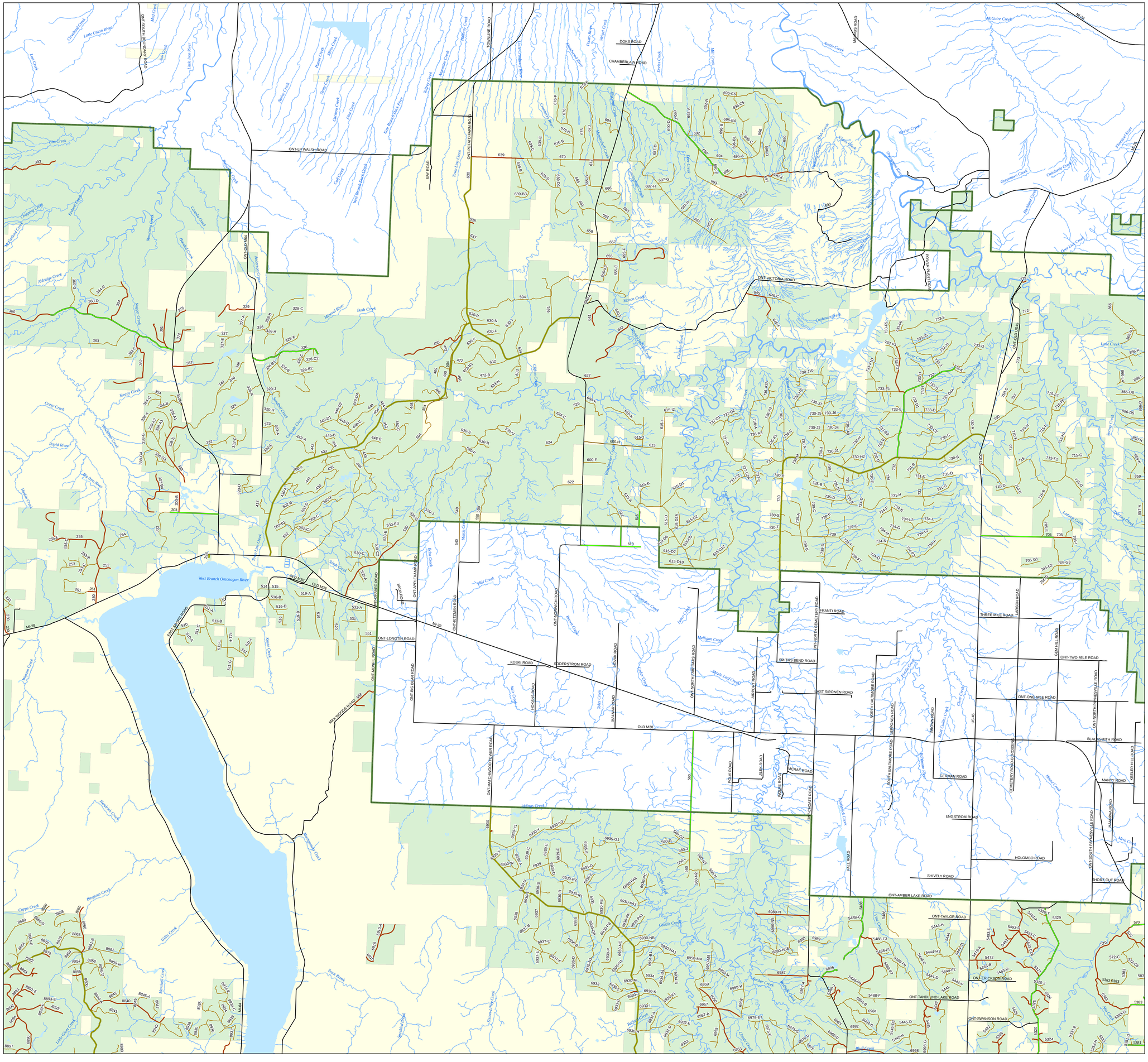

Ottawa National Forest Subpart A Analysis

Forest Service System Roads

OBJECTIVE MAINTENANCE LEVEL

- 1 -CLOSED (Basic Custodial Care)
- 2 - High Clearance Vehicles ("two-track")
- 3 - Suitable for Passenger Cars
- 4/5 - Built for User Comfort
- Non Forest Service Roads
- Wilderness
- Forest Boundary

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Ownership

- NON-FS
- USDA FOREST SERVICE

The roads on these maps are under study with SubpartA. They may or may not be open to motorized public use.

National Forest Begins Road Study

The Ottawa National Forest includes more than 3,800 miles of roads. While many Forest roads provide land management and user benefits, some may also pose risks to forest resources. Increased use of an aging roads infrastructure increases safety risks and maintenance costs, impacts wildlife, and contributes to degradation of water quality.

The goal of the national Travel Analysis Process is to define safe, fiscally feasible road systems that provide the greatest benefit to the largest number of visitors with the least risk to the environment.

In order to move closer to a sustainable road system, the agency will conduct a science- based road study on each forest in order to:

- Analyze each unit's road system in connection with environmental, financial, and social risks and benefits; and
- Develop road opportunities that can approach a fiscally sustainable road system

Each Forest will gather information about the uses and characteristics of existing system roads, including need for management activities and public access, benefits, environmental risks, and maintenance costs.

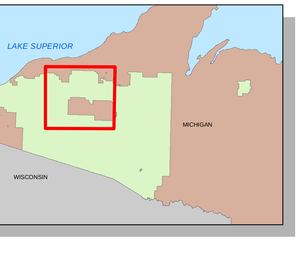
The information we gather will be used in the future to help us identify a minimum road system that serves the needs of the public and the Forest Service at a cost we can afford to maintain over time.

National Forest System Roads

National Forest System Roads are organized according to objective maintenance levels (OMLs):*

OML	Description	Ottawa Miles
5	High Degree of User Comfort	12
4	Moderate Degree of User Comfort	245
3	Suitable for Passenger Cares	227
2	High Clearance Vehicles	697
1	Basic Custodial Care (closed)	2666

*For more information about the range of conditions within each maintenance level, see the Guidelines online at http://www.fs.fed.us/t-db/pubs/pdf/11771311.pdf



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