



Compartment Review Presentation

Crystal Falls Forest Management Unit

Compartment 12033

Entry Year 2019

Acreage: 3,193

County Dickinson

Management Area: Ralph Ground Moraine

Revision Date: 2017-08-13

Stand Examiner: Andrew Church

Legal Description:

T43N R28W Sec 1 T43N R27W Sec 5, 6 T44N R28W Sec 25 T44N R27W Sec 29-32

Identified Planning Goals:

This compartment has significant lowland swamp conifer types on the north and south boundary, in which we will simply maintain the species diversity. The compartment is otherwise predominated by various aged aspen. Diversity will be maintained in hardwood stands. Protect all bodies of water, especially the West Branch of the Escanaba and North Branch of the Ford Rivers.

Soil and topography:

The majority of the upland is dominated by Pemene fine sandy loams, which is described as a nearly level to gently rolling, well drained soil. Other minor upland soils include Escanaba loam fine sand and Zimmerman fine sand. Lowland types are primarily Cathro mucks or Kinross mucky fine sand.

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

State-owned land and some private ownership, used by loggers, hunters, fishermen, campers, trappers, general recreationists. State land surrounds most of the compartment boundary.

Unique Natural Features:

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features:

A portion of this compartment was part of the Skelly Ranch in the early 1900s. One archaeological site, 20DK58, is located within this compartment in stand 23. As there are no treatments currently proposed here, we have no concerns.

Special Management Designations or Considerations:

Portions of compartments are deer wintering complex.

Watershed and Fisheries Considerations:

Protect water quality for all bodies of water, particularly the West Branch of the Escanaba River and the North Branch of the Ford River. Promote long lived conifer species along these streams and use adequate buffer protection.

Wildlife Habitat Considerations:

This compartment contains both deer winter complex (historically the Ford River Deeryard) and wildlife purchased land. The featured species identified for the Ralph Ground Moraine include: deer, bear, grouse, woodcock and northern goshawk. The management of the conifer component for winter cover and along movement corridors and transition zones is important to maintain a viable DWC. Conifer in the upland stands such as aspen and hardwood is important for deer to access forage and to maximize habitat quality for species such as grouse and snowshoe hare. Opening in this compartment provide spring break out areas for wintering deer.

Mineral Resource and Development Concerns and/or Restrictions

There has been some sand and gravel production in the area, and there appears to be some potential within the compartment on the uplands. There has been no metallic mineral mining within ten miles of the compartment. There has been recent metallic mineral leasing within the compartment and there could be some potential. There is no economic oil and gas production in the UP.

Vehicle Access:

County Road 581 serves as primary access along west and north of the compartment; majority of upland within the compartment is accessible by Skelly Ranch Road, which is a network of poor dirt roads.

Survey Needs:

Recreational Facilities and Opportunities:

Hunting, camping, fishing, trapping, hiking, canoeing.

Fire Protection:

Felch protection area. Access to most upland stands is fair, access to swamp types would be difficult.

Additional Compartment Information:

The following reports from the Inventory are attached:

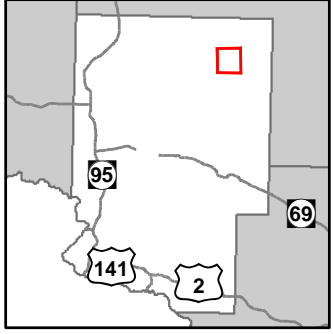
- Total Acres by Cover Type and Age Class**
- Cover Type by Harvest Method**
- Proposed Treatments – No Limiting Factors**
- Proposed Treatments – With Limiting Factors**
- Stand Details (Forested and Nonforested)**
- Dedicated and Proposed Special Conservation Areas**
- Site Condition Details**

The following information is displayed, where pertinent, on the attached compartment maps:

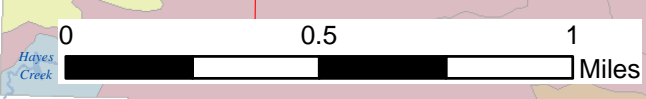
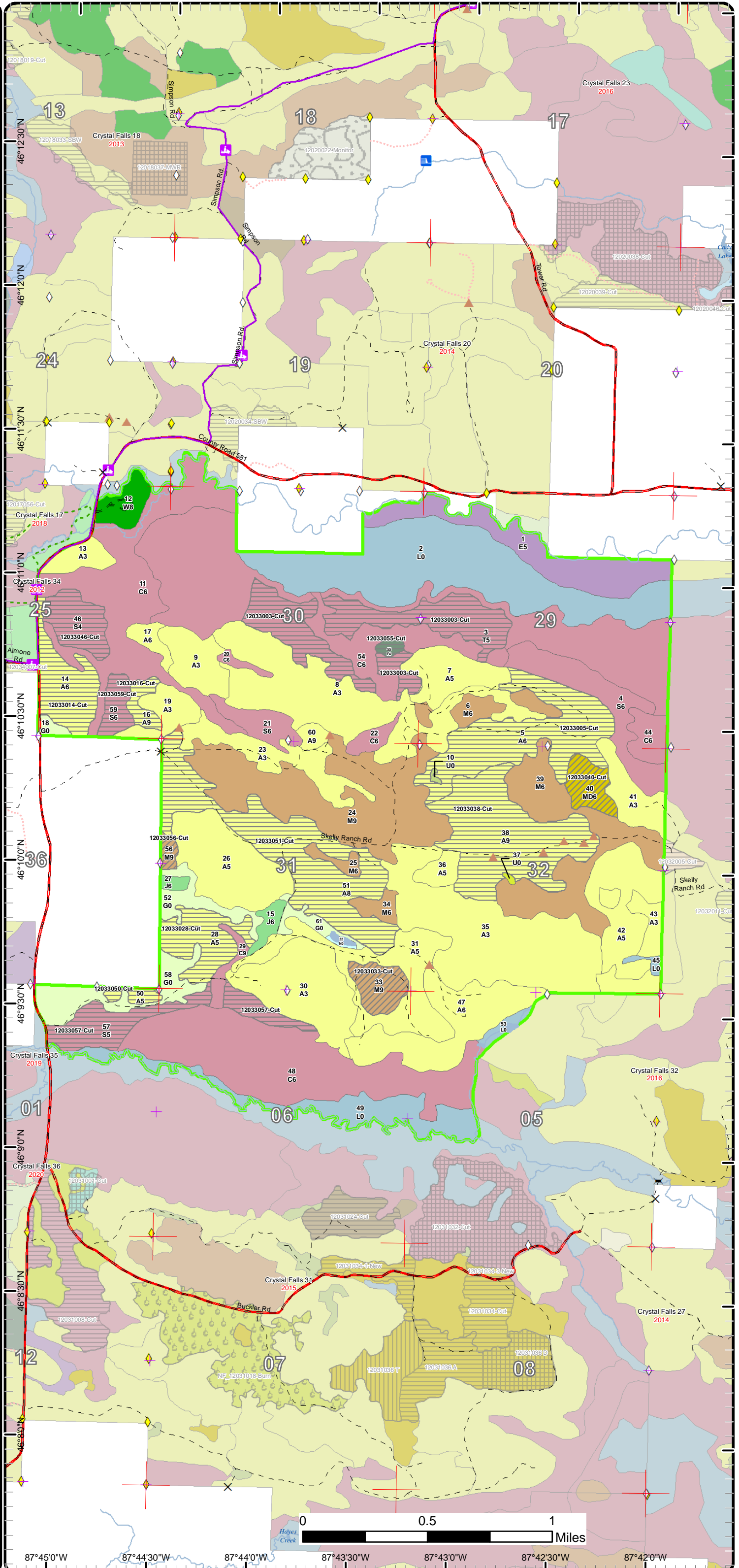
- Base feature information, stand boundaries, cover types, and numbers**
- Proposed treatments**
- Site condition boundaries**
- Details on the road access system**

