

Figure 1. Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, Proposed Trail Development Projects, 2019.

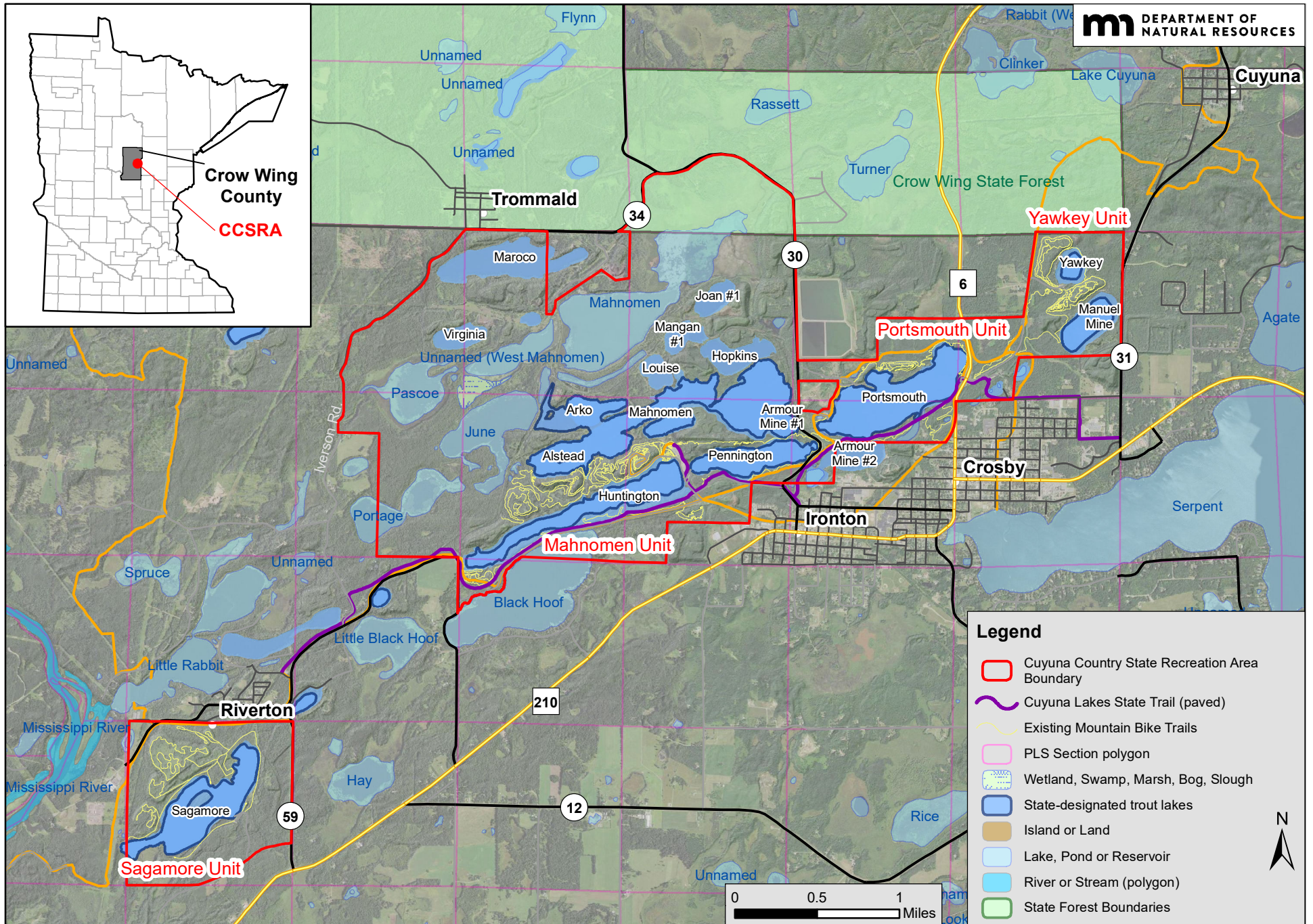
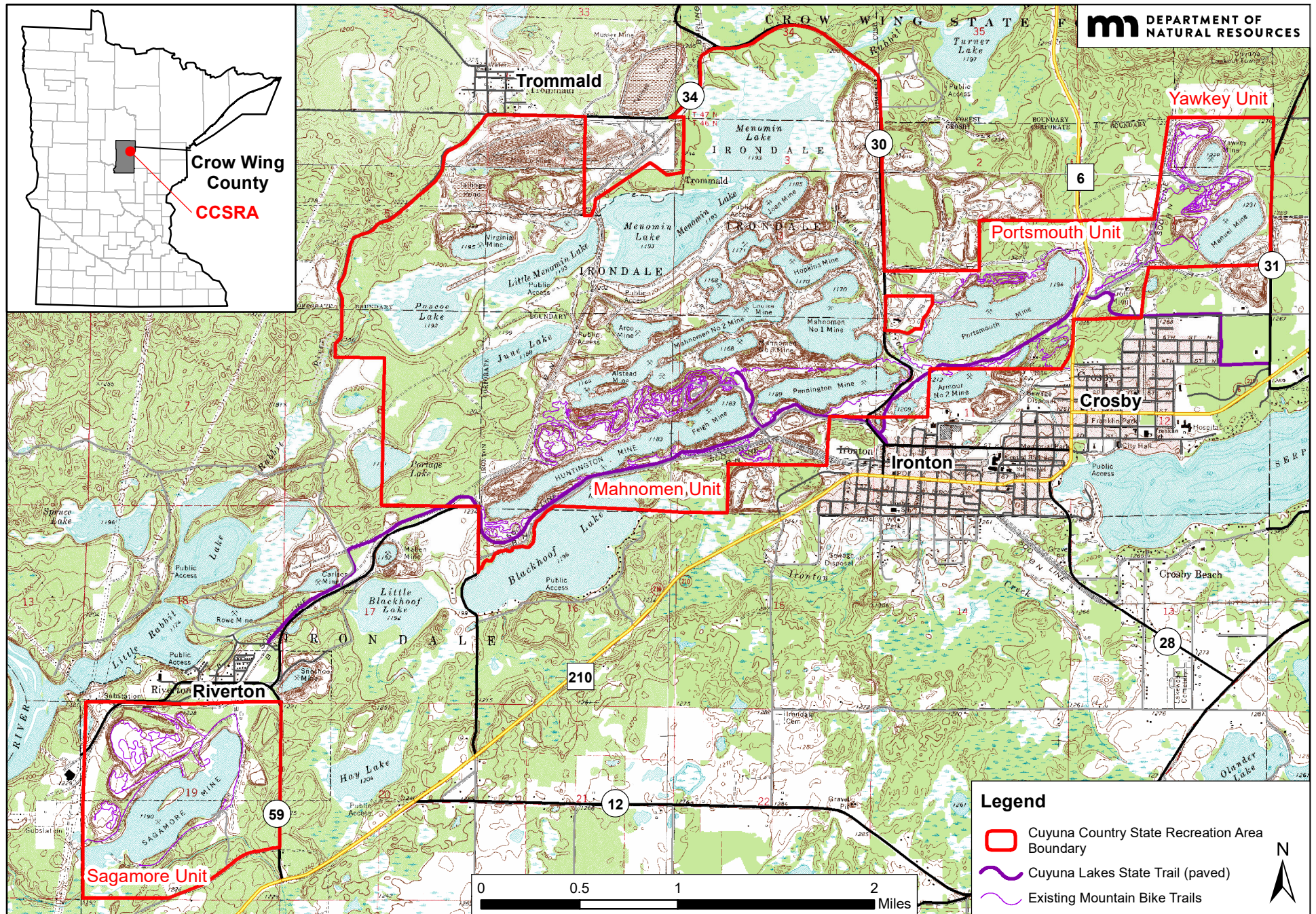




