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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

King & MacGregor Environmental Inc. (KME) was contracted by Eagle Mine LLC to collect ecological information within the Eagle Project Site (Study Area) located in northern Marquette County, Michigan (Figure 1-1). All figures are provided in Appendix A. KME conducted ecological surveys in 2006-2008 and 2011-2013 for birds, small mammals, large mammals, and frogs and toads. In addition, wetland monitoring and upland vegetative surveys were conducted in 2007, 2008, and 2011-2013. This report is intended to describe the findings of the surveys conducted during 2013 and is considered a supplement to the previously submitted surveys.

### 1.1 Study Area

The Study Area is located in Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, Michigamme Township (T50N, R29W), Marquette County, Michigan (Figure 1-2).

### 1.2 **Project Purpose**

The purpose of these surveys is to continue ecological investigation of birds, small mammals, large mammals, frogs and toads, wetland vegetation, and upland vegetation within the Study Area. Sampling points are shown on Figure 1-3.

#### 2.0 BIRDS

#### 2.1. Methods

The methodologies used and described in the 2007 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment were employed during the 2013 bird surveys. A breeding bird survey was conducted during June 11 through 13, 2013, at 26 survey points; a fall bird survey was conducted during September 17 through 19, 2013, at 18 survey points (Figure 1-3). Survey points 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, and 19 are surveyed during June only. All other points were surveyed twice (i.e., two days) during the breeding and fall surveys. Incidental observations of bird species not associated with survey points were also recorded and reported.

#### 2.2 Results

During the June 2013 breeding bird survey, 539 birds representing 37 species were observed (Tables 2-1a and 2-1b). All tables are provided in Appendix B. During the September 2013 survey, 162 birds representing 22 species were observed (Tables 2-2a and

2-2b). A combined total of 701 birds representing 42 species were identified during these 2013 (June and September) bird surveys (Table 2-3). Nashville warbler was by far the most abundant bird observed during the June 2013 survey, while the blue jay was the most abundant during the September 2013 survey. Additionally, ruffed grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) and spruce grouse (*Falcipennis canadensis*) were occasionally seen or heard while traveling between survey points and during the vegetative surveys in June and September 2013 near survey points 22, 23, 28, and 29. Two eastern whip-poor-wills (*Antrostomus vociferous*) were heard near survey point 3 on June 16. Several American woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) were also flushed while navigating between points in September. One bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) was observed in flight high above the southern end of the site, and two American kestrels (*Falco sparverius*) were observed east of point 2 on September 17. The federally endangered and state endangered Kirtland's warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) was not detected at any time during the ecological surveys.

### 2.3 Discussion

The bird species identified during the 2013 bird surveys are similar to those bird species identified in previous surveys conducted within the Study Area and are consistent with the bird species expected to be found in the habitats present.

#### 3.0 MAMMALS

# 3.1 Small Mammals

#### 3.1.1 Methods

The methodologies utilized during the 2013 small mammal survey were consistent with those used and described in the *2011 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment*. Sampling methods employed the use of three small Sherman box traps and one large snap trap at every survey point. Sampling was conducted on September 17-19, 2013. Ten survey points were sampled during the 2013 survey (Figure 1-3). Each survey point was sampled on three consecutive days, for a total of 30 sampling events.

# 3.1.2 Results

Twenty-seven small mammals representing four species were collected during the September survey period: deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*), least chipmunk (*Tamias*)

*minimus*), Southern redback vole (*Clethrionomys gapperi*), and Southern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys volans*) (Table 3). The most common small mammal identified during the survey was the least chipmunk. In addition, snowshoe hares (*Lepus americanus*) and red squirrels (Sciurus vulgaris) were incidentally observed throughout the Study Area during the June and September 2013 bird surveys. No threatened, endangered, or special Concern small mammals were observed during any of the surveys.

# 3.1.3 Discussion

The small mammals encountered within the Study Area during the 2013 surveys are typical of those expected in the habitats present and are generally consistent with previous survey results. Red squirrels appear to be relatively common throughout the Study Area but appear to be highly adept at trap avoidance. Other regionally common species possibly present or previously observed within the Study Area but not noted during the 2013 surveys include muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*), beaver (*Castor canadensis*), raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), and porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*). Small mammals appear to be distributed throughout wooded and open areas, in both upland and wetland habitats.

### 3.2 Large Mammals

#### 3.2.1 Methods

The methodologies described in the 2007 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment were employed during the 2013 large mammal surveys. Although methodology did not include surveying specifically for large mammals, all observed evidence of large mammal presence was noted in the course of conducting field work for other wildlife and vegetation within the Study Area.

# 3.2.2 Results

Whitetail deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) was the only large mammal species directly observed during the 2013 surveys. Deer were seen infrequently throughout the Study Area during the course of the ecological surveys. Fresh scat and tracks of moose (*Alces alces*) and coyote (*Canis latrans*) were observed occasionally throughout the Study Area.

#### 3.2.3 Discussion

All of the large mammal species detected during the 2013 surveys are species that would be expected in the habitats present. Other regionally common species possibly present or previously observed within the Study Area but not noted during the 2013 surveys include red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), gray wolf (*Canis lupus*), bobcat (*Lynx rufus*), and river otter (*Lutra canadensis*). Indirect evidence of gray wolves, which included tracks and scat, was observed during the 2006, 2007, 2011, and 2012 ecological surveys. KME biologists also directly observed a single gray wolf in 2012.

### 4.0 FROGS AND TOADS

### 4.1 Methods

The methodologies used and described in the 2007 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment were employed during the 2013 frog and toad survey. KME used the same three frog and toad sampling points previously established in 2006 (Figure 1-3). The survey was conducted after sunset during May 15, June 10, and June 24, 2012. Due to weather conditions, extended ice and snow cover in April, an early spring (April 1 – May 5) survey was not conducted in 2013.

#### 4.2 Results

Five frog species and one toad species were heard during the survey: Northern spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*), gray treefrog (*Hyla versicolor*), green frog (*Rana clamitans*), Western Chorus frog (*Pseudacris triseriata*), mink frog (*Rana septentrionalis*) and the American toad (*Bufo americanus*) (Table 4). Frog and toad calling activity included Call Index values of 1, 2, and 3. No Threatened, Endangered, or Special Concern frog or toad species were identified during the 2013 survey.

#### 4.3 Discussion

All three of the sampling points exhibited use by frogs and/or toads for breeding. The most frequently recorded species was the northern spring peeper. The frog and toad species identified are typical of those expected in the habitats present in the Study Area. The 2013 survey results are similar to those of previous years.

#### 5.0 THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

#### 5.1 Methods

The Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) maintains a database of rare plants and animals in Michigan. KME requested a Rare Species Review to determine if any protected species had been found in or near the Study Area. MNFI lists the NLG as a threatened species in Michigan. A copy of the MNFI report is provided in Appendix C. In accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) guidelines (MDNR 2001), KME surveyed for any MNFI listed species and their habitats during the appropriate season.

As in past years, the MNFI database query indicated the presence of state threatened narrow-leaved gentian (*Gentiana linearis*) along the Salmon Trout River within the Study Area. The methods used to conduct the 2013 narrow-leaved gentian (NLG) field investigation were consistent with the previous NLG studies. However, in 2013, the area of investigation was reduced to the Main Branch Salmon Trout River south of Triple A Road. Local climate changes and overall health of the NLG colonies were assessed relative to previous years, and photographic documentation was collected.

#### 5.2 Results

The 2013 NLG survey results were similar to those of the 2010-2012 surveys (Meier 2010 and KME 2012). Budding NLG were found in abundance (hundreds of individual plants) along the Salmon Trout River in approximately the same areas where they were previously observed in previous years. Photos documenting 2013 observances are provided in Appendix D.

Spruce grouse is a state special concern species; this species was occasionally observed in 2013 during the seasonal vegetative, bird, and small mammal surveys south and east of the Salmon Trout River. Scat and tracks of moose (State Special Concern) were observed occasionally in 2013 throughout the Study Area. A single bald eagle (state special concern) was observed soaring over the southern portion of the study area.

# 5.3 Discussion

The 2013 NLG survey was conducted on July 16, 2013. Previously, NLG observation and discussion was addressed in a separate report. The NLG colonies appeared healthy in

2013 relative to previous observances. According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data, precipitation totals were between 50% and 75% of normal for the area during the 2013 water year and temperatures were near average. Flow in the Salmon-Trout River appeared normal. Therefore, the necessary hydrology to support the NLG population appears to have been present in 2013.

# 6.0 WETLAND VEGETATIVE MONITORING

# 6.1 Methods

The methodologies used and described in the 2007 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment were employed during the 2013 wetland vegetative monitoring. KME used the same nine wetland sampling points previously established in 2006 (Figure 1-3).

# 6.2 Results

The 2013 wetland sampling point data is presented in Tables 6a through 6c. Table 6a summarizes the herbaceous data collected within each wetland quadrat; percent duff/bare soil is also listed for each quadrat. Table 6b summarizes the woody species data collected within each 30-foot radius wetland plot. Table 6c is an overall species list of the plants found within all of the wetland sampling plots; it summarizes the combined data and lists the total number of species, total number of native species, mean wetland indicator number, and mean coefficient of conservatism.

A total of 69 different plant species were observed during the 2013 wetland vegetation surveys (Table 6c). Overall, the plots contain an average of 84 percent native species (Table 6c). Wetland indicator values in the herbaceous stratum range from UPL to OBL (Table 6a). Plants most often encountered in this stratum were red maple (*Acer rubrum*), and blue joint-grass (Calamagrostis canadensis). In the shrub/sapling and overstory stratum (i.e., woody species), the values range from FACU to OBL (Table 6b). The most commonly encountered species were red maple (*Acer rubrum*), speckled alder (Alnus incana ssp. Rugosa), black spruce (*Picea mariana*), and balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*). The coefficients of conservatism ranged from 0 to 10 for all plots combined, with a mean of 4.3 (Table 6c). No state or federally protected plant species were identified.

