

Gwinn Forest Management Unit Compartment Review Presentation Compartment 079 Entry Year: 2014

Compartment Acreage: 1,125 County: Marquette

Revision Date: 8/20/12

Stand Examiner: Kevin LaBumbard

Legal Description: T43N R24W Sec(s) 16, 17, 18

RMU (if applicable): Dead Horse Moraines Management Area

Management Goals: Improve the quality and diversity of the extensive Northern Hardwoods stands through selective management while maintaining the conifer component and den trees for wildlife.

Soils and topography: Geologic features include a nearly level glacial drainageway, ground moraines and till plains. Soils range from organic swamps and poorly drained loamy soils to well drained loams. Major soil series include Carbondale, Trenary loams and Kalkaska sands.

Ownership Patterns, Development, and Land Use in and Around the Compartment: This compartment is bordered on the north, east and south by additional State and corporate land and on the west by private forestland. Primary land use is production of commercial forest products and low key recreation.

Unique, Natural Features: GBH rookery to northeast. Eagle to the southwest in section 24. Potential for RSH and goshawk in M6 stands. Potential for calypso bulbosa, round leaved orchid, limestone oak fern and Cypripedium arietinum in cedar swamp.

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features: None identified with HAL but the compartment does contains evidence of old logging camps.

Special Management Designations or Considerations: Riparian corridor stands along drainages.

Watershed and Fisheries Considerations: This compartment contains no lake or stream fishery and only a few small drainages.

Wildlife Habitat Considerations: Maintain thermal cover for deer, as part of this compartment is deeryard. Optimize diversity in the treated northern hardwood stands. Featured species includes black bear, white-tailed deer, pileated woodpecker and ruffed grouse.

Mineral Resource and Development Concerns and/or Restrictions: Surface sediments consist of an end moraine of medium-textured till and minor medium-textured glacial till and peat and muck. There is insufficient data to determine the glacial drift thickness. The Ordovician Black River Group subcrops below the glacial drift. The Black River is quarried for stone/dolomite elsewhere in the UP. A gravel pit is located three miles to the south and there should be potential on the uplands. Abandoned iron mines are located nine miles to the north. There have been previous metallic leases in the township, but not in the compartment. There is no economic oil and gas production in the UP.

Vehicle Access: Access to the compartment is via Hamilton Homestead Road and the Escanaba River Road.

