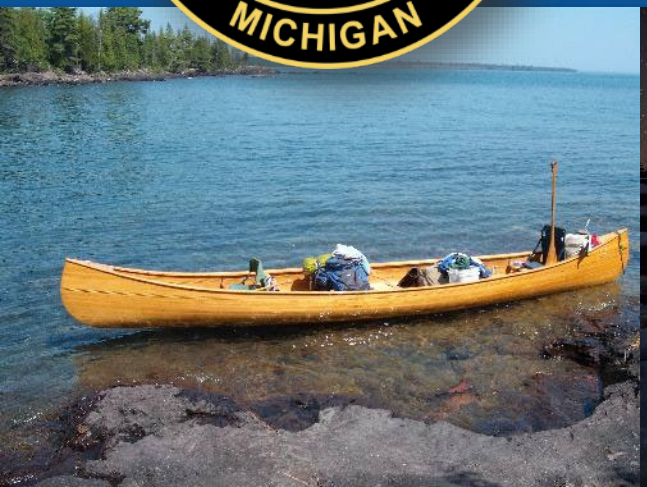
Keweenaw Point State Lands General Management Plans

Virtual Public Meeting

November 6, 2024



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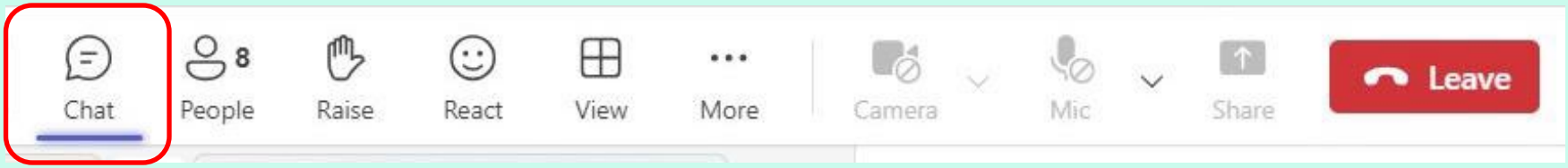

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Agenda

Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)	6:00
Property and Planning Process Overview (30 minutes)	6:10
Questions and Answers	6:40
Closing and Next Steps	7:20

General Management Plans

1. **Identify Core Values & Guiding Resources**
   - DNR & PRD Mission Statements
   - Legal Mandates that impact land use

2. **Identify Property Purpose & Significance**

3. **Allocate 20-Year Management Zones**

   Defined expectations for resource protection, development and park use

4. **10-Year Action Plan**
   - Management and operations
   - Capital outlay

DNR Mission Statement

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.

PRD Mission Statement

The Parks & Recreation Division's Mission is to acquire, protect, and preserve the natural and cultural features of Michigan's unique resources, and to provide access to land and water based public recreation and educational opportunities.

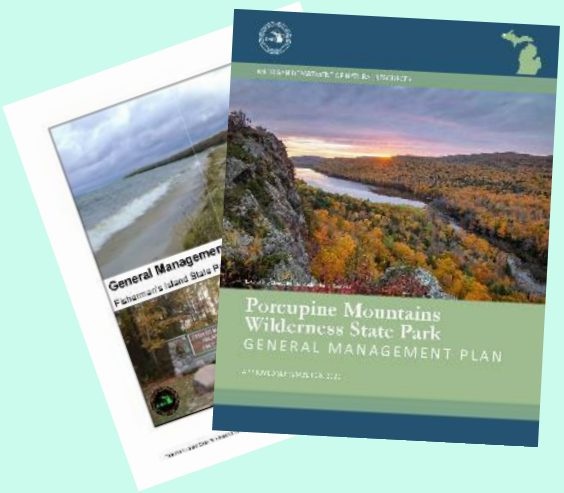
Management Plan Process

Supporting Analysis

DNR Planning Team Meetings

Public and Stakeholder Input

General Management Plan



Plan Process Timeline

Keweenaw Point Existing Conditions

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Keweenaw Point - Existing Conditions

- Fort Wilkins State Historic Park Current Boundary
- State Forest Boundary
- Pending Aqcuisition
- State Acquisition Pending
- State Forest Road
- Federal / State Highway / County Paved
- Other County Road
- Private Road
- Hiking/Biking Trail
- Designated ORV Route
- Designated Snowmobile Trails

