



2022 Wildlife Schedule

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Furbearer

- 2-year cycle
 - Regulations will be set for the 2022 and 2023 seasons this year
- For Information – February
- For Action – March



Migratory Game Birds

- FWS sets annual season frameworks and bag limits
 - Regulations will be set for 2022/2023 season this year
 - DNR provides recommendations
- 3-year cycle for duck hunting opening dates and managed waterfowl area regulations
 - Regulations will be suggested for 2022, 2023, and 2024 seasons this year, provided no FWS changes
- For Information – February
- For Action – March



Elk

- 2-year cycle
 - Regulations will be set for the 2022 and 2023 seasons this year
- For Information – March
- For Action – April
- Elk season results from the 2021 hunting season will be presented today!
- Preliminary 2022 season results presented in October



Fall Turkey

- 3-year cycle
 - Regulations will be set for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 seasons this year
- For Information – April
- For Action – May



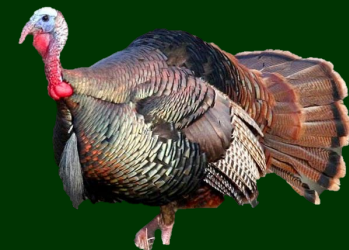
Deer

- 3-year cycle
 - Regulations already set for 2020, 2021, and 2022 seasons. Up for review in 2023
- Continuously consult deer data during off-cycle and consider regulatory changes outside the cycle, if needed
- Deer Harvest Reporting:
 - For Information – May
 - For Action – June
- Deer harvest survey report (June) and preliminary firearm season results (Jan.)



Spring Turkey

- 3-year cycle
 - Regulations will be set for the 2023, 2024, and 2025 this year
- For Information – October
- For Action – November



Wildlife Rehabilitation Permits

- No set cycle; regulations reviewed when necessary
- Wildlife rehabilitation permit regulations were last reviewed in 2014
- For Information – November
- For Action – December



Additional management topics



Wolf Management Plan

1. WMAC meetings scheduled through May 2022
2. Integrating best biological and social scientific knowledge
3. Tribal consultation Oct-Nov 2021, currently providing input
4. Public comment on 2015 plan and updated plan
5. Goal to complete plan by 30 June 2022



Bear Management Plan

1. Public and tribal input in November 2021
2. Bear forum meeting held in December 2021
3. Goal to complete plan by mid-Spring 2022
4. Present plan to Director and NRC



Digest Print Deadlines

- Mid-March for *Bear and Furbearer
 - Mid-April for *Elk
 - Mid-May for *Fall Turkey
 - Mid-June for Hunting (contains deer/small game) and *Waterfowl
 - Mid-November for *Spring Turkey
- *Have application periods ~6 weeks from print deadline

