

TRAVERSE CITY FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT COMPARTMENT REVIEW PRESENTATION

COMPARTMENT # 32 ENTRY YEAR: 2014

Compartment Acreage: 1,511 County: Benzie

Revision Date: 5/22/2012

Stand Examiner: Craig Allen

Legal Description: T25N- R13W; Sections 22, 23, 24, 27

Management Goals: The management goals will focus mainly on forest habitat management for various wildlife species using the area. This area is heavily used by deer during the winter months and they require various plants and young trees at their browsing level in order to survive. The aspen saplings and pole size stands provide critical nesting and escape habitat for grouse and woodcock. The large blocks of aspen and lowland aspen-maple mix stands in the northwest portion of the compartment were cut around 1977 for these reasons. These stands are just now becoming large enough in size class to be merchantable. We need to begin harvesting a few areas within these large blocks to create variable ages and size classes of this resource for wildlife habitat reasons and to create sustainable forest product cutting cycles. This process will also lessen the visual impact of large scale harvesting operations like those that occurred around 1977. This large scale cutting would again become necessary if this area was left untouched, thereby becoming mature all at once. This vast lowland hardwood complex has many stands that grow in wet drainage environments. These forest stands contain water (both stagnant and flowing) throughout most of the year and consist primarily of red maple trees.

Vehicle access into this compartment is very limited. In the 1970's logging access roads were placed in areas of very poor drainage creating a large number of water holes on the road system. Subsequently, illegal off-road use began making these holes larger and creating even more mud bogging holes along the edges of the access roads. These access roads where then completely blocked off to all vehicle access to stop the illegal off road vehicle damage that was occurring in this area. These large water holes still exist throughout the compartment but these road blocks were effective allowing the roads and water holes to slowly heal- in with invading vegetation. Future vehicle access into the compartment will need to be discussed and likely be much limited to protect the fragile wetland areas. However, with less access roads, some timber will likely become inaccessible for commercial logging operations.

Soil and Topography: The topography is mostly level and low-lying. There is a sandy ridge that runs diagonally through sections 22 and 23. The soils series in the area include: Leelanau –Emmet-Kalkaska and Roscommon-Augres-Croswell.

Ownership Patterns, Development, and Land Use in and Around the Compartment: This compartment is at the south end of State land that starts 5 miles to the north at Cinder road, in an area that contains the Grass Lake Flooding. Much of it is in lowland and swamp vegetative covers types and is an important wildlife area. Private lands consist of low density residential areas and farms. Due to poor access, any properties that border Karlin road and State lands would be desirable acquisitions.

Unique, Natural Features (include only non-site specific and non-sensitive information): The upper headwater of the Little Betsie River runs through the center of this compartment.

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features (include only non-site specific and non-sensitive information): No known features within this compartment, however, the Betsie River corridor and its tributaries were used by Early Native Americans for hunting and settlements.

Special Management Designations or Considerations: In the mid nineties, a large block of this compartment was included as a part of a larger area delineated as "potential old growth". This area was then forwarded into a Special Conservation Area (SCA) designation as a part of "Grass Lake Flooding SCA" (see map).

Also of special management consideration is the Little Betsie river a tributary to the Betsie river which is a designated "Michigan Natural River".

Watershed and Fisheries Considerations: The Little Betsie River flows through Compartment 32. The Little Betsie River is a designated Trout Stream, and is also covered under the Betsie River Natural Rivers plan. The Little Betsie River is a very high quality, cold water trout stream with naturally reproducing populations of brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, coho salmon, and chinook salmon. The Little Betsie is of particular importance to the Betsie River watershed in that is a source of wild, naturally reproduced steelhead to the watershed and to Lake Michigan. The Betsie River suffers from warmer-than-ideal temperatures which make it difficult (or impossible in some years) for steelhead to reproduce naturally in the mainstream. Therefore, Fisheries Division views the Little Betsie River as a critical stream in need of the utmost protection. Fisheries Division supports the proposed Old Growth designation for the stands along the Little Betsie. (comments by Mark Tonello and Heather Hettinger, DNR Fisheries Biologists, 5/22/2012).

