

Greater East Grand Region

Recreational Trails

1) Brief Overview

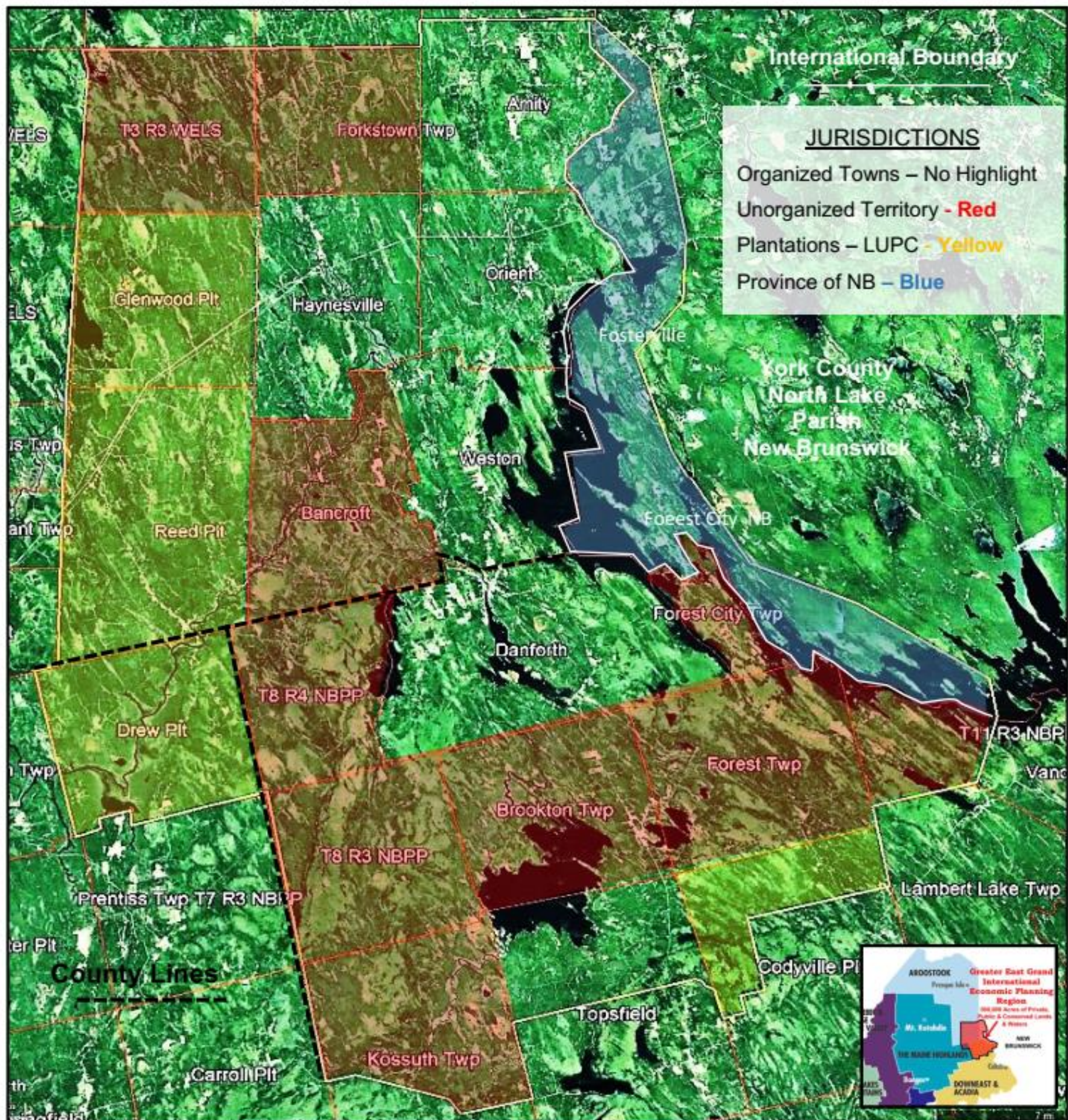
- **ATV**
- **Snowmobile**
 - **Biking**
 - **Hiking**
- **X-Country - Snowshoe**

2) Water Trails

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PROPOSED EXPANDED INTERNATIONAL GREATER EAST GRAND ECONOMIC PLANNING REGION

