

Management Area 7.1 - Concentrated Recreation Areas

Map:

Shaded area depicts Management Area 7.1. There are no Management Area 7.1 areas on the Manistee National Forest.

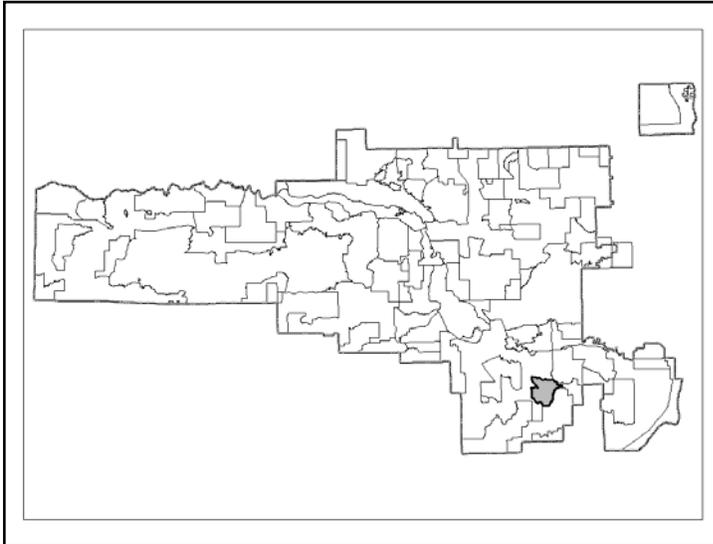


Figure III-13. Management Area 7.1 on the Huron National Forest.

Purpose:

Management activities will provide for a variety of high density nonmotorized recreational experiences.

Landscape Description:

There is one high density recreational use area. The Corsair Recreation Area is located on the Huron National Forest.

This area contains less than 1 percent of all National Forest System lands on the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

Goals and Objectives and Desired Future Condition:

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- Vegetative management activities will enhance old-growth character; protect public health and safety, and the soil and water resource.

- Provide habitat suitable for species requiring an old-growth environment.
- Provide moderate to high amounts of recreational facilities, such as trails; dispersed and developed camping and picnic areas.
- Provide for recreational activities such as skiing, hunting, fishing, viewing scenery and other recreational opportunities.

Desired Future Condition:

The desired future condition of this management area will be characterized by a predominantly natural or natural-appearing environment. Concentration and interaction between users is high. There is often evidence of other users. The area is managed in such a way that on-site controls and restrictions may be present but are subtle.

Nonmotorized use is emphasized, providing primarily hiking, cross-country skiing, and equestrian travel. Roads and a dense trail system are present. They will be designed to accommodate the high-density recreation use and related activities associated with the area.

Utility corridors and other special uses may be present, provided they are compatible with the character of the area. Mineral exploration may occur where geologic studies suggest special needs for subsurface information.

There are approximately 3,100 acres of designated old growth in this management area.

Some roads are present, but they are gated to provide access only for administrative or other permitted purposes. Other public agency roads may be present. Improvements on these roads may be frequent and are maintained to minimal standards necessary for health and safety needs.

Standards and Guidelines:

1900 PLANNING

I Vegetation Management

- A Limit vegetation management to improving visual quality; reducing hazard fuels, managing pests, creating fuelbreaks or maintaining diversity of wildlife habitats. G

2300 RECREATION, WILDERNESS AND RELATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

I Recreation Construction

- A Hike-in camping site will be at least 100 feet from any adjacent camping unit. G

2600 WILDLIFE, FISH AND SENSITIVE PLANT HABITAT MANAGEMENT

I Regional Forester Sensitive Species and their Management

A Standards and Guidelines for the management of Regional Forester Sensitive Species are:

1 Cerulean Warbler

- a Timber management and road construction activities should not occur in occupied habitat within 400 feet of a cerulean warbler nest tree—approximately a 10-acre area—during the breeding season. G

2700 SPECIAL USES MANAGEMENT

- I Allow only those facilities required to serve recreational or administrative facilities. Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis supported by a documented environmental analysis. G
- II Decisions on special uses involving National Forest System lands will be made on an individual basis. G
- III Do not permit special-use motorized recreation events. G
- IV Do not allow developed organizational camps. G
- V Provide for utility transmission corridors. Emphasize the use of corridors when granting appropriate rights of way. G

2800 MINERALS AND GEOLOGY

I Mineral Exploration and Development

A General oil and gas development conditions:

- 1 Production facilities are outside the area when practical. G
- 2 Needed pumps are run by electric motors or equipped to minimize noise. G

II Common Variety Minerals

A Use of common variety mineral deposits will be considered with the following limitations: G

- 1 Permitted only for use within the management prescription area. G

- III Federal oil and gas leases will contain a controlled surface use stipulation with a maximum surface development density of 1 surface location per 640 acres. G

5100 FIRE MANAGEMENT

I Suppression

A Minimize use of tractor plows, retardant, constructed helispots, and wheeled vehicles. G

- II Activity fuels (slash) will be treated to a level commensurate with the allowable fire intensity and rate of spread that meets resource objectives in established prescriptions. Treatment along highways and adjacent properties will meet applicable state laws. G

- III Management action to address high fuel hazards may occur in old G

growth when public safety and property are at risk.

7700 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- I No new permanent roads will be constructed to manage the surface resources on National Forest System lands. Roads may be constructed, on an approved location, to provide access to private inholdings or for development of mineral rights. G
- II Oil and Gas
 - A All temporary roads will be planned and constructed to be revegetated within one year of termination of contract, lease or permit. G
 - B Roads must use existing transportation corridors when compatible, feasible and practical. G