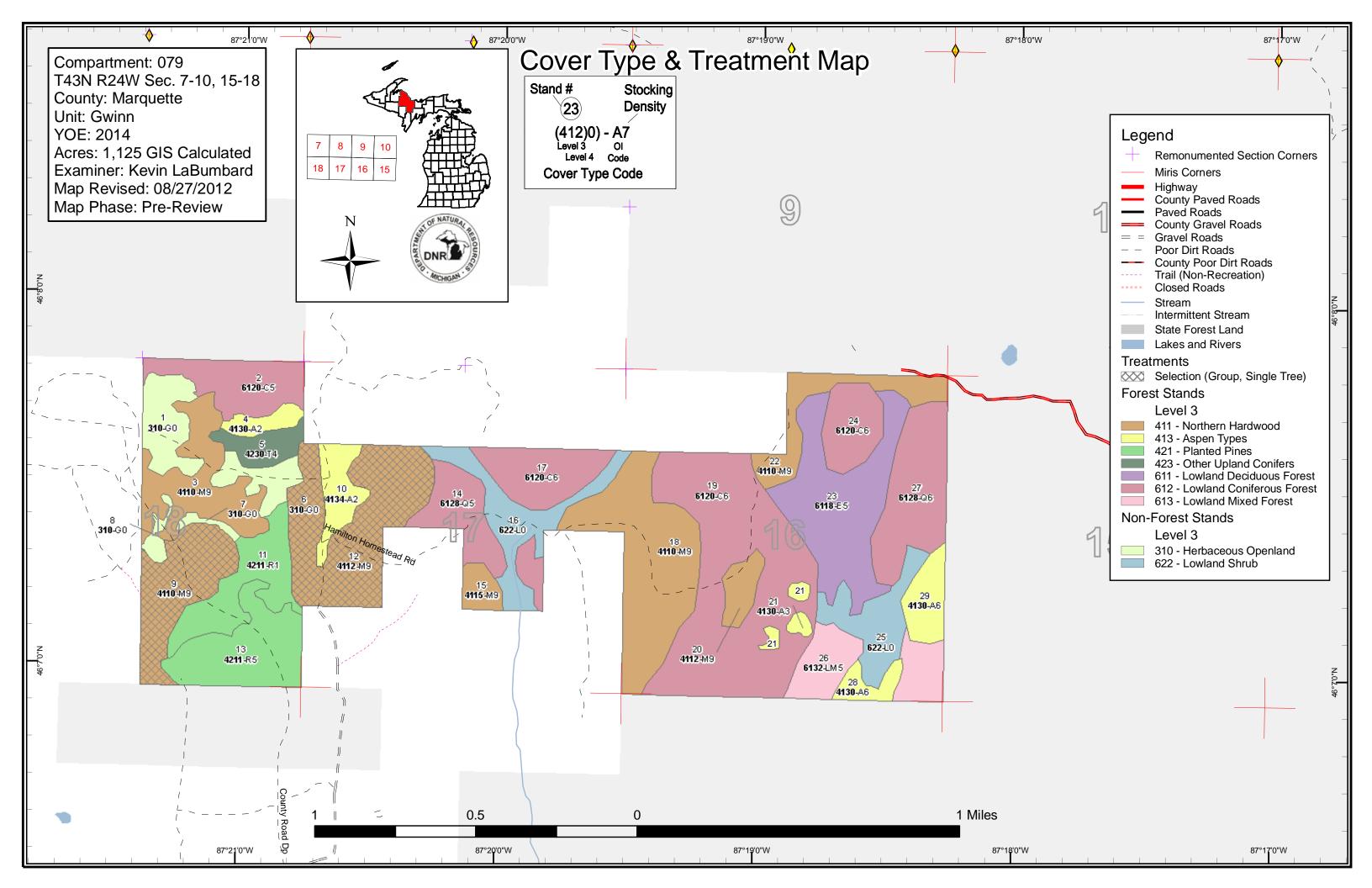
Survey Needs: None at this time

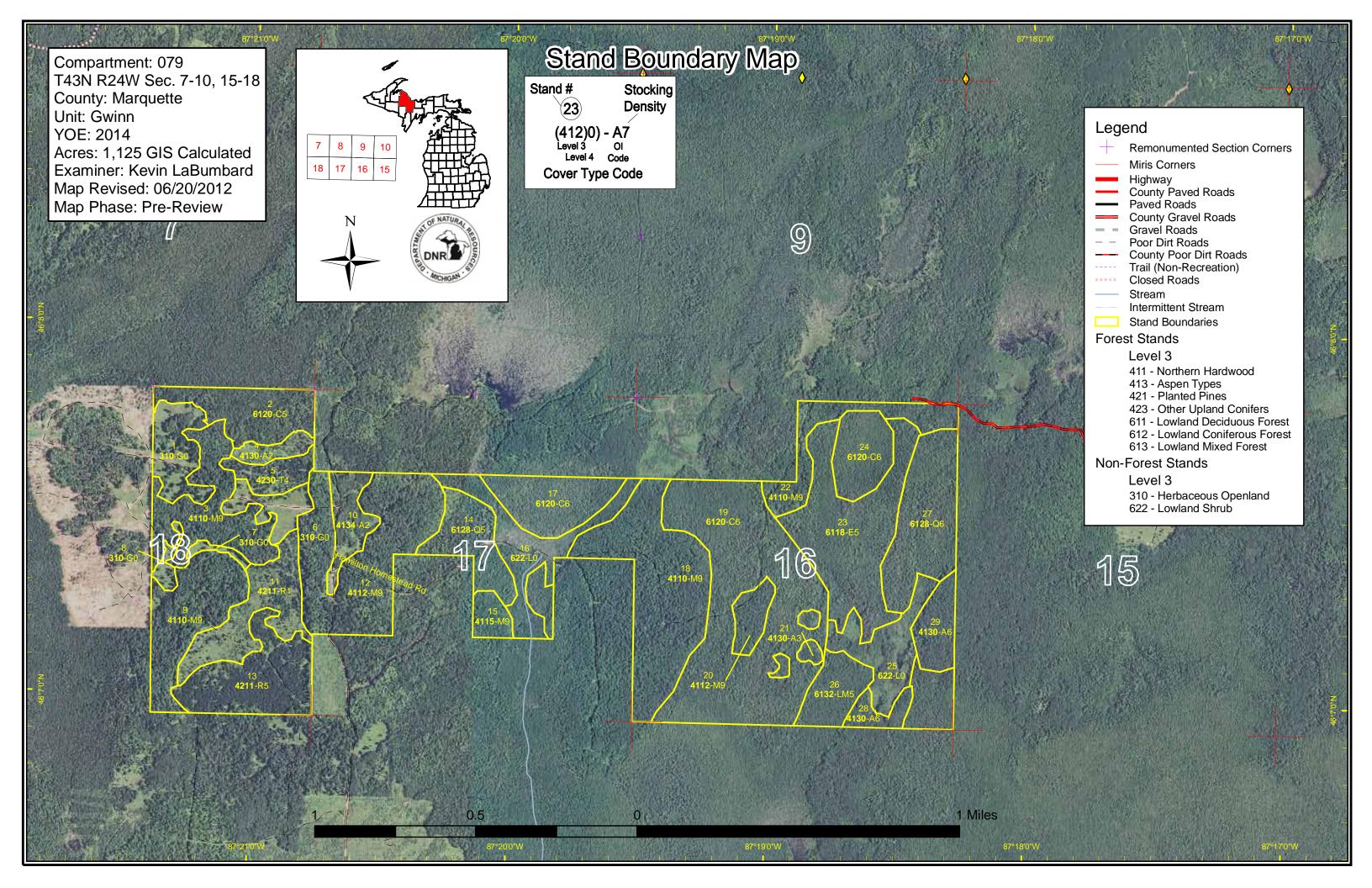
Recreational Facilities and Opportunities: The primary recreational activity for this area is for ruffed grouse and whitetail deer hunting.