Cover Type & Treatments Map

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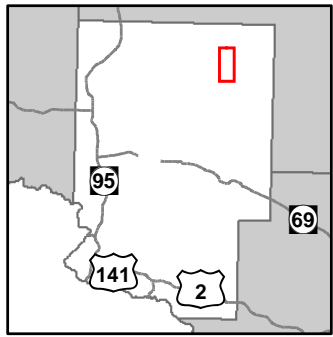
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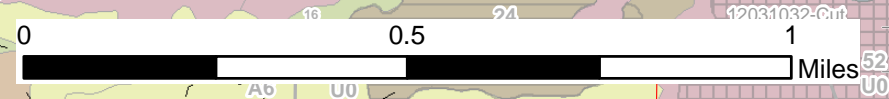
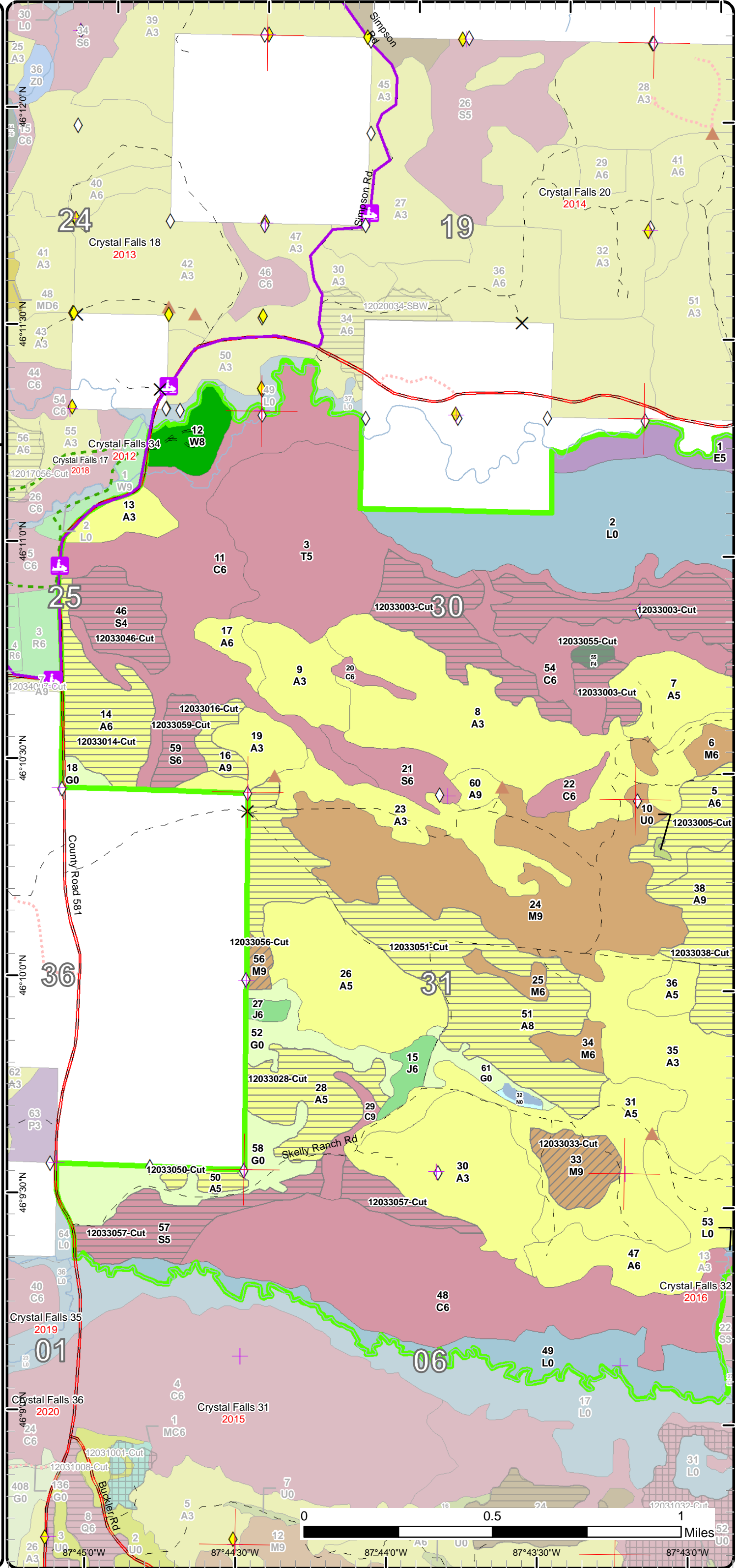