Figure 2. Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, USGS Map 1:24,000



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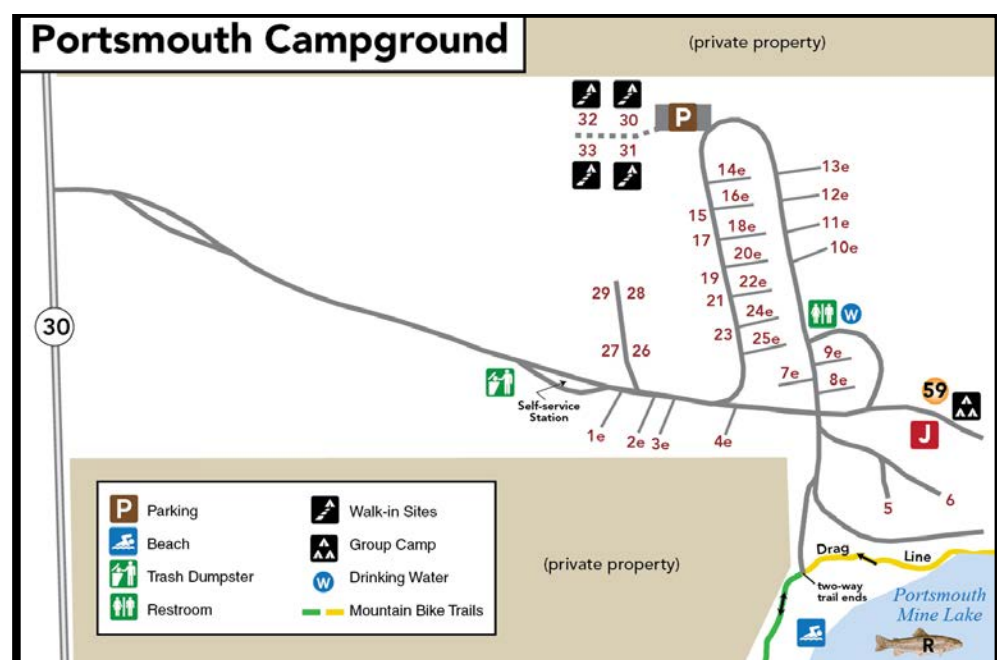
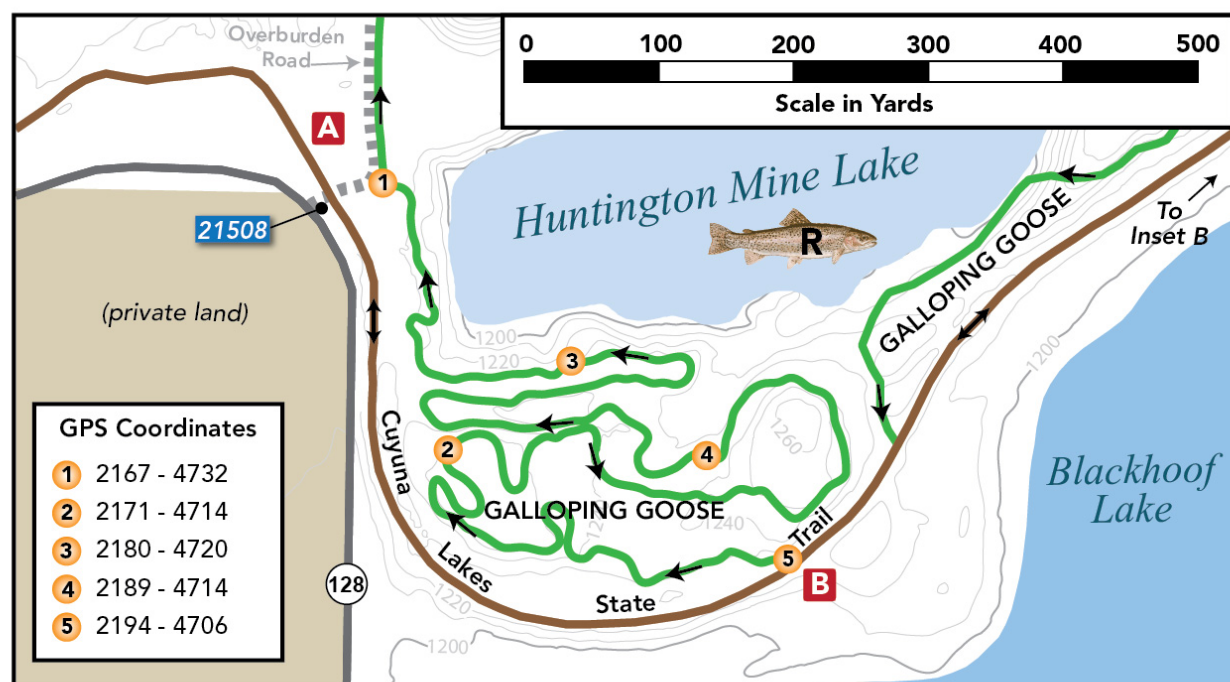
**Legend**

- Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Boundary
- Cuyuna Lakes State Trail (paved)
- Existing Mountain Bike Trails





Figure 3. Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Map (Visitor Map, Page 1 of 2)



**More About Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area...**



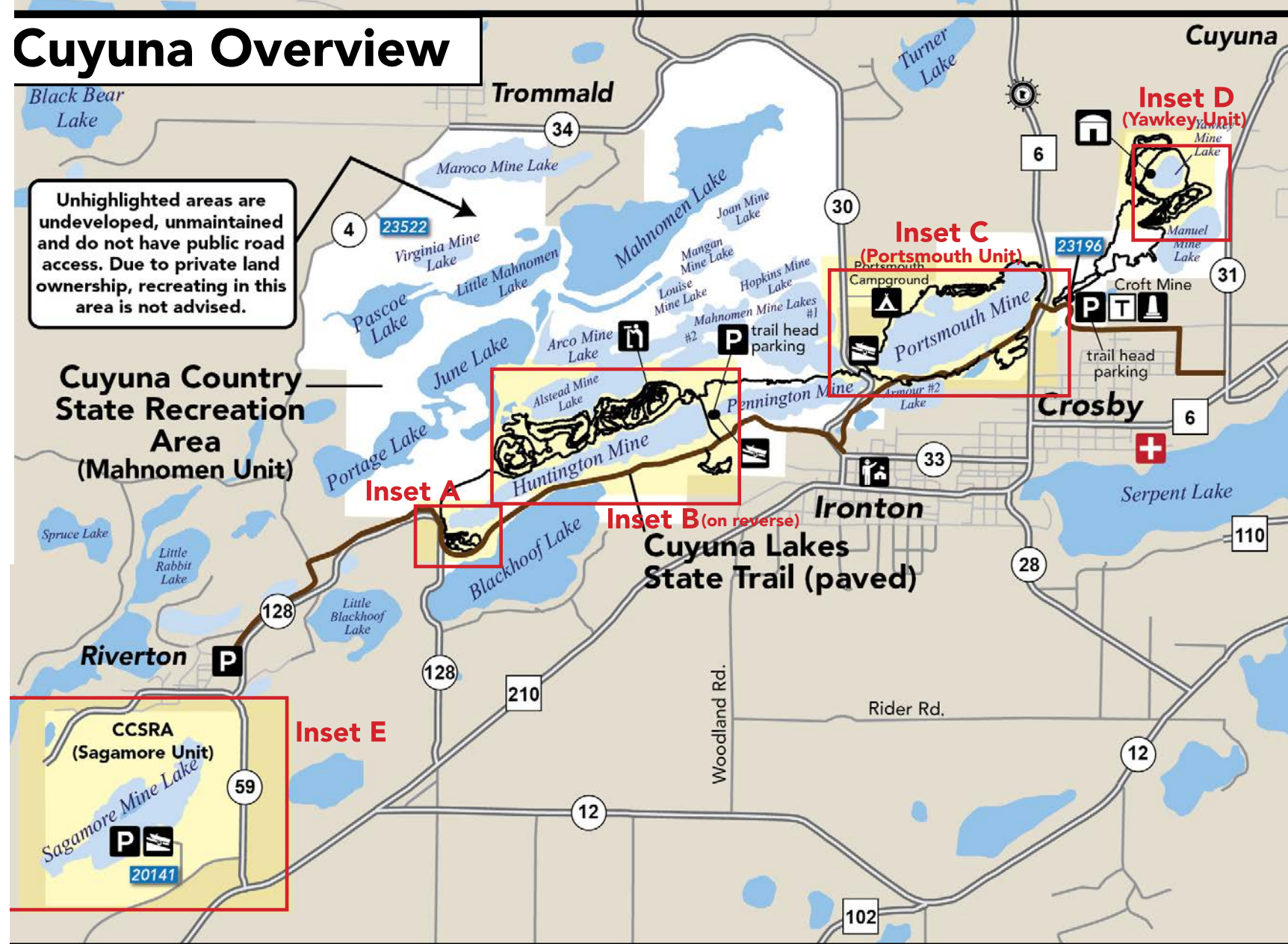
Abandoned by mining companies more than 30 years ago, this area of former mining pits and rock-deposit stockpiles now boasts 5,000 acres of regenerated vegetation.