### 6.3 Discussion

The data gathered provides qualitative and quantitative baselines against which to measure future monitoring results and determine if significant changes are occurring. Overall, the wetland botanical species assemblages do not appear to have changed significantly since the beginning of the KME study period. The mean wetland indicator code value for all of the plots is within the FAC to FAC- range, indicating a species assemblage adapted to moderately wet conditions. The coefficients of conservatism associated with each plot generally indicate a flora with moderate to low fidelity to specific natural communities. One notable exception to this is plot 26W, which is within a bog/muskeg. Photos of wetland vegetation plots are provided in Appendix E.

# 7.0 UPLAND VEGETATIVE MONITORING

# 7.1 Methods

The methodologies used and described in the 2007 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment were employed during the 2013 wetland vegetative monitoring. The 2013 early growing season monitoring of upland vegetation was conducted during June 11 and June 12; monitoring occurred at 18 survey points along seven transects. Late summer monitoring was conducted on August 22 at 16 upland survey points. Survey point 3 was not sampled because it was occupied by an exploratory drilling operation during both study periods and point 30 was not sampled because it was occupied because it was occupied during the fall study period. It is also of note that survey point 14 had been significantly altered due to road right-of-way survey clearing, prior to the August 2013 monitoring event.

# 7.2 Results

The 2013 upland vegetative survey plot data is presented in Tables 7-1a through 7-2c. Tables 7-1a (June) and 7-2a (August) summarize the herbaceous data collected within each quadrat; percent duff/bare soil is also listed for each quadrat. Tables 7-1b (June) and 7-2b (August) summarize the woody species data collected within each 30-foot radius plot. Table 7-1c is an overall species list of the plants found within all of the upland vegetative survey plots during June. Table 7-2c is an overall species list of the plants found within all of the plants found within all of the upland vegetative survey plots during August. Tables 7-1c and 7-2c summarize the combined data and list the total number of species, total number of native species, mean wetland indicator number, and mean coefficient of conservatism.

A total of 48 different plant species were observed during the June 2013 upland vegetative surveys (Table 7-1c). A total of 47 different plant species were observed during the August 2013 upland vegetative surveys (Table 7-2c). Each plot exhibited 100 percent native species during both upland survey periods.

In both the June and August upland surveys, the most commonly observed plants within the quadrats were bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*), blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*), and unidentified non-sphagnum moss species. Bare soil/duff was also frequently noted in both June and August. Because the foliage of different species can overlap, the total percent cover in some plots exceeds 100 percent.

Within the 30-foot radius circular plots, 20 woody species were identified in a combination of both the June and August upland surveys. The most frequently encountered species in June and August were balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*), red maple (*Acer rubrum*), jack pine (*Pinus banksiana*), and black spruce (*Picea mariana*). Wetland indicator codes ranged from OBL to UPL, with an overall average within the FAC to FAC- range for each survey season.

The coefficients of conservatism ranged from 0 to 10, with an average of 4.7 for all June plots and average of 4.7 for all August plots (Table 7-1c and 7-2c). No state or federally protected plant species were documented. Photos of upland vegetation plots are provided in Appendix F.

# 7.3 Discussion

The data gathered provides qualitative and quantitative baselines against which to measure future monitoring results and determine if significant changes are occurring. The minor difference between the June and August 2013 herbaceous plant lists is likely due to seasonal plant emergence and seasonal senescence. The slight seasonal variation within the 30-foot radius plots is likely attributable to natural mortality and recruitment. The wide range of wetland indicator codes indicates a wide variability of microtopographical conditions. The moderate overall, average coefficient of conservatism average reflects the virtual lack of non-native species. In general, the vegetative assemblage appears to be similar to that which was documented in previous vegetation surveys.

#### 8.0 CONCLUSION

The wildlife and plant species identified during the 2013 surveys within the Study Area are similar to those identified during previous KME surveys with exception of the physical removal of vegetation at survey points 3 and 14. Forty-two species of birds, none of which are threatened or endangered, were observed during the bird surveys, and seven additional bird species were identified during other KME surveys (e.g., vegetation surveys). Four small mammal species, none of which are threatened or endangered, were documented. Only one large mammal species was directly observed in 2013 and no evidence of threatened or endangered large mammal species was recorded. Vegetative sampling plots in both wetland and upland communities identified plant species that are common within the region. No threatened or endangered plant species were encountered within the vegetative survey plots. The population of narrow-leafed gentian observed within the Study Area are typically associated with vegetative communities that are relatively common within the region.

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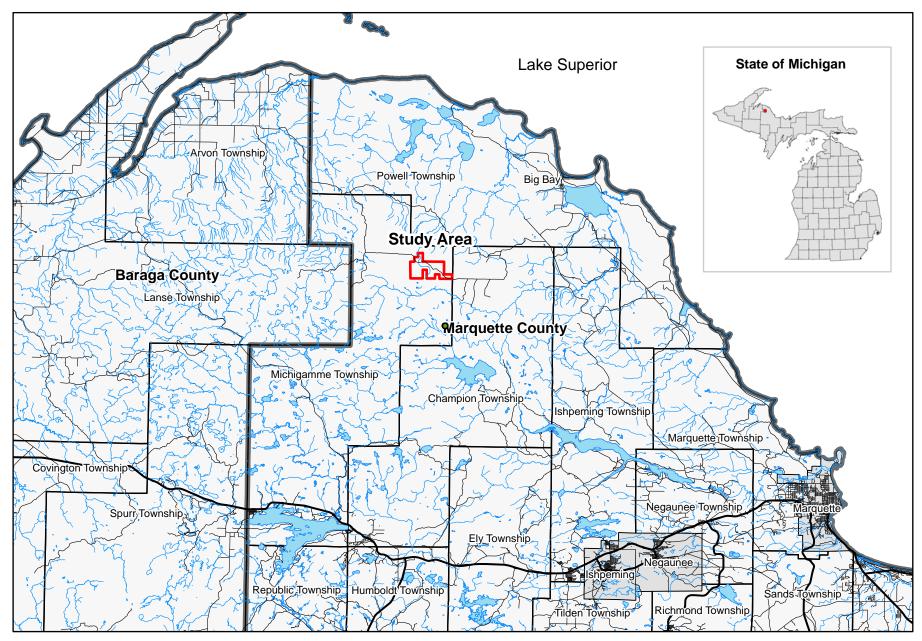
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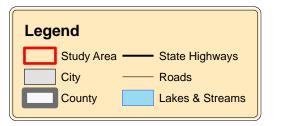
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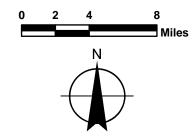
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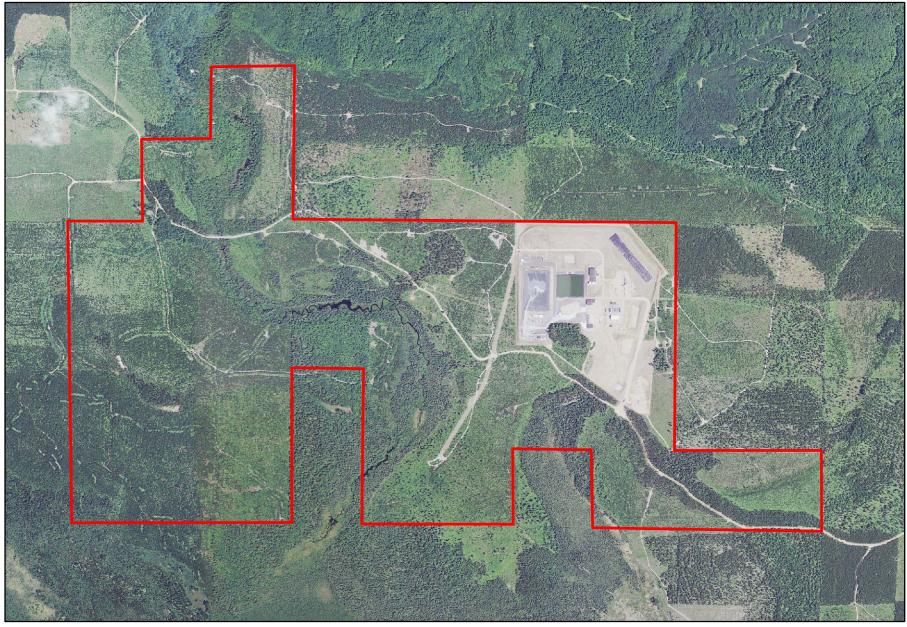


# Figure 1-1. Project Location





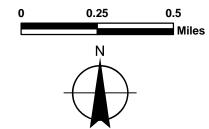


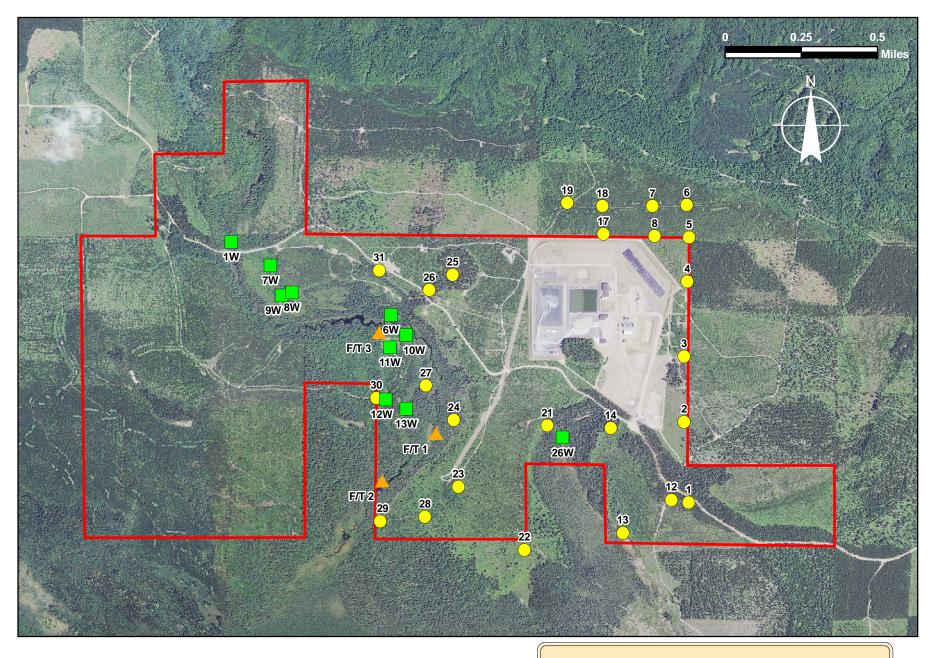


# Figure 1-2. Study Area

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# Figure 1-3. Biological and Wetland Sampling Areas

