

## **Compartment Review Presentation**

**Escanaba Forest Management Unit** 

Compartment 33063 Entry Year 2017 Acreage: 1,933

**County Menominee** 

Management Area: Green Bay Lake Plain

Revision Date: 2015-07-10

Stand Examiner: Dan Beaudo

**Legal Description:** 

T34N R26W Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, and 31

#### **Identified Planning Goals:**

This 1,933 acre compartment is comprised mainly of lowland conifer types with bogs, marshes mixed in and most of Hanson Lake. There are a few small upland knobs scattered throughout the compartment. Two lowland conifer stands could be treated this decade if access through private property is allowed.

#### Soil and topography:

The main soil groups within this compartment are: Lupton-Cathro Association, Loxley-Dawson Association, and Lupton Muck. The majority of the compartment contains poorly drained muck and peat over sand and sandy loam. The terrain is nearly level, with the exception of some depressions.

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

This compartment is isolated from any other state land being surrounded by private land. The state has very little access into this compartment, without going through private property. There are quite a few farms and farmland around the compartment. Historically, there was an ice road through the center of the compartment running east and west to provide a shorter travel corridor. This winter road would also provide access for locals to pick cranberries off the marsh during the summer. The primary use of this compartment now is hunting, with most of that being done by the neighboring landowners. There are some illegal trails into state land from the private property.

#### **Unique Natural Features:**

Hanson Lake Bog, which is a large undisturbed conifer-bog complex with special botanical, geological, and scenic features.

#### Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features:

None known

#### **Special Management Designations or Considerations:**

This compartment contains two Ecological Reference Area's, a bog and a poor fen.

#### Watershed and Fisheries Considerations:

#### Wildlife Habitat Considerations:

This compartment is a unique feature in a landscape that has been heavily converted to agriculture. The northern portion is mainly stunted cedar and spruce forest. The middle portion is approximately one square mile of treed bog and muskeg containing some abrupt, raised knobs of cedar, hemlock, and birch. Hanson Lake, a shallow bog lake with adjacent marshes, is located in the southern portion of the compartment. Due to its large size and wet, inhospitable conditions, the area receives little human use, although ORV's penetrate the area illegally. Law enforcement action to address this illegal activity is needed here because ORV's can do long-term damage to fragile bog vegetation.

In 1998, local management staff felt the area was sufficiently unique to warrant a nomination for Wild Area or Natural Area status. It was so nominated, but those programs have been inactive in recent years. Most of this compartment continues to be protected with a designation of "special conservation area." This will maintain habitat for those wildlife species that utilize lowland conifer-bog habitats. Two small lowland conifer stands have been prescribed in the southern portion of this compartment. These areas have unknown access through privately owned lands.

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

Surface sediments consist of medium-textured glacial till, peat and muck, and minor glacial outwash sand and gravel and post-glacial alluvium. The glacial drift thickness varies between 10 and 50 feet. The Ordovician Trenton and Black River formations underlie the glacial drift and are quarried for stone in the UP. There is no history of mineral leasing in this area.

There are a number of gravel pits in the area, but the compartment consists primarily of low-lying wetlands and sand and gravel potential appears to be limited. No economic oil and gas production has been found in the UP.

#### **Vehicle Access:**

Access only by foot off County Road 346. Limited access else where through private property.

#### **Survey Needs:**

There would be three survey corners needed if access is obtained.

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

There are no developed facilities. Primary recreational activity is hunting by adjacent landowners.

#### Fire Protection:

There are no significant fire dangers within this 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