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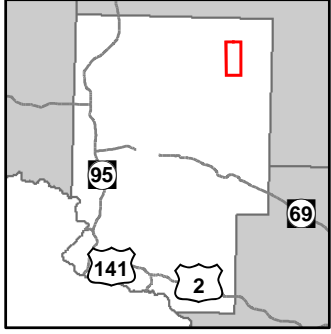
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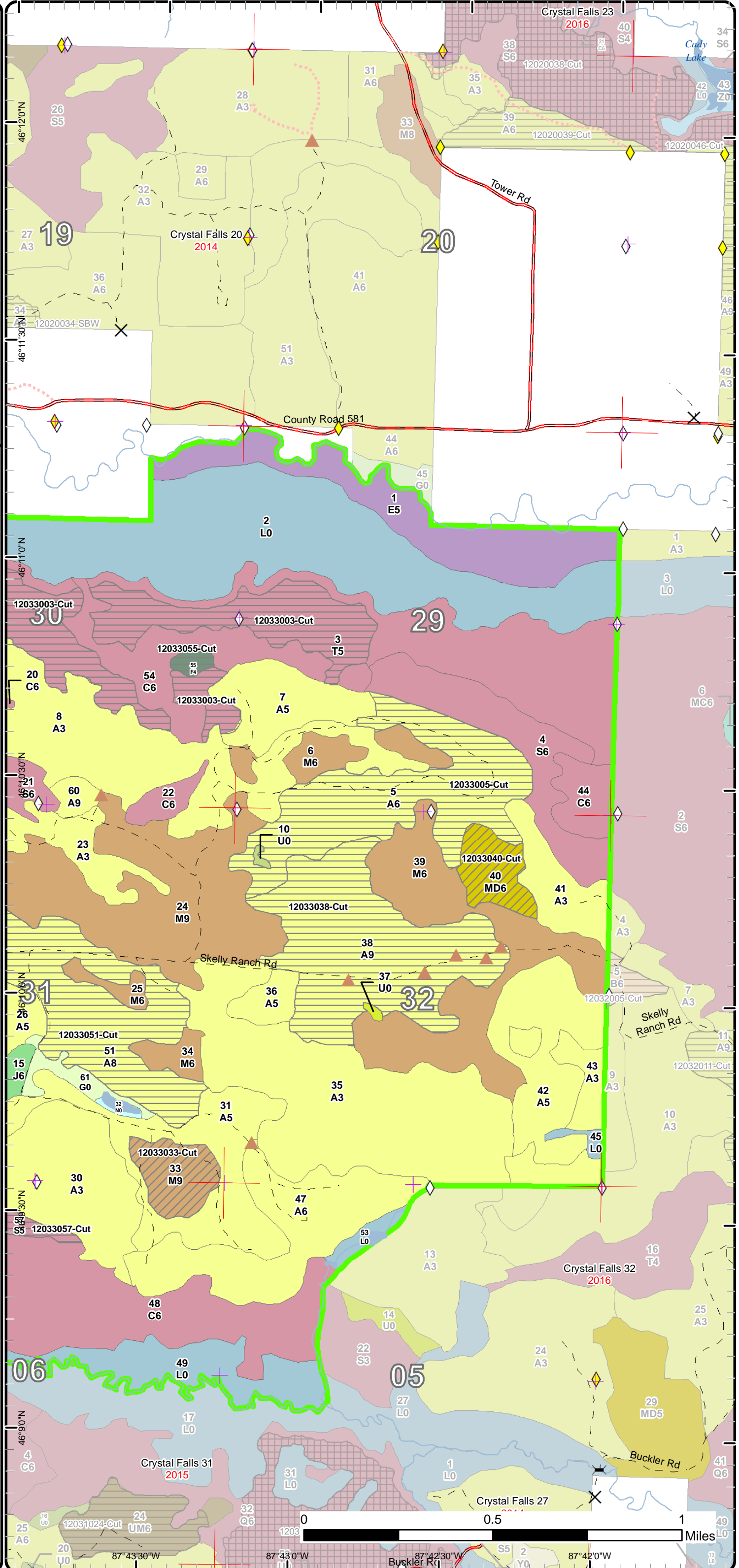
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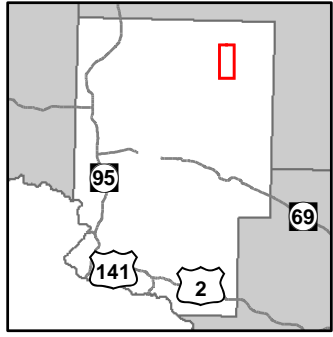