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	Wetland Vegetation Sampling Point	
	Frog/Toad Sampling Point	
	Study Area	

APPENDIX B: TABLES

#### Table 2-1a. Bird Survey Point Data - June 2013

Eagle Mine LLC

Survey Point	Date	Alder Flycatcher	American Crow	American Goldfinch	American Redstart	American Robin	American Woodcock	Belted Kingfisher	Black-capped Chickadee	Blue Jay	Brown Thrasher	Canada Goose	Cedar Waxwing	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Chipping Sparrow	Clay-colored Sparrow	Common Nighthawk	Common Raven	Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Gull sp.	Hermit Thrush	Lincoln's Sparrow	Nashville Warbler	Northern Harrier	Northern Parula	Ovenbird	Pine Warbler	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-eyed Vireo	Red-winged Blackbird	Ruffed Grouse	Vesper Sparrow	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-throated Sparrow	Willow Flycatcher	Winter Wren	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Total Count	Species Richness
1	6/12/13		3							1							2	2	3			2		4				1											18	8
1	6/13/13																		2					3				1											6	3
2	6/12/13					1		1	1	1								2	4			2		2									2		2				18	10
2	6/13/13		1																3					4				2							2				12	5
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3	6/13/13											9							1			1		2				1											14	5
4	6/12/13					1													2			1		3				1					1						9	6
4	6/13/13														2				1					3	1														7	4
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#### Table 2-1a. Bird Survey Point Data - June 2013

Eagle Mine LLC

Survey Point	Date	Alder Flycatcher	American Crow	American Goldfinch	American Redstart	American Robin	American Woodcock	Belted Kingfisher	Black-capped Chickadee	Blue Jay	Brown Thrasher	Canada Goose	Cedar Waxwing	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Chipping Sparrow	Clay-colored Sparrow	Common Nighthawk	Common Raven	Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Gull sp.	Hermit Thrush	Lincoln's Sparrow	Nashville Warbler	Northern Harrier	Northern Parula	Ovenbird	Pine Warbler	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-eyed Vireo	Red-winged Blackbird	Ruffed Grouse	Vesper Sparrow	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-throated Sparrow	Willow Flycatcher	Winter Wren	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Total Count	Species Richness
14	6/13/13					1													1					1				2											5	4
17	6/11/13																		2				1	2				1											6	4
17	6/12/13														1				2					2															5	3
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18	6/12/13														1		1		1			1	1	3															8	6
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19	6/12/13					1									1				1				1	2															6	5
21	6/11/13		1							1												1		3				1		1									8	6
21	6/12/13					1				1									1					2				1							1			1	8	7
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#### Table 2-1a. Bird Survey Point Data - June 2013

Eagle Mine LLC

Survey Point	Date	Alder Flycatcher	American Crow	American Goldfinch	American Redstart	American Robin	American Woodcock	Belted Kingfisher	Black-capped Chickadee	Blue Jay	Brown Thrasher	Canada Goose	Cedar Waxwing	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Chipping Sparrow	Clay-colored Sparrow	Common Nighthawk	Common Raven	Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Gull sp.	Hermit Thrush	Nashville Warbler		Northern Parula	Pine Warbler	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-eyed Vireo	Red-winged Blackbird	Ruffed Grouse	Vesper Sparrow	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-throated Sparrow	Willow Flycatcher	Winter Wren	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Total Count	Species Richness
28	6/13/13					1													2			1	2			1							1				8	6
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Mean of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 6

Median of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 6

### Table 2-1b. Bird Species Abundance Rankings - June 2013

Eagle Mine LLC

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count	Relative Abundance
Nashville Warbler	Vermivora ruficapilla	125	23.2%
Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Junco hyemalis	76	14.1%
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	47	8.7%
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	39	7.2%
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	38	7.1%
Pine Warbler	Dendroica pinus	29	5.4%
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	26	4.8%
Common Raven	Corvus corax	21	3.9%
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	18	3.3%
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	13	2.4%
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	12	2.2%
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	9	1.7%
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	8	1.5%
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	8	1.5%
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Dendroica coronata	8	1.5%
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	7	1.3%
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	7	1.3%
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	7	1.3%
Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza lincolnii	6	1.1%
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon	4	0.7%
Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	4	0.7%
American Goldfinch	Carduelis tristis	3	0.6%
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	3	0.6%
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Dendroica pensylvanica	3	0.6%
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	3	0.6%
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	2	0.4%
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	2	0.4%
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	2	0.4%
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor	1	0.2%
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapilla	1	0.2%
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	1	0.2%
Clay-colored Sparrow	Spizella pallida	1	0.2%
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	1	0.2%
Gull sp. Northern Harrier	· · ·	1	0.2%
Northern Harrier	Circus cyaneus	1	0.2%
Northern Parula	Setophaga americana	1	0.2%
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis	1	0.2%

Total	Count =	539
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Mean Count per Species = 15

Median Count per Species = 6

# Table 2-2a. Bird Survey Point Data - September 2013

Eagle Mine LLC

Survey Point	Date	American Crow	American Goldfinch	American Robin	Black-capped Chickadee	Blue Jay	Canada Goose	Cedar Waxwing	Chipping Sparrow	Common Raven	Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Downey Woodpecker	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Northern (Yellow-Shafted) Flicker	Palm Warbler	Pine Warbler	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird	Sandhill Crane	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-crowned Sparrow	White-throated Sparrow	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Total Count	Species Richness
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# Table 2-2a. Bird Survey Point Data - September 2013

Eagle Mine LLC

Survey Point	Date	American Crow	American Goldfinch	American Robin	Black-capped Chickadee	Blue Jay	Canada Goose	Cedar Waxwing	Chipping Sparrow	Common Raven	Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Downey Woodpecker	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Northern (Yellow-Shafted) Flicker	Palm Warbler	Pine Warbler	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird	Sandhill Crane	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-crowned Sparrow	White-throated Sparrow	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Total Count	Species Richness
29	9/18/13	2				3														1				6	3
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30	9/19/13			1	1	1											1		2					6	5
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Mean of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 2

Median of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 2

### Table 2-2b. Bird Species Abundance Rankings - September 2013

Eagle Mine LLC

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count	Relative Abundance
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	66	40.7%
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	25	15.4%
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	17	10.5%
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	7	4.3%
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	6	3.7%
Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Junco hyemalis	6	3.7%
Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	Colaptes auratus	6	3.7%
American Goldfinch	Carduelis tristis	5	3.1%
Pine Warbler	Setophaga pinus	4	2.5%
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	3	1.9%
Palm Warbler	Setophaga palmarum	3	1.9%
Sandhill Crane	Grus canadensis	3	1.9%
Common Raven	Corvus corax	2	1.2%
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapilla	1	0.6%
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	1	0.6%
Downy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens	1	0.6%
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	1	0.6%
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	1	0.6%
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	1	0.6%
White-crownwed Sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys	1	0.6%
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	1	0.6%
Yellow-rumped warbler	Dendroica coronata	1	0.6%

Total Count = 162

Mean Count per Species = 7

Median Count per Species = 3

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count	Relative Abundance
Nashville Warbler	Vermivora ruficapilla	125	17.8%
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	84	12.0%
Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Junco hyemalis	82	11.7%
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	47	6.7%
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	45	6.4%
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	43	6.1%
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	39	5.6%
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	34	4.9%
Pine Warbler	Dendroica pinus	33	4.7%
Common Raven	Corvus corax	23	3.3%
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	13	1.9%
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	13	1.9%
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	10	1.4%
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Dendroica coronata	9	1.3%
American Goldfinch	Carduelis tristis	8	1.1%
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	8	1.1%
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	8	1.1%
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	7	1.0%
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	7	1.0%
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	7	1.0%
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	6	0.9%
Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza lincolnii	6	0.9%
Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	Colaptes auratus	6	0.9%
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon	4	0.6%
Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	4	0.6%
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Dendroica pensylvanica	3	0.4%
Palm Warbler	Setophaga palmarum	3	0.4%
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	3	0.4%
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	3	0.4%
Sandhill Crane	Grus canadensis	3	0.4%
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapilla	2	0.3%
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	2	0.3%
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	2	0.3%
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor	1	0.1%
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	1	0.1%
Clay-colored Sparrow	Spizella pallida	1	0.1%
Downy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens	1	0.1%
Gull sp.		1	0.1%
Northern Harrier	Circus cyaneus	1	0.1%
Northern Parula	Setophaga americana	1	0.1%
White Crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	1	0.1%
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis	1	0.1%

# Table 2-3. Bird Species Abundance Rankings - June and September Combined, 2013Eagle Mine LLC

Total Count = 701

Mean Count per Species = 17

Median Count per Species = 6

# Table 3. Small Mammal Survey Point Data - 2013

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		Caught in	Sherman Liv	ve Trap(s)	Caught wit	Trap	)	
Survey Point	Date	Southern Redback Vole ( <i>Clethrionomys</i> <i>gapperi</i> )	Least Chipmunk ( <i>Tamias minimus</i> )	Deer Mouse (Peromyscus maniculatus)	Least Chipmunk ( <i>Tamias minimus</i> )	Southern Flying Squirrel ( <i>Glaucomys</i> <i>volans</i> )	Total Count	Species Richness
1	9/17/13						0	0
1	9/18/13		1				1	1
1	9/19/13	2	1				3	2
3	9/17/13				1		1	1
3	9/18/13		1		1		2	1
3	9/19/13		2				2	1
11	9/17/13						0	0
11	9/18/13						0	0
11	9/19/13						0	0
13	9/17/13						0	0
13	9/18/13		1				1	1
13	9/19/13		1				1	1
22	9/17/13						0	0
22	9/18.13			1			1	1
22	9/19/13		1				1	1
23	9/17/13						0	0
23	9/18/13		2		1		3	1
23	9/19/13				1		1	1
25	9/17/13						0	0
25	9/18/13						0	0
25	9/19/13		2				2	1
27	9/17/13						0	0
27	9/18/13						0	0
27	9/19/13						0	0
29	9/17/13						0	0
29	9/18/13						0	0
29	9/19/13						0	0
31	9/17/13			1			1	1
31	9/18/13		1	2			3	2
31	9/19/13			3		1	4	2
		2	13	7	4	1	27	

