

Escanaba Forest Management Unit Compartment Review Presentation

Compartment: 003 Entry Year: 2014 Compartment Acreage: 805 County: Menominee

Revision Date: 05/21/2012

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Legal Description: T37N R27W Sections 17 and 18

Management Goals: This compartment is comprised primarily of three different cover types. The most prevalent is aspen and within this treatment period we are cutting two stands, which consist of 91 acres. The majority of the aspen within this compartment is poor quality due to the very shallow soils within the area. There is also an additional 40 acre aspen stand that is currently on contract to be final harvested. The next prominent cover type is Northern Hardwoods. There are three stands scheduled to be thinned totaling 103 acres. This area of the forest grows high quality hardwood but hardwood regeneration is a problem due to the thick sedge mat throughout most of the stands and the high density of the deer population. Lowland conifer/hardwood cover type is the next prominent one. There are two stands scheduled which total 35 acres. These areas are all over 85 years of age some of which are over 100. There haven't been any treatments in this cover type in this compartment since the original logging days. The eastern larch beetle and the spruce budworm are both prevalent in this area and it is important to begin to regenerate these stands before we lose our seed source. The spruce budworm has been in this area for over a decade and has taken a severe toll on the balsam fir and white spruce. A significant portion of the balsam fir has died and the white spruce is struggling to survive.

Soil and Topography: Topography is level with some gently rolling hills. Soils include well-drained sandy loams and poorly drained black muck over bedrock and coarse sands and gravel. Prominent soil series are Onaway, Cunard, Lupton, Cathro, and Sundell.

Ownership Patterns, Development, and Land Use in and Around the Compartment: This compartment is located on the northern edge of a block of state forest land that is about 20 miles long and 8 miles wide in the southwestern part of Menominee County. This compartment has no private ownership within its boundaries. To the north and south this compartment blocks up with other state land, but to the east and west it is all private ownership. Most of the land to the north of this compartment is primarily forest land used for recreation and on the lands to the south there is large amount of land used for agricultural purposes.

Unique, Natural Features: None Known

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features: None Known

Special Management Designations or Considerations: The eastern portion of this compartment is the buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area. The buffer area is all within SCA status and there are restrictions on any harvesting within this area. Within the Carney Fen Natural Area which is to the east and south there is no harvesting permitted.

Watershed and Fisheries Considerations:

Wildlife Habitat Considerations: Compartment 3 is part of the Nathan/Banat Moraines Management Area. This management area is located in a forest-agricultural interface that has a preponderance of cedar, aspen, and northern hardwood cover types. Popular game species such as deer and wild turkey do well here, and the Carney Fen Natural Area is located in this management area. Management will strive to improve the aspen age class distribution and enhance vegetative diversity in northern hardwood stands, many of which show poor regeneration success. Featured wildlife species are northern goshawk, ruffed grouse, and wild turkey.

Northern hardwoods: We recommend that hardwood stands be treated in a manner that maintains or enhances vegetative diversity, as described above.

Aspen: Several aspen stands will be harvested and regenerated, predominately in the western portion of the compartment where early succession forest is already common. These treatments will provide habitat for grouse, deer, and other popular game species.

Lowland Mixed Forests: Two lowland stands have been nominated for treatment. If treated, the Wildlife Division would like to see the unique habitat qualities of these stands maintained.

Mineral Resource and Development Concerns and/or Restrictions: Surface sediments consist of a medium-textured glacial till. The glacial drift thickness varies between 10 and 50 feet. Beneath the glacial drift is the Cambrian Trempealeau Formation, which could be used for stone and it overlaps Precambrian aged rocks, which may have metallic and nonmetallic mineral potential. State land was previously leased in the area for metallic exploration. Gravel pits are located two miles to the west and there appears to be good gravel potential. No economic oil and gas production has been found in the UP.

Vehicle Access: The primary access into the compartment is from the DeTemple Road. The DeTemple Road is a county road up to the northern edges of the compartment. The DeTemple road runs through the center of the compartment and there are two-track roads that split off and head into different parts of the compartment.

Survey Needs: Some corners will need to be set in order to establish the boundary of the Carney Fen Natural Area and to establish property lines for timber sales.