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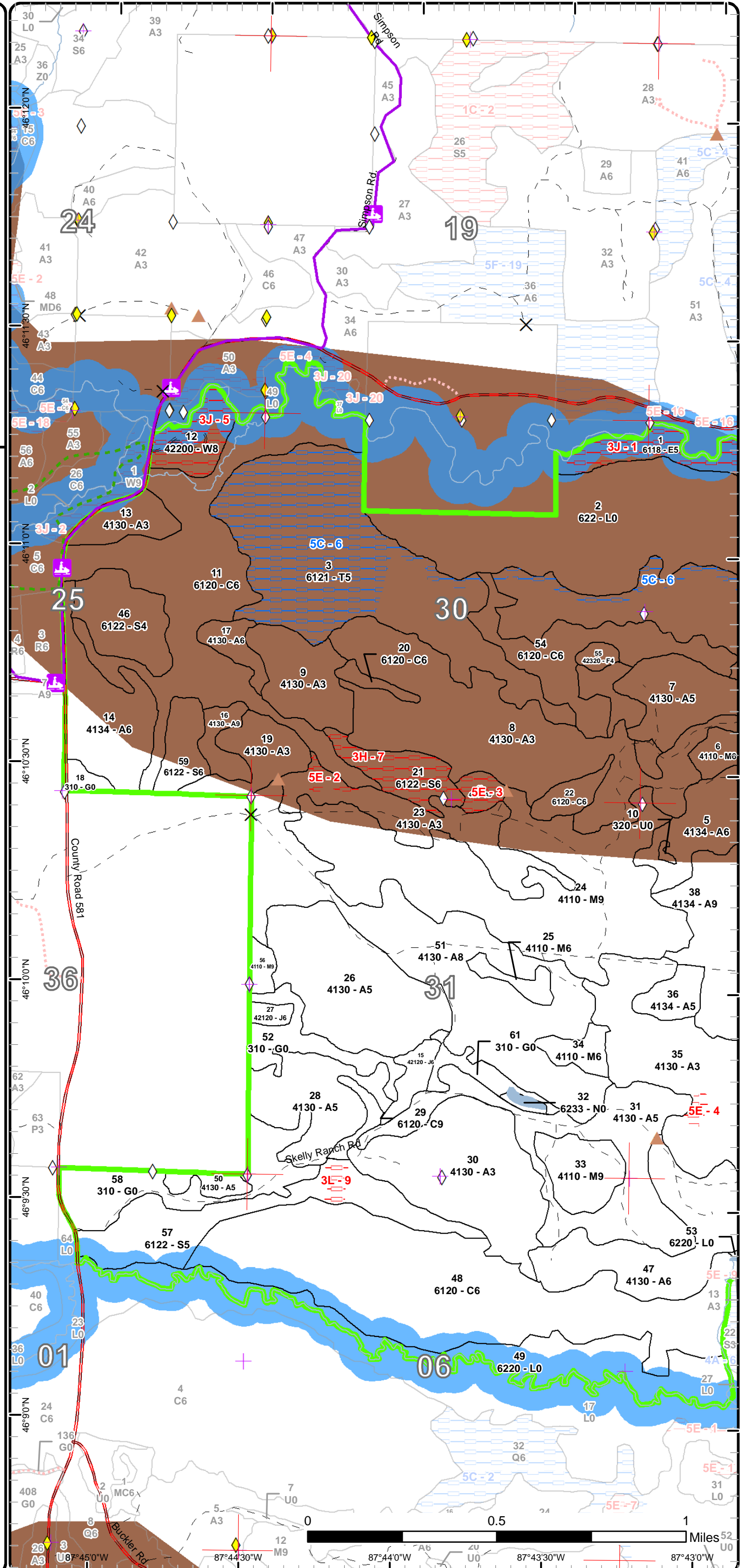


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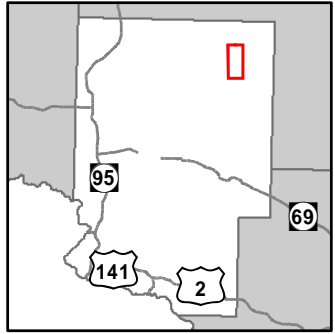


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- 3J: Water quality / BMPs (stream, river, or lake)
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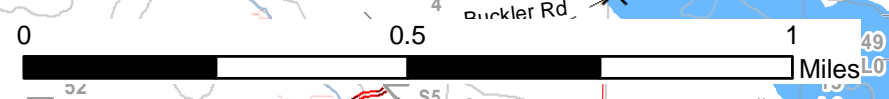
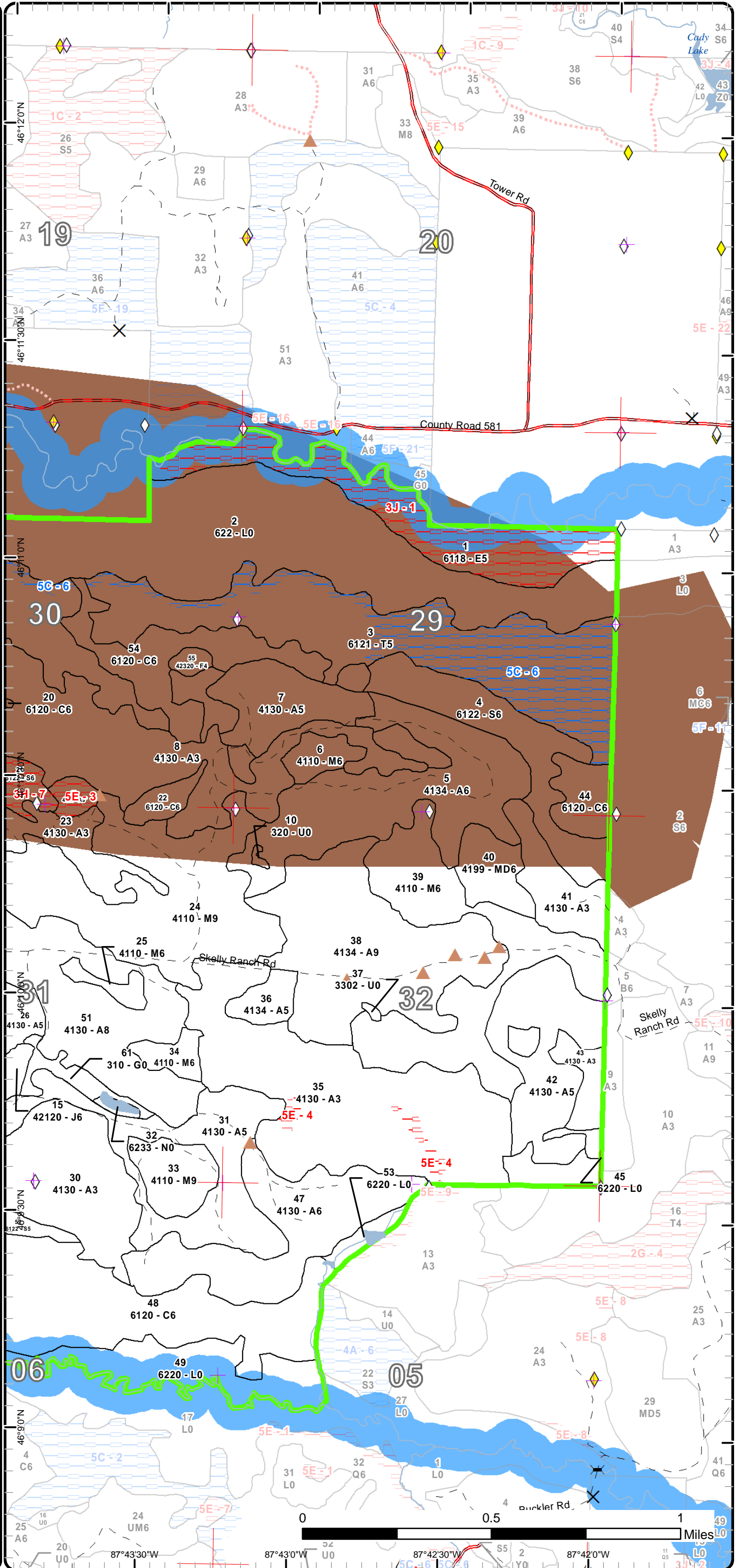