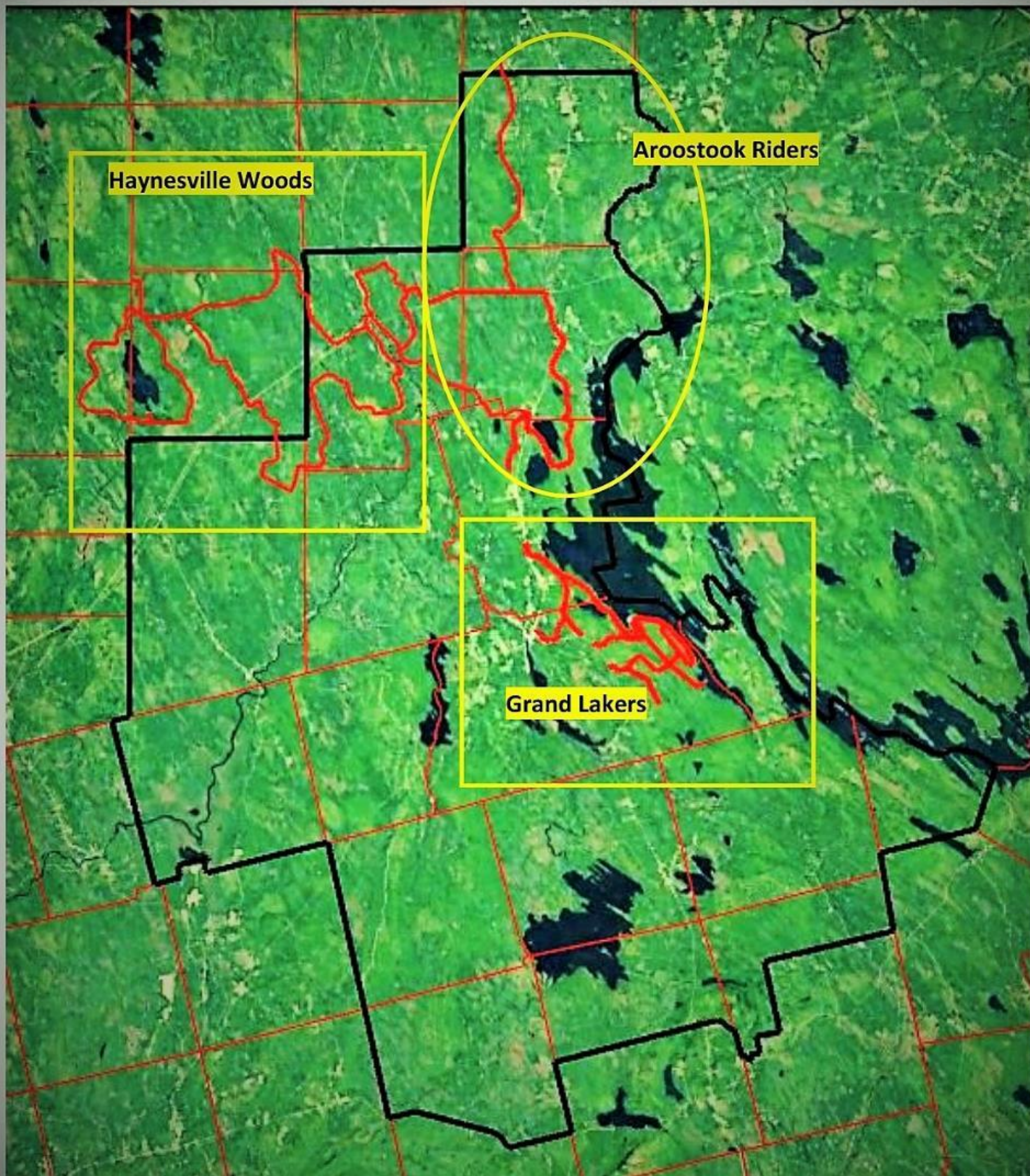
Geographic Area = 509,000 Acres +/-



OVERVIEW

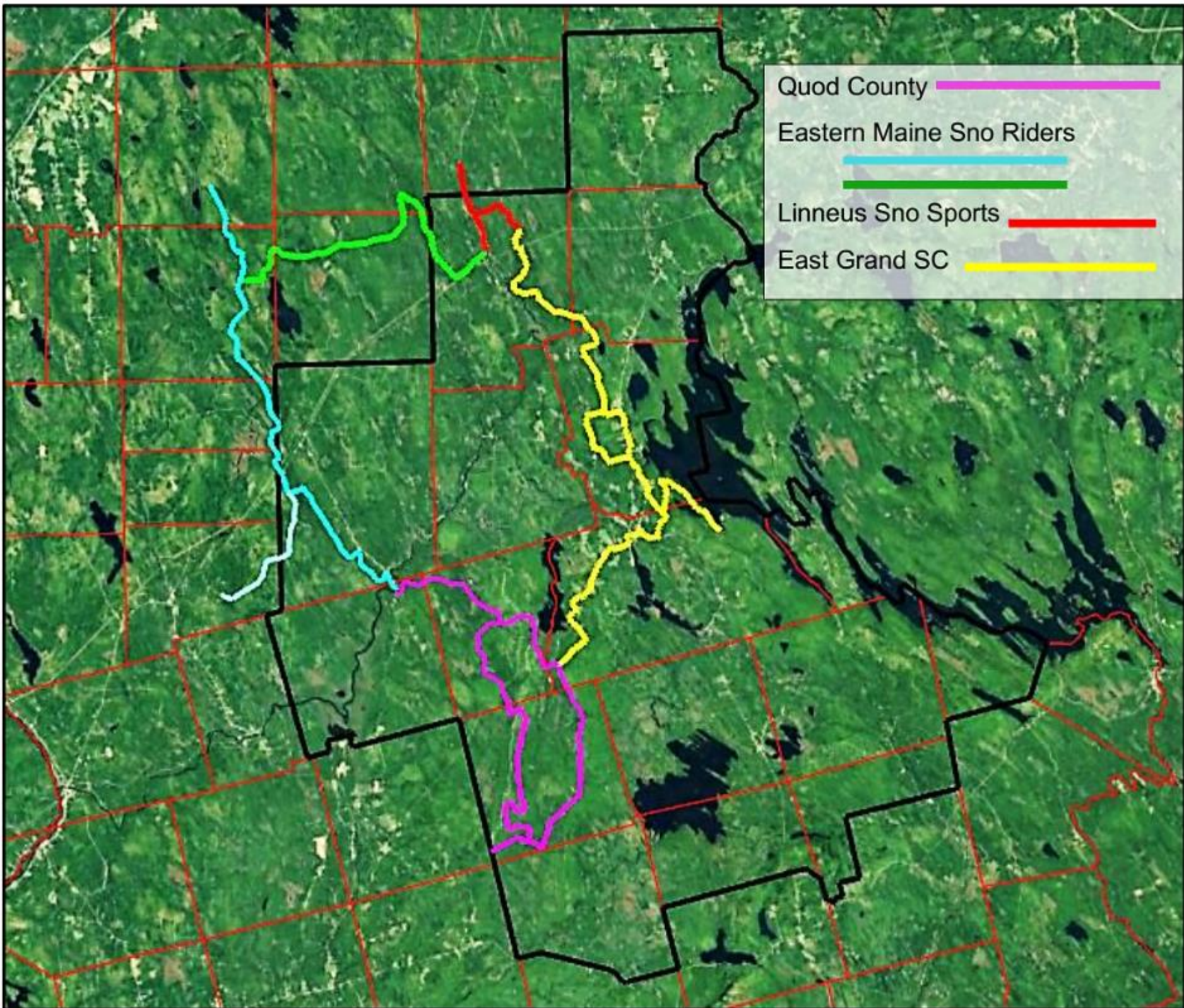


**GREATER EAST GRAND REGION – BASE MAP DEPICTION OF
ATV TRAILS – 11-23-2019 – DRAFT**



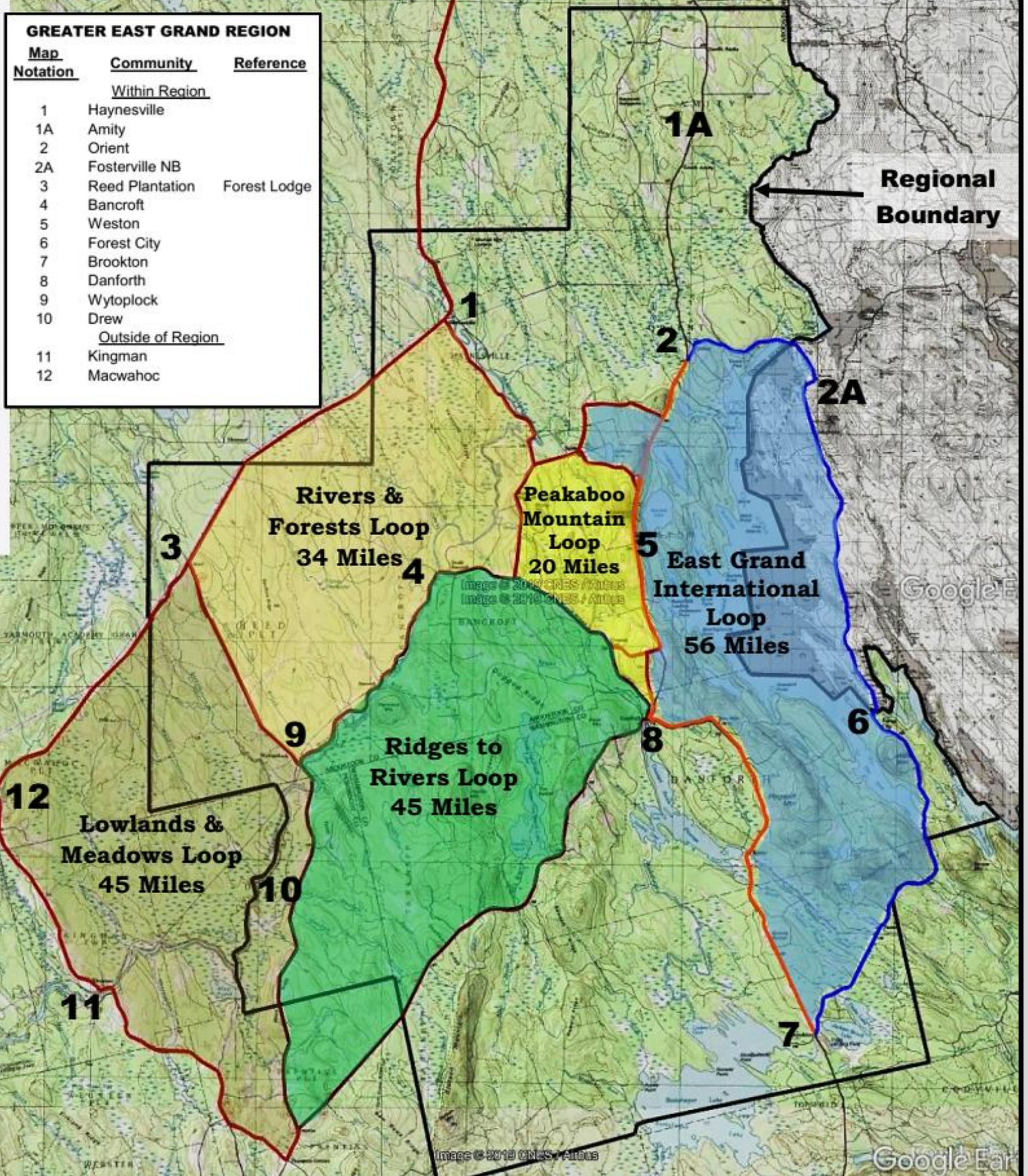
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GREATER EAST GRAND REGION SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

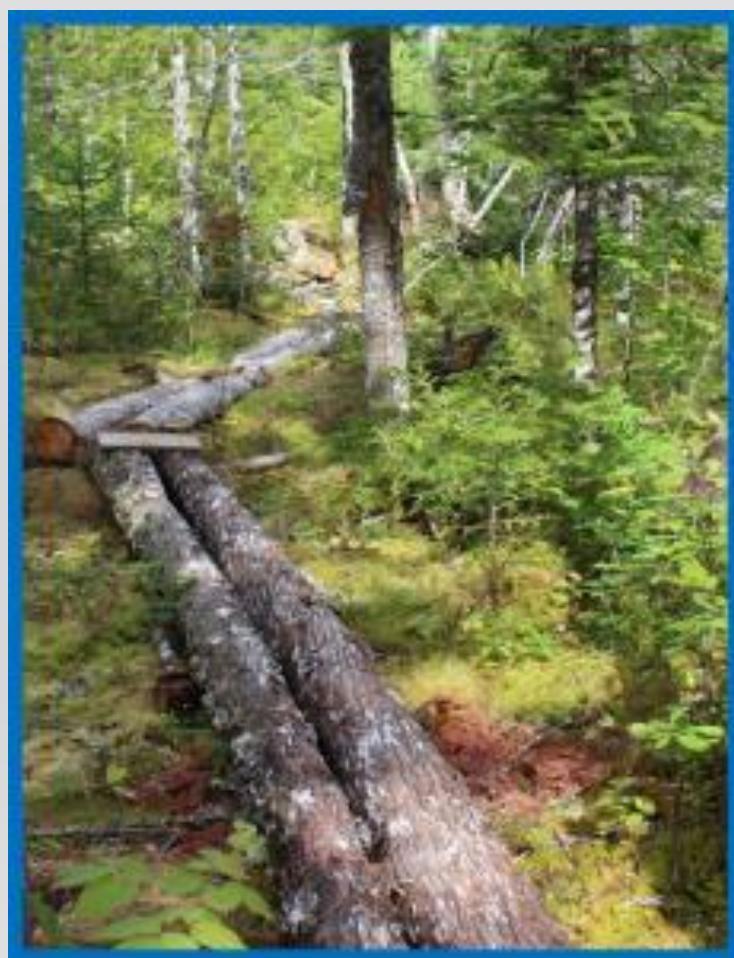
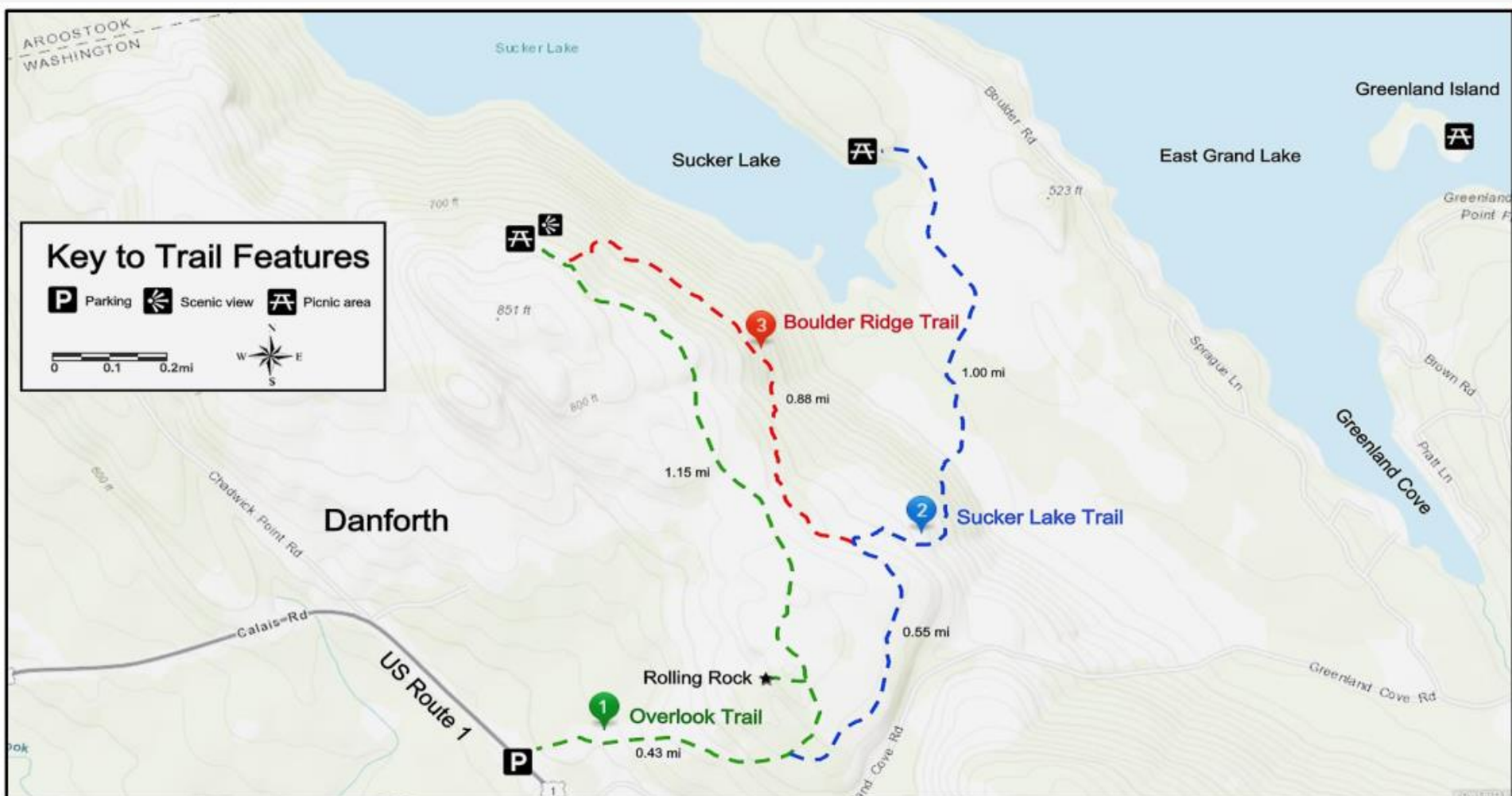


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GREATER EAST GRAND REGION – PROPOSED BIKE TRAILS

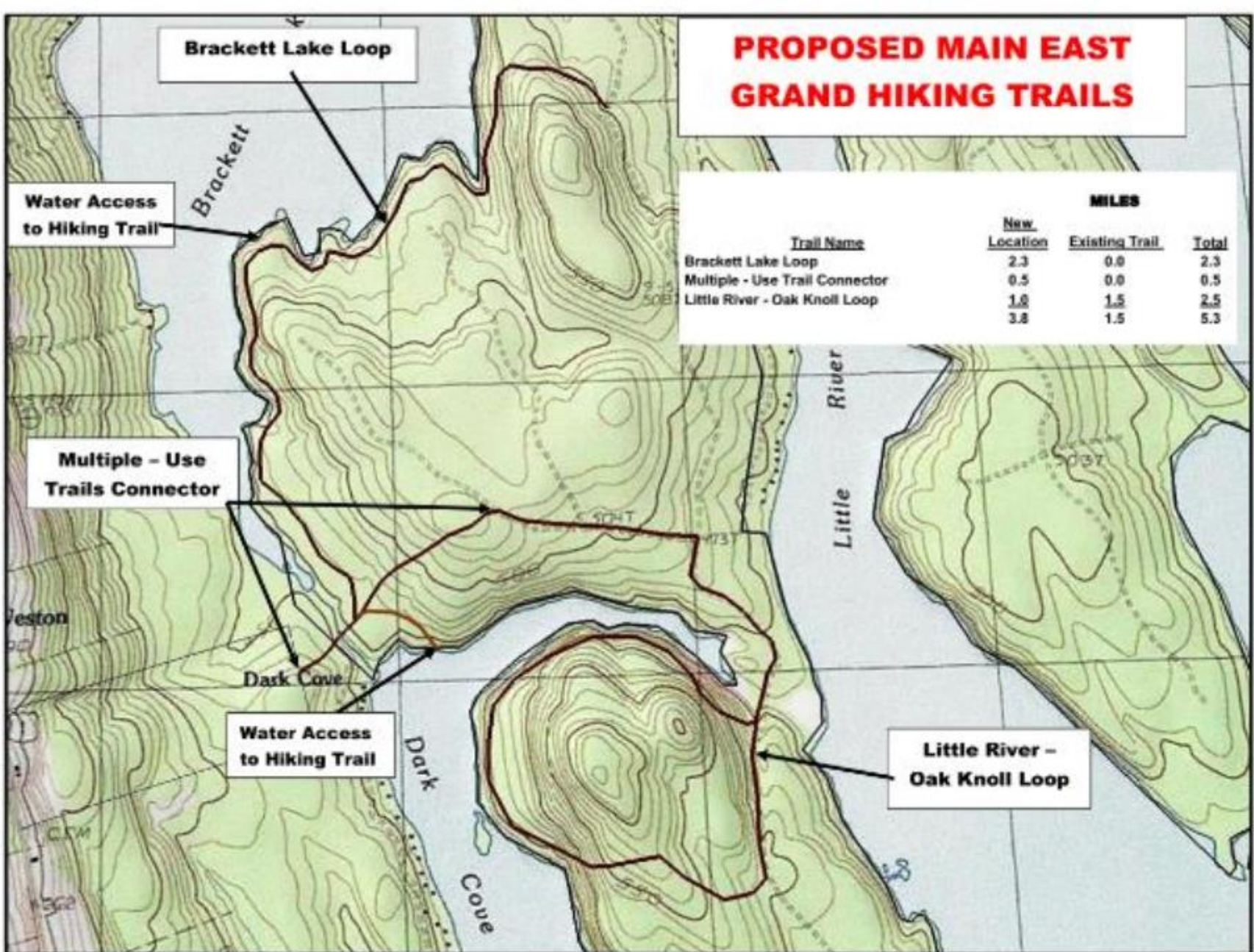


EAST GRAND HIGHLANDS HIKING TRAIL



PROPOSED MAIN EAST GRAND HIKING TRAILS

| Trail Name | MILES | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------|
| | New Location | Existing Trail | Total |
| Brackett Lake Loop | 2.3 | 0.0 | 2.3 |
| Multiple - Use Trail Connector | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Little River - Oak Knoll Loop | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| | 3.8 | 1.5 | 5.3 |



