

Forest Roads Inventory Update

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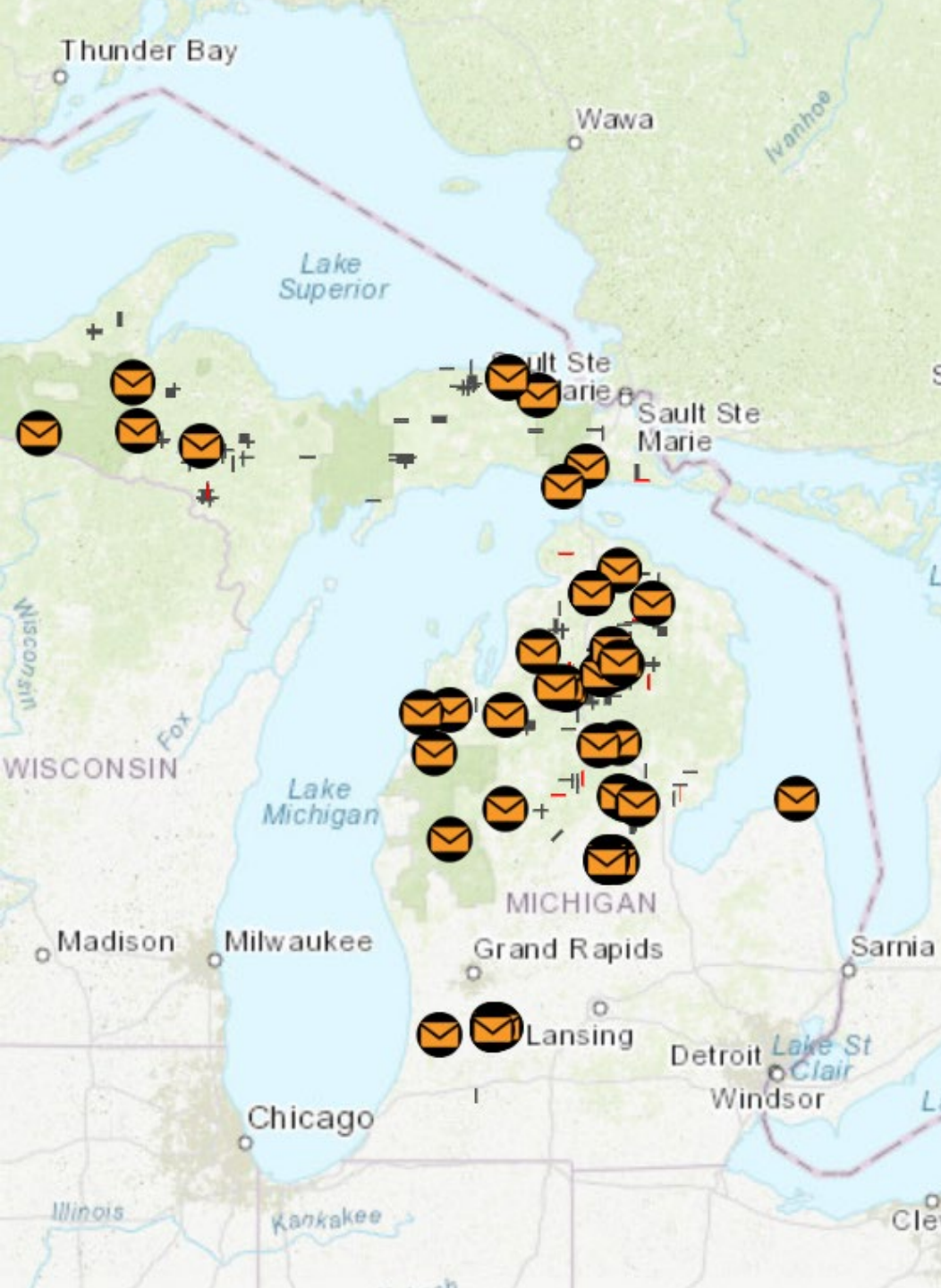
- Signed by Gov. Snyder in 2016
- Requires determination of motorized and non-motorized use restrictions
- Requires DNR to post maps and mileage open to motorized use each year
- Requires an inventory of forest roads by region, including:
 - Location
 - Condition
 - Development level



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 615 comments from Sept. 1, 2018-Aug. 31, 2019; plus nine comments during the Nov. 1-Dec. 1, 2019 public review phase



2019 Proposals

- Remove ~13 miles of road segments from state forest maps for conventional & ORV use
- Delete 300 miles of roads due to data cleanup of non-existing or duplicate roads
- Add 98 miles of roads to maps that were not previously included in the inventory; 88 miles will be open to ORV use

