

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm

221 1st St. W • Altoona, WI

Room AG 103 and 104

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1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
 - a. October 10, 2022
4. Public Comment
5. Approve Fall Timber Sales (see Attached 2022 ECCF Fall Sale Maps and 2022 Fall Bid Facts) -**Discussion/Action**
6. Approval of Timber Sales Extensions (see attached Extension list) - **Discussion/Action**
7. Resolution 22-23/067- Resolution requesting to develop a Forest Carbon Credit Offset Project in Eau Claire County - **Discussion/Action**
8. Request to place memorial bench at Big Falls County Park - **Discussion/Action**
9. Director's Report – **Information/Discussion**
10. Moving of Coon Fork log cabin – **Discussion/Action**
11. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Meeting – December 12, 2022, at 5 pm

12. Adjourn

Prepared by Samantha Kraegenbrink, Administration

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, October 10, 2022, at 4:00 pm

Agricultural and Resource Center

227 1st Street West., Altoona – Room 103 and 104

Members Present: Joe Knight, Missy Christopherson, Tami Schraufnagel, Dane Zook

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Winnie Parker – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Nick Smiar – Ex Officio Member, Kyle Johnson – DNR County Forest Liaison, Regan Watts – Recycling and Sustainability Coordinator, Charles Ellefsen – EC Co Assist Corp Counsel, Michele Skinner – Lake Altoona District Chair, Sally Kappus – Altoona resident

Call to Order Committee on Parks & Forest and confirmation of meeting notice

Chairman Knight called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

Review of September 12, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Christopherson motions to approve the minutes as written from September 12, 2022. All in favor.

Public Comment

Sally Kappus commented on the Lake Altoona Beach Parking Lot plans and how they affect her property access and Michele Skinner gave an update on the statistical findings from the Health Department as it relates to Lake Altoona.

Resolution 22-23/059

Supervisor Schraufnagel motions to authorizes Corporate Counsel to enter into an agreement with Taylor Creek Development, Eau Claire Sand and Gravel, and Mathy Construction Company to accept their offered donation of land. All in favor.

Resolution 22-23/061

Supervisor Christopherson motions to grant utility easements to Eau Claire Energy Cooperative in the NE-NE of Section 13, Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Town of Lincoln, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, and the SW-SE of Section 29, Township 26 North, Range 5 West of the Town of Bridge Creek, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin. All in favor.

Resolution 22-23/067

Reagan Watts, Recycling and Sustainability Coordinator, re-emphasized that Eau Claire County would realize a significant amount of revenue while continuing already-established forestry practices and serving to support Eau Claire County's sustainability goals. Supervisor Christopherson motions to allow for the development of a Forest Carbon Credit Offset Project in Eau Claire County. All in favor.

Update on Parks and Programs Manager Position

The Committee discussed presenting an amendment to the Budget and Finance Committee to reinstate the Parks and Programs Manager Position to the Parks and Forest 2023 Budget. Tami Schraufnagel, Josh Pedersen, and Supervisor Stella Pagonis will create a fact sheet and budget amendment form to present to the Committee on Budget and Finance for their November meeting.

Advisory Committee Update

Director Pedersen provided an update that the Advisory Committee is active, knowledgeable, and working together to provide a forest access plan using the Township of Washburn Forest Access Plan as a model. They intend to contact other key user groups who would have an interest in this project to get their input.

Update on Lake Altoona Beach Parking Lot Project

Josh Pedersen, Parks and Forest Director, presented the plan Ayers created for the Lake Altoona Beach Parking Lot project. Estimated cost to execute this plan was significantly higher than expected, mostly due to infrastructure cost. This plan will go to the City of Altoona for their approval on November 9th. Any changes to this plan will increase the cost to the Parks and Forest Department.

Director's Report

Director Pedersen reported on the resignation of Maintenance Technician, David Brendon. Human Resources has posted the position. In the meantime, staff is getting cross trained on several duties and some duties are being shifted to cover our needs. Everyone is invited to meet at the Ag Building on October 21, 2022, at 11:30 am for a Fall Forest Tour.

Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Next Parks & Forest committee meeting date is set for November 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

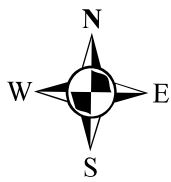
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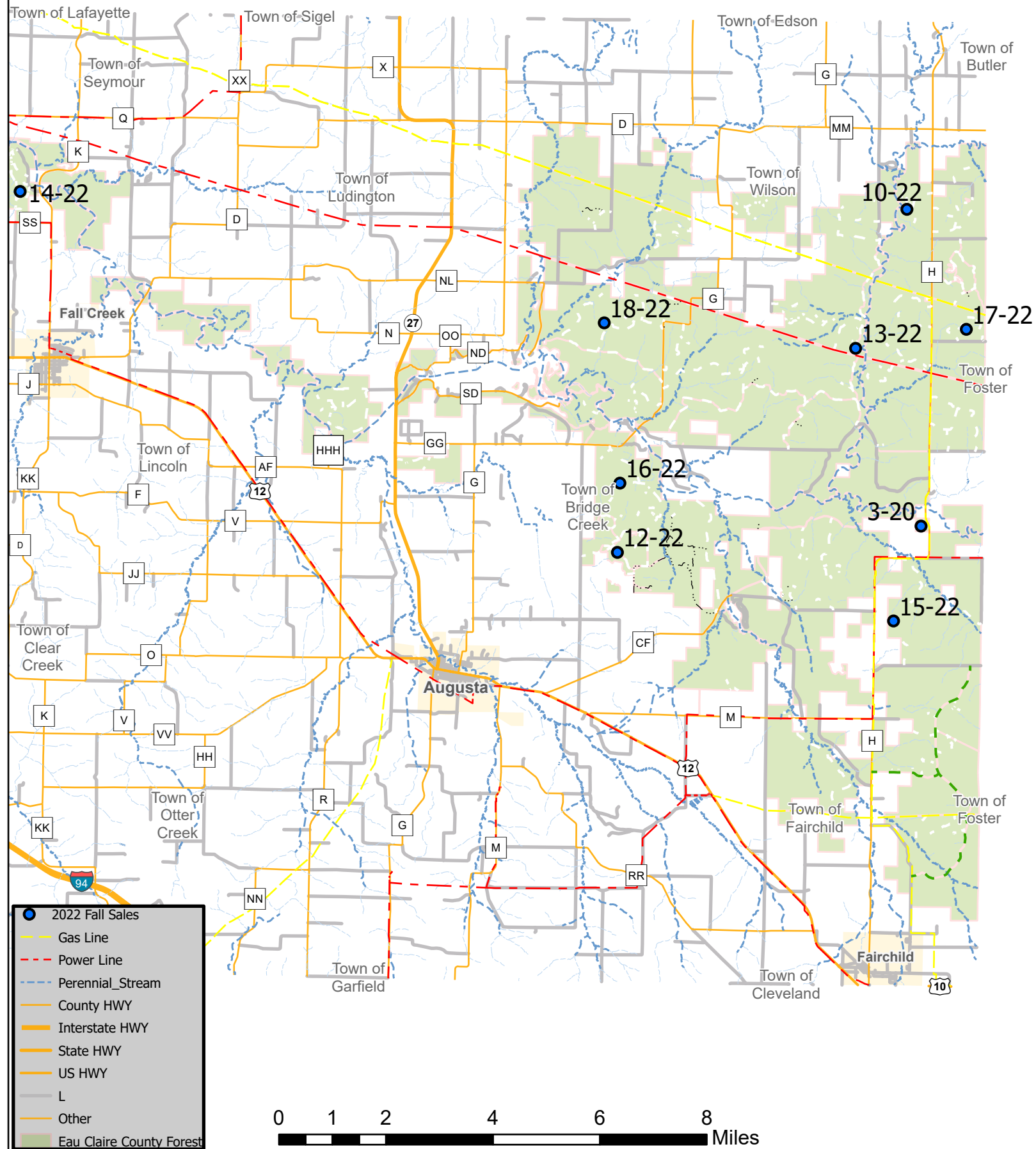
Winnie Parker