PROPOSED MEETINGHOUSE HIKING TRAILS

Meetinghouse Point Loop Trail
Local Hike Public Rec Area 1.0 Mile

Chadwick Point
Highlands Connector

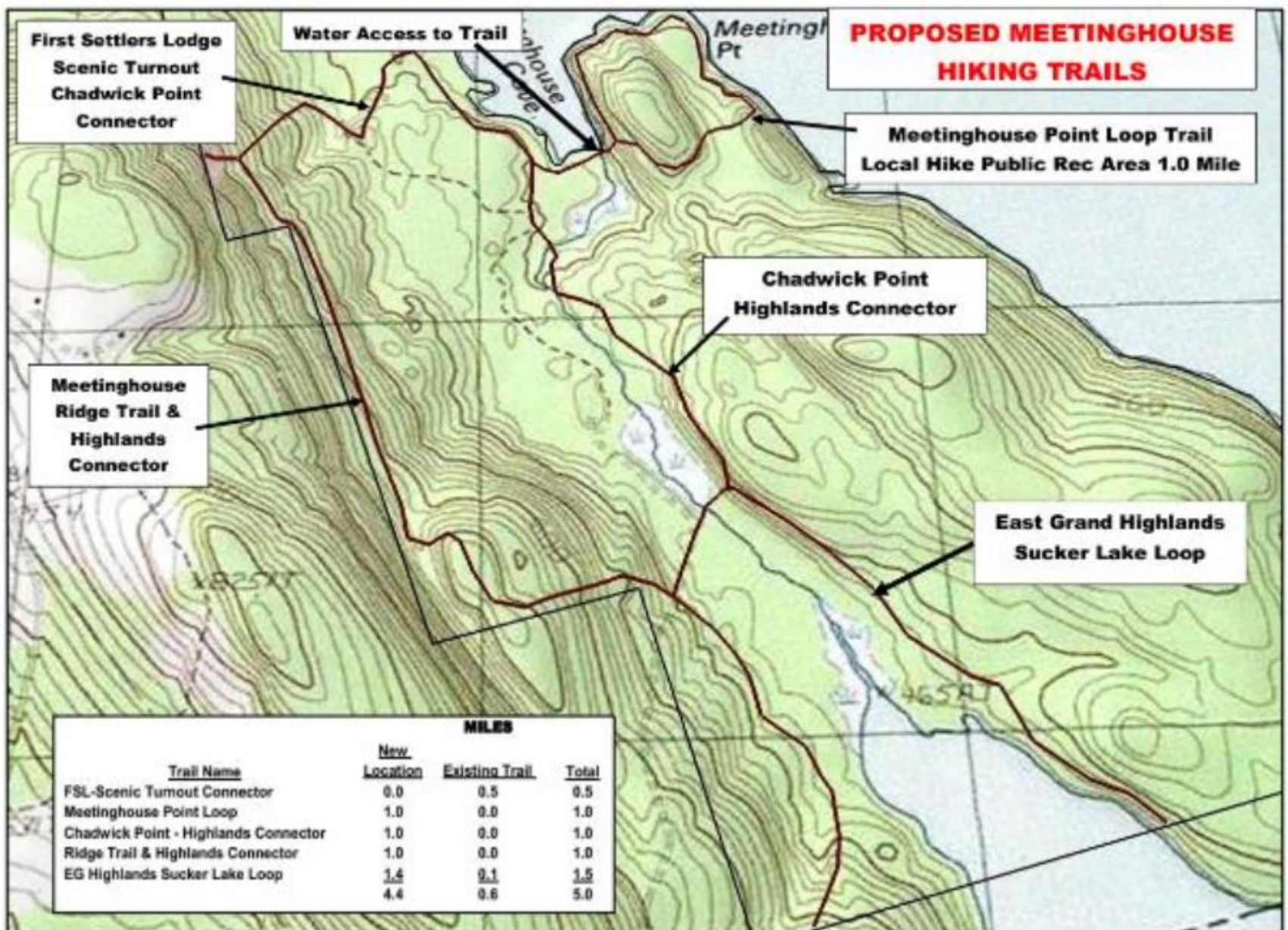
East Grand Highlands
Sucker Lake Loop

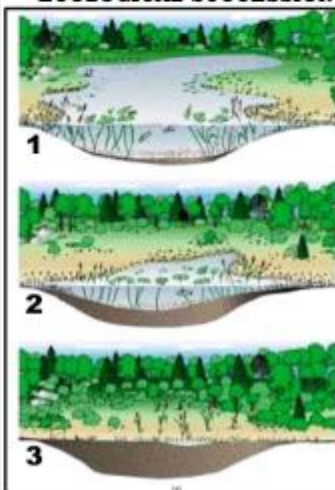
First Settlers Lodge
Scenic Turnout
Chadwick Point
Connector

Meetinghouse
Ridge Trail &
Highlands
Connector

Water Access to Trail

| Trail Name | MILES | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------|
| | New Location | Existing Trail | Total |
| FSL-Scenic Turnout Connector | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Meetinghouse Point Loop | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| Chadwick Point - Highlands Connector | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| Ridge Trail & Highlands Connector | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| EG Highlands Sucker Lake Loop | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| | 4.4 | 0.6 | 5.0 |



