

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION
COASTAL REGION
KENAI / KODIAK AREA**

**PUBLIC REVIEW
FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULE
OF
TIMBER SALES**

Copies of the DNR-Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DFFP) 2026-2030 Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales for the Coastal Region's Kenai / Kodiak Area are available for public review. This document is a scoping document that outlines the proposed timber sale activity to be undertaken on State land over the next five years. This document is not a decision document.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales. Comments concerning the proposed timber sale areas need to be received no later than close of business on **February 19th, 2026**. This document can be reviewed at the DFFP office in Soldotna and may be found on the web at the State of Alaska's on-line public notice website <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices> as well as the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection's website <http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/fiveyearschedules>

Once each sale is prepared for agency and public review, notice of a proposed decision and the opportunity for public comment will be given for that specific timber sale, as is required under State Statute and Regulation.

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Purpose of the Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales

The Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales (FYSTS), published every two years, identifies areas where the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DFFP) is proposing timber sales. The Five-Year Schedule is meant to inform the public, timber industry, local governments, and other agencies of potential State timber sales and solicit their input to help us better plan our sale program. The Five-Year Schedule is a scoping document, not a decision document and is therefore not appealable under AS 238.05.035.

This Five-Year Schedule meets the statutory requirements of AS 38.05.113 and acts as a basis for allocating departmental resources in considering, designing and conducting timber sales.

Volume and harvest information is based on the calendar year. This document does not include harvests proposed by the University of Alaska or the Alaska Mental Health Land Trust. Their respective offices manage the University of Alaska and Mental Health Trust lands.

This Five-Year Schedule provides information to the public concerning development and use of the State's forest resources in the Kenai / Kodiak Area (KKA) for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030.

DFFP bases the Five-Year Schedule on State lands that are available for timber harvest, as identified in the Kenai Area Plan. Area plans are the long-range planning documents prepared by DNR to determine the use of State lands in regional areas, across the State. The areas considered for timber harvest and development are based on the management intent language in the Area Plan.

All State timber sales must comply with the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act and Regulations, and the Alaska Land Act and Regulations. Further, all State timber sales must adhere to area-wide and specific land management policies for each management unit of DNR area plans.

Prior to the sale of timber by DFFP, two decision documents will be prepared for review by the State agencies and the public. DFFP will prepare a Best Interest Finding (BIF) for agency and public review and comment for a proposed sale area. Based on the comments received, DFFP will issue a Final Best Interest Finding which determines if the timber sale is in the State's best interest. A Final BIF is appealable under AS 38.05.035. The second decision document will be prepared prior to harvest, a Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP). The FLUP provides site-specific information for each sale, describing the location, estimated timber volume, harvest methods, reforestation plan, access, and other potential uses of the sale area. Other State agencies and the public review and comment on a proposed timber sale FLUP. DFFP will respond to comments submitted and can modify the FLUP prior to adoption to address agency and public topics. The BIF is the decision to offer a sale. The FLUP determines the specific logging plan for a timber sale. If a sale was offered but not purchased, or if a sale was purchased but not harvested entirely or in part, the remaining timber can be sold without reappearing in a FYSTS or in a BIF. A new

FLUP may be developed for the sale of the remaining timber if substantial changes to the conditions of the sale area have occurred.

Management Intent of the DFFP Timber Sale Program

The goals of the timber sale program are to make timber available for existing timber harvesting and processing businesses, and to create the kind of forest biodiversity that will provide additional future jobs and income while maintaining compatibility with the other designated land uses. Harvesting is designed to promote forest health and diversity and to meet forest management goals that provide additional benefits, including diverse forest habitats and long-term supplies of many forest products. DFFP develops FYSTS biennially and may write them annually if market and stand conditions warrant a change in management. Timber sales are offered in a range of volumes and contract periods to accommodate the demands of the forest industry, the public, and forest management goals. Sale offerings will be subject to access conditions, markets, the limits of the annual allowable cut, public comment, and DFFP staffing and funding to design and administer timber sales.

