



**Forest Order No. STF-16-2020-10**  
**Stanislaus National Forest**  
**Motor Vehicle Use Map - Season of Use Closure Extension**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety, the following act is prohibited within the Summit and Calaveras Ranger Districts of the Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from June 5, 2020, through June 30, 2020.

Using a motor vehicle on the National Forest System roads listed below and shown on Exhibits A and B.

1. Forest Road No. 4N12 (Herring Creek Road) from the intersection of 18EV463, continuing in a north easterly direction, then circling back to the south, then west, until 4N12 intersects with itself.
2. Forest Road No. 5N01 (Eagle Meadow Road) from the gate located near Eagle Creek continuing eastward until the road terminus.
3. Forest Road No. 4N34 (Gooseberry Road)
4. Forest Road No. 4N47
5. Forest Road No. 7N17

36 CFR 261.54(a).


Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions contained in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Sonora, CA, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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Jason Kuiken  
Forest Supervisor  
Stanislaus National Forest



File Code: 1010  
Route To: (1950)

Date: June 5, 2020

Subject: Forest Order No. STF-16-2020-10, Summit & Calaveras Ranger District's MVUM Season of Use Closure Revision / Extension to June 30, 2020

To: Project Files

From: Jason Kuiken, Forest Supervisor

I previously issued Forest Order No. STF-16-2020-04 to keep several high-elevation roads closed beyond April 15, the scheduled end to our Motorized Visitor Use Map (MVUM) Season of Use. Upon execution, Forest Order No. STF-16-2020-10 will replace Forest Order STF-16-2020-04. A recent review of the current conditions of several high-elevation roads indicates that many of the previously closed roads may now be open for public use.

During the winter of 2019-2020, the Stanislaus National Forest (STF) experienced average snowfall overall. After initial storm cycles in late December and January, February was a record dry month. However, spring storms in March and April were not only heavy in precipitation but included several high-wind events as well. Many trees came down causing several days of power outages throughout the area. As a result, late winter snow accumulations and downed trees across forest roads continue to prevent safe travel on some roads in the high-elevation zones subject to seasonal closures. These roads were not passable to motorized vehicles by the scheduled road opening date of April 15. From April 15 – May 1, these roads remained closed due to other COVID-19 road and area closures in place on the STF. Forest Order STF 16-2020-04 was issued May 1 and provided for ongoing closure to a number of high-elevation roads through June 30, 2020.

As a result of the review of current conditions, I have decided to extend the seasonal road closure from June 5, 2020 through June 30, 2020, for the following roads only:

**Summit Ranger District**

1. Forest Road No. 4N12 (Herring Creek Road, partial)
2. Forest Road No. 5N01 (Eagle Meadow Road, partial)
3. Forest Road No. 4N34 (Gooseberry Road)
4. Forest Road No. 4N47