Committee Clerk

Administrative Specialist III

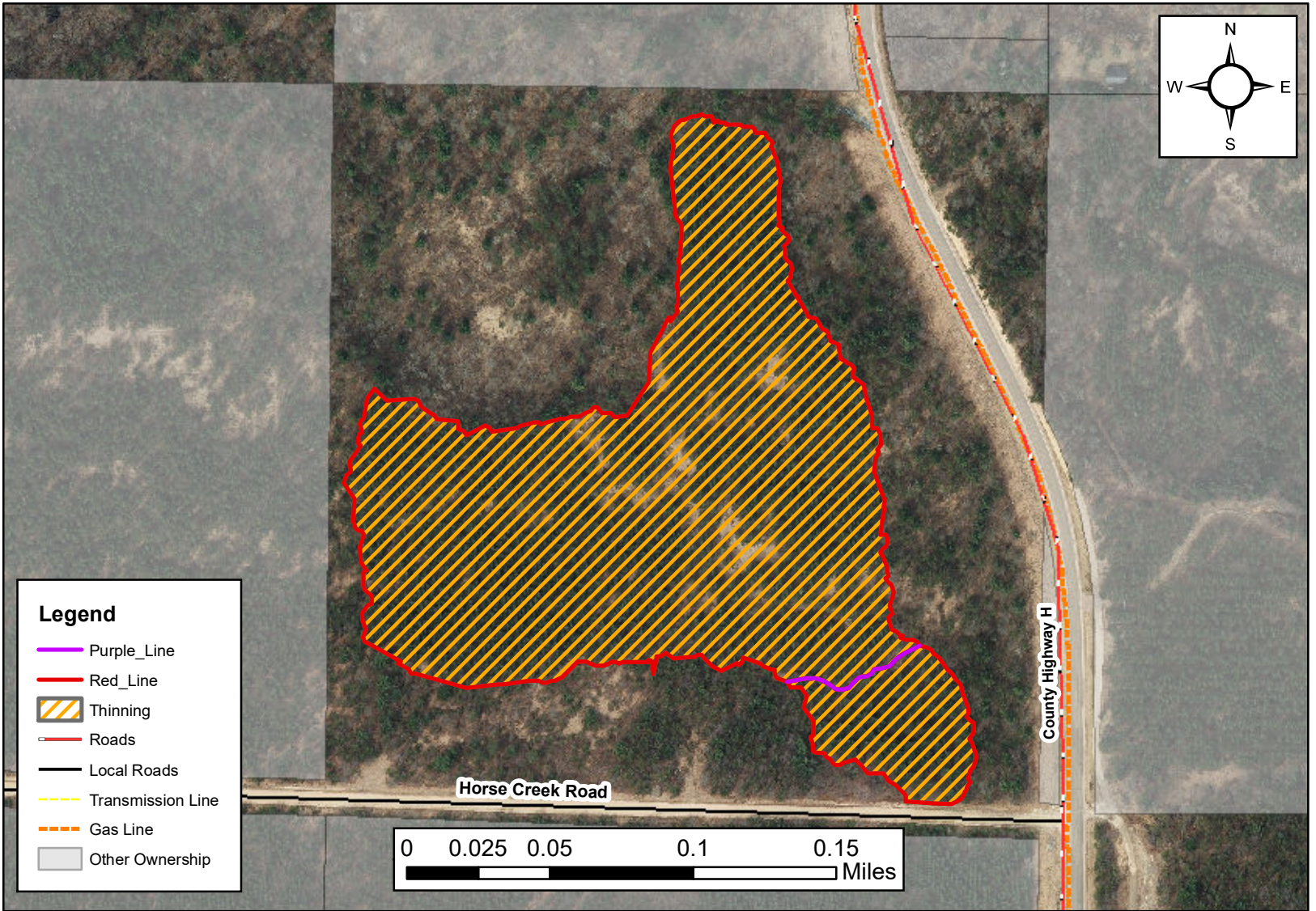


Eau Claire County Forest 2022 Fall Timbersales



Eau Claire County Forest

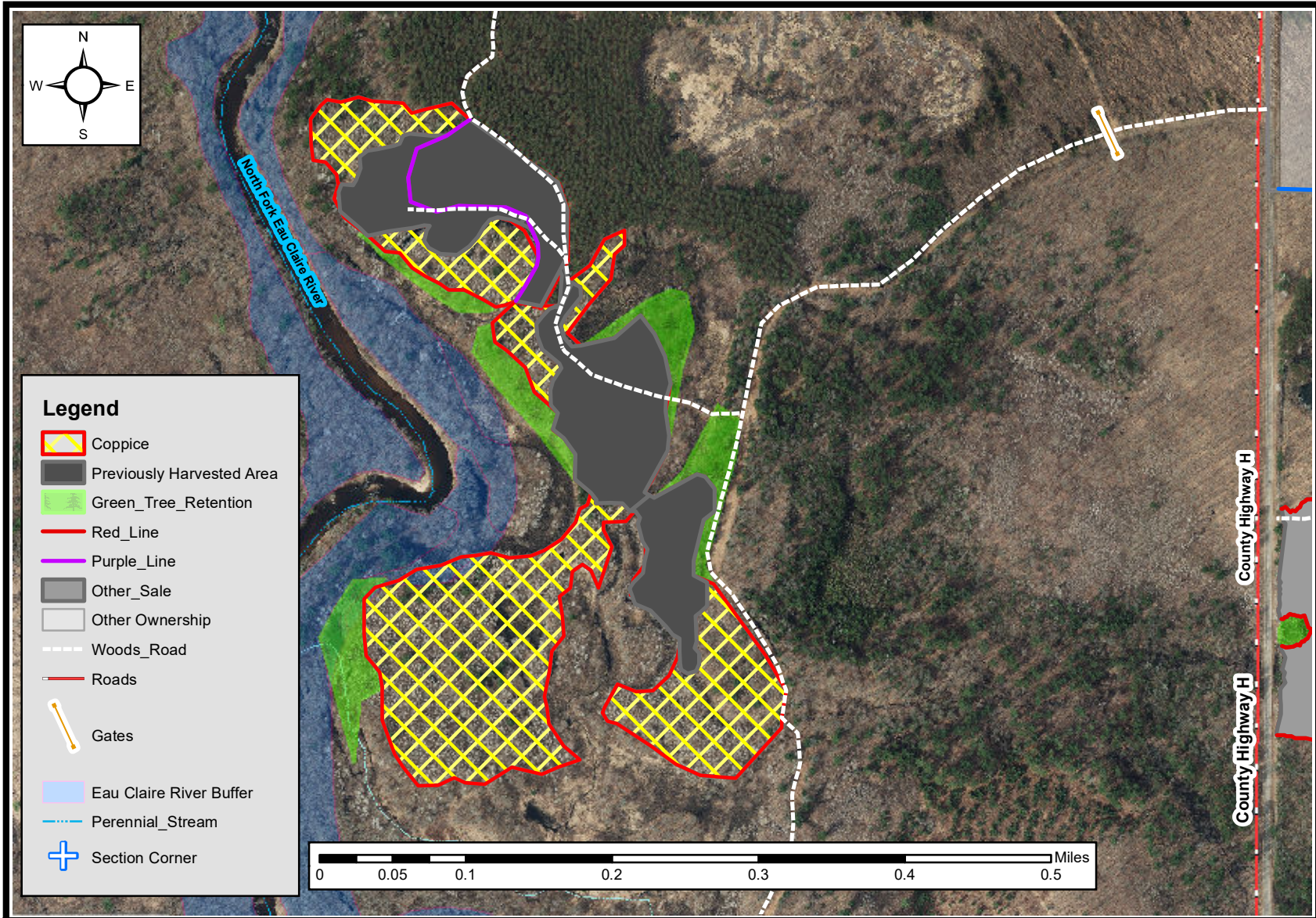
Sale Name: Yote Trail			Tract Number: 3-20		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 26N	Range: 5W	Section: 23	Township: Bridge Creek			SPECIES	TONS	MBF
Compartment: 24		Stand: 16 & 17			*Red Pine	142		
Soil: Sand		Topography: Mostly Flat			Black Oak	6		
Acres: 15		Timber Sale #:						
Notes:		*Red Pine contains approximately 16 tons of Jack Pine						
						Sale Minimum Bid:	\$2,070.80	



Cutting Specifications:	
1.	Sale boundaries are marked in Red Paint or are bounded by obvious roads.
2.	Spring/Summer harvest opportunity
3.	Harvest every third row in the First thinning area. Harvest all Orange marked trees in thinning area.
4.	All skid trails and landings must be approved by the sale administrator.
5.	All cut pine and spruce products must be removed from the sale area within two weeks during the period of May 15 th through August 15 th .
6.	Stumps must be sprayed April 1 st through November 30 th .
7.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within two feet of the ground
8.	Purple line denotes a change in thinning. North of the line is 3 rd row and south is a marked thinning.

