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Date: June 2, 2021

Greetings,

The Black Hills National Forest, Northern Hills Ranger District (NHRD), has identified five unclassified roads that are currently being used daily by the landowners whose properties are accessed by the roads. A Federal Land and Policy Management Act Private Road Special Use Authorization will bring the landowners into compliance with our current regulations. Each of these proposals will be evaluated independently, they are included together here in the interest of efficiency.

The landowners who use the Crested Place Road, the Tract G U-road, or the Tract H U-road have requested 20-year Private Road Special Use Permits.

The landowner using the Diamond R. Trust U-road has requested a five-year Private Road Special Use Permit.

The landowners using the M.S. 1135 U-road have requested an easement.

Additional information on this proposal is found in the attached scoping notice and maps.

I am writing to inform you of this proposal and to solicit your comments on it. My preliminary assessment is that this proposal falls within a category of actions listed in regulations at 36 CFR 220.6 that are excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) and that no extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude use of a categorical exclusion. Specifically, this project falls under 36 CFR 220.6(e)(3), which categorically excludes the "approval, modification, or continuation of special uses that require less than five acres of NFS lands."

Projects of this nature require the issuance of a decision memo but are not subject to objection. While the decision made on the project is final, all comments received on the proposed action will be considered prior to making a decision. To make the best use of any comments, we request that you submit them within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Please submit comments regarding this project to me at 2014 N. Main St., Spearfish, SD 57783. You may also submit comments via e-mail (comments-rocky-mountain-black-hills-northern-hills@fs.fed.us), telephone (605-642-4622), or fax (605-642-4156). I can be reached at the phone number listed above, Monday through Friday, generally between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Mountain time. When submitting comments electronically, please include "Roads Special Use Authorizations" in the subject line.





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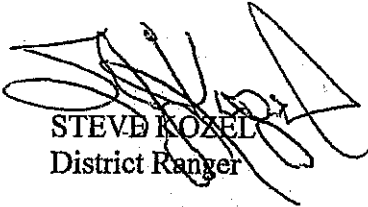
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Northern Hills Ranger District

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



STEVE KOZEL
District Ranger

Enclosure: Scoping Notice, Map



Private Road Use Special Use Authorization Scoping Notice

Black Hills National Forest
Northern Hills Ranger District
Lawrence County, South Dakota

Purpose of and Need for Action

Residents of privately owned property within the forest boundary have been making use of and maintaining five unclassified roads on National Forest Service (NFS) land. A Federal Land and Policy Management Act Private Road Special Use Authorization will bring the landowners into compliance with our current regulations.

Proposed Action

The proposed action is to issue a Special Use Authorization to the landowners who make use of these roads. Daily use of the roads will occur for access to private property. Use of the roads would occur year-round. Maintenance operations including blading, graveling, ditch maintenance, road surface repair, and snowplowing will occur as needed. Further details for each of the five roads is listed below.

M.S. 1135 FLPMA: A U-road headed southwest from Galena Road to M.S. 1135 Winifred Lode private property. The location of this road is in T4N R4E Section 17 NW $\frac{1}{4}$. The road is 615 feet long, with a permit width of 66 feet. The total permit area is 1 acre. The request for this road is for an easement.

Crested Place Road FLPMA: The first road headed northwest from Chinese Court (NFSR 044.1A). The location of this road is T4N R4E Section 16 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Section 17 SE $\frac{1}{4}$. The road is 1254 feet long, with a permit width of 66 feet. The total permit area is 2 acres. The request for this road is a 20-year Private Road Special Use Permit.

Diamond R. Trust FLPMA: A U-road headed south from Highway 385 to private property. The location of this road is T3N R4E Section 7 SE $\frac{1}{4}$. The road is 35 feet long, with a permit width of 66 feet. The total permit area is 2200 square feet, less than $\frac{1}{10}$ th acre. The request for this road is a five-year Private Road Special Use Permit.