DFFP will coordinate timber sales with timber sale offerings of other landowners when it will be in both the landowner's and the State's best interest. Opportunities for cooperative timber sales will be identified, in part, through public and agency review of the FYSTS.

Location:

The Kenai-Kodiak Area encompasses all the Kenai Peninsula, the west side of Cook Inlet to the Aleutian Range, the Kodiak Archipelago and the western half of Prince William Sound.

Annual Allowable Cut

The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection is mandated to manage its timber harvest on a sustained yield basis. ‘Sustained Yield’ means the “achievement and maintenance in perpetuity of an annual or regular periodic output of the various renewable resources of the State land consistent with the multiple use” (AS 38.04.910). ‘Sustained Yield’ is also mandated in the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article 8, Section 4. To fulfill this mandate, the DOF uses annual allowable cut (AAC) calculations, which is the average amount of timber that may be cut from a forest to maintain a balance between net growth and harvest while meeting the management intent for the land. It estimates the maximum amount of timber that can be harvested each year while maintaining sustained yield of the timber. The DFFP utilizes the AAC to develop the amount of timber proposed for sale in the FYSTS. For a variety of planning and logistical reasons, the DFFP will typically designate a variety of proposed timber sale configurations; some may amount to more than the AAC for a given year. Actual acres cut will, though, remain inside the AAC when averaged on a decadal basis. To this end, the DFFP may write a FYSTS more often to accommodate changes in forest management timing and keep the public informed of its actions.

Annual Allowable Cut (AAC)

In the Kenai-Kodiak Area, proposed timber sales primarily focus on sanitation and salvage of timber impacted by historic spruce bark beetle activity. The Alaskan Supreme Court ruled that timber cutting may be permitted at a level that cannot be sustained over a forest rotation only in unusual circumstances such as salvage cuts where trees have been killed or damaged.

The total forestland base (gross acres) considered for the calculation is 79,200 acres. For the AAC calculations, the Kenai is divided into two sections: the Kenai Peninsula (54,600 acres), and West Side Cook Inlet and Kalgan Island (24,600 acres). In both units the rotation age used for spruce is 120 years. This rotation age is based on future utilization and a model site index.

Annual Allowable Cut Location	Forested Acres	Allowable Cut Acres
Kenai Peninsula	54,600	455/ year
West Side of Cook Inlet & Kalgan Island	24,600	205/year

Proposed Acres to be Sold by Calendar Year:

2026	50
2027	100
2028	30
2029	90
2030	100
Total	370

Timber Harvest Methodology:

Due to extensive mortality caused by the spruce beetle, most of the silvicultural treatments will consist of removing dead trees and leaving live spruce less than a defined DBH, usually 10 inches. Silvicultural prescriptions for each sale will provide for retaining spruce trees to provide wildlife cover or desirable seed sources. Stand conditions change annually. When standing timber is pushed over or broken by the wind, the downed trees hold moisture and rot at a higher rate than standing timber which affects the marketability and value of timber sales.

Natural seed regeneration and stump sprouting will provide regeneration in hardwood stands. Harvest areas using the seed tree and clear-cut methods will be mechanically scarified to create soil conditions conducive to the establishment of natural seedlings.

The result is most harvested areas will have a forested appearance; but will look obviously thinned. In areas where most of the trees are dead, and few hardwoods are present, the area will look more open. These areas will appear as openings with widely scattered residual live trees until natural regeneration or planted seedlings appear above the grass. DFFP's Forest Land Use Plans, prepared for every sale, clearly describe the harvest and regeneration plans in more detail.

Transportation

Multiple use values will be considered when roads are located, designed, and developed and will reflect management intent and primary uses for the planning area. Proposed access routes and types of access for the first years of this schedule are shown on the attached maps. As management objectives are met for an area, roads may be put to bed, and access to the road will be restricted to off-highway vehicle traffic to reduce maintenance costs and minimize degradation of the road and surrounding area. Best Interest Findings for individual sales will fully discuss access types, locations and management objectives based upon information gathered in the field.

