



NORTH
NOVA

Forest Owners
Co-op Ltd.



Mission Statement

- “TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND VALUE OF WOODLOTS OF MEMBERS OF NORTH NOVA FOREST OWNERS CO-OPERATIVE LTD., THROUGH LEADERSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND COMMUNICATION”.

Who is North Nova

- Private land forest management co-op
- Membership based organization (share based)
- Service based business (management plans, assessments, silviculture, harvesting etc.)
- Unbiased agent between landowner and sub-contractor
- Governed by six member board of directors
- Support community projects (4H, community groups etc.)

Evolution

- Formed in 1976 – small woodlot projects – wood marketing small volumes(6 members, less than 2000acres) – Cumberland County
- Federal agreements end mid 90's – silviculturally based
- Mid 90's to Mid 2000's clear-cut harvest(short term economics) with large silviculture programs to follow
- Present day more oriented to landowner objectives – adopted an eco-system based management approach(320 members, 75,000 acres) – Cumberland, Colchester and Pictou
- Currently 95% non clear-cut treatments

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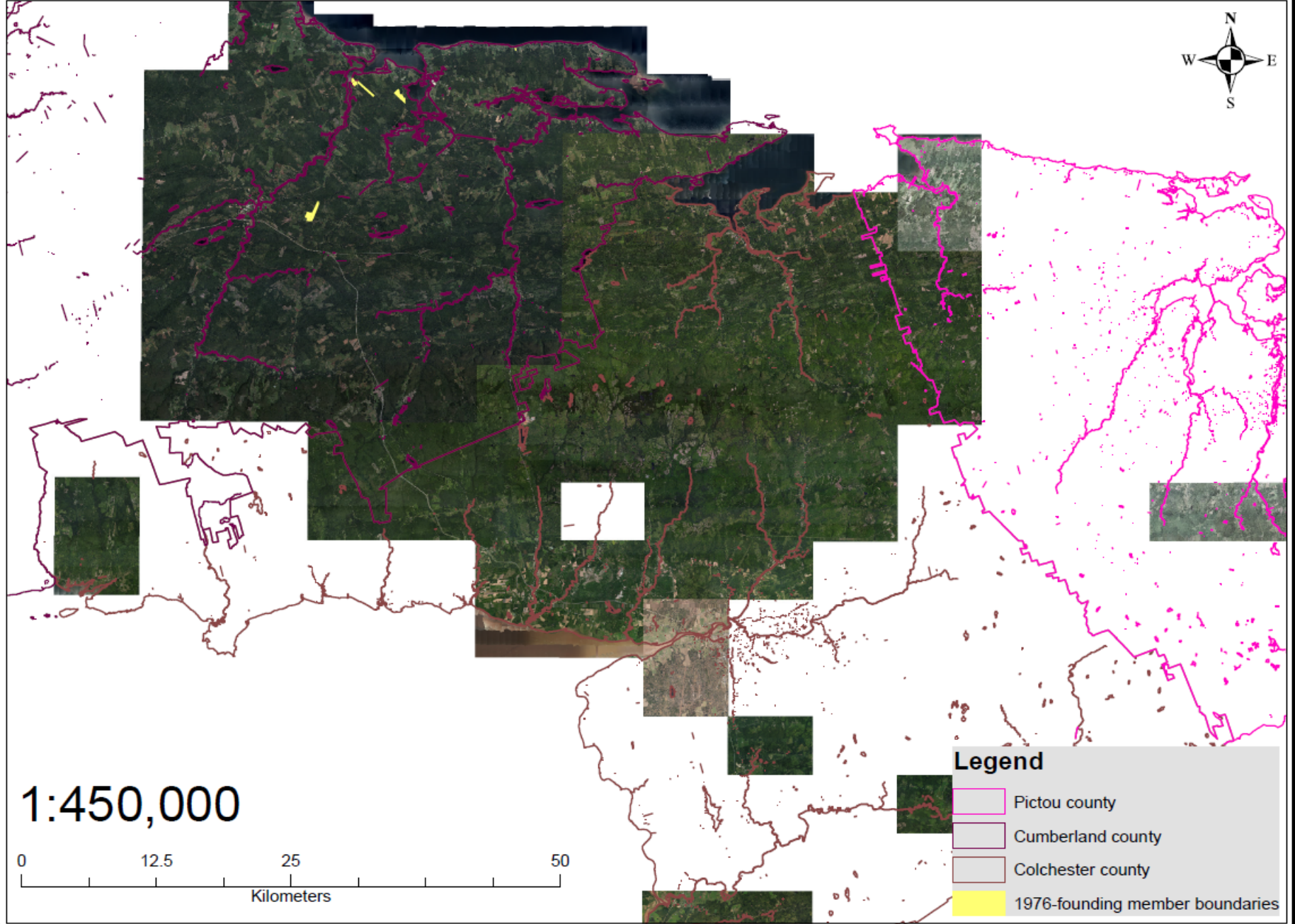