Recreational Facilities and Opportunities: There are no developed facilities within this compartment. The primary uses are hunting, four-wheeling, mushroom gathering, and snowmobiling.

Fire Protection: With the prolonged existence of the spruce budworm there are areas of the compartment that have higher concentrations of standing and bunched spruce and fir slash. This is primarily on the west side of the compartment and on the east side there are primarily northern hardwood stands which would only be prone to surface fires; burning of the leaves, duff, and sedge. There are no good water sources within the compartment or adjacent to it.

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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Table 2 – Proposed Treatment Summaries

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Compartment 003 **Total Compartment Acres: 805**

Acres by Treatment Type

Commercial Harvest - 271 Site Prep - 0 Tree Planting - 0 Prescribed Burn - 0 Other - 0

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

Cover Type by Harvest Method

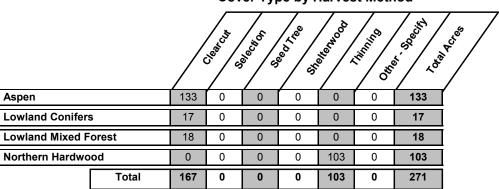


Table 3 -- Treatments Prescribed with No Limiting Factor

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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
4	33003004-Cut	17.2	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	High Density Pole	105		Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription Clearcut with Reserves - Cut all species greater than 3 inches; except leave enough seed trees to provide an adequte seed source and to meet the retention guidelines. The stand will regenerate to a mix of lowland species. Any combination is acceptable. Specs:

Other Clearcut with Reserves - Cut all species greater than 3 inches; except leave enough seed trees to provide an adequte seed source and to meet Comments: the retention guidelines. The stand will regenerate to a mix of lowland species. Any combination is acceptable.

Next Steps:

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Proposed 10/01/2013 Start Date:

Cmpt. Review 33003005-Cut 4134 - Aspen, Medium 50 71.4 Harvest Clearcut with 4130 - Aspen Spruce/Fir Density Reserves Proposal Pole

Prescription Clearcut with Reserves - cut all species greater than 3 inches; except do not cut the oak, red pine, white pine, and balsam fir and spruce advanced regeneration. Do not cut cedar and hemlock if present. If feasible harvest this stand in the winter to maximize aspen sprouting, due to Specs: the low quality site.

The spruce budworm has caused damage and mortality within this stand to the balsam fir and white spruce. There are very shallow soils within Other_ Comments: this stand so this stand is not a very productive site. The aspen should be cut on a shorter rotation period to maximize aspen regeneration.

Next Steps:

Proposed

10/01/2013 Start Date:

33003008-Cut 3.8 4119 - Mixed High 79 111-140 Low Thinning 4119 - Mixed Cmpt. Review Harvest Northern Hardwoods Density Northern Hardwoods Proposal Pole

Prescription Low Thinning - thin this stand down to 80 to 90 basal area. This will be this stands first thinning and no regeneration is expected. Favor leaving the oak and beech. Specs:

Other Decent quality hardwood stand, the birch and aspen are dying out.

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

Proposed

10/01/2013 Start Date:

33003010-Cut 10 1.8 4110 - Sugar Maple High 83 111-140 Harvest Low Thinning 4110 - Sugar Maple Cmpt. Review Density Proposal Association Association Pole

Prescription Low Thinning - thin this stand down to 80 to 90 basal area. This will be the stands first thinning, so no regeneration is expected. Specs:

Other_ Decent quality sugar maple, the birch has already died out of the stand.

Comments: Next

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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
14	33003014-Cut	41.2	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	76		Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4130 - Aspen	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription This stand is on Contract 024-11-01 to be clearcut with reserves. The oak, red pine, white pine, and beech are being retained. Also there was a one acre retention pocket left near the DeTemple road.

Specs:

Other This stand was added to the 2011 POW, because of the shortage of acres for the fiscal year.