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Sale Name: Little Falls Popple Cleanup			Tract Number: 10-22		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 27N	Range: 5W	Section: 23	Township: Wilson		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 51 and 53		Stand: 7, 8, 33			Aspen	800	-	-
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Slightly Rolling			MX HWD	50	-	-
Acres: 24		Timber Sale #:			Jack Pine	70	-	-
Notes:	*White Pine pulp is included with Jack Pine pulp. MX Hwd consists of Ash, Red Maple, and White Birch				Oak	20	-	-
					White Pine*	-	-	12
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$5,563.00	

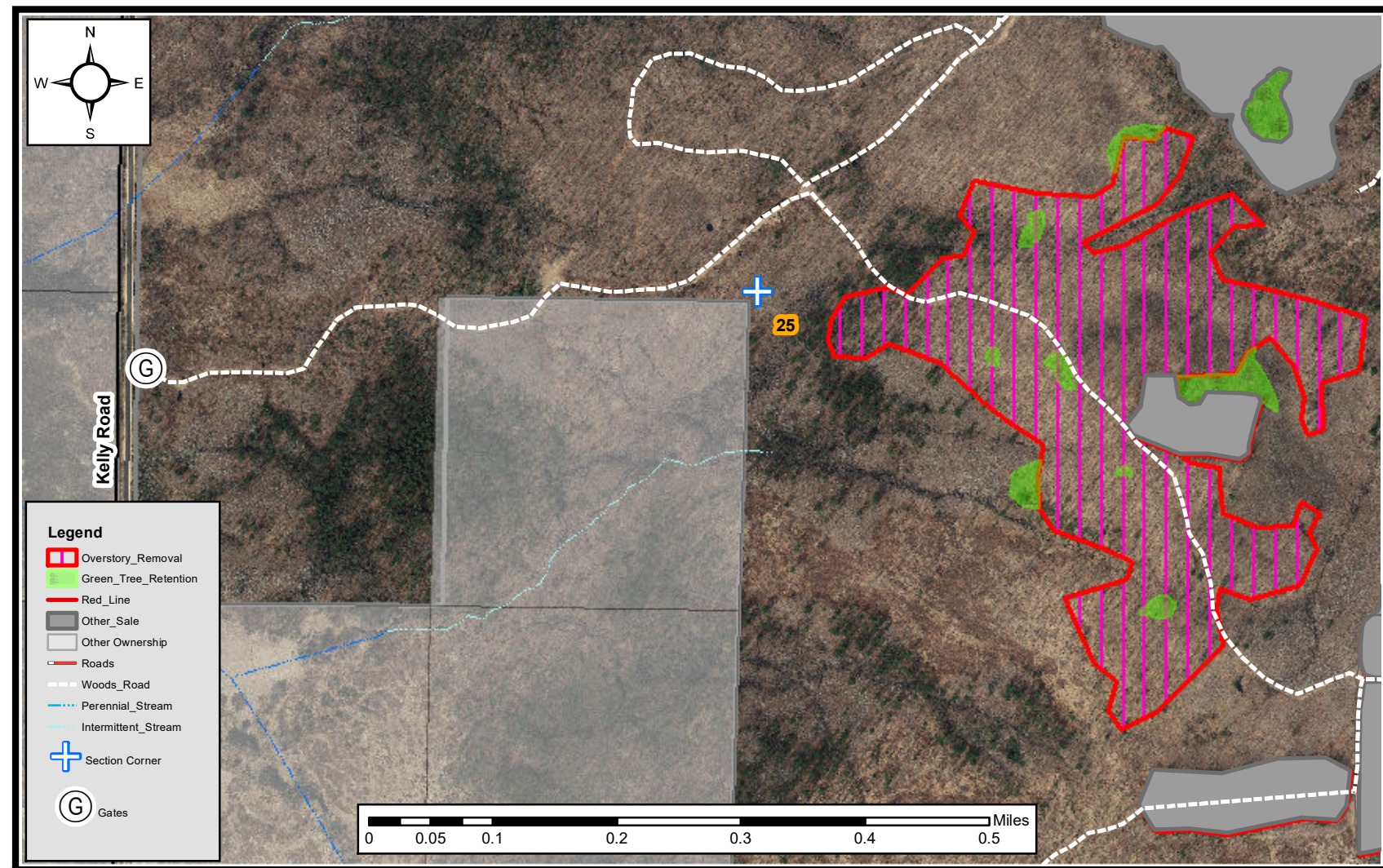


Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale is delineated by red paint lines
2.	No equipment or slash is allowed within the RMZ's
3.	Sale is limited to frozen conditions.
4.	Use and maintain historic skid trails
5.	Dark Shaded area within the sale is where a previous contractor harvested. The sale was not finished.
6.	Coppice: Harvest all trees 1 inch DBH and larger EXCEPT leave all oak greater than 8 inches in DBH
7.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
8.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

