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Coastal Region-Southeast Area Office
Draft Forest Land Use Plan

NW Coffman Timber Sale
SSE-1395 K
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Abbreviations

ADEC	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
ADF&G	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
ADNR	Alaska Department of Natural Resources
BIF	Best interest finding
DMLW	Division of Mining, Land and Water
DFFP	Division of Forestry & Fire Protection
FLUP	Forest Land Use Plan
FRPA	Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act
FYSTS	Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales
MBF	Thousand board feet
OHA	Office of History and Archeology
POG	Productive old growth
POW	Prince of Wales
POWIAP	Prince of Wales Island Area Plan
ROW	Right-of-way
SESF	Southeast State Forest
SESFMP	Southeast State Forest Management Plan
UA	University of Alaska
USFS	United States Forest Service

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I. Introduction

Project File Number: SSE-1393 K

Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Office: Southeast

Coastal Regional Forester: Greg Palmieri

Forest Practices Geographic Region (AS 41.17.950): Region I

This draft Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) covers proposed forest operations on approximately 350 acres of land on Prince of Wales Island, located on state lands between Grassy Lake and Coffman Cove on Prince of Wales Island. It is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed harvest of timber, and management of other non-timber uses in compliance with AS 38.05.112 and AS 41.17.060 and must be adopted by the DNR before the proposed activity can occur.

This draft Forest Land Use Plan is for timber sale(s) which have been determined to be in the best interest of the state pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) and AS 38.05.945. This draft FLUP does not determine whether or not to access and sell timber within the timber sale area, nor the method of sale. Those decisions have been made previously in the Best Interest Finding and are not appealable under this FLUP.

A draft of this plan is distributed to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for their review and comments relevant to the consistency of this proposed project with the statutes governing forest land use plans (AS 38.05.112) and the requirements of the Alaska Forest Resources & Practices Act (AS 41.17) and its Regulations (11 AAC 95).

The public and agencies are invited to comment on specific requirements for harvest, access, and reforestation operations in this draft FLUP. The decision on whether or not to offer timber for sale is made through the best interest finding process and is not subject to review under the FLUP. Objections or comments pertaining to the draft FLUP must be received in writing by the DFFP Southeast Area Office by **November 9, 2026**, in order to ensure consideration for review. Comments should be mailed to the State of Alaska, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901 or by email to dnr.dof.sse@alaska.gov. To be eligible to participate in any appeal or request for reconsideration to the final decision, a person must be affected by the decision and must have submitted comments to the preliminary decision during the comment period.

Other Documents are referenced in this FLUP. This timber sale is designed to be consistent with the management intent of the following documents:

- Alaska Forest Resources & Practices Act
- Prince of Wales Island Area Plan
- Southeast State Forest Management Plan
- NW Coffman Timber Sale Best Interest Finding SSE-1395-K

The administrative record for this sale is maintained at the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Southeast Area Office filed as SSE-1395 K.

A. Location, Access, and Legal Description

The sale area is located west of the community of Coffman Cove on Prince of Wales Island. The access to the area is via the POW road system, specifically the USFS Road 3030500 off the Coffman Cove Highway. The timber sale area is found within Sections 33, 34, & 35 Township 67 South, Range 81 East and Sections 2, 3, and 4 Township 68 South, Range 81 East, Copper River Meridian. The sale area is found within the Petersburg A-3 USGS quadrangle. See Appendix A1, Northwest Coffman Timber Sale SSE-1395 K, Area Map.

B. Operational Period

Approximately Winter 2026 through end of 2030.

C. Timber Disposal

The timber is sold to Viking Lumber Company, and the contract is administered by the State.

D. Objectives and Summary

1. To follow the Alaska Department of Natural Resources' (ADNR) constitutional mandate to encourage the development of the State's renewable resources, making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest;
2. To help the State's economy by providing royalties to the State in the form of stumpage receipts, an infusion to the State's economy through wages, purchases, jobs, and business.
3. To help the local economy of the communities within southern Southeast Alaska by creating additional jobs due to the combination of road building, logging, trucking and potentially milling.

II. Affected Landowners/Jurisdictions

A. State

Activity on ownership:	Access Easement	Harvest	Written Representative Approval
☒ Southeast State Forest	☐	☒	☐
☒ Other state land managed by DNR	☐	☒	☒
☐ University of Alaska	☐	☐	☐
☐ Mental Health Trust	☐	☐	☐
☐ School Trust	☐	☐	☐

B. Other Land Interests

Land Interest, Representative: USFS (3030500 Road).

III. Harvest Methods, Silvicultural Actions, and Management of Non-timber Resources

Forest operations will be designed to:

- Protect fish habitat and water quality in compliance with the best management practices in 11 AAC 95.260-.370,
- Manage for the other land uses and activities identified in AS 41.17.060 and the Best Interest Finding for this timber sale, and
- Ensure prompt reforestation and maintenance of site productivity in compliance with AS 41.17.060(c) and 11 AAC 95 .375-.390 in consultation with the primary DNR land manager, as required.

Harvest and Silvicultural Methods:

The silvicultural actions are described in this document, and no prescription was written or is necessary.