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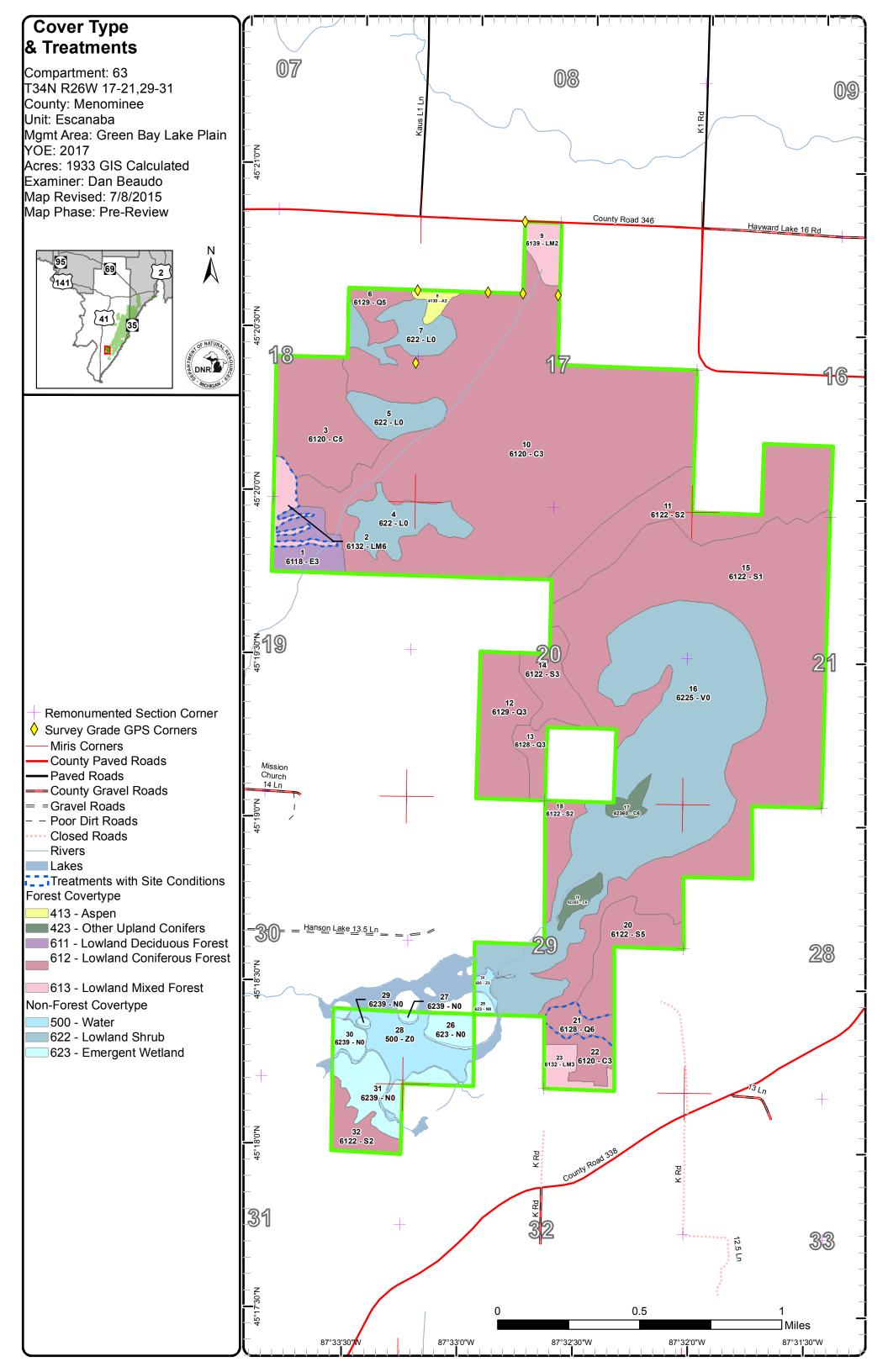
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