Wildlife Habitat Considerations: Most of state ownership in compartment 32 is flat and consists of poorly drained organic soils. Access to this compartment is limited due to the high water table and flooded roads. The resulting "walk-in" experience is relatively unique for this part of the State Forest system and great care should be taken to preserve this characteristic.

The Little Betsie River originates in this compartment. This riparian corridor consists of a mosaic of lowland hardwoods of varying age classes with small inclusions of lowland shrubs and lowland aspen. Allowing the forest along this riparian corridor to naturally mature would benefit species such as wood frogs, red-shouldered hawks, great blue herons, wintering deer, raccoons, and black bears. There are opportunities outside the Natural Vegetation Buffer to mimic small blowdown events with scattered habitat cuts.

Outside the riparian corridor the land remains at or near the water table. Much of the same cover types are found here, lowland hardwoods and aspen, leather leaf bogs, as well as several spruce cover plantings. There are several openings situated on low ridges that are in need of some maintenance to set back encroachment. Red fox, garter snakes, northern flickers, bear, and deer make use of these small grassy openings interspersed through the lowlands.

Some of the aspen in this compartment is becoming merchantable and harvests should be pursued to diversify the age class of this resource. Care should be taken to minimize any potential issue with seasonably wet soils. Harvest operations should be utilized to create some (approximately 1-2 trees per acre) coarse woody debris (CWD), preferably via timber sale specs. CWD trees should be log sized or bigger, the more decay resistant the tree species is the better, and cut approximately at breast height (4.5 feet). The log should be left within 3 feet its stump. Retaining conifers and snags is important for cover, vertical structure, and future course woody debris. Sales here should preferably leave tops unchipped. (Comments by Steve Griffith, DNR Wildlife Biologist, 5/22/2012).

Mineral Resource and Development Concerns and/or Restrictions: Surface sediments consist of lacustrine sand and gravel, glacial outwash sand and gravel and postglacial alluvium and minor end moraine of coarse-textured glacial till. The glacial drift thickness varies between 400 and 600 feet. Beneath the glacial

drift is the Devonian Ellsworth Shale that is quarried for cement. The nearest gravel pit is two miles to the northeast and gravel potential may be limited to the uplands. This area is located northwest of the current Antrim Shale gas play. The Guelph (Niagaran) reef trend is located to the south and has limited potential. Most of the State land is currently leased for oil and gas development and the Antrim appears to have potential. (Comments by Tom Hoane, 4/17/2012).

Vehicle Access: This compartment currently has no vehicular access due to high water tables and old access roads that were bermed, many years ago, due to soil damage from 4-wheel drive trucks. Future access will be discussed at the compartment review (see also comments in "Management Goals" above)

Survey Needs: There are currently no survey needs in this compartment.

Recreational Facilities and Opportunities: Recreational opportunities in this compartment include hunting, hiking, trapping, fishing and dispersed camping.

Fire Protection: This area has wildfire protection by DNR and local Volunteer Fire Departments.