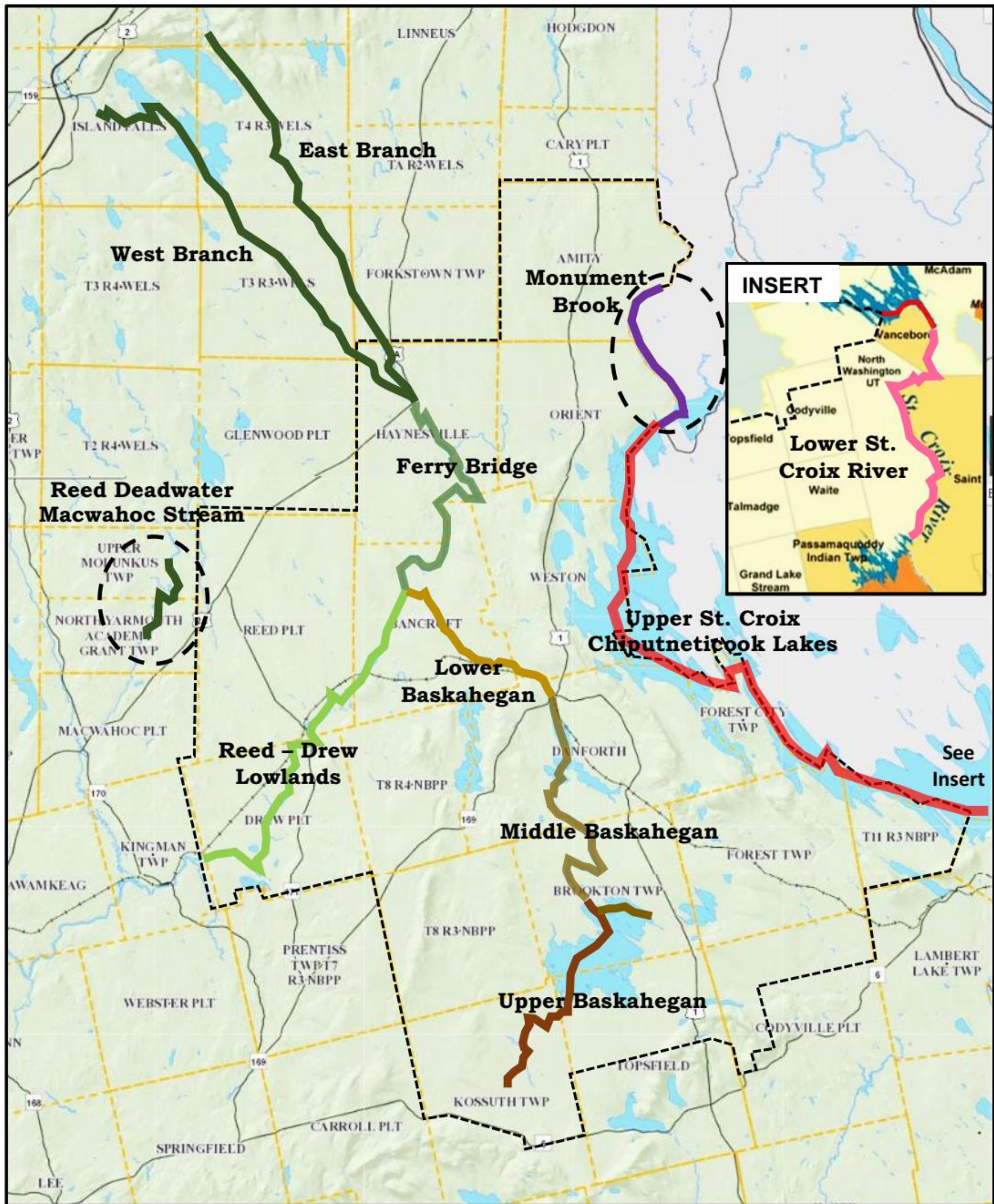


WATER TRAILS



GREATER EAST GRAND REGION – LOCATION MAP

WATER TRAILS – DRAFT 12-20-19

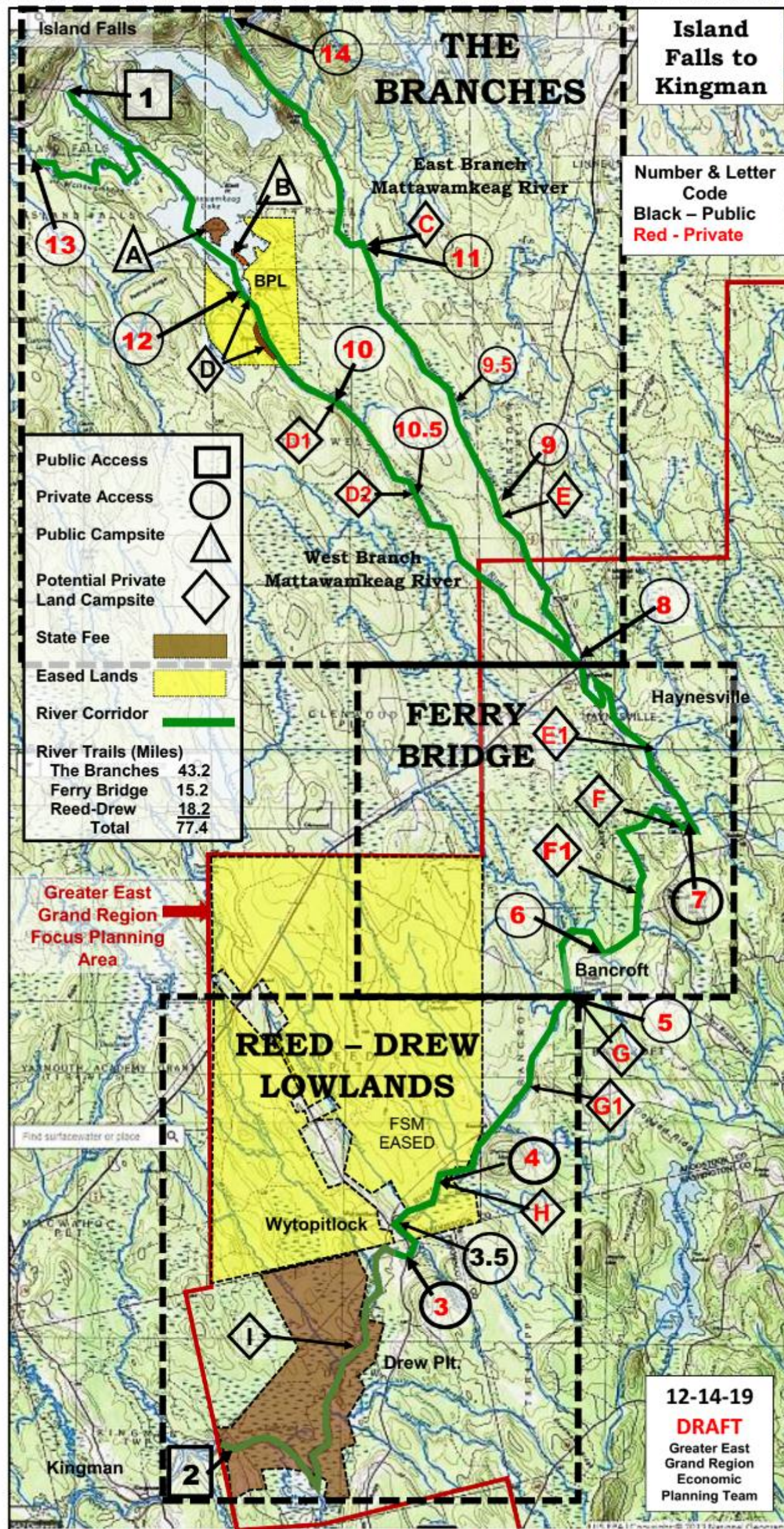


PROPOSED WATER TRAILS

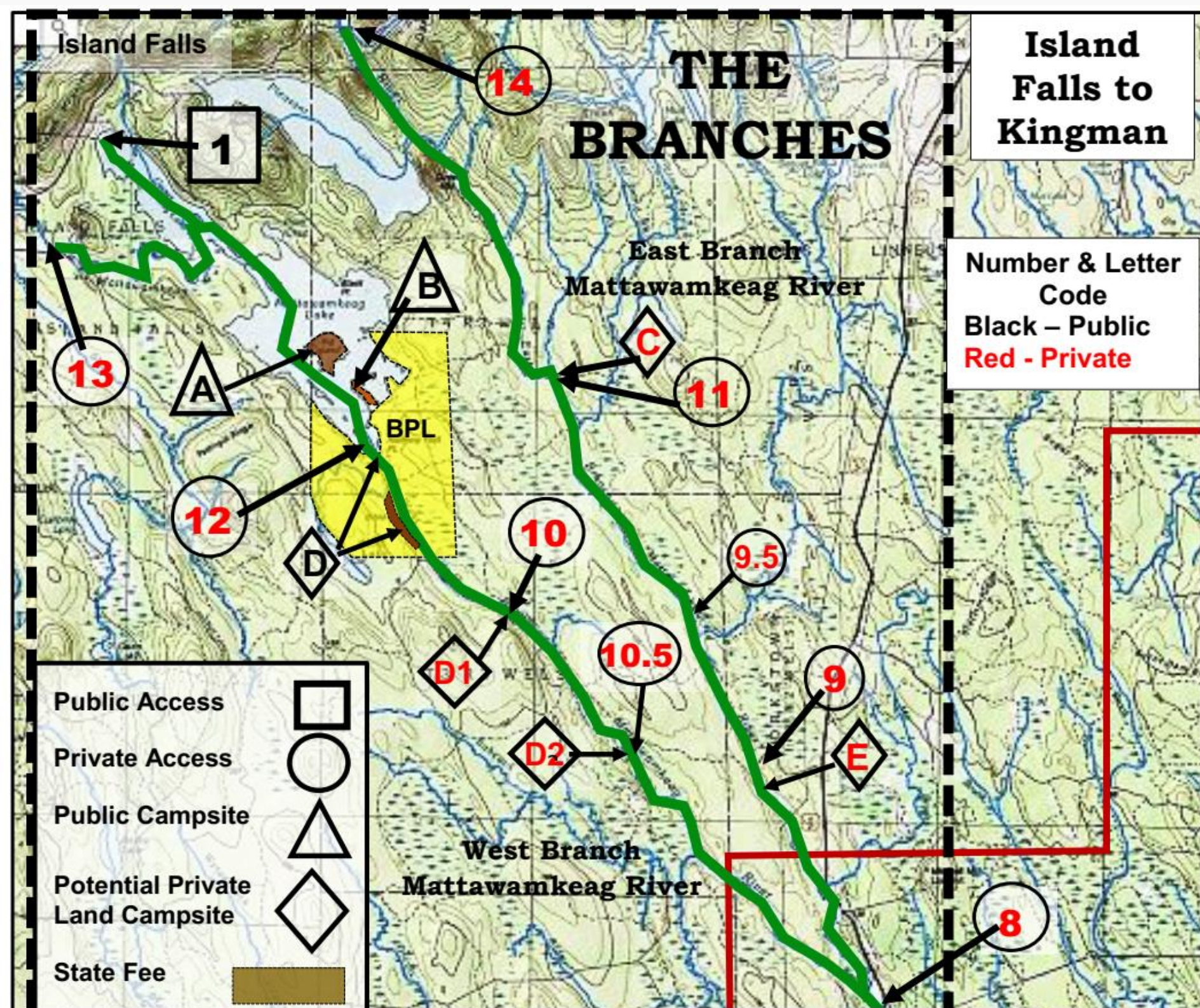
SUMMARY OF MILEAGE

| <u>Water</u> | <u>Trail</u> | <u>Segment</u> | <u>Distance</u> |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| Baskahegan Stream | | | |
| | White Farm Road Put-In To Lake | Upper River | 8.05 |
| | Inlet of Lake to Outlet | Upper River | 4.75 |
| | Lake Landing to Chucks Road | Middle River | 8.35 |
| | Chucks Road to Danforth | Middle River | 7.80 |
| | Danforth to 2000 Road | Lower River | <u>8.85</u> |
| | | | 37.80 |
| Mattawamkeag River | | | |
| | West Branch - Island Falls to L. Lake Outlet | West Branch | 9.75 |
| | West Branch - Outlet to Haynesville | West Branch | 12.35 |
| | East Branch - S. Oakfield Rd to Bells Field | East Branch | 14.95 |
| | East Branch - Bells Field to Haynesville | East Branch | 4.95 |
| | Haynesville to Ferry Bridge | Ferry Bridge | 7.20 |
| | Ferry Bridge to Bancroft | Ferry Bridge | 8.00 |
| | Baskahegan Confluence to Drew Bridge | Reed-Drew Lowlands | 9.50 |
| | Drew Bridge to Page Farm | Reed-Drew Lowlands | <u>8.65</u> |
| | | | 75.35 |
| St. Croix Rver | | | |
| | Orient Customs to FC Dam | East Grand | 14.00 |
| | FC Dam to Spednic | River - Mud Lake | 4.00 |
| | Booming Grounds to Vanceboro | Spednic Lake | 21.50 |
| | Vanceboro to Loon Bay | St. Croix | <u>22.00</u> |
| | | | 61.50 |
| Monument Stream | | | |
| | NB Customs - P.line (Miles are one-way) | | 4.50 |
| | P. Line (Narrows) to Clark Brook | | <u>5.00</u> |
| | | | 9.50 |
| Reed Deadwater | | | |
| | Off Eastern Road - T1R4 WELS | | 4.00 |
| | | | |
| | GRAND TOTAL | | 188.15 |

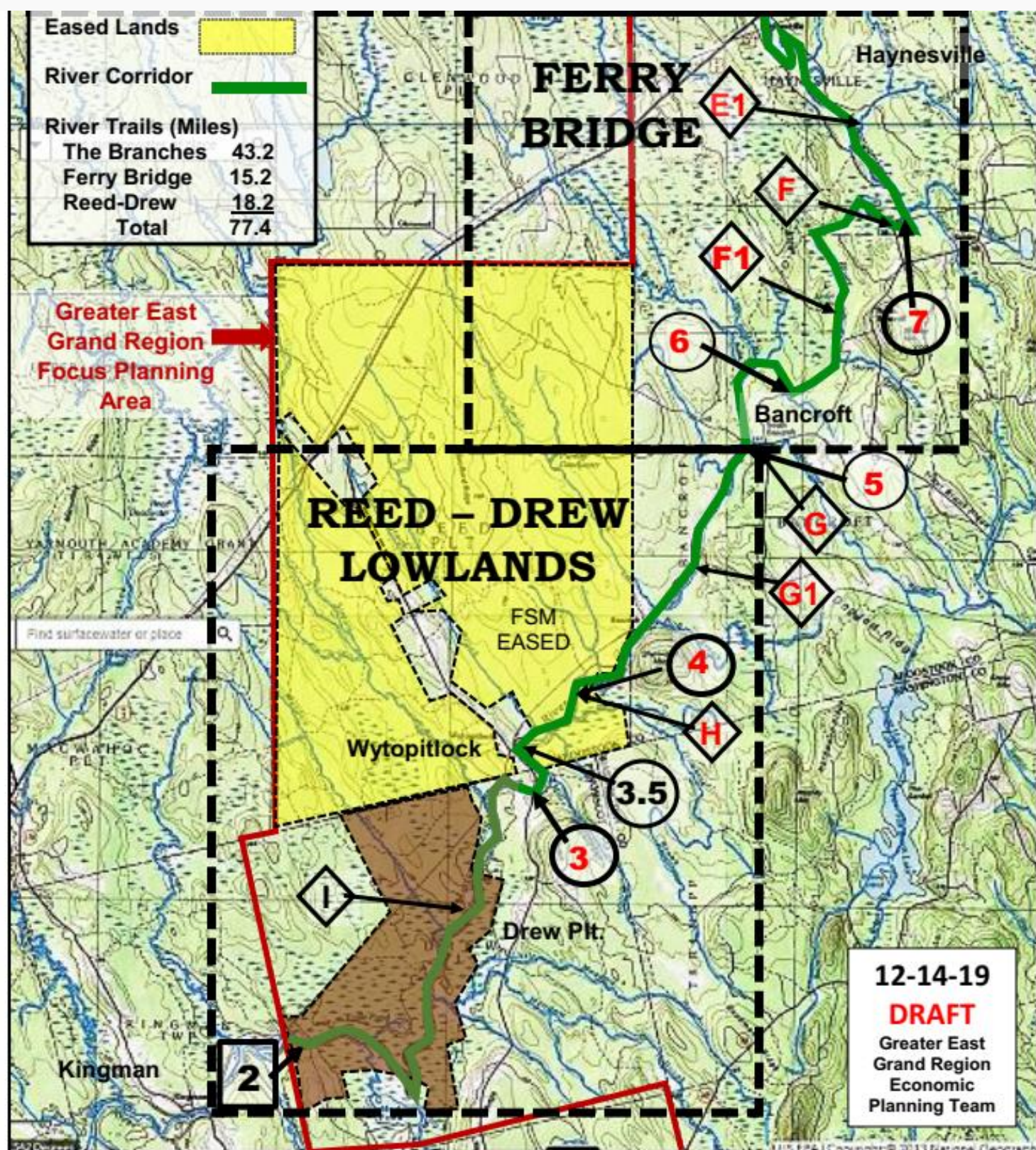
MIDDLE MATTAWAMKEAG RIVER - A WATER TRAILS CONCEPT



THIS MAP DEPICTION IS PREPARED FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY



| Segment | Section | From | To | Mileage | Remarks |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|--|
| THE BRANCHES | | | | | |
| West Branch | Upper Mattawamkeag | Public Landing | Inlet West Branch | 2.00 | Exclude if put-in off Merriman Rd |
| | Above Upper Lake | Island Falls Put-In | Upper Lake | 4.75 | Exclude if put-in at Lake Public Landing |
| | The Lakes | Thoroughfare | Big Island | 4.00 | State Campsite |
| | The Lakes | Big Island | Outlet Lower Lake | 1.00 | |
| | Bible Point | Outlet | Bible Point | 1.00 | |
| | First Brook | Bible Point | Old Bridge Site | 2.15 | Potential Campsite - West Shore |
| | City Camp | Old Bridge Site | Old Kitchen Bridge | 3.35 | Potential Campsite - West Shore |
| | Babcock | Old Kitchen Bridge | Babcock | 2.00 | |
| | Confluence | Babcock | Confluence E. Branch | 3.40 | |
| | Main River | Confluence | Haynesville Take Out | 0.45 | |
| | | | | 24.10 | (22.10 from Island Falls Merriman Rd) |
| East Branch | Pleasant Lake | South Oakfield Rd | Snowmobile Bridge | 5.20 | Potential Campsite - East Shore |
| | Skiticook | Snowmobile Bridge | Skiticook | 3.00 | |
| | Beaver Brook | Skiticook | Beaver Brook | 4.25 | |
| | Bell's Field | Beaver Brook | Bell's Field Rd | 2.50 | Potential Campsite - East Shore |
| | Haynesville | Bell's Field Rd | West Branch Confluence | 4.50 | |
| | Main River | Confluence | Haynesville Take Out | 0.45 | |
| | | | | 19.9 | |



| FERRY BRIDGE | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Main River | Haynesville | Haynesville Put-In (2A) | Skagrock | 4.50 |
| | Haynesville | Skagrock | Cold Brook | 1.40 |
| | Haynesville | Cold Brook | Ferry Bridge | 1.30 Potential Campsite - East Shore |
| | Haynesville | Ferry Bridge | Ledge Falls | 4.00 |
| | Bancroft | Ledge Falls | Hinch Road (S. Bancroft) | 1.50 |
| | Bancroft | Hinch Road (S. Bancroft) | Big Battle Brook | 1.25 |
| | Bancroft | Big Battle Brook | Confluence Baskahegan | 1.25 Potential Campsite - East Shore |
| | | | | 15.20 |
| REED - DREW LOWLANDS | | | | |
| Main River | Smith Brook | Confluence Baskahegan | Smith Brook | 3.75 Potential Campsite - Island (BCO) |
| | Smith Brook | Smith Brook | TCF Campsite | 3.00 Potential Campsite - Island (BCO) |
| | Reed Plantation | TCF Campsite | Wytopitlock Put In | 1.75 |
| | Reed Plantation | Wytopitlock Put In | Drew Bridge | 0.75 |
| | Drew Deadwater | Drew Bridge | Wytopitlock Stream | 1.00 |
| | Drew Deadwater | Wytopitlock Stream | River Road | 0.75 |
| | Drew Deadwater | River Road | Meadow Brook West | 2.00 |
| | Drew Deadwater | Meadow Brook West | Meadow Brook East | 1.40 See Island with Camp - Campsite? |
| | Drew Deadwater | Big Meadow Brook | Inlet from Mud Lake | 2.75 |
| | Drew Deadwater | Inlet from Mud Lake | Page Farm Boat Launch | 1.00 |
| | | | | 18.15 |