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Sale Name: Kelly Road Oak Release			Tract Number: 12-22		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 26N	Range: 6W	Section: 24, 25	Township: Bridge Creek		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 21		Stand: 7		Oak	975	330	150	
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Slightly Rolling		White Oak	-	-	75	
Acres: 54		Timber Sale #:		MX Hwd	500	85	20	
Notes:				White Pine	105	-	10	
				Sale Minimum Bid:		\$70,745.00		

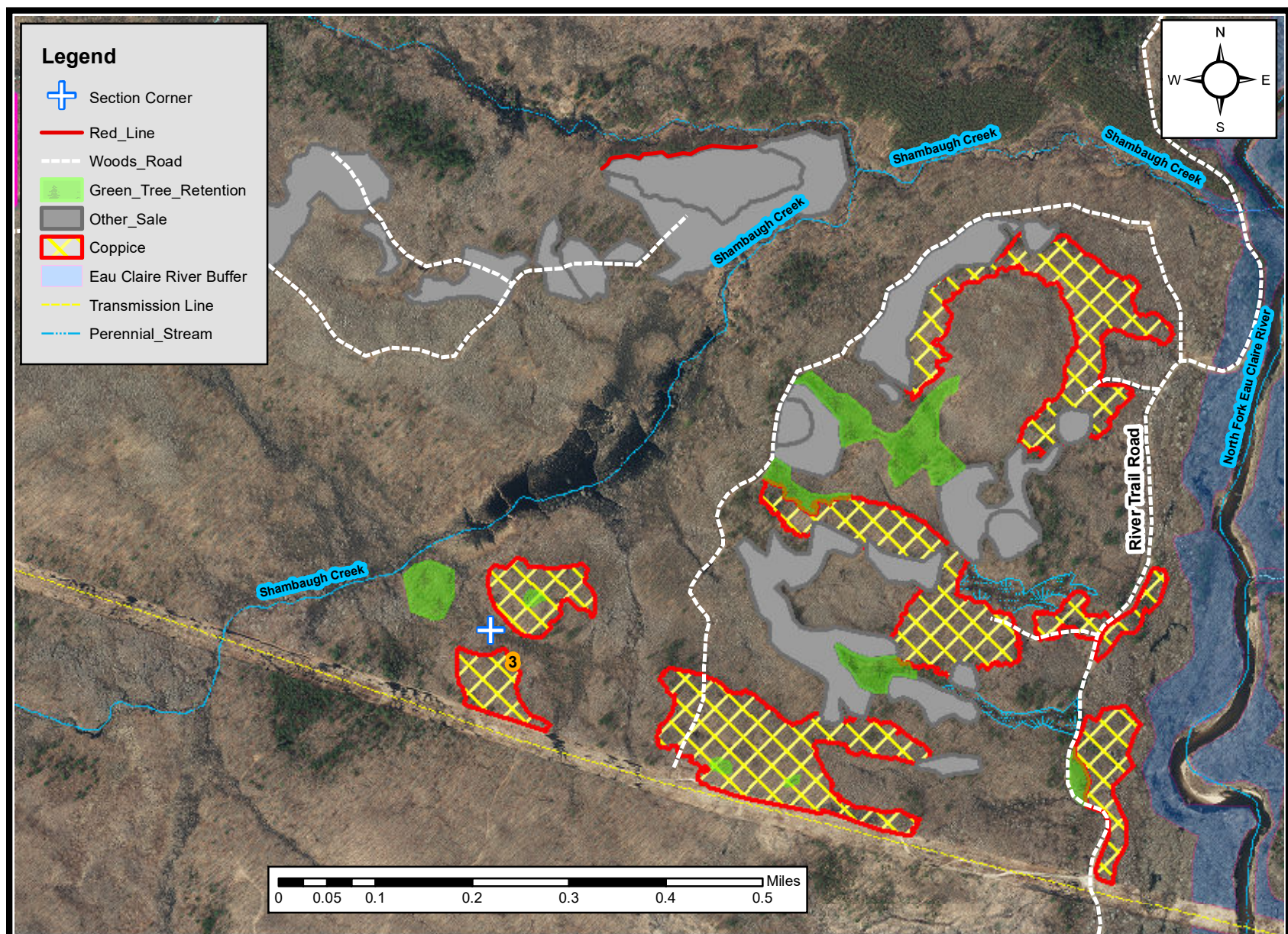


Cutting Specifications:

1. Sale is delineated by red paint lines
2. No equipment or slash is allowed within the Green Tree Retention areas
3. Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions. No harvesting or road building in the Oak stands from April 1st to July 15th due to Oak Wilt.
4. **Overstory Removal: harvest all stems over 4" DBH EXCEPT those marked with green paint**
5. **Avoid damage to White Oak Regen as much as possible**
6. All cut Pine and Spruce products must be removed from the sale area within 2 weeks during the period of May 15th to August 15th
7. All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
8. All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

