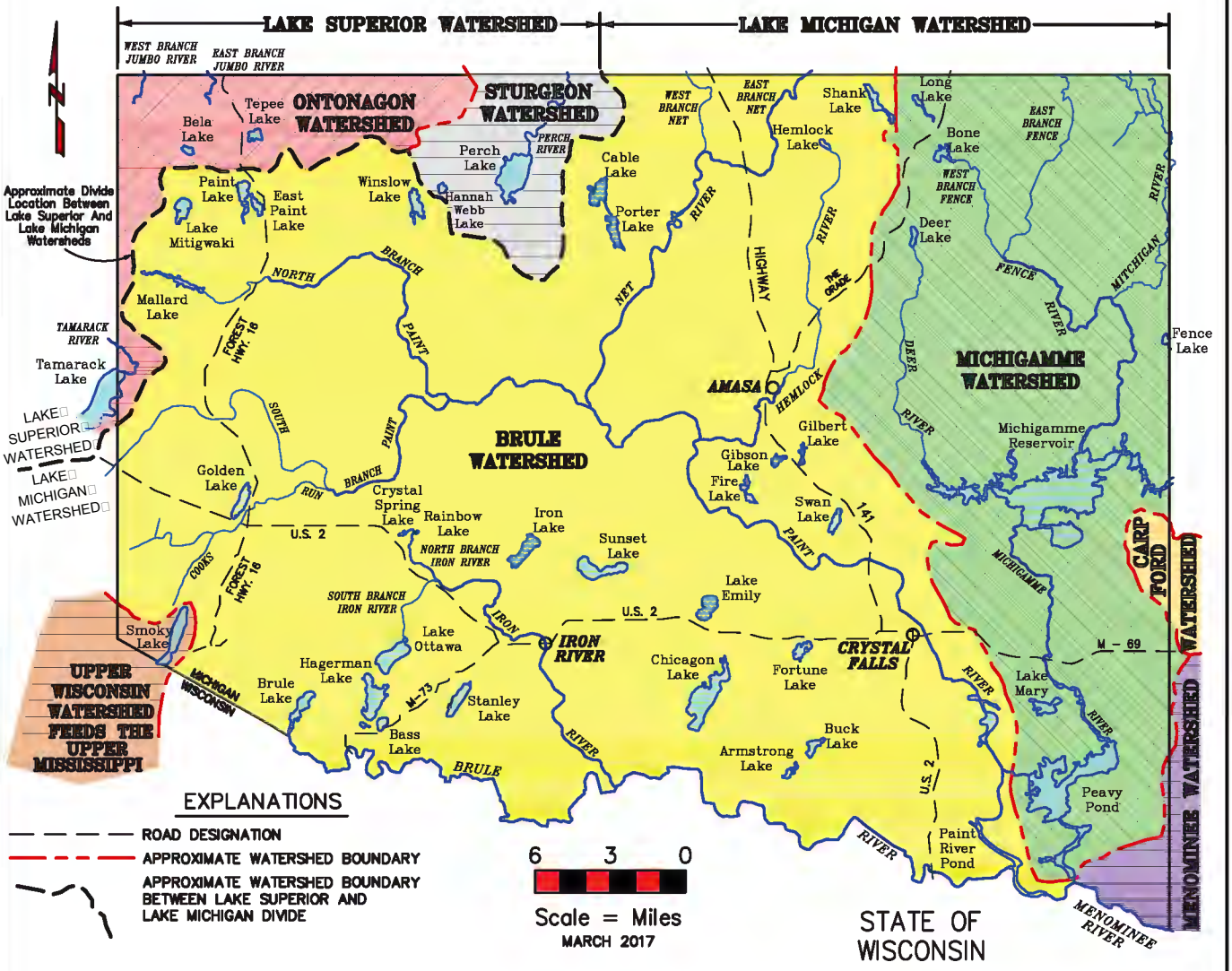
IRON COUNTY MICHIGAN WATERSHEDS



A watershed is an area of land that contains a common set of streams, rivers and lakes that all drain into a single larger body of water.

What watershed do you live in?

IRON COUNTY WATERSHEDS FACTS

* Iron County has seven major watersheds, each comprised of smaller watersheds, contributing to a hydrologic river basin.
* Iron County watersheds drain into Lake Superior, Lake Michigan or the Mississippi River.
* Iron County has over 200 miles of navigable rivers and 250 lakes.
* A person in Iron County is never more than 2 1/2 miles from a lake, river, stream, creek or pond.
* Higher elevations divide the watersheds in Iron County.
* Wetlands are important to healthy watersheds because they serve like a sponge to alleviate flooding and also filter pollutants.
* Threats to our watersheds include: inadequate sewer/septic systems, unmanaged soil erosion, improper use of fertilizers and pesticides, aquatic invasive species, aquifers exposed to active and abandoned mine sites and careless use of petroleum products in aquifers.

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