2-11-20 Draft Mattawamkeag Trail Package

Goal A: Recreational Tourism – Water Trails

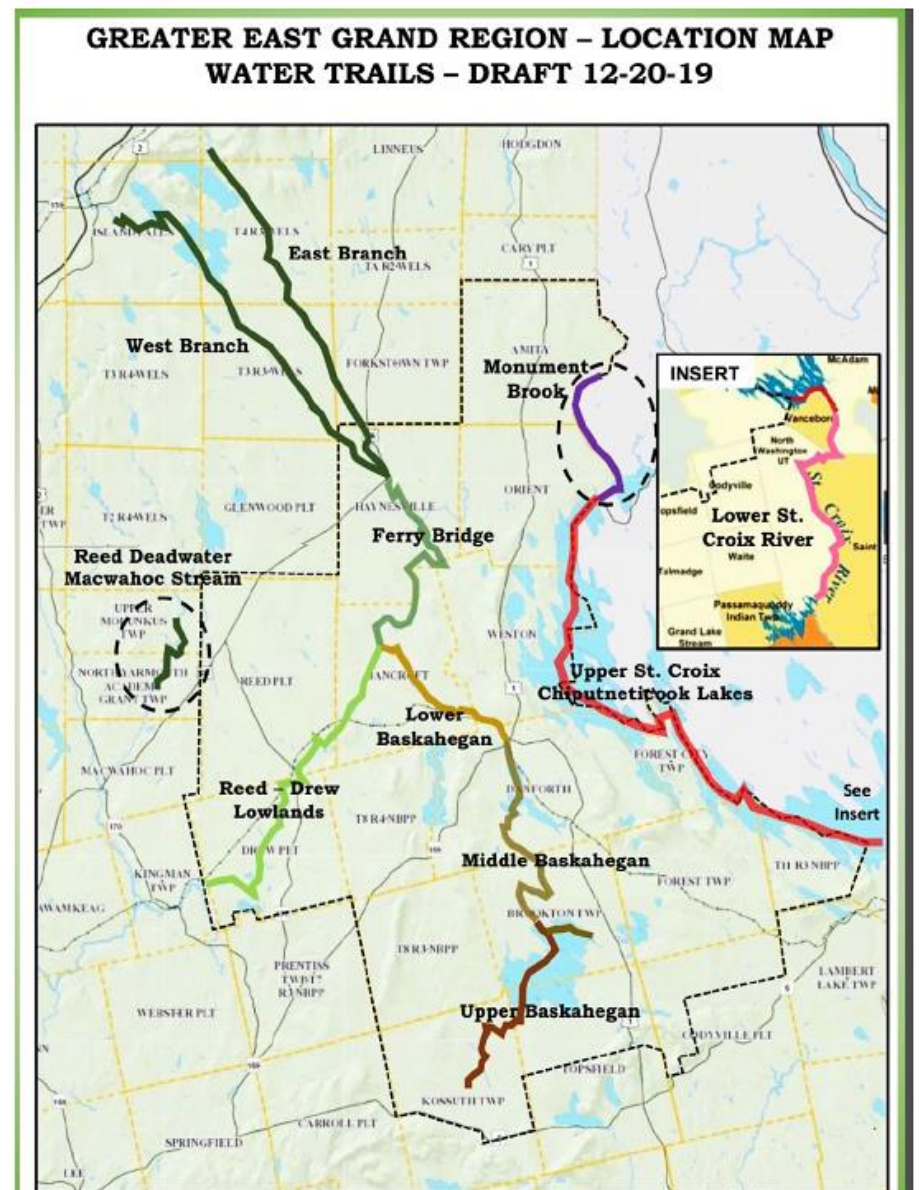
February 11, 2020 Draft

Introduction

Our local waterways have been important to this region's cultural and economic history for as long as people have lived here. Native Americans used rivers and lakes for major travel and trade routes. Early European settlers developed towns along the waterways, transported supplies upstream by boat, and drove logs and furs downstream to market. Access to and enjoyment of local waterways continue to be central to many who live in and visit this area.

A small group from the Greater East Grand Region Economic Development initiative has been exploring how waterways in the tri-county area may enhance recreational and economic opportunities. Improved facilities on the network of waterways could help the region become better known for a variety of outings and create more dependable recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Camp owners, lodges, boating and fishing rentals, guides, and other local business owners would have a broader array of activities to offer housed, guided, or DIY clients.

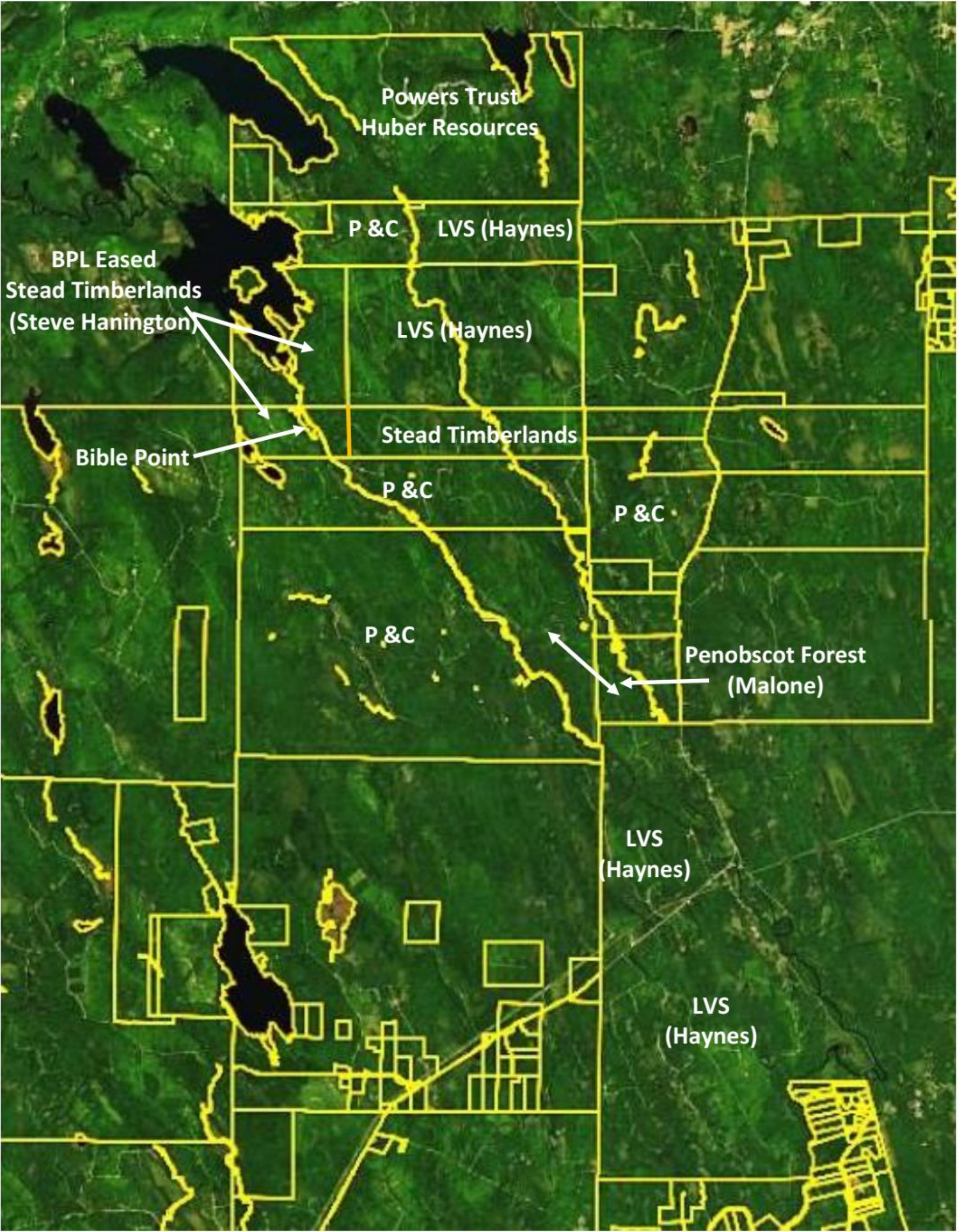
The Mattawamkeag River, and its tributaries tie more than 13 townships and plantations together with over 100 miles of water. On some sections campsites and boat landings have been maintained. In other areas they are in disrepair. Some areas are seldom used because they lack facilities or access. We see an opportunity to work together to improve the recreation experience on these beautiful waters and benefit from those efforts.



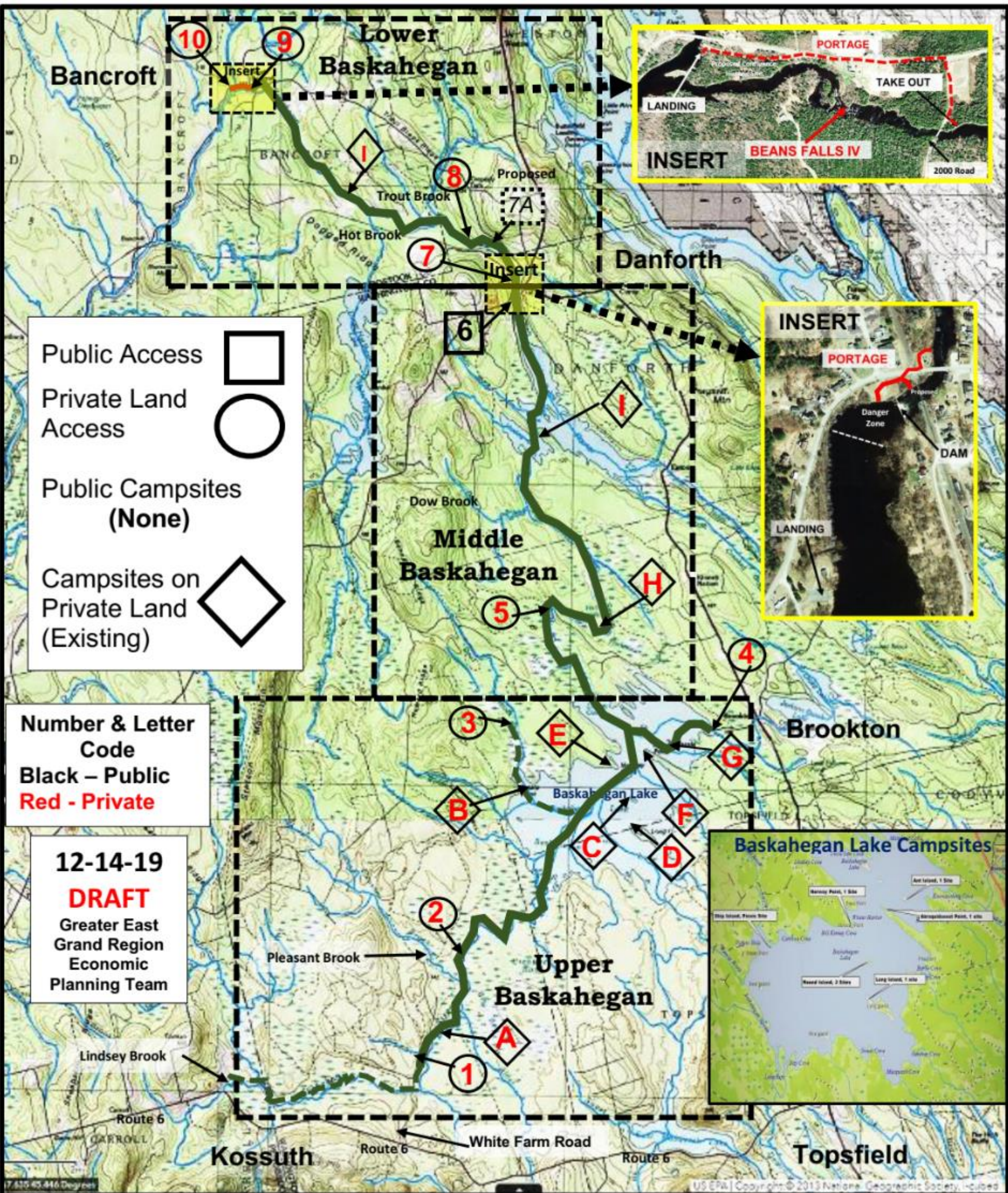
MAINE BPL OWNERSHIP – MATTAWAMKEAG LAKE & WEST BRANCH