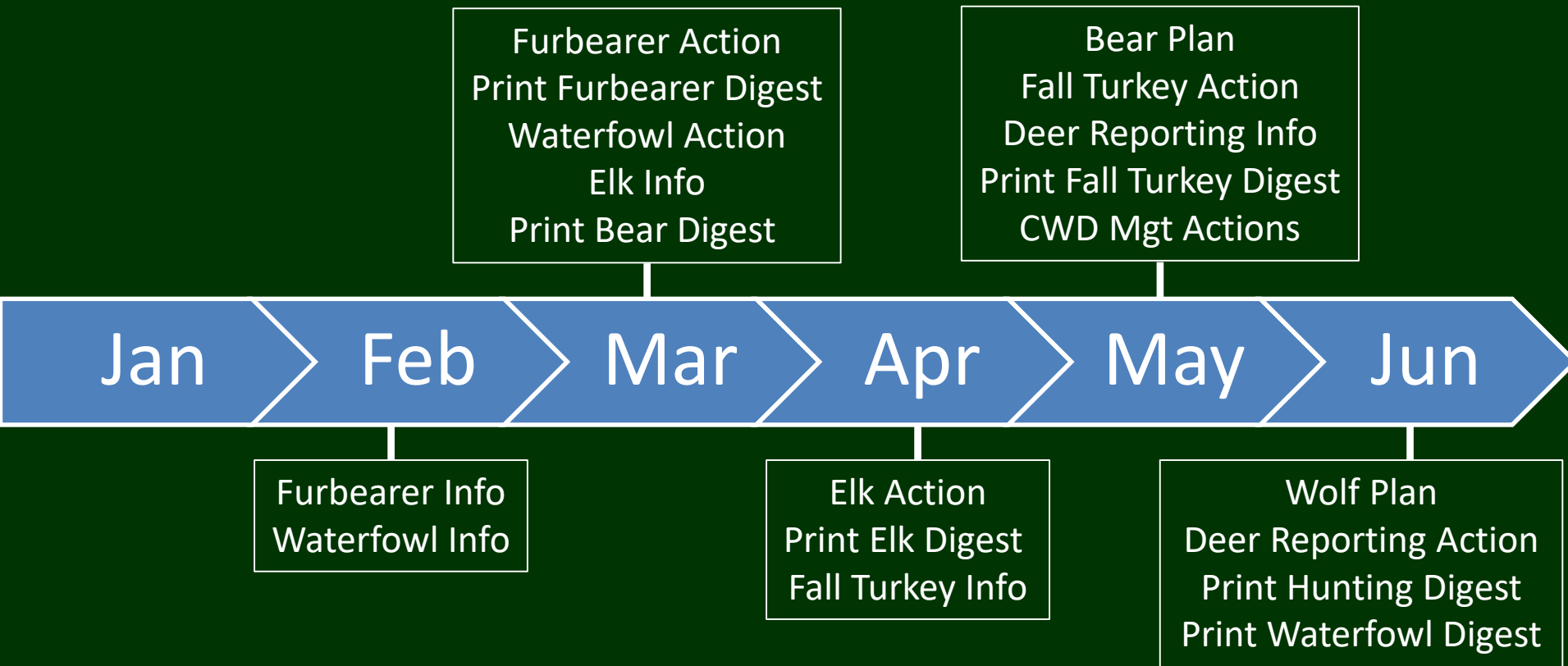


Other Topics

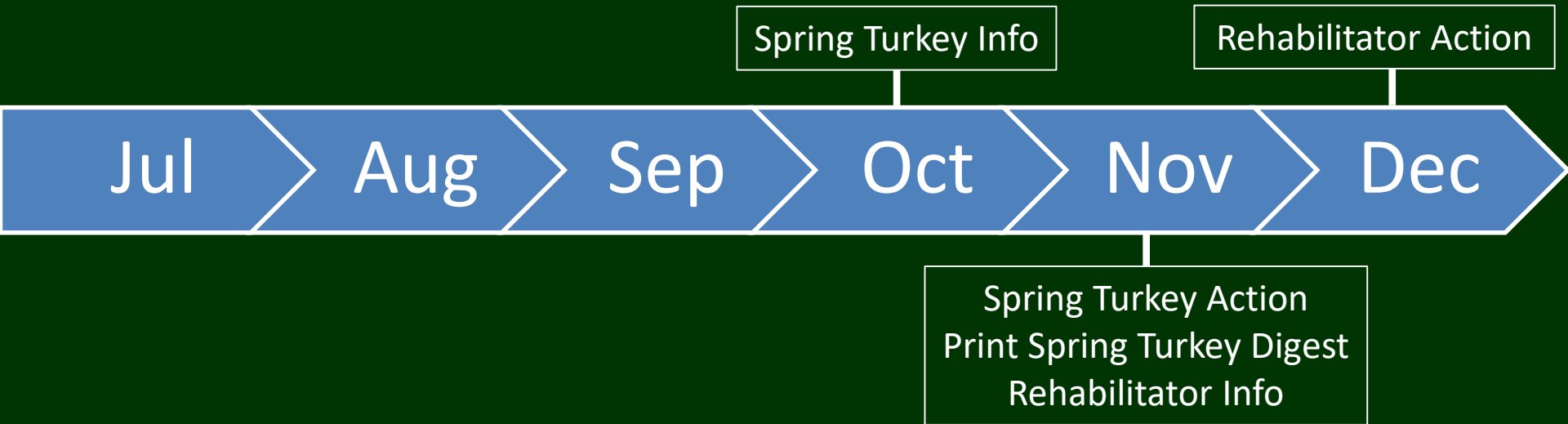
- Pure Michigan Hunt Announcement and Wildlife Annual Report (February)
- Bear Population Trend Analysis Update (March)
- Bovine Tuberculosis Surveillance Report (April)
- Chronic Wasting Disease Report (April)