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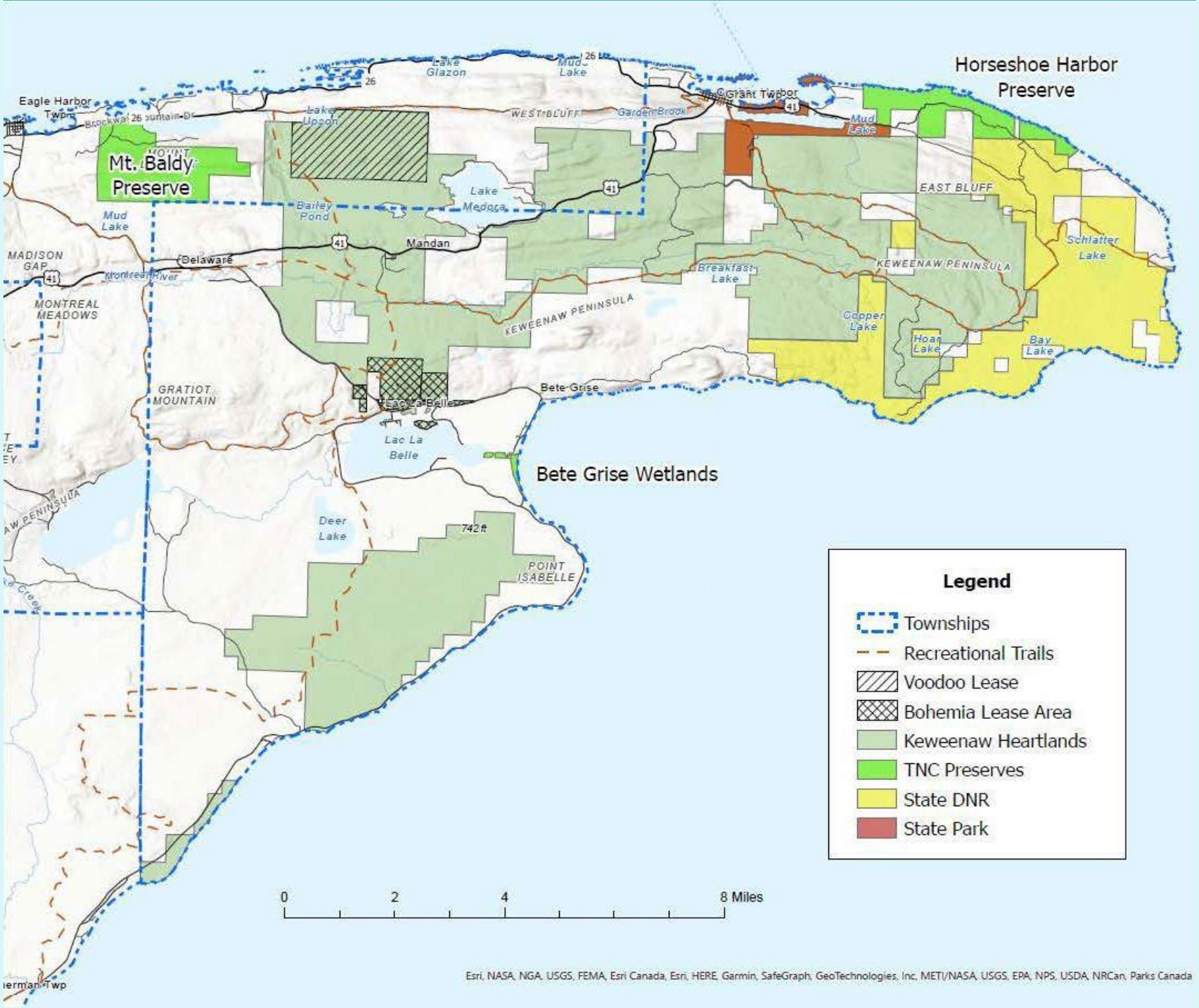
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Lake Medora
Bailey Pond
Mud Lake
Mandan
Delaware
MADISON GAP
Montreal River
MONTREAL MEADOWS
KEWEENAW PENINSULA
Breakfast Lake
Schlatter Lake
Copper Lake
Hoar Lake
Bay Lake
GRATIOT MOUNTAIN
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Townships