MATTAWAMKEG RIVER – DRAFT LANDOWNER MAP UPPER RIVER

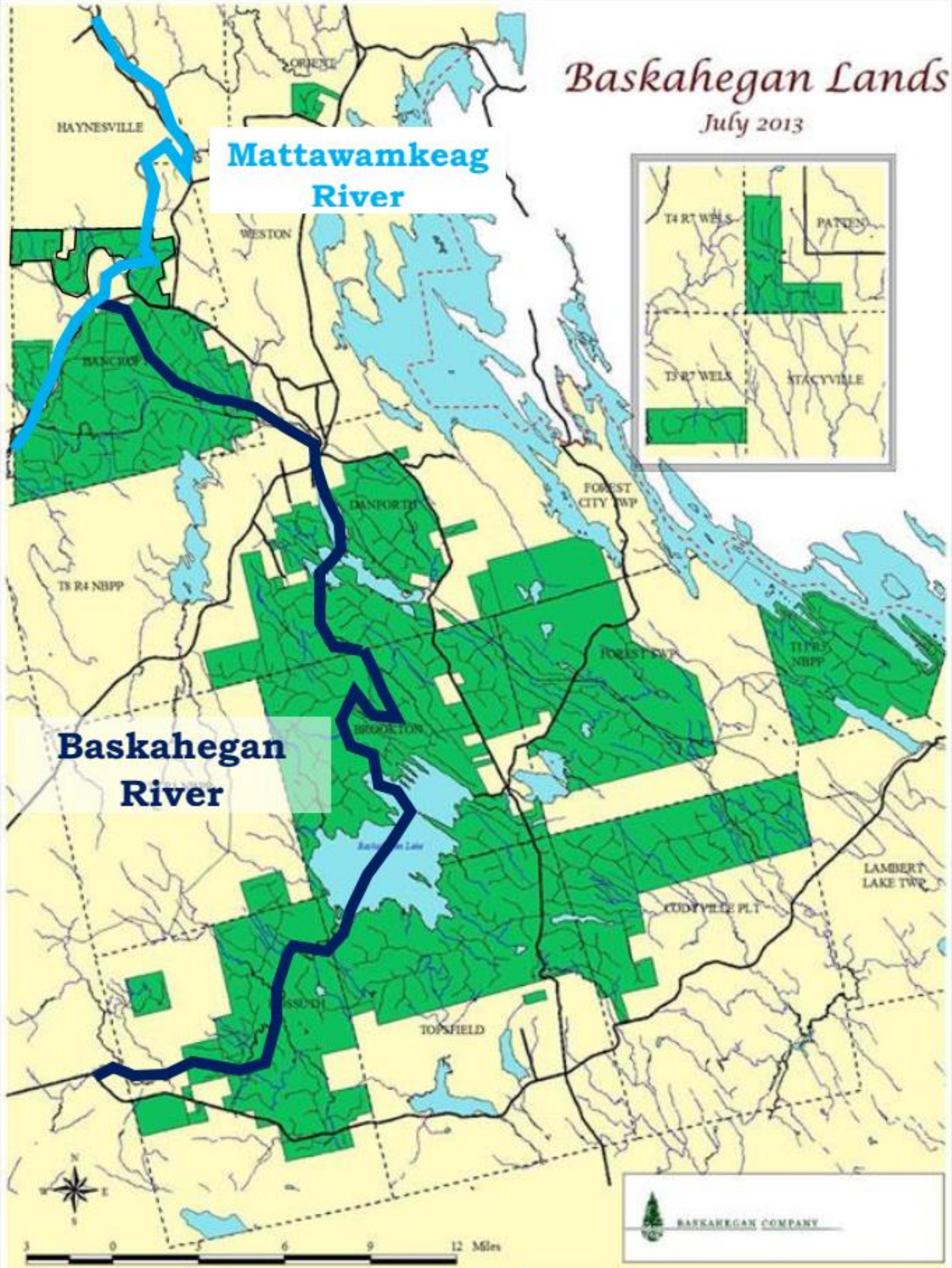


BASKAHEGAN RIVER WATER TRAIL MAP DEPICTION



Baskahegan Lands

July 2013



**Mattawamkeag
River**

**Baskahegan
River**

FOREST SOCIETY OF MAINE – STETSON MTN FUND BASKAHEGAN STREAM WATERSHED PROJECT EAST GRAND SCHOOL OUTDOOR ED PROGRAM

The Baskahegan Stream Watershed

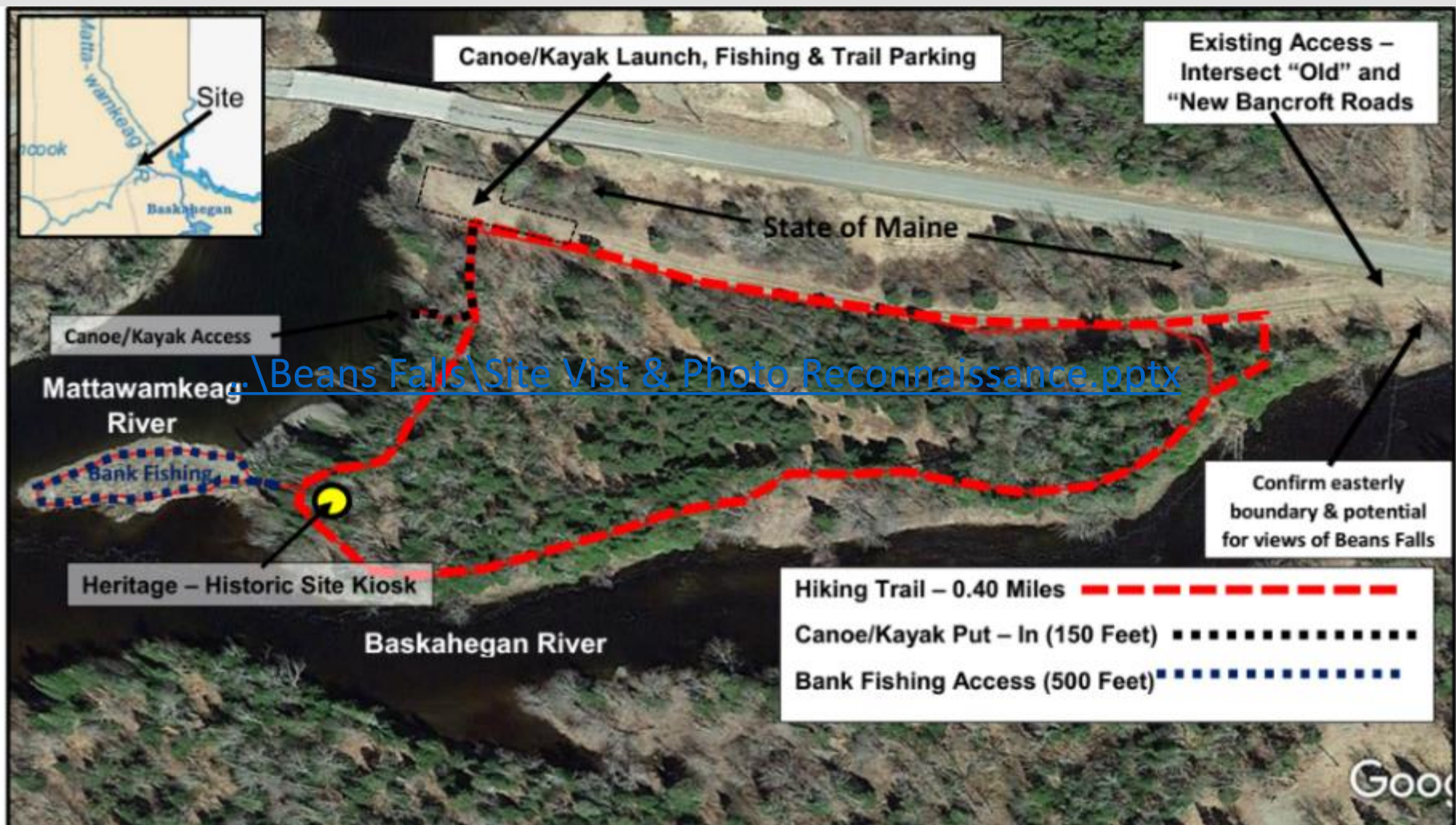
During the last 8 years efforts have been undertaken to improve the recreational opportunities around Baskahegan Lake and Stream. These improvements were made possible with the help of students from the East Grand Outdoor Education program and several others with funding from The Stetson Mountain Fund.

Since 2010 more than \$27,000 of grants have been awarded and as a result:

- Conducted a Baskahegan Stream Watershed Recreational Use Study
- 7 Lake water access campsites were cleaned and improved (picnic tables were built and outboxes installed)
- 4 new campsites were created on the Stream
- a privy was installed at Baskahegan Lake landing
- Construction of a x-country ski and snowshoe trail will begin this summer

Dated: July 19, 2018 – Janice Melmed – Forest Society of Maine

TAX MAP - BANCROFT TWP. - CONFLUENCE OF BASKAHEGAN AND MATTAWAMKEAG RIVERS - BEANS FALLS



St. Croix River



DRAFT DEPICTION - ST. CROIX RIVER WATER TRAILS

Draft Date: 12-20-19
Greater East Grand Region
Economic Planning Team

Monument Stream Water Trail (9.0 Miles+/-)

BPL Proposed Hand Carry

Upper St. Croix River Chiputneticook Lakes Water Trail

| | Miles |
|--|-------|
| East Grand Lk.(Orient Customs to Forest Dam) | 14.0 |
| Forest City Dam to Spednic Lake (Mud Lake and Falls) | 4.0 |
| Spednic Lk. (Booming Ground to Vanceboro) | 21.5 |
| Vanceboro to Loon Bay (St. Croix River) | 22.0 |