**Calaveras Ranger District**

1. Forest Road No. 7N17



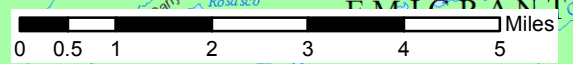
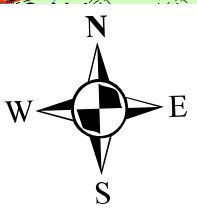
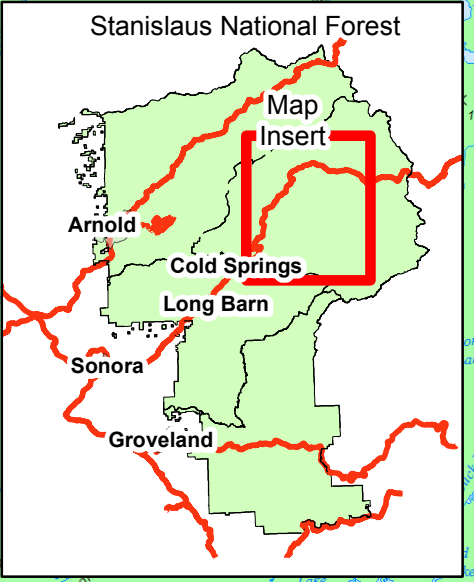
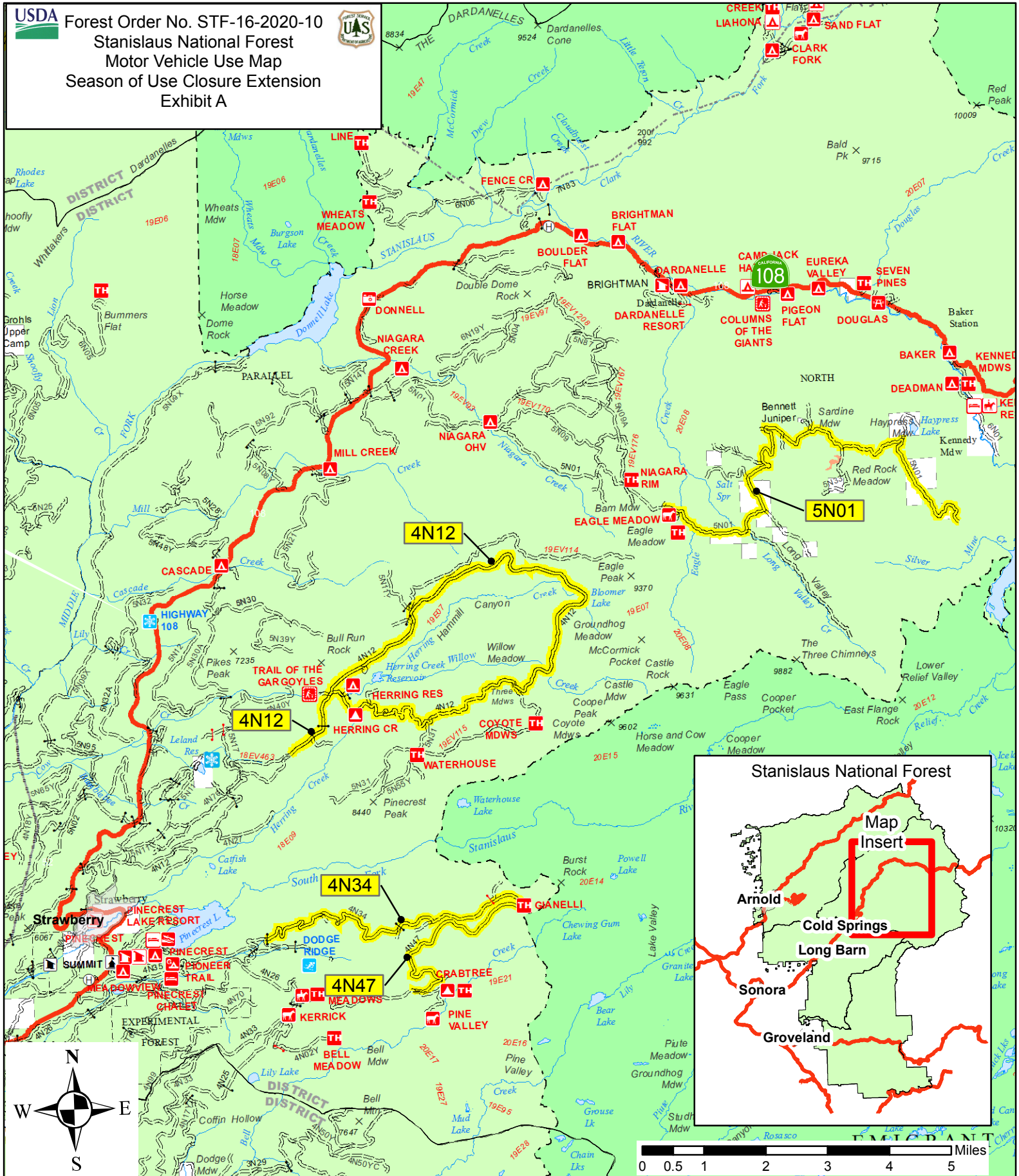
This order will be in effect until June 30, 2020, or until I determine the roads are sufficiently clear of snow and downed trees to allow for safe travel and to protect resources and roads from damage.

The purpose of this closure is to protect members of the public. My staff has determined that anticipated effects of this proposed action would be administrative in nature. Contacts with local community leaders and area permittees were favorable. The Forest Service will install signs and post notices to alert the public to these prohibitions.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