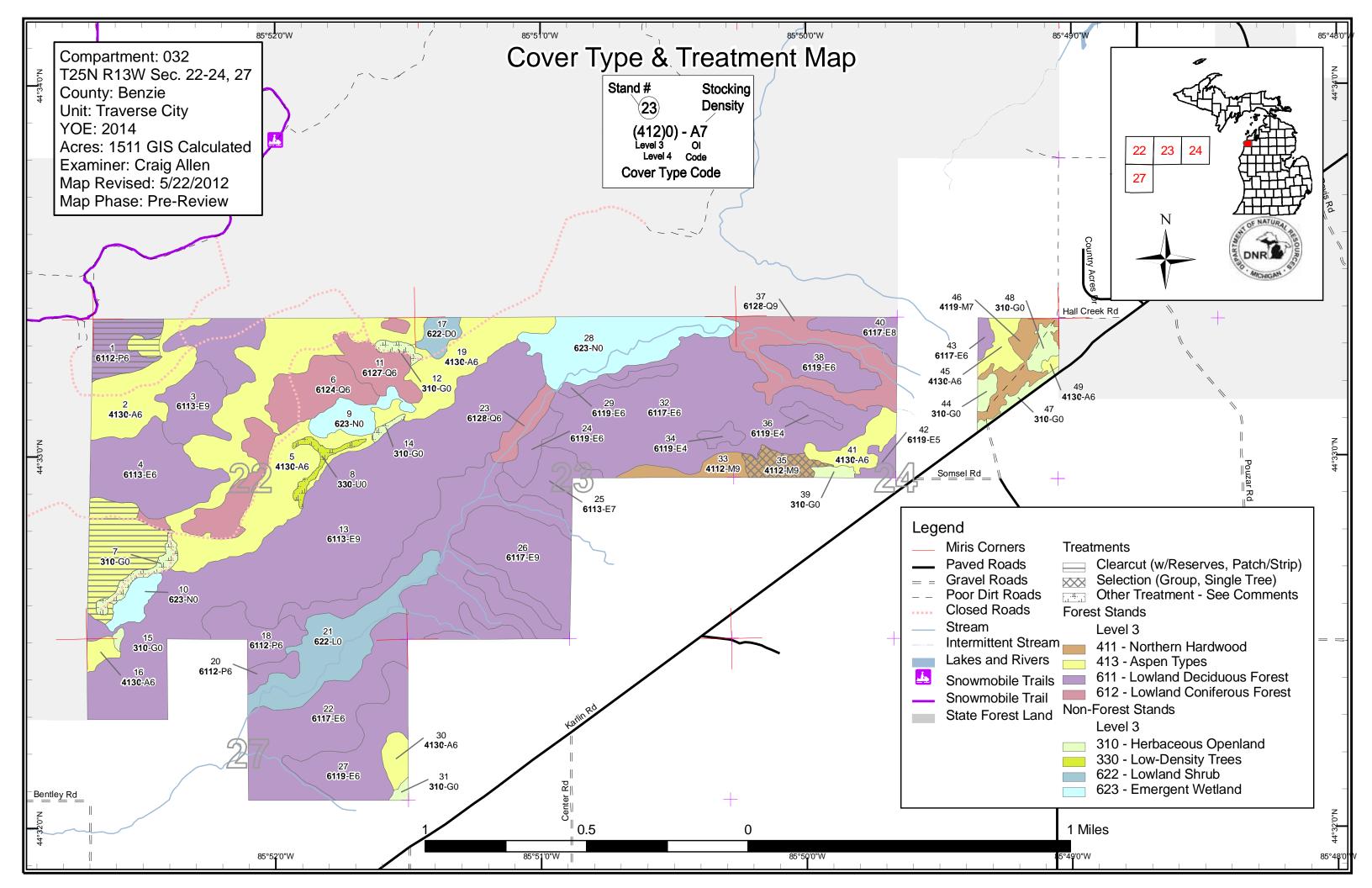
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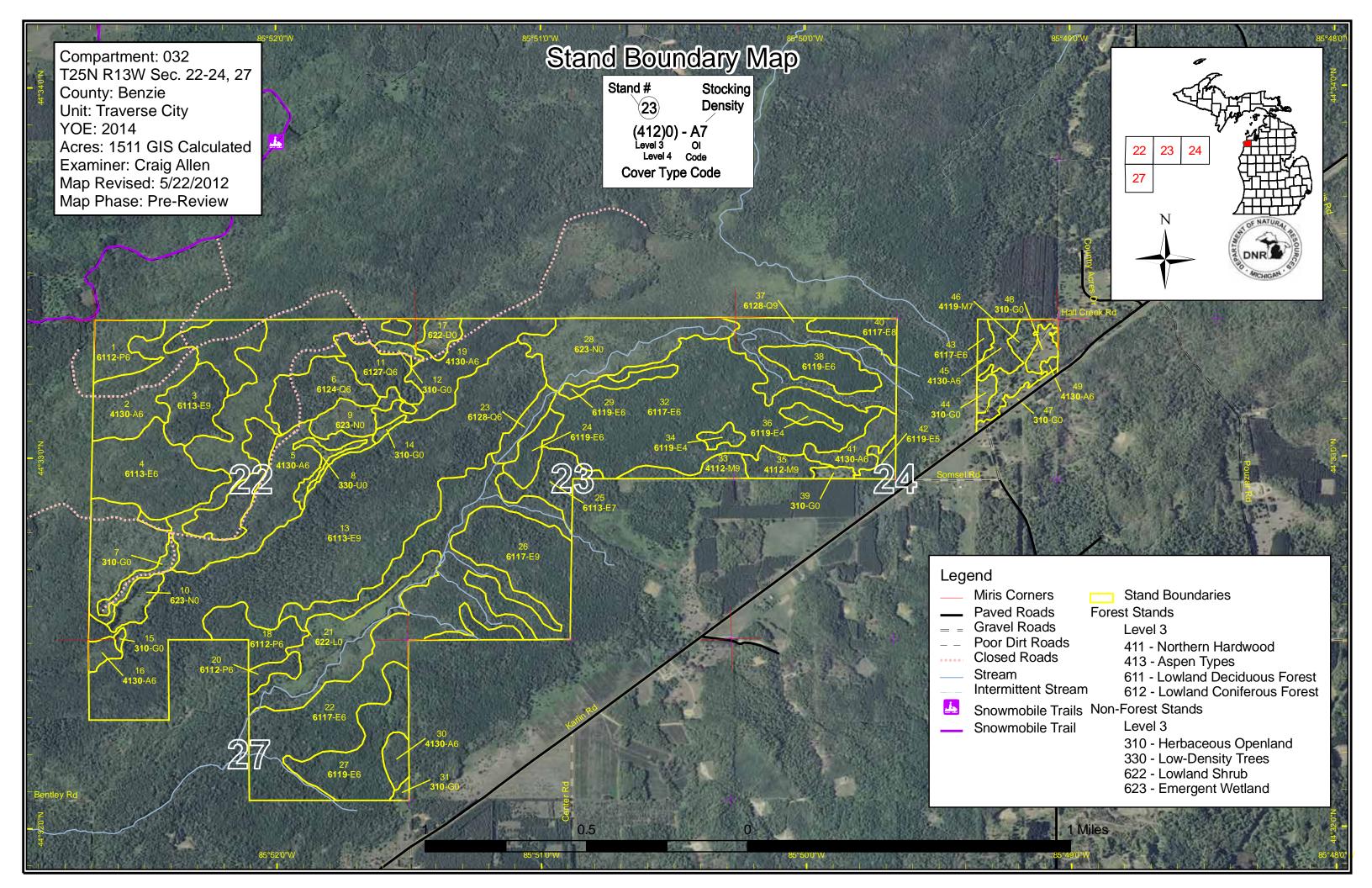
* Cover type details and proposed treatments are listed in the attached reports:

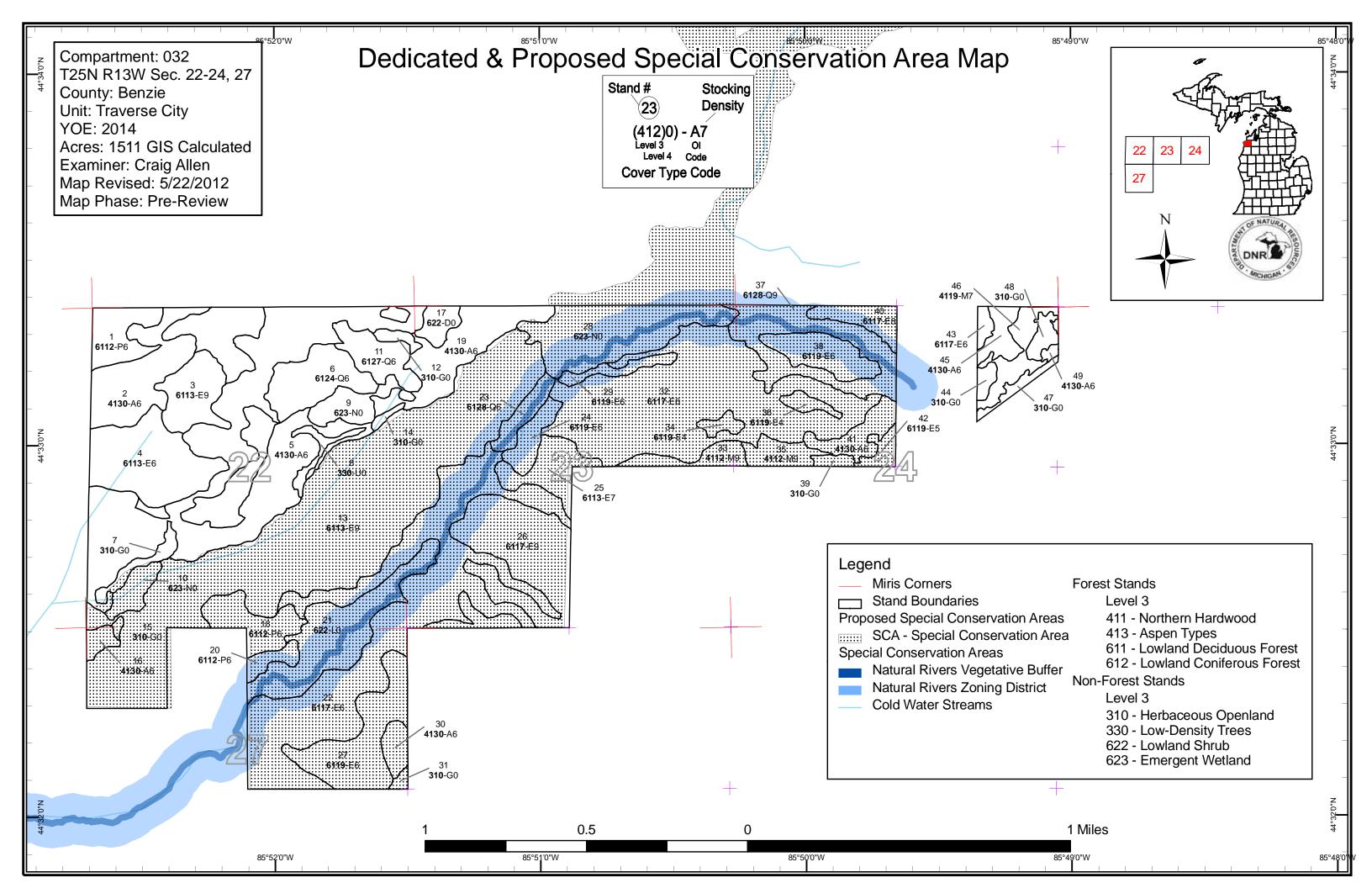
Cover Type by Age Class Proposed Treatments – No Limiting Factors Proposed Treatments – With Limiting Factors