Next 6 months



Following 6 months



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Forest Roads Inventory Update

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NRC 01/13/2022



Public Act 288

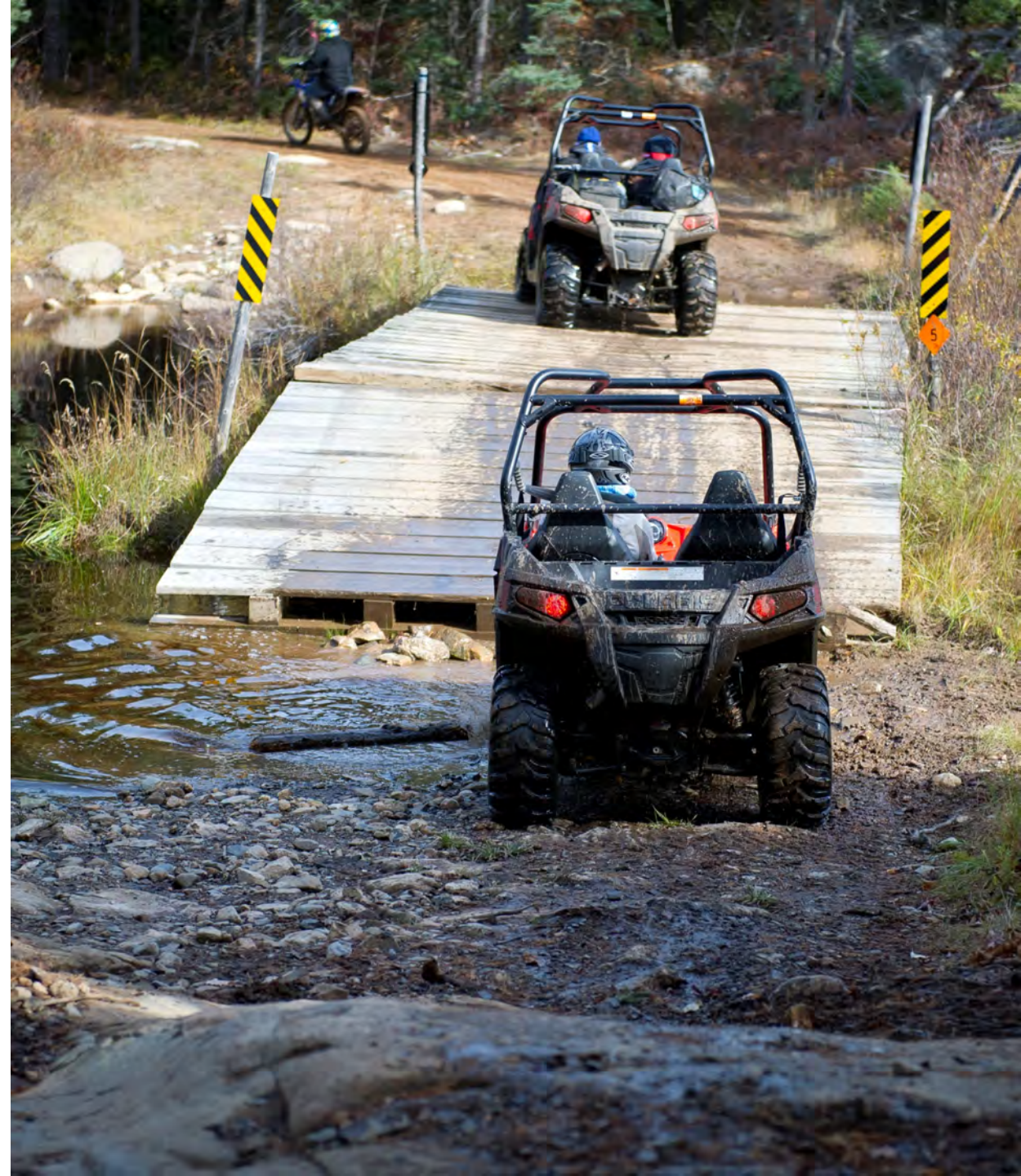
- Signed by Gov. Snyder in 2016
- Requires determination of motorized and non-motorized use restrictions
- Requires DNR to post maps and mileage open to motorized use each year
- Requires an inventory of forest roads by region, including:
 - Location
 - Condition
 - Development Level

