

# **Roscommon Forest Management Unit Compartment Review Presentation**

Compartment #59 Entry Year: 2012

Compartment Acreage: 1779 County: Roscommon

**Revision Date:** 7/12/2010

Stand Examiner: J. Hartman

**Legal Description:** T23N R2W sections 3, 10, and 15

Management Area: Au Sable Outwash

Management Goals: Regenerate a portion of the aspen resource in order to stagger age classes in this cover

type. Thin overstocked hardwood stands.

**Soil and Topography:** There is a large pitted outwash ridge on the north and southeast part of the compartment that consists of Roselawn and Rubicon sands. The central and southwest portions are dominated by part of the Long Crossway Swamp which connects into several other compartments.

Ownership Patterns, Development, and Land Use in and Around the Compartment: There are two areas of private land. There is one lone parcel in the swamp that has one corner of it on an upland island. The other area has approximately 5 parcels that are contiguous. One of these parcels is approximately 95 ac.

**Unique, Natural Features:** There are known locations of bald eagle, osprey, secretive locust, and great blue heron in the vicinity. There are also historical records of rough fescue, Hill's thistle and Ram's head lady's slipper. Potential exists for red-shouldered hawk, spotted turtle, rare wetland birds, and massasauga.

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features: None identified.

**Special Management Designations or Considerations:** There are three island stands that were part of the former "old growth" plan and are remaining as Special Conservation Areas (SCA's) using the "unique site" identifier. These stands are also within the proposed Biodiversity Stewardship Area (BSA) for Long Crossway Swamp.

**Watershed and Fisheries Considerations:** There are no lakes or streams present. A majority of the groundwater flows from Long Crossway Swamp to Robinson Creek and eventually into the Au Sable River.

**Wildlife Habitat Considerations:** This compartment has a large amount of acreage in pole sized aspen resulting from Deer Range Improvement (DRIP) harvests in the 1970's. Regenerating portions of these stands early should have positive impacts on deer and grouse. Retaining and promoting oak vigor will also have positive effects through current and future mast production.

Mineral Resource and Development Concerns and/or Restrictions: Surface sediments consist of ice-contact and glacial outwash sand and gravel and postglacial alluvium. The glacial drift thickness varies between 400 and 600 feet. Beneath the glacial drift is the Mississippian Michigan Formation. The Michigan is quarried for gypsum in the State. Most of the nearby gravel pits are associated with upland areas. The

nearest gravel pit is Nine Mile Pit, located two miles to the west. Gravel potential is thought to be good in the upland areas. St. Helen Field lies two miles to the northeast. The field has produced over 8.7 million BO and 14.7 Bcf gas from the Devonian Richfield Formation and is in secondary recovery operations currently. None of the State land is currently leased in the compartment.