Recreational Trails
Voodoo Lease
Bohemia Lease Area
Keweenaw Heartlands
TNC Preserves
State DNR
State Park
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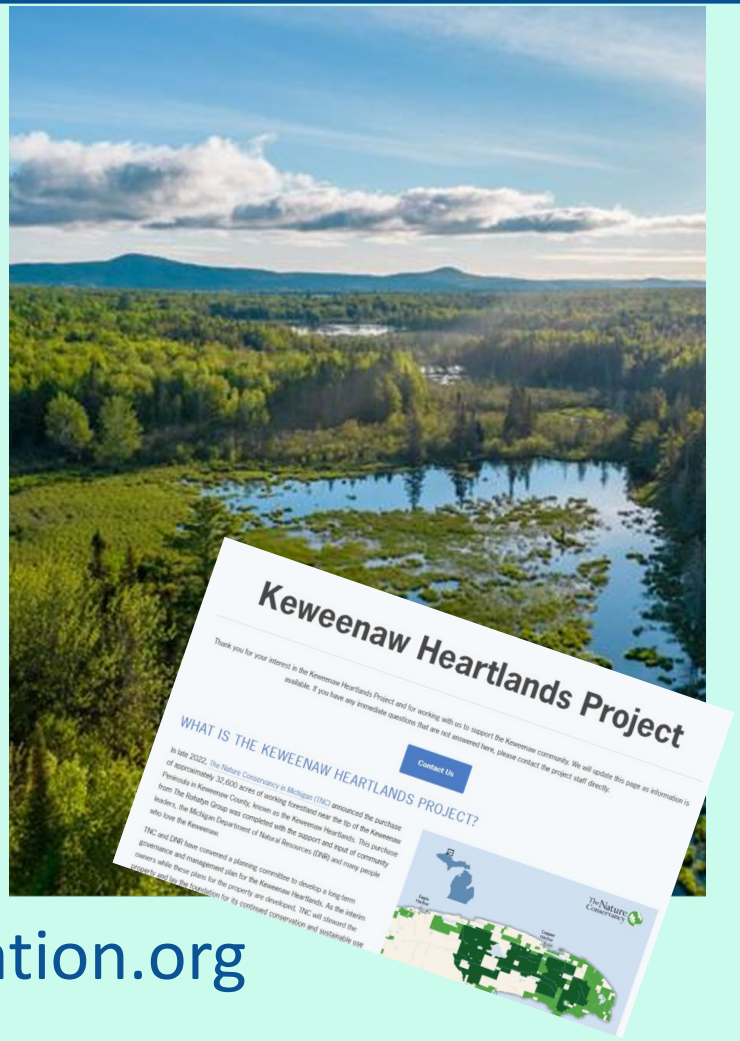
8 Miles
Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA, Esri Canada, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USDA, NRCan, Parks Canada