The area offers a variety of recreation opportunities including biking (both paved and mountain bike trails), snowmobiling, fishing, boating, hiking, wildlife-watching, scuba diving, camping and more.

The Cuyuna Country mountain bike trails are a 27-mile long mountain bike trail system, covering nearly 800 acres from Yawkey Mine Lake, on the east, to Huntington Mine Lake on the west. From the campground, bike east to the Croft Mine Historic Site and Yawkey Mine Lake, or go west over the channel between Mahnommen and Pennington Mine Lakes up to the Miner's Mountain Overlook and Huntington Mine Lake.



includes sheer walls and flat terraces, characteristic of the mine roads, railroads and other remnants of the mining industry.



**Recreation Area Winter Use:**

- Areas Plowed – Miner's Mountain Rally Center, Croft Trailhead, Sagamore Trailhead, Yawkey Road and Yurt parking.

**Permitted Uses:**

- Fat biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing no set tracks, hiking and snowmobiling (see [mndnr.gov/snowmobiling](http://mndnr.gov/snowmobiling) for more information).

**Winter Regulations:**

- Fat Biking - tires must be at least 3.7" wide.
- Do not ride on soft or wet trails.
- See park website for regulation details.

**Prohibited Uses:**

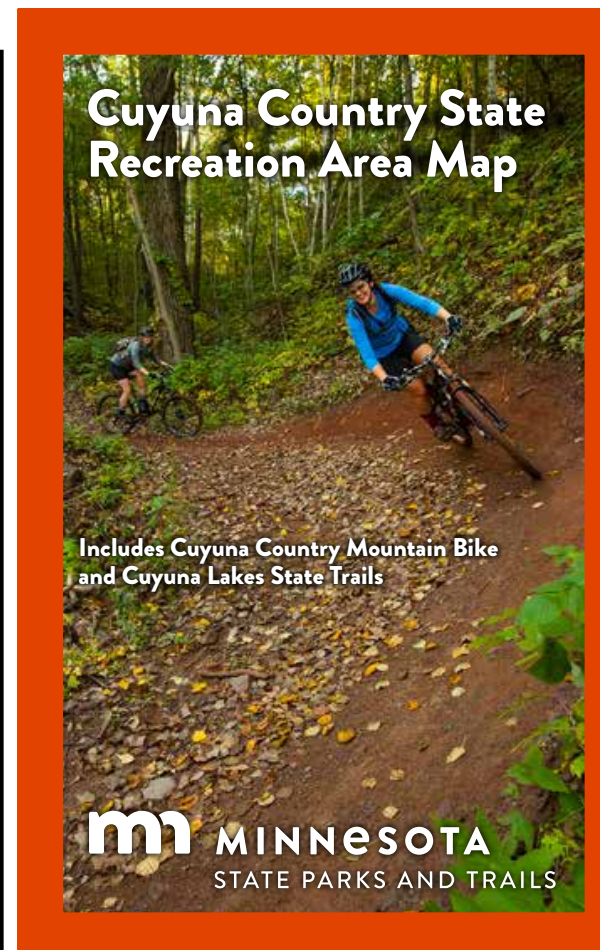
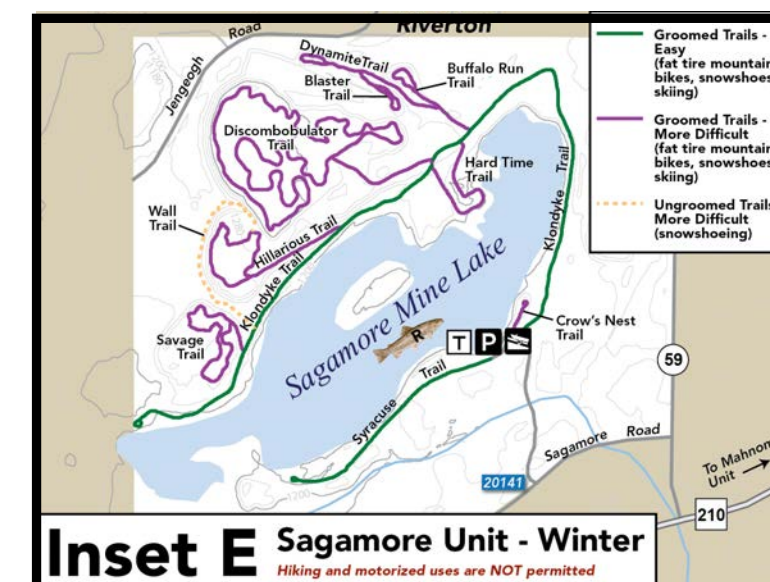
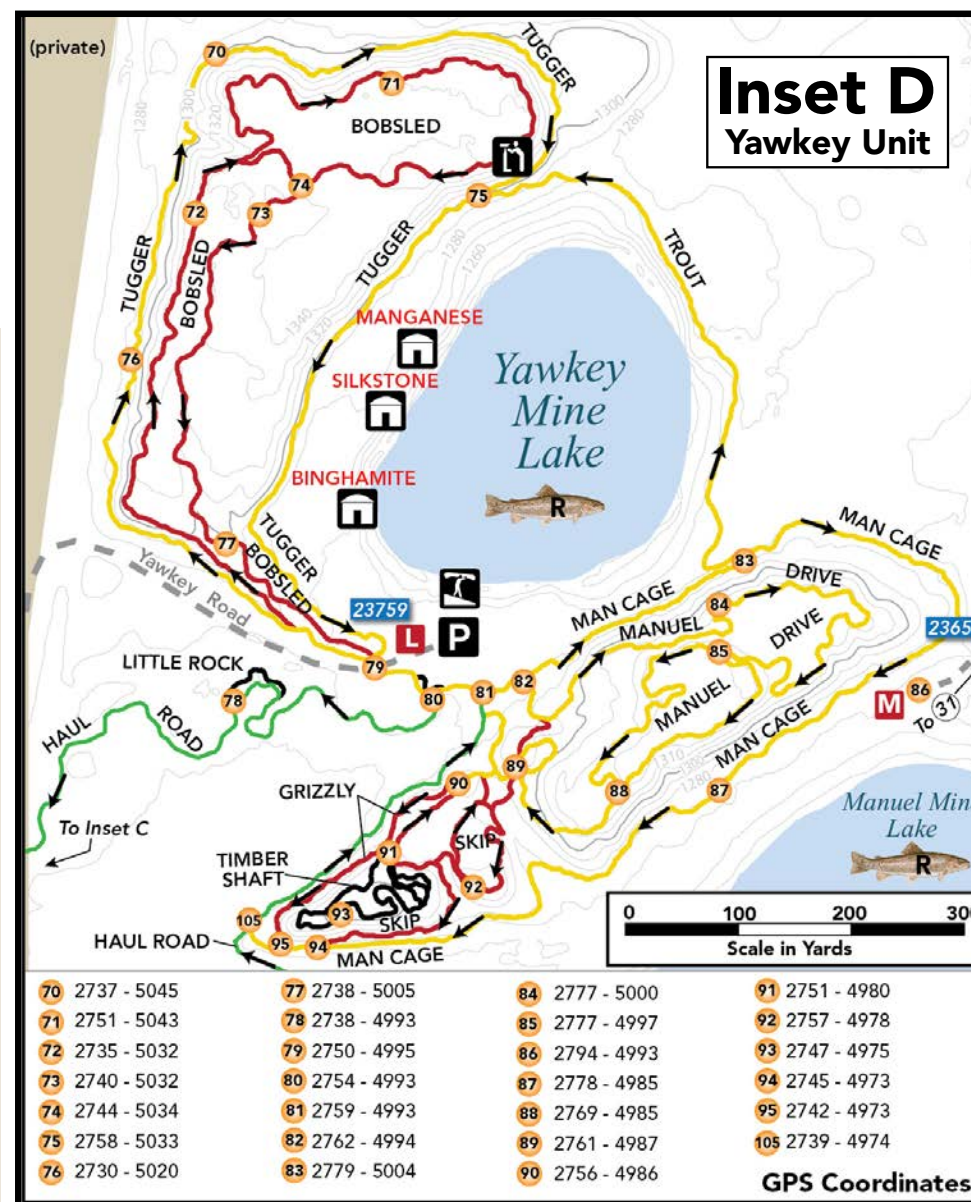
- Activities which damage the groomed trail, no restrictions on Cuyuna Lakes State Trail. State park rules still apply.
- No pets allowed on trails, except on Cuyuna Lakes State Trail.
- Foot travel, except as permitted.