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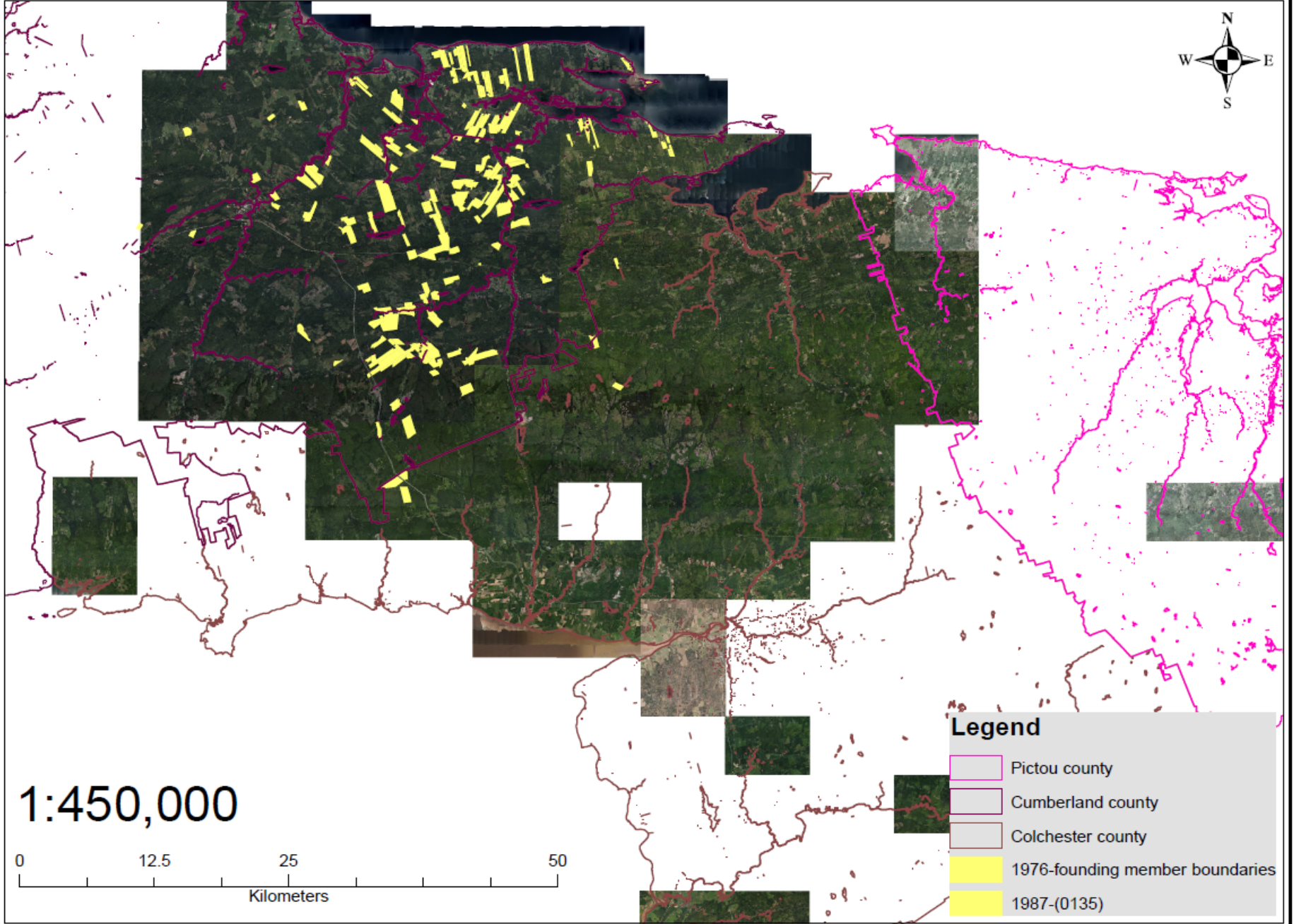