Keweenaw Point State Lands & Keweenaw Heartlands Project

- **Collaboration & partnership** with the community, TNC, & DNR
- Upcoming Heartlands public meeting **November 12**
- Project updates can be found at www.keweenawcommunityfoundation.org



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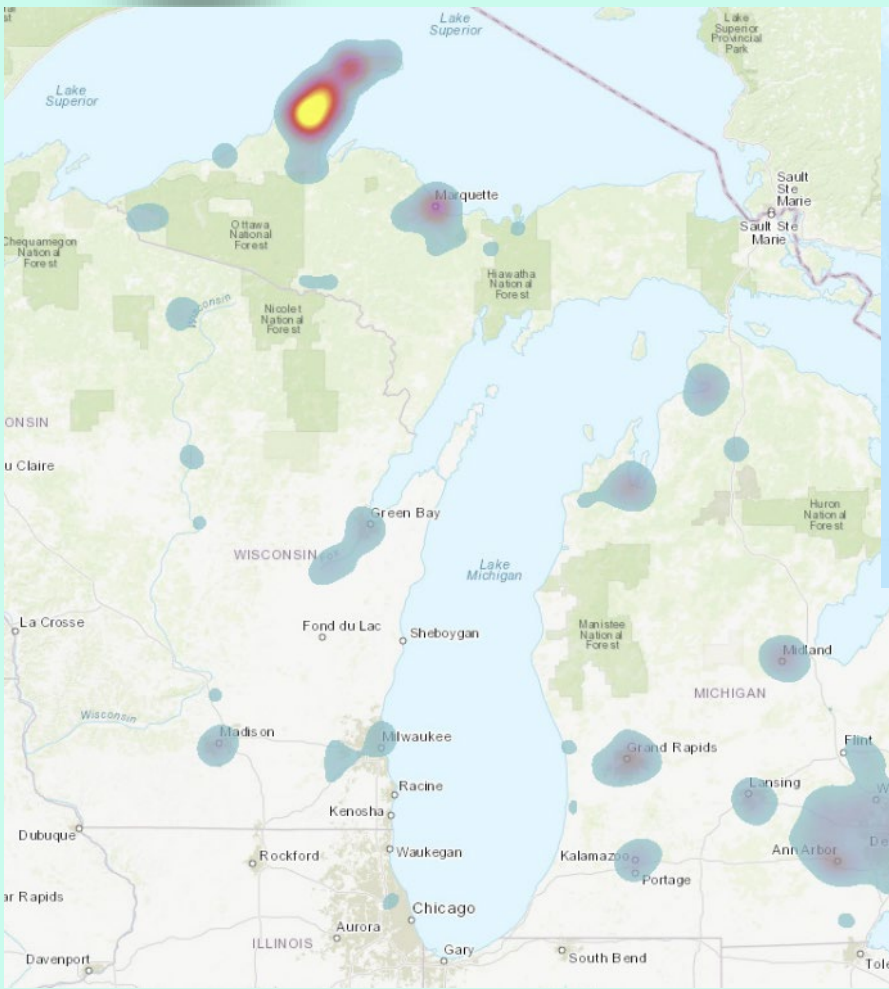

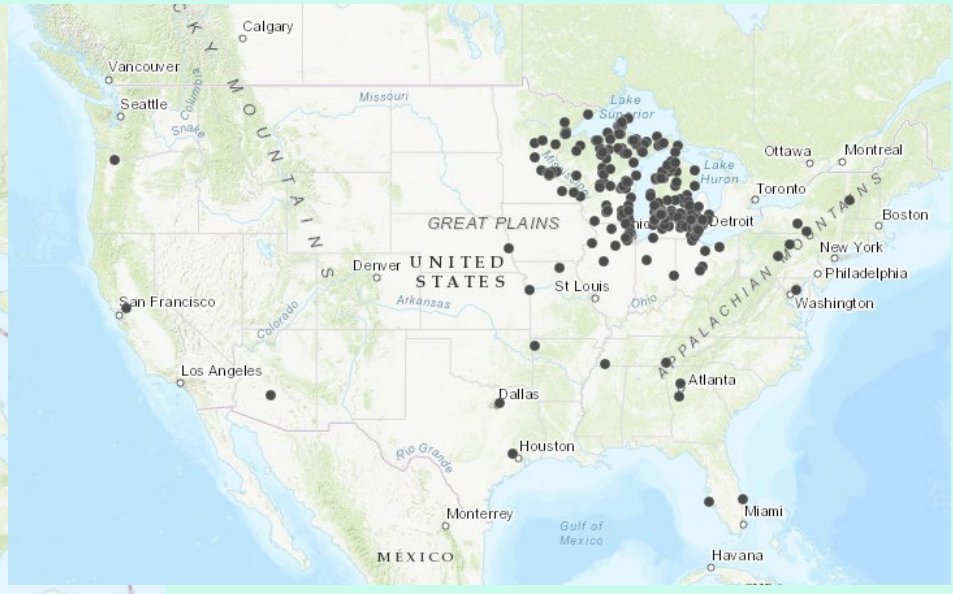

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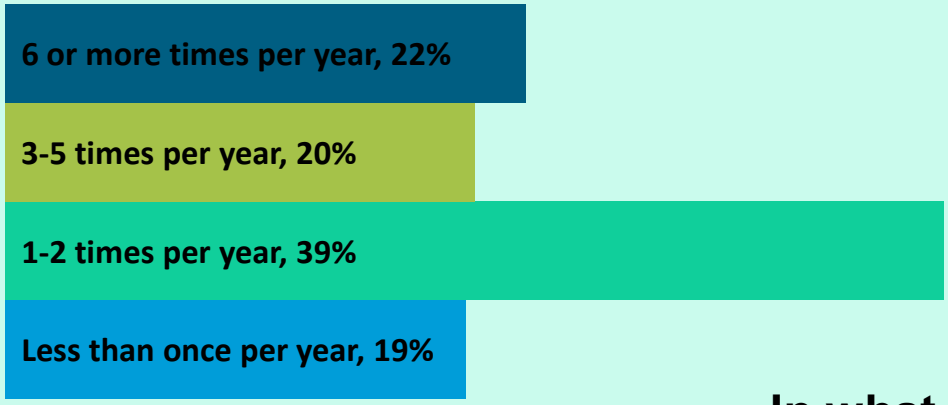
800+ responses!