When rain results in wet or soft trail conditions, the trails will be immediately closed to all users until conditions improve. Please contact the park office for up-to-date information.

In addition to 27 miles of natural shoreline, six mine lakes connect to create 267 acres of continuous water surface; perfect for exploring by boat or canoe. Anglers can cast a line for trout (with a trout stamp), northern, bass, crappie or sunfish. Due to the clarity and depth of the lakes, they are frequented by scuba divers for recreation and training. The underwater terrain

**Packed Winter Trails (approximately 40 miles) - See park website for regulation details**

Single track	2' wide - approximately 25 miles - Mahnommen Unit, Portsmouth Unit & Yawkey Unit	Allowed uses - fat biking, snowshoeing and ungroomed cross country skiing
Double track	4' wide - approximately 8 miles - Sagamore Unit	Allowed uses - fat biking, snowshoeing and ungroomed cross country skiing
Quad track	8' wide - approximately 7 miles - Cuyuna Lakes State Trail	Allowed uses - fat biking, snowshoeing, ungroomed cross country skiing and hiking



**For more information:**

**Getting there:**  
307 3rd Street  
Ironton, MN 56455

**DNR Information Center**  
500 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040

**Phone:** 218-546-5926  
**Phone:** 651-296-6157  
**Toll free:** 888-MINNDNR

**GPS coordinates - office (in lat/long)**  
N 46° 28.723'  
W 93° 58.597'

**TTY:** 651-296-5484  
**Toll free:** 888-657-3929

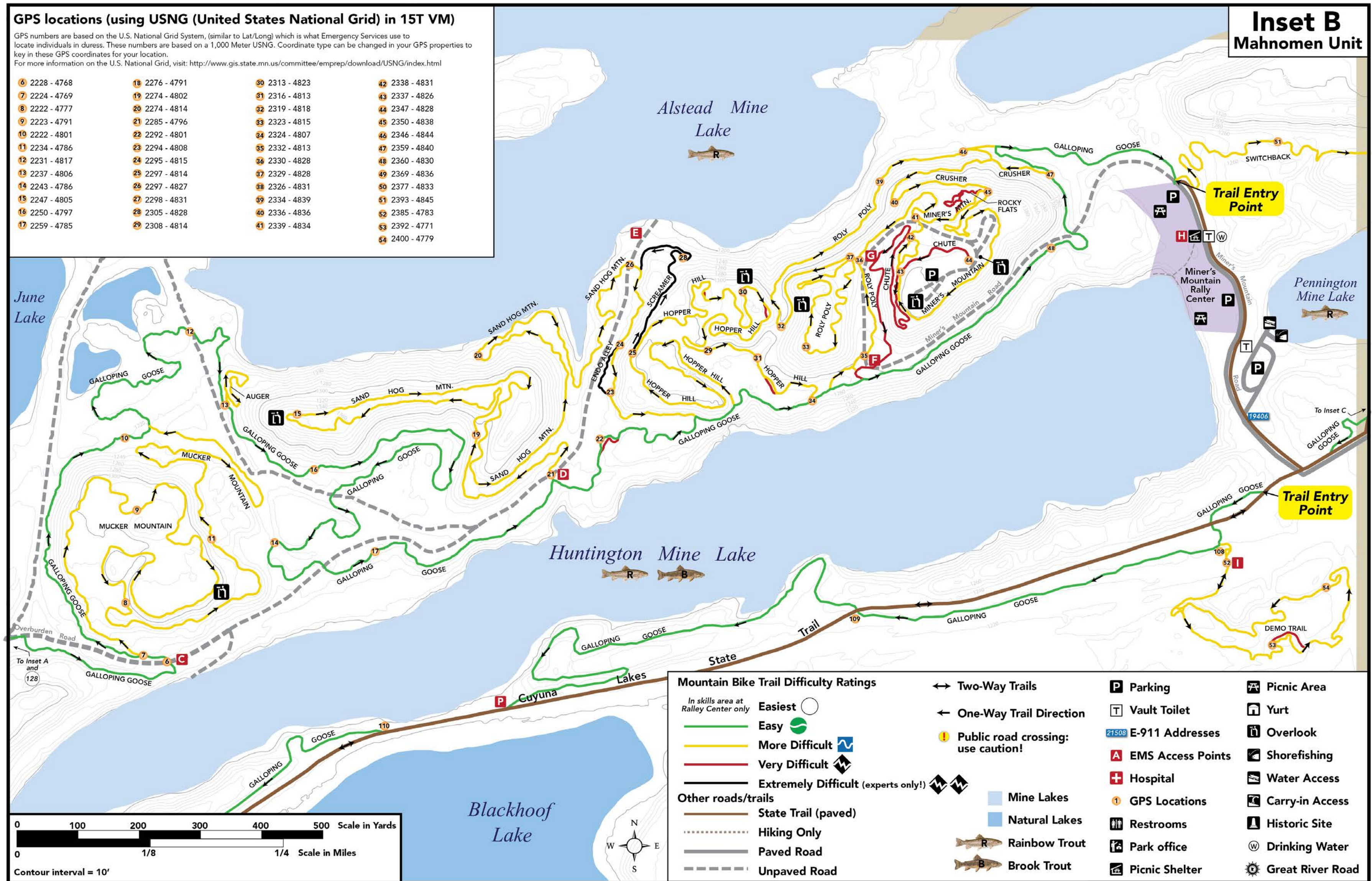
**Email:** [info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us)

**GPS coordinates - Miner's Mountain Rally Center (in lat/long)**  
N 46° 29.06'  
W 93° 59.563'

[mndnr.gov/state\\_parks/cuyuna\\_country](http://mndnr.gov/state_parks/cuyuna_country)



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Open daily from 8 am to 10 pm

Mountain bike trail closures will be posted on the CCSRA website and at obvious locations in the field.