A. Timber Stand Description and History

The proposed harvest area is primarily composed of commercial forest with old growth characteristics. Western red cedar and western hemlock make up most of the commercial species along with minor components of Sitka spruce and Alaska yellow cedar. The timber identified in this sale is largely on poorly drained organic soils with steeper areas composed of metamorphic rock with igneous intrusions. The larger and better-quality timber is located on the well-drained soils with moderate terrain.

B. Timber Harvest Activities

Timber Harvest Activities are displayed in Table 1.

Table 1. Timber Harvest Activities

Unit-Setting ID	Acres	Topography	Silvicultural Action	Logging Method
1	117.2	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management	Shovel Logging
2	33.6	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management	Shovel Logging
4	129.9	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management	Shovel Logging
10	37.3	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management	Shovel Logging
11	18.4	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management	Shovel Logging
12	3.5	Flat	Even-aged Management	Shovel Logging
13	6.0	Flat	Even-aged Management	Shovel Logging
Total	346.2			

C. Site Preparation and Conditions

Site preparation will not be necessary. There will be sufficient soil disturbance by logging to forgo the need for additional ground scarification.

D. Slash Abatement

Scatter slash; accumulations will be kept to less than 2 feet in height. The operator will use slash for puncheon in shovel logging trails to protect soil from displacement, erosion and compaction. Accumulated slash not dispersed within the harvest area and exceeding 2 feet in height will be disposed of by the operator.

E. Soil Stability/Erosion/Mass Wasting

There are no indicators of unstable areas.
Maximum percent slopes are $\leq 50\%$

Percentage of sale area with slopes $>50\%$: 5%

F. Site Preparation and Conditions

Timber Harvest—Surface Water Protection

- ☒ Known surface waters and protection measures are described in Table 3 below. *Locations are included in the operational map in the Appendices.*

Table 3. Protection for Known Surface Waters

Unit	Waterbody Name	AS 41.17.950 Classification	ADF&G AWC #	Required Riparian Protection	Site-specific actions to minimize impacts on riparian area
All	Numerous and Unnamed	Non-classified surface waters	NA	Follow Best Management Practices (BMPS)	Split yard, site specific crossing approval of DFFP
1	Numerous and Unnamed	Resident Fish	NA	Follow BMPS. Fish	Split yard, fell timber away from stream
1-2, 4, 10-13	Numerous and Unnamed	Non-Cataloged Anadromous	NA	100 ft	Retain timber per AS 41.17.118(a)1(A) and B. Fish Habitat permit from ADFG required at crossings

Surface waters listed above were reviewed by the Department of Fish and Game:

- ☒ During the timber sale planning process
- ☒ During the agency review conducted for the Best Interest Finding for this sale
- ☒ During the drafting of this Forest Land Use Plan

Surface waters listed above were reviewed by the Department of Environmental Conservation:

- ☒ During the timber sale planning process
- ☒ During the agency review conducted for the Best Interest Finding for this sale

Non-classified surface waters are subject to applicable BMPs in 11 AAC 95.

Notes:

G. Wildlife Habitat

Wildlife species and allowances for their important habitats were addressed in writing by the Department of Fish & Game during the Best Interest Finding review.

Silvicultural practices to be applied to minimize impacts to wildlife habitat or wildlife management:

Snag Retention- snags or isolated trees left for cavity nesting species.

Other actions

Notes: To the extent that safety permits, Snags and obvious cull trees without Dwarf Mistletoe may at the purchaser's discretion be left standing at a density of three per acre. The intent is to provide bat roosting and bird habitat. Cull western red and yellow cedar snags are preferred over western hemlock.

Recommendations for fisheries and wildlife habitat protection by ADF&G to the proposal of activities in the BIF resulted in changes to the proposed harvest unit configurations. In several locations due to the extent and orientation of the tributaries, identified during the FLUP process as non-cataloged anadromous streams, additional timber outside the regulatory minimums has been identified to be retained. All road crossings of anadromous habitat made in this harvest design will require a permit from ADF&G. Harvest boundaries were adjusted to protect important wildlife habitat.

H. Cultural and Historical Resource Protection

This project was reviewed by the State Historic and Preservation Office (SHPO). No artifacts have been reported within the proposed timber sale.

I. Other Resources Affected by Timber Harvest and Management

- ☒ There are other resources and areas of concern besides surface water, fish habitat, and wildlife habitat that may be affected. Mitigations actions were addressed in the Best Interest Finding.

Table 4. Other Affected Resources / Areas of Concern

Impacted Resource	Reviewing Agency	Impact/ Mitigation Actions
Scenic	DFFP	None
Safety	DFFP	Public proximity/see notes

Notes: Warning signs shall be posted where harvest activity such as falling, yarding, or trucking are occurring adjacent to the existing road system.

J. Reforestation

Harvest type as it relates to reforestation requirement:

Even-age

Season of harvest:

All-season harvest

Regeneration type:

Natural regeneration

List species: Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*), western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*), western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*), and Alaska yellow cedar (*Callitropsis nootkatensis*).

IV. Roads and Crossing Structures

A. Road Design, Construction, and Maintenance

Roads will be designed, constructed, and maintained to prevent significant adverse impacts on water quality and fish habitat (AS 41.17.060(b)(5)), and site productivity (AS 41.17.060(c)(5)). Roads will comply with the best management practices in the Forest Resources and Practices Regulations (11 AAC 95.285 – 95.335). All roads used in this timber sale will conform at a minimum to the Division of Forestry Road Standards, site specific design may supersede this standard and will typically be specified and applied through the timber sale contract.