Harvest Objectives:

One of the main factors influencing forest planning in the Kenai/Kodiak area (KKA) has been the extensive mortality caused by the spruce beetle outbreak during the 1990's and a second outbreak in 2018 – 2020 in the Northern and Central Kenai Peninsula. The timber harvest objective shifted primarily to salvaging dead trees, before breaking or being blown over. Downed trees increase the potential intensity of wildfire and hinder fire suppression operations. If left on the ground too long, downed trees lose their market value. Trees will be retained along the perimeters of harvest units to provide wildlife cover, as recommended in the Kenai Area Plan.

The schedule reflects the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection's objective to offer timber sales to meet market demand, salvage dead timber, and reduce the wildfire hazard by harvesting beetle killed trees. Sales are broken into numerous units. Small to medium size sales will be offered to meet current demand for sawlogs, house logs and fuel wood. Sales within the wildland-urban interface will be designed to reduce the risk of wildfire to the communities.

The Kenai Area Plan can be found on the web at:

<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/planning/areaplans/>



Kenai-Kodiak Area FYSTS 2026-2030 Overview Map

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Harvest Plan:

Timber Sale by Year

Calendar Year	Timber Sale	Estimated Acres
2026	Nash Road SC-3265-K	50
2027	Griner SC-3266-K	25
2027	Alamar SC-3267-K	75
2028	Mile Post 40 SC-3268-K	40
2029	Crane SC-3269-K	90
2030	Hayden Berlin SC-3264-K	100

Timber Sale Descriptions

Following descriptions provide information on each proposed sale listed in this FYSTS. If a sale listed in this schedule is offered but not purchased and has reappeared in 2 consecutive FYSTS or completed the BIF and FLUP decision process, the sale may be re-offered without further public notice.

2026 Timber Sale

Nash Road

Located at milepost 2 of Nash Road, the closest community is Seward. Sale area contains Sitka spruce and Mountain Hemlock saw logs and will be in two units. There is a 40-foot by 80-foot easement in place between State of Alaska and Private landowner. Harvest area will have 50-foot buffers from trail, Municipal Entitlement and private property. Spur roads need to be constructed to reach the center of the units.

2027 Timber Sale

Griner

Located approximately one mile south of the community of Anchor Point at the end of Griner Avenue. An estimated 25 acres of White/Lutz spruce and birch are harvestable. The parcel is designated for “Resource Management - High Value” in the Kenai Area Plan. The road leading to the harvest area from Griner Avenue will need to be reconditioned along with the construction of a new spur road to lead into the unit.

Alamar

Part of the South Peninsula Block in the 2022-2026 FYSTS. The closest community is Anchor Point and accessed from Alut Avenue. The parcel is designated “General Use” in the Kenai Area Plan. Anadromous stream, “Two Moose Creek,” (AWC: 244-10-10010-2021) is north of the timber sale and is a tributary to the Anchor River. Department of Fish & Game (ADFG) will be consulted when creating management objectives and unit design. Unit contains White/Lutz spruce. Due to extensive muskegs, the Alamar Timber Sale will require winter roads, along section easements.

2028 Timber Sale

Mile Post 40

Located approximately 7 miles northeast of Cooper Landing and contains a mix of saw timber and fuelwood. The sale area is near a fishery enhancement pond and is also subject to scenic byway guidelines of a 200-foot buffer from Sterling Highway.