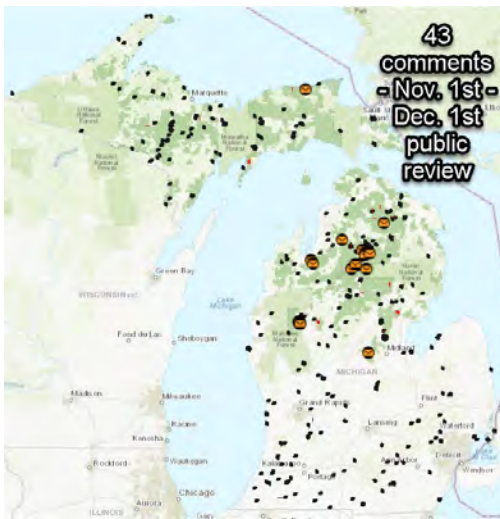




Inventories Completed

- Dec. 14, 2017: LUOD designated roads open to ORVs in the NLP
- Dec. 13, 2018: LUOD identified UP and SLP roads open to ORVs
- Maps are fine-tuned each year
- Roads may be opened or closed to ORVs or other vehicles





Process for Change

- Status changes can be initiated by public comment, Department staff, stakeholders, tribal governments or local units of government
- Multi-disciplinary DNR team reviews and recommends changes
- 30-day public review each year before proposed changes are made
- DNR received 83 comments from Sept. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021; 43 comments were received during the Nov. 1-Dec. 1, 2021 public review phase



2021 Proposals

- Remove ~9.3 miles of road segments from state forest maps for conventional & ORV use
- Delete 10.3 miles of roads due to data cleanup of non-existing or duplicate roads
- Add 205.1 miles of roads to maps that were not previously included in the inventory; 80.8 miles will be open to ORV use and 116 miles open to seasonal ORV use (Boating Access Sites)
- Opened 98.5 miles of roads seasonally to ORV's (majority of which are part of Camp Grayling Military Roads, seasonal closures needed during Military use.)