Mean of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 1

Median of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 1

# Table 4. Frog and Toad Survey Point Data - 2013

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						Call Index Va	lue (see below	v for details) <sup>*</sup>				
Survey Point	Survey Period	Date	Time	Temp (°F)	Wind Speed (MPH)	Northern Spring Peeper (Pseudacris crucifer)	Green Frog ( <i>Rana</i> clamitans)	Mink Frog ( <i>Rana sep-</i> <i>tentrionalis</i> )	Western Chorus frog (Pseudacris triseriata)	American Toad ( <i>Bufo</i> <i>americanus</i> )	Gray Treefrog ( <i>Hyla</i> <i>versicolor</i> )	Species Richness
FT01	Late Spring	5/15/13	9:52 PM	65	0.1	3					1	2
FT02	Late Spring	5/15/13	11:00 PM	65	0	2			1		1	3
FT03	Late Spring	5/15/13	11:42 PM	68	0	2						1
FT01	Late Spring	6/10/13	10:05 PM	73	0	2		1		1	1	4
FT02	Late Spring	6/10/13	10:50 PM	73	0	2						1
FT03	Late Spring	6/10/13	11:35 PM	66	0	3		1			1	3
FT01	Summer	6/24/13	10:20 PM	76	0	1	2	1	1			4
FT02	Summer	6/24/13	10:43 PM	77	0	1	2	1	1			4
FT03	Summer	6/24/13	11:08 AM	76	0		2	1		1		3

\* 1 = Individuals can be counted and there is space between calls.
 2 = Individuals can be counted but there is some overlapping of calls.

3 = Full chorus; calls are continuous and overlapping.

Mean of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 3

Frog and Toad Survey Point Data - 2013

# Table 6a. Herbaceous Species Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013Eagle Mine LLC

					Herba	ceous Sp	ecies Pe	ercent Co	ver Per	Quadrat	(3.28 ft. >	3.28 ft.	plot)
Scientific Name	Common Name	с	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1W	Plot 6W	Plot 7W	Plot 8W	Plot 9W	Plot 10W	Plot 12W	Plot 13W	Plot 26W
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	1	FAC	Yes			5	5		5	10		-
Agrostis gigantea (A. alba)	Redtop	0	FACW	No							5		
Agrostis scabra	Tickle-grass	4	FAC	Yes					5				
Amelanchier sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA	Yes				5					
Anemone quinquefolia	Wood Anemone	5	FAC*	Yes	5								
Betula papyrifera	Paper Birch	2	FACU	Yes							5		
Brachyelytrum erectum	Short-glume Grass	7	[FACU]	Yes	5								
Calamagrostis canadensis	Blue-joint	3	OBL	Yes		5	10	5				25	
Carex lasiocarpa	Woolly-fruit Sedge	8	OBL	Yes		5							
Carex leptalea	Sedge	5	OBL	Yes	20								
Carex oligosperma	Few-seeded Sedge	10	OBL	Yes									5
Carex stricta	Strict Sedge	4	OBL	Yes	50	65						10	
Carex trisperma	Three-seeded Sedge	9	OBL	Yes						5			
Chamaedaphne calyculata	Leatherleaf	8	OBL	Yes									20
Cirsium palustre	European Swamp Thistle	0	[FACW+]	No	5								
Cirsium sp.	Thistle	NA	NA	NA				5					
Clintonia borealis	Corn-lily, Bluebead-lily	5	FAC	Yes						5			
Coptis trifolia	Goldthread	5	FACW	Yes				5	5	5			
Cornus canadensis	Bunchberry, Dwarf Cornel	6	FAC	Yes				5	5	5	5		
Danthonia spicata	Poverty Grass	4	[UPL]	Yes					20				
Deschampsia flexuosa	Flexuosa Hair-grass	6	[UPL]	Yes					25				
Diervilla lonicera	Bush-Honeysuckle	4	[UPL]	Yes					5				
Dryopteris intermedia	Intermediate Fern	5	FAC	Yes	5					10			
Epigaea repens	Trailing Arbutus	7	[UPL]	Yes				15					
Hieracium aurantiacum	Orange Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	No					15				
Hieracium caespitosum	Yellow Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	No				15					
Hieracium sp.	Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	No			5						
Iris versicolor	Varicolored Iris	5	OBL	Yes								5	
Kalmia polifolia	Swamp-laurel	10	OBL	Yes									10
Ledum groenlandicum	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	Yes									25
Linnaea borealis	Twin Flower	6	FAC	Yes				5					
Maianthemum canadense	Canada Mayflower	4	FAC	Yes			5		5		10		
NA	Moss	NA	NA	Yes			5	10	1		5		

Table 6a.

Herbaceous Species Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013

# Table 6a. Herbaceous Species Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013Eagle Mine LLC

					Herba	ceous Sp	ecies Pe	rcent Co	ver Per	Quadrat	(3.28 ft. x	3.28 ft.	plot)
Scientific Name	Common Name	с	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1W	Plot 6W	Plot 7W	Plot 8W	Plot 9W	Plot 10W	Plot 12W	Plot 13W	Plot 26W
Osmunda cinnamomea	Cinnamon Fern	5	FACW	Yes						5			
Oxalis acetosella	Northern Wood-sorrel	7	FACU	Yes						5			
Panax trifolius	Dwarf Gensing	8	UPL	Yes					5	5			
Phleum pratense	Timothy	0	FACU	No					5				
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes			5						
Potentilla palustris	Marsh Cinquefoil	7	OBL	Yes		5							
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry	2	FACU	Yes				5			5		
Prunus virginiana	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	Yes	5								
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken Fern	0	FACU	Yes					5		5		
Rubus pubescens	Dwarf Raspberry	4	FACW+	Yes	10								
Rubus setosus	Setose Blackberry	3	FACW-	Yes			5		5				
Rumex acetosella	Red Sorrel, Sheep Sorrel	NA	FACU	No					5				
Rubus sp.	Raspberry	NA	NA	NA							5		
Solidago juncea	Early Goldenrod	3	[UPL]	Yes				5					
Sphagnum sp.	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	Yes						20			90
Thalictrum dasycarpum	Hairy-fruit Meadow-rue	3	FACW-	Yes	5								
Trientalis borealis	Starflower	5	FAC+	Yes							5		
Utricularia sp.	Bladderwort	0	OBL	Yes		5							
Vaccinium angustifolium	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	Yes				45	30		5		
Viola sp.	violet; pansie	NA	NA	NA				5					
Vaccinium myrtilloides	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	Yes					10		10		
NA	Dead Vegetation	NA	NA	NA		50	75	5				75	
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	10			5	5		75		

Total Number of Species =	9	5
Total Number of Native Species =	8	5
Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =	-1.8	-5.0
Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =	3.9	4.4
Floristic Quality Index (FQI) =	11.7	9.8

Species =	9	5	7	14	15	10	12	3	5
Species =	8	5	6	11	12	10	10	3	5
alue (W) =	-1.8	-5.0	-0.3	0.9	1.7	-1.3	0.4	-5.0	-5.0
tism (C) =	3.9	4.4	1.7	2.6	3.5	5.1	2.3	4.0	7.2
ex (FQI) =	11.7	9.8	4.5	9.9	13.4	16.1	8.1	6.9	16.1

Herbaceous Species Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013

#### Table 6b. Woody Species Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013 Eagle Mine LLC

					Woo	dy Spec	ies Sten	ns Per P	ermanei	nt 30-Fo	ot Radiu	s Circula	ar Plot
Scientific Name	Common Name	С	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1W	Plot 6W	Plot 7W	Plot 8W	Plot 9W	Plot 10W	Plot 12W	Plot 13W	Plot 26W
Abies balsamea	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	Yes	22		9	58	19	15		2	
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	1	FAC	Yes	59		162	28	69	186	32		
Alnus incana ssp. rugosa	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	Yes	84	59	3						
Amelanchier sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA	Yes	4		8	5	7	2		1	
Aronia prunifolia (A. melanocarpa)	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	Yes								1	
Betula papyrifera	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	Yes			5	6	9		10		
Crataegus sp.	Hawthorn	NA	NA	NA			1						
Larix laricina	Tamarack	5	FACW	Yes		1				10		4	8
Lonicera canadensis	Canada Honeysuckle	5	FACU	Yes	7								
Nemopanthus mucronatus	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	Yes						5		1	
Picea mariana	Black Spruce	6	FACW	Yes	15			31	13	25	1	12	30
Pinus banksiana	Jack Pine	5	FACU	Yes			4	22	16		2	1	
Pinus resinosa	Red Pine	6	FACU	Yes			2						
Pinus strobus	White Pine	3	FACU	Yes							1		2
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes			10		4				
Prunus pensylvanica	Bird Cherry	3	FACU-	Yes					5		1		
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry	2	FACU	Yes	10		30	13	11		5		
Prunus virginiana	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	Yes	18								
Salix discolor	Pussy Willow	1	FACW	Yes			1						
Salix humilis	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	Yes	78			1					

Total Number of Species =
Total Number of Native Species =
Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =
Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =

Total Number of Species =	9	2	11	8	9	6	7	7	3
tal Number of Native Species =	9	2	10	8	9	6	7	7	3
n Wetland Indicator Value (W) =	-0.1	-4.0	0.0	0.6	0.7	-2.3	1.7	-1.9	-1.0
pefficient of Conservatism (C) =	3.1	5.0	2.4	2.9	2.6	3.7	3.1	4.4	4.7
Floristic Quality Index (FQI) =	9.3	7.1	7.8	8.1	7.7	9.0	8.3	11.7	8.1