* The following information is displayed on the attached compartment maps:

Base feature information, stand numbers, cover types Proposed treatments Proposed SCAs







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Craig Allen: Examiner



Age Class

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Aspen	0	0	0	236	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	268	
Herbaceous Openland	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
Low-Density Trees	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Lowland Aspen/Balsam Poplar	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	
Lowland Conifers	0	0	0	51	20	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	124	
Lowland Deciduous	0	0	41	92	0	0	0	0	354	380	0	0	0	0	867	
Lowland Shrub	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	
Marsh	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	
Northern Hardwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	21	0	0	0	0	36	
Treed Bog	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Total	171	0	41	425	52	0	0	15	354	453	0	0	0	0	1511	İ



Table 2 – Proposed Treatment Summaries

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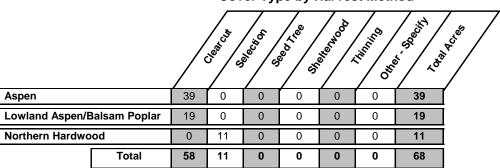
Compartment 032 Year of Entry 2014 **Total Compartment Acres: 1511**

Acres by Treatment Type

Commercial Harvest - 68 Site Prep - 0 Tree Planting - 0 Prescribed Burn - 0 Other - 0

Habitat Cut - 0 Pesticide - 0 Opening Maintenance - 17 Tree Seeding - 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
1	61032001-Cut	18.7	6112 - Lowland Aspen	High Density Pole	35		Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	6112 - Lowland Aspen	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Specs:

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Prescription Harvest all aspen, red maple, and ash to regenerate and expand aspen component for wildlife habitat management. Leave a few retention Islands along compartment edges to breakup "straight line affects" of compartment edges. Leave any conifers that may be in the stand. Also, avoid cutting or damaging oak in the stand.