Roads or other means required for the access and removal of this timber from the harvest area(s) or unit(s) are listed in Table 5A and 5B.

Table 5A. Road Reconstruction

Road ID	Segment	Harvest Unit	Mile**	Road Class	Reconstructed By	Maintained By
3030505	10	All	0.223	Spur	Purchaser	Purchaser
3030506	10	All	0.408	Spur	Purchaser	Purchaser

Table 5B. New Road Construction and Use

Road ID	Segment	Harvest Unit	Mile**	Road Class	Maximum Grade %	Constructed By	Maintained By
3030506	20	All	0.600	Spur	15	Purchaser	Purchaser
3030506	30	1, 2, 10-13	0.355	Spur	15	Purchaser	Purchaser

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Road ID	Segment	Harvest Unit	Mile**	Road Class	Maximum Grade %	Constructed By	Maintained By
3030506	40	1, 2, 10-13	0.790	Spur	18	Purchaser	Purchaser
3030506	50	2, 10-13	1.000	Spur	18	Purchaser	Purchaser
3030506	60	10 & 11	0.202	Spur	15	Purchaser	Purchaser
30305061	10	1	0.111	Spur	18	Purchaser	Purchaser
3030507	10	1 & 4	0.943	Spur	18	Purchaser	Purchaser
3030507	20	4	0.035	Spur	5	Purchaser	Purchaser
3030507	30	4	0.276	Spur	5	Purchaser	Purchaser
30305075	10	4	0.103	Spur	15	Purchaser	Purchaser
30305075	20	4	0.078	Spur	5	Purchaser	Purchaser
30305076	10	4	0.032	Spur	15	Purchaser	Purchaser
30305077	10	4	.189	Spur	18	Purchaser	Purchaser
Blue Whale Road	10	10	.393	Spur	18	Purchaser	Purchaser
Total			5.75		18	Purchaser	Purchaser

Road Class is as defined in the DOF Road Standards.

**Note: Roads must be less than 20% grade per 8 AAC 61.1060 Additional Logging Standards.*

*** One station equals 100 feet. One mile equals 5,280 feet.*

Notes:

B. Road Erosion / Mass Wasting

Maximum percentage slopes of roads: 25%

☒ Maximum percent side slopes are $\leq 50\%$

C. Crossing Structures

Are you removing or replacing drainage structures? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Crossing structures will be placed in access roads as described in the table below:

Table 6. Required Drainage and Crossing Structures on Known Surface Waters

Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Bridge Length (ft.) or Culvert Diameter (in.)	Structure Type	AS 41.17.950 Stream Classification	ADF&G AWC Number	Duration of crossing structure in place
3030505	10	00+00	18 IN	CPP	Ditch Line Surface Water	NA	Ten years after timber harvest (*)
3030505	10	06+08	18 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*
3030505	10	08+32	24 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*
3030505	10	10+12	18 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*
3030506	10	02+22	36 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*
3030506	10	07+50	24 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030506	10	13+11	18 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*
3030506	10	18+23	18 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*
3030506	20	26+83	48 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030506	20	27+45	60 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030506	20	28+32	60 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030506	20	31+21	36 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030506	20	37+21	18 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*
3030506	20	47+61	18 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030506	30	59+28	24 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030506	30	61+74	18 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*
3030506	30	65+32	18 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030506	30	71+10	24 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*

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Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Bridge Length (ft.) or Culvert Diameter (in.)	Structure Type	AS 41.17.950 Stream Classification	ADF&G AWC Number	Duration of crossing structure in place
3030506	40	80+90	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
3030506	40	81+18	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
3030506	40	82+02	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
3030506	40	85+67	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
3030506	40	86+04	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
3030506	40	97+46	36 IN	CPP	Uncatalogued Anadromous	NA	*
3030506	50	149+15	24 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030506	50	157+11	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
3030506	50	165+76	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
3030506	60	169+31	48 IN	CPP	Uncatalogued Anadromous	NA	*
3030507	10	04+94	18 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030507	10	10+38	18 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030507	10	19+47	18 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*
3030507	10	32+31	24 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
3030507	10	40+45	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
3030507	10	49+38	18 IN	CPP	<12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
30305075	10	00+84	18 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	End of Harvest
Blue Whale Road	10	08+03	18 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*
Blue Whale Road	10	09+31	18 IN	CPP	Surface Water	NA	*

Corrugated Plastic Pipe (CPP)

D. Road Closure

Roads constructed for the timber sale that are left open will be subject to maintenance standards under 11 AAC 95.315. Otherwise, roads constructed for the timber sale will be closed, subject to standards under 11 AAC 95.320.

Table 7. Road Closures

Road ID	Segment	Unit	Closure Type All Season/Winter	Estimated Closure Date	Projected Road Use after Timber Harvest
30305061	10	1	FRPA Closure	Timber Sale Termination	Firewood/Shake/Shingle Salvage
30305075	10	4	FRPA Closure	Timber Sale Termination	Firewood/Shake/Shingle Salvage
30305075	20	4	FRPA Closure	Timber Sale Termination	Firewood/Shake/Shingle Salvage
30305076	10	4	FRPA Closure	Timber Sale Termination	Firewood/Shake/Shingle Salvage
30305077	10	4	FRPA Closure	Timber Sale Termination	Firewood/Shake/Shingle Salvage

E. Material Extraction

- ☒ Material extraction and associated overburden disposal will be located outside of riparian areas and muskegs. Material extraction and disposal will be in a manner that prevents runoff from entering surface waters. All material sites will require the submittal of site plans and prior approval of the DFFP. Where feasible rock borrow for the road construction shall be developed from adjacent to the access roads constructed and used to access the timber sale.