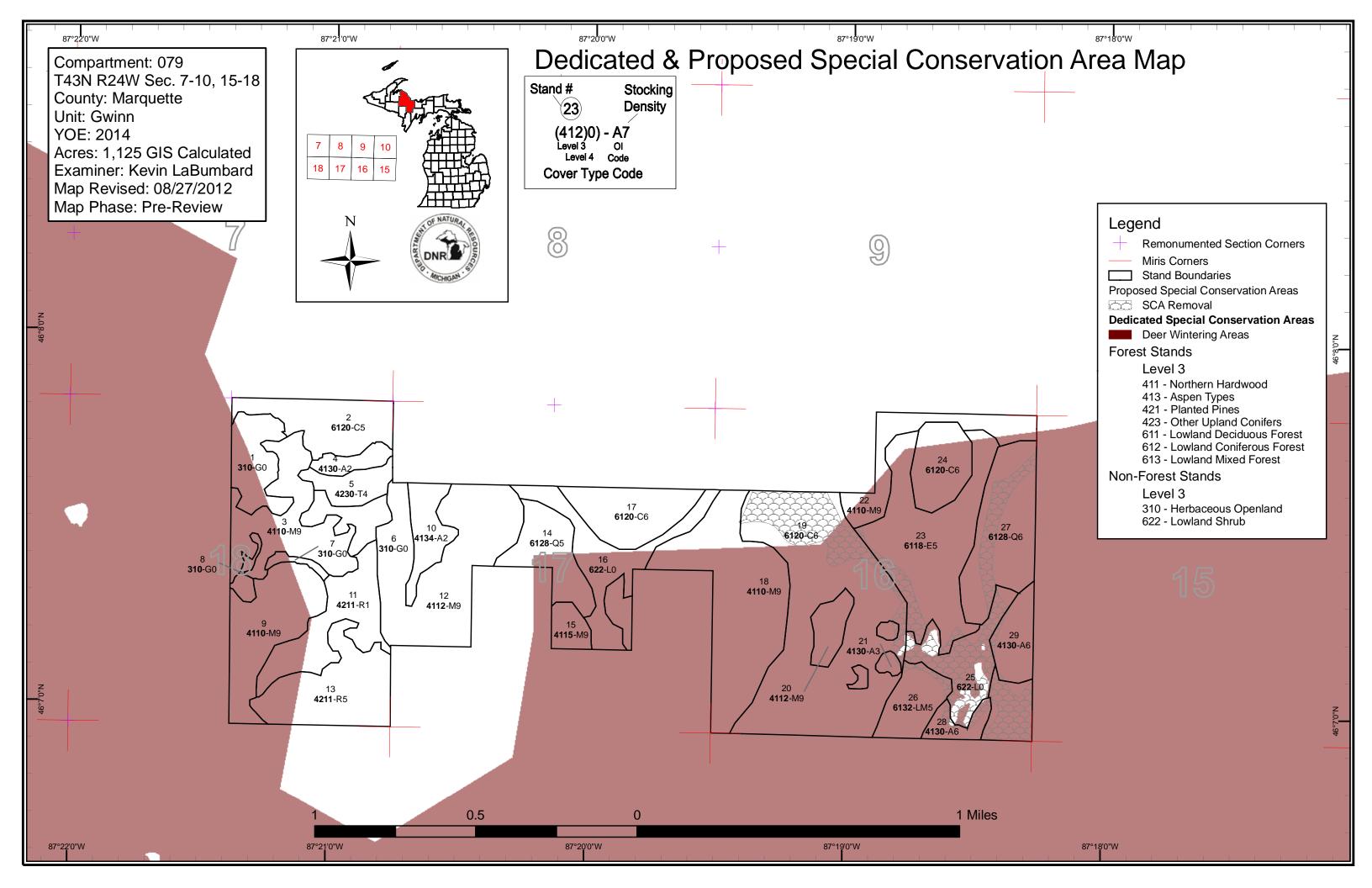
Fire Protection: This compartment has a very low risk for wildfire.

Additional Compartment Information:

- ➤ The following 5 reports from the Operations Inventory System (OIPC) are attached:
 - **♦** Cover Type by Age Class
 - **♦** Cover Type by Management Objective
 - **♦** Compartment Volume Summary
 - **♦** Proposed Treatments No Limiting Factors
 - **♦** Proposed Treatments With Limiting Factors
- > The following information is displayed, where pertinent, on the attached compartment maps:
 - ♦ Base feature information, stand numbers, cover types
 - **♦** Proposed treatments
 - ♦ Proposed road access system
 - ♦ Suggested potential old growth







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Age Class 70°, 70° 70,79 NO. AS \$0° 10,0 80.00 %× Aspen Cedar Herbaceous Openland **Lowland Conifers** Lowland Deciduous **Lowland Mixed Forest** Lowland Shrub Northern Hardwood Red Pine Tamarack Total



Table 2 – Proposed Treatment Summaries

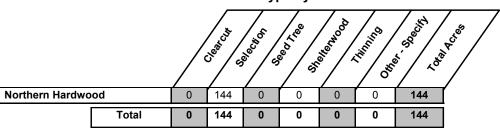
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Acres by Treatment Type

Commercial Harvest - 144 Site Prep - 0 Tree Planting - 0 Prescribed Burn - 0 Other - 0

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

Cover Type by Harvest Method



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Table 3 -- Treatments Prescribed with No Limiting Factor

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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
9	32079009-Cut	51.4	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Log	98	111-140	Harvest	Single Tree Selection	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Specs:

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Prescription This stand will be scheduled for a selection harvest with a residual ba of 80-90 to improve overall stand quality yet retain species diversity, conifer content, and wildlife attributes. Large canopy gaps of approximately 80' will be created in an attempt to encourage hardwood regeneration.