Other_

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

<u>Proposed</u>

10/01/2013 Start Date:

2 61032002 3.5 35 Harvest 4130 - Aspen High Clearcut with 4130 - Aspen Cmpt. Review Density Reserves Proposal Pole

Specs:

Prescription Harvest all aspen, red maple, and ash to regenerate and expand aspen component for wildlife habitat management. Leave a few retention Islands along compartment edges to breakup "straight line affects" of compartment edges. Leave any conifers that may be in the stand. Also,

avoid cutting or damaging oak in the stand.

<u>Other</u>

Comments:

Next Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2013

5 61032005-Cut 35.5 4130 - Aspen High 35 Harvest Clearcut with 4130 - Aspen Cmpt. Review Density Reserves Proposal Pole

Prescription Harvest all hardwoods primarily to regenerate and expand aspen to help stagger age classes of the hardwoods in this area for wildlife habitat Specs: purposes. Leave a few retention islands within the cuts. Leave any conifers that may be on site for diverstiy.

Other

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

Proposed

Start Date: 10/01/2013

35 61032035-Cut 10.6 4112 - Maple, High 95 111-140 Harvest Single Tree 4112 - Maple, Cmpt. Review Beech, Cherry Selection Beech, Cherry Proposal **Density Log** Association Association

Prescription Select thin this hardwood stand reducing average BA to approximatly 85. Follow compleat marker guidelines. Access to this stand will only be Specs: possible across private lands to the south. Access has not yet been obtained.

Other_

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

<u>Proposed</u>

Start Date: 10/01/2013

Table 3 -- Treatments Prescribed

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with No Limiting Factor

а **Treatment** Acres CoverType Size Stand BA **Treatment Treatment** Cover Type n **Approval** Method Name Density Objective Status Age Range Type d NF_61032007-7.0 3105 - Mixed Non-Forest Other - Specify 3105 - Mixed Cmpt. Review NonFor Upland Herbaceous Management Upland Herbaceous Proposal

Prescription This opening was a traditional wildlife planting. Disk in crab/quack grass, plant to annual rye for several years and then convert back to a pasture Specs: mix (i.e. clover/alfalfa).

This opening is in a difficult to access, semi-remote area. Road improvements will probably occur via timber harvest in this compartment, and a Other Comments: gate will be installed. Care needs to be taken to maintain the semi-remote nature of this area.

Periodic maintenance such as mowing, fertilization, reseeding, and/or removal of woody encroachment. <u>Next</u>

Steps:

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Proposed

Unspecified Start Date:

NF_61032008-5.3 3303 - Mixed Low Non-Forest Other - Specify 3105 - Mixed Cmpt. Review NonFor1 **Density Trees** Management Upland Herbaceous Proposal

Prescription This opening was a traditional wildlife planting. Disk in crab/quack grass, plant to annual rye for several years and then convert back to a pasture

mix (i.e. clover/alfalfa). Specs:

This opening is in a difficult to access, semi-remote area. Road improvements will probably occur via timber harvest in this compartment, and a Other_

gate will be installed. Care needs to be taken to maintain the semi-remote nature of this area. Comments:

Periodic maintenance such as mowing, fertilization, reseeding, and/or removal of woody encroachment. <u>Next</u>

Steps:

Proposed Unspecified Start Date:

NF 61032012-12 3.2 3105 - Mixed Non-Forest Other - Specify 3105 - Mixed Cmpt. Review NonFor Upland Herbaceous Management Upland Herbaceous Proposal

Prescription This opening was a traditional wildlife planting. Disk in crab/quack grass, plant to annual rye for several years and then convert back to a pasture

mix (i.e. clover/alfalfa). Specs:

Other_ This opening is in a difficult to access, semi-remote area. Road improvements will probably occur via timber harvest in this compartment, and a

gate will be installed. Care needs to be taken to maintain the semi-remote nature of this area. Comments:

<u>Next</u> Periodic maintenance such as mowing, fertilization, reseeding, and/or removal of woody encroachment.