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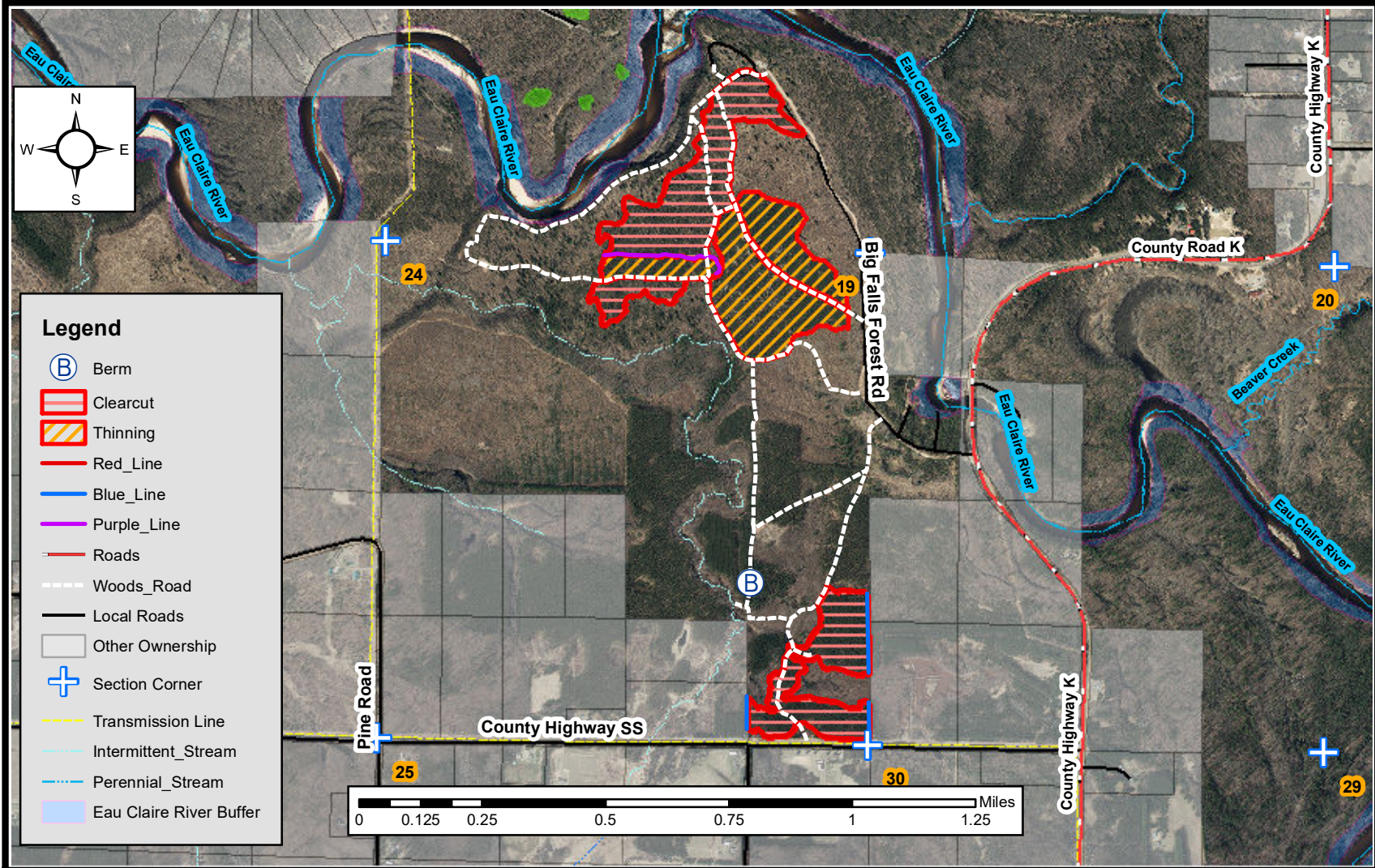
Sale Name: Cloud Animals			Tract Number: 13-22		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 27N and 26N	Range: 5W	Section: 34, 03	Township: Wilson		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 44		Stand: 18, 25, 28			Oak	1600	240	180
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Flat			White Oak	-	-	35
Acres: 49.5		Timber Sale #:			MX Hwd*	800	100	30
Notes:		*MX Hwd is 95% Red Maple. The other 5% includes White Birch, Basswood, and Aspen			Sale Minimum Bid:		\$60,104.00	



Cutting Specifications:	
1.	Sale is delineated by red paint lines or obvious right of ways
2.	No equipment or slash is allowed within the RMZ's and Green Tree Retention areas
3.	Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions. No harvesting or road building in the Oak stands from April 1 st to July 15 th due to Oak Wilt.
4.	Coppice: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger EXCEPT those marked with green paint
5.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
6.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

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Sale Name: Falls Big			Tract Number: 14-22		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 27N	Range: 8W	Section: 24	Township: Lincoln		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 77		Stand: 1, 9, 11, 14, 22			Red Pine	800	1550	-
Soil: Sand		Topography: Flat			White Pine	150	-	-
Acres: 111		Timber Sale #:			Jack Pine	575	-	-
Notes:	-Approximately 400 tons of PR Pulp are from the 1 st thinning -Utility Poles in South Clearcut areas -White Pine is approximately 20% Saw -Oak volume is a mix of black and white oak -MX Hwd is a mix of Red Maple, White Ash, and Aspen				Oak	220	-	-
					MX Hwd	15	-	-
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$87,393.00	