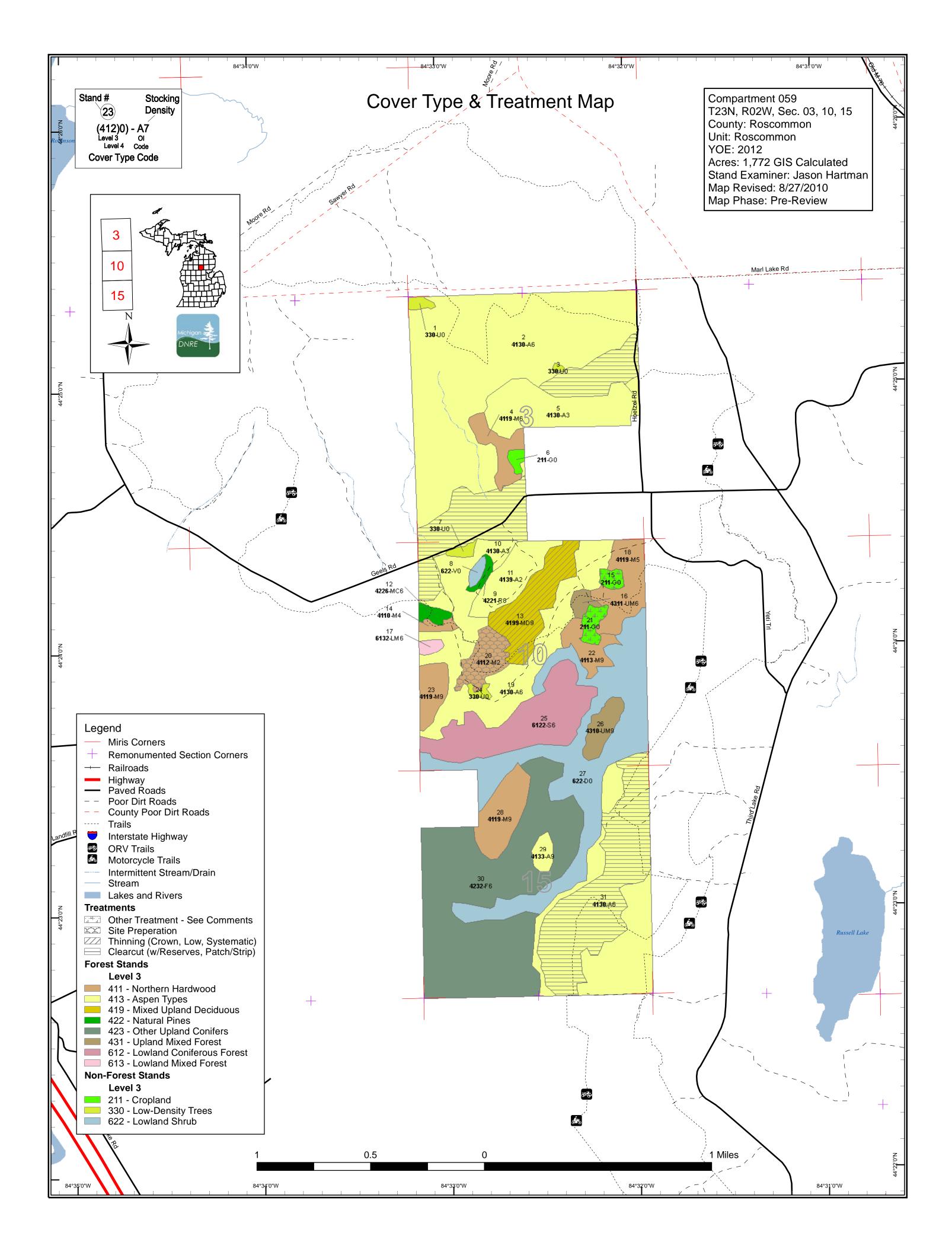
**Vehicle Access:** The country roads that are the primary access routes are Marl Lake Road, Geels Road, and Third Lake Road. There are scattered state forest two-tracks diverging from the county road system.