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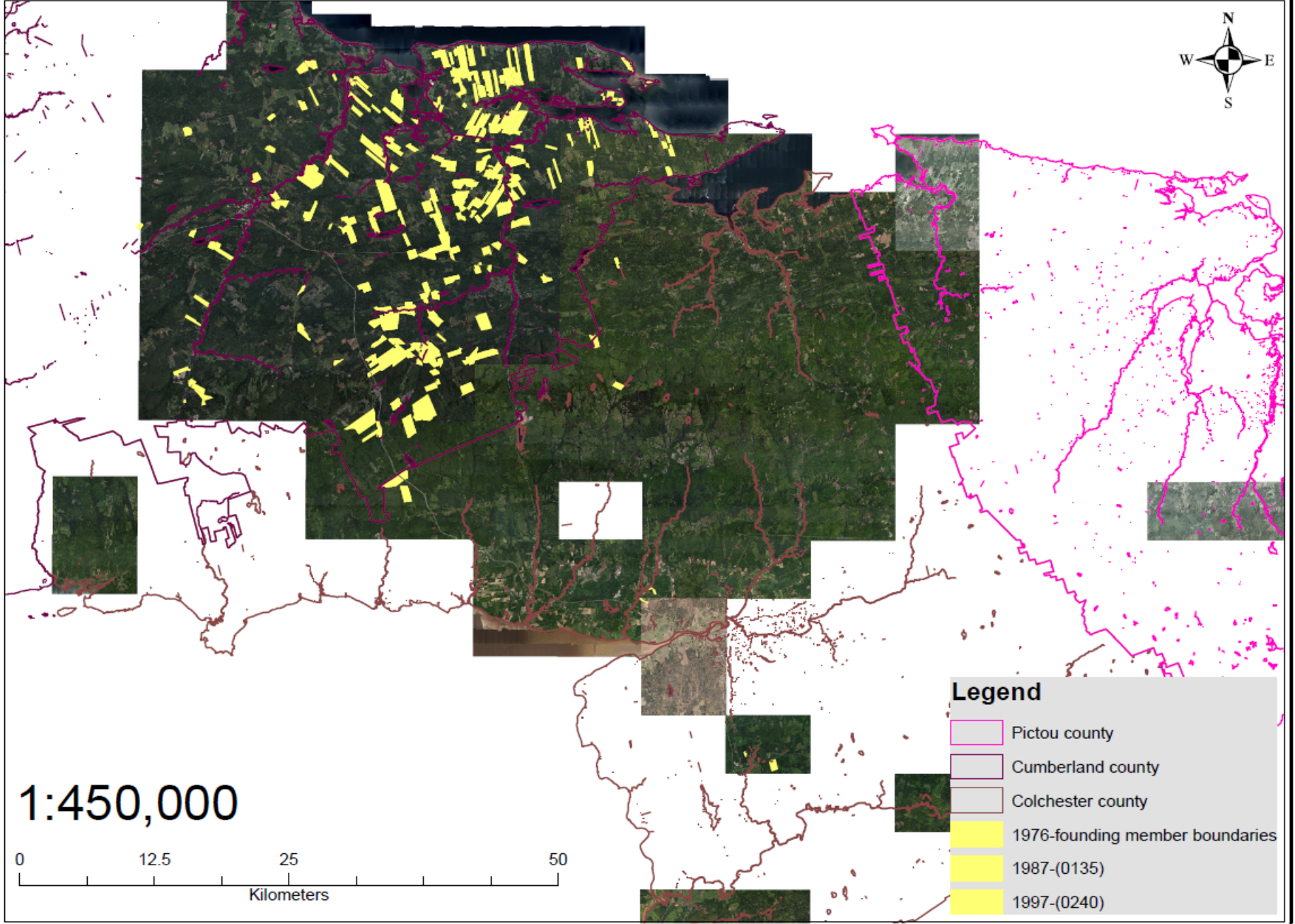