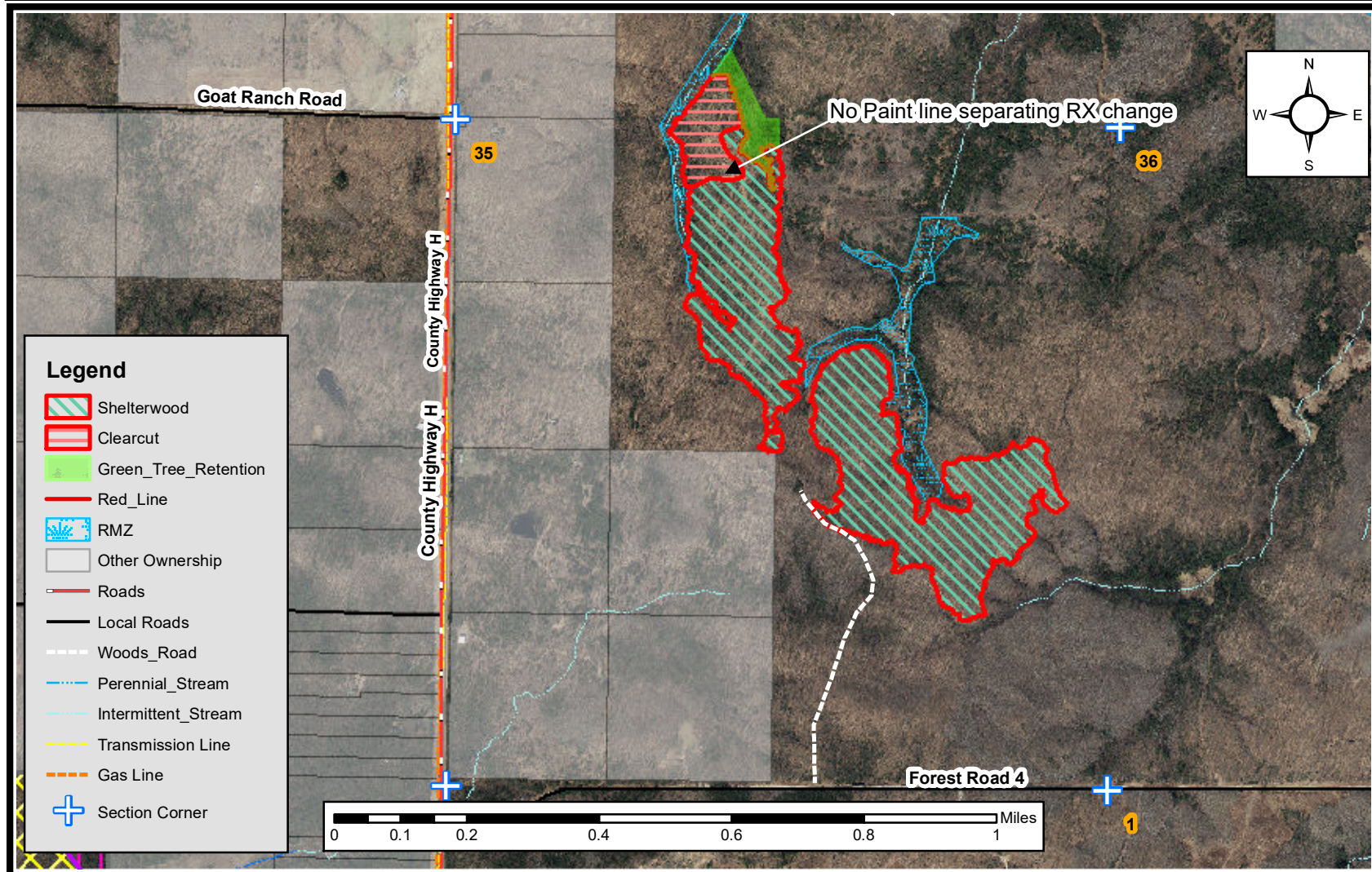


Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale is delineated by red paint lines and obvious woods roads. Changes in prescription is denoted by purple paint lines
2.	Possible Spring/Summer Harvest Opportunity
3.	First Thinning: Harvest Every Third Row
4.	Thinning: Harvest all trees marked with orange paint
5.	Clearcut: Harvest all trees 1" in diameter and larger
6.	All pine stumps must be sprayed according to contract from April 1st to November 30th
7.	All cut Pine and Spruce products must be removed from the sale area within 2 weeks during the period of May 15 th to August 15 th
8.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
9.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

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Sale Name: Long Shot			Tract Number: 15-22		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 26N	Range: 5W	Section: 35	Township: Bridge Creek		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 13, 16		Stand: 13, 19			Red Oak	1550	550	260
Soil: Loam		Topography: Slightly Rolling			White Oak	-	-	25
Acres: 79		Timber Sale #:			MX Hwd	370	60	9
Notes:	-MX Pulp includes a small amount of Aspen, Cherry, and White Birch -Red Oak Pulp and Bolts include White Oak -Red Pine is comingled				Red Pine	35	-	-
					White Pine	60	-	5
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$92,875.00	

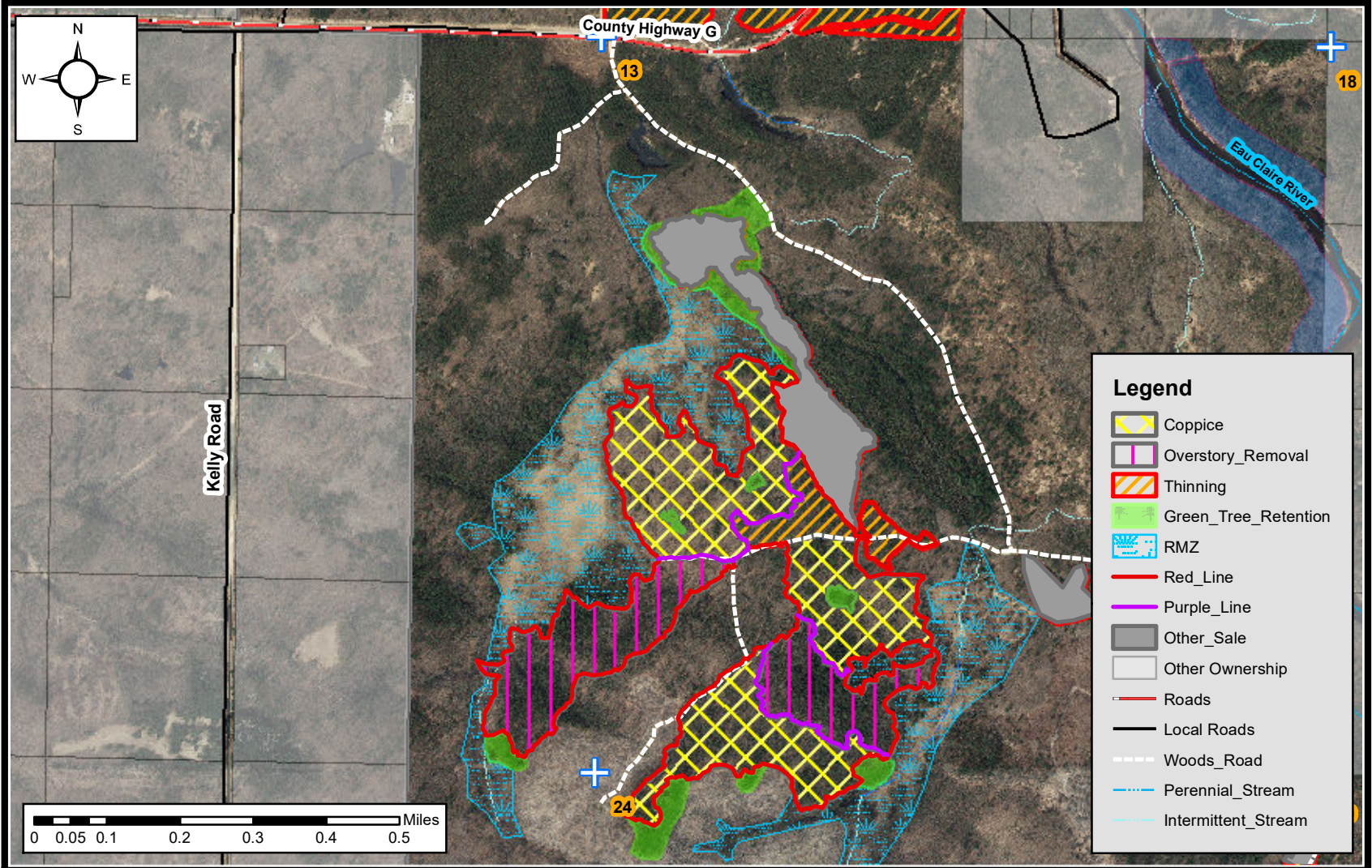


Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale is delineated by red or blue paint lines
2.	No equipment or slash is allowed within the RMZ's
3.	Keep equipment out of Young Aspen pockets and Oak Regen as much as possible
4.	Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions. No harvesting or road building in the Oak stands from April 1 st to July 15 th due to Oak Wilt.
5.	Clearcut: Harvest all steams 1 inch and larger except leave all White Pine and Red Maple with less than 2 sticks
6.	Shelterwood: harvest all stems 1 inch and larger EXCEPT those marked with green paint
7.	Sale may be pre-sale scarified if conditions allow before the sale is harvested
8.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
9.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

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Sale Name: Ground Nest			Tract Number: 16-22		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 26N	Range: 6W	Section: 13, 14	Township: Bridge Creek		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 31		Stand: 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 22			Oak	800	180	120
Soil: Sandy Loam		Topography: Flat			MX Hwd	825	60	15
Acres: 107		Timber Sale #:			White Pine	525	-	100
Notes:					Red Pine	20	-	-
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$42,927.00	