Tract G HES88 FLPMA: The first U-road headed south off of Cabin Springs Lane (NFSR 135.1A). The location of this road is T3N R5E Section 4 SW $\frac{1}{4}$. The road length is 316 feet, with a permit width of 66 feet. The total permit area is 0.6 acres. The request for this road is a 20-year Private Road Special Use Permit. A FS-7700 Road Use Permit will be issued to this landowner to allow for the snowplowing of NFSR 135.1A for the same length of time.

Tract H HES88 FLPMA: The second U-road headed south off of Cabin Springs Lane (NFSR 135.1A). The location of the road is T3N R5E Section 4 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Section 5 SE $\frac{1}{4}$. The road length is 898 feet, of which 542 feet is NFSR 135.1A. Permit width on NFSR 135.1A is 20 feet; permit width on the private road is 66 feet. Total permit area is 1 acre. The request for this road is a 20-year Private Road Special Use Permit.

Each of the authorizations would apply only to those activities that occur on the Black Hills National Forest. Any activities on other National Forests or on lands administered by other agencies would require the approval of those entities.

National Environmental Policy Act Compliance

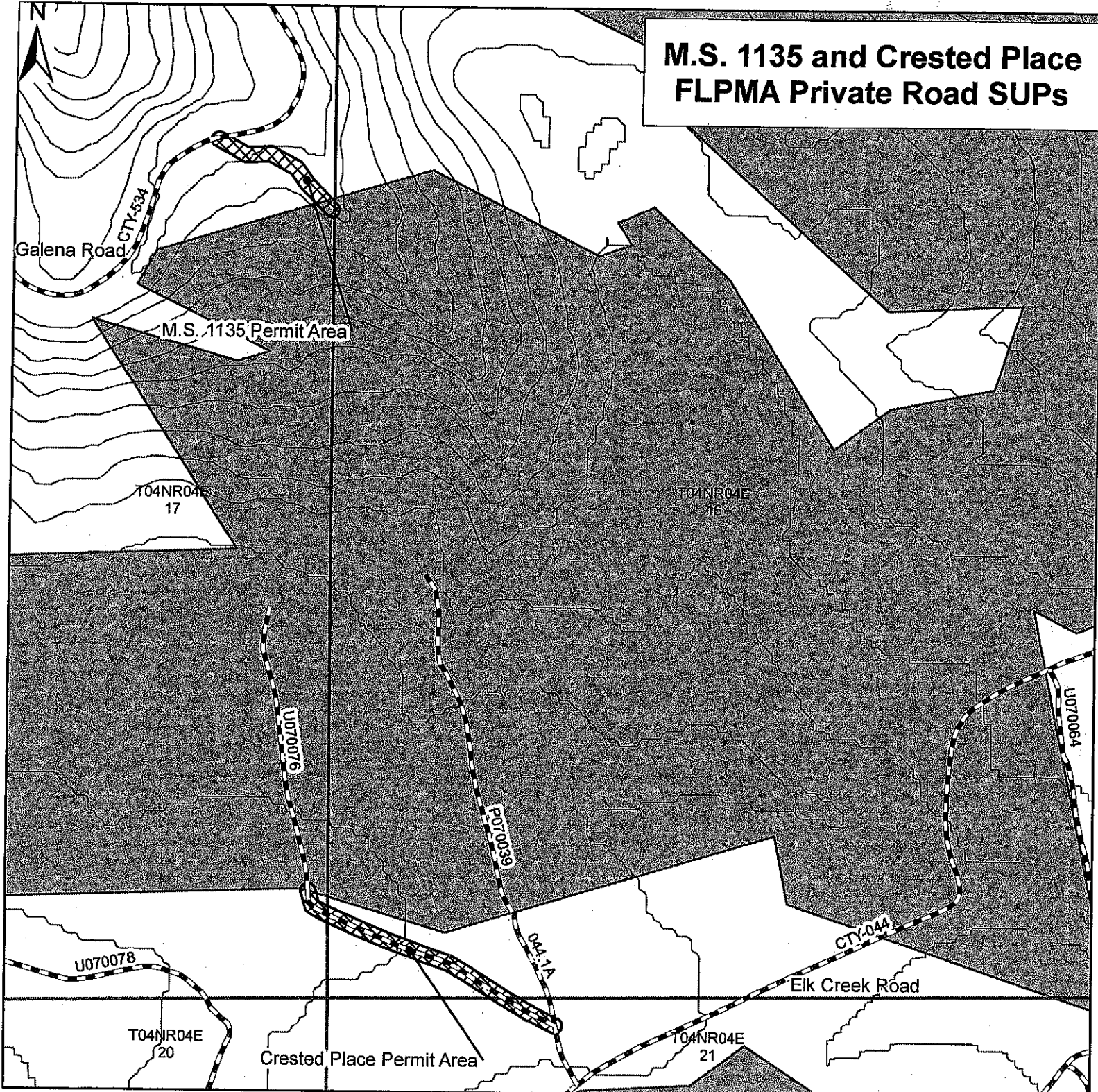
Projects of this nature may be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) per provisions at 36 CFR 220.6 provided no extraordinary circumstances exist. Specifically, "Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses of NFS lands that require less than five acres of land" may be categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS under 36 CFR 220.6(e)(3). A decision memo is required, but categorically excluded projects are not subject to objection.

