



**ROSCOMMON FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT
COMPARTMENT REVIEW PRESENTATION**

COMPARTMENT # 23 ENTRY YEAR: 2013

Compartment Acreage: 1225

County: Roscommon

Revision Date: 06-29-2011

Stand Examiner: Jason Hartman

Legal Description: T24N R04W sections 17, and 18

Management Area: Upper Muskegon

Management Goals: Provide for sustainable ecosystem based management. Maintain healthy and diverse forested stands for wildlife, recreation and the production of forest products. Several timber harvests to regenerate aging aspen, thin overcrowded stands where health is deteriorating and promote uneven-aged management.

Soil and Topography: Surface sediments are mostly sand and gravel, including Graycalm, Graycalm-Klacking, Klacking, Au Gres, Otisco, Perecheney and Chinwhisker sand. Tawas Lupton mucks are located in the southwest and Dawson-Loxley peat in the southwest and northeast. Topography consists of small hills and ridges to relatively flat areas.

Ownership Patterns, Development, and Land Use in and Around the Compartment: The compartment is located on the west edge of Roscommon County and bordered by state owned land.

Unique, Natural Features: None noted

Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Features: Sites located in sections 17 and 18.

Special Management Designations or Considerations: None noted

Watershed and Fisheries Considerations: None noted.

Wildlife Habitat Considerations: Deer, grouse, turkey, bear, birds.

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 other areas of the State. Most of the nearby gravel pits are associated with upland areas. The nearest gravel pit is located just to the west of the compartment. Gravel potential may be good in the northwest corner. Part of East Norwich Field is located in Section 18. The field has produced over 15.9

million BO and 15.7 Bcf gas primarily from the Devonian Richfield Formation. It is in secondary recovery operations currently. All of Sections 17 and 18 are currently leased for oil and gas development.

Vehicle Access: There is good access throughout the compartment, utilizing County Rd 104, forest roads are located along section lines and most quarter quarter lines. There is an ORV route in this compartment.

Survey Needs: None at this time

Recreational Facilities and Opportunities: Opportunities include hunting, and ORV operation.

Fire Protection: Cover type is mostly oak, aspen, maple and some pine. Access for suppression is good.

Additional Compartment Information:

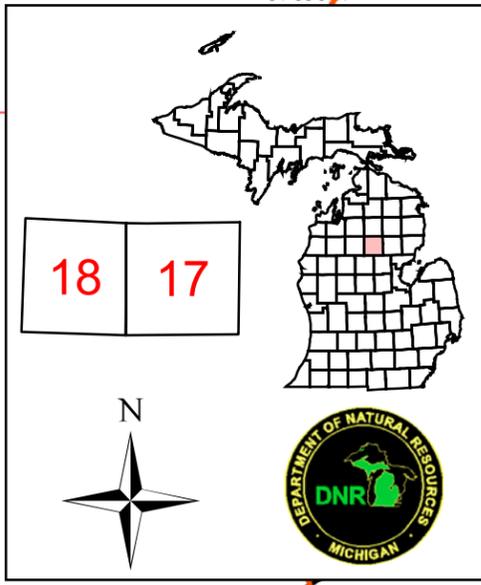
- **The following 5 reports from the Inventory System:**
 - ◆ **Cover Type by Age Class**
 - ◆ **Cover Type by Management Objective**
 - ◆ **Compartment Volume Summary**
 - ◆ **Proposed Treatments – No Limiting Factors**
 - ◆ **Proposed Treatments – With Limiting Factors**

- **The following information is displayed, where pertinent, on the attached compartment maps:**
 - ◆ **Base feature information, stand numbers, cover types**
 - ◆ **Proposed treatments**
 - ◆ **Proposed road access system**
 - ◆ **Suggested potential old growth**

Cover Type & Treatment Map

Compartment 23
 T24N, R04W, Sec. 17, 18
 County: Roscommon
 Unit: Roscommon
 YOE: 2013
 Acres: 1,228 GIS Calculated
 Stand Examiner: Ben Wiese
 Map Revised: 8/15/2011
 Map Phase: Pre-Review