****Other:**

Rock used in the construction of the roads shall be preapproved by the DFFP. Rock samples from a proposed pit, or the designated rock source identified in the BIF, must be cleared of acidic leaching minerals according to required standards before a material can be approved for use on the road system. As a result, all pits developed associated with this sale are subject to site specific approval by the DFFP.

F. Other Resources Affected by Roads or Material Extraction

List resources other than water, habitat or cultural resources potentially impacted by road construction, and indicate how impacts will be mitigated. Other affected resources could be, but are not limited to mining claims, scenic areas, recreational trails, etc.

Table 8. Other Affected Resources

Impacted Resource	Reviewing Agency	Impact / Mitigation Actions
USFS Managed 3030500	USFS	Degradation of surface and traffic safety precipitated from heavy slower truck traffic/

V. Approvals

This Draft Forest Land Use Plan has been reviewed by the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection and provides the information necessary to be adopted by the Department of Natural Resources as required by AS 38.05.112.

Coastal Regional Forester
Division of Forestry and Fire Protection

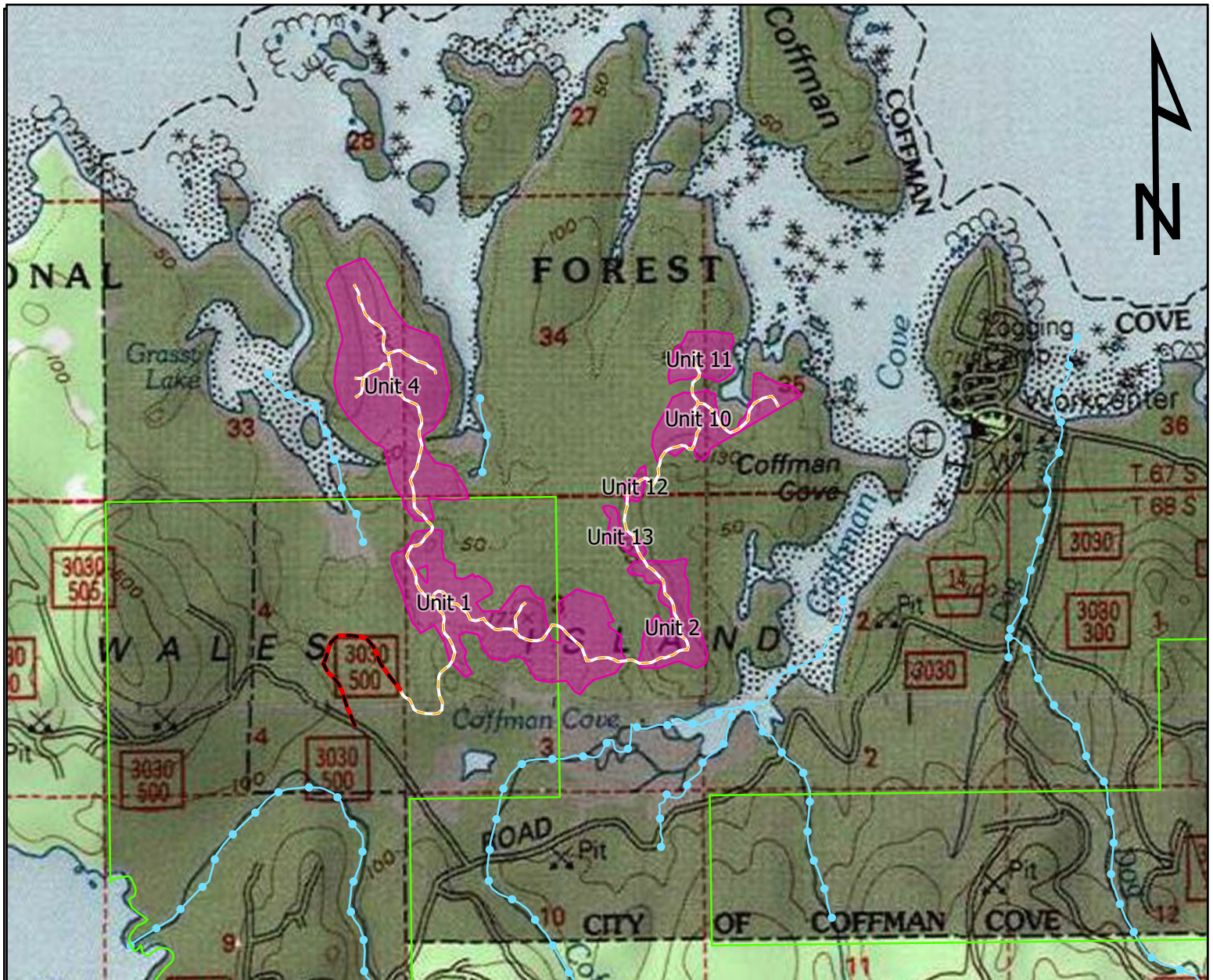
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If you have any questions, please contact the Southeast Area Office at (907) 225-3070 or e-mail dnr.dof.sse@alaska.gov.