Based on the input received during the project scoping period and review by agency resource specialists the responsible official, District Ranger Steve Kozel, will determine whether to authorize this activity.

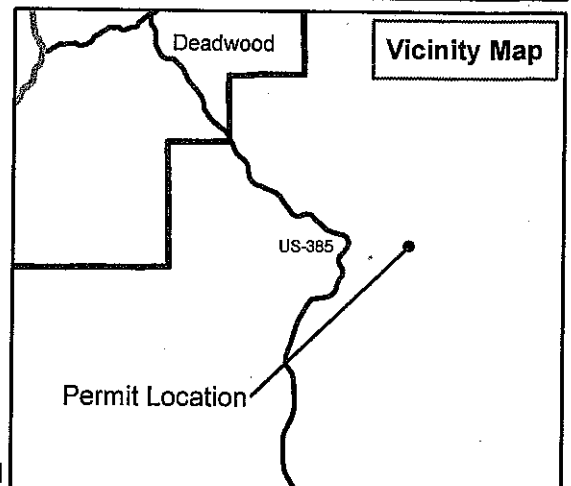
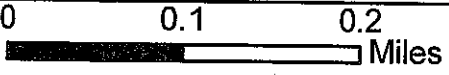
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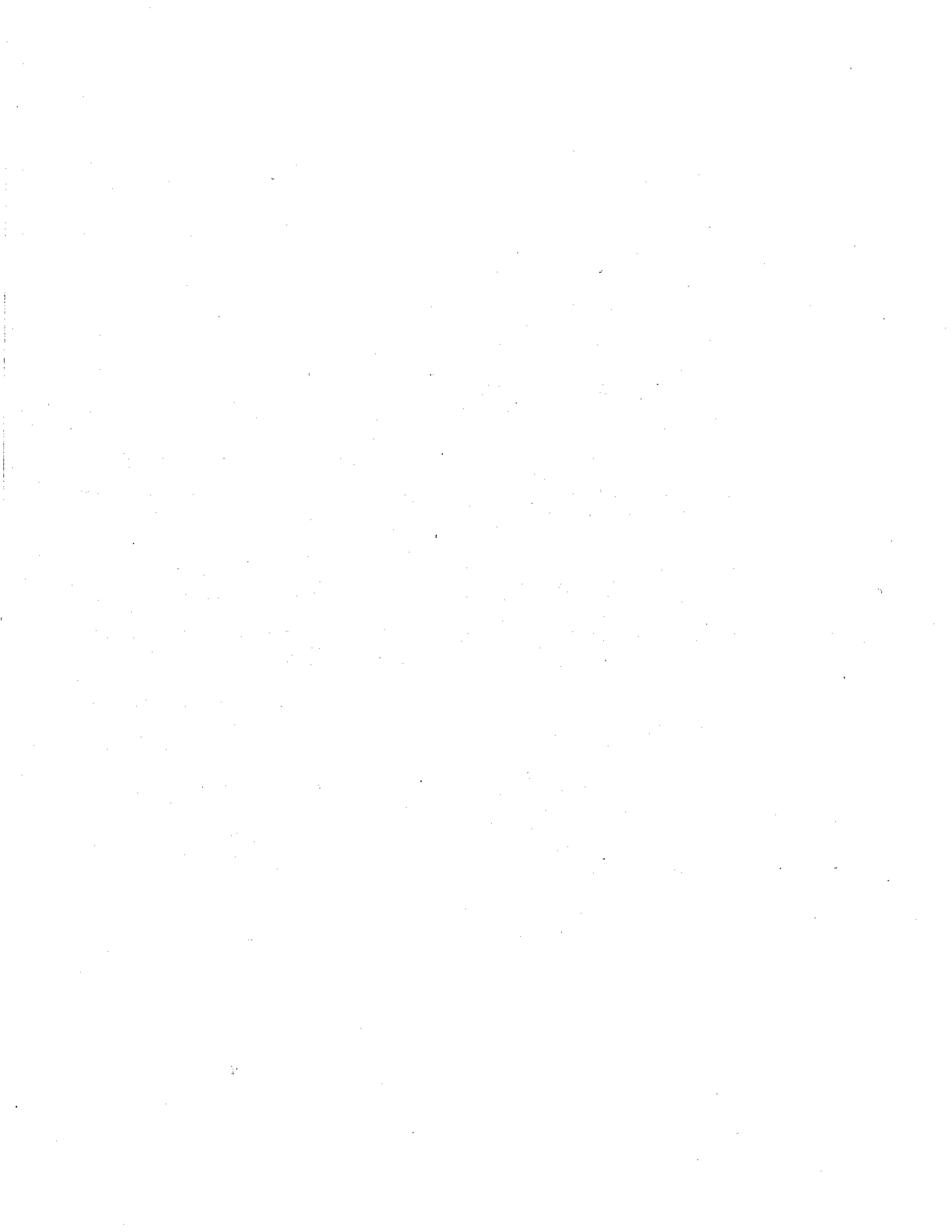
For more information about this project please contact Callie Ackerman-Jasper (Lands Specialist) at (605) 443-3077.