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Report 1 – Total Acres by Cover Type and Age Class



Age Class

	Non-Forest	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100-109	110-119	120-129	130-139	140-149	150+	Uneven-Aged	Total
Aspen	0	356	139	157	88	71	0	326	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	273	1410
Cedar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	56	0	0	0	0	0	354	428
Herbaceous Openland	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
Jack Pine	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Low-Density Trees	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lowland Deciduous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	79
Lowland Shrub	285	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	285
Lowland Spruce/Fir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	16	22	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	184
Marsh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mixed Upland Deciduous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Northern Hardwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	304	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	333
Tamarack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	332	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	332
Upland Shrub	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Upland Spruce/Fir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
White Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21
Total	369	356	139	157	101	71	0	326	61	673	46	56	89	0	0	0	0	750	3193



Report 2 – Treatment Summary

Crystal Falls Mgt. Unit
Year of Entry: 2019

Acres of Harvest

Compartment 33
Total Compartment Acres: 3,193

Commercial Harvest - 745
Harvests with Site Condition - 0
Next Step Harvest - 0
Habitat Cut - 0

Cover Type by Harvest Method

	Clearcut	Selection	Patch Clearcut	Seed Tree	Shelterwood	Thinning	Overstory Removal	Salvage	Other	Total Acres
Aspen	476	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	476
Lowland Spruce/Fir	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101
Mixed Upland Deciduous	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	21
Northern Hardwood	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	29
Tamarack	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114
Upland Spruce/Fir	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	696	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	745

Proposed and Next Step Treatments by Method

	Harvest	Site Prep	Planting	Seeding	Burning	Pesticide	Monitoring	Other	Non-Forest Mgt.	Total Acres
Current	745	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	824
Next Step	0	0	0	0	0	696	0	0	0	696
Total	745	0	0	0	0	696	0	79	0	1519



S t a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	Stand CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Age Structure	Approval Status
3	12033003-Cut	114.2	6121 - Tamarack	Poletimber Medium	82	Unspec ified	Harvest	Clearcut with Retention	6121 - Tamarack	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal

Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Final Harvest using 2" spec. Leave Cedar and Pine if found. Frozen ground only. Roundwood operations required for retention of seed source.
Specs:

Next Step Monitoring, Natural Regen (Re-Inventory)
Treatments:

Acceptable Tamarack, Spruce, Aspen, Mixed Deciduous, Mixed Conifers
Regen:

Other Harvest half of stand to increase age class distribution. Wildlife corridor created on North side of stand per WLD request.
Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

5	12033005-Cut	107.3	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Poletimber Well	43	Unspec ified	Harvest	Clearcut with Retention	413 - Aspen	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Final Harvest using 2" spec. Leave Cedar and Pine if found. In addition, leave all submerchantable conifers.
Specs:

Next Step Monitoring, Natural Regen (Re-Inventory)
Treatments:

Acceptable Aspen, Maple, Fir, Mixed Conifers, Mixed Deciduous
Regen:

Other This stand is recommended for harvest due to SBW concerns.
Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

14	12033014-Cut	46.1	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Poletimber Well	64	Unspec ified	Harvest	Clearcut with Retention	413 - Aspen	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Final Harvest using 2" spec. Leave Cedar and Pine if found.
Specs:

Next Step Monitoring, Natural Regen (Re-Inventory)
Treatments:

Acceptable Aspen, Maple, Fir, Pine, Mixed Conifers, Mixed Deciduous
Regen:

Other
Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

16	12033016-Cut	10.5	4130 - Aspen	Sawtimber Well	62	Unspec ified	Harvest	Clearcut with Retention	413 - Aspen	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Final Harvest using 2" spec. Leave Cedar and Pine if found.
Specs:

Next Step Monitoring, Natural Regen (Re-Inventory)
Treatments:

Acceptable Aspen, Maple, Fir, Pine, Mixed Deciduous, Mixed Conifers
Regen:

Other
Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018



S t a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	Stand CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Age Structure	Approval Status
18	12033018-NF	4.8	310 - Herbaceous Openland	Nonstocked	0	Unspecified	NonForestMgt	Other - Specify	3102 - Grass		Proposal

Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Wildlife will maintain this opening via mechanical or Rx burn.

Specs:

Next Step

Treatments:

Acceptable

Regen:

Other

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

28	12033028-Cut	42.7	4130 - Aspen	Poletimber Medium	62	Unspecified	Harvest	Clearcut with Retention	413 - Aspen	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Final Harvest using 2" spec. Leave Cedar and Pine if found.

