles with potential for utility poles.

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/1 /2014

Site Condition: None

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Report 4 -- Treatments

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Treatment Acres Name Stand CoverType Size Stand Density Age

Stand BA Age Range Treatment Type

Treatment Method

Cover Type Objective Age Structure Approval Status

**Total Treatment** 

Acreage Proposed:

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## **Dominant Site Conditions**

Aspen
Cedar
Lowland Shrub
Marsh
Northern Hardwood
Red Pine
Tamarack
Upland Conifers
Upland Shrub
Urban
Water
Total Forested Acres
Relative Percent

<sup>\*</sup>Due to limitations in the current Site Conditions Analysis tool, all nonforested acres are considered available. Future development will enable analysis of nonforested types.

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# 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 Area	on Type	Description	HCVA = High Conservation Value Area SCA = Special Conservation Area
SCA	Cold Water Lake	A coldwater lake has temperature and dissolved oxystocked trout populations and those of other coldwate conditions for coldwater fishes may occur in Michigal groundwater inflows, or are located in colder (norther Director's action and designated as trout resources by	er fish species to persist from year to year. Suitable n lakes if they are relatively deep, have substantial rn) areas of the state. Such lakes are established by
SCA	Cold Water Stream	A coldwater stream has temperature and dissolved of stocked trout populations and those of other coldwater year to year. Coldwater streams in Michigan typically contributions of groundwater to their stream flows. So designated as trout resources by Fisheries Order 210	er fish species (e.g., slimy sculpin) to persist from provide these conditions due to substantial uch streams are established by Director's action and

S t	Crystal Falls Mgt. Unit			Report 8	B – Forested	Stands Compartment: 154 Year of Entry: 2015
a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
1	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	8.3	29	Unspecified	aspen sapling stand with scattered aspen just moving into poletimber size class 4 - 5" dbh. aspen should not be propagated on this site, very low quality - pine site
2	42210 - Natural Red Pine	Sawtimber Well	7.9	62	81-110	good form on r pine but is fairly limby - clear boles to 16'. scattered r pine saplings 16 - 20' tall with semi open areas throughout the stand from a previous cut. pockets of aspen saplings 20 - 30' tall and scattered r pine seedlings 2 - 3' tall
3	42110 - Planted Red Pine	Poletimber Well	33.5	44	141-170	E1/2 of stand row thinned last entry - wide rows providing good access for future thinnings. W1/2 has higher BA due to not being thinned. pockets of poletimber aspen throughout W1/2 of stand.
5	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Poletimber Well	6.8	93	Unspecified	cedar 6 - 14" dbh. unfrozen springs throughout stand. small inclusion of tag alder and tamarack saplings (T2) in NW of stand
6	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Sapling Well	16.2	29	Unspecified	good mix of aspen saplings and w spruce. scattered areas of semi open. W end heavier to pure aspen
7	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Poletimber Medium	26.8	93	Unspecified	areas of thick tag alder. W end heavier to b spruce and tamarack. progressing E in stand cedar becomes predominate. small high ground ridge inclusion along lake edge - heavy old windthrow with upland w spruce, b spruce and tamarack. Aspen, r pine, w spruce buffer from previous adjacent cut along N stand edge. cedar age estimated off of adjacent stand 5
8	42110 - Planted Red Pine	Poletimber Well	5.2	42	141-170	planted r pine with thick spruce/fir understory. low to fair amount of defect present
9	6121 - Tamarack	Poletimber Well	2.4	69	Unspecified	good tamarack. B spruce sapling understory
10	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Sapling Well	21.7	18	Unspecified	Aspen 16 - 20' tall. w spruce sapling/poletimber component. scattered small tamarack poletimber lowland inclusions. W end of stand has upland spruce.
12	4133 - Aspen, Mixed Pine	Sapling Medium	47.4	17	Unspecified	aspen saplings 16 - 20' tall with associated r pine sawtimber/poletimber. w spruce poletimber component. semi open areas where r pine is more heavily stocked. small groves of r pine, w pine throughout. R pine 3 - 15' tall
13	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Poletimber Well	9.3	93	Unspecified	extremely wet - unfrozen springs throughout and creek running into Erickson Lk. cedar 6 - 14" dbh. N end of stand heavy to tag alder. cedar age estimated off of adjacent stand 7
14	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Poletimber Well	7.4	94	Unspecified	cedar 8 - 12" dbh. E end heavier to tamarack
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42110 - Planted Red

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Poletimber Well

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areas of stand have not been thinned. W end was cut in past treatment with 16 - 20' tall aspen. single aspen trees are throughout with denser pockets.