Map depicting the zip code of survey respondents' primary residence.
Brighter colors indicate a greater concentration of respondents.

Online Survey Results…to date 2

How often do you visit?



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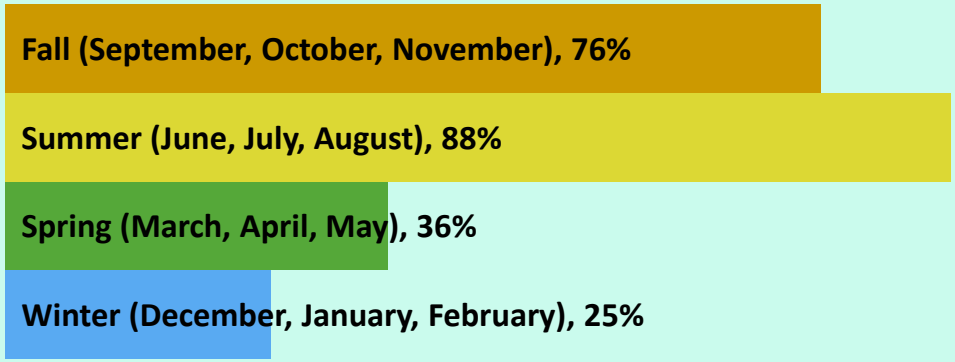
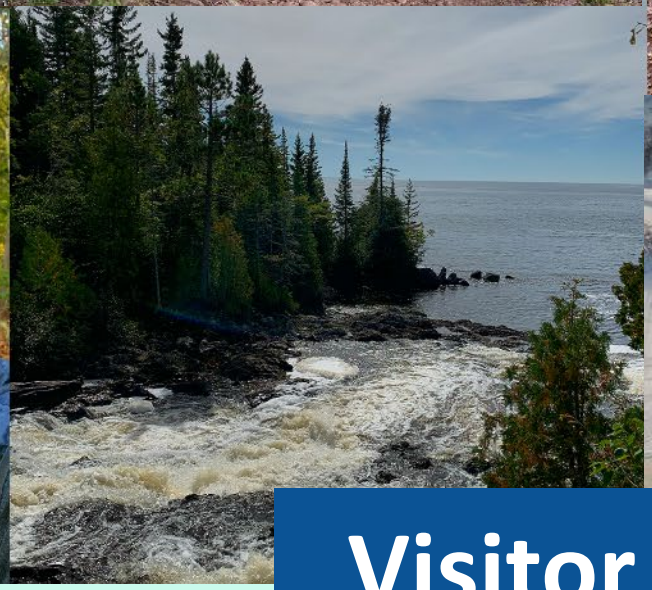
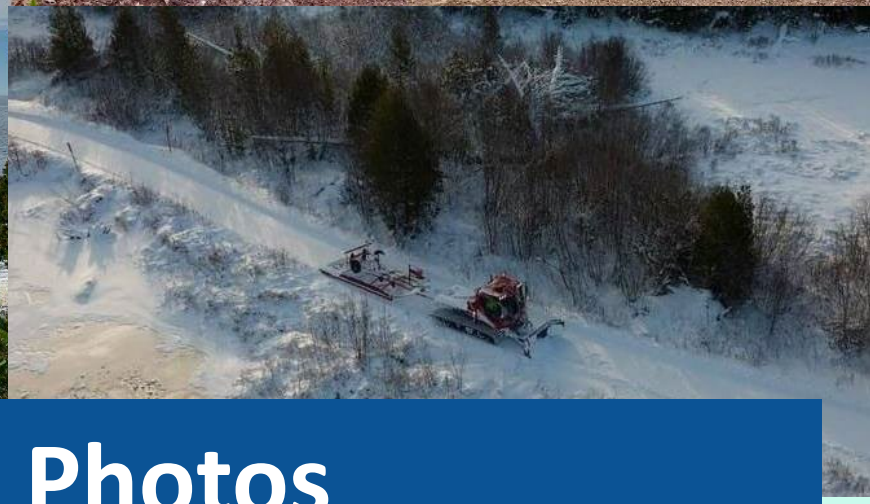
In what seasons do you typically visit? (Select all that apply)



What three words would you use to describe Keweenaw Point State Lands to someone who has never visited?