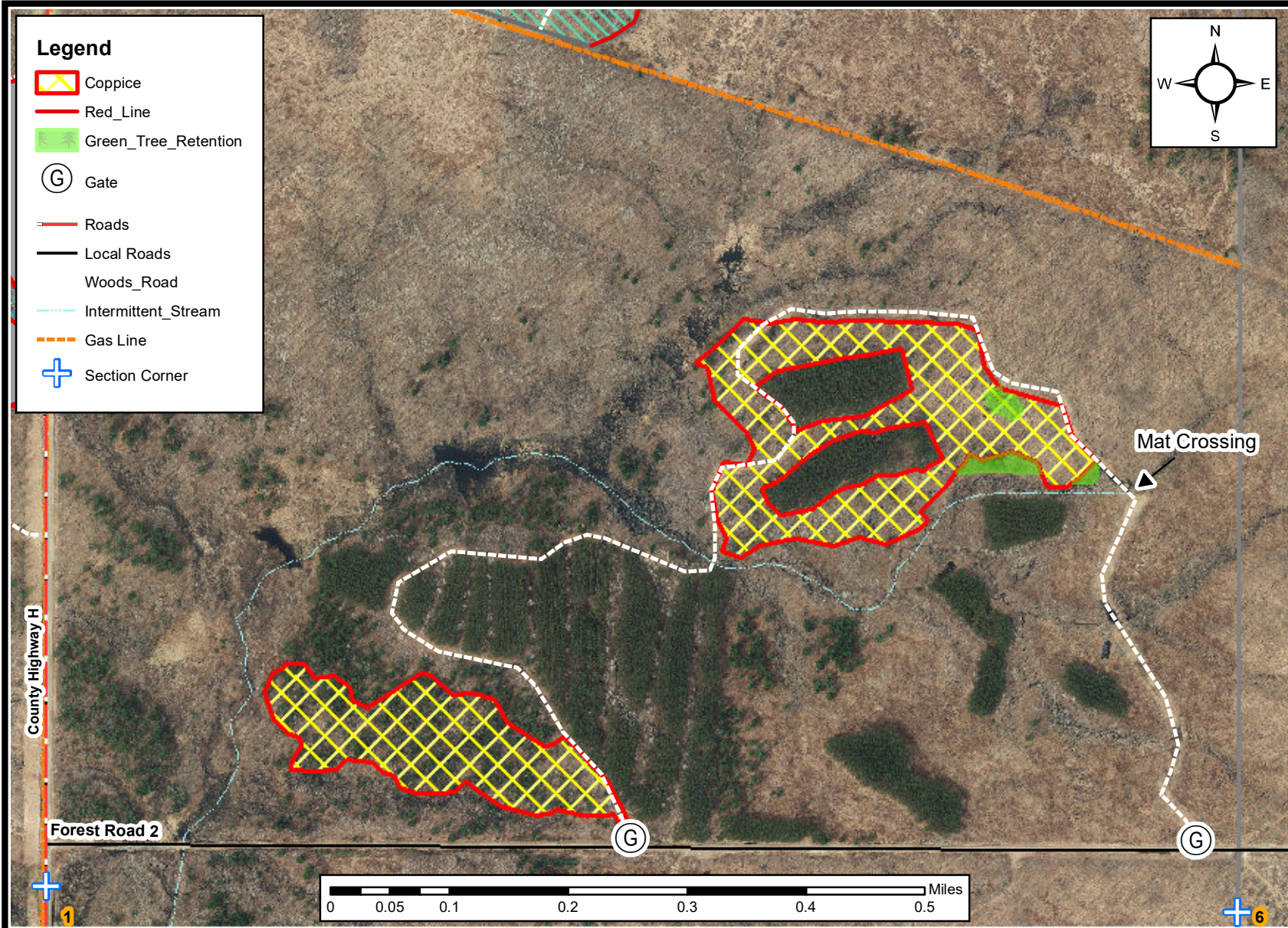


Cutting Specifications:

1. Sale is delineated by red paint lines
2. No equipment or slash is allowed within the RMZ's
3. Purple paint line denotes a change in cutting prescription
4. Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions. All sale operations **MUST** occur between October 16th and April 1st due to Oak Wilt and species of special concerns
5. **Overstory Removal: harvest all merchantable stems**
6. **Coppice: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger EXCEPT those marked with green paint**
7. **Thinning: Harvest all trees marked with orange paint. All stumps must be sprayed according to contract from October 16th to November 30th**
8. All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
9. All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

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Sale Name: Squiggles			Tract Number: 17-22		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 27N	Range: 5W	Section: 36	Township: Wilson		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 46		Stand: 14, 16, 23, 24			Oak	320	70	10
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Slightly Rolling			White Oak	-	-	15
Acres: 33		Timber Sale #:			MX Hwd	550	25	15
Notes:	- Leave all Pine except those marked with orange paint.				Aspen	190	-	-
					White Pine	80	-	8
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$19,106.00	