# Table 6c. Overall Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013Eagle Mine LLC

Scientific Name	Common Name	с	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
Abies balsamea	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes
Agrostis gigantea (A. alba)	Redtop	0	FACW	-3	Herb	No
Agrostis scabra	Ticklegrass	4	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
Alnus incana ssp. rugosa	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Amelanchier sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA		S/T	Yes
Anemone quinquefolia	Wood Anemone	5	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
Aronia prunifolia (A. melanocarpa)	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	-2	Shrub	Yes
Betula papyrifera	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	2	Tree	Yes
Brachyelytrum erectum	Short-glume Grass	7	[FACU]	3	Herb	Yes
Calamagrostis canadensis	Blue-joint	3	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Carex lasiocarpa	Woolly-fruit Sedge	8	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Carex leptalea	Sedge	5	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Carex oligosperma	Few-seeded Sedge	10	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Carex stricta	Strict Sedge	4	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Carex trisperma	Three-seeded Sedge	9	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Chamaedaphne calyculata	Leatherleaf	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Cirsium palustre	European Swamp Thistle	0	[FACW+]	-4	Herb	No
Cirsium sp.	Thistle	NA	NA		Herb	NA
Clintonia borealis	Corn-lily, Bluebead-lily	5	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
Coptis trifolia	Goldthread	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
Cornus canadensis	Bunchberry; Dwarf Cornel	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
crataegus sp.	Hawthorn	NA	NA	-	Tree	NA
Danthonia spicata	Poverty Grass	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Deschampsia flexuosa	Flexuosa Hair-grass	6	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Diervilla lonicera	Bush-Honeysuckle	4	[UPL]	5	Shrub	Yes
Dryopteris intermedia	Intermediate Fern	5	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
Epigaea repens	Trailing Arbutus	7	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Hieracium aurantiacum	Orange Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	5	Herb	No
Hieracium caespitosum	Yellow Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	5	Herb	No
Hieracium sp.	Hawkweed	0		5	Herb	No
Iris versicolor	Varicolored Iris	5	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
		10	OBL	-5 -5	Shrub	Yes
Kalmia polifolia Larix laricina	Swamp-laurel Tamarack	5	FACW	-5 -3	Tree	Yes
		8		-5		
Ledum groenlandicum	Labrador-Tea		OBL		Shrub	Yes
Linnaea borealis	Twin Flower	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
Lonicera canadensis	Canada Honeysuckle	5	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
Maianthemum canadense	Canada Mayflower	4	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
NA	Moss	NA	NA		Moss	Yes
Nemopanthus mucronatus	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Osmunda cinnamomea	Cinnamon Fern	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
Oxalis acetosella	Northern Wood-sorrel	7	[FACU]	3	Herb	Yes
Panax trifolius	Dwarf Gensing	8	UPL	5	Herb	Yes
Phleum pratense	Timothy	0	FACU	3	Herb	No
Picea mariana	Black Spruce	6	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
Pinus banksiana	Jack Pine	5	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
Pinus resinosa	Red Pine	6	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
Pinus strobus	White Pine	3	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes

# Table 6c. Overall Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013Eagle Mine LLC

Scientific Name	Common Name	С	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
Potentilla palustris	Marsh Cinquefoil	7	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Prunus pensylvanica	Bird Cherry	3	FACU-	4	Tree	Yes
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry	2	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
Prunus virginiana	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	1	Shrub	Yes
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken Fern	0	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
Rubus pubescens	Dwarf Raspberry	4	FACW+	-4	Herb	Yes
Rubus setosus	Setose Blackberry	3	FACW-	-2	Shrub	Yes
Rubus sp.	Raspberry	NA	NA	-2	Herb	NA
Rumex acetosella	Red Sorrel	NA	FACU	3	Herb	No
Salix discolor	Pussy Willow	1	FACW	-3	Shrub	Yes
Salix humilis	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
Solidago juncea	Early Goldenrod	3	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Sphagnum sp.	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	-5	Moss	Yes
Thalictrum dasycarpum	Hairy-fruit Meadow-rue	3	FACW-	-2	Herb	Yes
Trientalis borealis	Starflower	5	FAC+	-1	Herb	Yes
Utricularia sp.	Bladderwort	0	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Vaccinium angustifolium	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
Vaccinium myrtilloides	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	2	Herb	Yes
Viola sp.	Violet	NA	NA		Herb	NA
NA	Dead Vegetation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

- Total Number of Species =
- Total Number of Native Species =
- Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =
- Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =
  - Floristic Quality Index (FQI) =

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# Table 7-1a. Herbaceous Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013Eagle Mine LLC

					Herbaceous Species Percent Cover Per Quadrat (3.28 ft. x 3.28 ft. plot)																	
Scientific Name	Common Name	с	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1	Plot 2	Plot 3	Plot 11			Plot 14	Plot 21	Plot 22		Plot 24		Plot 26	Plot 27	Plot 28	Plot 29		Plot 31
Abies balsamea	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	Yes																5	5	
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	1	FAC	Yes													10	5		5	10	
Amelanchier sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA	Yes							5		5		5			10				
Aralia hispida	Bristly Sarsparilla	3	[UPL]	Yes			5															
Aronia prunifolia (A. melanocarpa)	Choke Berry	5	FACW	Yes														5				
Carex lucorum	Blue Ridge Sedge	4	[UPL]	Yes			5	50														
Carex stricta	Tussock Sedge	4	OBL	Yes														70				
Chamaedaphne calyculata	Leatherleaf	8	OBL	Yes														5				
Clintonia borealis	Blue Beadlily	5	FAC+	Yes											5			5		5		
Coptis trifolia	Goldthread	5	FACW	Yes											5			5		5	5	
Cornus canadensis	Bunchberry; Dwarf Cornel	6	FAC	Yes											5			5		5	5	
Cypripedium acaule	acaule Pink Lady-slipper																5					
Danthonia spicata	Poverty Grass	4	[UPL]	Yes			20						5				1		35			
Deschampsia flexuosa	Hair-grass			Yes								5		15		5	5		10			5
Epigaea repens	Trailing Arbutus			Yes	5	15					10	10				5						
Gaultheria hispidula	Creeping Snowberry	8	FACW	Yes														5				
Gaultheria procumbens	Wintergreen	5	FACU	Yes	5				15				5	5	15		10	5		5		
Iris versicolor	Varicolored Iris	5	OBL	Yes														5				
Kalmia polifolia	Bog-laurel	10	OBL	Yes											5							
Ledum groenlandicum	Labrador Tea	8	OBL	Yes											25			5				
Linnaea borealis	Twinflower	6	FAC	Yes	5																	
Maianthemum canadense	Canada Mayflower	4	FAC	Yes	10	5		5	5	5	20		5									5
NA	Lichen	NA	NA	Yes	5	90		10				5				10						
NA	Moss	NA	NA	Yes	5				90		80	5		10		80	5		5	60	5	25
Oryzopsis asperifolia	Rough-leaved Rice-grass	6	UPL	Yes	5																	
Panicum sp.	Panicum Grass	NA	NA	Yes			5															
Pinus strobus	White Pine	3	FACU	Yes									5									
Polygala paucifolia	Fringed Polygala	7	FACU	Yes	5													Ī		1	1	
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes									30									
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry 2 FACU		Yes										5									
Pteridium aquilinum	illinum Bracken Fern 0 FACU				5				5		5	5	5				10		5			5
Rubus hispidus	Swamp Dewberry	4	FACW	Yes														5				
Sphagnum sp.	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	Yes						95					50			80				

Table 7-1a.

Herbaceous Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013

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# Table 7-1a. Herbaceous Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013Eagle Mine LLC

					Herbaceous Species Percent Cover Per Quadrat (3.28 ft. x 3.28 ft. plot)																	
Scientific Name	Common Name	с	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1	Plot 2	Plot 3														Plot 30	
Trientalis borealis	Starflower 5 FAC+ Yes										5								5			
Vaccinium angustifolium	Low Sweet Blueberry	20	5	20	40	20	85	10	50	30		30	15	40	5	5		5	25			
Vaccinium myrtilloides	Velvetleaf Blueberry		15			30			5		10						20	10				
NA	Dead Vegetation NA NA NA																					
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	25			10			5	65	60	70	10	20	60		50	50	60	80
	Total Number of Species = Total Number of Native Species =								6	3	7	7	8	5	9	5	7	15	6	8	7	5
									6	3	7	7	8	5	9	5	7	15	6	8	7	5
	1.4	2.0	3.6	2.0	1.8	-0.7	1.4	2.6	2.1	2.6	-1.4	2.6	1.6	-1.7	2.5	-0.3	-0.1	2.2				

6.7

8.5

6.0

6.9

7.6

4.6

7.9

7.4

7.6

Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) = 3.9 3.8 3.0 3.0 2.8 2.7 2.9 3.0 2.6 3.4

Floristic Quality Index (FQI) = 12.3

4.8 3.4

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# Table 7-1b. Woody Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013Eagle Mine LLC