Visitor Photos

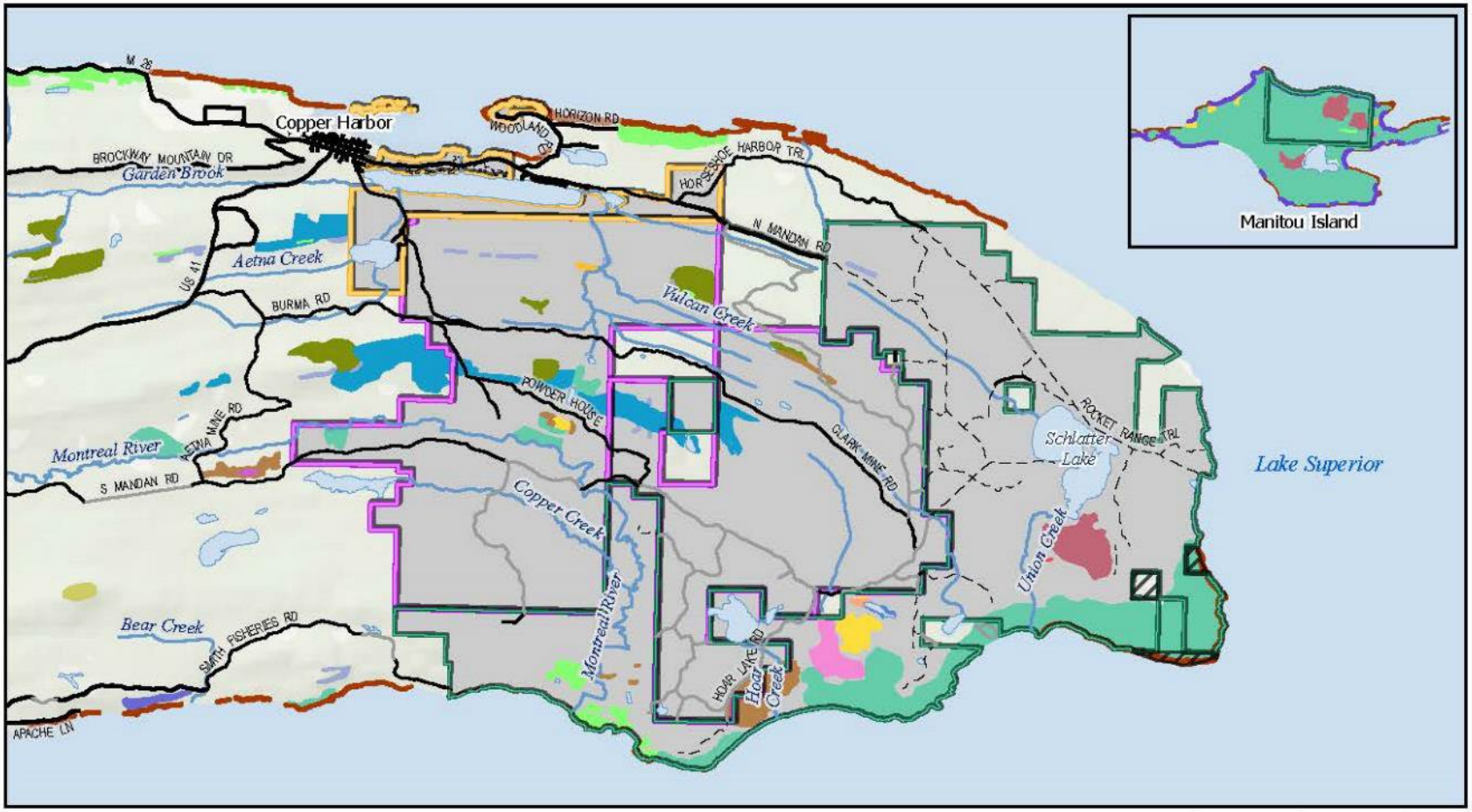
Keweenaw Point State Lands

Keweenaw Point State Lands Significance Statements 1

- **Copper Country Heritage:**
  - Copper mined on the Keweenaw Peninsula for millennia
  - Visible remnants of former mine sites
- **Superior Shoreline:**
  - 13 miles of scenic, rocky, undeveloped shoreline
  - Keweenaw Underwater Preserve surrounds the peninsula
  - Dramatic scenery on a large scale
- **Wild and Scenic Character:**
  - Expansive, rugged lands for adventure and solitude
  - Wild and scenic qualities