Stand #
 (412)0 - A7
 Level 3 OI
 Level 4 Code
 Cover Type Code



Legend

- County Paved Roads
- Paved Roads
- County Gravel Roads
- Poor Dirt Roads
- County Poor Dirt Roads
- Pipe
- Intermittent Stream/Drain
- Stream
- Lakes and Rivers
- ORV Trails
- Snowmobile Trails
- ORV Trail
- Snowmobile Trail
- State Forest Land

Forest Stands

Level 3

- 412 - Oak Types
- 413 - Aspen Types
- 419 - Mixed Upland Deciduous
- 422 - Natural Pines
- 423 - Other Upland Conifers
- 611 - Lowland Deciduous Forest
- 612 - Lowland Coniferous Forest

Non-Forest Stands

Level 3

- 122 - Road/Parking Lot
- 320 - Upland Shrub
- 629 - Mixed non-forested wetland
- 710 - Sand, Soil

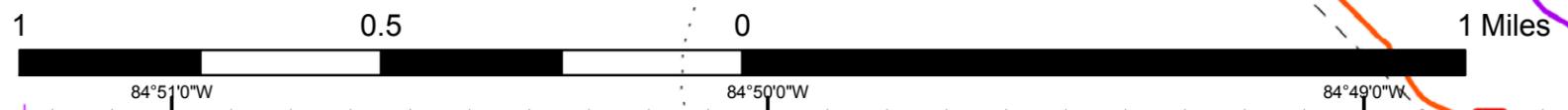
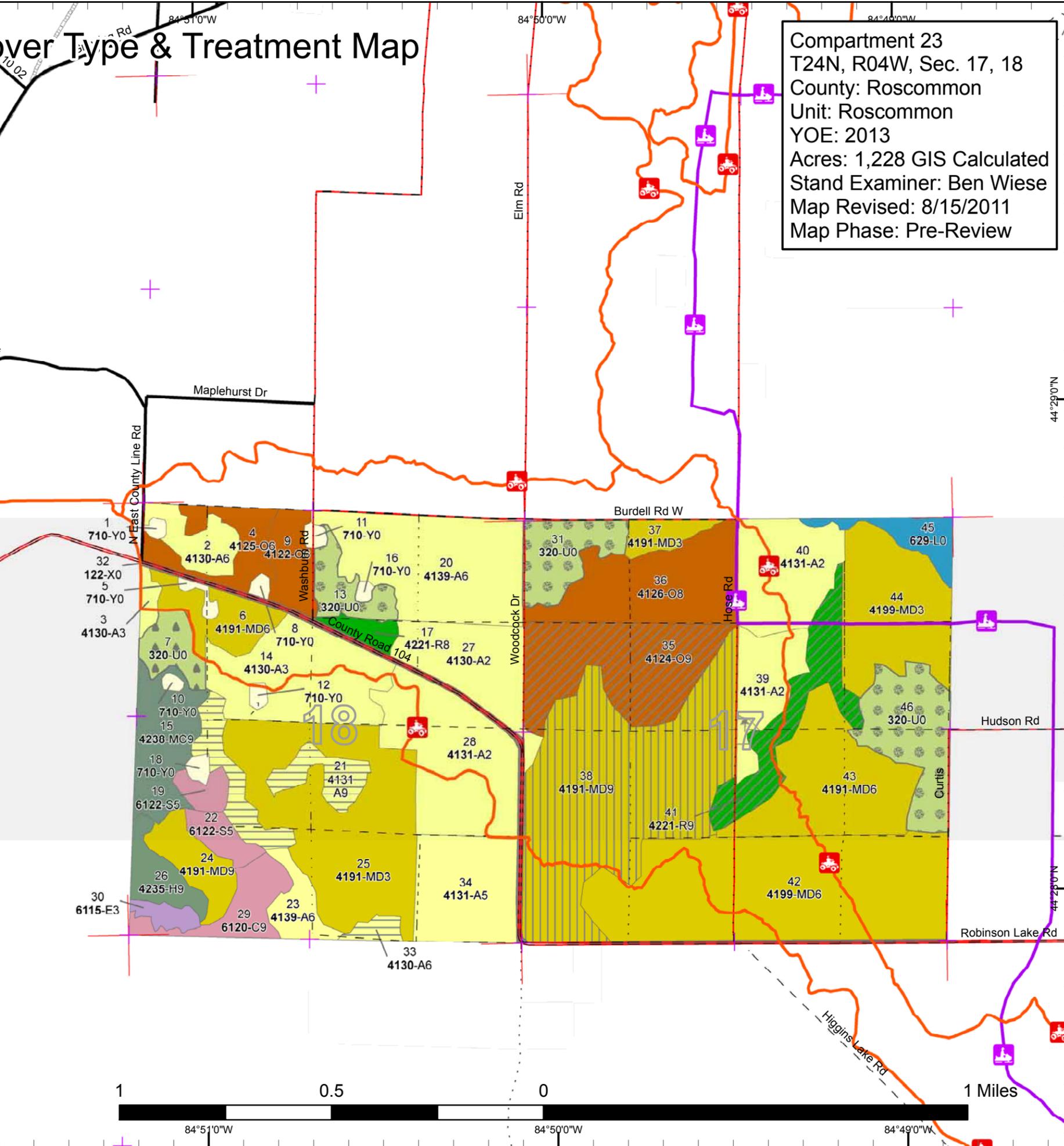
Non-Forest Regeneration