Steps:

Proposed

Unspecified Start Date:

NF 61032014-17 3105 - Mixed Non-Forest 3105 - Mixed Cmpt. Review Other - Specify NonFor Upland Herbaceous Management Upland Herbaceous Proposal

Prescription This opening was a traditional wildlife planting. Disk in crab/quack grass, plant to annual rye for several years and then convert back to a pasture

mix (i.e. clover/alfalfa). Specs:

<u>Other</u> This opening is in a difficult to access, semi-remote area. Road improvements will probably occur via timber harvest in this compartment, and a

gate will be installed. Care needs to be taken to maintain the semi-remote nature of this area. Comments:

Periodic maintenance such as mowing, fertilization, reseeding, and/or removal of woody encroachment. <u>Next</u>

Steps: **Proposed**

Start Date: Unspecified

Total Treatment

Acreage Proposed: 85.5

Traverse City Mgt. Unit Table 4 -- Treatments Prescribed with Compartment: 032 a Limiting Factor s Year of Entry 2014 а Treatment **Treatment** Treatment **Cover Type** n Acres CoverType Size Stand BA **Approval** Name Method Objective Status Density Age Range Type d #Error Prescription Specs: <u>Other</u> Comment: <u>Next</u> Steps: <u>Proposed</u>

Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:

<u>Limiting Factor and No</u> <u>Treatment Reason</u>

#Error

Start Date:

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Out of YOE -- Treatments Prescribed with No Limiting Factor

Year of Entry: 2014

Treatme Name	Acres	CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
61043_Ou OE-Cu	 2.1					Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Cmpt. Review Proposal - Incomplete

Prescription

Specs: retain some pine and osk for mast and seed production, Folllow WLD guidance for CWD creation. Harvest all stems that are not retained.

Other New stand should have mix of oak, pine, aspen and maple.

Comments:

Next Steps:

<u>Proposed</u>

Start Date: 09/01/2009

61231_OutOfY 4.6 0 Harvest Low Thinning 4122 - Oak, Pine Cmpt. Review OE-Thin Proposal

Prescription Within harvest area, remove all aspen. Heavily thin oak and maple to a residual BA of about 50 sf. Leave retention in patches or strips sufficient

Specs: to meet minimum retention goals.

Other Topography is rather hilly. Combine with treatment in Compartment 133.

Comments:

Next Steps:

Proposed

<u>Start Date:</u> 10/01/2013

Total Treatment

Acreage Proposed: 6.7

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
1	6112 - Lowland Aspen	High Density Pole	18.7	35		Also, contains a few scattered Bur Oak various sizes and scattered bur oak saplings.
2	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	40.6	35		
3	6113 - Lowland Maple	High Density Log	23.5	95	51-80	
4	6113 - Lowland Maple	High Density Pole	73.9	35		
5	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	152.9	35		Harvest a portion of the stand (southwest end) in order to stagger age class in this area and break-up some of this large expanse of same-age aspen and maple within this compartment. Cut all aspen, maple, ash. Leave a couple islands for retention.
6	6124 - Lowland Spruce- Fir	High Density Pole	51.5	35	81-110	Planted for wildlife winter cover
11	6127 - Lowland Pine	High Density Pole	20.1	47	111-140	
13	6113 - Lowland Maple	High Density Log	264.2	95	1-50	
16	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	4.5	35		
18	6112 - Lowland Aspen	High Density Pole	20.2	35		Habitat cut
19	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	38.0	36		
20	6112 - Lowland Aspen	High Density Pole	6.2	35		Habitat cut
22	6117 - Lowland Deciduous, Mixed Coniferous	High Density Pole	159.1	80		
23	6128 - Lowland Coniferous, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Pole	9.7	90		
24	6119 - Mixed Lowland Deciduous Forest	High Density Pole	11.0	38		Habitat cut
25	6113 - Lowland Maple	Low Density Log	19.7	80		
26	6117 - Lowland Deciduous, Mixed Coniferous	High Density Log	67.3	90		