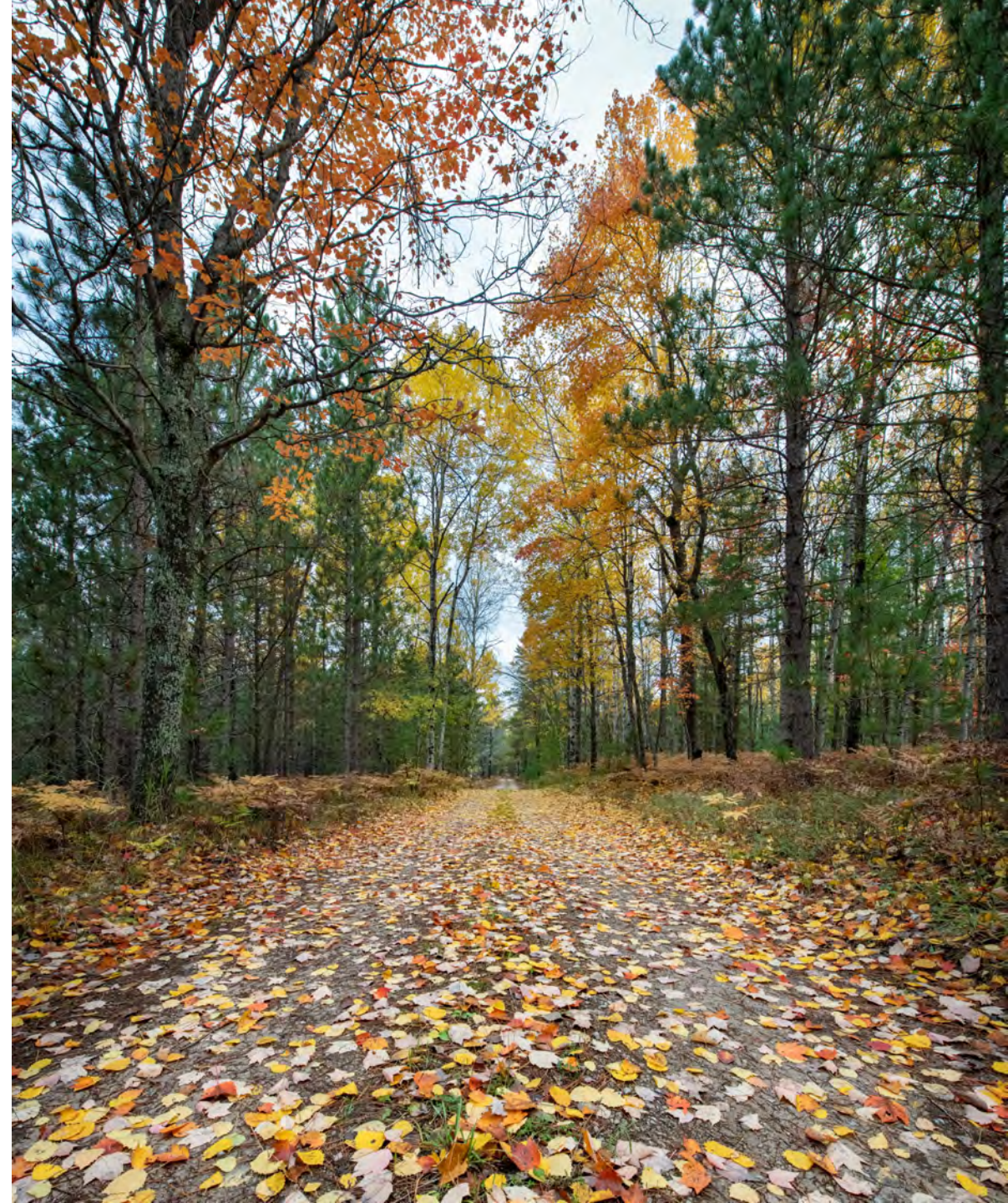


Miles of Road by Region

- Upper Peninsula: 5,497.9 miles open to ORV use out of 5594.0 total miles
 - While conducting the road inventory review over the past year, the overall road mileage for the UP was reduced by approximately 900 miles. There has not been an actual loss of on the ground roads open to the public, this is simply a data correction.
- Northern Lower Peninsula: 6,205.1 miles open to ORV use out of 7,317.2 total miles
- Southern Lower Peninsula: 9.4 miles open to ORV use out of 370.9 miles of state forest roads

What's Next?