Specs:

Next Step

Monitoring, Natural Regen (Re-Inventory)

Treatments:

Acceptable

Aspen, Maple, Fir, Mixed Conifers, Mixed Deciduous

Regen:

Other

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

33	12033033-Cut	23.1	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Sawtimber Well	83	111-140	Harvest	Crown Thinning	411 - Northern Hardwood	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Thin to 80 BA. Release pockets of advanced regen where possible.

Specs:

Next Step

Treatments:

Acceptable

Regen:

Other

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

38	12033038-Cut	124.8	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Sawtimber Well	62	Unspecified	Harvest	Clearcut with Retention	413 - Aspen	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Final Harvest using 2" spec. Leave Cedar and Pine if found. In addition, leave all submerchantable conifers.

Specs:

Next Step

Monitoring, Natural Regen (Re-Inventory)

Treatments:

Acceptable

Aspen, Maple, Spruce, Fir, Mixed Conifers, Mixed Deciduous

Regen:

Other

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018



S t a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	Stand CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Age Structure	Approval Status
40	12033040-Cut	21.0	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	Poletimber Well	83	111- 140	Harvest	Low Thinning	411 - Northern Hardwood	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal

Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Thin to 80 BA. Release pockets of advanced Sugar Maple. Cut all Aspen. Leave all Pine and Cedar if found.

Specs:

Next Step

Treatments:

Acceptable

Regen:

Other

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

46	12033046-Cut	31.2	6122 - Black Spruce	Poletimber Poor	115	Unspec ified	Harvest	Clearcut	6122 - Black Spruce	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Final Harvest using 2" spec. Leave Cedar and Pine if found. Frozen ground only. Roundwood operations required for retention of seed source.

Specs:

Next Step

Monitoring, Natural Regen (Re-Inventory)

Treatments:

Acceptable

Spruce, Fir, Tamarack, Aspen, Mixed Conifers, Mixed Deciduous

Regen:

Other

No retention of Black Spruce due to forest health concerns. If regen check fails, plant or seed to Spruce or Pine.

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

50	12033050-Cut	7.2	4130 - Aspen	Poletimber Medium	62	Unspec ified	Harvest	Clearcut with Retention	413 - Aspen	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Final Harvest using 2" spec. Leave Cedar and Pine if found.

Specs:

Next Step

Monitoring, Natural Regen (Re-Inventory)

Treatments:

Acceptable

Aspen, Maple, Fir, Mixed Conifers, Mixed Deciduous

Regen:

Other

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

51	12033051-Cut	137.8	4130 - Aspen	Sawtimber Medium	65	Unspec ified	Harvest	Clearcut with Retention	413 - Aspen	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

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Specs:

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Comment:

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52	12033052-NF	21.4	310 - Herbaceous Openland	Nonstocked		Unspec ified	NonForestMgt	Other - Specify	3102 - Grass		Proposal
Habitat Cut: No			Site Condition:								
<u>Prescription</u> Wildlife will maintain this opening via mechanical or Rx burn.											
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55	12033055-Cut	4.0	42320 - Upland Spruce	Poletimber Poor	71	Unspec ified	Harvest	Clearcut with Retention	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
Habitat Cut: No			Site Condition:								
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<u>Specs:</u>											
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<u>Proposed Start Date:</u> 10/01/2018											
56	12033056-Cut	5.5	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Sawtimber Well	99	81-110	Harvest	Crown Thinning	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Uneven- Aged	Approved Proposal
Habitat Cut: No			Site Condition:								
<u>Prescription</u> Thin to 70 BA											
<u>Specs:</u>											
<u>Next Step</u>											
<u>Treatments:</u>											
<u>Acceptable</u>											
<u>Regen:</u>											
<u>Other</u>											
<u>Comment:</u>											
<u>Proposed Start Date:</u> 10/01/2018											
57	12033057-Cut	54.0	6122 - Black Spruce	Poletimber Medium	114	Unspec ified	Harvest	Clearcut with Retention	6122 - Black Spruce	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
Habitat Cut: No			Site Condition:								
<u>Prescription</u> Final Harvest using 2" spec. Leave Cedar and Pine if found. Frozen ground only. Roundwood operations required for retention of seed source.											
<u>Specs:</u> 100 foot buffer on streams.											
<u>Next Step</u> Monitoring, Natural Regen (Re-Inventory)											
<u>Treatments:</u>											
<u>Acceptable</u> Spruce, Tamarack, Fir, Aspen, Mixed Conifers, Mixed Deciduous											
<u>Regen:</u>											
<u>Other</u> Treatment boundary adjusted to include corridor per WLD request.											
<u>Comment:</u>											
<u>Proposed Start Date:</u> 10/01/2018											



S t a n d	Treatment Name	Acres	Stand CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	BA Range	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Age Structure	Approval Status
58	12033058-NF	42.3	310 - Herbaceous Openland	Nonstocked	0	Unspec ified	NonForestMgt	Other - Specify	3102 - Grass		Proposal

Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Wildlife will maintain this opening via mechanical or Rx burn.

Specs:

Next Step

Treatments:

Acceptable

Regen:

Other

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

59	12033059-Cut	15.8	6122 - Black Spruce Poletimber Well	89	Unspec ified	Harvest	Clearcut	6122 - Black Spruce	Even-Aged	Approved Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Final Harvest using 2" spec. Leave Cedar and Pine if found. Frozen ground only. Roundwood operations required for retention of seed source.

Specs: No retention of Spruce due to health concerns.

Next Step

Monitoring, Natural Regen (Re-Inventory)

Treatments:

Acceptable Spruce, Tamarack, Fir, Aspen, Mixed Conifers, Mixed Deciduous

Regen:

Other

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

61	12033061-NF	10.1	310 - Herbaceous Openland	Nonstocked	0	Unspec ified	NonForestMgt	Other - Specify	3102 - Grass	Proposal
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Habitat Cut: No**Site Condition:**

Prescription Wildlife will maintain this opening via mechanical or Rx burn.