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

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10/01/2010 Start Date:

Cmpt. Review 33003017-Cut 6132 - Mixed 86 6117 - Lowland 17 17.7 High Harvest Clearcut with Lowland Forest with Density Reserves Deciduous, Mixed Proposal Cedar Pole Coniferous

Prescription Clearcut with Reserves - Cut all species greater than 3 inches in diameter; except retain all yellow birch, hemlock, white pine, and mark some tamarack, cedar, and spruce seed trees. The primary retention for this stand is the portion of the stand that is within the SCA. This stand will be Specs: managed for a mix of the current species.

Overall the stand is a lowland ash stand with ridges of upland hardwood, spruce and balsam fir. The far eastern edge of the stand is an SCA -Other_ Comments: this is the buffer to the Carney Fen Natural Area.

Next Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2013

33003023-Cut 199 4139 - Aspen, 81 4139 - Aspen, Cmpt. Review 23 High Harvest Clearcut with Mixed Deciduous Density Reserves Mixed Deciduous Proposal Pole

Prescription Clearcut with Reserves - Cut all species greater than 3 inches; except retain all white oak and elm. If present retain all white pine, cedar and hemlock. The acreage that is within the SCA will be the primary retention for the stand. This stand is being managed for aspen and a mix of the Specs: other upland deciduous species.

This stand is a mix of upland deciduous species. SCA - the far eastern couple of acres of this stand is within the buffer area to the Carney Fen Other

Comments: Natural Area.

<u>Next</u> Steps:

<u>Proposed</u>

Start Date: 10/01/2013

25 33003025 SC 96.5 4110 - Sugar Maple 82 111-140 Harvest Crown Thinning 4110 - Sugar Maple Cmpt. Review High A_Thin-Cut Association Association Proposal Density Pole

Prescription Crown Thinning - Lower the basal area down to 90 to 100 basal area. Retain all white pine, hemlock and cedar if present. Due to the restrictions Specs: on this stand due to the SCA the basal area will remain high enough to discourage hardwood regeneration. So no regeneration is expected.

SCA - This stand is part of the buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area. Harvesting is allowed within this stand as long as the basal area Other Comments: remains over 90. High quality hardwood site.

<u>Next</u> Steps:

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25	33003025_thin -Cut	0.9	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	82	111-140	Harvest	Crown Thinning	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Cmpt. Review Proposal

<u>Prescription</u> Crown Thinning - Lower the basal area down to 90 to 100 basal area.

Specs:

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This is the only part of the stand that is not within the SCA. Other_

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

<u>Proposed</u> Start Date:

10/01/2013

Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:

270.5

Escanaba Mgt. Unit Table 4 -- Treatments Prescribed with Compartment: 003 a Limiting Factor s Year of Entry 2014 n Treatment Acres CoverType Size Stand BA **Treatment Treatment Cover Type Approval** Name Method Objective Status Density Age Range Type d #Error **Prescription** Specs: <u>Other</u> Comment: <u>Next</u> Steps: <u>Proposed</u> Start Date: #Error

Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:

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

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Other Comments:

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Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
1	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	18.1	81	81-110	Stand was last thinned in 2003.
2	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	17.9	27		
3	6117 - Lowland Deciduous, Mixed Coniferous	Medium Density	10.7	8		Stand was clearcut in 2003-04. A strip of lowland was retained in the center of the stand along a drain running through the stand.
4	6129 - Mixed Coniferous Lowland Forest	High Density Pole	17.2	105		This stand is a mix of lowland species with cedar. The majority of the species; excluding cedar are dying out of the stand. Harvest this stand while there is still an adequate seed source to regenerate the stand.
5	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Medium Density Pole	71.4	50		The spruce budworm has caused damage and mortality within this stand to the balsam fir and white spruce. There are very shallow soils within this stand so this stand is not a very productive site. The aspen should be cut on a shorter rotation period to maximize aspen regeneration.
6	42340 - Upland Spruce/Fir	High Density Sapling	21.4	18		The spruce budworm has caused damage and mortality within this stand to the balsam fir and white spruce.
7	42340 - Upland Spruce/Fir	Medium Density	9.3	22		The spruce budworm has caused damage and mortality within this stand.
8	4119 - Mixed Northern Hardwoods	High Density Pole	3.8	79	111-140	Decent quality hardwood stand, the birch and aspen are dying out.
9	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Sapling	38.5	27		The spruce budworm has caused damage and mortality within this stand to the balsam fir and white spruce.
10	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	1.8	83	111-140	Decent quality sugar maple, the birch has already died out of the stand. This will be the stands first thinning, so no regeneration is expected.
11	6121 - Tamarack	High Density Sapling	3.6	23		•
12	6117 - Lowland Deciduous, Mixed Coniferous	High Density Sapling	7.2	26		
14	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	High Density Pole	41.2	76		This stand was added to the 2011 POW, because of the shortage of acres for the fiscal year.
16	4136 - Aspen, Mixed Conifer	High Density Sapling	109.5	8		Stand was clearcut in 2004-05.
17	6132 - Mixed Lowland Forest with Cedar	High Density Pole	24.7	86		Overall the stand is a lowland ash stand with ridges of upland hardwood, spruce and balsam fir. The far eastern edge of the stand is an SCA - this is the buffer to the Carney Fen Natural Area.