Planned Regeneration

- Natural
- Planted

Treatments

- Clearcut (w/Reserves, Patch/Strip)
- Shelter Wood (w/Reserves)
- Thinning (Crown, Low, Systematic)
- Planting (tree species)



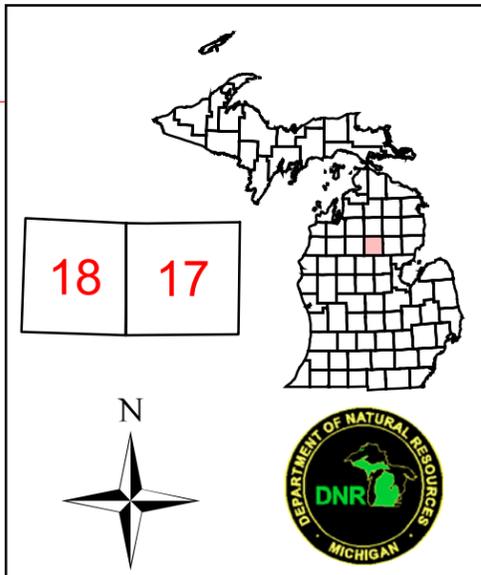
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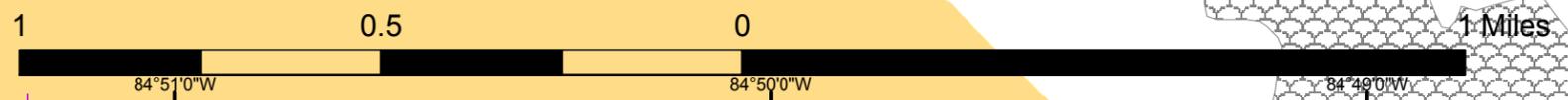
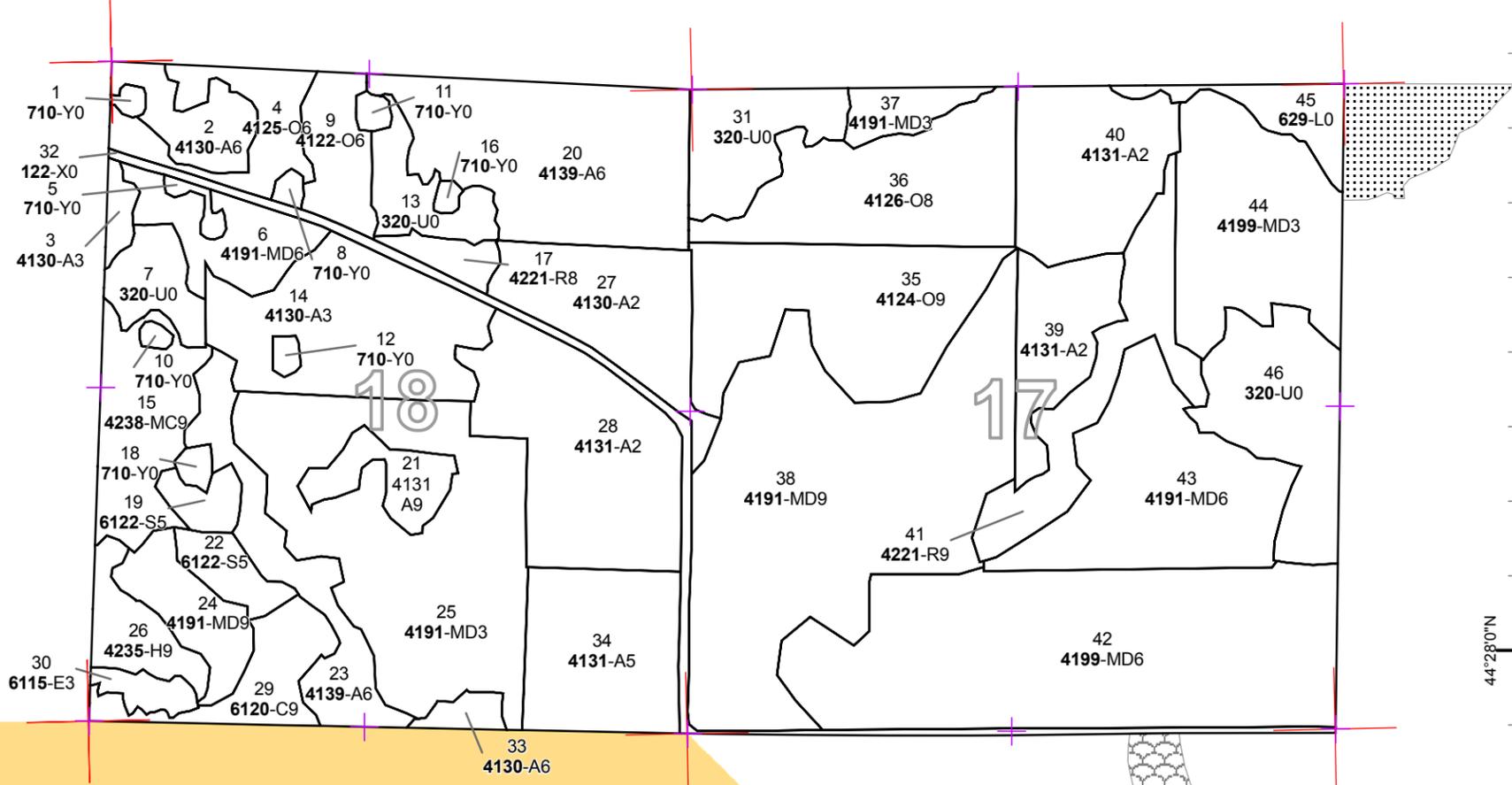
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Dedicated & Proposed Special Conservation Area Map

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Legend

- Miris Corners
- Remonumented Section Corners
- Proposed Special Conservation Areas
 - SCA - Special Conservation Area
 - SCA Removal
- Special Conservation Areas
 - Non_Dedicated Natural Areas and National Natural Landmarks
 - Cold Water Streams
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Table 1 – Total Acres by Cover Type and Age Class