Campsites in
Canada

Campsites in
Maine

Public Landing

Proposed Water
Access

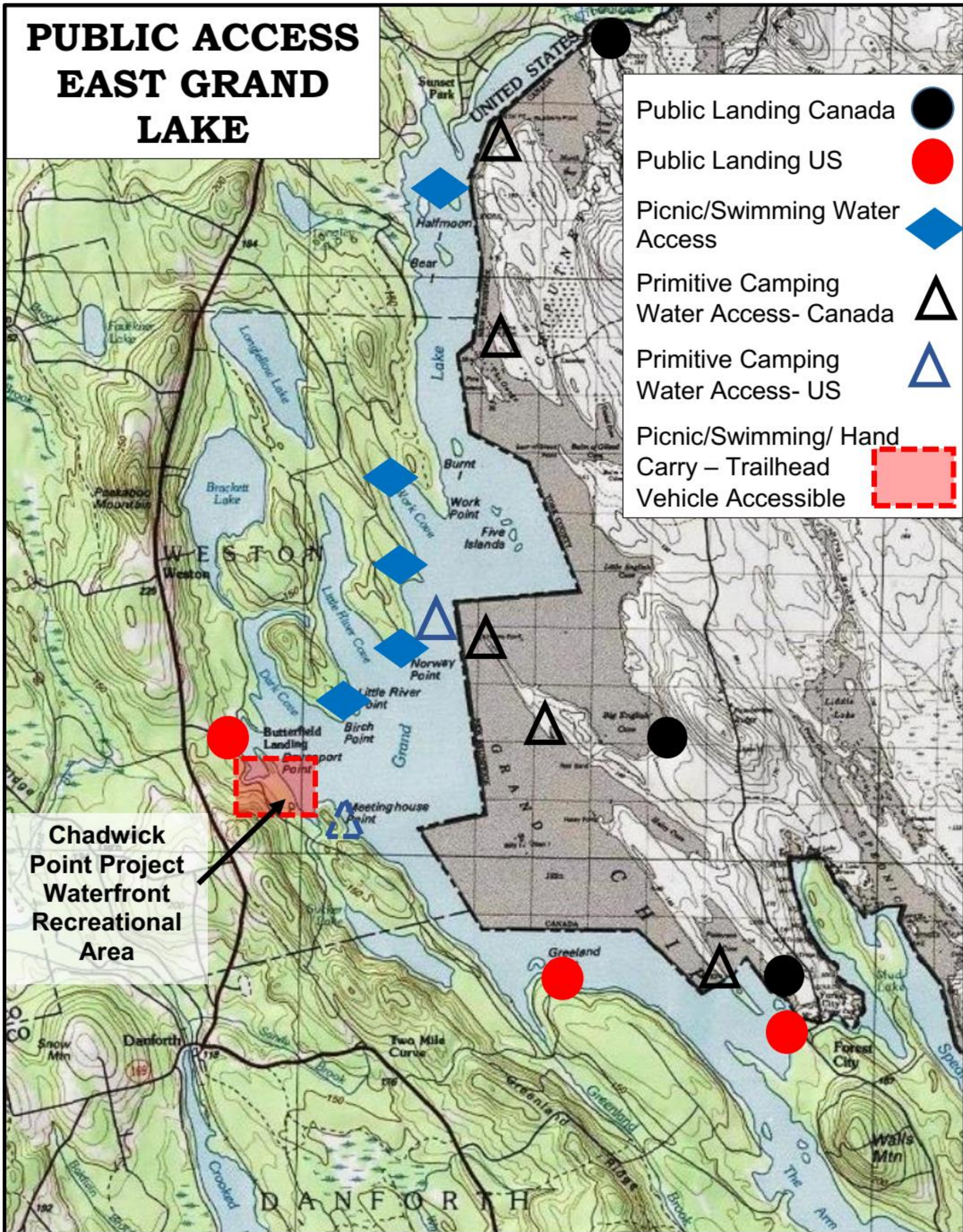
Proposed
Campsite

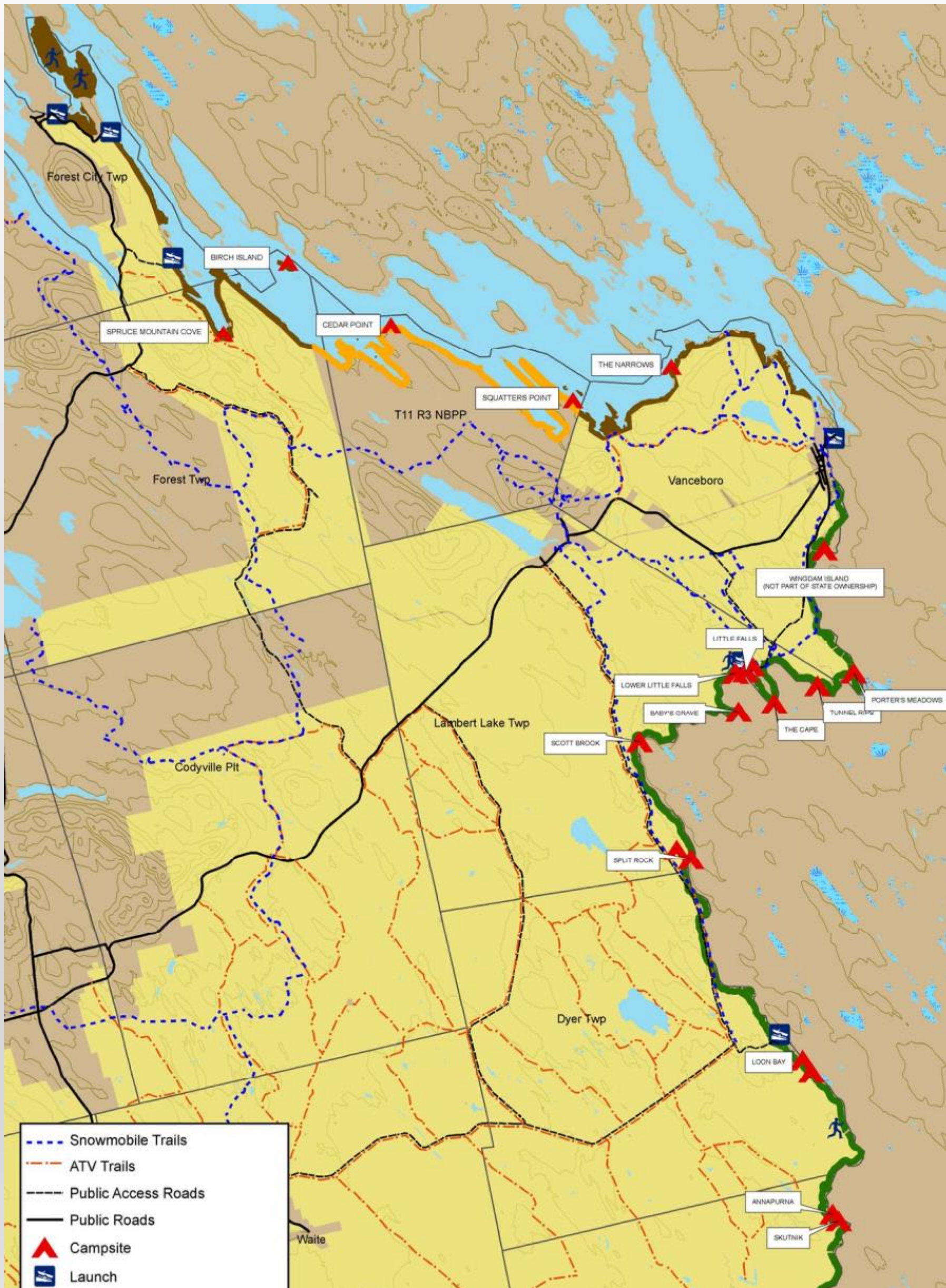
GREATER EAST
GRAND REGION

One Country Camping means you will need to stay on the shore of the country which you entered the river. **You** are also required to report to Canada and US Customs before and after your trip.



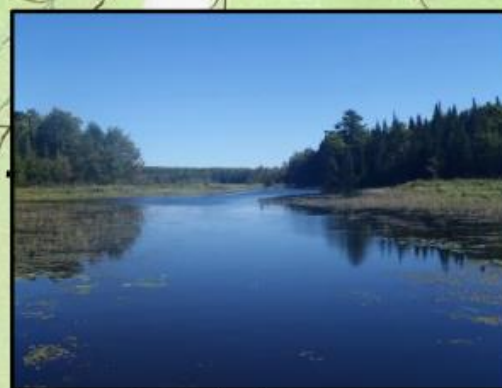
PUBLIC ACCESS EAST GRAND LAKE





Monument Stream International Birding Trail

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[A Canoe Trip Up Monument Brook.pptx](#)

Head of Narrows Put-In

MONUMENT STREAM BIRDING TRAIL HEADWATERS ST. CROIX RIVER

| <u>SECTION</u> | <u>MILEAGE</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Williams Brook (North Section) | 1.5 |
| Greenleaf-Monument | 3.0 |
| The Narrows | 1.0 |
| Lower Monument (South Section) | 2.0 |
| The Thoroughfare | 2.0 |
| TOTAL | 9.5 |

