



**FISH HABITAT PERMIT**

**FH22-III-0032-GP**

ISSUED: July 5, 2022  
EXPIRES: Upon Abandonment of Site

GENERAL PUBLIC

RE: **Public Motorized Boat Launch Sites**

**Copper River Drainage**

**Glenn Highway – Tok Cutoff:**

**Slana River** (Stream No. 212-20-10080-2605)

Mile 65.5 (Slana) - Sec 13, T11N, R8E, CRM, Nabesna C-6

Coordinate: 62.7340 N, -143.8318 W

**Copper River** (Stream No. 212-20-10080)

Mile 36.8 (1/4 -mile access road by Chistochina gravel pit)

Sec 36, T10N, R4E, CRM, Gulkana C-2

Coordinate: 62.6023 N, -144.5884 W

Mile 4.25 (1/4 -mile access road by Gakona Campground)

Sec 16, T6N, R1E, CRM, Gulkana B-3

Coordinate: 62.3066 N, -145.2315 W

**Gakona River** (Stream No. 212-20-10080-2481)

Mile 1.8 (Bridge) - Sec 18, T6N, R1E, CRM, Gulkana B-3

Coordinate: 62.3012 N, -145.3066 W

**Glenn Highway:**

**Mendeltna Creek** (Stream No. 212-20-10080-2431-3122)

Mile 152.6 (Wayside) - Sec 8, T3N, R7W, CRM, Gulkana A-6

Coordinate: 62.0492 N, -146.5434 W

**Richardson Highway:**

**Tazlina River** (Stream No. 212-20-10080-2431)

Mile 110.6 (Bridge) - Sec 9, T3N, R1W, CRM, Gulkana A-3

Coordinate: 62.0538 N, -145.4280 W

**Klutina River** (Stream No. 212-20-10080-2401)

Mile 101 (Bridge) - Sec 13, T2N, R1W

Coordinate: 61.9538 N, -145.3220 W, and ½ -mile downstream

Mile 100.6 (Old Rich Hwy. Bridge) - Sec 18, R1E, CRM, Valdez D-4

Coordinate: 61.9520 N, -145.3078 W

Mile ~25 Klutina Lake Road - Sec 25, T1S, R3W, CRM, Valdez D-5

Coordinate: 61.7535 N, -145.7040 W

**Tonsina River** (Stream No. 212-20-10080-2331)

Mile 79.4 (Bridge) - Sec 26, T2S, R1E, CRM, Valdez C-4

Coordinate: 61.6632 N, -145.1812 W

**Edgerton Highway:**

**Tonsina River** (Stream No. 212-20-10080-2331)

Mile 19.4 (Hundell Creek Confluence) - Sec 34, T2S, R4E

Coordinate: 61.6488 N, -144.6640 W, and

**Copper River** (Stream No. 212-20-10080)

Mile 28.5 (Chitina Airport) - Sec 24, T3S, R5E, CRM, Valdez C-2

Coordinate: 61.5882 N, -144.4340 W

**Chitina-McCarthy Road:**

**Copper River** (Stream No. 212-20-10080)

Mile 1.5 (Bridge/ Campgrounds) - Sec 12, T4S, R5E, CRM, Valdez C-2

Coordinate (North of bridge - variable): 61.5300 N, -144.4080 W

Coordinate (South of bridge - variable): 61.5268 N, -144.4082 W

**O'Brien Creek** (Stream No. 212-20-10080-2295)

Confluence with Copper R. along Copper R. Hwy./ old NW rail alignment)

Sec 35, T4S, R5E, CRM, Valdez B-2

Coordinate (variable): 61.4820 N, -144.4535 W

**\*Currently closed to public due to realignment of stream**

Pursuant to AS 16.05.871(b) (Anadromous Fish Act), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Habitat Section has determined that both the public interest and protection of fish and game would be served with the reissuance of the General Fish Habitat Permit authorizing the use of wheeled or tracked motorized vehicles with a **gross vehicle weight (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or less** on the bed of the described water bodies to launch/land boats at the referenced locations. Where launch sites are affected by annual hydrological dynamics of the water body this permit authorizes crossings of wetted ephemeral channels to access a described launch site.

Note 1: Any other use of vehicles within the described water bodies or any use of vehicles within other natural water bodies catalogued as anadromous not described herein requires an

individual Fish Habitat Permit. Request for additional launch sites shall be submitted to the Habitat Section prior to use of the site.

Note 2: Access to and/or use of some sites above ordinary high water or sites beyond public easements may be conditional due to land ownership.

### **Anadromous Fish Act and Fishway Act**

The Copper River and its catalogued tributaries have been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). The system provides habitat for Chinook, coho, and sockeye salmon, steelhead trout, and supports resident species of fish such as Arctic grayling. Your project as proposed should not have adverse effects on anadromous fish or their habitat and should not obstruct the free passage of fish.