2029 Timber Sale

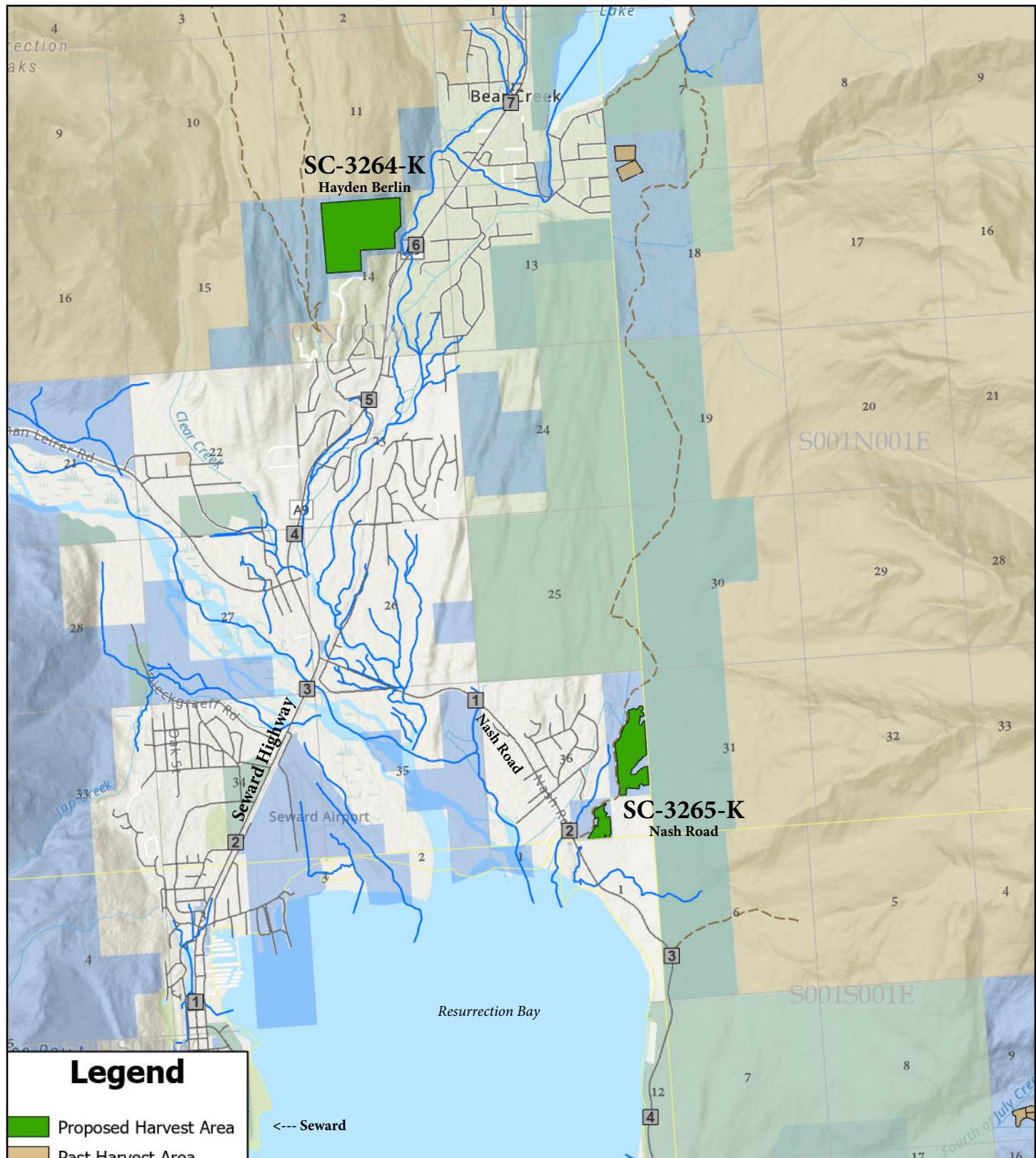
Crane

The Crane Timber Sale is located approximately 4 miles south of the community of Ninilchik. There is an estimated 90 acres of harvestable white/lutz spruce pole/saw logs between 2 units. Forest stands may contain extensive dead and down. This sale will require winter access only. Best access into the sale area is along the right-of-way from Crane Street, via Deep Creek Road, and then creation of ice roads into the unit.

2030 Timber Sale

Hayden Berlin

Located near Milepost 6 of the Seward Highway. An estimated 100-acres are available for harvest. Sale area contains Mountain Hemlock and Sitka Spruce saw logs. The south end of the Lost Lake Trail runs on the east side of the parcel. Topography may limit timber harvest accessibility due to slope of 30% or greater. Clear access to the unit has not yet been established.