					Woody Species Stems Per Permanent 30-Foot Radius Circular Plot																	
Scientific Name	Common Name	с	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1	Plot 2					Plot 14			Plot 23		Plot 25			Plot 28		Plot 30	Plot 31
Abies balsamea	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	Yes	9	1			1		5		2	1	4	2	6			13	26	21
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	1	FAC	Yes	44				4			7	1	6	29	6	18	90	9	12	9	19
Alnus incana ssp. rugosa	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	Yes														42				
Amelanchier sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA	Yes	5				1		1		3	2	4			7	10	5		2
Aronia prunifolia (A. melanocarpa)	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	Yes											1							
Betula papyrifera	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	Yes										1				1		1	1	1
Corylus cornuta	Beaked Hazelnut	5	UPL	Yes																	1	
Larix laricina	Tamarack	5	FACW	Yes						5					2			5			$\square$	
Ledum groenlandicum	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	Yes											1						$\square$	
Nemopanthus mucronatus	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	Yes											13			6		4	$\square$	
Picea glauca	White Spruce	3	FACU	Yes									1								$\square$	
Picea mariana	Black Spruce	6	FACW	Yes	16	24			23	60	24	22		1	21	10		64	1	16	$\square$	18
Pinus banksiana	Jack Pine	5	FACU	Yes	17	2	16	29	24	33	10	10	18	19		10	8		7		$\square$	11
Pinus resinosa	Red Pine	6	FACU	Yes															7			
Pinus strobus	White Pine	3	FACU	Yes	2				1			2	3	1	1	4	5		2	3	4	
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes									43	1			1		53		$\square$	1
Prunus pensylvanica	Bird Cherry	3	FACU-	Yes										5					1			
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry	2	FACU	Yes									24	18		3			16	2		3
Prunus virginiana	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	Yes															1			
Salix humilis	ix humilis Prairie Willow 4 FACU Yes										1	1										
	Total Number of Species =							1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	5	7	10	8	5	8
	Total Number of Native Species =							1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	5	7	10	8	5	8
		_		_				_														

Total Number of Native Species = Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) = Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =

Floristic Quality Index (FQI)

; =	7	4	1	1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	5	7	10	8	5	8
<b>;</b> =	7	4	1	1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	5	7	10	8	5	8
) =	0.4	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	-1.0	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.9	-2.0	0.5	0.6	-2.0	1.4	-0.4	1.4	0.3
) =	3.1	4.5	5.0	5.0	3.0	5.3	3.6	3.8	2.3	2.6	4.2	3.3	2.6	3.7	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.5
) =	8.3	9.0	5.0	5.0	7.3	9.2	8.0	8.5	6.4	8.2	12.7	8.2	5.8	9.8	9.2	8.5	6.3	7.1

Woody Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013

## Table 7-1c.Overall Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013Eagle Mine LLC

Scientific Name	Common Name	с	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
Abies balsamea	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes
Alnus incana ssp. rugosa	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Amelanchier sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA		S/T	Yes
Aralia hispida	Hispid Aralia	3	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Aronia prunifolia (A. melanocarpa)	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	-2	Shrub	Yes
Betula papyrifera	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	2	Tree	Yes
Carex lucorum	Lucorum Sedge	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Carex stricta	Strict Sedge	4	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Chamaedaphne calyculata	Leatherleaf	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Clintonia borealis	Blue Beadlily	5	FAC+	-1	Herb	Yes
Coptis trifolia	Goldthread	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
Cornus canadensis	Bunchberry; Dwarf Cornel	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
Corylus cornuta	Beaked Hazelnut	5	UPL	5	Shrub	Yes
Cypripedium acaule	Pink Lady-slipper	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
Danthonia spicata	Poverty Grass	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Deschampsia flexuosa	Flexuosa Hair-grass	6	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Epigaea repens	Trailing Arbutus	7	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Gaultheria hispidula	Snowberry	8	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
Gaultheria procumbens	Wintergreen	5	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
Iris versicolor	Varicolored Iris	5	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Kalmia polifolia	Swamp-laurel	10	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Larix laricina	Tamarack	5	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
Ledum groenlandicum	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Linnaea borealis	Twinflower	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
Maianthemum canadense	Canada Mayflower	4	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
NA	Lichen	NA	NA	-	Lichen	Yes
NA	Moss	NA	NA		Moss	Yes
Nemopanthus mucronatus	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Oryzopsis asperifolia	Rough-leaved Rice-grass	6	UPL	5	Herb	Yes
Panicum sp.	Panicum Grass	NA	NA	-	Herb	Yes
Picea glauca	White Spruce	3	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
Picea mariana	Black Spruce	6	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
Pinus banksiana	Jack Pine	5	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
Pinus resinosa	Red Pine	6	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
Pinus strobus	White Pine	3	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
Polygala paucifolia	Fringed Polygala	7	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes
Prunus pensylvanica	Bird Cherry	3	FAC FACU-	4	Tree	Yes
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry	2	FACU-	4	Tree	Yes
Prunus virginiana	Choke Cherry	2	FACU FAC-		Shrub	Yes
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken Fern	0		1		
Rubus hispidus	Swamp Dewberry		FACU	3	Herb	Yes
		4	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
Salix humilis	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
Sphagnum sp.	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	-5	Moss	Yes

## Table 7-1c.Overall Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2013Eagle Mine LLC

Scientific Name	Common Name	С	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
Vaccinium angustifolium	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
Vaccinium myrtilloides	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	2	Herb	Yes
NA	Dead Vegetation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

- Total Number of Species = 48
- Total Number of Native Species = 48

Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) = 0.2

Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) = 4.7

Floristic Quality Index (FQI) = 32.4

## Table 7-2a. Herbaceous Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - August 2013Eagle Mine LLC

					Herbaceous Species Percent Cover Per Quadrat (3.28 ft. x 3.28 ft. plot)															
Scientific Name	Common Name	с	Wet Code	Native	PlotPl									Plot 31						
Abies balsamea	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	Yes															5	
Acer rubrum F	Red Maple	1	FAC	Yes								5				5	10			
Amelanchier sp. S	Serviceberry	NA	NA	Yes		5				5		5		5						
Carex lucorum	Lucorum Sedge	4	[UPL]	Yes			25													
Carex stricta	Strict Sedge	4	OBL	Yes													75			
Carex trisperma	Sedge	9	OBL	Yes										5						
Chamaedaphne calyculata	Leatherleaf	8	OBL	Yes													5			
Clintonia borealis	Blue Beadlily	5	FAC+	Yes										5					5	
Coptis trifolia	Goldthread	5	FACW	Yes										5			5		5	
Cornus canadensis	Bunchberry; Dwarf Cornel	6	FAC	Yes										5			5		5	
Cypripedium acaule	Pink Lady-slipper	5	FACW	Yes												5				
Danthonia spicata	Poverty Grass	4	[UPL]	Yes								10						15		
Deschampsia flexuosa	Flexuosa Hair-grass	6	[UPL]	Yes		5					5		25		5	10		15		5
· · · · ·	Trailing Arbutus	7	[UPL]	Yes	15	10				10	5				5					
Gaultheria hispidula	Snowberry	8	FACW	Yes													5			
Gaultheria procumbens	Wintergreen	5	FACU	Yes	15			20				5	5	15		5	5		10	
	Unidentified Grass	NA	NA	Yes						5										
Iris versicolor	Varicolored Iris	5	OBL	Yes													5			
Kalmia polifolia	Swamp-laurel	10	OBL	Yes										5						
Ledum groenlandicum	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	Yes										20			5			
	Twinflower	6	FAC	Yes	5															
Maianthemum canadense	Canada Mayflower	4	FAC	Yes	5	5	5	5	5	5		5								5
	Lichen	NA	NA	Yes	5	30	5			_			5		5					
NA	Moss	NA	NA	Yes	10			85		80			5		90	5		10	70	25
Oryzopsis asperifolia	Rough-leaved Rice-grass	6	OBL	Yes	5															
Pinus strobus	White Pine	3	FACU	Yes								5								
Polygala paucifolia	Fringed Polygala	7	FACU	Yes	5															
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes								10		Ì	Ī	1		Ī		
	Black Cherry	2	FACU	Yes									5							
	Bracken Fern	0	FACU	Yes	65	5	5	15		60	65	50			5	90		90	10	60
	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	Yes					95					40			90			
	Starflower	5	FAC+	Yes	5					5								5		
	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	Yes	20	25	60	15	85	25	30	55		45	20	25		5		15
Vaccinium myrtilloides	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	Yes	5	25		30			20		15						25	

Table 7-2a.

Herbaceous Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - August 2013

Table 7-2a.         Herbaceous Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - August 2013
Eagle Mine LLC

					Herb	aceou	s Spe	cies F	Percer	nt Cov	er Pe	r Qua	drat (3	3.28 ft	. x 3.2	28 ft. j	olot)			
Scientific Name         Common Name         C         Wet Code         Native				Plot 1	Plot 2	Plot 11	Plot 12	Plot 13		Plot 21		Plot 23	Plot 24			Plot 27		Plot 29	Plot 31	
NA	Dead Vegetation NA NA NA																			
NA	Duff / Bare Soil NA NA NA				20		10		5	5	50	50	40	15	20	50		50	30	60
· · · · ·																				
	Total Numb	ber	of Spe	ecies =	12	8	5	6	3	8	5	9	6	10	6	7	10	6	8	5
	Total Number of N	lativ	ve Spe	ecies =	12	8	5	6	3	8	5	9	6	10	6	7	10	6	8	5
	Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =				1.3	2.3	2.2	1.8	-0.7	1.3	3.6	1.9	2.2	-1.3	2.7	1.6	-2.8	2.5	0.1	2.2
Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =				n (C) =	4.0	3.1	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.5	4.2	2.4	2.8	5.2	2.8	3.0	5.0	3.2	3.5	2.8
	Floristic Quality Index (FQI) =				13.9	8.8	5.4	6.9	4.6	7.1	9.4	7.3	6.9	16.4	6.9	7.9	15.8	7.8	9.9	6.3

## Table 7-2b. Woody Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - August 2013Eagle Mine LLC

Woody Species Stems Per Permanent 30-Foot Radius Circular Plot																				
Scientific Name	Common Name	с	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1	Plot 2	Plot 11			Plot 14							Plot 27		Plot 29	Plot 31
Abies balsamea	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	Yes	10	1		1		2		3	1	5	2	6			16	28
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	1	FAC	Yes	41			5			8	3	7	27	6	17	95	13	19	21
Alnus incana ssp. rugosa	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	Yes													42			
Amelanchier sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA	Yes	4			3		1		5	3	5			10	12	7	3
Aronia prunifolia (A. melanocarpa)	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	Yes										1						
Betula papyrifera	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	Yes									1				1	1	1	1
Larix laricina	Tamarack	5	FACW	Yes					5					1			7			
Ledum groenlandicum	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	Yes										1						
Nemopanthus mucronatus	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	Yes										20			6		4	
Picea glauca	White Spruce	3	FACU	Yes								1								
Picea mariana	Black Spruce	6	FACW	Yes	17	28		23	63	12	30		1	26	8		73	1	20	17
Pinus banksiana	Jack Pine	5	FACU	Yes	17	2	35	26	30	10	10	18	19		11	7		7		11
Pinus resinosa	Red Pine	6	FACU	Yes														8		
Pinus strobus	White Pine	3	FACU	Yes	2			1			3	4	1	2	4	6		2	6	
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes								49	1			2		56		1
Prunus pensylvanica	Bird Cherry	3	FACU-	Yes									3					2		
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry	2	FACU	Yes								25	19		3			21	1	2
Prunus virginiana	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	Yes														2	1	
Salix humilis	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	Yes	10					1	2									
	Total Num	ber	of Spe	cies =	7	3	1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	5	7	11	9	8
	Total Number of	Nativ	ve Spe	cies =	7	3	1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	5	7	11	9	8