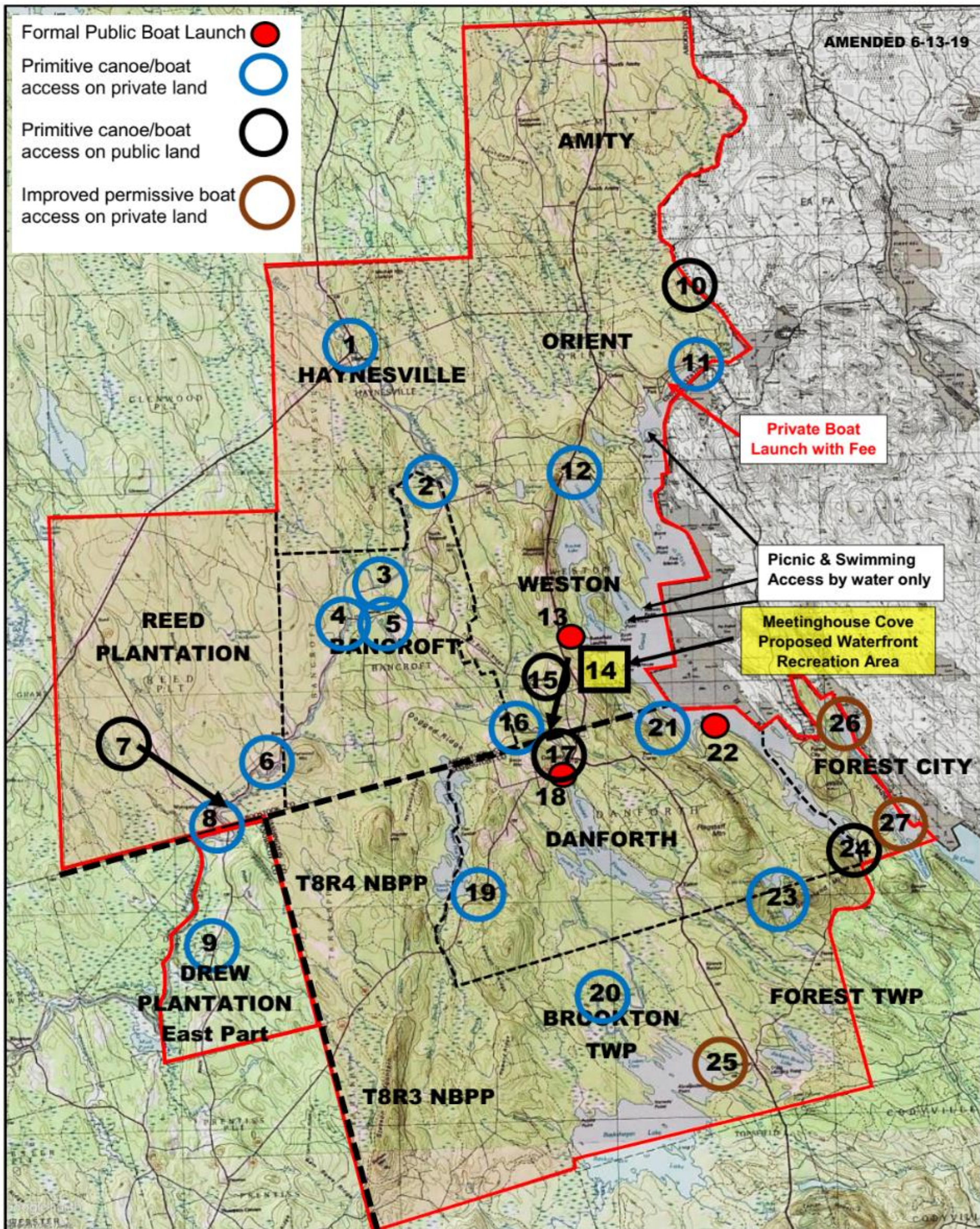
Orient Customs Put-In



MAINE NATURAL AREA FOCUS AREAS – REED DEADWATER ET AL

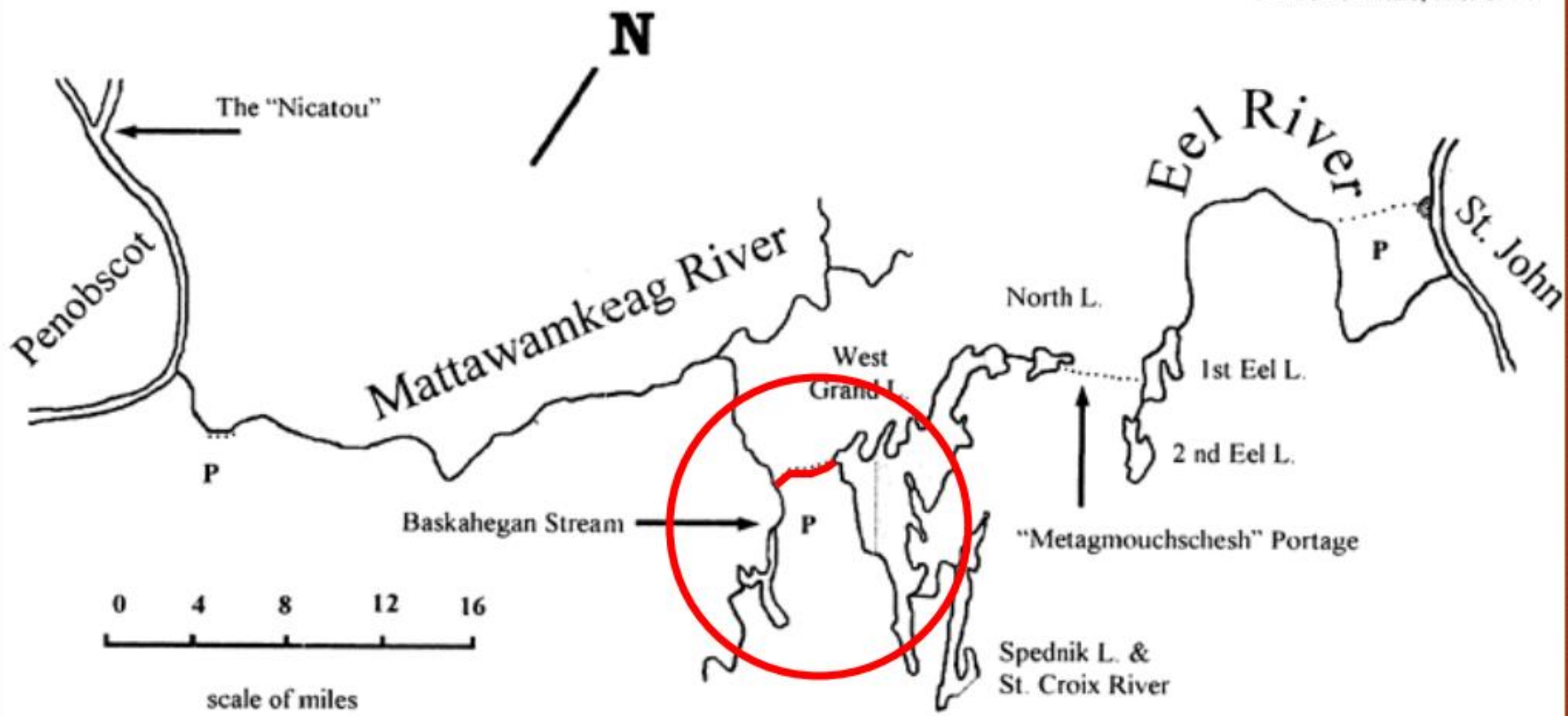
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GREATER EAST GRAND REGION – RECREATIONAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC WATER



THE MALISEET TRAIL

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The Maliseet Trail

St. John River to Penobscot River



East Grand Adventure Race

**15th Annual East Grand Adventure Race,
Saturday, May 9, 2020. Hosted by the East Grand
School Outdoor Education Program**

WHERE: Danforth, Maine

WHEN: 7:30AM- 4:00PM

Race Summary

Course Changes Yearly, is about 20 miles, includes an off trail compass run approx. 1 mile, 10 miles of mountain biking on woods roads and trails, 8 miles of canoeing/kayaking on Baskahegan Stream with many challenges along the way.

34 Mile Flat Water Race

(A separate race) From the headwaters of the Baskahegan Stream in Kossuth to Bancroft.

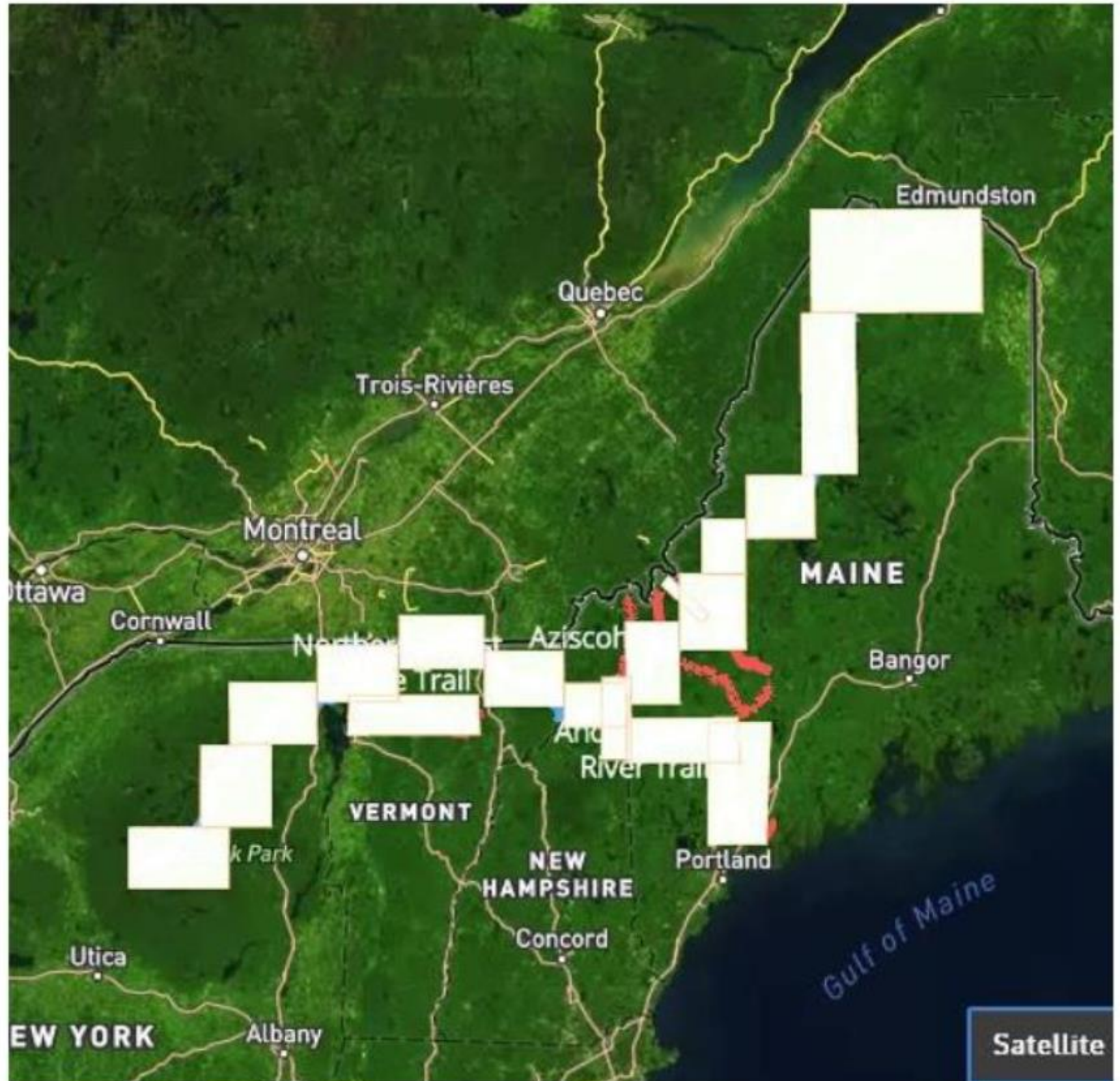
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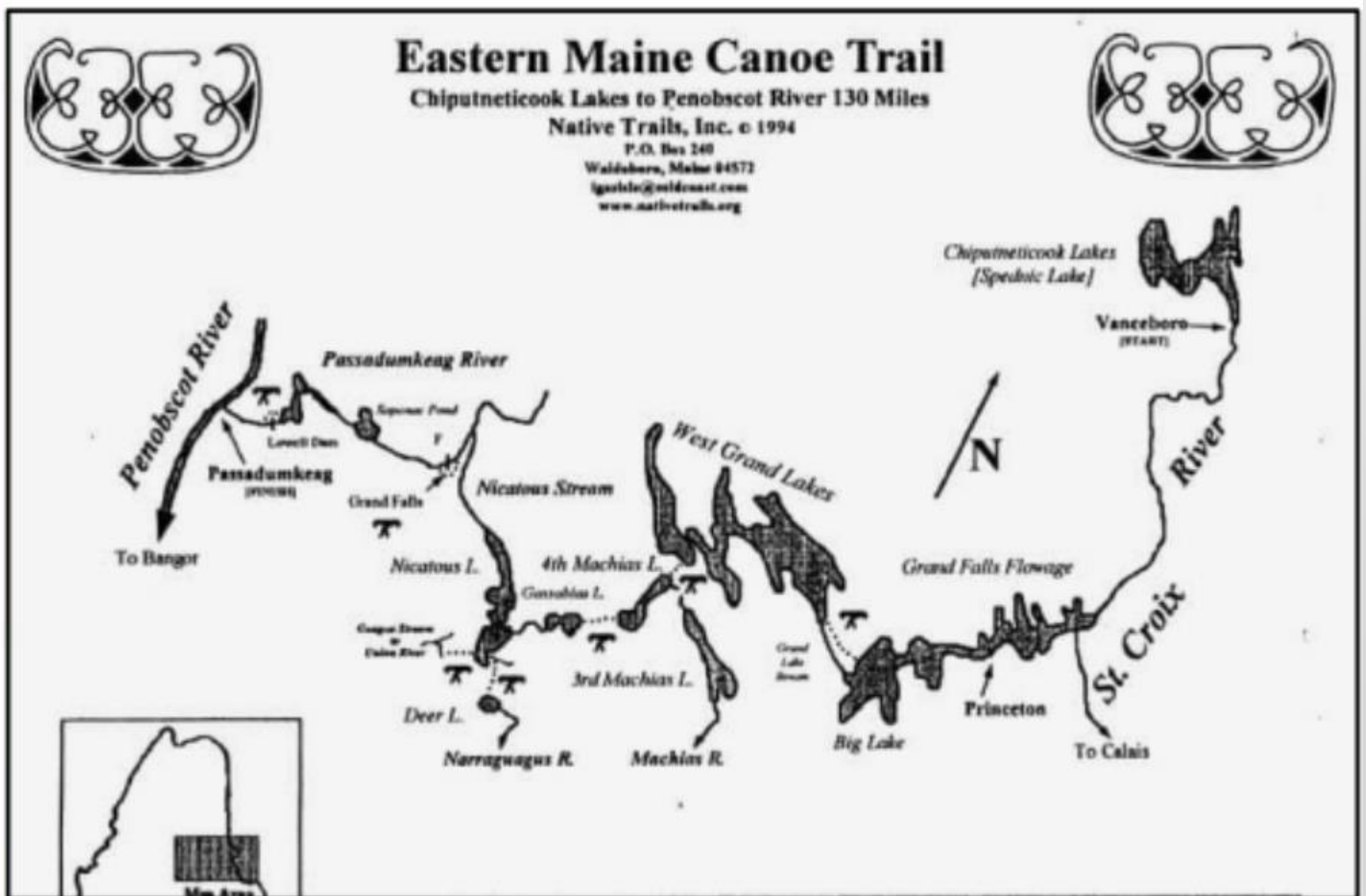
www.northernforestcanoetrail.org

Northern Forest Canoe Trail is a 740-mile trail that follows historic waterways from Old Forge, New York, to Fort Kent, Maine.



EASTERN MAINE CANOE TRAIL

In the 20th century, paved highways and logging roads eliminated the need for these historic water trails. But many still exist, largely unchanged. Now, these trails are being rediscovered. One route – the one we are traveling – connects the St. Croix River on the New Brunswick border with the Penobscot River north of Bangor. This 130-mile route has been dubbed the Eastern Maine Canoe Trail.



BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS

Bureau of Parks and Lands

Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1964 (LWCF) was established to assist federal, state and local governments in the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation facilities. Administered at the federal level by the National Park Service and at the state level by the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, LWCF grants can provide up to 50% of the allowable costs for approved acquisition or development projects for public outdoor recreation.

The application period for 2020 grant awards will be open by March 1, 2019. At that time updated application and support documents will be posted below. The maximum grant award for this round will be \$300,000.

When the new application is posted, grant documents will be listed below to provide specific information about the Maine LWCF grant applications process. Eligible agencies are encouraged to contact the Grants and Community Recreation program at the address below for assistance and guidance in the application process. Note that this program requires a pre-approval site inspection to assure project eligibility. If you are considering an application in this grant round please request a site visit at your earliest convenience by following the link below.

Contact Information

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Water Trail Planning 101

A water trail, or blueway, is a stretch of river, a shoreline, or an ocean that has been mapped out with the intent to create an educational, scenic, and challenging experience for recreational canoers and kayakers. The trails are organized by local volunteers with the help of public officials and private landowners, all of whom promote its proper use and maintenance.

For communities across the country, water trails are a flexible and responsive tool for promoting a healthy economy and a high quality of life while preserving our natural and cultural heritage. Water trails, such as the Tennessee River Blueway and the Kentucky River Water Trail, can energize individuals and unify communities.