A. *Appendix A: Timber Sale Maps*

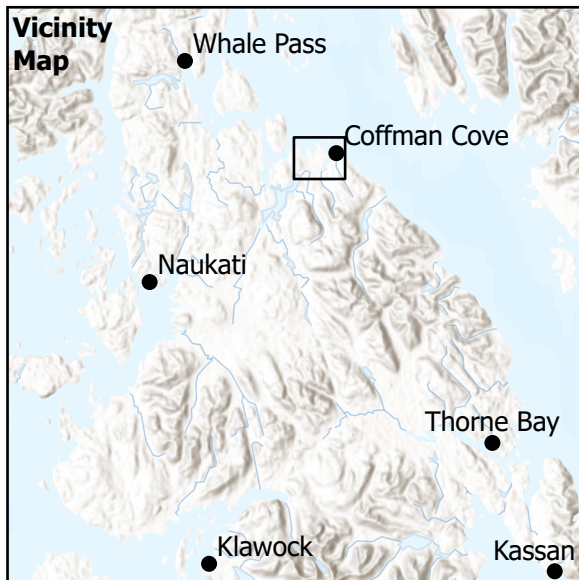
Appendix A1 Vicinity Map (1 page)

Appendix A2 Unit Maps (4 pages)



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1 IN = 0.5 mile

T061S R81E & T062S T081E, Copper River Meridian



Vicinity Map: 1 IN = 15 miles

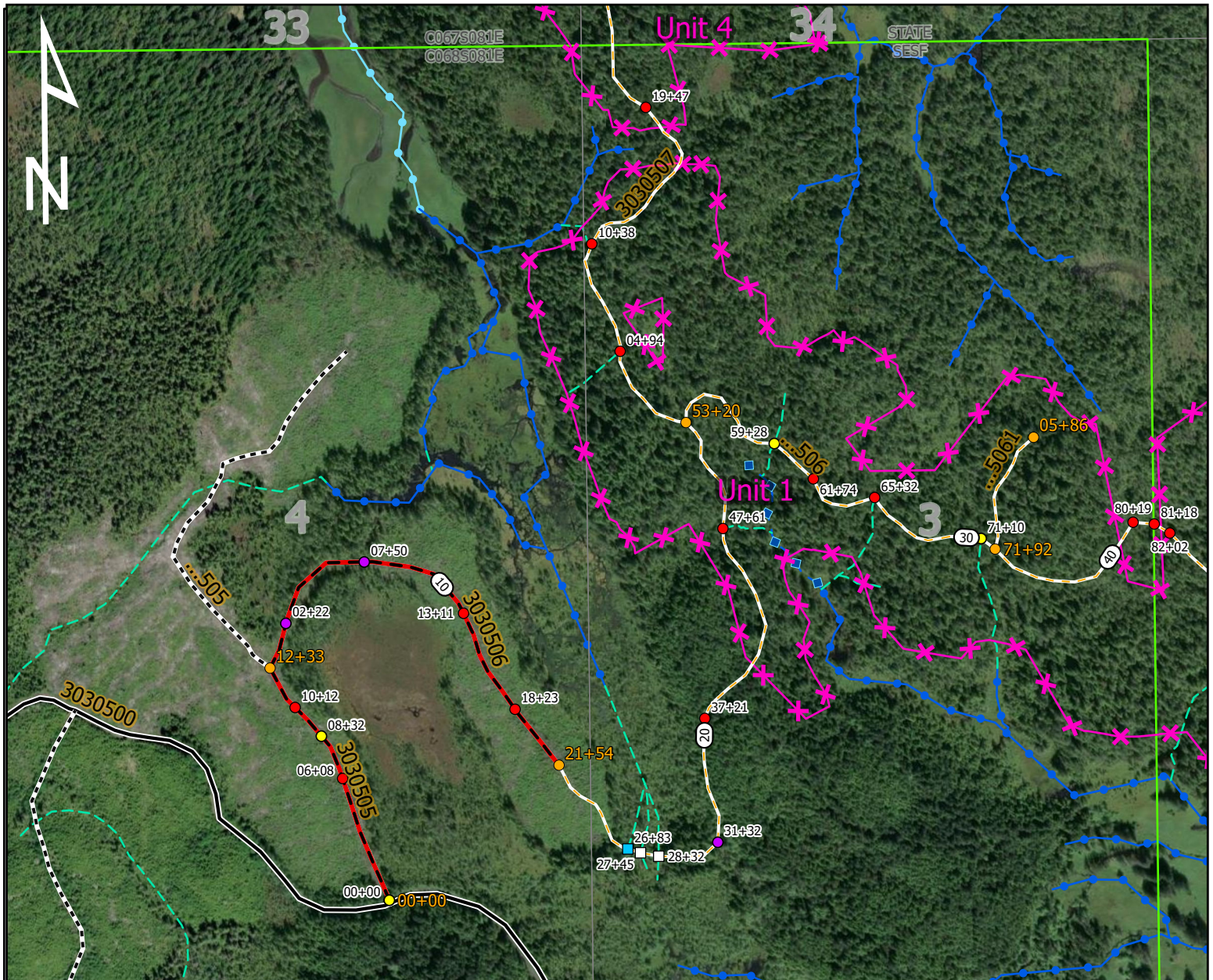
APPENDIX A1 NORTHWEST COFFMAN TIMBER SALE SSE-1395 K AREA MAP