**Park Facilities and Features:**

- 33 Campsites (18 electric)
- 1 Group camp
- 3 Yurts
- Designated trout lakes
- Scuba diving opportunities
- Mountain bike trails
- Groomed fat tire bike trails in winter
- Cuyuna Lakes State Trail - 6.7 miles paved
- Historic Croft Mine

**Mountain Bike Safety Tips:**

- There are inherent risks to mountain biking, ride at your own risk.
- Test the fit and function of your equipment before each ride.
- Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear.
- Wear bright colored clothing so others can see you.
- Obey all rules and signs.
- Ride with a friend to promote fun and safety.
- Always yield the trail. Let others know you are coming.
- Be aware of your surroundings and other trail users.
- Ride to your ability and in control at all times.
- Do not ride on soft or wet trails.
- Ride open trails only.

- Always keep your speed at a level that will allow full control.
- Parents, watch children at all times.



**Emergency Response:**

- GPS location markers are shown on this map and placed in the field.
- If you have an emergency, call 911, and provide the dispatcher with the following:
  - Description of the emergency.
  - Numbers on the nearest emergency location marker.
  - Name of the trail you are on.

**Caution:**

- Mountain bike trails include loose and slippery surfaces. Proceed carefully as rocks and trees frequently fall, and are commonly encountered on the mountain bike trails. Extreme caution should be used on the mountain bike trails at all times!
- There is no such thing as "safe ice," and ice seldomly freezes uniformly.



**Prohibited Uses:**

- Off-highway vehicles.
- Remote camping.
- Mountain bike trails close to all uses during rain. Do not ride or hike on soft or wet trails.
- Consuming or displaying intoxicating liquors.
- Driving your boat at speeds greater than 10 mph.
- Building or maintaining a fire except in a fire ring at the Portsmouth Campground.
- Target and trap shooting.
- Horse riding on the mountain bike trail.
- Pets must be personally attended to at all times. Pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet in length.
- Any activity that damages the trails by foot or bike.



**Figure 4. Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, Mahnomen Unit Concept Plans\***

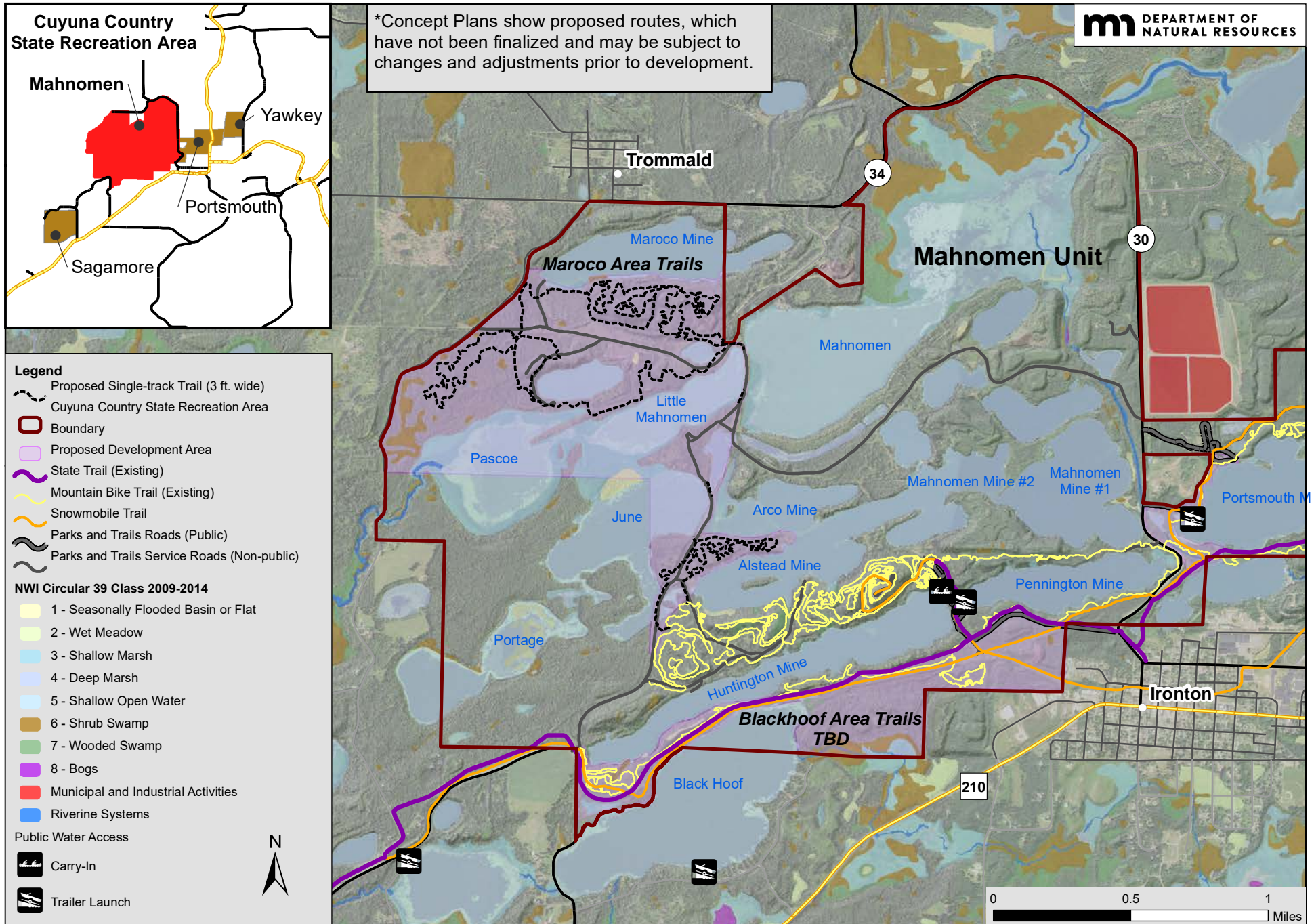
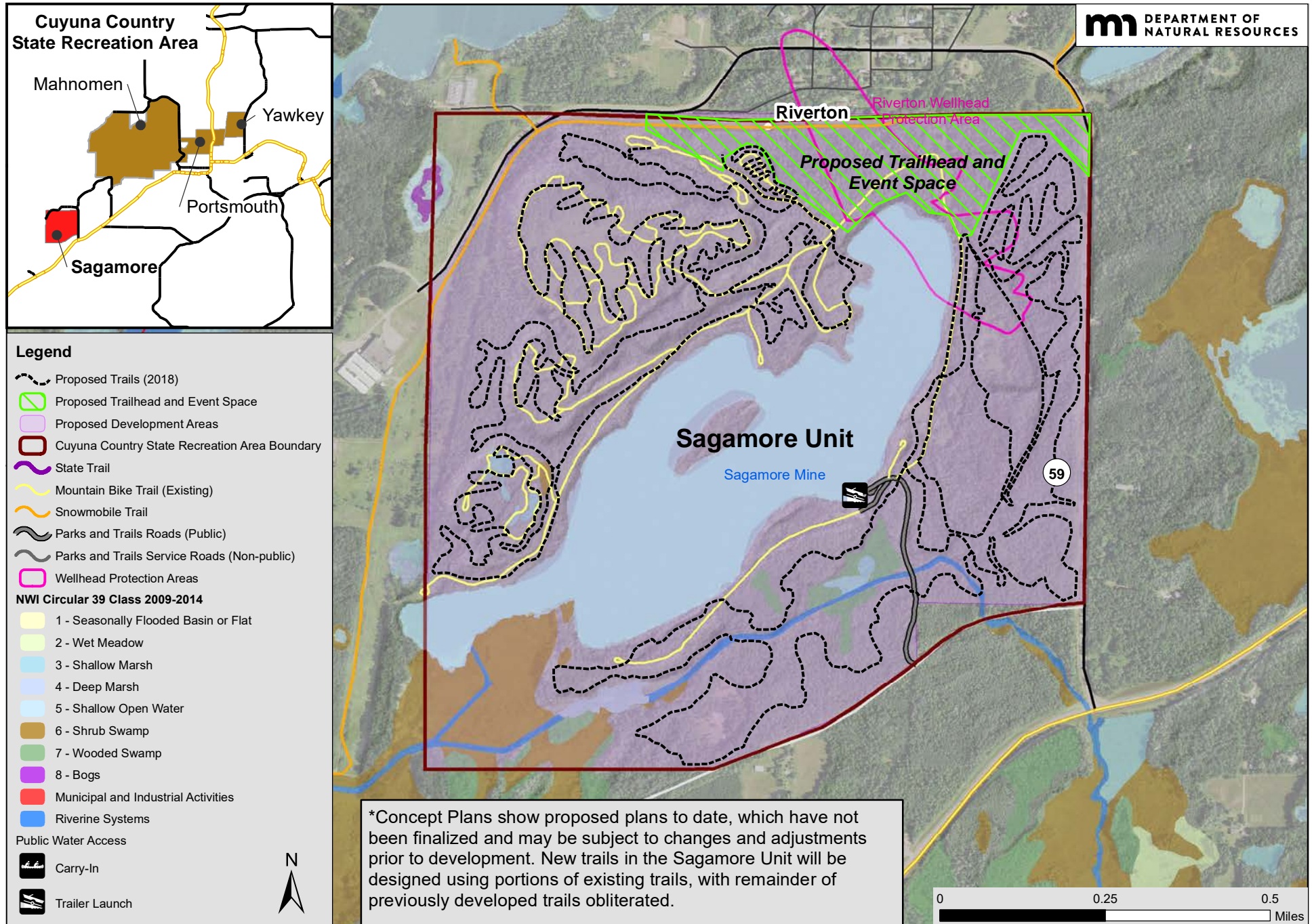