	Age Class														Total	
	Non-Forested	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100-109	110-119	120 +		Uneren Age
Aspen	0	154	50	114	0	30	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	360
Cedar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	17
Hemlock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	13
Lowland Deciduous	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Lowland Shrub	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Lowland Spruce/Fir	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Mixed Upland Deciduous	0	0	291	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	147	0	0	0	0	493
Oak	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	137
Red Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	37
Sand, Soil	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Upland Conifers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	28
Upland Shrub	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
Urban	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Total	124	154	373	114	5	85	14	12	0	37	252	0	30	0	28	1228



Table 2 – Proposed Treatment Summaries

Roscommon Mgt. Unit
Year of Entry 2013

Compartment 023
Total Compartment Acres: 1228

Acres by Treatment Type

Commercial Harvest - 249	Site Prep - 0	Tree Planting - 1	Prescribed Burn - 0	Other - 0
Habitat Cut - 0	Opening Maintenance - 0	Tree Seeding - 0	Pesticide - 0	

Cover Type by Harvest Method

	Clearcut	Selection	Seed Tree	Shelterwood	Thinning	Other - Specify	Total Acres
Aspen	31	0	0	0	0	0	31
Mixed Upland Deciduous	0	0	0	131	0	0	131
Oak	0	0	0	0	56	0	56
Red Pine	0	0	0	0	31	0	31
Total	31	0	0	131	87	0	249

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Treatment Name	Acres	Stage1 CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
21 71023021-Cut	11.7	4131 - Aspen, Oak	High Density Log	65	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription Clearcut with reserves. Leave some oak red pine monarchs.

Specs:

Other

Comments:

Next

Steps:

23 71023023-Cut	14.9	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Pole	45	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	Cmpt. Review Proposal
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Prescription Clearcut with reserves, leave some monarch red pine.

Specs:

Other

Comments:

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Steps:

33 71023033-Cut	3.9	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	48	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	Cmpt. Review Proposal
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Prescription Clearcut with reserves, leave some or all red pine depending on spacing. Leave some large oak for future snags and cwd. Leave paper birch.

Specs:

Other

Comments:

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Steps:

35 71023035-Cut	56.2	4124 - Red with White Oak	High Density Log	94	Harvest	Low Thinning	4124 - Red with White Oak	Cmpt. Review Proposal
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Prescription Thin to a residual basal area of 70 to 80. Remove suppressed and codominant trees first. Objective is to promote quality stems and release the pine subcanopy. Leave some aspen for future snags and cwd.

Specs:

Other

Comments:

Next

Steps:

38 71023038-Cut	131.3	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	High Density Log	90	Harvest	Shelter Wood with Reserves	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	Cmpt. Review Proposal
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Prescription Objective is to create a multi-aged mixed upland stand. Leave 40-50 ba of healthy, quality canopy trees. This may not be possible in all areas due to aspen clones and poor quality oak. Leave single stem quality red maple and oak through all size classes. Spec. cut aspen. Do not cut trees along the edge of the ORV trail unless they are hazard trees.

Specs:

Other

Comments:

Next

Steps:

**Table 3 -- Treatments Prescribed
with No Limiting Factor**

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Treatment Name	Acres	Stage1 CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
41 71023041-Cut	30.9	42210 - Natural Red Pine	High Density Log	81	Harvest	Low Thinning	42111 - Planted Red Pine, Mixed Deciduous	Cmpt. Review Proposal

Prescription Thin to a residual basal area of 70-80 by selecting red pine, aspen and oak. Also thin in the understory to create access, leave the best quality oak and red maple stems. Do not cut trees along the edge of the ORV trail unless they are hazard trees.

Other Comments:

Next Steps:

39 71023039_sm all_small-Plant	1.3	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Medium Density Saplin	7	Tree Planting	Hand Plant	42110 - Planted Red Pine	Cmpt. Review Proposal
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Prescription Site will be used for a landing for the harvest of stand 41. Plant to red pine post harvest.