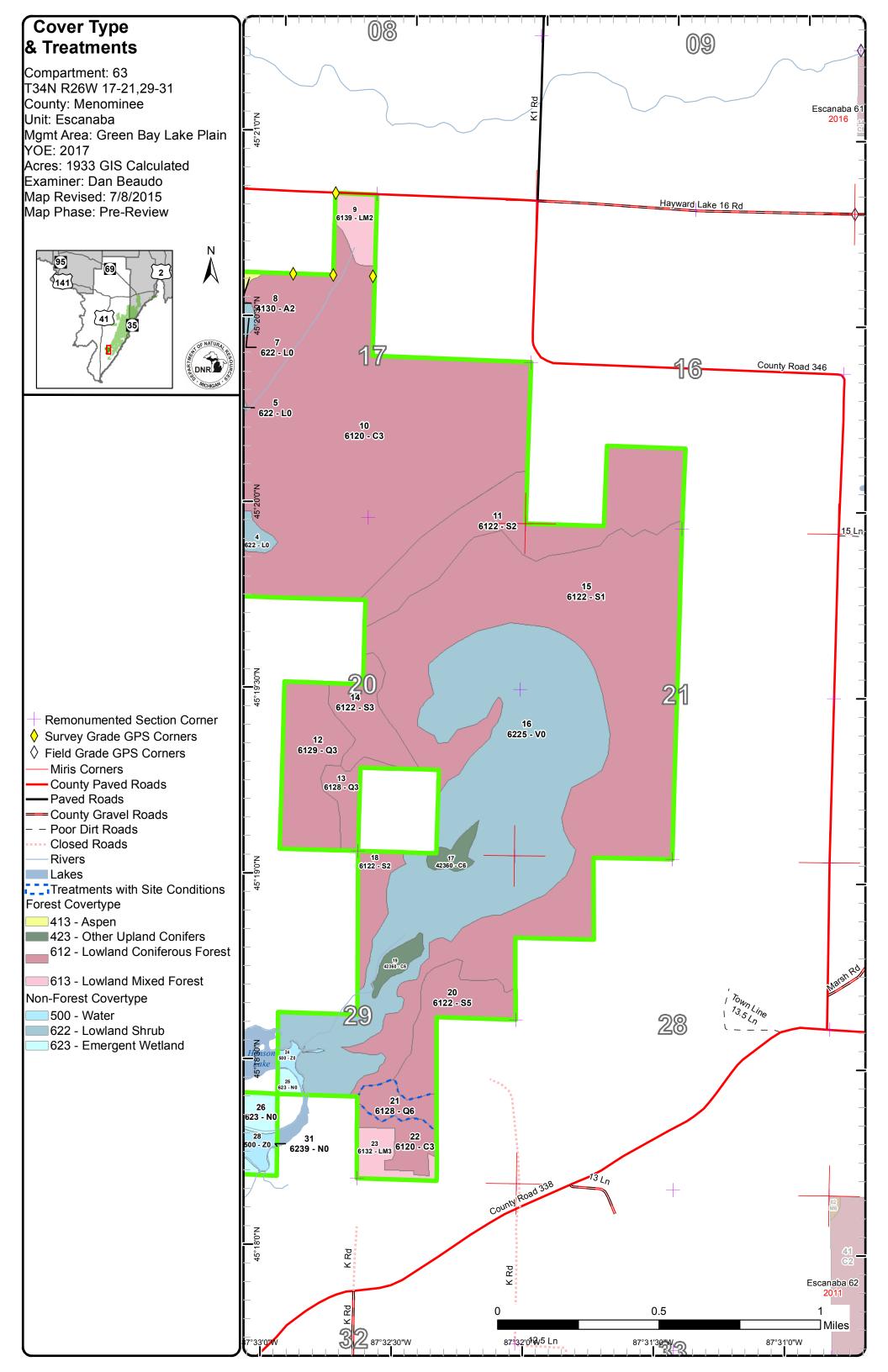
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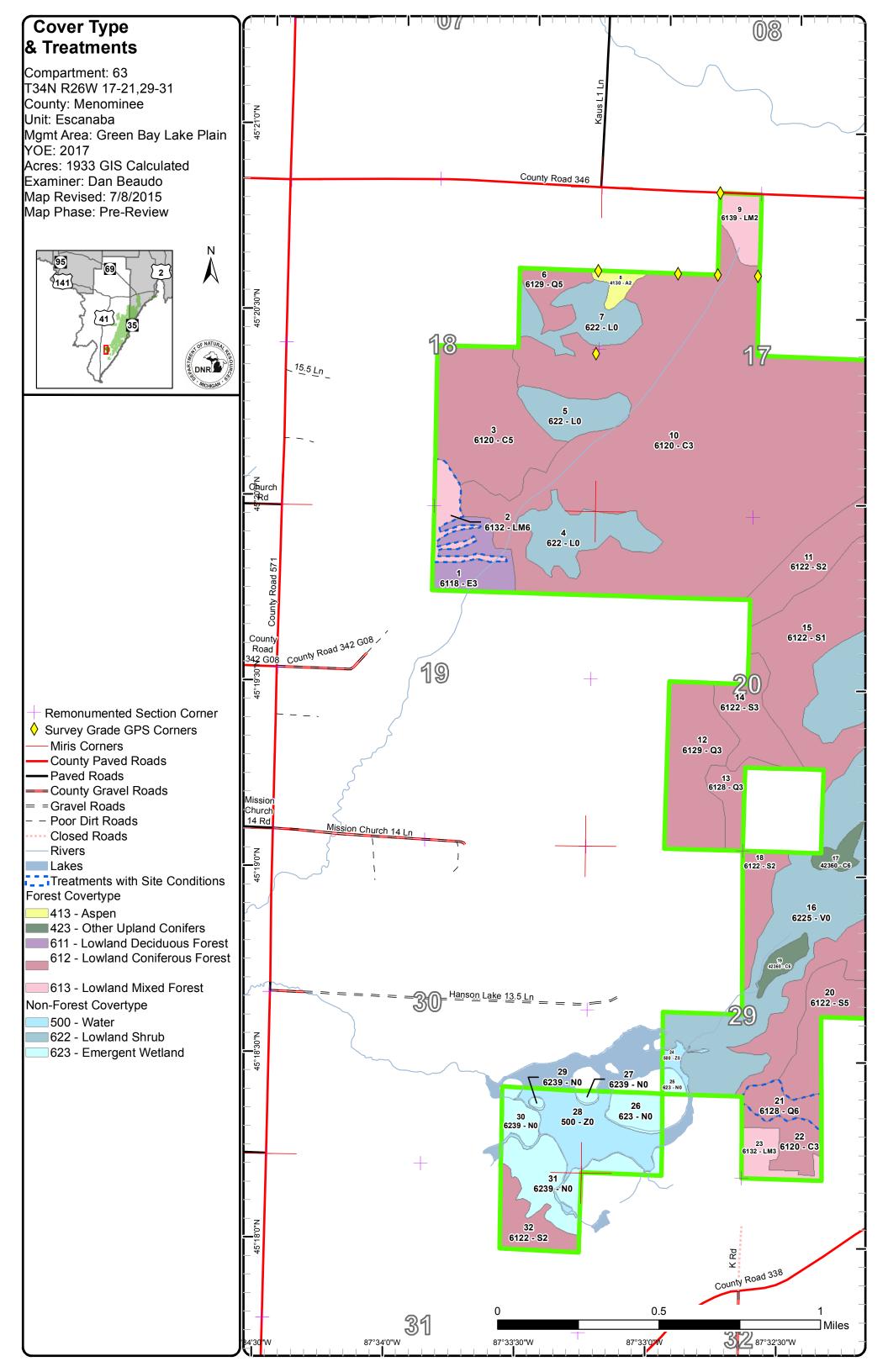