- Director's action in February
- Maps reflecting approved changes will be published online by April 1, 2022
- Signs will be posted on state-managed forest roads closed to ORV use, including seasonal closures



Questions?



Preliminary 2021 Elk Season Results



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2021 Late Elk Season Summary

- Hunt Period 2:
 - December 11-19
 - Hunt Areas H, I, and X
- Weather was variable
 - Multiple days with high winds, snow, and fog that made for difficult hunting and travel
 - Temperatures were cold to mild throughout
- License Quota: 160
 - 50 any elk
 - 110 antlerless only elk



Elk Harvest – Late Season

- Hunt Period 2 Harvest

- State hunter harvest: 140 legally harvested elk

- 47 antlered bulls
- 88 cows
- 5 calves (2 female, 3 male)
- 89% success (157 hunters)

- 5 illegal takes (not included in harvest totals)

- Tribal harvest: 2 elk

- 2 bulls



Elk Harvested December 2021

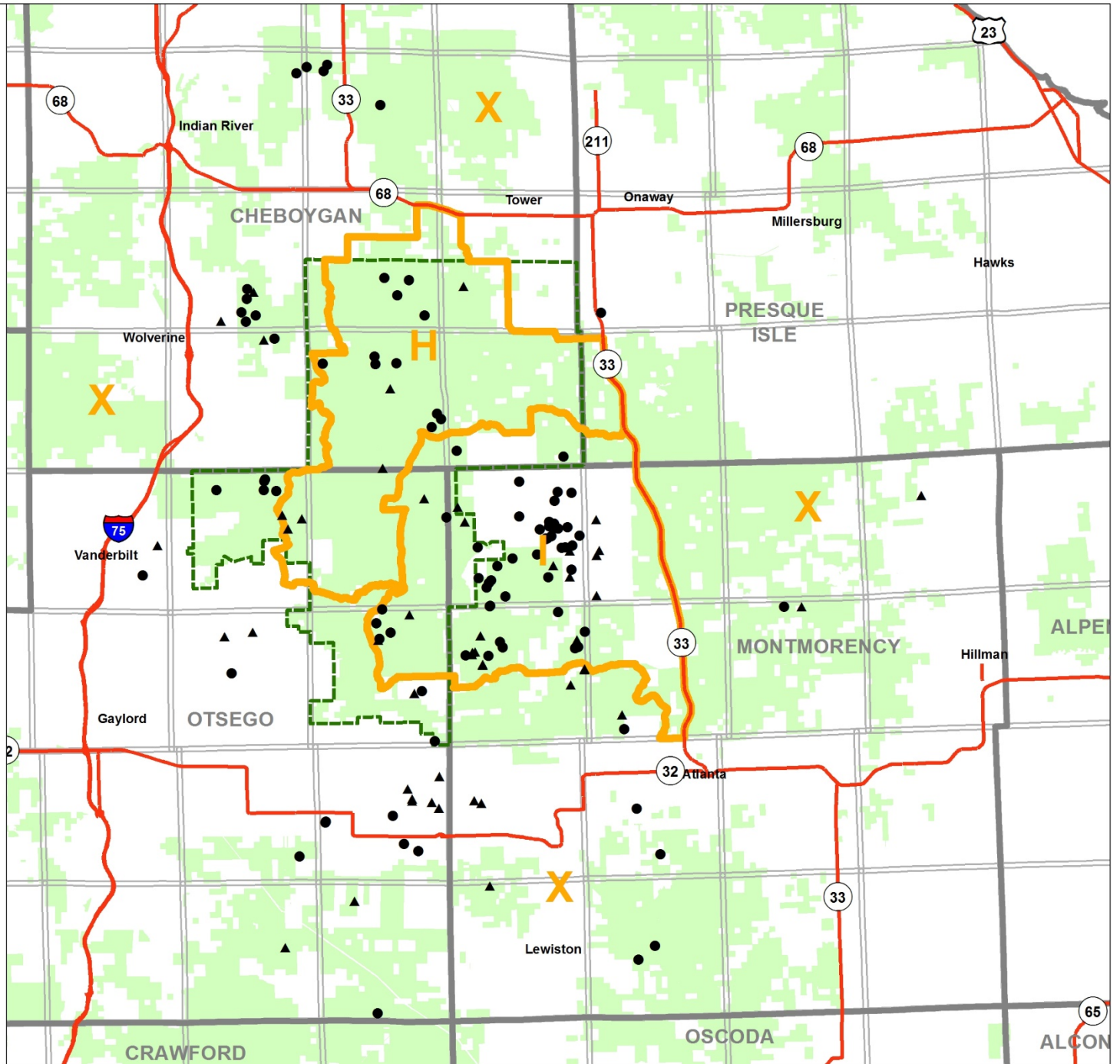


Legend

- ▲ Bull
- Antlerless
- Orange line Elk Hunt Unit Boundary
- Green dashed line Pigeon River Country Boundary NO ORVs
- Grey line Counties
- Grey square Cities
