

Nate Tuma

LAS #: 35896

Supplementary Sheet 1

## **Project Description**

Legacy Guides and Outfitters, LLC is currently using GUA 13-01 and 13-03 for the purpose of guiding big game hunters and trappers. This is currently being done by way of day use registration using one of the few lodges that remains open during operating months. However, due to the area's mixed recreation use and loss of previously operating lodges (snow machining, sightseeing, etc.), lodges are often crowded and/or fully booked, and there can be significant overlap or conflicting interests between user groups. The proposed use of state land according to this application is to develop a small camp to be used by clients and crew of Legacy Guides and Outfitters, LLC for the purpose of guided brown/grizzly bear hunting and trapping tours.

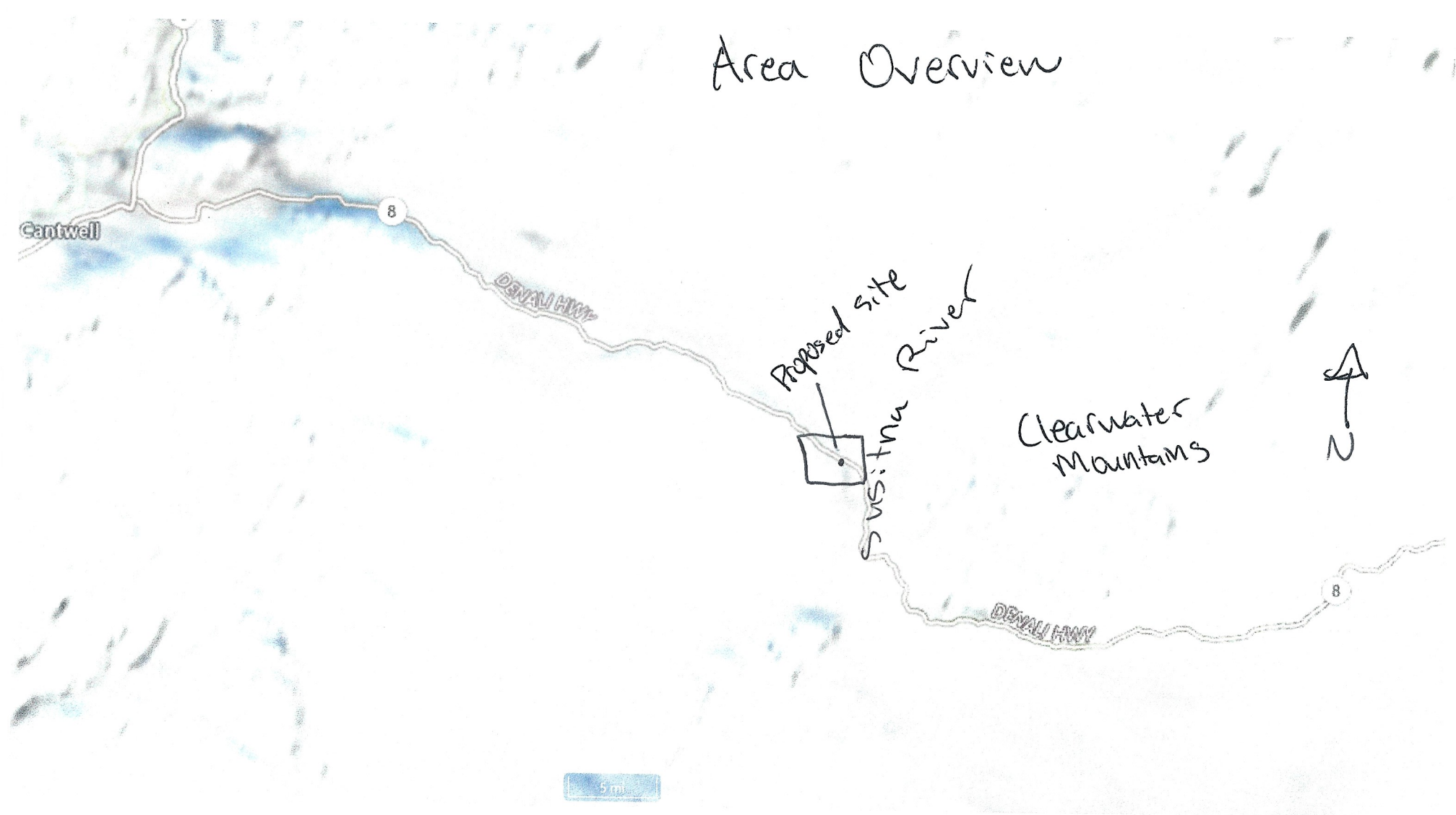
The proposed camp would include two modular temporary structures, one 8'x12' and one 12'x16' and one pit latrine. These temporary structures would be used for lodging clients and crew, and for storage of gear (tents, cots, etc.). Primary uses of the proposed camp are brown/grizzly bear hunting in April and June, and trapline tours through the winter (Dec, Jan, Feb).