Total Number of Species =	7	3	1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	5	7	11	9	8
Total Number of Native Species =	7	3	1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	5	7	11	9	8
Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =	0.4	-1.0	3.0	0.0	-1.0	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.9	-2.0	0.5	0.6	-2.0	1.5	-0.2	0.3
Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =	3.1	4.7	5.0	3.0	5.3	3.6	3.8	2.3	2.6	4.2	3.3	2.6	3.7	2.8	2.9	2.5
Floristic Quality Index (FQI) =	8.3	8.1	5.0	7.3	9.2	8.0	8.5	6.4	8.2	12.7	8.2	5.8	9.8	9.3	8.7	7.1

Woody Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - August 2013

## Table 7-2c.Overall Upland Vegetative Survey Data - August 2013Eagle Mine LLC

Scientific Name	Common Name	с	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
Abies balsamea	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes
Alnus incana ssp. rugosa	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Amelanchier sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA		S/T	Yes
Aronia prunifolia (A. melanocarpa)	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	-2	Shrub	Yes
Betula papyrifera	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	2	Tree	Yes
Carex lucorum	Lucorum Sedge	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Carex stricta	Strict Sedge	4	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Carex trisperma	Sedge	9	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Chamaedaphne calyculata	Leatherleaf	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Clintonia borealis	Blue Beadlily	5	FAC+	-1	Herb	Yes
Conyza canadensis	Horseweed	0	FAC-	1	Herb	Yes
Coptis trifolia	Goldthread	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
Cornus canadensis	Bunchberry; Dwarf Cornel	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
Cypripedium acaule	Pink Lady-slipper	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
Danthonia spicata	Poverty Grass	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Deschampsia flexuosa	Flexuosa Hair-grass	6	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Epigaea repens	Trailing Arbutus	7	UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
Gaultheria hispidula	Snowberry	8	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
Gaultheria procumbens	Wintergreen	5	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
Graminoid sp.	Unidentified Grass	NA	NA		Herb	Yes
Iris versicolor	Varicolored Iris	5	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
Kalmia polifolia	Swamp-laurel	10	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Larix laricina	Tamarack	5	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
Ledum groenlandicum	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Linnaea borealis	Twinflower	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
Maianthemum canadense	Canada Mayflower	4	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
NA	Lichen	NA	NA	-	Lichen	Yes
NA	Moss	NA	NA		Moss	Yes
Nemopanthus mucronatus	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
Oryzopsis asperifolia	Rough-leaved Ric-grass	6	UPL	5	Herb	Yes
Picea glauca	White Spruce	3	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
Picea mariana	Black Spruce	6	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
Pinus banksiana	Jack Pine	5	FACU	-3	Tree	Yes
Pinus parksiana Pinus resinosa	Red Pine	6	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
				3		
Pinus strobus	White Pine	3	FACU	-	Tree	Yes
Polygala paucifolia	Fringed polygala	7	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC FACU-	0	Tree	Yes
Prunus pensylvanica	Bird Cherry	3		4	Tree	Yes
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry	2	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
Prunus virginiana	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	1	Shrub	Yes
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken Fern	0	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
Salix humilis	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
Sphagnum sp.	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	-5	Moss	Yes
Trientalis borealis	Starflower	5	FAC+	-1	Herb	Yes
Vaccinium angustifolium	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
Vaccinium myrtilloides	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	2	Herb	Yes
NA	Dead Vegetation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

# Table 7-2c. Overall Upland Vegetative Survey Data - August 2013Eagle Mine LLC

Scientific Name	Common Name	С	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
		Тс	otal Numb	er of Sp	ecies =	47
	Tota	al Nur	nber of N	ative Sp	ecies =	47
	Mean	Wetla	nd Indica	ator Valu	ie (W) =	0.0
	Mean Coe	efficie	nt of Con	servatis	m (C) =	4.7
		Flori	stic Quali	ity Index	(FQI) =	32.3

### APPENDIX C: MICHIGAN NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY REPORT

### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

December 4, 2013

John R. Vigna King & MacGregor Environmental, Inc. 2520 Woodmeadow Drive SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546 jvigna@king-macgregor.com

Re: Rare Species Review #1313 – Eagle Mine Ecological Survey, Michigamme Township, Marquette County, Michigan, T50N, R29W, Section 12.

John:



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The location for the proposed project was checked against known localities for rare species and unique natural features, which are recorded in the Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) natural heritage database. This continuously updated database is a comprehensive source of existing data on Michigan's endangered, threatened, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, natural plant communities, and other natural features. Records in the database indicate that a qualified observer has documented the presence of special natural features. The absence of records in the database for a particular site may mean that the site has not been surveyed. The only way to obtain a definitive statement on the status of natural features is to have a competent biologist perform a complete field survey.

Under Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 365, Endangered Species Protection, "a person shall not take, possess, transport, …fish, plants, and wildlife indigenous to the state and determined to be endangered or threatened," unless first receiving an Endangered Species Permit from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Wildlife Division. Responsibility to protect endangered and threatened species is not limited to the lists below. Other species may be present that have not been recorded in the database.

According to the natural heritage database, legally protected species have been known to occur within 1.5 miles of the proposed project site. Therefore, it is **likely** that listed species will be negatively impacted. Keep in mind that MNFI cannot fully assess potential impacts without an onsite survey. MNFI offers more detailed reviews including field surveys which I would be happy to discuss with you.

Sincerely,

Michael Sanders Environmental Review Specialist/Zoologist Michigan Natural Features Inventory

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SNAME	SCOMNAME	FIRSTOBS	LASTOBS	USESA	SPROT	GRANK	SRANK	ELCAT
Gentiana linearis	Narrow-leaved gentian		1959-07-21		Т	G4G5	S2	Plant
Gentiana linearis	Narrow-leaved gentian	1952	1952-07-28		Т	G4G5	S2	Plant
Gentiana linearis	Narrow-leaved gentian	2004-08-21	2005-09-09		Т	G4G5	S2	Plant

#### Table 1: Legally protected species within 1.5 miles of #1315

#### Table 2: Special Concern Species and Rare Natural Communities within 1.5 miles of #1315

SNAME	SCOMNAME	FIRSTOBS	LASTOBS	USESA	SPROT	GRANK	SRANK	ELCAT
Falcipennis canadensis	Spruce grouse	2004-09-05	2004-09-05		SC	G5	S2S3	Animal

**Comments for Rare Species Review #1313:** Legally protected species have been documented within 1.5 miles of the proposed project. Therefore, it is **likely** that rare natural resources will be impacted by this project. Keep in mind that MNFI cannot fully assess potential impacts without conducting an on-site field survey.

Populations of **narrow-leaved gentian** (*Gentian linearis*) in Michigan are located primarily in areas with soils derived from granite and at least somewhat acidic. This species thrives in wet meadows dominated by sedges and grasses, typically located along river or stream margins and kettle-holes. Narrow-leaved gentian has also been found along sandy lakeshores and bog margins, and can colonize moist disturbed ground such as borrow pits and depressions along road cuts. Elsewhere in its range, this species has a similar close association with granitic soils, occurring in bogs, springy areas, wet meadows, and shores. *G. linearis* flowers from about mid-July to August and possibly as late as early September. Flowers and fruit may occur simultaneously. Management notes: This gentian is a wetland species undoubtedly sensitive to hydrological alterations, and requiring protection from both flooding and excessive drainage. Please see <u>MNFI's Rare Species Explorer</u> for further information on this and other rare natural features.

Note: If a State listed species occurs at a project site, and you think you need an endangered species permit please contact: Lori Sargent, Nongame Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909, 517-373-9418, or <u>SargentL@michigan.gov</u>. If a federally listed species is involved and, you think a permit is needed, please contact Barb Hosler, Endangered Species Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, East Lansing office, 517-351-6326, or <u>Barbara Hosler@fws.gov</u>.

## Codes to accompany Tables 1 & 2

#### State Protection Status Code Definitions (SPROT)

E: Endangered

T: Threatened

SC: Special concern

#### **Global Heritage Status Rank Definitions (GRANK)**

The priority assigned by NatureServe's national office for data collection and protection based upon the element's status throughout its entire world-wide range. Criteria not based only on number of occurrences; other critical factors also apply. Note that ranks are frequently combined.

G1 = critically imperiled globally because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences range-wide or very few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extinction. G2 = imperiled globally because of rarity (6 to 20 occurrences or few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extinction throughout its range.

G3: Either very rare and local throughout its range or found locally (even abundantly at some of its locations) in a restricted range (e.g. a single western state, a physiographic region in the East) or because of other factor(s) making it vulnerable to extinction throughout its range; in terms of occurrences, in the range of 21 to 100.

G4: Apparently secure globally, though it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.

G5: Demonstrably secure globally, though it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery. Q: Taxonomy uncertain

#### State Heritage Status Rank Definitions (SRANK)

The priority assigned by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory for data collection and protection based upon the element's status within the state. Criteria not based only on number of occurrences; other critical factors also apply. Note that ranks are frequently combined.

S1: Critically imperiled in the state because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences or very few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extirpation in the state.S2: Imperiled in state because of rarity (6 to 20 occurrences or few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extirpation from the state.