Figure 5. Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, Sagamore Unit Concept Plans\*





**Figure 6. Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, Portsmouth Unit Proposed Development Area.**

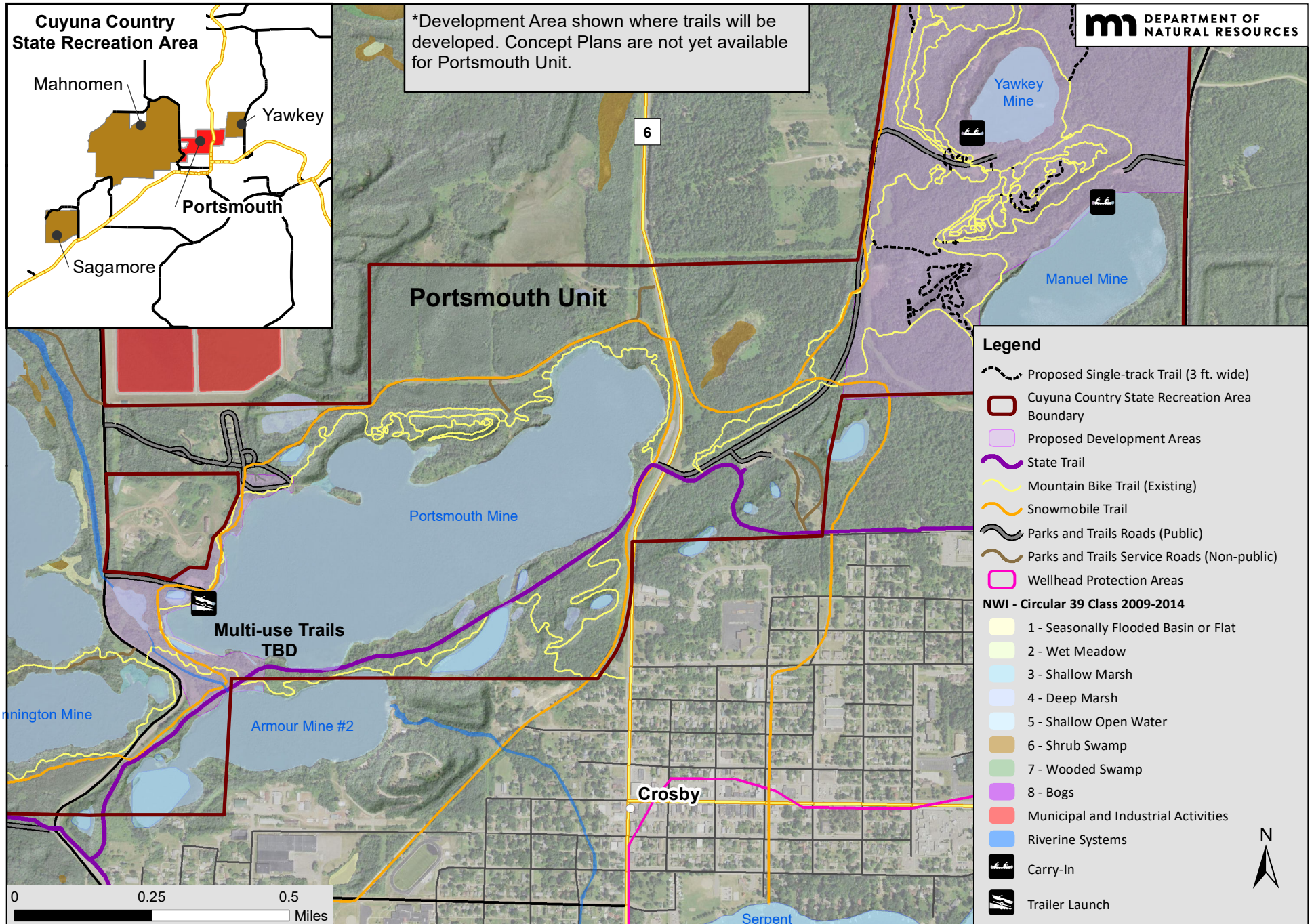




Figure 7. Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, Yawkey Unit Concept Plans\*