The location of the camp was chosen for several reasons, but the primary factors are as follows:

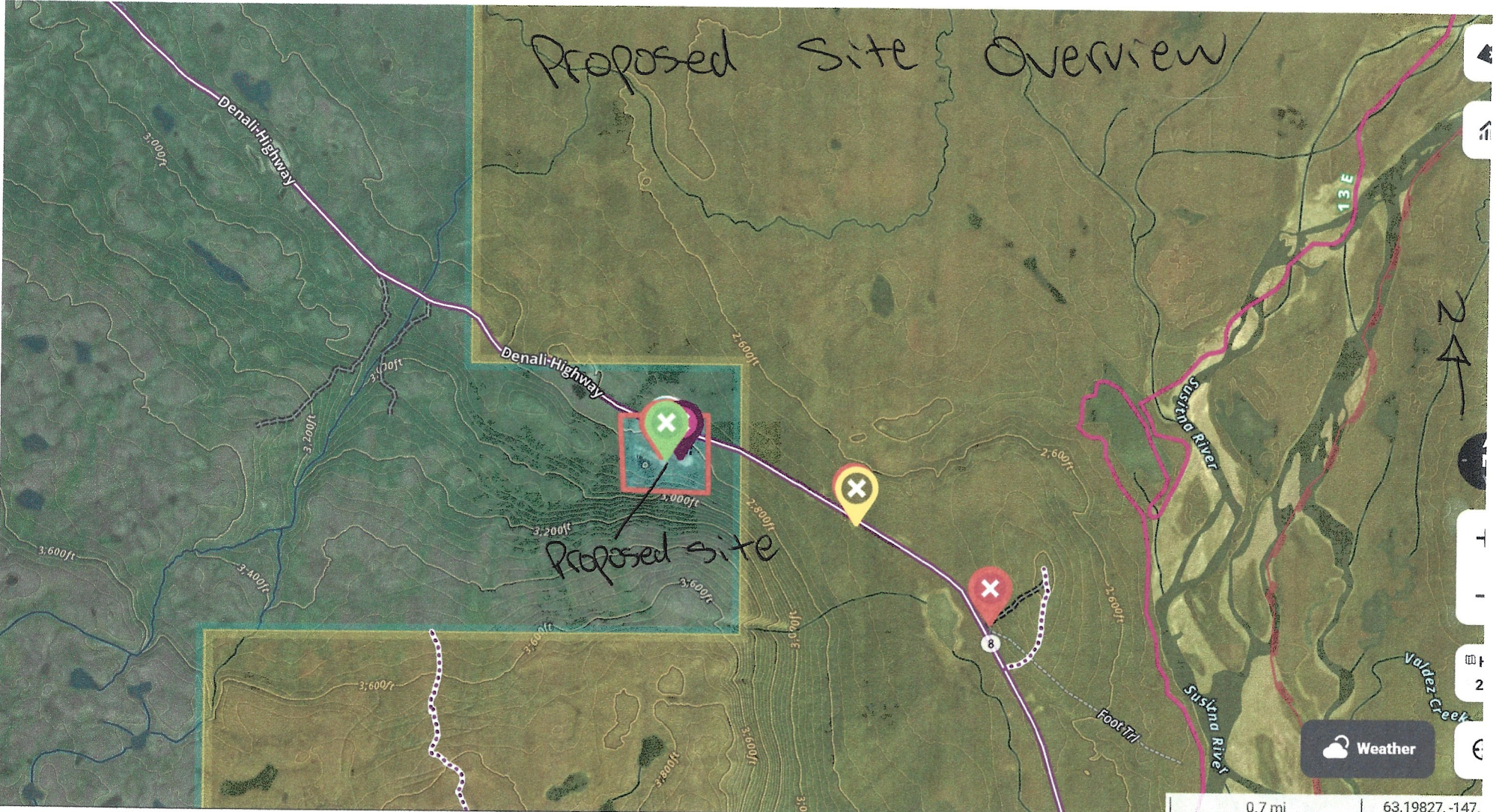
1. Though the camp is close to the Denali Highway, most of Legacy Guides and Outfitters' use of the area is through the winter and early spring, while the highway is closed and accessible only by plane or snowmachine. The nearest maintained road is close to 50 miles from the site. Proximity to the Denali Highway is necessary in the winter months due to the volume of food, water, and fuel that needs to be hauled in via snowmachine.
2. Intended uses of the camp are aligned with the area plan in effect. The site is managed by the Susitna area plan, Talkeetna Mountains Subregion, Unit 1 – Denali Highway. The site appears to be located in subunit 1b. The following is an excerpt from the Susitna Area Plan Management Intent and Guidelines for the subunit:

- a. “The area contains relatively dense stands of trees with potential to screen development from views from the highway and add to the attractiveness of the area for recreational/seasonal use. The plan does not recommend settlement in this area. Instead, the area should be used for hunting and other public uses, with some land being made available through leasing or where appropriate sale for commercial recreation development... These areas receive a tremendous amount of public use, particularly in hunting season, and existing facilities are often overcrowded.”
3. The site appears to be abandoned from previous use (overgrown gravel piles from light excavation, an old and overgrown two-track leading to the site, etc. – see photos). Thus, the proposed camp would not disturb an otherwise natural site, vegetation, animal traffic, etc.
4. Due to the area’s topography and overgrown trails leading to the site, it is not at all visible from the Denali Highway. Selected structure sites are behind berms and heavy stands of spruce trees that block any view from the road. The overgrown trail would not be improved to further avoid any visibility and reduce public trespass concern. Though the site is proximal to the highway, it would be difficult to find without coordinates or other knowledge of its existence.

# Area Overview



# Proposed Site Overview



Proposed site

0.7 mi 63.19827, -147.

# Site Development Diagram / Denali Highway