Marking will concentrate primarily in the poletimber class retaining most of basswood.

Other Property Comments: Fair quality hardwoods over heavy ironwood. Essentially no maple regeneration from the previous cutting despite large gaps. Good site quality

with leeks, leatherwood, dutchman's breeches, etc.

<u>Next</u>

Monitor regeneration per Work Instructions.

Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2013

32079012-Cut 81-110 4112 - Maple, High Harvest Single Tree 4112 - Maple, Cmpt. Review Selection Beech, Cherry Proposal Beech, Cherry Density Log Association Association

Specs:

Prescription This stand will be scheduled for a selection harvest with a residual ba of 80-90 to improve overall stand quality yet retain species diversity, conifer content, and wildlife attributes. Large canopy gaps of approximately 80' will be created in an attempt to encourage hardwood regeneration.

Marking will concentrate primarily in the poletimber class retaining most of basswood and yellow birch.

Other_ Comments:

Decent northern hardwoods stand with ba's ranging from 130 to 70. Good M3 regen in old gaps, probably the result of very low ba's 20 years ago. The remainder of the stand has not regenerated under standard ba Rx's. Contains vernal ponds north of HH rd. Heavy ironwood in the

understory.

Monitor regeneration per Work Instructions. Next

Steps:

Proposed

10/01/2013 Start Date:

Total Treatment

Acreage Proposed: 143.5

Gwinn Mgt. Unit Table 4 -- Treatments Prescribed with Compartment: 079 a Limiting Factor s Year of Entry 2014 n Treatment **Acres** CoverType Size Stand BA **Treatment** Treatment **Cover Type Approval** Age Method Objective Status Name Density Range Type d #Error Prescription Specs: <u>Other</u> Comment: <u>Next</u> Steps: <u>Proposed</u> Start Date: #Error

Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:

Limiting Factor and No Treatment Reason

0

Out of YOE -- Treatments Prescribed with No Limiting Factor

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Approval Status CoverType **Treatment Cover Type** Treatment Acres Size Stand BA Treatment Name Density Range Type Method Objective Age

Prescription Specs:

Other Comments:

Next Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: #Error

Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:

0

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:	
2	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Medium Density Pole	38.1	121		Swamp conifer stand, very wet comprised of approximately 60% cedar with a mix of red maple, balsam fir and white spruce.	
3	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Log	52.3	98	81-110	2005-Cut by St. John under permit # 029-04-01 3/2006 Request to Harvest/Treat stands outside YOE for underplanting FTP # W32-650 - Signed by all Divisions and on file in CMPT 79	
4	4130 - Aspen	Medium Density	9.2	4		2005-Cut by St. John under permit # 029-04-01.	
5	42300 - Planted Larch	Low Density Pole	15.2	25		Planted to european larch in 1986 which was hit hard by wildlife browsing (deer and porkys) Remaining trees are 20-30' tall mixed with fir and white spruce poles and saps.	
9	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Log	51.4	98	111-140	Fair quality hardwoods over heavy ironwood. Essentially no maple regeneration from the previous cutting despite large gaps. Good site quality with leeks, leatherwood, dutchman's breeches, etc.	
10	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Medium Density	19.8	16		2-4" aspen saplings with scattered balsam fir. Semi open. A2F1	
11	42110 - Planted Red Pine	Low Density Sapling	42.6	25		The northern portion of a larger stand planted in 1986 which had poor survival and growth rate. Semi open areas are heavy grass.	
12	12 4112 - Maple, Beech, High Density Cherry Association Log		92.1	98	81-110	Decent northern hardwoods stand with ba's ranging from 130 to 70. Good M3 regen in old gaps, probably the result of very low ba's 20 years ago. The remainder of the stand has not regenerated under standard ba Rx's. Contains vernal ponds north of HH rd. Heavy ironwood in the understory.	
13	42110 - Planted Red Pine	Medium Density Pole	53.1	25	81-110	Planted in 1986, dense stocking with skips in survival throughout the stand. Short, 1 stick 7" dbh poles.	
14	6128 - Lowland Coniferous, Mixed Deciduous	Medium Density Pole	38.7	85		Q5 over tag alder	
15	4115 - Y.Birch, Hemlock NH	High Density Log	9.8	98	81-110	Cut hard in 1980. West side of stand has lower dbh and stocking level witha ba of about 80. Occasional large hemlock and yb.	
17	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	35.9	110		C4Q4E4, cedar with swamp conifers.	
18	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Log	95.3	98		Good quality northern hardwood stand. 2006-Treated by St. John under permit # 030-04-01 in 2005. 3/2006 Request to Harvest/Treat stands outside YOE for underplanting FTP # W32-651 - Signed by all Divisions and on file in CMPT 79. 20,000 hemlock seedlings were planted within the timber sale boundary of the Hamilton House sale (#32-030-04) in May, 2006. The sale was comprised of stands 20 and 18 in this compartment. The planting rate was approximately 345 seedlings/acre.	