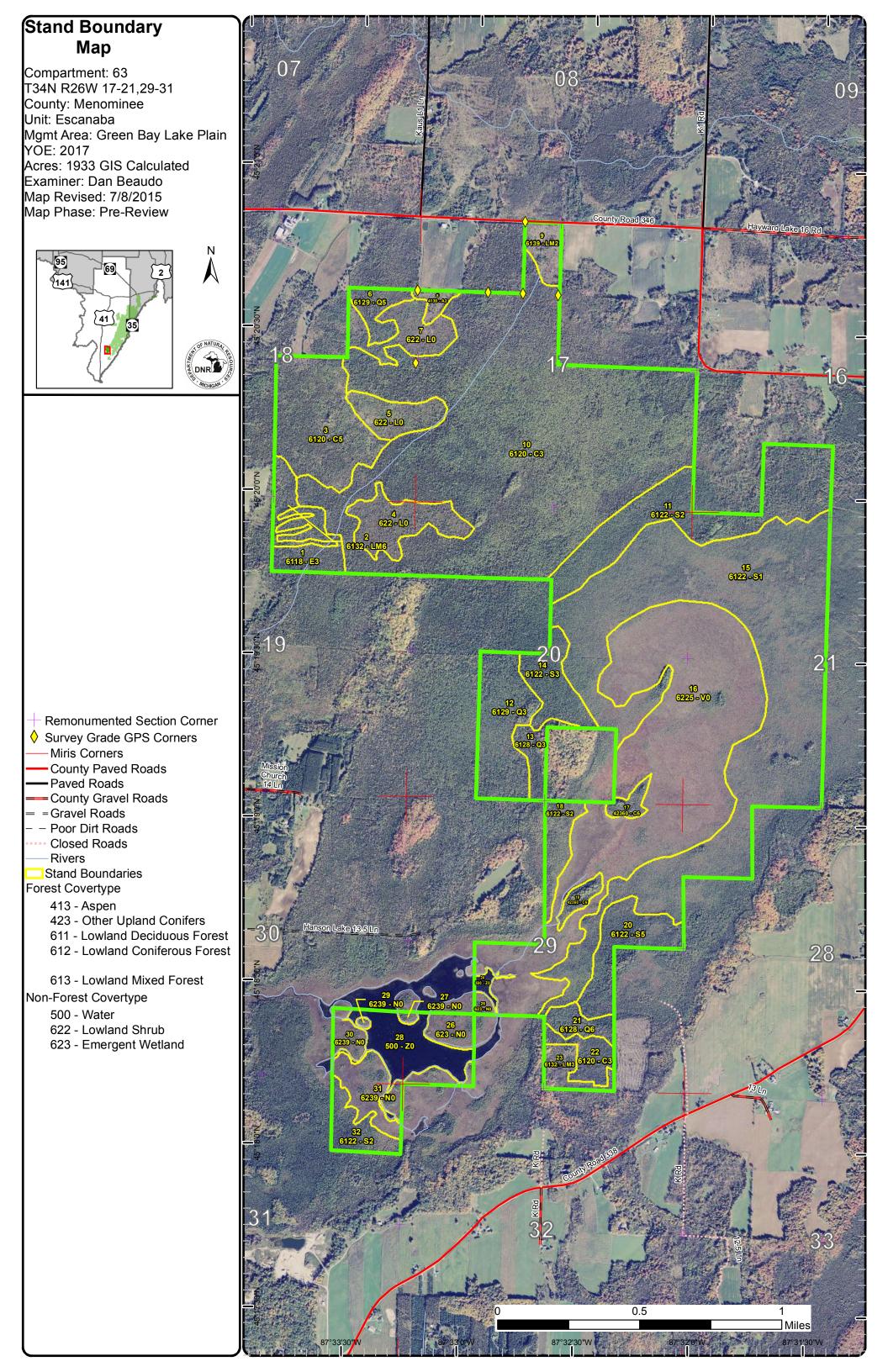
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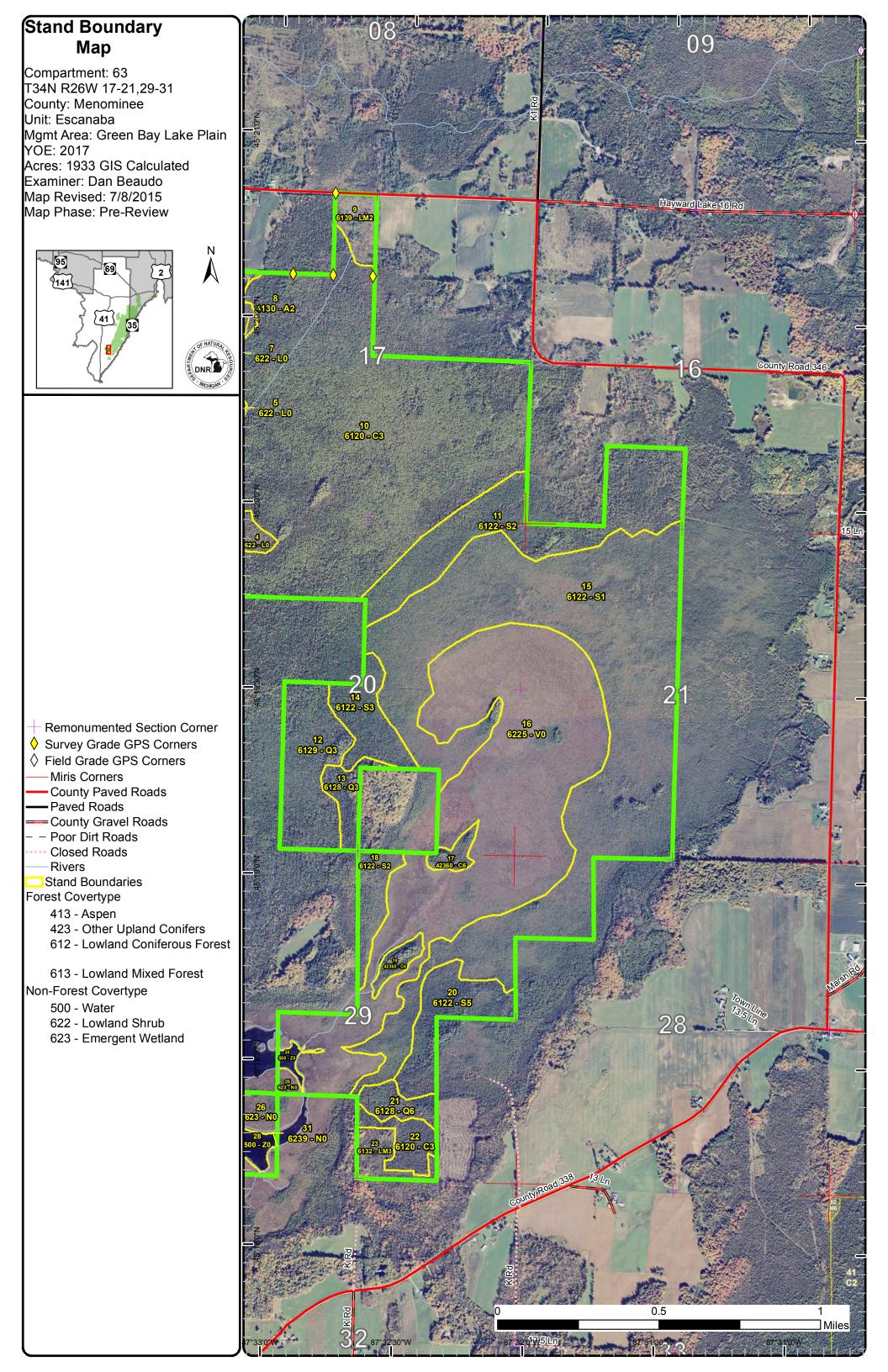