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
27	6119 - Mixed Lowland Deciduous Forest	High Density Pole	41.4	28		
29	6119 - Mixed Lowland Deciduous Forest	High Density Pole	7.1	38		Habitat cut
30	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	7.2	45		
32	6117 - Lowland Deciduous, Mixed Coniferous	High Density Pole	150.1	80		
33	4112 - Maple, Beech, Cherry Association	High Density Log	10.3	95	81-110	
34	6119 - Mixed Lowland Deciduous Forest	Low Density Pole	4.1	90	1-50	A marsh wetlandcattails and marsh grasses.
35	4112 - Maple, Beech, Cherry Association	High Density Log	10.6	95	111-140	
36	6119 - Mixed Lowland Deciduous Forest	Low Density Pole	4.5	80		Lots of Cattails and marsh grasses.
37	6128 - Lowland Coniferous, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Log	42.8	90	51-80	
38	6119 - Mixed Lowland Deciduous Forest	High Density Pole	20.6	90		
40	6117 - Lowland Deciduous, Mixed Coniferous	Medium Density Log	12.0	80	1-50	scattered skunk cabbage at ground level
41	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	14.3	40		Mostly dry when inventoried, but has potential to be seasonably floodedhigh water table.
42	6119 - Mixed Lowland Deciduous Forest	Medium Density Pole	5.6	80		Autumn olive
43	6117 - Lowland Deciduous, Mixed Coniferous	High Density Pole	3.1	80		
45	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	9.2	46		Also contains a few large white oak and sugar maple, a couple hemlock
46	4119 - Mixed Northern Hardwoods	Low Density Log	15.3	75	1-50	Lots of natural white oak regen
49	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	1.3	46		

6 - Nonforested Stands

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	Management Priority (Objective)	General Comments:
7	3105 - Mixed Upland Herbaceous	7.0	No	High (NonForested)	CA-Has had past cultivation work for wildlife habitat.
					5/21/12 SG-This one in a series of five narrow man-made wildlife openings constructed in the 1970s.
8	3303 - Mixed Low Density Trees	5.3	No	High (NonForested)	5/21/12 SG-This one in a series of five narrow man-made wildlife openings constructed in the 1970s.
9	6239 - Mixed Emergent Wetland	14.0	N\A	Unspecified	
10	623 - Emergent Wetland	9.1	N\A	Unspecified	
12	3105 - Mixed Upland Herbaceous	3.2	No	High (NonForested)	5/21/12 SG-This one in a series of five narrow man-made wildlife openings constructed in the 1970s.
14	3105 - Mixed Upland Herbaceous	1.7	No	High (NonForested)	5/21/12 SG-This one in a series of five narrow man-made wildlife openings constructed in the 1970s.
15	3102 - Grass	1.0	N\A	Unspecified	
17	6224 - Treed Bog	7.5	N\A	Unspecified	
21	6229 - Mixed lowland shrub	49.5	N\A	Unspecified	
28	623 - Emergent Wetland	54.8	N\A	Unspecified	
31	310 - Herbaceous Openland	1.6	N\A	Unspecified	
39	310 - Herbaceous Openland	2.9	N\A	Unspecified	
44	310 - Herbaceous Openland	3.4	N\A	Unspecified	
47	310 - Herbaceous Openland	4.4	N\A	Unspecified	
48	310 - Herbaceous Openland	5.5	N\A	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 Area	п Туре	Description	ERA = Ecological Reference Area HCVA = High Conservation Value Area SCA = Special Conservation Area
SCA	Cold Water Stream	A coldwater stream has temperature and dissolved oxyge stocked trout populations and those of other coldwater fis year to year. Coldwater streams in Michigan typically provontributions of groundwater to their stream flows. Such such such as trout resources by Fisheries Order 210.	h species (e.g., slimy sculpin) to persist from vide these conditions due to substantial
HCVA	Natural Rivers	There are two Natural Rivers datasets which are derived fapproved distance from the river centerlines. The Natural most Natural Rivers. The Vegetative Buffer ranges from and Vegetative Buffers for each Natural River see the tab folder.	I Rivers Zoning District is a 400 foot buffer for 25 to 100 feet. To view specific Zoning Districts