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
19	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	157.4	110		C4Q4E4, cedar with swamp conifers.
20	4112 - Maple, Beech, Cherry Association	High Density Log	12.7	98	81-110	Poor quality northern hardwood stand. 2006-Treated by St. John under permit # 030-04-01 in 2005. 3/2006 Request to Harvest/Treat stands outside YOE for underplanting FTP # W32-651 - Signed by all Divisions and on file in CMPT 79. 20,000 hemlock seedlings were planted within the timber sale boundary of the Hamilton House sale (#32-030-04) in May, 2006. The sale was comprised of stands 20 and 18 in this compartment. The planting rate was approximately 345 seedlings/acre.
21	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	6.7	16		3 small stands of dense1" aspen saplings over scattered small fir. Cut under permit 035-94-01.
22	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Log	31.6	98	81-110	Area treated under timber sale # 035-094-01. Poor quality. Approximately 3 acres of stand treated under #021-09-01 "H.H. Patches" - cut Sept., 2010. BA all over the place, stand was cut hard last entry except along the blue line.
23	6118 - Lowland Deciduous with Cedar	Medium Density Pole	86.7	85		
24	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Pole	27.2	100		Cedar with associated swamp conifers.
26	6132 - Mixed Lowland Forest with Cedar	Medium Density Pole	39.3	85		E4Q4 Black ash with fir and cedar
27	6128 - Lowland Coniferous, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Pole	57.1	85		Mix of cedar, fir, aspen, balm, w.birch
28	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	9.8	35		A5A3F1
29	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	19.2	35		A5A3 Stand is transitioning to a pole stand.

6 - Nonforested Stands

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	Management Priority (Objective)	General Comments:
1	310 - Herbaceous Openland	26.4	No	Unspecified	includes clumps of hardwoods.
6	310 - Herbaceous Openland	16.0	No	Unspecified	
7	310 - Herbaceous Openland	3.2	No	Unspecified	
8	310 - Herbaceous Openland	5.0	No	Unspecified	
16	622 - Lowland Shrub	39.8	No	Unspecified	
25	6220 - Alder/willow	33.7	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
multiple - see	SCA Removal	32079_SCA	110.1 No "special	values" to warrant SCA status.

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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 Area	Туре	Description	ERA = Ecological Reference Area HCVA = High Conservation Value Area SCA = Special Conservation Area
SCA	Habitat Area	An area that provide some specific need for the life cycle of wand Waterfowl Production Areas, deer wintering complexes i openings and savannas. Habitat areas are distinct from critic endangered or threatened species (such as Kirtland's warble general in nature, are not primarily associated with threatene covered by species recovery plans that are developed in coo	n lowland conifer communities, grassland all habitat designated for recovery of er or piping plover areas) in that they are more ad or endangered species, and are not