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
20	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	68.3	82	81-110	This stand was last thinned in 2005. SCA - The eastern half of this stand is within the buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
21	42380 - Non Pine Upland Conifer, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Sapling	11.1	17		SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area. Stand was clearcut in 1995.
22	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	14.0	7		SCA - The eastern two-thirds of the stand are part of the buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area. This stand was clearcut in 2004-05.
23	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Pole	22.4	81		This stand is a mix of upland deciduous species. SCA - the far eastern couple of acres of this stand is within the buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
25	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Pole	97.5	82	111-140	SCA - This stand is part of the buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area. Harvesting is allowed within this stand as long as the basal area remains over 90. High quality hardwood site.
26	6121 - Tamarack	Medium Density Pole	30.5	86		SCA - The eastern thrid of the stand along with southern portion of this stand are within the buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area. This stand has a very low site index, there is more tamarack seeding in that could be more productive in the future.
27	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	7.9	7		SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area. Stand was clearcut in 2004-05.
28	6115 - Lowland Ash	High Density Pole	26.1	97		SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
29	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	23.6	39		SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
30	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	High Density Log	89.0	83	81-110	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area. This stand was last thinned in 2002-03.
31	4130 - Aspen	Medium Density	8.5	12		SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area. This stand was clearcut in 2000-01.

6 - Nonforested Stands

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	Management Priority (Objective)	General Comments:
13	6239 - Mixed Emergent Wetland	1.0	No	Unspecified	
15	3102 - Grass	2.2	No	Medium (NonForested)	Heavy to spotted knapweed.
18	6239 - Mixed Emergent Wetland	2.3	No	Unspecified	
19	6239 - Mixed Emergent Wetland	3.2	No	Unspecified	
24	6239 - Mixed Emergent Wetland	1.0	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
16	Unique Site - SCA	33003016_SCA	8.6	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
17	Unique Site - SCA	33003017_SCA	7.1	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
20	Unique Site - SCA	33003020_SCA	39.1	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
21	Unique Site - SCA	33003021	10.9	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
22	Unique Site - SCA	33003022_SCA	9.6	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
23	Unique Site - SCA	33003023_SCA	2.5	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
25	Unique Site - SCA	33003025_SCA_Thin	96.5	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area. This stand will also be thinned.
26	Unique Site - SCA	33003026	18.8	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
27	Unique Site - SCA	33003027	7.9	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
28	Unique Site - SCA	33003028	26.1	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
29	Unique Site - SCA	33003029	23.6	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
30	Unique Site - SCA	33003030	89.0	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
31	Unique Site - SCA	33003031	8.5	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
18	Unique Site - SCA	NF_33003018_SCA	0.3	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.
24	Unique Site - SCA	NF_33003024	1.0	SCA - Buffer area to the Carney Fen Natural Area.

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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.

Conservati Area	on Type	Description	ERA = Ecological Reference Area HCVA = High Conservation Value Area SCA = Special Conservation Area
HCVA	Legally dedicated Natural Areas, Wilderness or Wild Areas	and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. T require the submittal of a Natural Areas Nominatio	ilderness and Natural Areas, of the Natural Resources The program is administered by the DNR. Nominations In Packet to the DNR. This is an active program, with edication of nominated Natural, Wilderness and Wild