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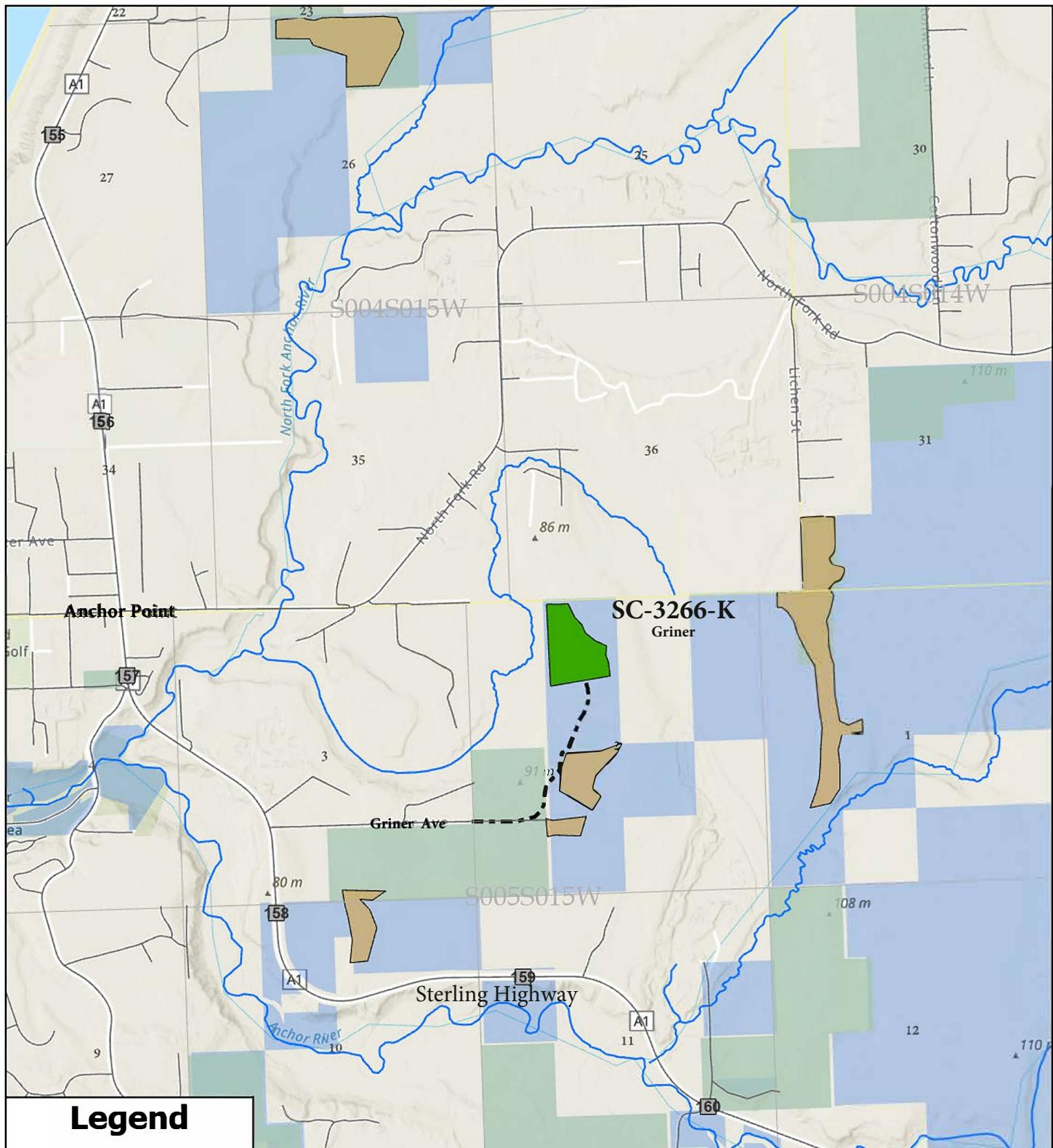
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- Trails