Legend

- Proposed Units
- State Forest
- Proposed Roads
- Road Reconstruction
- Cataloged Anadromous Streams



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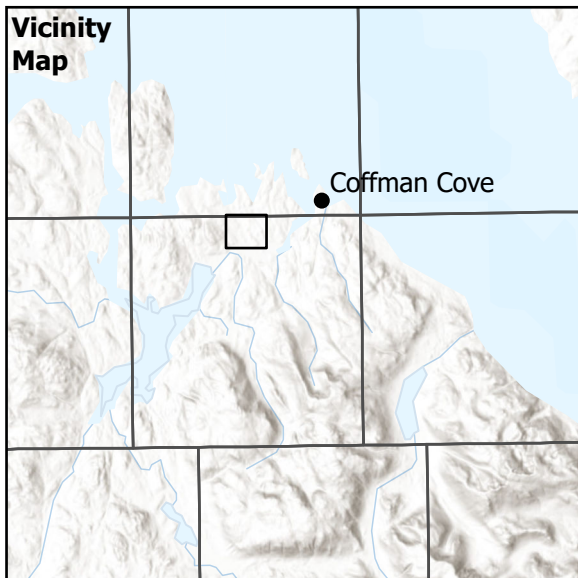
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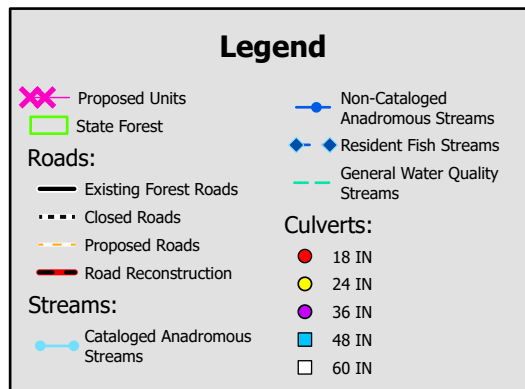
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NORTHWEST COFFMAN TIMBER SALE SSE-1395 K UNIT 1 WEST