M.S. 1135 and Crested Place FLPMA Private Road SUPs

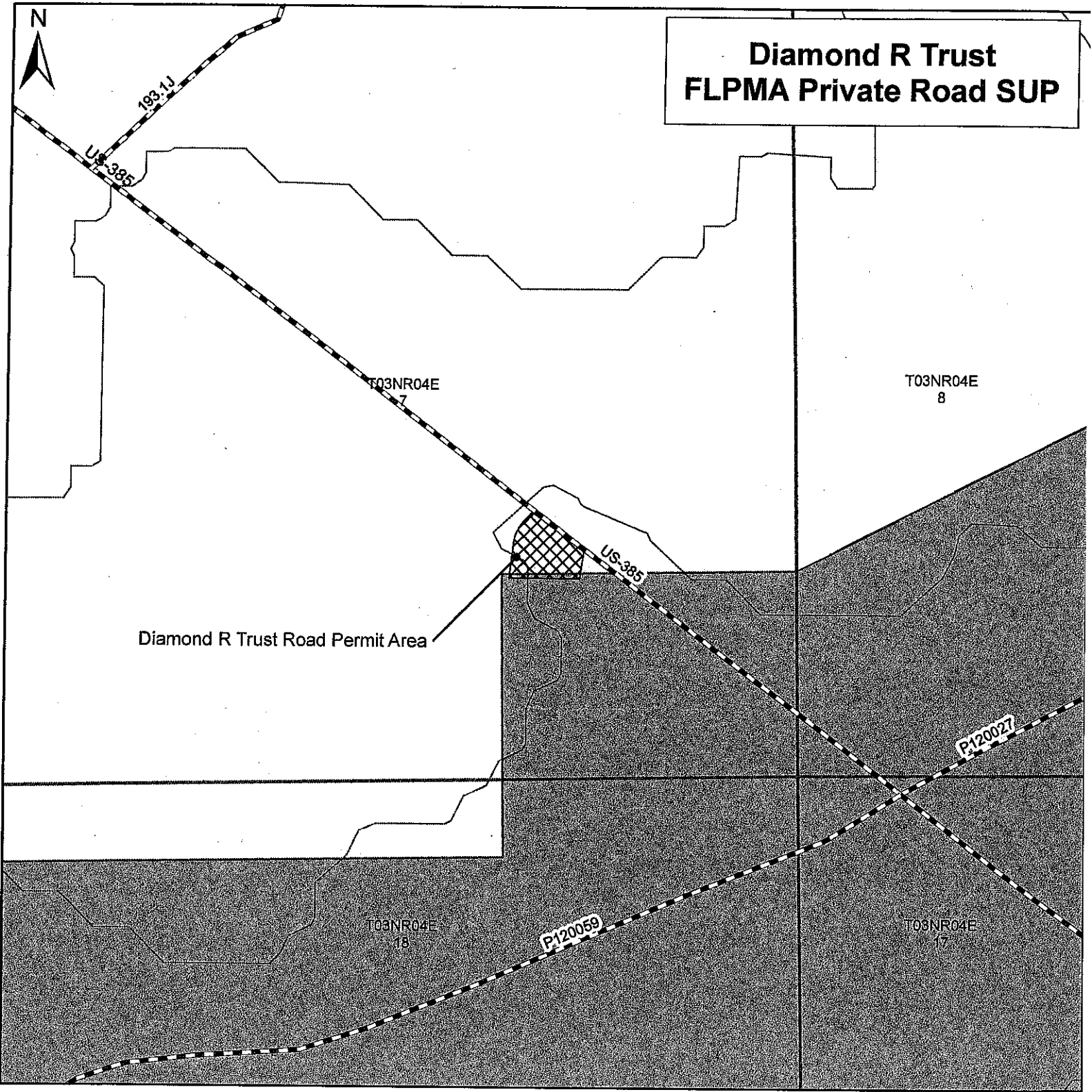


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





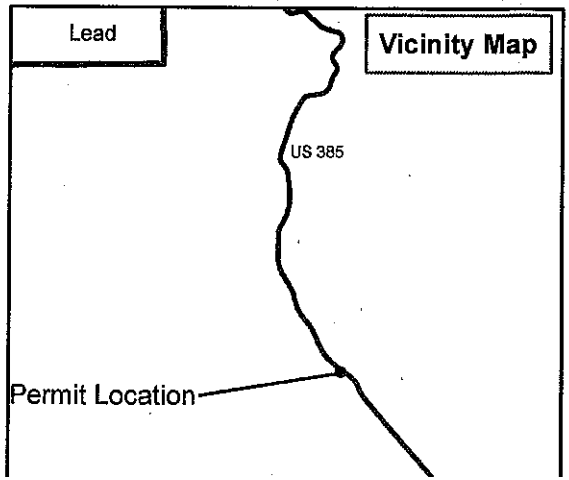
Diamond R Trust FLPMA Private Road SUP