Specs:

Other Comments:

Next Steps:

**Total Treatment
Acreage Proposed: 250.3**

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Treatment Name	Acres	Stage1 CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
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Prescription
Specs:

Other
Comment:

Next
Steps:

Limiting Factor and No
Treatment Reason

**Total Treatment
Acreage Proposed: 0**

**Out of YOE -- Treatments
Prescribed with No Limiting Factor**

Year of Entry: 2013



Treatment Name	Acres	Stage1 CoverType	Size Density	Stand Age	Treatment Type	Treatment Method	Cover Type Objective	Approval Status
71048_OutOfY OE_1-Cut	2.2				Harvest	Low Thinning	42111 - Planted Red Pine, Mixed Deciduous	Cmpt. Review Proposal
<p><u>Prescription</u> thin to 120 SF by concentrating on improving the quality of the stand, no retention other than residual RP, save areas heavy to oak understory <u>Specs:</u> where possible</p> <p><u>Other</u> cut with stand to the west in 71046 <u>Comments:</u></p> <p><u>Next</u> manage for utility poles next YOE <u>Steps:</u></p>								
71048_OutOfY OE-Cut	4.0			0	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Cmpt. Review Proposal
<p><u>Prescription</u> final harvest for aspen mgmt., mark oak SL to leave for wildlife mast, mark R/W pine SL for diversity, no retention other than marked leave <u>Specs:</u> trees, address green-up concerns on the east side of this stand if still a problem, dormant season cut to promote vigorous sprouting of the older aspen in the stand, any regeneration to a fully stocked stand is acceptable, trench and plant RP if regeneration fails</p> <p><u>Other</u> cut with stand to the west in 71046 <u>Comments:</u></p> <p><u>Next</u> <u>Steps:</u></p>								
71118_OutOfY OE-Cut	6.6			0	Harvest	Clearcut with Reserves	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Cmpt. Review Proposal
<p><u>Prescription</u> final harvest for aspen mgmt. mark or leave all oak for diversity/retention/visuals. buffer low marshy ground on southwest. leave out any wetter <u>Specs:</u> areas in the north part of the stand for BMP reasons. leave out areas with heavy R/W pine component for diversity/retention/visuals. Any regeneration of aspen/oak/pine to a fully stocked stand is acceptable. regeneration alternative is to plant red pine if stand is not fully stocked but this is unlikely.</p> <p><u>Other</u> treat with stand to the west in 71117, add proper protection specs to ensure trail stays open to snowmobiles during hauling <u>Comments:</u></p> <p><u>Next</u> <u>Steps:</u></p>								
71165_OutOfY OE-Cut	5.1				Harvest	Low Thinning	42260 - Natural Pine, Mixed Deciduous	Cmpt. Review Proposal
<p><u>Prescription</u> thin to 90-120 SF/Acre so as to enhance old growth/bio-diversity characteristics <u>Specs:</u></p> <p><u>Other</u> stand has a dense A/RM understory which will need to be addressed with appropriate sale specs, save W3 understory where possible, treat <u>Comments:</u> stand to the west in 71163 when this stand is treated (same stand)</p> <p><u>Next</u> <u>Steps:</u></p>								
Total Treatment Acreage Proposed:	17.9							