Specs:

Next Step

Treatments:

Acceptable

Regen:

Other

Comment:

Proposed Start Date: 10/01/2018

**Total Treatment
Acreage Proposed: 823.8**

Report 4 – Site Conditions

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Compartment: 33
Year of Entry: 2019

Availability for Management

Total Acres	Acres Available	Acres Avail		Acres Not Available	Dominant Site Conditions							
		With Condition			4A	5C	3H	3J	3L	5E		
1410	1392	0		18	Aspen				0			18
428	428	0		0	Cedar		0					
79	79	0		0	Herbaceous Openland							
13	13	0		0	Jack Pine							
1	1	0		0	Low-Density Trees							
79	1	0		78	Lowland Deciduous				78			
285	284	1		0	Lowland Shrub	0	1					
184	158	0		26	Lowland Spruce/Fir			21		4		
2	2	0		0	Marsh							
21	21	0		0	Mixed Upland Deciduous							
333	333	0		0	Northern Hardwood							
332	115	217		0	Tamarack		217					
1	1	0		0	Upland Shrub							
4	4	0		0	Upland Spruce/Fir							
21	0	0		21	White Pine				21			
3,193	2,833	218		142	Total Forested Acres	0	218	21	99	4		18
	89%	7%		4%	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	Unavailable	3J: Water quality / BMPs (stream, river, or lake)	78	3A: Conservation Values incompatible with harvest at this time	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
Comments: SCA designation for Wildlife corridor							
2	Unavailable	5E: Long-Term Retention	4	3I: Historical / archeological (add locked comments)	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
Comments:							

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3	Unavailable	5E: Long-Term Retention	7	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
Comments:							
4	Unavailable	5E: Long-Term Retention	7	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
Comments:							
5	Unavailable	3J: Water quality / BMPs (stream, river, or lake)	21	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
Comments:							
6	Available	5C: Delay treatment for age/size class diversity or exceptional site quality	218	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
Comments: Delayed treatment to break up age class of stand.							
7	Unavailable	3H: Deer Wintering Area - habitat is incompatible with harvest at this time	22	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
Comments:							
9	Unavailable	3L: Other wildlife concerns	4	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
Comments: Excluded per WLD request							

Mgt. Unit

Compartment: #Type!

Year of Entry:



Report 5 – 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
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Comments

**Report 6 – 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.

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

Conservation Area	Type	Description
SCA	Cold Water Stream	A coldwater stream has temperature and dissolved oxygen conditions that allow naturally-reproduced or stocked trout populations and those of other coldwater fish species (e.g., slimy sculpin) to persist from year to year. Coldwater streams in Michigan typically provide these conditions due to substantial contributions of groundwater to their stream flows. Such streams are established by Director's action and designated as trout resources by Fisheries Order 210.
SCA	Habitat Area	An area that provide some specific need for the life cycle of wildlife species, including State Wildlife Areas and Waterfowl Production Areas, deer wintering complexes in lowland conifer communities, grassland openings and savannas. Habitat areas are distinct from critical habitat designated for recovery of endangered or threatened species (such as Kirtland's warbler or piping plover areas) in that they are more general in nature, are not primarily associated with threatened or endangered species, and are not covered by species recovery plans that are developed in cooperation with Federal agencies.
SCA	Riparian Area	A transitional area between aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems in which the terrestrial ecosystem influences the aquatic ecosystem and vice-versa. Because of the unique conditions adjacent to lakes, streams and open water wetlands, riparian areas harbor a high diversity of plants and wildlife. Riparian communities are ecologically and socially significant in their effects on water quality and quantity, as well as aesthetics, habitat, bank stability, timber production, and their contribution to overall biodiversity.



Stand	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
1	6118 - Lowland Deciduous with Cedar	Poletimber Medium	79.3	88	Unspecified	
3	6121 - Tamarack	Poletimber Medium	332.1	82	Unspecified	Small pockets of younger Tamarack exist. More Spruce/Fir along upland edges. Eastern Dwarf Mistletoe is evident causing mortality and stunting the Spruce regeneration.
4	6122 - Black Spruce	Poletimber Well	57.2	75	Unspecified	
5	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Poletimber Well	107.3	43	Unspecified	2-3 stick Spruce/Fir under Aspen canopy. Spruce and Fir being hit very hard by Spruce Budworm. Currently it is estimated that 1200 cords of Spruce and Fir in stand are still alive, but are not expected to be there next rotation due to mortality. Many pockets of older trees mixed throughout.
6	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Poletimber Well	22.0	86	81-110	Thinned 2011
7	4130 - Aspen	Poletimber Medium	38.6	33	Unspecified	Northern edge of stand near Cedar includes a lowland strip of Red Maple saplings. Larger, older trees are present in stand. The natural openings within stand are slowly filling in with trees.
8	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	146.8	6	Immature	Harvested 2011
9	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	33.4	17	Immature	
11	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Poletimber Well	144.6	98	Unspecified	Many areas within stand have jack-strawed Cedar.
12	42200 - Natural White Pine	Sawtimber Medium	20.6	76	51-80	Campground is now closed. Stand is surrounded by rivers and streams. Spruce and Fir salvaged 2017.
13	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	16.7	27	Immature	10 Ton River t-sale closed 1990
14	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Poletimber Well	46.1	64	Unspecified	Aspen, Spruce, and Fir in decline. Spruce Budworm damage evident. Larger diameter Aspen on ridge to the East.
15	42120 - Planted Jack Pine	Poletimber Well	9.2	34	111-140	Small Aspen clone in middle of stand.
16	4130 - Aspen	Sawtimber Well	10.5	62	Unspecified	Much Spruce Budworm damage. Aspen in decline and starting to fall apart.
17	4130 - Aspen	Poletimber Well	10.1	46	Unspecified	Aspen is healthy and growing well.
19	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	23.9	17	Immature	Skelly Ranch North t-sale closed 2000