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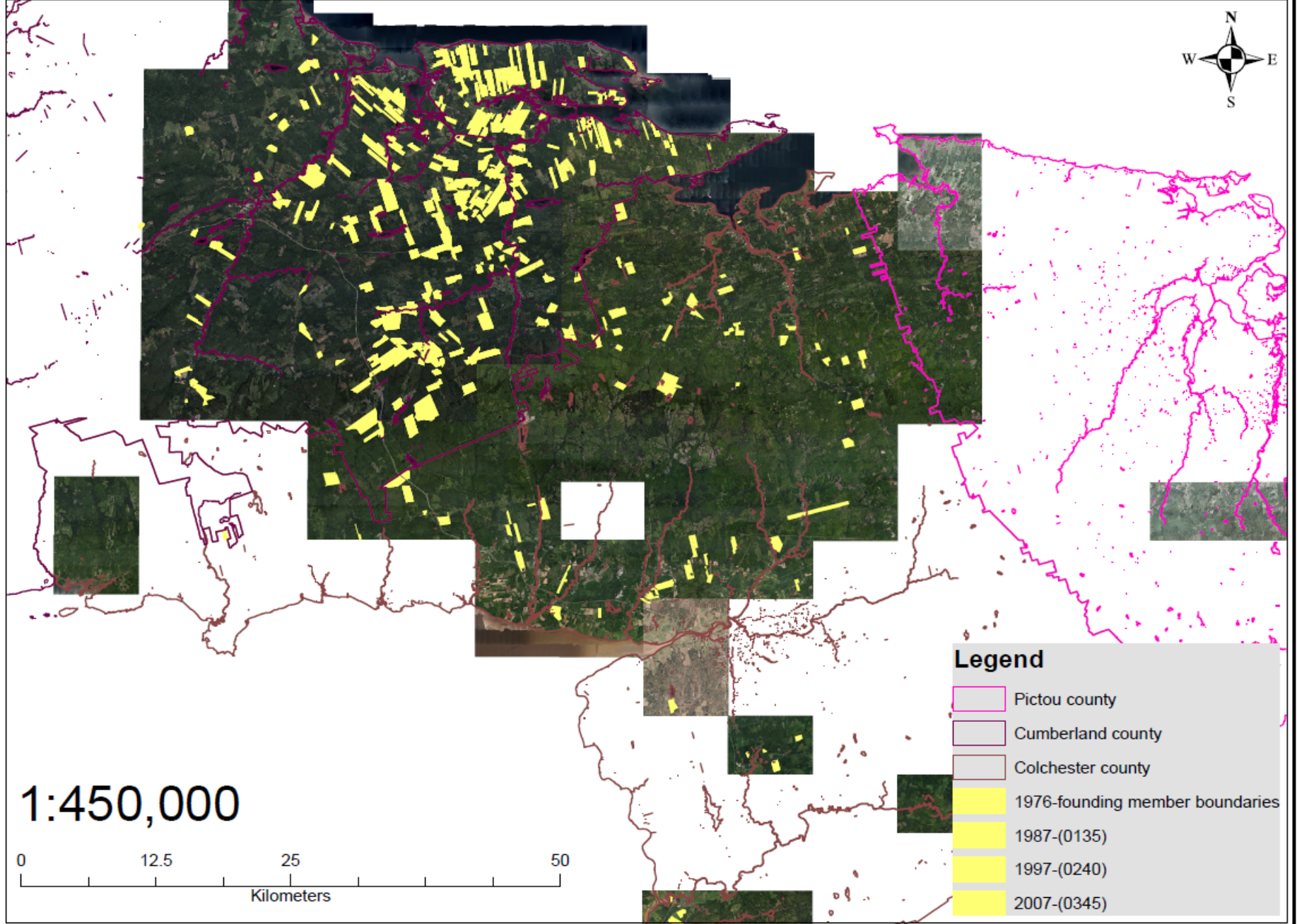