Vicinity Map: 1 IN = 5 miles

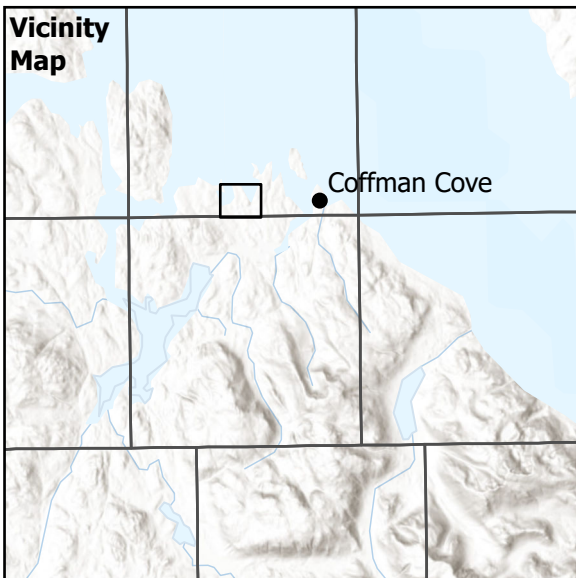




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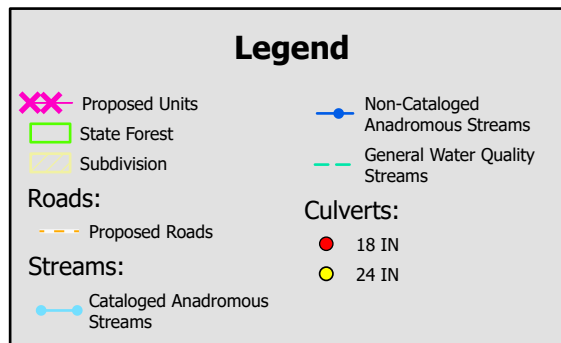
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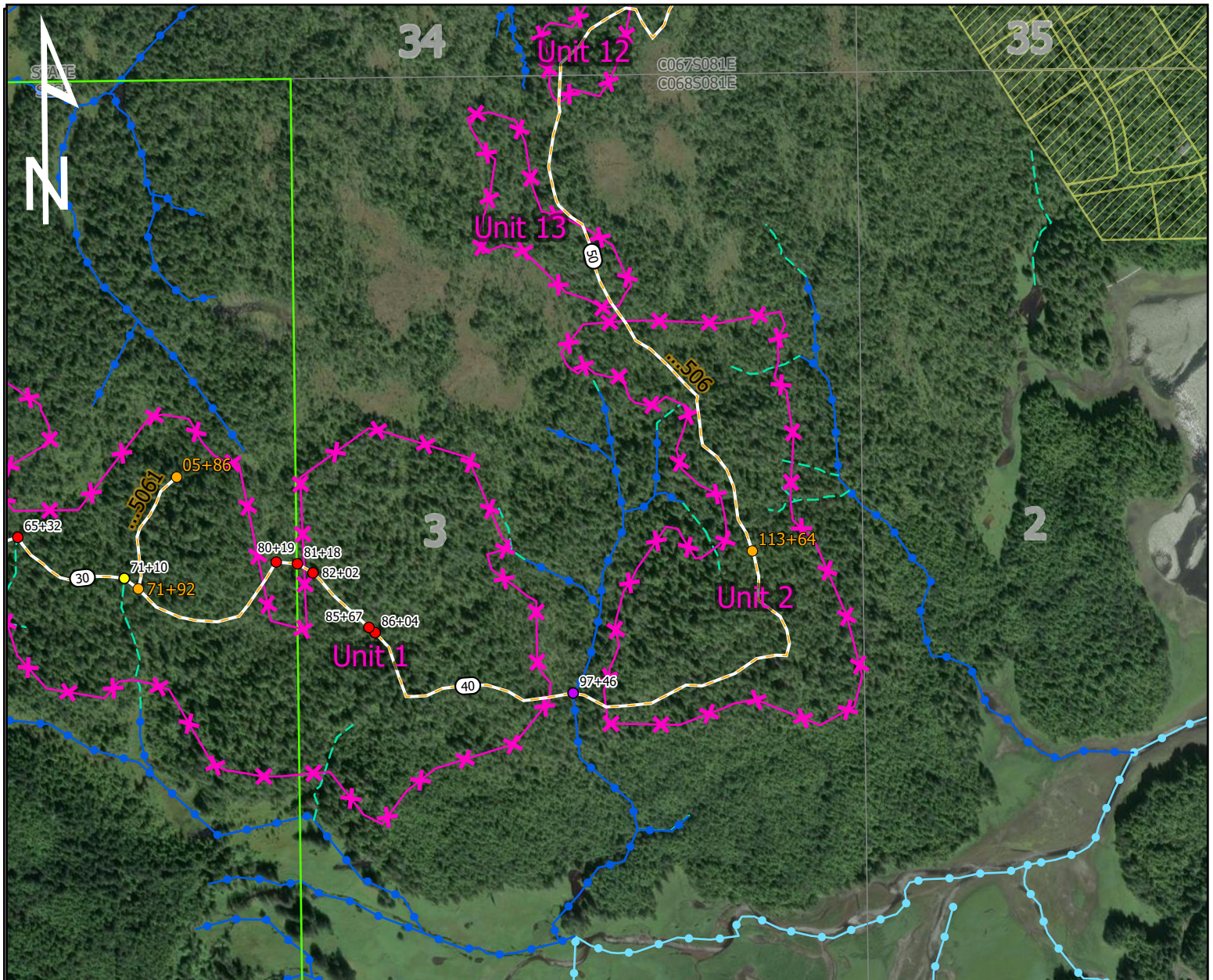
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UNIT 4