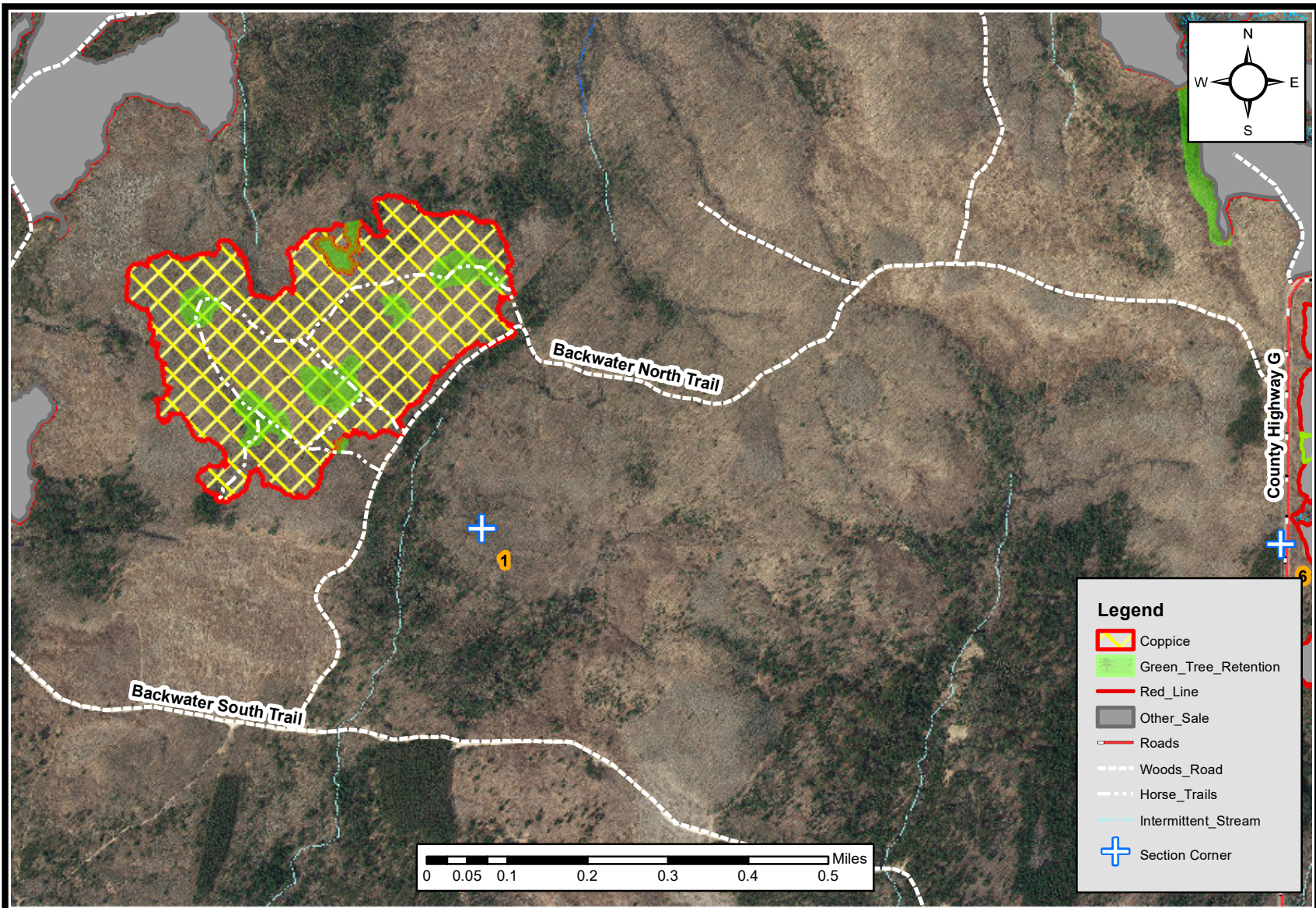


Cutting Specifications:

1. Sale is delineated by red paint lines or obvious roads
2. No equipment or slash is allowed within the Green Tree Retention Areas
3. Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions. No harvesting or road building in the Oak stands from April 1st to July 15th due to Oak Wilt.
4. **Coppice: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger EXCEPT those marked with green paint**
5. All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
6. All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

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Sale Name: Hocus Pocus			Tract Number: 18-22		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 27N	Range: 6W	Section: 35	Township: Wilson		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 68		Stand: 5			Oak	975	550	170
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Slightly Rolling			White Oak	-	-	85
Acres: 68		Timber Sale #:			MX Hwd	450	190	15
Notes:	-Oak Pulp and Bolts include White Oak -White Pine saw and pulp includes some Red Pine				Aspen	90	-	-
					White Pine	50	-	5
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$77,285.50	



Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale is delineated by Red Paint Lines
2.	No equipment or slash is allowed within the Green Tree Retention Areas
3.	Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions. No harvesting or road building in the Oak stands from April 1 st to July 15 th due to Oak Wilt.
5.	Horse trails must be cleared at the end of the sale
6.	Coppice: Harvest all stems 1" and larger Except those marked with Green Paint
7.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
8.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

January 2023 Extensions 10/25/2022

SALE NUMBER	TRACT #	CONTRACTOR	EXTENSION	INCREASE	STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
1721	14-14	Dairyland Forest Prod	Yes	10%	
1753	4-16	Dairyland Forest Prod	Yes	10%	
1797	13-18	Tlusty Logging	Yes	10%	
1819	2-19	Theodore Strzok Logging	Yes	10%	
1820	16-19	Tlusty Logging	Yes	10%	
1841	18-20	Tlusty Logging	Yes	5%	
1842	19-20	Theodore Strzok Logging	Yes	5%	
1844	21-20	Bridge Creek Logging	Yes	5%	
1846	23-20	Theodore Strzok Logging	Yes	5%	

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO DEVELOP A FOREST CARBON OFFSET PROJECT IN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

WHEREAS, since May of 2021, the Parks and Forest Department has researched the merits of enrolling Eau Claire County owned lands in a carbon offset program; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Forest Department recommends the development of a carbon project, involving the majority of Eau Claire County Forest lands, in addition to other Eau Claire County owned lands, for participation in the voluntary carbon market under the American Carbon Registry (ACR) Improved Forest Management (IFM) program; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Forest Department recommends working with a carbon contractor to assist in the development of a project that would include marketing and selling carbon offsets; and

WHEREAS, Anew, LLC, is a prominent leader in North American carbon markets since 2001 and has developed the continent's largest portfolio of carbon credits. Anew plays a dominant role in domestic forest carbon development and marketing, including a major presence in the Lake States, and is responsible for over 60% of all carbon credits developed and registered as part of the ACR /FM program; and

WHEREAS, Anew, LLC has developed a carbon project proposal for Eau Claire County that includes a majority of the county forest, in addition to other County owned lands; and

WHEREAS, as part of the proposal presented by Anew, LLC, it is estimated that a forest carbon offset project involving the County Forest and other County owned lands, has the potential to generate \$9.46 million dollars in new net revenue within the first ten years of the program; and

WHEREAS, for the entire length of the contract with Anew, LLC, including all aspects of carbon offset project development and administration, marketing and selling of carbon credits, there would be no direct out-of-pocket budgetary expenses incurred by Eau Claire County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the future revenues received from the registration and sale of carbon offsets would be placed in a Non-lapsing fund. The funds would be reserved to fund of projects that support the County’s mission to become Carbon Neutral by 2050 as approved in Resolution 19-20/003. These projects could include: funding future forest land purchases, projects that promote and encourage sustainable practices, habitat related projects on county lands, parks and recreational projects, parks and forest capital projects, and any other projects that encourages reduction of our carbon footprint.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
2 authorizes the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Director and County Administrator on
3 behalf of Eau Claire County, in consultation with Eau Claire County Corporation Counsel, and
4 upon confirmation from the Wisconsin DNR that there are no conflicts with Wis. Stat. § 28.11
5 {Administration of County Forests), to develop a 40 year forest carbon offset project for all
6 appropriate County Forest and other County owned lands, excluding other lands deemed not
7 appropriate, for participation in the voluntary carbon market under the American Carbon
8 Registry {ACR) Improved Forest Management (IFM) program.
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Parks and Forest Director and County
11 Administrator are authorized to negotiate and execute a 10-year contract directly with Anew,
12 LLC to assist in the development of said forest carbon project, in consultation with Eau Claire
13 County Corporation Counsel and upon confirmation from the Wisconsin DNR that there are
14 no conflicts with Wis. Stat. § 28.11.
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26 Committee on Parks and Forest

27 VOTE: _____ AYE _____ NAY

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30 ADOPTED AS AMENDED:

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43 Committee on Administration

44 VOTE: _____ AYE _____ NAY

45 Dated this ____ day of _____ 2022.
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From: R G <mcibusman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 7:31:09 AM
To: Josh Pedersen <Josh.Pedersen@eauclairecounty.gov>
Subject: Re: Eau Claire County Parks Reservations Contact Us

I would be more than willing to attend meeting, but I teach at CVTC until 6 pm M-F. So it would depend on what time the meeting is. Here is a little bit about Janelle, and why having a park bench in her memory at Big Falls would mean so much to us. (Picture is of a bench, we already placed at the International Friendship Garden in La Crosse, WI.)

Janelle has lived in Eau Claire County for 13 years, she grew up in Southern, MN. She moved to Eau Claire County to live with me in 2009. We have gone to every Eau Claire county park, several times, and had a goal of going to every WI state park, which we were able to go to 42, before she passed in May of this year from breast cancer. She was also a teacher, and we would always spend 3-8 days every summer visiting parks and hiking as many trails at each that time would allow us. Big Falls was her favorite park in E.C. County. She was also a hobbyist photographer, and we spent hours at Big Falls taking pictures.

Let me know what else you may need to help move forward with the bench. Thank You.

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