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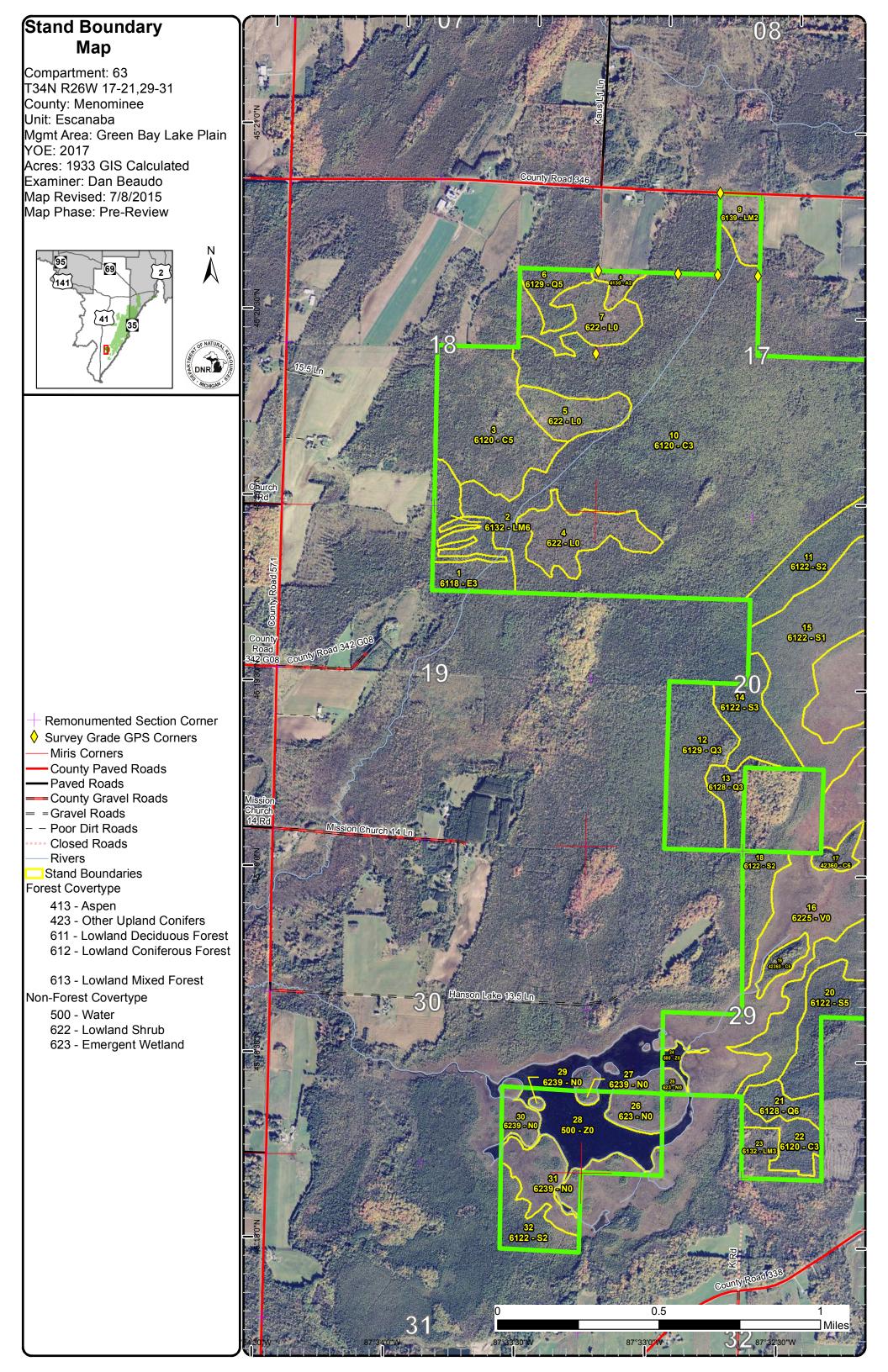