Stand	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
20	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Poletimber Well	4.6	101	Unspecified	Cedar thicker on west end.
21	6122 - Black Spruce	Poletimber Well	21.5	90	Unspecified	Trees are small diameter but have good form. Site quality is low.
22	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Poletimber Well	9.4	91	Unspecified	
23	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	45.5	6	Immature	
24	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Sawtimber Well	163.0	88	81-110	Thinned 2003. Stocking levels around 100-110 BA. Higher quality stand.
25	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Poletimber Well	7.0	84	81-110	Thinned 2003
26	4130 - Aspen	Poletimber Medium	77.7	41	Unspecified	Stocking densities and ages of trees vary throughout stand. This was once a grassy opening that is slowly filling in with trees. Pocket of Northern Hardwoods mixed in with the Aspen, particularly on E-W ridge in middle of stand.
27	42120 - Planted Jack Pine	Poletimber Well	4.0	34	Immature	
28	4130 - Aspen	Poletimber Medium	42.7	62	Unspecified	Aspen in decline. Narrow lowland drain in NW corner of stand. Many different ages of Aspen as trees are slowly filling in this once grassy opening. SBW damage present.
29	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Sawtimber Well	5.5	98	Unspecified	Most of Spruce/Fir is dead due to SBW. Water obviously moves through stand, but no stream detected.
30	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	81.3	16	Immature	Harvested 2001
31	4130 - Aspen	Poletimber Medium	76.3	39	Unspecified	Many large canopy gaps within stand. Sugar Maple growing well in understory, particularly in the canopy gaps.
33	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Sawtimber Well	23.1	83	111-140	Thinned 2003. Many pockets of advanced Sugar Maple regeneration. The Ash and Basswood in stand is suppressing the sapling and pole sized Maple.
34	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Poletimber Well	10.1	84	81-110	Thinned 2003
35	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	163.7	4	Immature	Scattered supercanopy conifers found throughout. BAM regenerating in lowland portions of stand.
36	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Poletimber Medium	11.8	34	Immature	SW portion of stand is more fully stocked. 1-2 stick spruce/fir in understory.



Stand	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
38	4134 - Aspen, Spruce/Fir	Sawtimber Well	124.8	62	Unspecified	2-3 stick Spruce/Fir in understory of large diameter Aspen stand. The Aspen, Birch, Spruce and Fir are in decline. Spruce Budworm damage evident. Northeastern boundary has less conifers, but more Ash and Basswood. Ash and Maple saplings near hardwood edges.
39	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Poletimber Well	102.2	86	51-80	Thinned 2013. Some areas have low BA. Thick understory of Aspen in these areas.
40	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	Poletimber Well	21.0	83	111-140	Maple/Birch/Aspen stand. Maple is regenerating well, but being suppressed by overstory. Aspen and Birch in decline.
41	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	29.0	25	Unspecified	Harvested 1992. Lowland areas are regenerating to Tamarack/Fir.
42	4130 - Aspen	Poletimber Medium	61.2	40	Unspecified	Aspen is poor quality. Pockets of older Aspen to the Northwest. Pure Fir area in Northern lobe of stand. Small wet drain to South.
43	4130 - Aspen	Sapling Well	28.5	25	Immature	Aspen is growing well.
44	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Poletimber Well	18.2	99	Unspecified	
46	6122 - Black Spruce	Poletimber Poor	31.2	115	Unspecified	Old Spruce, but very small diameter. Eastern Dwarf Mistletoe observed. Interior of stand holds lowest volume. This stand may never be fully stocked due to disease and poor site quality, but older photos show much more volume than what is present now.
47	4130 - Aspen	Poletimber Well	82.5	25	Immature	Starting to reach pole size.
48	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Poletimber Well	194.5	98	Unspecified	
50	4130 - Aspen	Poletimber Medium	7.2	62	Unspecified	Aspen in decline. Many different ages of Aspen as trees are slowly filling in this once grassy opening.
51	4130 - Aspen	Sawtimber Medium	137.8	65	Unspecified	Aspen is declining and starting to break up. Mixed hardwood saplings filling in canopy gaps mostly on the edges of the stand.
54	6120 - Lowland Cedar	Poletimber Well	51.4	108	Unspecified	
55	42320 - Upland Spruce	Poletimber Poor	4.0	71	Unspecified	This was a fully stocked Aspen/Spruce/Fir stand but due to natural succession and disease, many trees died. Eastern Dwarf Mistletoe and Spruce Budworm evident. Understory is fully stocked with Maple/Fir.
56	4110 - Sugar Maple Association	Sawtimber Well	5.5	99	81-110	Large diameter trees. Much defect.

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Stand	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
57	6122 - Black Spruce	Poletimber Medium	58.1	114	Unspecified	North edge of stand is transition zone ground where trees are younger and healthier. Majority of trees within stand are in very poor health. Much mortality observed. Eastern Dwarf Mistletoe is present. Canopy gaps are filling in with sapling sized Balsam Fir. Stocking levels decrease closer to N Branch of Ford river.
59	6122 - Black Spruce	Poletimber Well	15.8	89	Unspecified	Eastern Dwarf Mistletoe evident on edges of stand. Trees are growing well in center. Trace amounts of Swamp Hardwoods mixed throughout.
60	4130 - Aspen	Sawtimber Well	6.6	68	Unspecified	Retention for adjacent harvest.



Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	General Comments:
2	622 - Lowland Shrub	208.1	No	SCA for wildlife corridor. Scattered trees found throughout.
10	320 - Upland Shrub	0.9	No	
18	310 - Herbaceous Openland	4.8	No	
32	6233 - Wet Meadow	2.5	No	
37	3302 - Low Density Conifer Trees	0.9	No	
45	6220 - Alder/willow	3.2	No	
49	6220 - Alder/willow	66.1	No	
52	310 - Herbaceous Openland	21.4	No	
53	6220 - Alder/willow	7.2	No	
58	310 - Herbaceous Openland	42.3	No	
61	310 - Herbaceous Openland	10.1	No	