In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d), use of described boat launches is approved subject to the permit terms and the following stipulation:

- 1) No streambed or bank alteration, gravel removal or deposit of material below ordinary high water, water use, or diversion/damming of any kind is authorized under this permit.

### **Permit Terms**

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of AS 16.05.871. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by the Habitat Section of ADF&G; other agencies also may have jurisdiction under their respective authorities. This determination does not relieve you of your responsibility to secure other permits; state, federal, or local. You are still required to comply with all other applicable laws.

You are responsible for the actions of contractors, agents, or other persons who perform work to accomplish the approved project. For any activity that significantly deviates from the approved plan, you shall notify the ADF&G Habitat Section and obtain written approval in the form of a permit amendment before beginning the activity. Any action that increases the project's overall scope or that negates, alters, or minimizes the intent or effectiveness of any provision contained in this permit will be deemed a significant deviation from the approved plan. The final determination as to the significance of any deviation and the need for a permit amendment is the responsibility of the ADF&G Habitat Section. Therefore, it is recommended that you consult the Habitat Section before considering any deviation from the approved plan.

You shall give an authorized representative of the state free and unobstructed access to the permit site, at safe and reasonable times, for the purpose of inspecting or monitoring compliance with any provision of this permit. You shall furnish whatever assistance and information the authorized representative reasonably requires for monitoring and inspection purposes.

In addition to the penalties provided by law, this permit may be terminated or revoked for failure to comply with its provisions or failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. You shall mitigate any adverse effect upon fish or wildlife, their habitats, or any restriction or interference with public use that the commissioner determines was a direct result of your failure to comply with this permit or any applicable law.

You shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the department, its agents, and its employees from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities for injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly from permitted activities or your performance under this permit. However, this provision has no effect if, and only if, the sole proximate cause of the injury is the department's negligence.

You may appeal this permit decision relating to AS 16.05.871 in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330-630.

Please direct questions about this permit to Habitat Biologist Todd Nichols at 907-459-7363 or [todd.nichols@alaska.gov](mailto:todd.nichols@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,  
Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