Keweenaw Point State Lands Significance Statements 2

- **Natural Features:**
  - Exceptional biodiversity and association of natural communities
  - Habitat for many species of wildlife including hibernacula for declining bat species
  - Important migratory stopover and breeding habitat for variety of birds
- **Geology:**
  - Visible evidence of the Mid-Continental Rift in the form of large volumes of lava that erupted to form new land, as well as sedimentary rocks deposited thereafter.
  - Variety of rocks sought by rockhounds
- **Natural Resource Recreation:**
  - Destination for a variety of remote and challenging activities, including mountain biking, ORV riding, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and foraging.



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Keweenaw Point - Element Occurrence Natural Communities

- State Forest Road
- Federal / State Highway / County Paved
- Other County Road
- Private Road
- River/Stream
- Lake/Pond
- State Forest
- Fort Wilkins Historic State Park
- State Acquisition Pending
- Pending Aqcuisition
- Proposed Keweenaw Point Recreation Area
- Bog
- Boreal Forest
- Dry-mesic Northern Forest
- Emergent Marsh
- Mesic Northern Forest
- Northern Bald
- Northern Fen
- Northern Wet Meadow
- Patterned Fen
- Poor Conifer Swamp
- Poor Fen
- Rich Conifer Swamp
- Sand and Gravel Beach
- Submergent Marsh
- Volcanic Bedrock Glade
- Volcanic Bedrock Lakeshore
- Volcanic Cliff
- Volcanic Cobble Shore
- Volcanic Lakeshore Cliff

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Natural Communities of Michigan (Michigan Natural Features Inventory)

Management Zones 1

Management Zone	Natural Resource Impacts	Visitor Use	Development
Ecologically Sensitive	None	Restricted	None
Primitive	Very Low	Low (Dispersed)	Very Low
Backcountry	Low	Low to moderate	Low
Natural Resource Recreation	Moderate	Moderate to high	Moderate
Developed Recreation	High	High	High
Administrative Services	High	High (staff)	High