- Red line Highway
- Blue line Lakes and Rivers
- White box Township
- Light green background State Land



0 1 2 4 6 8 Miles



Historical Success Rates- Statewide Drawn Hunters

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Year Avg.
Early Season	75%	69%	74%	83%	75%	75%
Late Season	84%	83%	92%	86%	89%	87%



2020 Total Elk Season Summary

- Hunt Period 1 Harvest:
 - State hunter harvest: 73 legally harvested elk
 - 29 bulls, 44 cows/calves; 75% success
- Hunt Period 2 Harvest:
 - State hunter harvest: 140 legally harvested elk
 - 47 bulls, 88 cows/calves; 89% success
- Tribal Harvest: 9 elk (still being tabulated)
- All 3 Pure Michigan hunters successful

January Hunt is not recommended



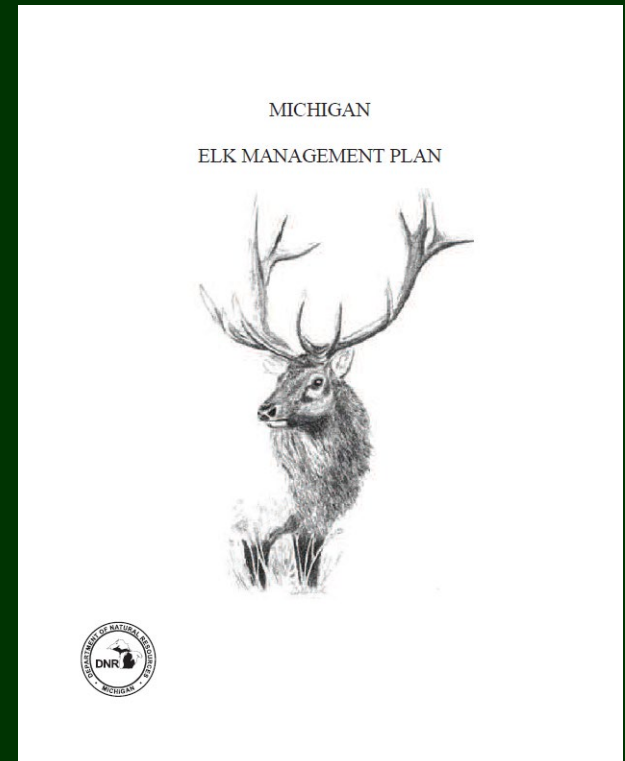
2022 Elk Management Timeline

- Elk Survey (Jan.-Feb.)
 - Last completed in 2019
 - Estimate of 1,196 \pm 266 elk



2022 Elk Management Timeline

- Proposed Elk Regulations Order
 - for Information on March 10 NRC meeting
 - for Action on April 14 NRC meeting
- Elk Management Plan revision process
 - Anticipate completed revised Plan by early 2023



Thank You

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