S t	Crystal Falls Mgt. Unit			Report 8	- Forested	Stands Compartment: 154 Year of Entry: 2015
a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
16	42110 - Planted Red Pine	Sawtimber Well	9.2	49	141-170	r pine 8 - 14" dbh. scattered aspen sapling pockets, areas of thick spruce saplings
17	42210 - Natural Red Pine	Sawtimber Well	47.1	70	111-140	r pine 12 - 16" dbh w pine 10 - 26" dbh small openings scattered throughout with hazel and aspen/r maple saplings. widely scattered oak
18	4133 - Aspen, Mixed Pine	Sapling Well	11.7	8	Unspecified	aspen 8 - 12' tall with r pine and w pine throughout
20	4136 - Aspen, Mixed Conifer	Sapling Well	121.9	26	Unspecified	aspen 1 - 3" dbh 20 - 30' tall. w spruce saplings throughout 4 - 20' tall. pockets of good r pine saplings. widely scattered oak. small groves of r pine, w pine sawtimber. NW end of stand has high percentage of dense spruce saplings. areas of aspen sapling mortality, notable along S edge of preinv stand 19
21	4133 - Aspen, Mixed Pine	Sapling Well	3.0	29	Unspecified	aspen 16 - 20' tall with associated r pine. w spruce was left from previous cut
22	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	5.1	22	Unspecified	very thick hazel understory. N end of stand was held in previous cut for buffer to lowlands - old windthrow with scattered aspen. aspen, w birch, fir saplings naturally regenerating 10 -15 yrs old
24	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Medium	13.5	8	Unspecified	E1/2 of stand has poor to no aspen regen - scattered r maple stump sprouts. Much of r maple regen has been heavily browsed and did not regenerate. This area of stand held a high percent of w birch pre cut - likely why there is very little regen in this section of the stand. overall stand is not an aspen site - grass and sweet fern, suited to pine.
25	6121 - Tamarack	Poletimber Medium	20.0	57	Unspecified	tamarack 3 - 6" dbh with scattered 10 - 12" dbh trees. S end of stand is heavier to b spruce saplings and small poletimber 4 - 6" dbh.
26	42210 - Natural Red Pine	Sawtimber Well	103.5	69	141-170	well formed r pine poles 7 - 14" dbh. scattered spruce/fir throughout. heavy hazel understory. widely scattered r oak
28	4133 - Aspen, Mixed Pine	Sapling Poor	8.3	25	Unspecified	windthrow area previously cut. pockets of A3 interspersed with open, blackberry and hazel. highly mixed stand. areas with r pine, spruce/fir regen.
29	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Sapling Well	9.9	25	Unspecified	aspen 20 - 30' tall with scattered poletimber trees 5 - 6" dbh. good conifer component
31	42210 - Natural Red Pine	Sawtimber Well	16.2	69	111-140	well formed r pine - clear boles with potential for utility poles.
32	4112 - Maple, Beech, Cherry Association	Poletimber Well	4.3	47	51-80	low quality stand. E end has heavier ironwood understory. scattered widthrow throughout.
33	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	58.5	18	Unspecified	aspen 25' tall with r maple 4 - 6" dbh. associated r pine sawtimber, widely scattered oak

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
34	429 - Mixed Upland Conifers	Poletimber Well	10.4	46	Unspecified	mix of w pine and spruce with a minor component of j pine. aossciated aspen poletimber with pockets of A2 30' tall.
35	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	27.0	29	Unspecified	aspen 25 - 30' tall with scattered trees just moving into poletimber size class 5 - 6" dbh. widely scattered oak

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	General Comments:
4	6233 - Wet Meadow	4.5	No	semi open marsh with creek. Tamarack saplings and alder throughout - heavier at edges of stand. old trout rearing pond that was drained some time ago.
11	500 - Water	12.0	No	Erickson Lake
19	500 - Water	3.2	No	Marsh Lake
23	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	4.7	No	swamp grass and tag alder with widely scattered cedar and spruce
27	500 - Water	14.8	No	Emerson Lake
30	122 - Road/Parking Lot	1.5	No	Camp 5 Rd
36	3205 - Mixed Upland Shrub	2.5	No	semi open area with low quality b cherry and spruce saplings