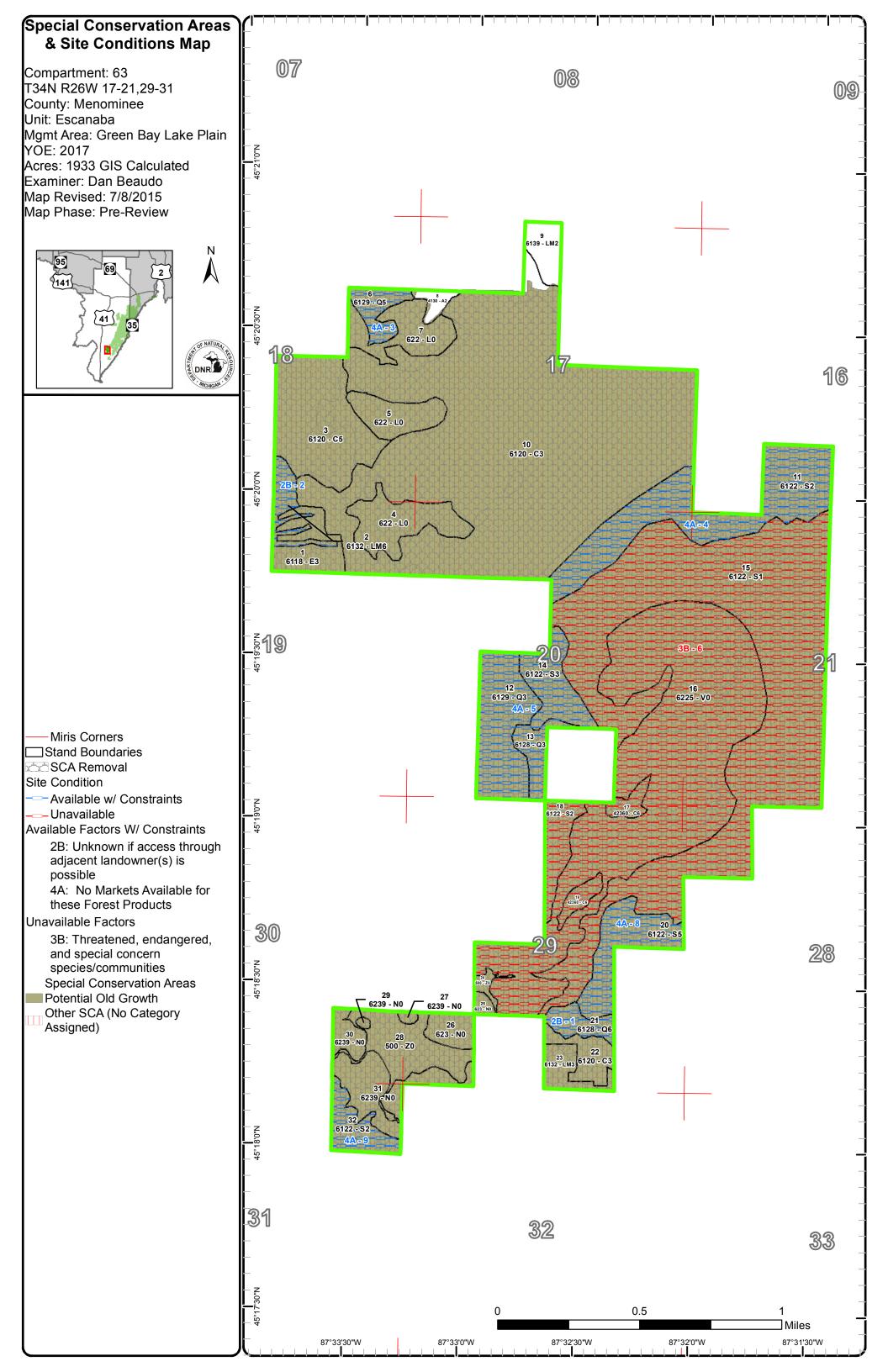


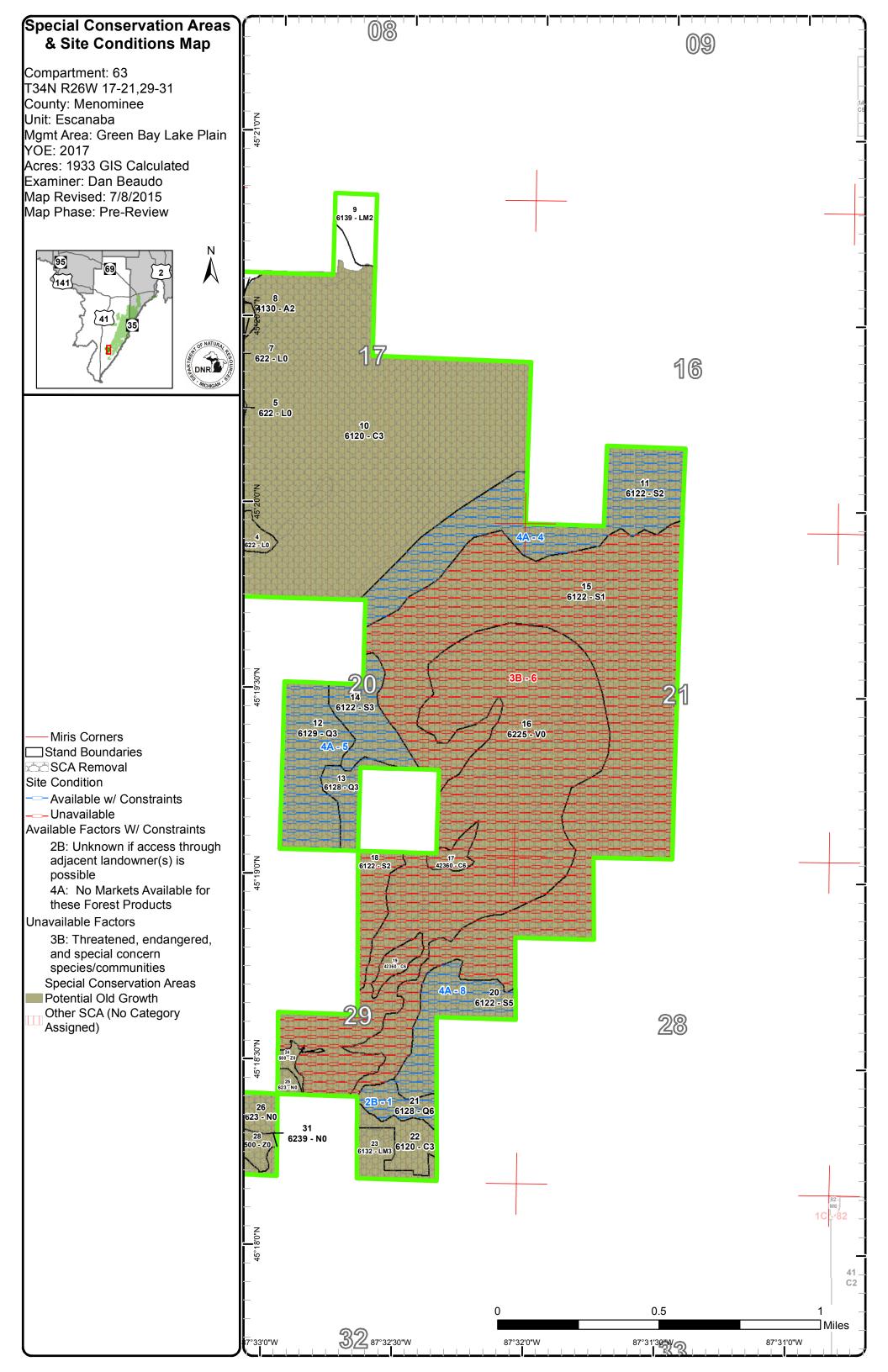


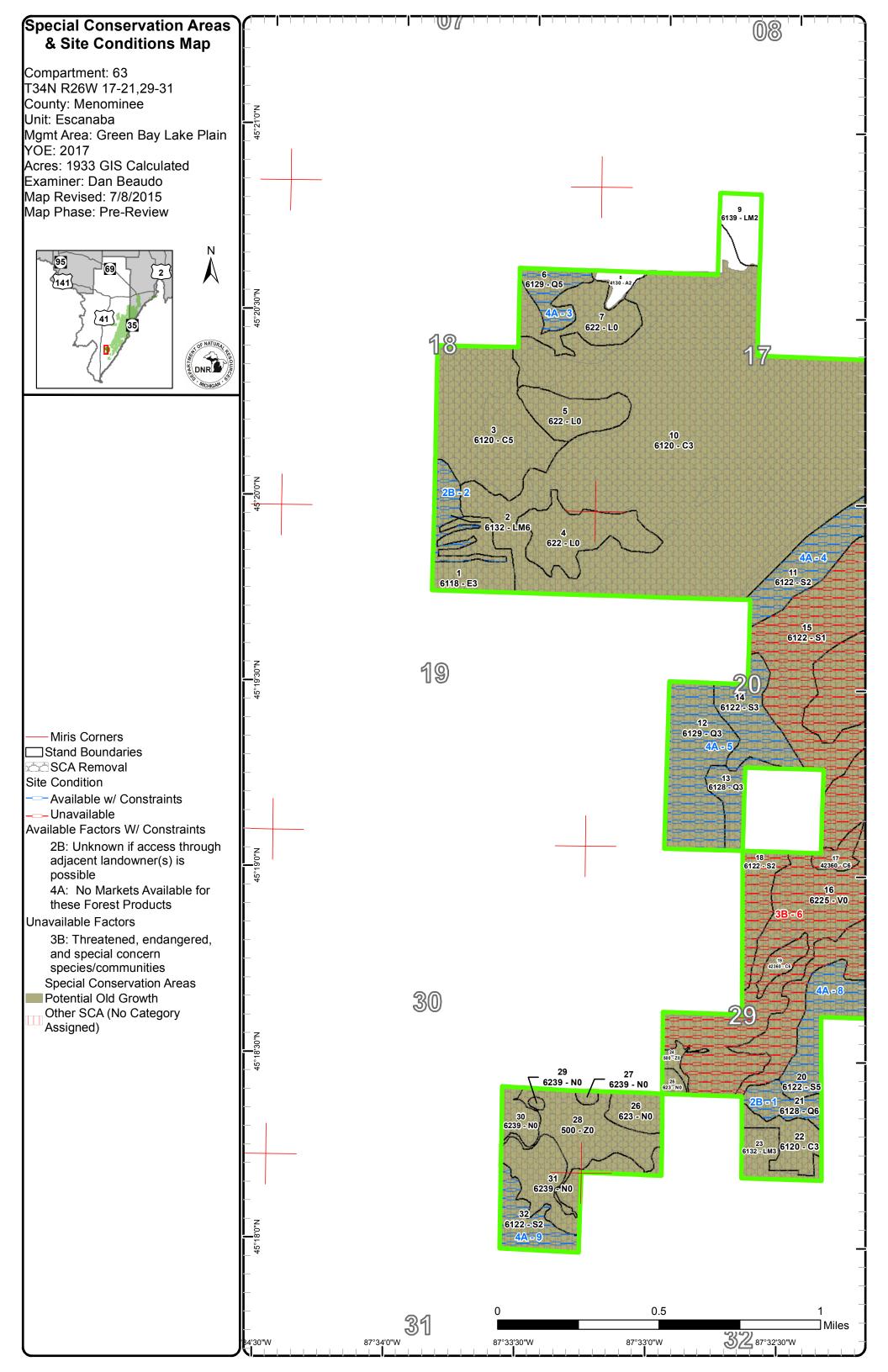














### **Report 2 – Treatment Summary**

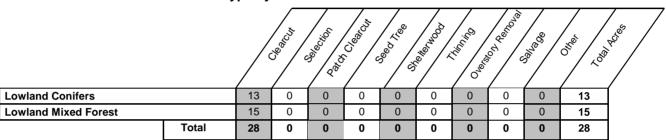
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#### **Acres of Harvest**