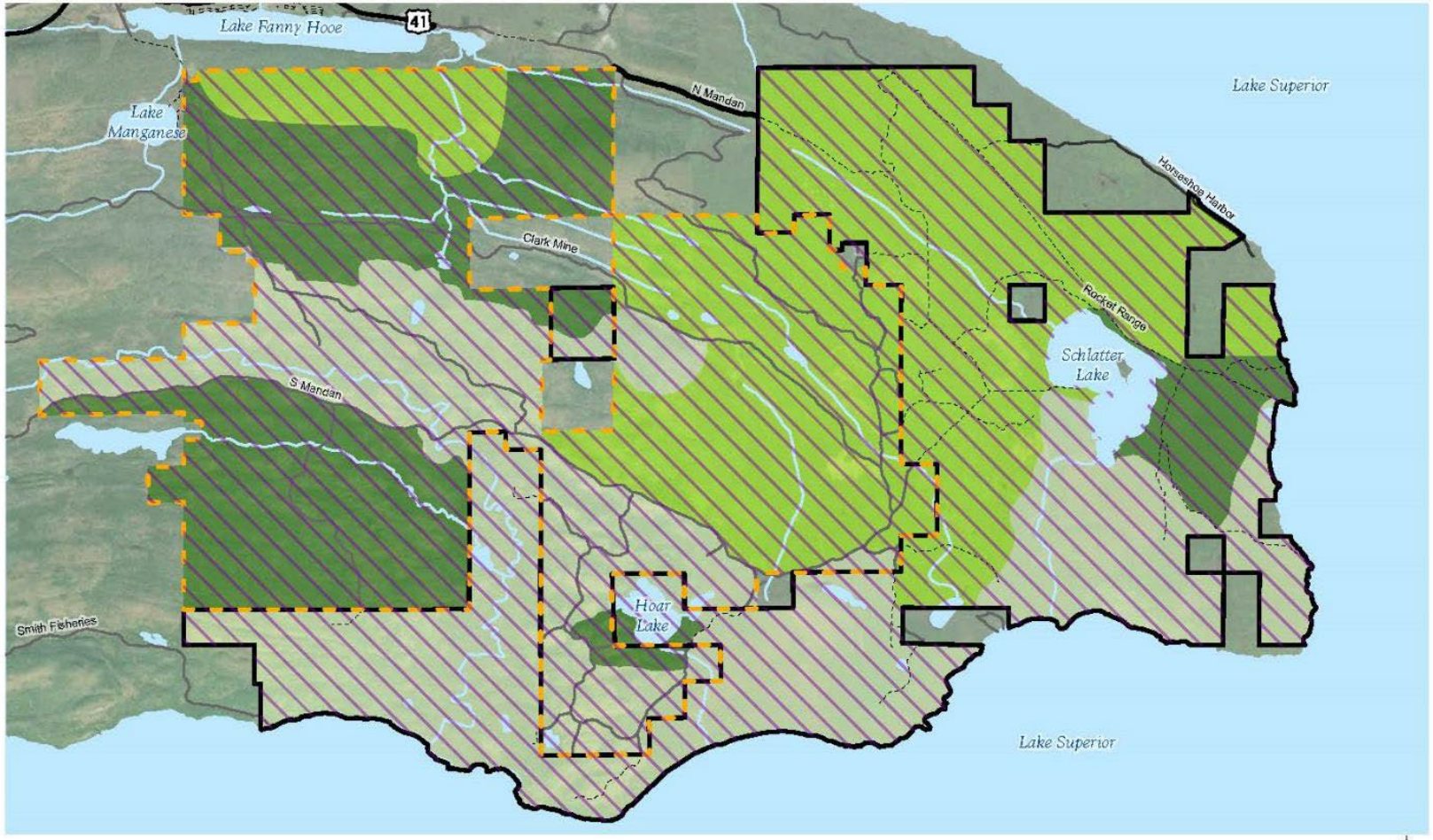
Management Zones 2

Cultural Landscape addresses overall cultural setting of a site including historic structures and ethnographic sites.

Historic Education emphasis of this zone is education. Historic resources are restored and interpreted for visitor services

Scenic recognizes aesthetic qualities to be preserved and protected

Draft Management Zones



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Draft Management Zones

Data Sources: Michigan GIS Data Library, Michigan Department of Natural Resources

- State Forest Boundary
- State Acquisition Pending
- Cultural Landscape Overlay
- Ecologically Sensitive
- Primitive
- Backcountry
- Natural Resource Recreation

- State Roads
- Private Road
- State Forest Road
- All Other Roads

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Date: 10/2/2024

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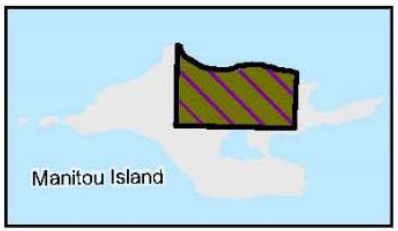

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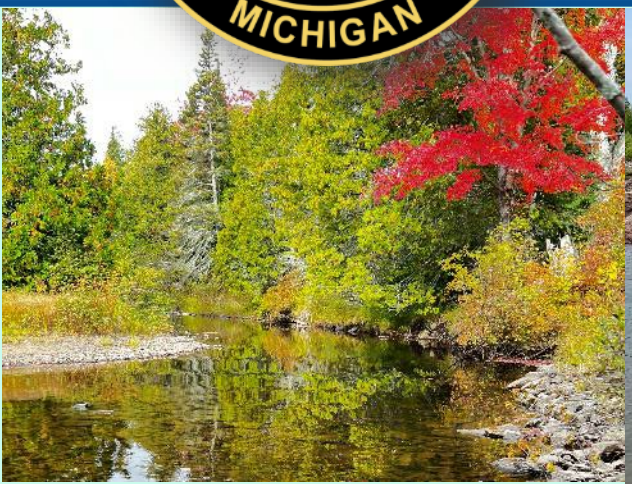
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