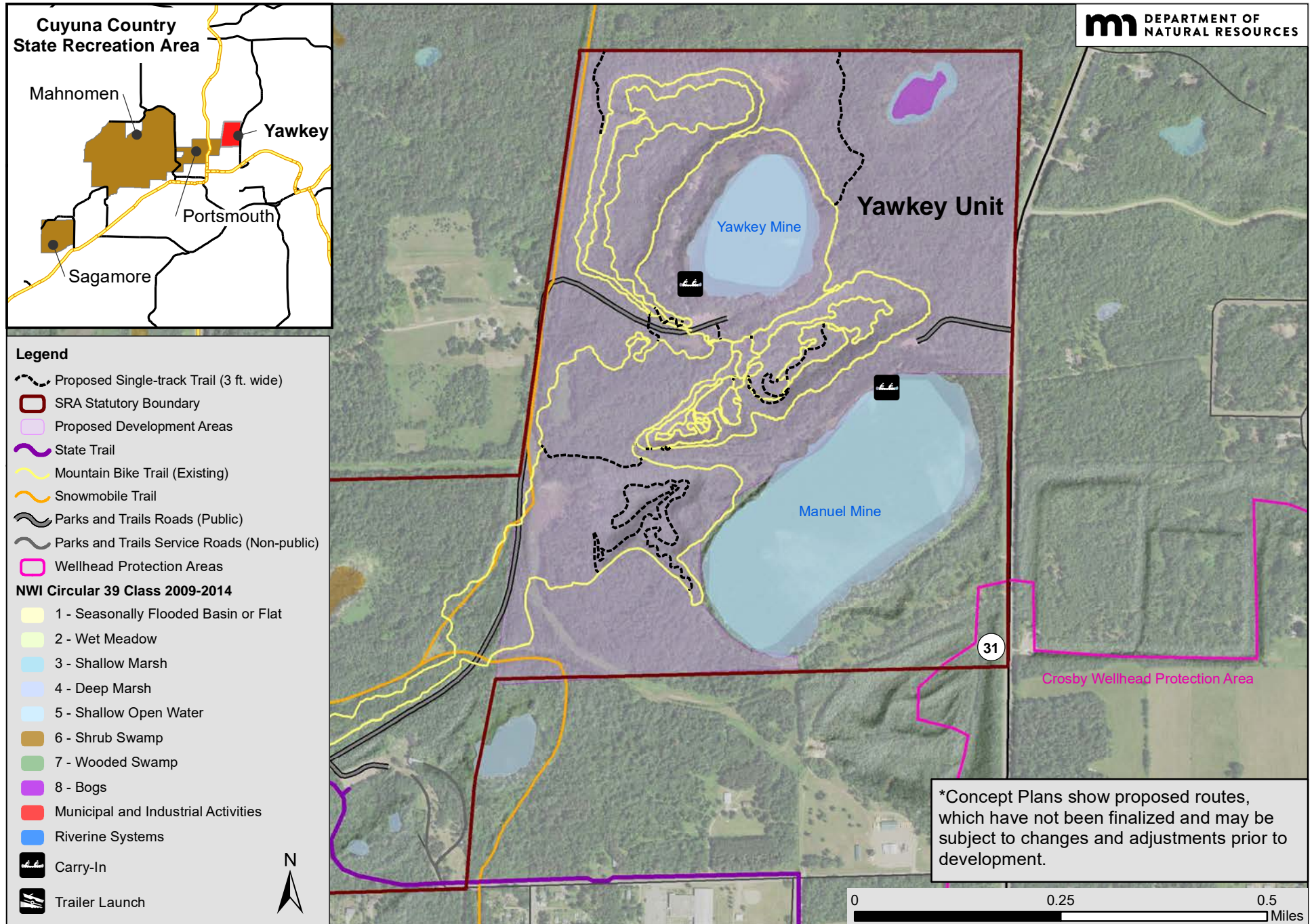
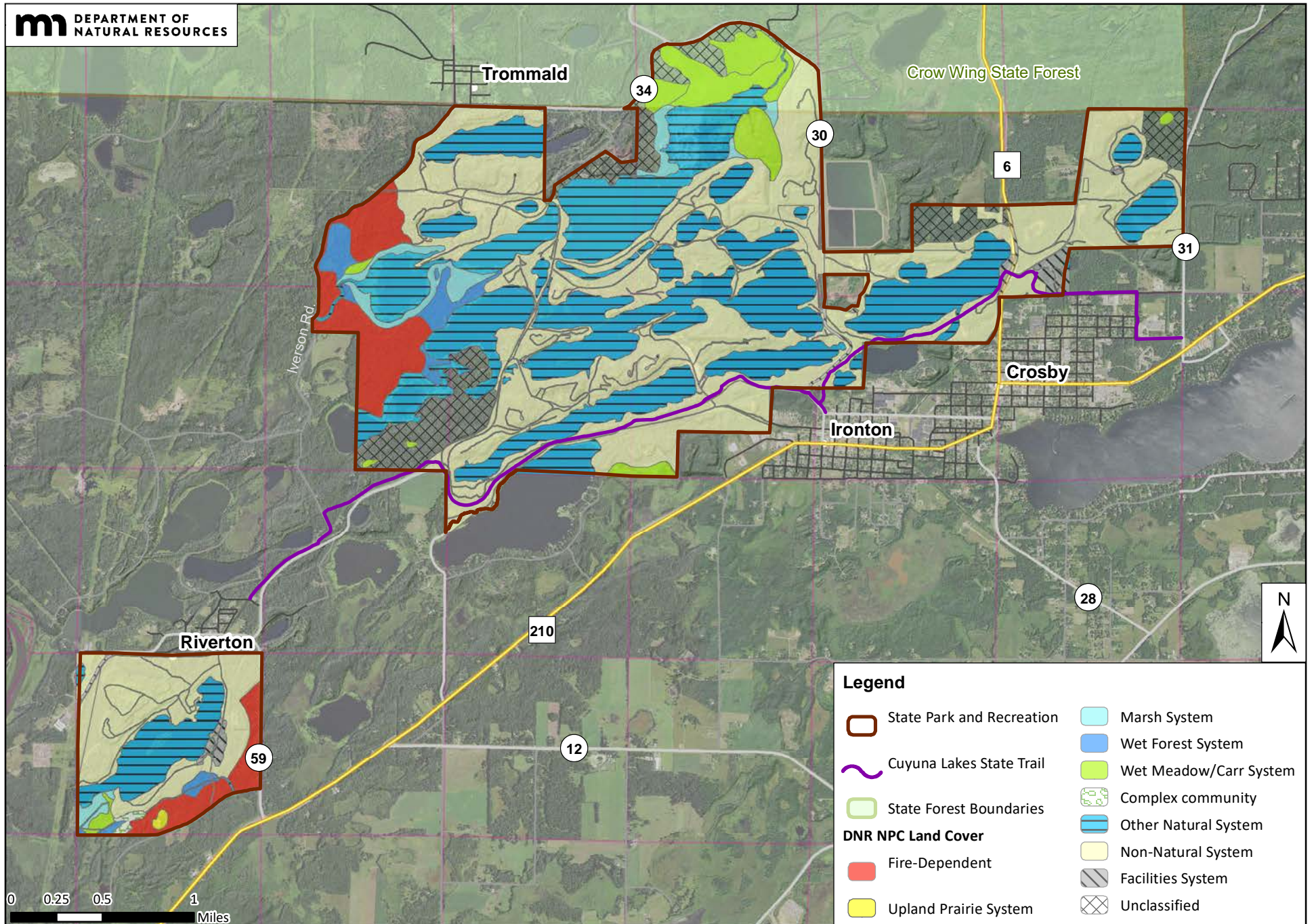




Figure 8. Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, Native Plant Communities Land Cover