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Proposed Timber Sale Map A-2 Griner: SC-3266-K

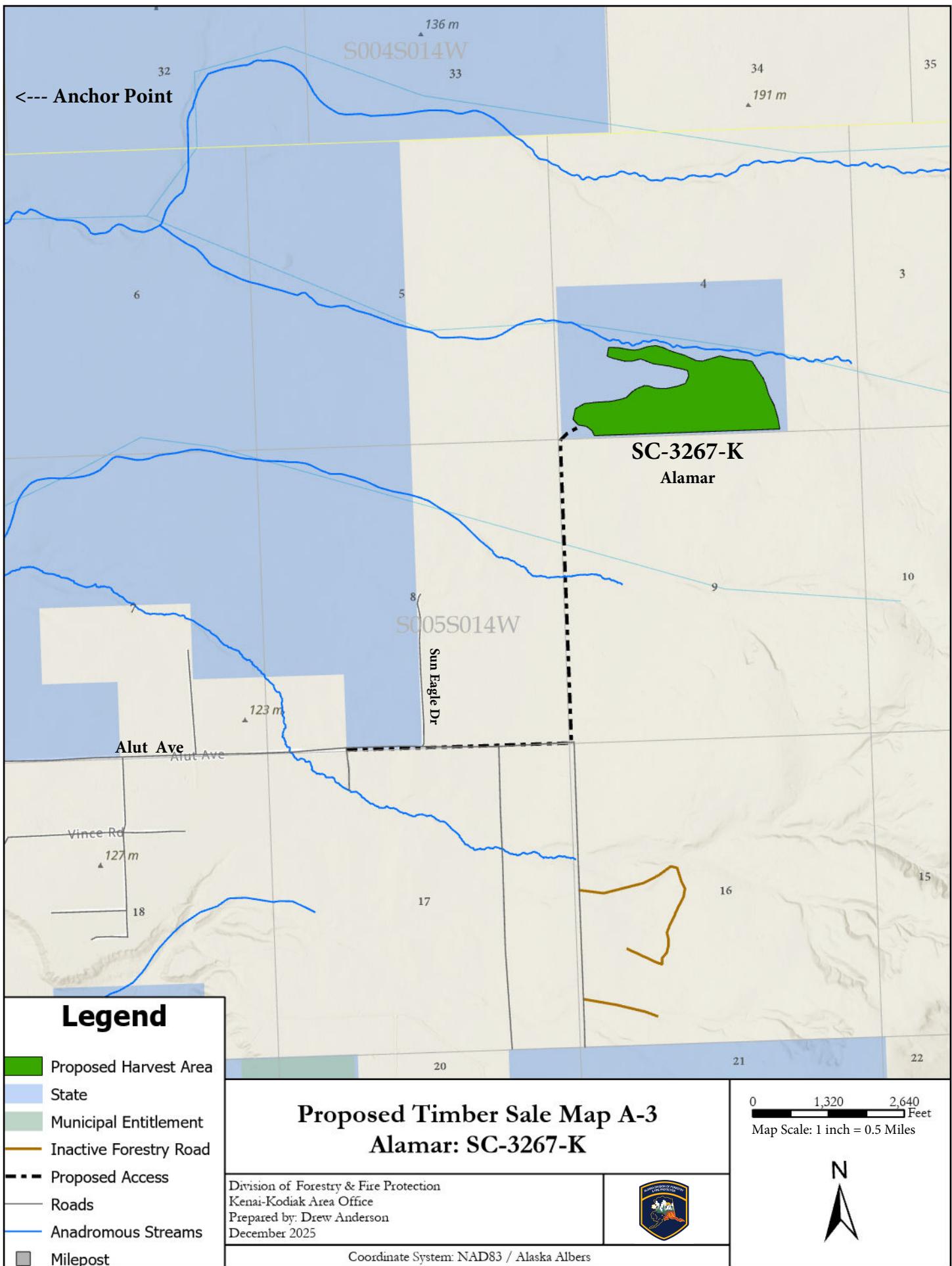
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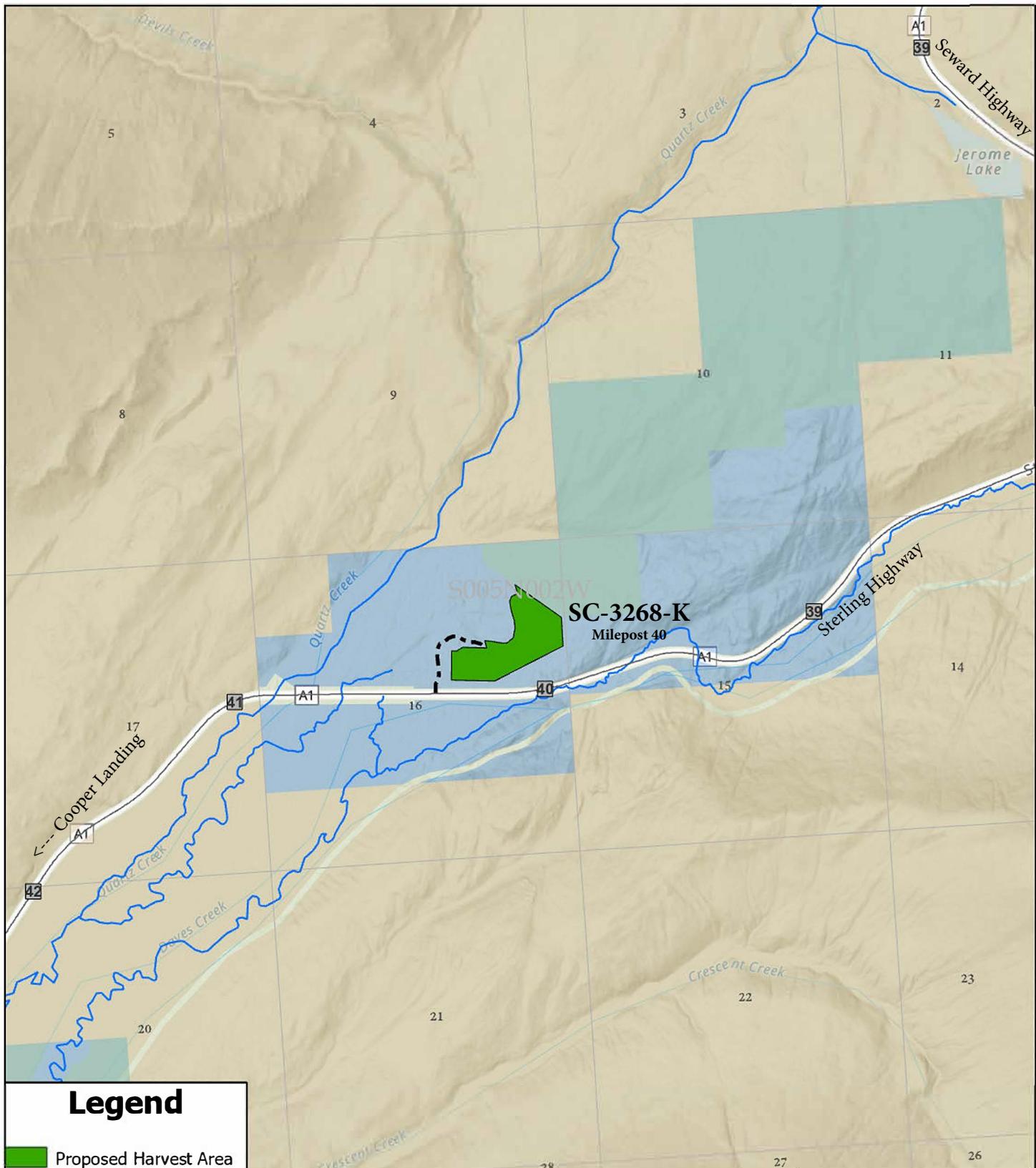
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- Proposed Access
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- Milepost

Proposed Timber Sale Map A-4 Milepost 40: SC-3268-K

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