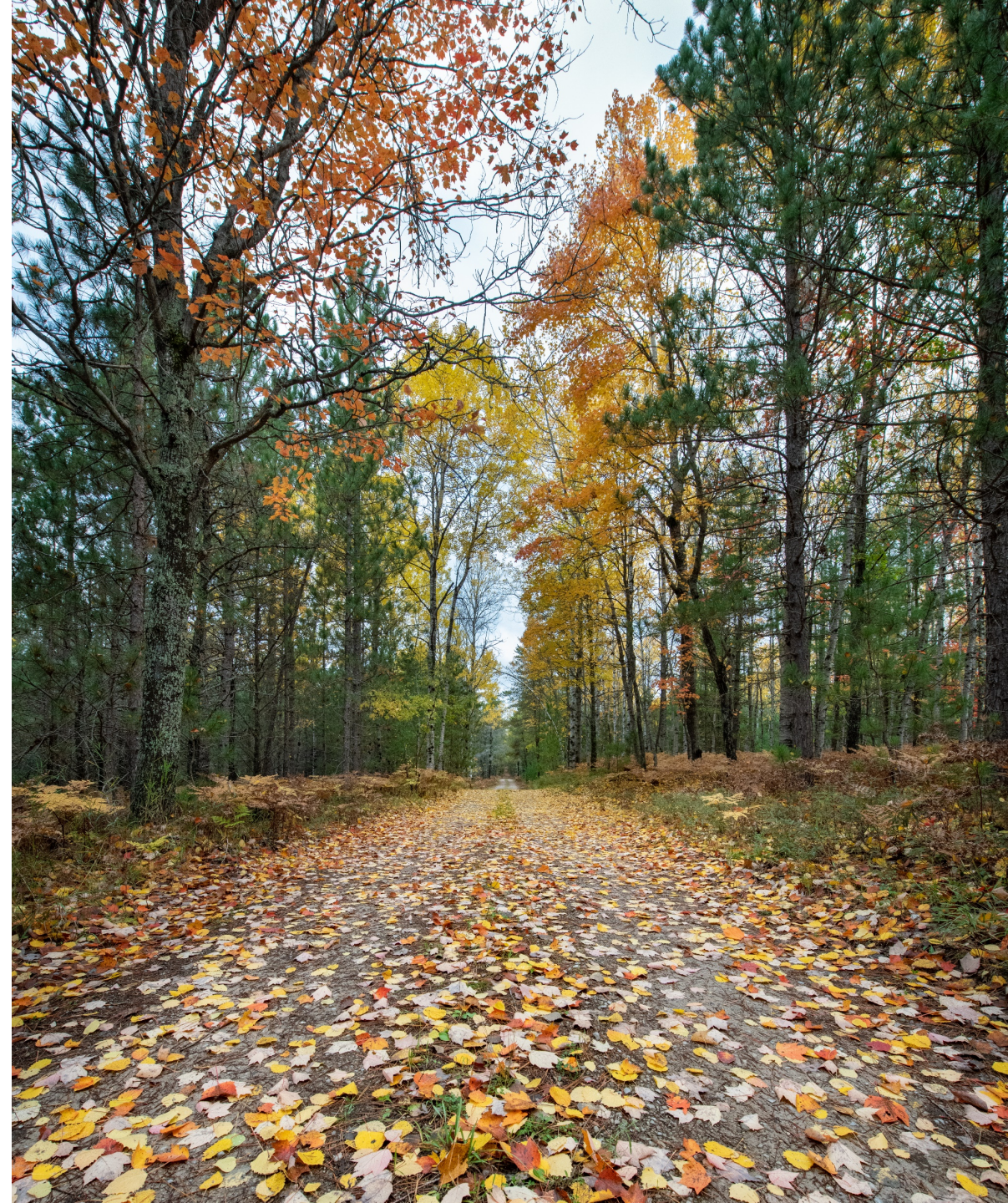


Miles of Road by Region

- Upper Peninsula: 6,182 miles open to ORVS out of 6,215 total miles
- Northern Lower Peninsula: 6,130 miles open to ORVs out of 7,360 total miles
- Southern Lower Peninsula: Almost 9 miles open to ORV use out of 365 miles of state forest roads

What's Next?

- Director's action in February
- Maps reflecting approved changes will be published online by April 1, 2020
- Signs will be posted on state-managed forest roads closed to ORV use, including seasonal closures



Questions?