S t a n d	Roscommon Mgt. Unit		5 – Forested Stands			Compartment: 023	General Comments:
	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	Year of Entry: 2013	
2	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	13.4	26			Some of this regen is likely better quality red oak. It is difficult to tell at this point. There is a nice red oak stand in the compartment to the north.
3	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	3.6	5			
4	4125 - Black, N. Pin Oak	High Density Pole	17.9	15	1-50		Nearly solid oak regeneration to the south mixed with cherry, red maple, and aspen to the north. This stand has the most oak in the canopy of any in the compartment. Records indicate that it had a pine dominated canopy prior to overstory removal. Some regeneration was protected during the harvest, which is represented by the second age estimate. Heavily browsed understory.
6	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	High Density Pole	18.3	15			Two-aged. Large white oak and red pine scattered throughout. More solid mature red pine to the west, which was leftover from a cut to the south and wasn't big enough to type as it's own. The western piece was also thinned in 1995 with the large stand to the south, while the eastern side was not. There are a few different ages of poletimber from 15-30 yr old. The opening in the center is mostly sweet fern.
9	4122 - Oak, Pine	High Density Pole	14.4	15	51-80		Very good example of single stem oak regeneration beneath a pine shelterwood. More white pine and white oak to the north.
14	4130 - Aspen	High Density Sapling	49.8	15			Was typed as R3 on the old inventory map, but never got planted. It is too far along now.
15	42380 - Non Pine Upland Conifer, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Log	27.6	Uneven Age			Upland gaps have white pine regeneration. Lowland alder swales have scattered birch saplings. Parts of the stand must have been harvested in the 70's. Good birch regen around the well pad. Solid hemlock in veins of upland.
17	42210 - Natural Red Pine	Medium Density Log	5.7	81	111-140		Planted stand with natural characteristics. Most of the stand was thinned and there is abundant aspen and oak coming up in the understory. There is a thick pocket of white pine poletimber in the center. Nice red maple poles beginning to enter the canopy.
19	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density Pole	5.9	55			Mostly black spruce and white pine poletimber with leatherleaf understory and a pocket of large diameter red pine to the northeast.
20	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Pole	62.9	23			Knapweed opening in the center. Heavy to red maple stump sprouts in areas. Some scattered oak understory left from original cut that is about 6" now
21	4131 - Aspen, Oak	High Density Log	11.7	65			Aspen is falling apart in several places. There are a few different age classes of oak along with some scattered supercanopy red pine and extra large oak trees.
22	6122 - Black Spruce	Medium Density Pole	8.3	55			Mixed lowland forest dominated by poletimber.



Stand	Roscommon Mgt. Unit		5 – Forested Stands			Compartment: 023	General Comments:
	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	Year of Entry: 2013	
23	4139 - Aspen, Mixed Deciduous	High Density Pole	26.1	45			Supercanopy red pine and white pine above red maple and aspen in the southern end. Poor quality quaking aspen that is not looking good in the center area.
24	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	High Density Log	15.9	92	81-110		Hummocky with pockets of alder, but mostly upland. A couple areas are dominated by saplings. The stand is moving toward uneven-age.
25	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	High Density Sapling	88.7	15			More aspen poles to the south and more oak poles to the north. Supercanopy red pine throughout. All jack pine and deciduous cut in 1995. Some oak was protected in the understory and a small component of it is about 10 yrs older than cutting record age.
26	42350 - Upland Hemlock	High Density Log	12.7	110	111-140		On the transition between upland and lowland. Driest pieces have white pine and oak in the understory. Some scattered monarch hemlock are probably 200+ yrs old with big fire scars on the sides.
27	4130 - Aspen	Medium Density	34.2	6			Clear-cut in 2006 without retention except for the very southeast corner. Has some regen issues in the center of the stand.
28	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Medium Density	56.8	6			More oak regen along the southern edge. Some jack pine regen at the southern landing
29	6120 - Lowland Cedar	High Density Log	17.3	110			Two aged canopy. Aspen, maple, ash, birch. Cut or burned in the 60's. Some really old hemlock with fire scars present on upland knobs. Mix of upland and lowland along a transition.
30	6115 - Lowland Ash	High Density Sapling	5.0	38			Probably habitat cut in the early 70's
33	4130 - Aspen	High Density Pole	3.9	48			Quaking aspen in poor condition mixed with oak of various sizes. Located in front of a couple of houses and used as a buffer area from the treatment to the north. Small two track along old railroad grade heads NW from here. It is difficult to travel with a vehicle and is mostly used by snowmobiles and ORV's.
34	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Medium Density Pole	38.2	25			Dominated by QA, cherry, and mixed oak
35	4124 - Red with White Oak	High Density Log	56.2	94	81-110		Transitions to more red oak in this stand compared to the south and north. There is a decent component of 3 ft oak regeneration beneath a subcanopy of medium density red maple. There is virtually no red maple in the canopy. There is well-scattered variable sized white pine and red pine in the understory and old white pine stumps throughout.
36	4126 - White, Black, N. Pin Oak	Medium Density Log	48.7	93	81-110		Lower quality than the stand to the south gradually having more pine to the northeast. Was thinned in 1993. Gaps came into red maple, but there is some oak that came in below it.
37	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	High Density Sapling	8.1	18			