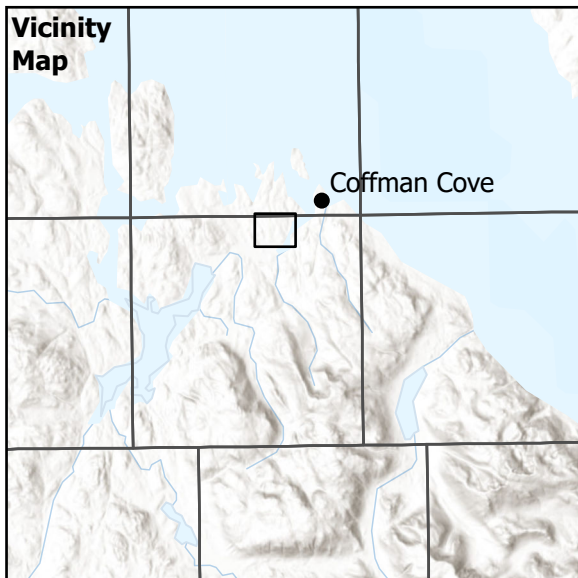
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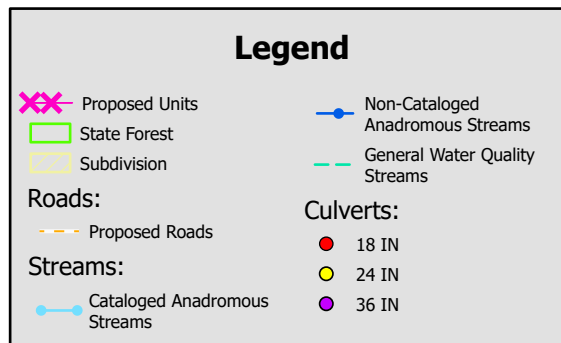
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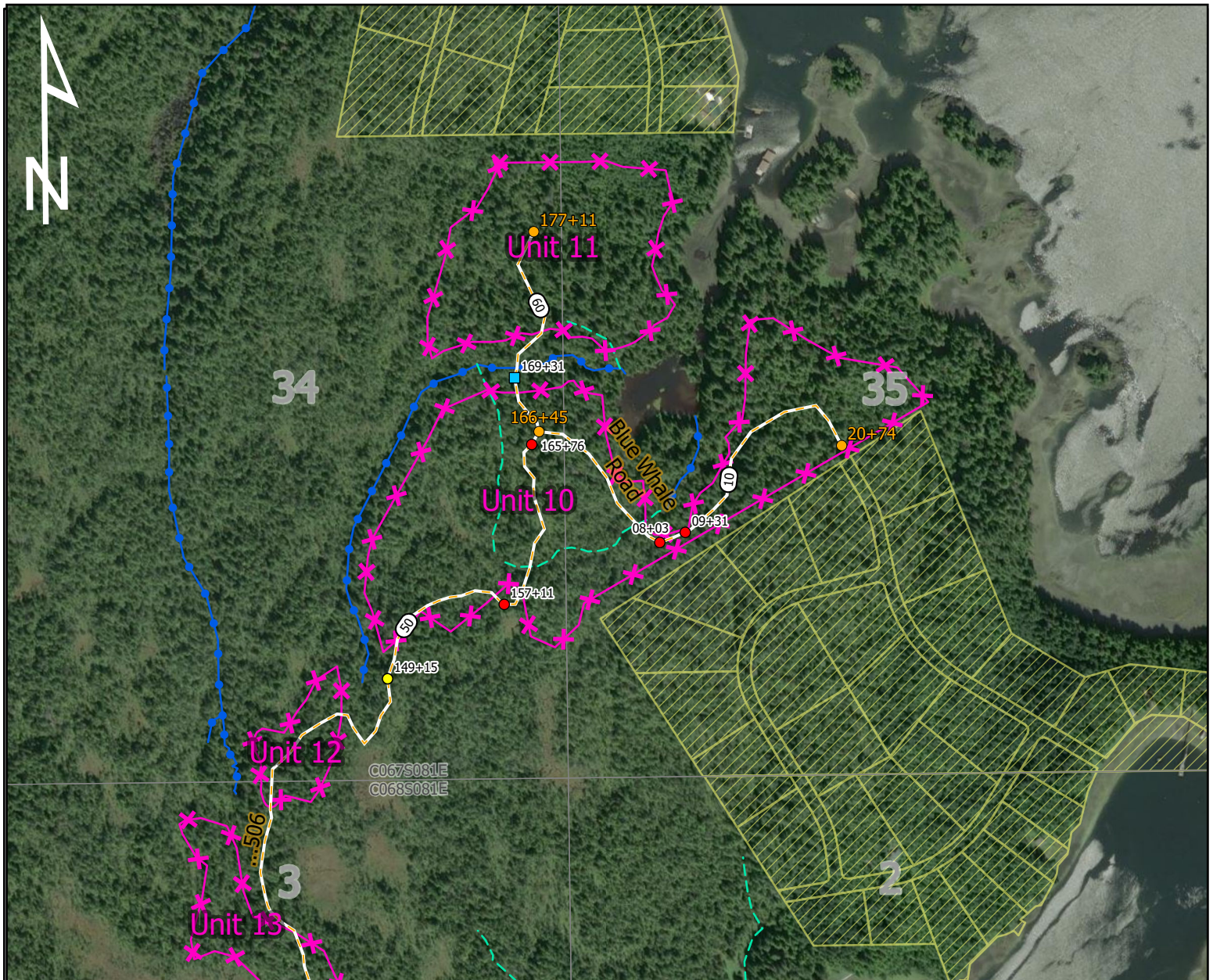
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UNIT 1 EAST, UNIT 2, & UNIT 13





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1 IN = 700 feet

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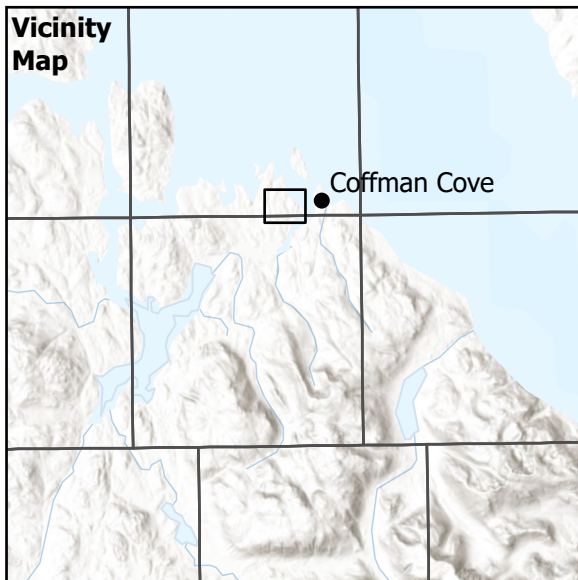
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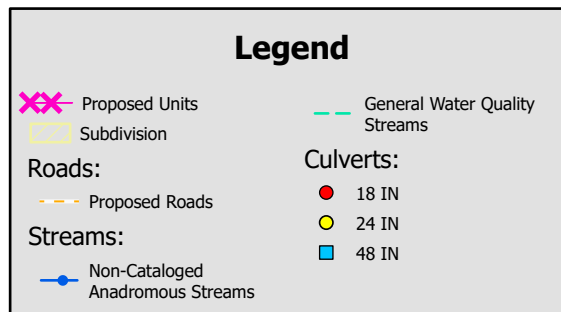
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UNITS 10, 11, & 12



Vicinity Map: 1 IN = 5 miles



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B. Appendix B: Supporting Information

Note: Silvicultural and stand information has also been described in the BIF.

Alaska Forest Practices and Regulations.

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/forestpractices>

Forest Road Standards.

[http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/pdfs/resources/forest road standard design 20151231.pdf](http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/pdfs/resources/forest_road_standard_design_20151231.pdf)

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