S3: Rare or uncommon in state (on the order of 21 to 100 occurrences).

S4 = apparently secure in state, with many occurrences.

S5 = demonstrably secure in state and essentially ineradicable under present conditions.

SX = apparently extirpated from state.

## APPENDIX D: NARROW LEAVED GENTIAN PHOTOGRAPHS



## APPENDIX E: WETLAND VEGETATIVE SURVEY PHOTOGRAPHS

(All photos taken during June, 2013)



Photo 1. Plot 1W, north view

Photo 2. Plot 1W, south view

Photo 3. Plot 1W, quadrat view

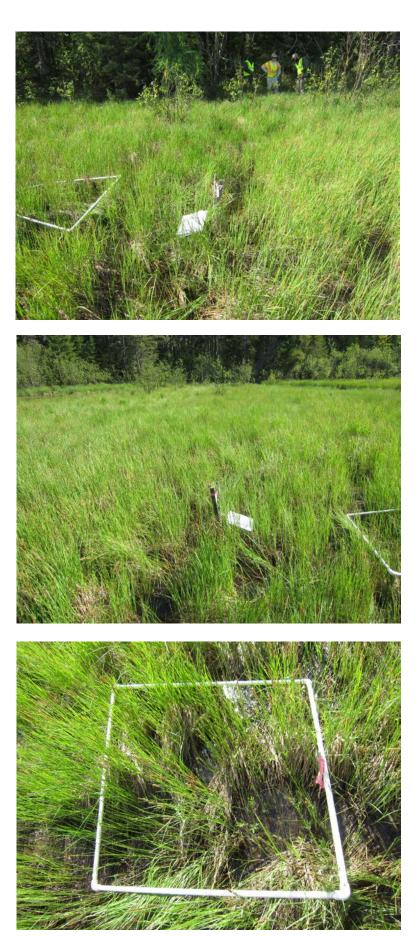


Photo 4. Plot 6W, north view

Photo 5. Plot 6W, south view

Photo 6. Plot 6W, quadrat view



Photo 7. Plot 7W, north view

Photo 8. Plot 7W, south view

Photo 9. Plot 7W, quadrat view



## Photo 10. Plot 8W, north view

Photo 11. Plot 8W, south view

Photo 12. Plot 8W, quadrat view



Photo 13. Plot 9W, north view

Photo 14. Plot 9W, south view

Photo 15. Plot 9W, quadrat view



## Photo 16. Plot 10W, north view

Photo 17. Plot 10W, south view

Photo 18. Plot 10W, quadrat view



## Photo 19. Plot 12W, north view



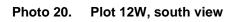
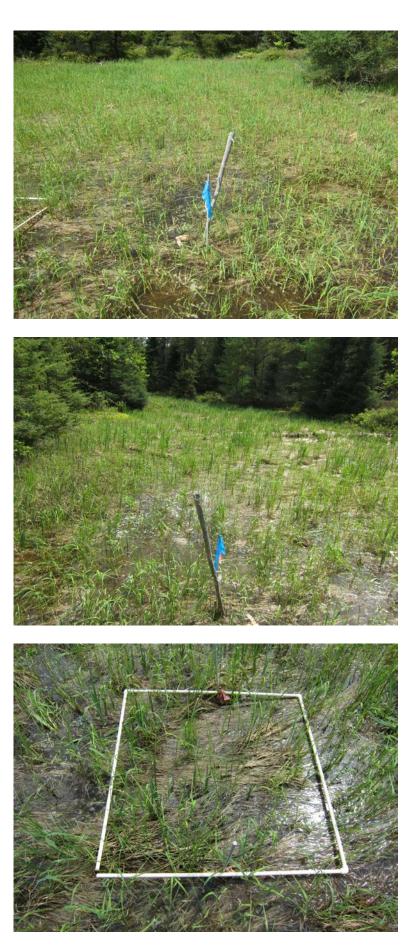




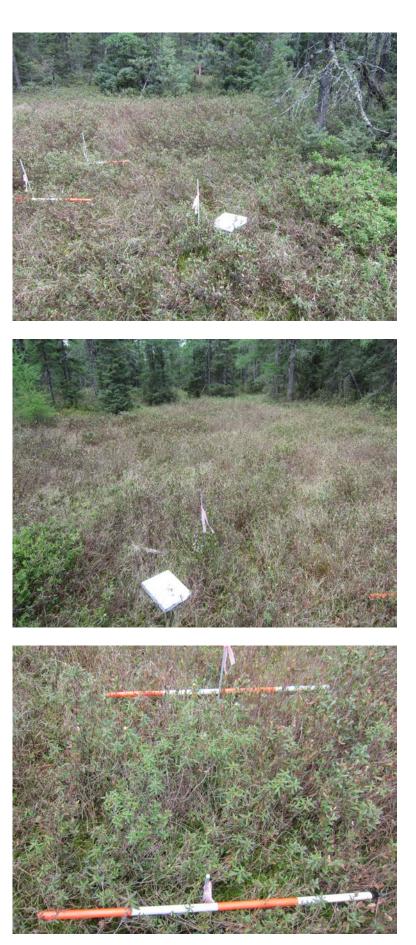
Photo 21. Plot 12W, quadrat view



## Photo 22. Plot 13W, north view

Photo 23. Plot 13W, south view

Photo 24. Plot 13W, quadrat view



### Photo 25. Plot 26W, north view

Photo 26. Plot 26W, south view

Photo 27. Plot 26W, quadrat view

## APPENDIX F: UPLAND VEGETATIVE SURVEY PHOTOGRAPHS

(All photos taken during August, 2013)



Photo 1. Plot 1, north view

Photo 2. Plot 1, south view

Photo 3. Plot 1, quadrat view



Photo 4. Plot 2, north view

Photo 5. Plot 2, south view

Photo 6. Plot 2, quadrat view

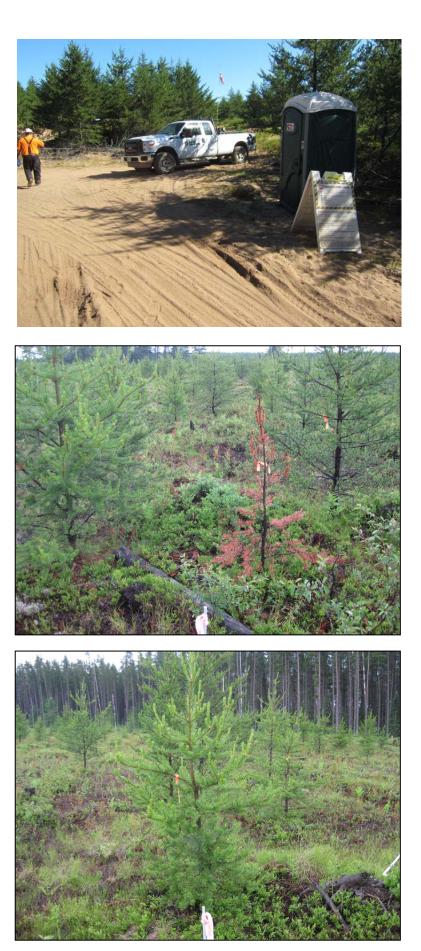


Photo 7. Plot 3

Photo 8. Plot 11, north view

Photo 9. Plot 11, south view



Photo 10. Plot 11, quadrat view

Photo 12. Plot 12, south view

Photo 11. Plot 12, north view



Photo 13. Plot 12, quadrat view

Photo 14. Plot 13, north view

Photo 15. Plot 13, south view



Photo 16. Plot 13, quadrat view

Photo 17. Plot 14, north view

Photo 18. Plot 14, south view



Photo 19. Plot 14, quadrat view

Photo 20. Plot 21, north view

Photo 21. Plot 21, south view



Photo 22. Plot 21, quadrat view

Photo 24. Plot 22, south view

Photo 23. Plot 22, north view



Photo 25. Plot 22, quadrat view

Photo 26. Plot 23, north view

Photo 27. Plot 23, south view



## Photo 28. Plot 23, quadrat view

Photo 30. Plot 24, south view

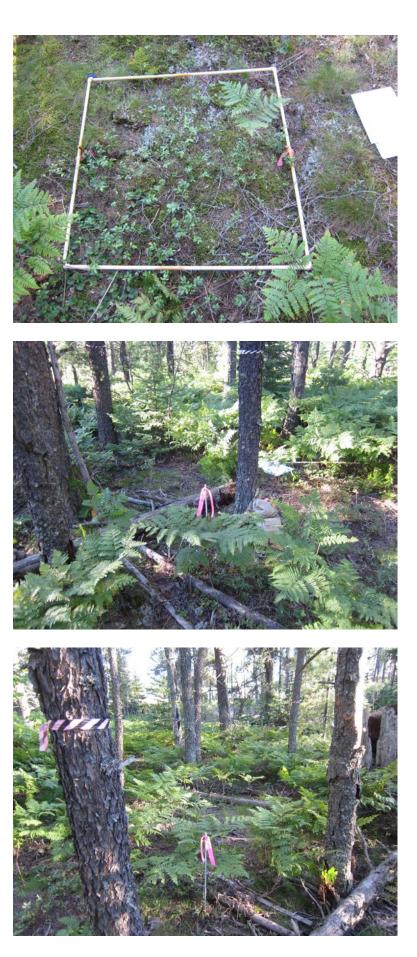
Photo 29. Plot 24, north view



Photo 31. Plot 24, quadrat view

Photo 32. Plot 25, north view

Photo 33. Plot 25, south view



## Photo 34. Plot 25, quadrat view

Photo 35. Plot 26, north view

Photo 36. Plot 26, south view



Photo 37. Plot 26, quadrat view

Photo 38. Plot 27, north view

Photo 39. Plot 27, south view



Photo 40. Plot 28, north view

Photo 41. Plot 28, south view

Photo 42. Plot 28, quadrat view



Photo 43. Plot 29, north view

Photo 44. Plot 29, south view

Photo 45. Plot 29, quadrat view



Photo 46. Plot 31, north view

Photo 48. Plot 31, quadrat view

Photo 47. Plot 31, south view