

Management Area 8.1 - Wild and Scenic Rivers

Maps:

Shaded area depicts Management Area 8.1.

Figure III-14. Management Area 8.1 on the Huron National Forest.

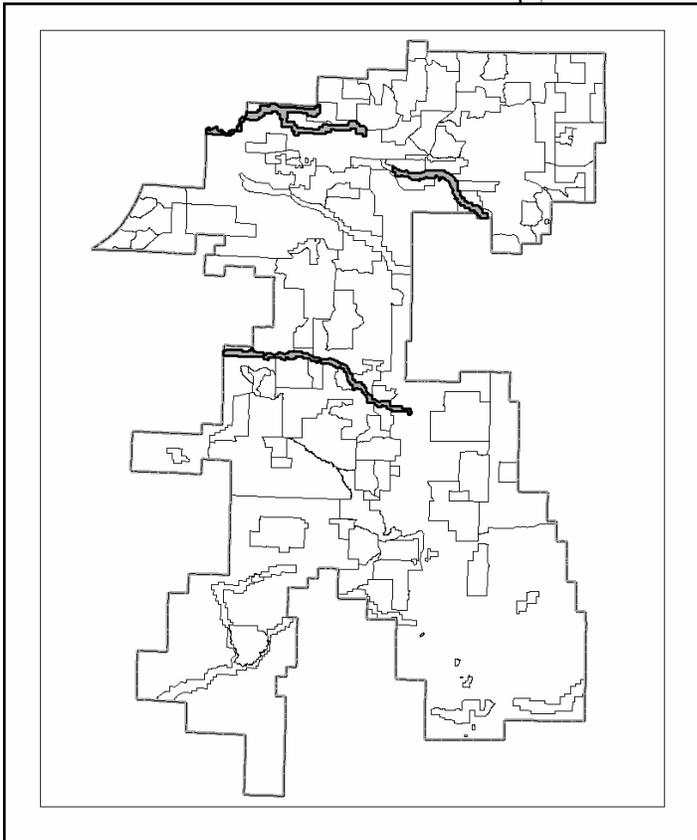
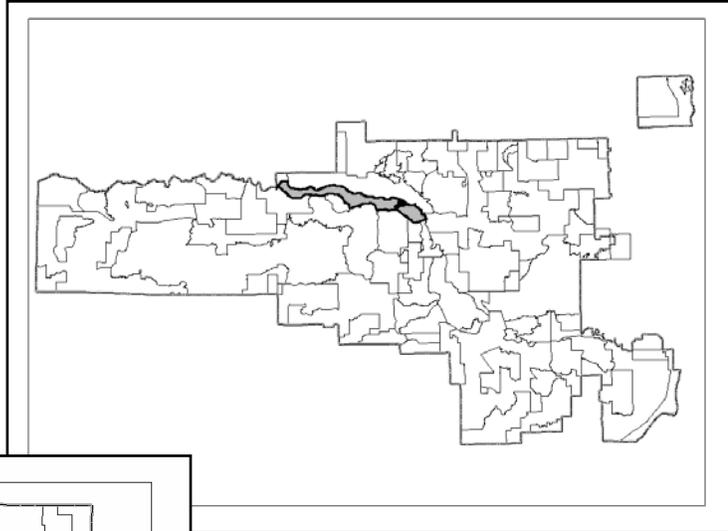


Figure III-15. Management Area 8.1 on the Manistee National Forest.

Purpose:

Management of the Congressionally-designated wild and scenic river corridors will protect unique areas that have outstandingly remarkable values such as scientific, biological, geological, historical or recreational characteristics of local, regional or national significance.

Landscape Description:

This prescription area contains approximately two percent of all National Forest System lands on the Huron-Manistee National Forests. These prescription areas may contain National Forest System lands outside the Congressionally-designated Wild and Scenic River corridors.

Wild and Scenic Rivers occur throughout the Huron-Manistee National Forests and are listed in Table III-11.