**Figure 9. Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, Mine Features**

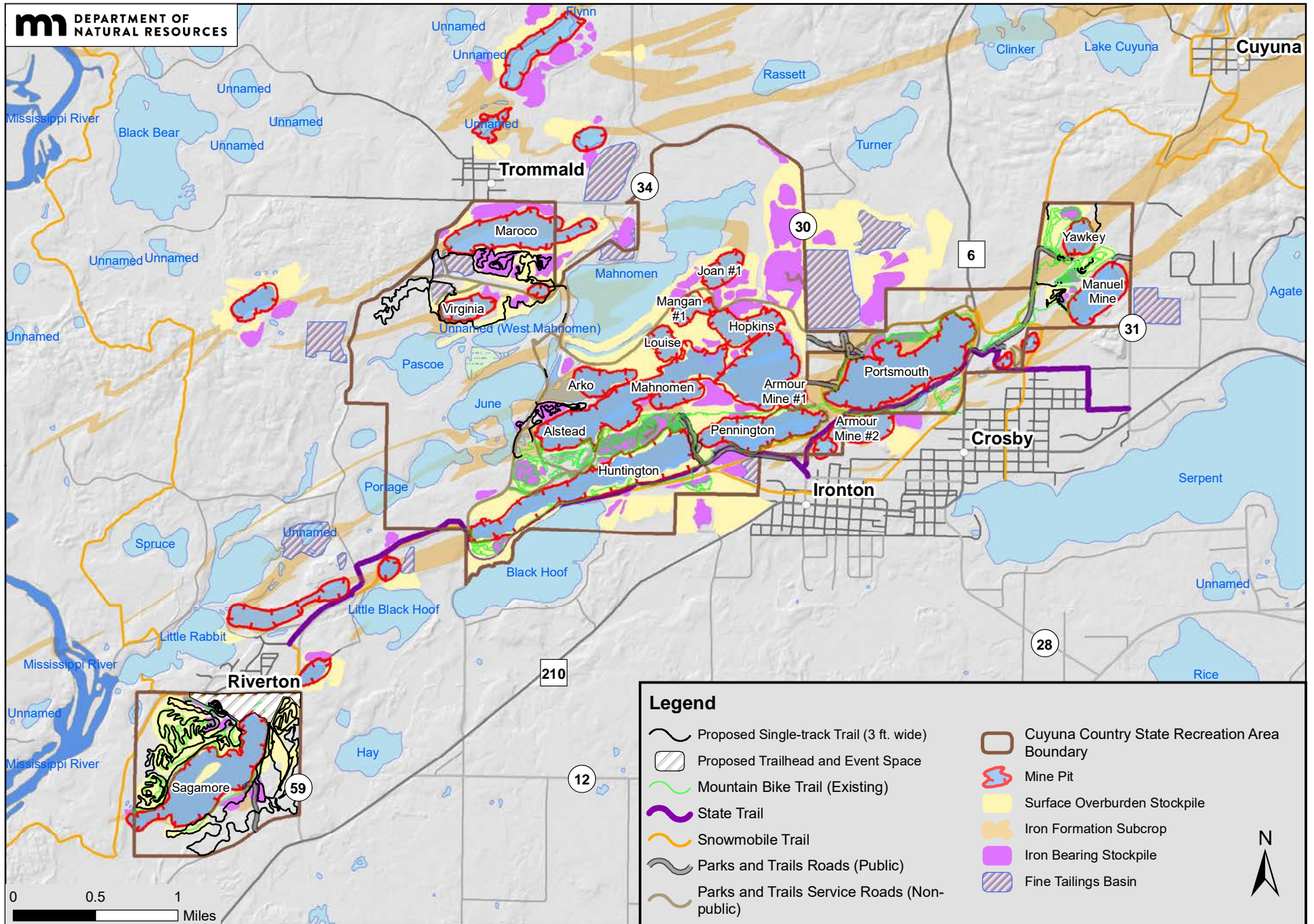
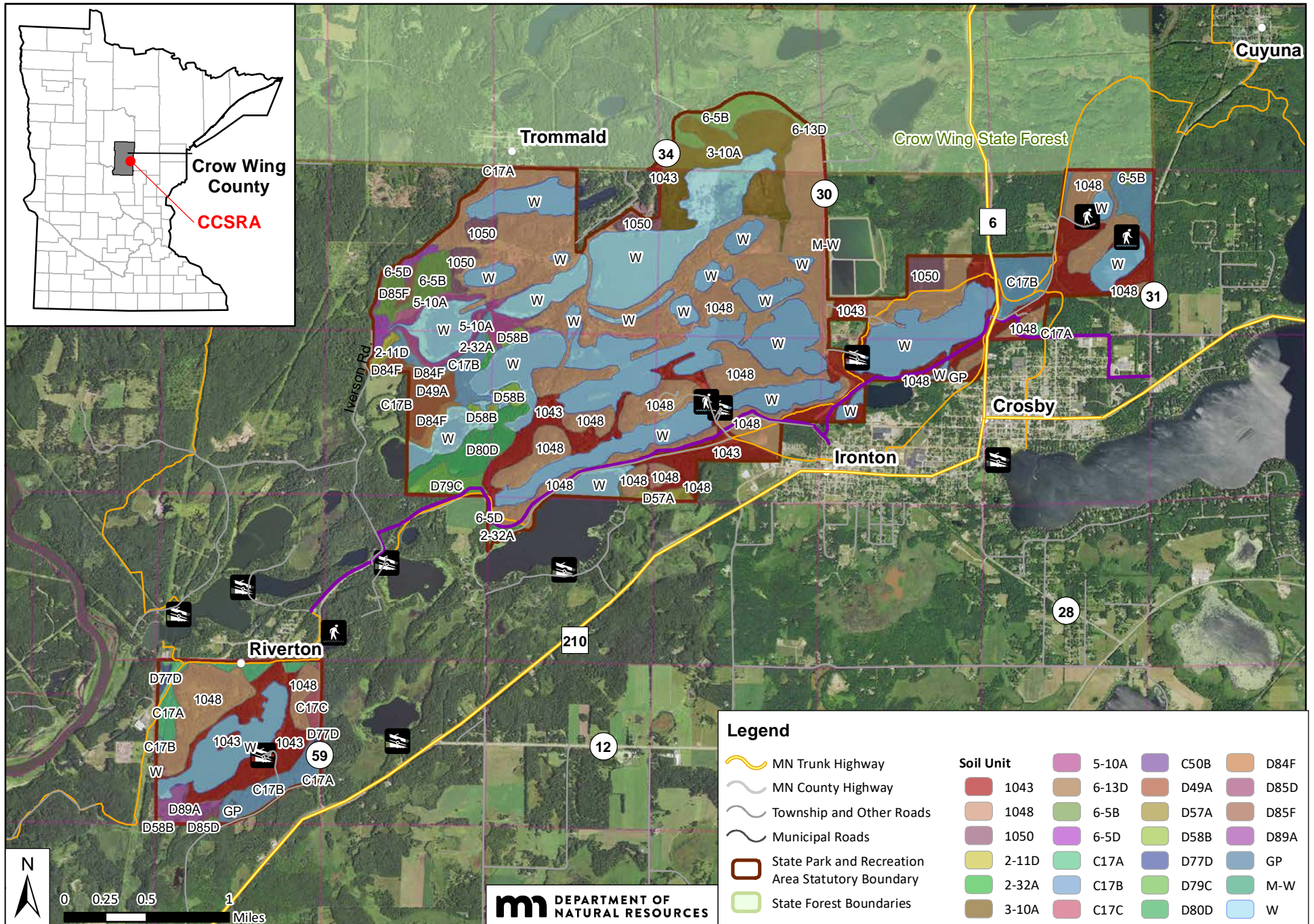




Figure 10. Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, NRCS Soil Units





## Figure 11. Natural Surface Trail Typical

(Source: MN DNR, *Trail Planning, Design, and Development Guidelines*. Page 6.11.)