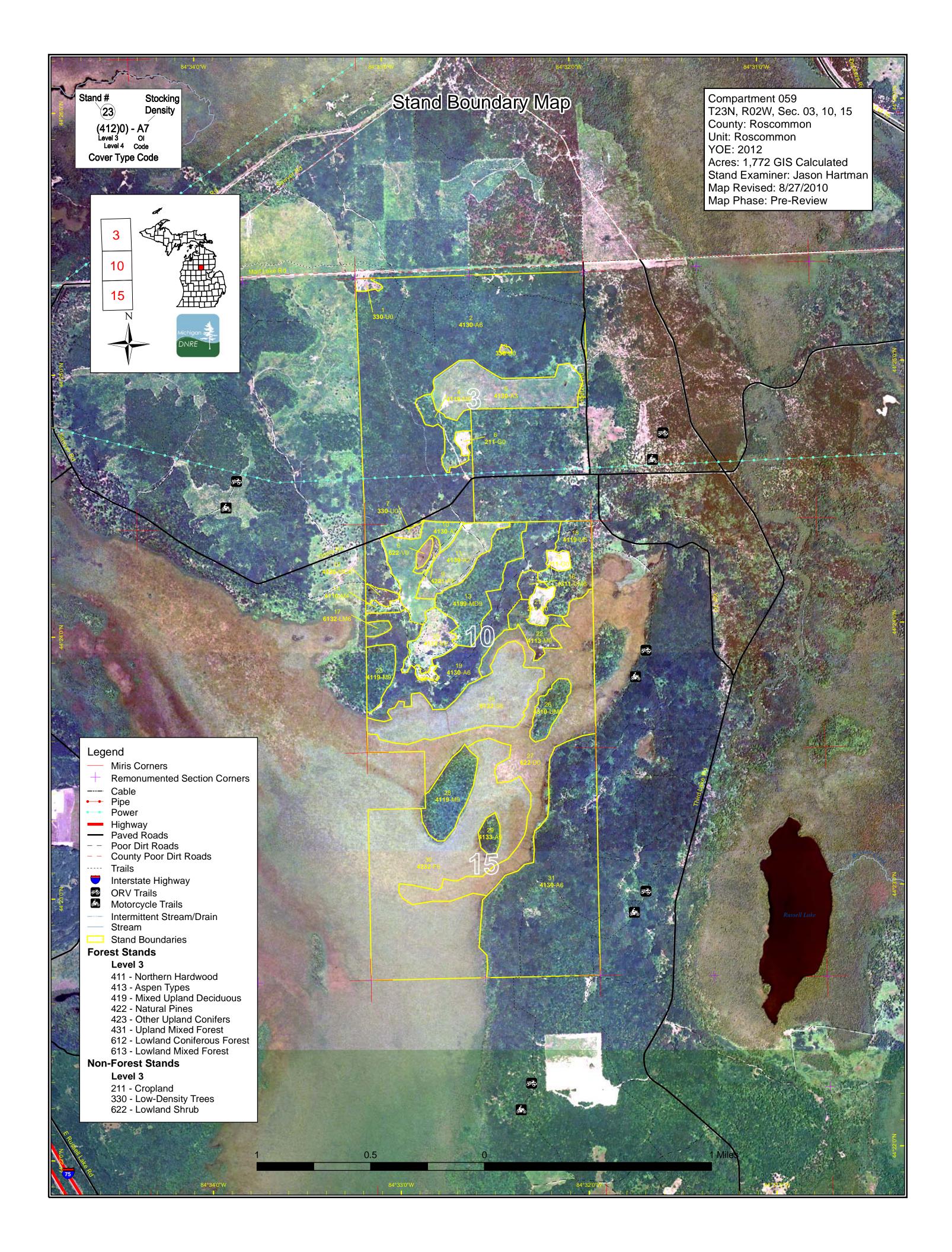
**Survey Needs:** None necessary.