Diamond R Trust Road Permit Area

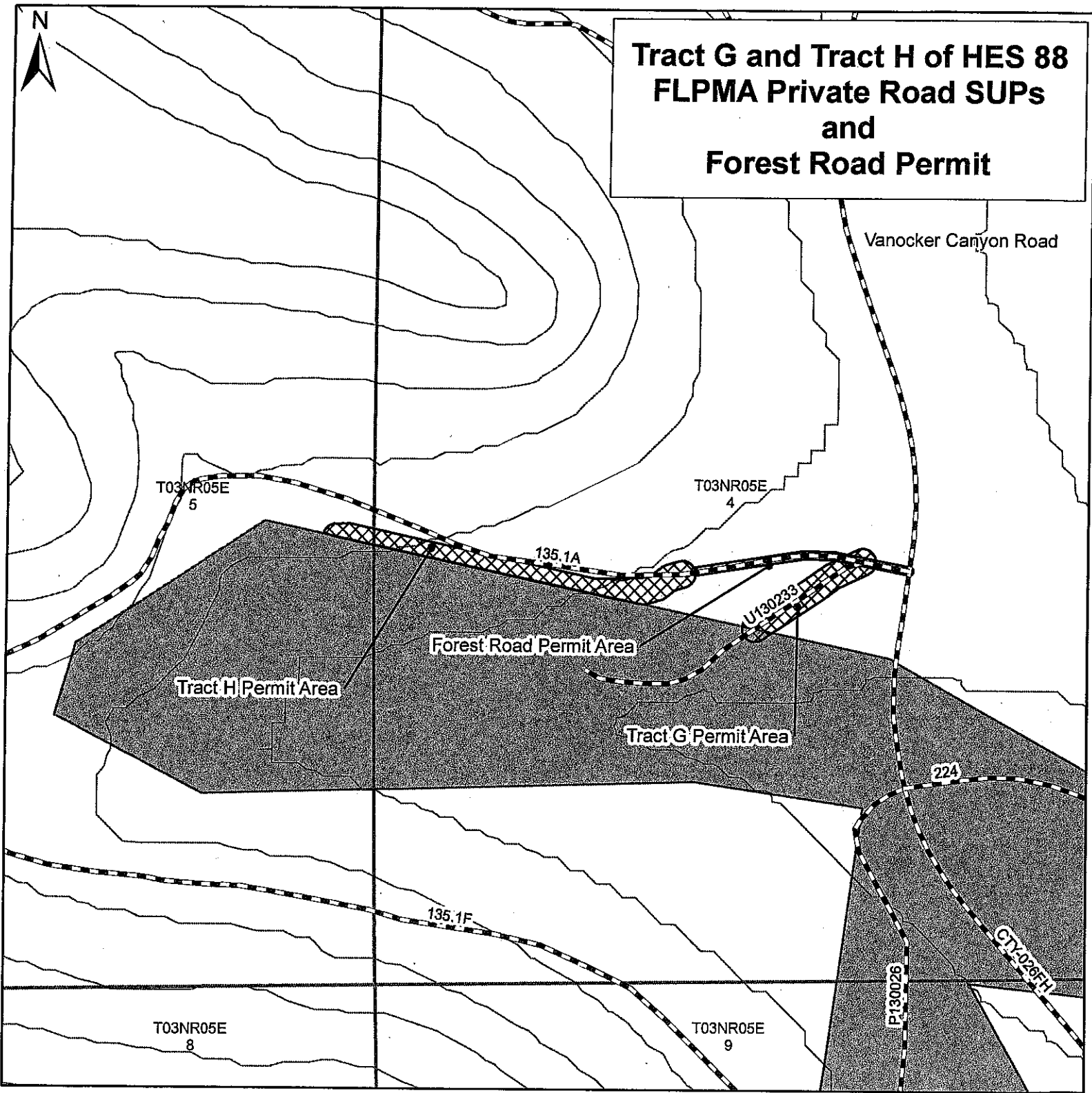
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Tract G and Tract H of HES 88 FLPMA Private Road SUPs and Forest Road Permit



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