Table III-11. Wild and Scenic Rivers on the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

River	Description	Location
Pere Marquette National Scenic River	<p>In November 1978, 66 miles of the river were classified a National Scenic River. The management zone contains 13,054 acres, of which 2,882 are in federal ownership.</p> <p>Direction for the Pere Marquette National Scenic River (designated by Act of Congress in 1978, P.L. 90-542, as amended by P.L. 95-625), Standards and Guidelines, and possible projects are contained in the Pere Marquette National Scenic River Management Plan, revised April 2, 1990, or as updated.</p>	Manistee National Forest
Pine National Scenic River	<p>In March 1992, 26 miles of the river were classified as a National Scenic River. The classified segment is located in the northern part of the Manistee National Forest, 20 miles southwest of Cadillac, from Lincoln Bridge to Stronach Pond. The National Scenic River Management Plan also includes a segment of the Pine River from the terminus of the designated section to Low Bridge, (2.5 miles of river. There are 4,632 acres in the river corridor.</p> <p>Direction for the Pine National Scenic River (designated by Act of Congress in 1991, P.L. 102-249), Standards and Guidelines and possible projects are contained in the Pine River Management Plan, dated September 1, 1995, or as updated.</p>	Manistee National Forest

Table III-11. Wild and Scenic Rivers on the Huron-Manistee National Forests (Continued).

River	Description	Location
Au Sable National Scenic River	<p>In October 1984, 23 miles of the river were classified as a National Scenic River. The classified segment is from the boundary of the Mio Pond project downstream to the boundary of the Alcona Pond project, Forest Service bridge. Currently there are 6,210 acres in the river corridor.</p> <p>Direction for the Au Sable National Scenic River (designated by Act of Congress in 1984, P.L. 98-444), Standards and Guidelines and possible projects are contained in Management Direction for the Au Sable National Scenic River, dated July 27, 1988, or as updated.</p>	Huron National Forest
Manistee National Recreation River and Bear Creek National Scenic River	<p>In March 1992, 26 miles of the Manistee River were classified as a National Recreation River and 6.5 miles of Bear Creek were classified as a National Scenic River. The classified segment of the Manistee River is located from Tippy Dam to the Michigan State Highway 55 Bridge. The classified segment of Bear Creek is located from Coates Highway to the Manistee River. There are 8,285 acres in the Manistee River corridor and 2,020 acres in the Bear Creek corridor.</p> <p>Direction for the Manistee National Recreational River and Bear Creek National Scenic River (designated by Act of Congress in 1991, P.L. 102-249), Standards and Guidelines, and possible projects area contained in the Manistee National Recreational River and Bear Creek National Scenic River Management Plan, dated 1996, or as updated.</p>	Manistee National Forest

Goals and Objectives and Desired Future Condition:**Goals and Objectives:**

- Maintain the outstandingly remarkable values of each river for which they were designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
- Management direction is established by each river's management plan.
- Manage Kirtland's warbler essential habitat consistent with the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Plan.

Desired Future Condition:

Management direction will follow approved management plans for designated Wild and Scenic Rivers protecting the unique features of the rivers.

Dominant forest types are variable depending on the area and will range from northern hardwoods on morainal hills and plains to aspen, oaks, and red and white pines on dry sandy plains. Low, wet areas will be characterized by aspen, black ash, cedar, fir and hemlock. Stand distribution by age and size, across the landscape, is natural in appearance and dominated by old growth characteristics.

Federal or state ownership of all surface and subsurface mineral rights is desirable.

There are approximately 17,100 acres of designated old growth in this management area.

Standards and Guidelines:

1900 PLANNING

I Old Growth

- A Flooding of wetlands may also occur in accordance to existing license articles for operations of hydroelectric projects on the Manistee, Muskegon and Au Sable Rivers. G

2300 RECREATION, WILDERNESS AND RELATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- I Camping within Wild and Scenic River corridors is permitted at designated sites. G

2800 MINERALS AND GEOLOGY

- I Federal oil and gas leases within Wild and Scenic River corridors will contain a no-surface-occupancy stipulation. s