	Level 4 Cover Type	Size Density	Acres	Stand Age	BA Range	General Comments:
38	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	High Density Log	131.3	90	81-110	Very mixed stand with patches of dense red pine similar to the long stand to the east that have well-advanced maple and oak in the understory. The majority of the stand is two-aged and dominated by oak and aspen. The aspen, jack pine, and some red maple was taken out about 40 yrs ago. The hybrid oak is falling apart and the aspen isn't healthy in some places, but doing fine in others. ORV trail present in southwest part of stand.
39	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Medium Density	22.5	7		Same timber sale as the stand to the north. This piece had some scattered retention left in it and has more aspen.
40	4131 - Aspen, Oak	Medium Density	36.8	7		Aspen clones mixed with low quality stump sprout origin maple, cherry, and oak.
41	42210 - Natural Red Pine	High Density Log	30.9	81	141-170	Records indicate that it was planted in 1930 to a mx of RP, JP, and WP, but doesn't have plantation characteristics and functions more as a natural stand. Most of the surrounding stands also have pines that were planted, but became dominated by deciduous spp. Jack pine likely removed in the 70's along with choppers choice of maple and oak. Has a pocket dominated by white pine in the north end. Some high risk oak present throughout. ORV trail present through central part of stand.
42	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	High Density Pole	124.8	17		Overstory removal completed in 1994. Leaving stems less than 4" dbh of oak, aspen, and maple. Scattered pockets of 6-8" dbh of these spp. now. More cherry, maple and jack pine to the northwest. More bigtooth aspen to the east. Found a survey for a well pad staked.
43	4191 - Mixed Upland Deciduous with Conifer	High Density Pole	55.0	43	81-110	Two-aged oak/pine and aspen/maple. Jack was likely removed in the 70's and choppers choice of the aspen and maple. There isn't a consistent age in aspen/maple. Planting records for RP,JP, and WP. Oak is falling apart in a few places.
44	4199 - Other Mixed Upland Deciduous	High Density Sapling	51.3	19		Has some sparse jack pine to the east.



Stand	Cover Type	Acres	Managed Site	Management Priority (Objective)	General Comments:
1	710 - Sand, Soil	1.3	N/A	Unspecified	
5	710 - Sand, Soil	2.0	No	Unspecified	
7	3205 - Mixed Upland Shrub	11.8	Natural Regen	Mixed Upland Deciduous	
8	710 - Sand, Soil	1.4	No	Unspecified	
10	710 - Sand, Soil	1.1	No	Unspecified	
11	710 - Sand, Soil	1.8	No	Unspecified	
12	710 - Sand, Soil	1.5	No	Unspecified	
13	3205 - Mixed Upland Shrub	12.8	Planted	Red Pine	
16	710 - Sand, Soil	1.1	No	Unspecified	
18	710 - Sand, Soil	2.0	No	Unspecified	
31	3205 - Mixed Upland Shrub	21.3	Planted	Red Pine	
32	122 - Road/Parking Lot	18.7	No	Unspecified	Road
45	629 - Mixed non-forested wetland	11.5	No	Unspecified	
46	3205 - Mixed Upland Shrub	36.0	Planted	Red Pine	



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



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.

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

Conservation Area	Type	Description
SCA	Non-Dedicated Natural Areas and National Natural Landmarks	This category is comprised of those Natural, Wilderness and Wild Areas that have been nominated or proposed for legal dedication, but for which legal dedication by legislature has not occurred. The nomination process is defined by Part 351, Wilderness and Natural Areas, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. The program is administered by the DNR. Nominations require the submittal of a Natural Areas Nomination Packet to the DNR. This is an active program, with proposed sites in various stages of review. Final dedication of nominated Natural, Wilderness and Wild Areas is accomplished through legislative action.