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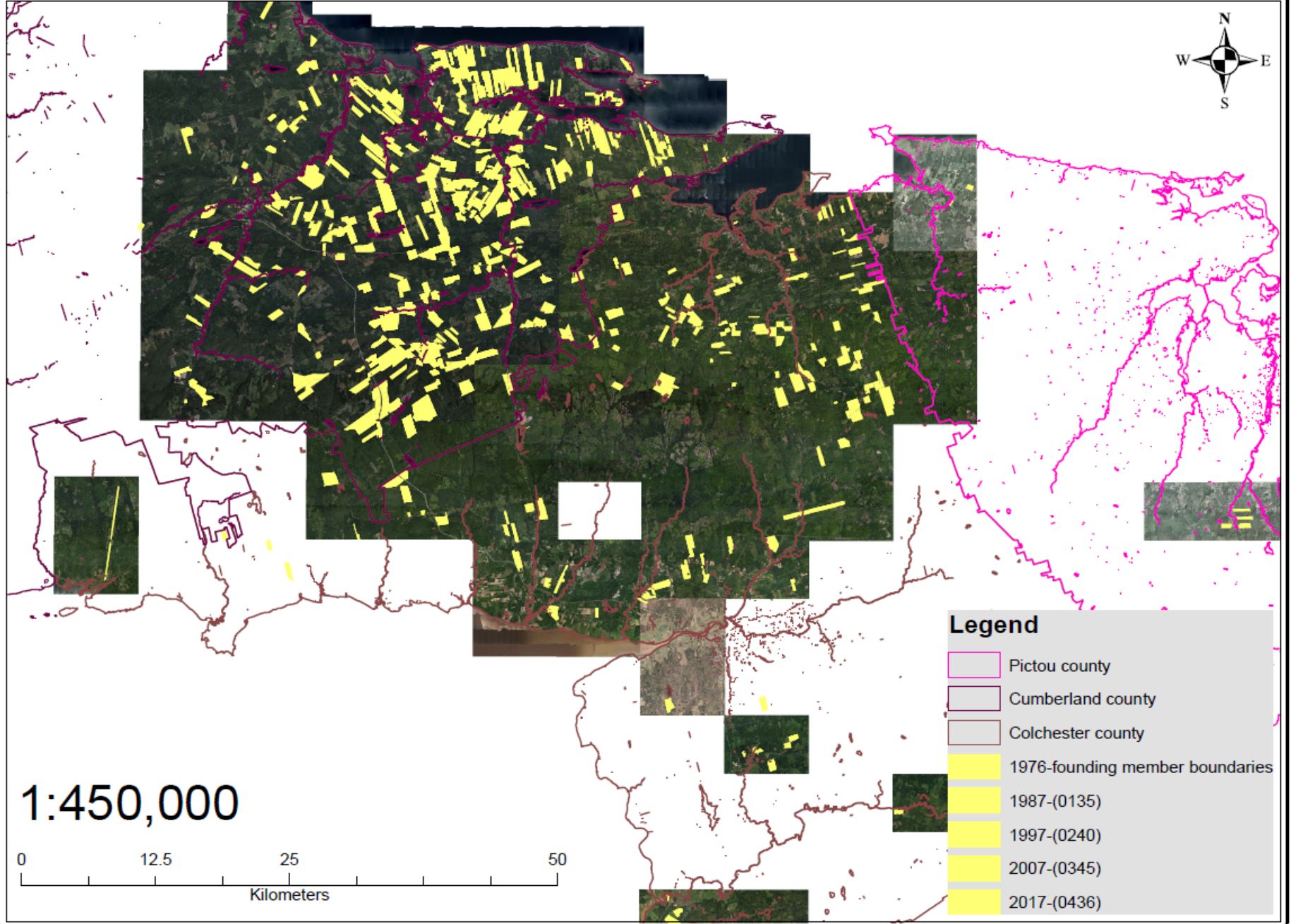
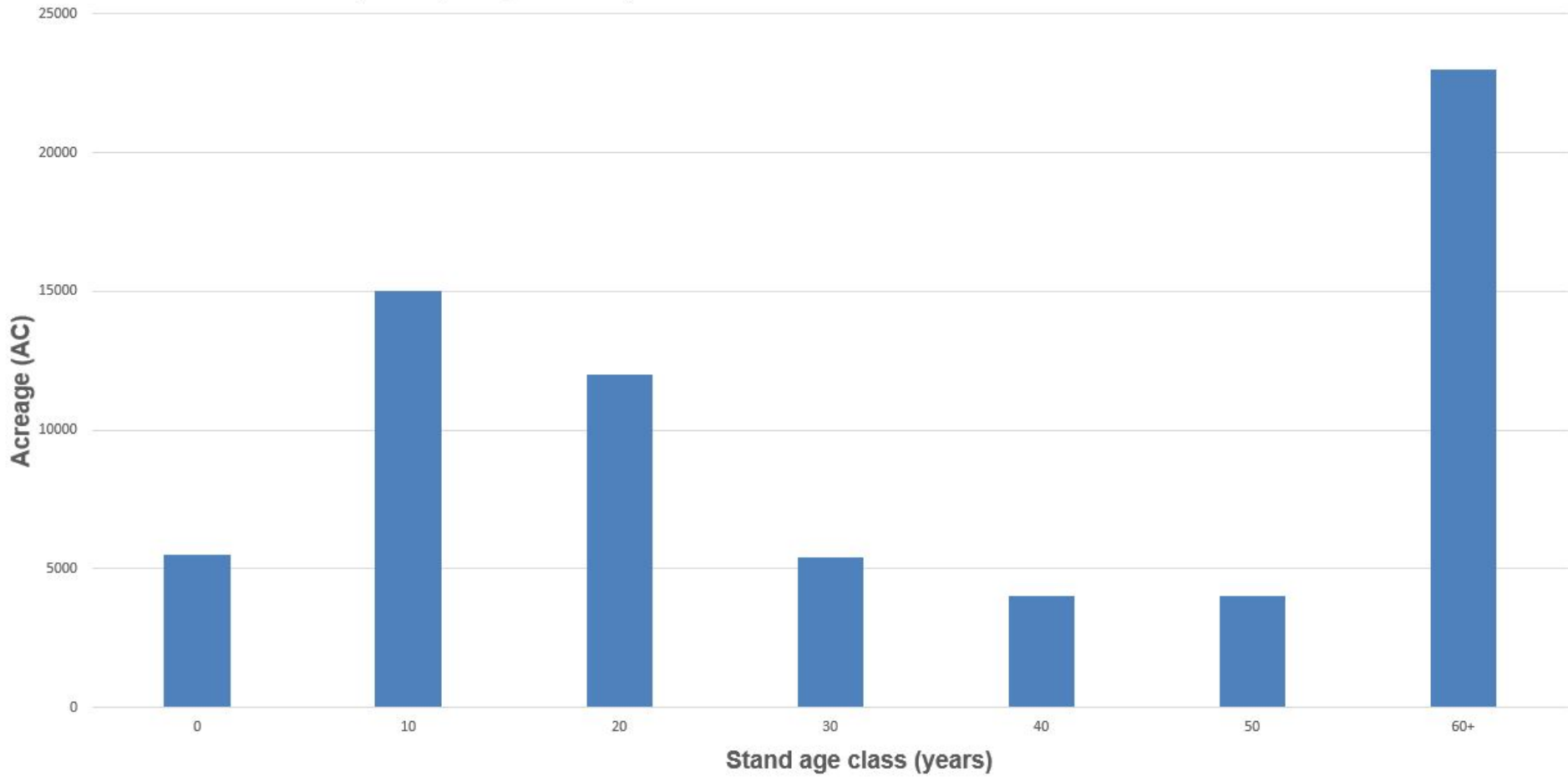