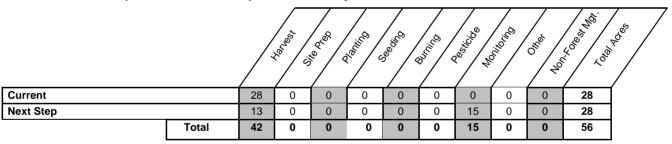
Compartment 63
Total Compartment Acres: 1,933

Commercial Harvest - 0 Harvests with Site Condition - 0 Next Step Harvest - 13 Habitat Cut - 0

#### **Cover Type by Harvest Method**



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



Report 4 -- Treatments Escanaba Mgt. Unit Compartment: 63 s Year of Entry: 2017 t а **Treatment** Acres Stand Size Stand BA **Treatment Treatment Cover Type** Age **Approval** n Method Objective Name CoverType Density Age Range Type Structure **Status** d 2 33063002-Cut 14.5 6132 - Mixed Poletimber 51-80 Clearcut 613 - Lowland Even-Aged Draft Proposal 101 Harvest Lowland Forest with Well Mixed Forest Cedar **Habitat Cut: No Site Condition:** Prescription Proposed to treat with a clear cut. This is a small stand that will seed in by surrounding trees and stump/root sprouts. Recommend no seed trees due to large open field to west on private property will most likely wind throw any lone standing trees. Cut during trees dormant stage to maximize Specs: root/stump sprouting in deciduous trees.

Next Step Treatments:

Acceptable Acceptable regeneration includes ash, aspen, balm, basswood, cedar, fir, spruce, tamarack, pine and hemlock. Regen:

Other Access permission needed from adjacent property owner. Old next step comments:

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/1 /2016

21 33063021-Cut 13.5 6128 - Lowland Poletimber 95 Unspec Harvest Clearcut 612 - Lowland Even-Aged Draft Proposal Coniferous, Mixed Well ified Coniferous

Forest

Deciduous

Habitat Cut: No Site Condition:

Prescription Cut all trees 2" dbh and greater. Leave some seed tree clump in center of stand.

Specs:

Next Step

<u>Treatments:</u>

Acceptable Regen: Acceptable regeneration will contain a mix of tamarack, black spruce, cedar, red maple, black ash, and paper birch producing a mixed lowland forest.

Other Access permission needed from adjacent property owner. Old next step comments:

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/1 /2016

Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:

28.0

# **Report 5 – Site Conditions**

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Availa	ability for N	/lanagement					
Total	Acres	Acres		Domina	nt Site	e Cond	ditions
Acres	Available	Not Available		2B	3B	4A	
6	6	0	Aspen				İ
317	0	317	Bog		317		
641	626	15	Cedar		15		
99	0	99	Lowland Conifers	13		86	
26	26	0	Lowland Deciduous				
43	29	15	Lowland Mixed Forest	15			
89	89	0	Lowland Shrub				
605	0	605	Lowland Spruce/Fir		412	193	
63	63	0	Marsh				
42	42	0	Water				ĺ
1,933	882	1,050	Total Forested Acres	28	744	279	
	46%	54%	Relative Percent				•

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

Site No.	Dominant Site Cond Availability	Dominant Site Condition	Acres	Other Site Condition	Other Site Condition	Other Site Condition	Other Site Condition
1	Available	2B: Unknown if access through adjacent landowner(s) is possible	14	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
	Comments:						
2	Available	2B: Unknown if access through adjacent landowner(s) is possible	15	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
	Comments:						

# Report 5 – Site Conditions

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3	Available	4A: No Markets Available for these Forest Products	15	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
	Comments: Trees are of small	size and low stocking level.					
4	Available	4A: No Markets Available for these Forest Products	102	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
	Comments: Check next cycle f	or improved marketability of pro	duct.				
5	Available	4A: No Markets Available for these Forest Products	101	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
	Comments: Forest products of	small size for age.					
6	Unavailable	3B: Threatened, endangered, and special concern species/communities	744	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
	Comments: This site condition	incorporates the Hanson Lake B	ERA and E	lement Occurrence for	muskeg and bog.		
8	Available	4A: No Markets Available for these Forest Products	40	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
	Comments: Small diameter of	black spruce and tamarack not i	merchanta	ble.			
9	Available	4A: No Markets Available for these Forest Products	21	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
	Comments: Small diameter of	black spruce not merchantable.					

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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 Type Area		SCA = Special Conservation Area
ERA Ecologica Reference A	context of their natural community class (Excellent) or B (Good) and a Global (Gothreatened (2), or rare (3) serve as an ir the State. The system is comprised of ir managed for restoration and maintenan	high quality examples of natural communities that have been ) by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) within the fication system. Element Occurrences with viability ranks of A or State (S) element (rarity) ranking of endangered (1), itial base of ERAs. They may be located upon any ownership in dividual or associations of natural community types that are see of natural ecological processes and values. The public may RAs using the DNR Conservation Area Recommendation Form.

S t	Escanaba	a Mgt. Unit		Report 8	- Forested	Stands Compartment: 63 Year of Entry: 2017
a n d	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
10	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Sapling Well	529.8	101	Unspecified	This stand is a large, poor quality cedar swamp. There are two small upland ridges(less than 5 acres) toward the south central portion of the stand that additionally contain aspen, balsam fir and hemlock.

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# Report 9 - Nonforested Stands

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Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	General Comments:
7	622 - Lowland Shrub	30.4	No	Lowland with scattered cedar and tamarack trees.