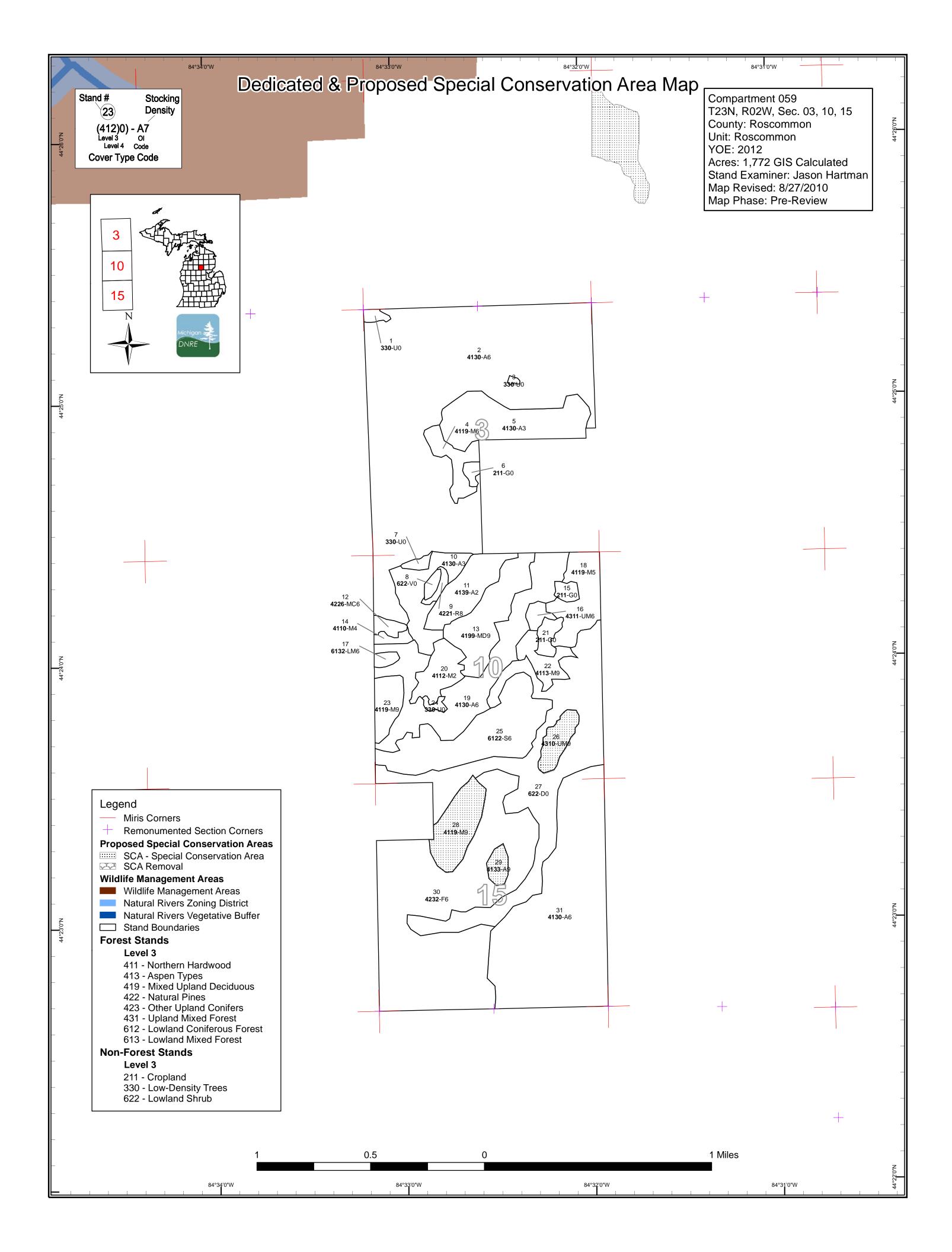
**Recreational Facilities and Opportunities:** Hunting and mushroom picking opportunities are good in parts of the compartment. There is also an extensive network of ORV trails throughout the area.

**Fire Protection:** The most problematic wildfire issues could be in the large swamp complex of black spruce and leatherleaf. Access would be difficult and a late summer fire could burn for a long time.

- > 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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	<b>Age</b>	Class
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Aspen 0 143 0 0 0 796 0 0 0 8 0 0 0 0 947  Bog 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
Bog         4         0	_/
Cropland         17         0	
Low-Density Trees 11 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 11	
Lowland Mixed Forest         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         4         4	
Lowland Spruce/Fir         0         0         0         0         0         93         0         0         0         0         0         0         93	
Mixed Upland Deciduous 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 54 0 0 0 54	
Natural Mixed Pines         0         0         0         0         6         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         6	
Northern Hardwood 0 0 24 0 0 63 0 0 0 18 56 0 0 0 160	
Red Pine         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         4         0         0         0         0         4	
Treed Bog 188 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 188	
Upland Mixed Forest         0         0         0         0         6         0         0         16         0	
Upland Spruce/Fir         0	
Total 220 143 24 0 0 870 355 0 16 30 110 0 0 4 177	:



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

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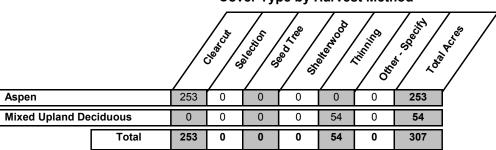
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Total Compartment Acres: 1772

**Acres by Treatment Type** 

Commercial Harvest - 307 Site Prep - 24 Tree Planting - 0 Prescribed Burn - 0 Other - 0