Figure 1. Total distribution of stands, by 10 year age classes, of private woodlots under North Nova management. Discluding 'non-forested' land, such as, swamps and fields, 2018.



Landowner Objectives and Values

- Maintain Multiple Values
- Succession (Children, Families)
- Economic
- Silviculture
- Recreation
- Maintain Sentimental Values
- Cultural Sites
- Community



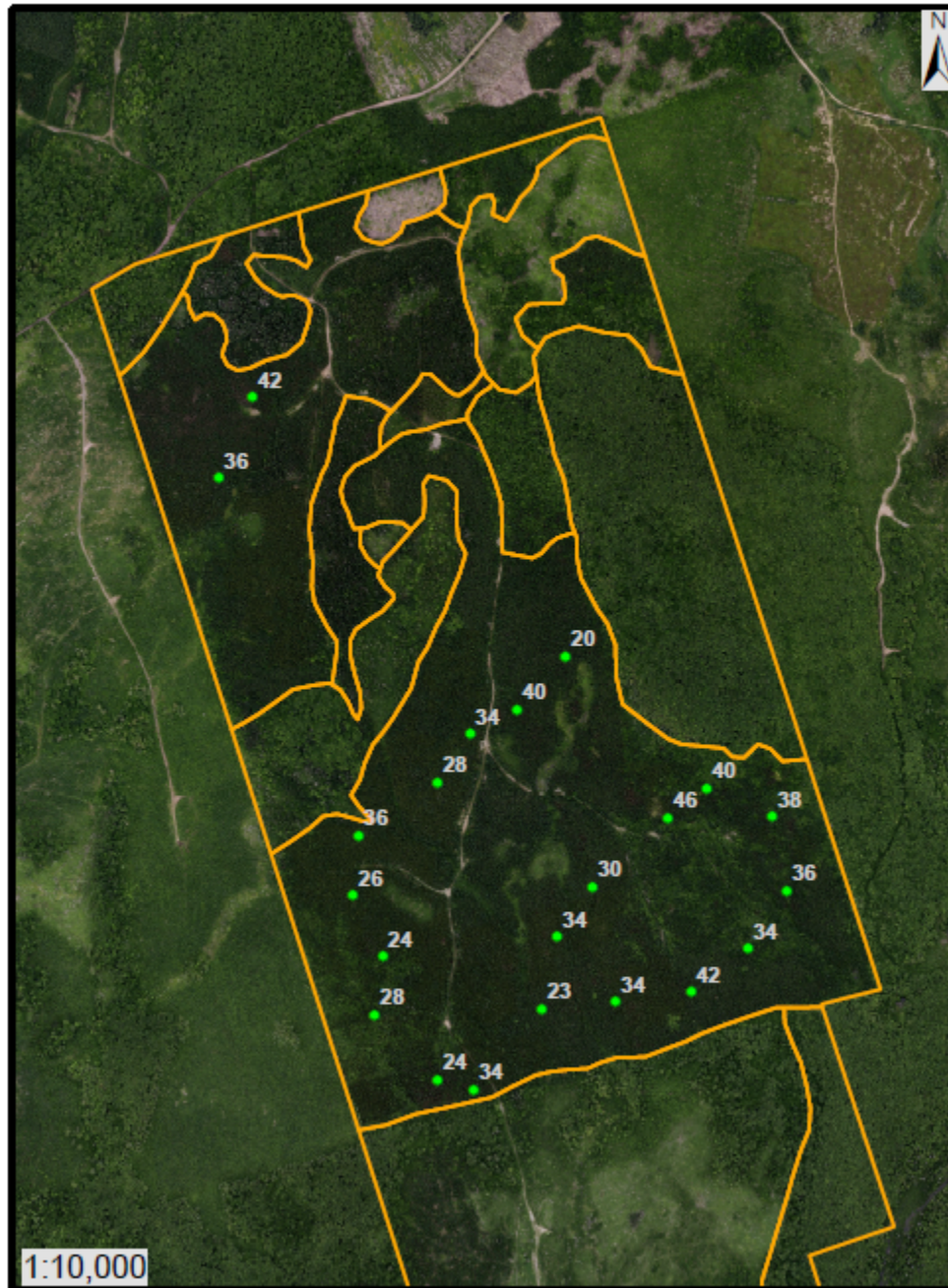


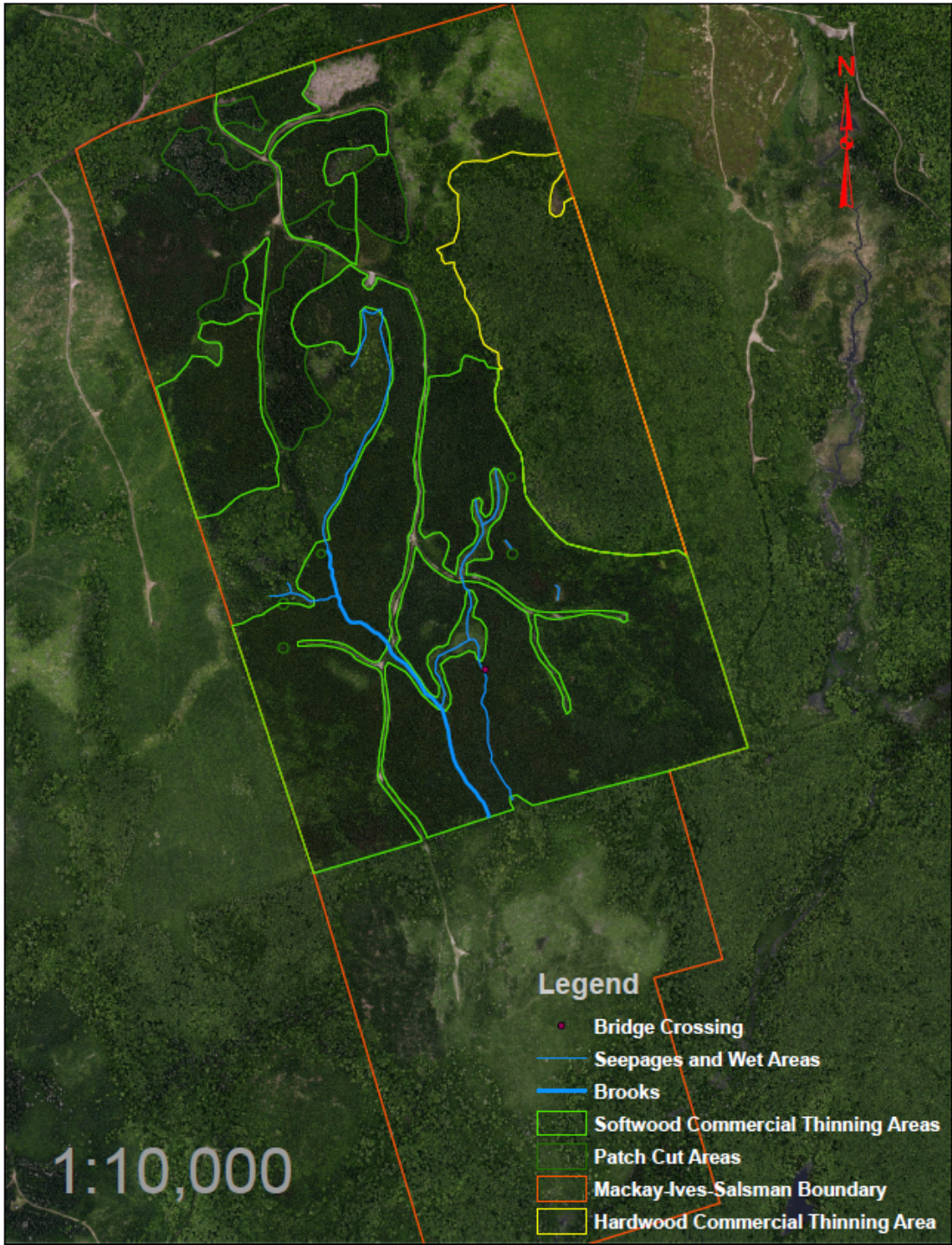
Services

What is it we do?

- Management Plans
- Harvest and Silviculture Supervision
- Roads
- Boundary Lines
- Accounting
- Professional Services (intergenerational transfer, Water Course Alteration)
- Create sound policy and direction for the company
- Work with wider forest sector
- Eco-System Based Management

MacKay BA per point





Supporting Partial Harvests Ecological Features





Vernal Pool



Manual Weeding







Pre-Commercial Thinning

2017



2014



2011



Commercial Thinning











Irregular Shelterwood (Multi-Aged Forests)







Forest Restoration (through irregular shelterwood)





Under Planting Sugar Maple Seed



Natural Regeneration





Stream Restoration

Brook used as forwarding trail in late 80's harvest

Quick Facts

- 30,000 to 40,000 tonnes annually (looking to increase)
- \$250,000 - \$350,000 Silviculture Annually (300 ha PCT, 50 – 100 ha fill plant, 200 – 300 ha CT)
- Over 2 million annual sales(local economy)
- Hire local people, contractors (currently 18)

Challenges

- Land Turnover
- Cyclical Industry
- Attracting and retaining competent professionals
- Provincial policy and regulations
- Weather
- Long term planning

Success

- Constantly adapting
- Strong community/landowner relations
- Good relations with local contractors (harvest, trucking, silviculture and road building),
Industry
- Strong balance sheet
- Building trust with woodlot community
- Increasing land base
- Looking for and developing new markets (Partnerships)





Conclusion