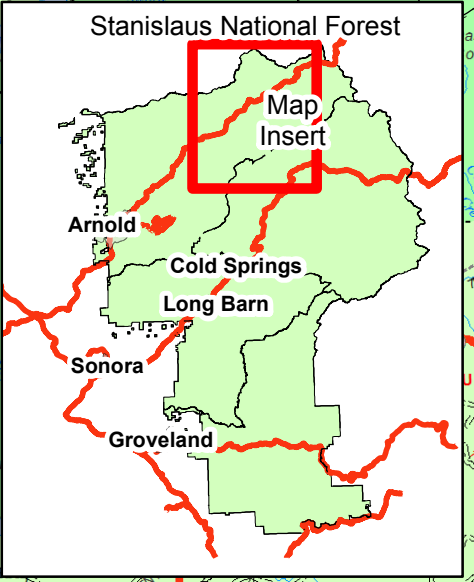
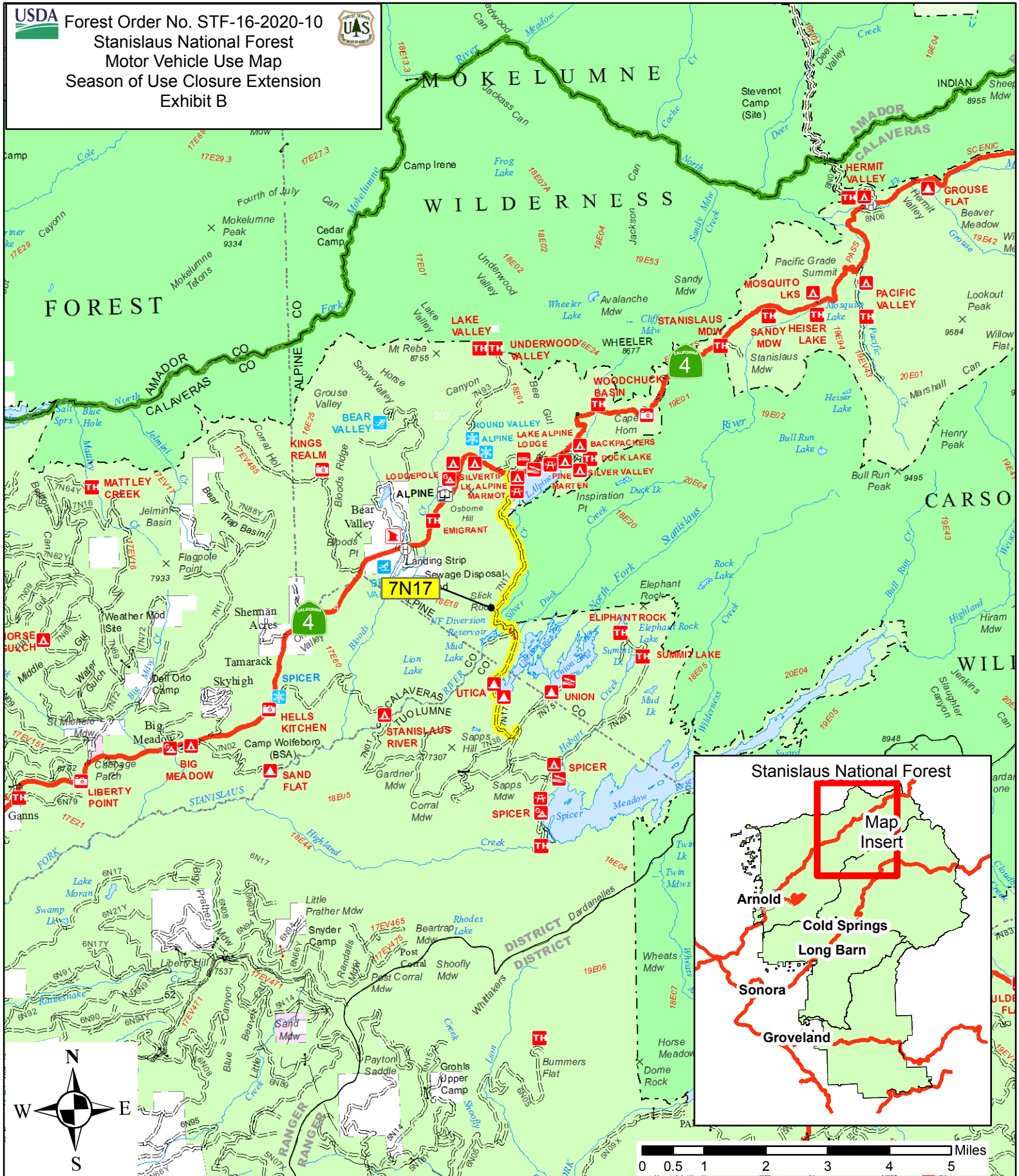
cc: Mike Cone, Sarah LaPlante, Ray Cablayan, Andy Welsh

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 Exhibit A



**Legend**  
 - - - - Forest Roads    - - - - Closed Roads    - - - - Highway

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**Exhibit B**



**Legend**  
 === Forest Roads    == Closed Roads    — Highway