Management Areas for the Eastern Upper Peninsula Ecoregion

The map below shows Management Areas (MAs) for the Eastern Upper Peninsula (EUP) Ecoregion. The current boundaries are based on input received from both internal and external stakeholders. The various attributes listed below were considered in determining MA boundaries. These MAs will provide a framework for providing management direction in an EUP Regional State Forest Management Plan for the next ten year period.

As the EUP Regional State Forest Management Plan is developed, there will be several opportunities for public input: during the current early stage of plan development; after a first draft of a plan is completed; and when a final draft of the plan is completed. Comments from stakeholder organizations and the public are an important part of this planning process. Please see the web document A stakeholders Guide to Regional State Forest Management Planning for more information about the regional planning process and specific public input opportunities.

Public input is currently needed to develop concepts of management for forest cover types within the 33 Management Areas in the ecoregion. Links are provided below to briefs for each MA. Each of these briefs contain maps of the MA, a discussion of the attributes that are associated with the MA, a discussion of the current condition of the major cover types in the MA, and a discussion of preliminary concepts of management for these cover types.

An Open House to discuss the MAs and answer questions will be held at the Newberry Operations Service Center on April 14, from 4-8 p.m. with a formal presentation at 7 p.m. The period for public comment is open until May 15, 2009. Public input regarding the preliminary concepts of management for each MA can be delivered in person; or sent by email to: DNR-EUP-Eco-Team@michigan.gov ; or by postal mail to: EUP Ecoteam, DNR Newberry OSC, 5100 State Hwy M-123, Newberry, MI 49868

We thank you for taking the time to help the DNR in this planning effort, and we look forward to hearing from you.

ATTRIBUTES THAT WERE USED IN FORMING MANAGEMENT AREAS IN THE EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA ECOREGION

Ownership Attributes:

1. Adjacency to other public (including DNR parks and wildlife areas) or private ownerships, and also considering their varying intensity of stewardship and protection.
2. Percentage of the landscape in different public and private ownerships.
3. Consideration of ownership size and connectivity.
4. Areas with existing DNR management plans.

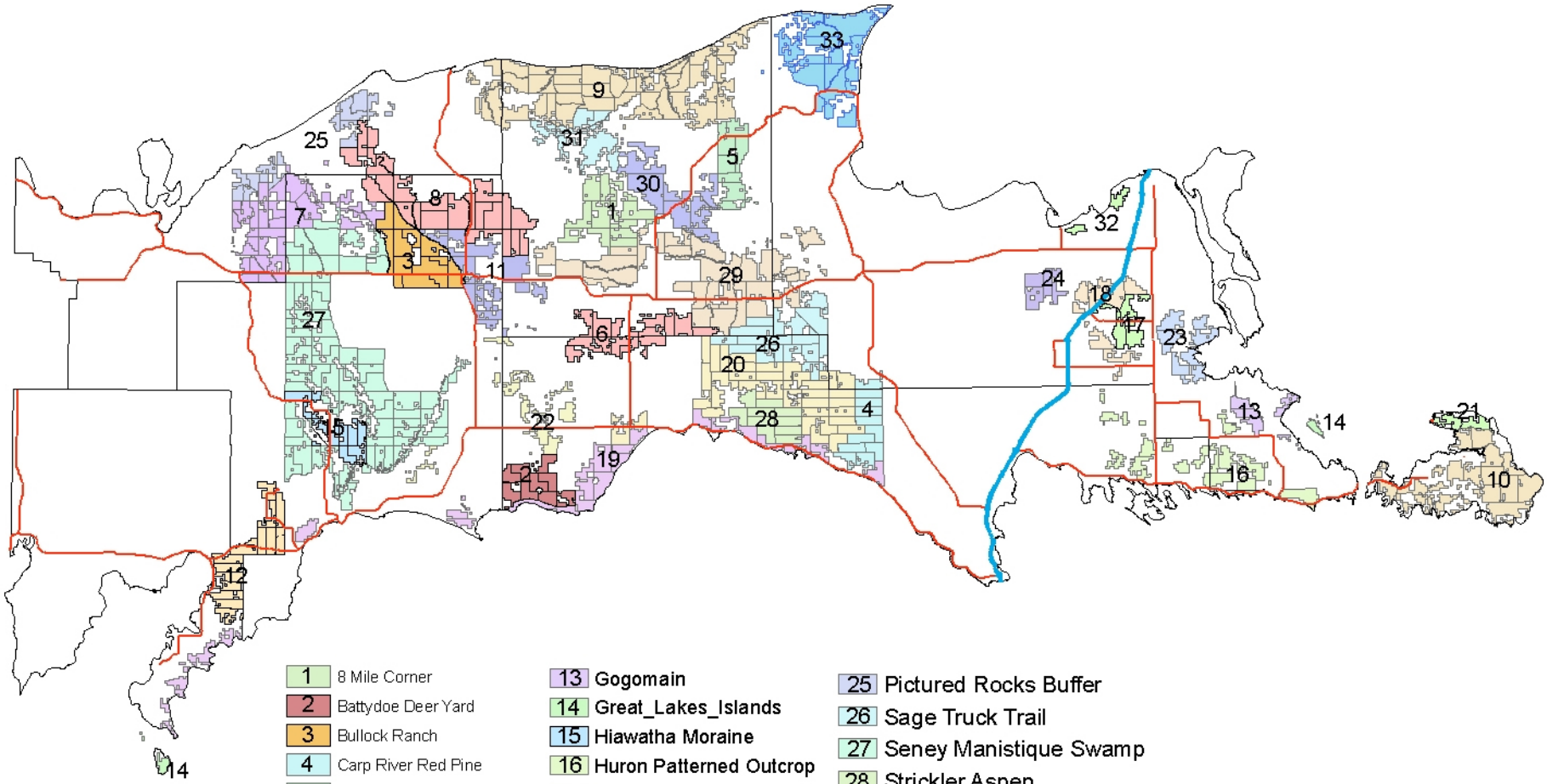
Social/Economic Attributes:

1. Proximity to wood product markets.
2. Proximity to population areas and major transportation arteries.
3. Trends in population growth and recreation demands.
4. Proximity to known historical/cultural sites.
5. Degree of access.

Ecological Attributes:

1. Similar site potential as expressed by habitat type.
2. Historic vegetative composition.
3. Current vegetative composition and structural characteristics.
4. Wildlife species distribution patterns for select species (including threatened and endangered species and those defined by the DNR Wildlife Action Plan (WAP)).
5. Proximity to known ecologically sensitive sites.
6. Existing forest connectivity or fragmentation.
7. Analyses of watersheds and the climate, bedrock geology, glacial landform and soils in Ecological Classification Systems.

EUP MA 1 – 8 Mile Corner
EUP MA 2 – Battydoe Deer Yard
EUP MA 3 – Bullock Ranch
EUP MA 4 – Carp River Red Pine
EUP MA 5 – Charcoal Grade
EUP MA 6 – County Line Hardwoods
EUP MA 7 – Cusino Complex
EUP MA 8 – Danaher Kingston Outwash
EUP MA 9 – Deer Park
EUP MA 10 – Drummond Island
EUP MA 11 – Fox River Complex
EUP MA 12 – Garden Thompson Plain
EUP MA 13 – Gogomain
EUP MA 14 – Great Lakes Islands
EUP MA 15 – Hiawatha Moraine
EUP MA 16 – Huron Patterned Outcrop
EUP MA 17 – Kincheloe Highlands
EUP MA 18 – Kinross Bog
EUP MA 19 – Lake Michigan Shoreline
EUP MA 20 – Mackinac Mix
EUP MA 21 – Maxton Plains
EUP MA 22 – Milakokia Lakes
EUP MA 23 – Munuscong Bay
EUP MA 24 – North Rudyard
EUP MA 25 – Pictured Rocks Buffer
EUP MA 26 – Sage Truck Trail
EUP MA 27 – Seney Manistique Swamp
EUP MA 28 – Strickler Aspen
EUP MA 29 – Tahquamenon Basin Wetlands
EUP MA 30 – Tahquamenon River Patterned Fens
EUP MA 31 – Two Hearted Headwater
EUP MA 32 – Waishkey Bay
EUP MA 33 – Whitefish Vermillion Point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