Habitat Cut - 0 Opening Maintenance - 14 Tree Seeding - 0 Pesticide - 0

## **Cover Type by Harvest Method**



Compartment: 059 Roscommon Mgt. Unit Table 3 -- Treatments Prescribed with No Limiting Factor Year of Entry 2012 s Data updated before 10:00 AM t а **Treatment** Acres Stage1 Size Stand **Treatment Treatment Cover Type Approval** n Method Objective Name CoverType Density **Status** d Age Type 71059002-2 37.5 4130 - Aspen High Density Pole 44 Harvest Clearcut with Aspen Cmpt. Review north Reserves Proposal Prescription Harvest a portion of this large stand. Clear-cut w/ reserves. Leave oak, birch, and pine. Specs: Other Early Aspen 2 71-009-10-01. Comlete on the 2010 POW. Sold in May 2010. Comments: <u>Next</u> Steps: 2 71059002-76.4 4130 - Aspen High Density Pole 44 Harvest Clearcut with Aspen Cmpt. Review south Reserves Proposal Prescription Harvest a portion of this large stand. Clear-cut w/ reserves. Leave oak, birch, and pine. Specs: <u>Other</u> Early Aspen 2 71-009-10-01. Comlete on the 2010 POW. Sold in May 2010. Comments: <u>Next</u> Steps: 13 71059013-Cut 54.0 4199 - Other Mixed High Density Log 90 Harvest Crown Thinning Maple, Beech, Cmpt. Review **Upland Deciduous** Cherry Association Proposal Prescription Traditional northern hardwood thinning to increase overall stem quality and release the few sugar maple that are present. Don't spec cut aspen. Leave most of it because a large proportion of it is hollow. Favor mast trees. Specs: <u>Other</u> Comments: <u>Next</u> Steps: 71059031-Cut 139.4 4130 - Aspen High Density Pole Clearcut with Cmpt. Review Harvest Aspen Reserves Proposal Prescription Clear-cut with reserves. Leave bigtooth stands along the wetland and all oak, birch, and pine. Also delineate out the quaking aspen from the

<u>Other</u>

Completed on the 2010 POW and sold with stands in the compartment to the east.

Comments:

Next

Steps:

71059020-Medium Density Site Prep Other-Specifiv Planted Red Pine, Cmpt. Review 20 24.3 4112 - Maple, 15 Prep Beech, Cherry Saplin Mixed Deciduous Proposal Association

Prescription Roller chop and plant red pine. If possible, get the stand harvested commercially instead of roller chop, but leave roller chopping as the primary Specs: tool.

Stand is 15 years old. Red oak regen failure. Open grown red maple stump sprouts with sedge understory and some scattered aspen clones. Other\_

Comments:

<u>Next</u> Steps:

Roscommon Mgt. Unit Table 3 -- Treatments Prescribed Compartment: 059 with No Limiting Factor Year of Entry 2012 s Data updated before 10:00 AM t а **Treatment** Acres Stage1 Size Stand **Treatment Treatment Cover Type Approval** n CoverType Method Objective Status Name **Density** Age Type d 15 NF\_71059015-5.2 Non-Forested 0 Non-Forest Other - Specify Mixed Upland Cmpt. Review NonFor Management Herbaceous Proposal Prescription Specs: Other\_ Comments: <u>Next</u> Steps: NF\_71059021-Non-Forested 0 Other - Specify Cmpt. Review 8.3 Non-Forest Mixed Upland Management Herbaceous Proposal NonFor Prescription Specs: <u>Other</u> Comments:

Total Treatment

Next Steps:

Acreage Proposed: 345.1

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Specs:

Other Comment:

Next Steps:

Limiting Factor and No Treatment Reason

Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:

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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:
2	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	453.2	44		Huge stand that grades from bigtooth mixed with red oak and white pine to the north and quaking aspen on the south end.
4	4119 - Mixed Northern Hardwoods	High Density Pole	19.8	44		
5	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	69.2	7		
9	42210 - Natural Red Pine	Medium Density Log	3.7	80	51-80	Thinned with surrounding clear-cut in 2003.
10	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	37.4	7		Has a small red pine stand along the bog included in this acreage. The red pine stand wasn't large enough to be considered it's own stand.
11	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	Medium Density	36.6	7		Stand was clear-cut with the aspen to the west. The sale was dominated by red oak on this ridge. A small proportion of the stump sprouts made it. Heavy witch hazel in some areas that is competing in the canopy for now.
12	42260 - Natural Pine, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Pole	5.7	44		
13	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	High Density Log	54.0	90	111-140	Very few ash and basswood present. Most aspen are hollow and falling apart adding alot of structure and habitat. Heavy deer sign in the area.
14	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Low Density Pole	4.7	44		
16	4311 - Pine, Aspen Mix	High Density Pole	6.2	44		
17	6132 - Mixed Lowland Forest with Cedar	High Density Pole	3.9	Uneven Age	1-50	
18	4119 - Mixed Northern Hardwoods	Medium Density Pole	38.4	44		Lots of old white pine stumps with blueberry ground cover. Kotar layer calls this AFO. Was probably White pine/mixed hardwood.
19	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	108.4	44		Long stand spread along two track. Road is wet in spots and decent wp/hardwood understory in several areas. A couple of acres at the north end are older and falling apart, but it is a very small piece along a private line.
20	4112 - Maple, Beech, Cherry Association	Medium Density	24.3	15		Mostly red maple stump sprouts with a couple tiny aspen clones. Had a considerable red oak volume in the timber sale.

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4113 - R.Maple, Conifer High Density

Log

Has a couple of age classes of red maple. The large aspen cutting to the west probably came into this stand some. There is

a jack pine piece on the peninsula all the way to south.

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# 5 - Forested Stands

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a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
23	4119 - Mixed Northern Hardwoods	High Density Log	18.6	90	81-110	Stand was recently thinned with compartment to the west.
25	6122 - Black Spruce	High Density Pole	92.7	50		Low site index black spruce that filled in gradually.
26	4310 - Pine, Oak Mix	High Density Log	16.5	72	81-110	Becoming multi-storied. Not many gaps, but several age classes present. Big monarch red pine with some pole and log-sized regeneration. Heavy red maple understory with white pine coming in various ages classes. Small aspen clone at the north end of the island.
28	4119 - Mixed Northern Hardwoods	High Density Log	37.0	95	141-170	Island of northern hardwoods surrounded by treed bog. Has some hemlock and pine around the perimeter and more birch and black spruce to the north. Very open understory with little structure and knee high beech regen.
29	4133 - Aspen, Mixed Pine	High Density Log	8.1	85	141-170	
30	42320 - Upland Spruce	High Density Pole	261.8	50		Low site index black spruce. Likely inoperable even in the distant future.
31	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	233.9	44		Part of large aspen complex from research cutting in the 60's. Has varying quality based on topography. Areas of heavier red oak, beech and red maple poles on the south edge grading into balsam and white pine to the west toward swamp. Lower quality quaking aspen to the northwest. Rim of wp/rp/jp along the perimeter of the bog.

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# 6 - Nonforested Stands Data updated before 10:00 AM

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Gen Cmts:
1	3301 - Low Density Deciduous Tree	3.4	
3	3301 - Low Density Deciduous Tree	0.9	
6	2113 - Forage Crops	3.8	
7	3301 - Low Density Deciduous Tree	3.5	
8	6225 - Bog	3.7	
15	2113 - Forage Crops	5.2	
21	2113 - Forage Crops	8.3	
24	3301 - Low Density Deciduous Tree	2.7	
27	6224 - Treed Bog	188.5	Black spruce mixed with a little tamarack and white pine scattered through leatherleaf.

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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.

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Stand	SCA Type	SCA Name	Acres	Comments	
26	Unique Site - SCA	71059026	16.5		
28	Unique Site - SCA	71059028	37.0		
29	Unique Site - SCA	71059029	8.1		

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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.

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**Description Type** 

Conservation

Area

ERA = Ecological Reference Area HCVA = High Conservation Value Area SCA = Special Conservation Area