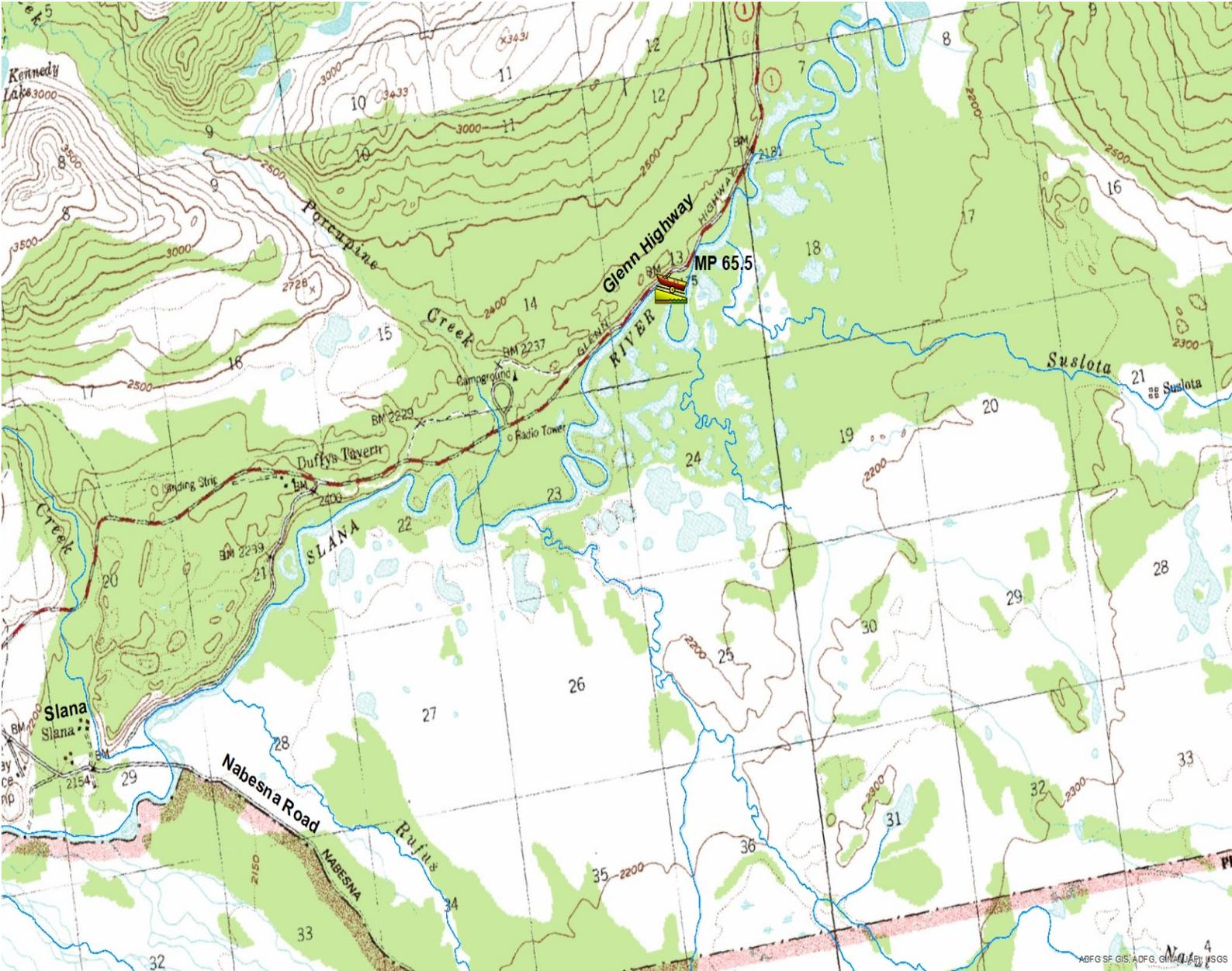


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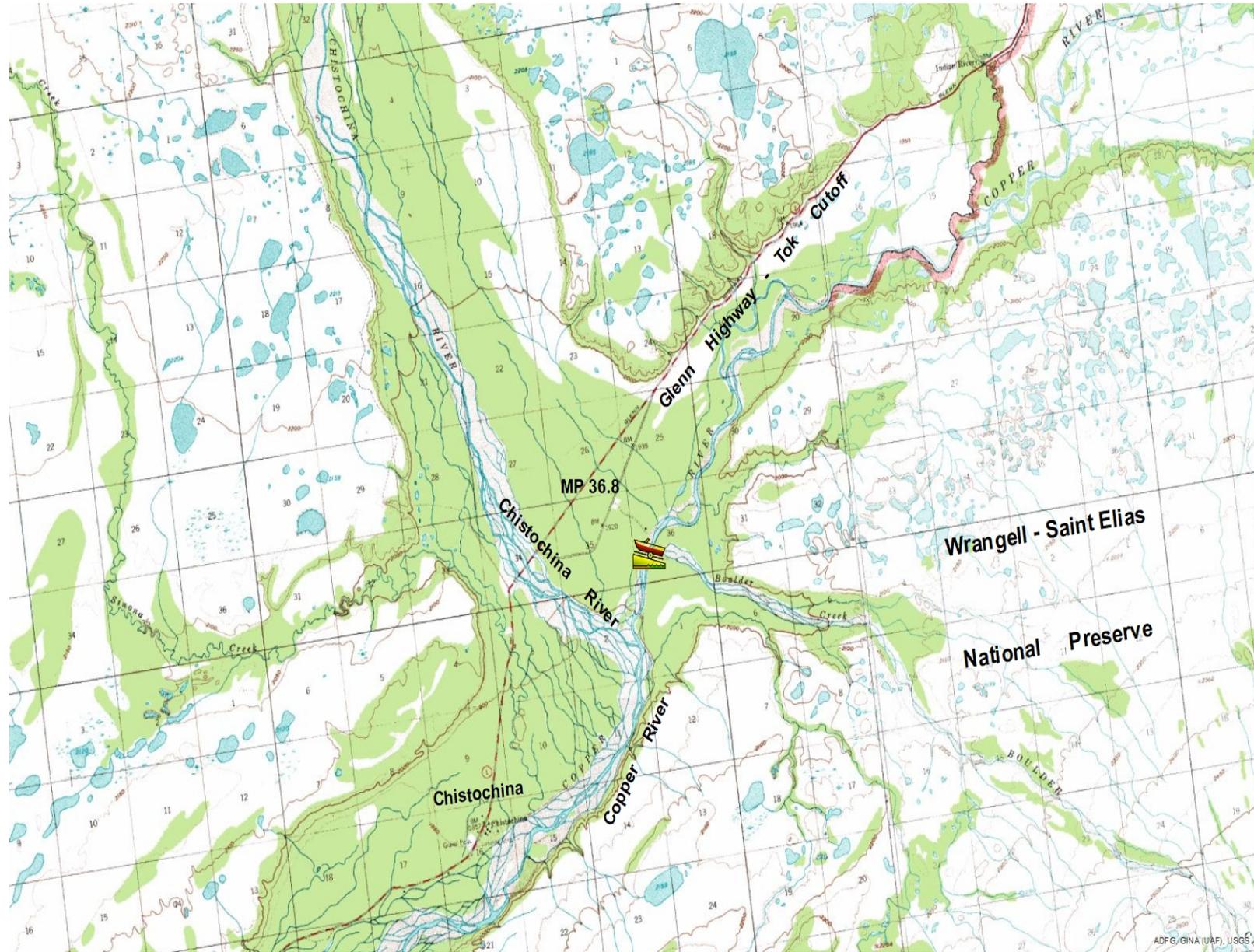
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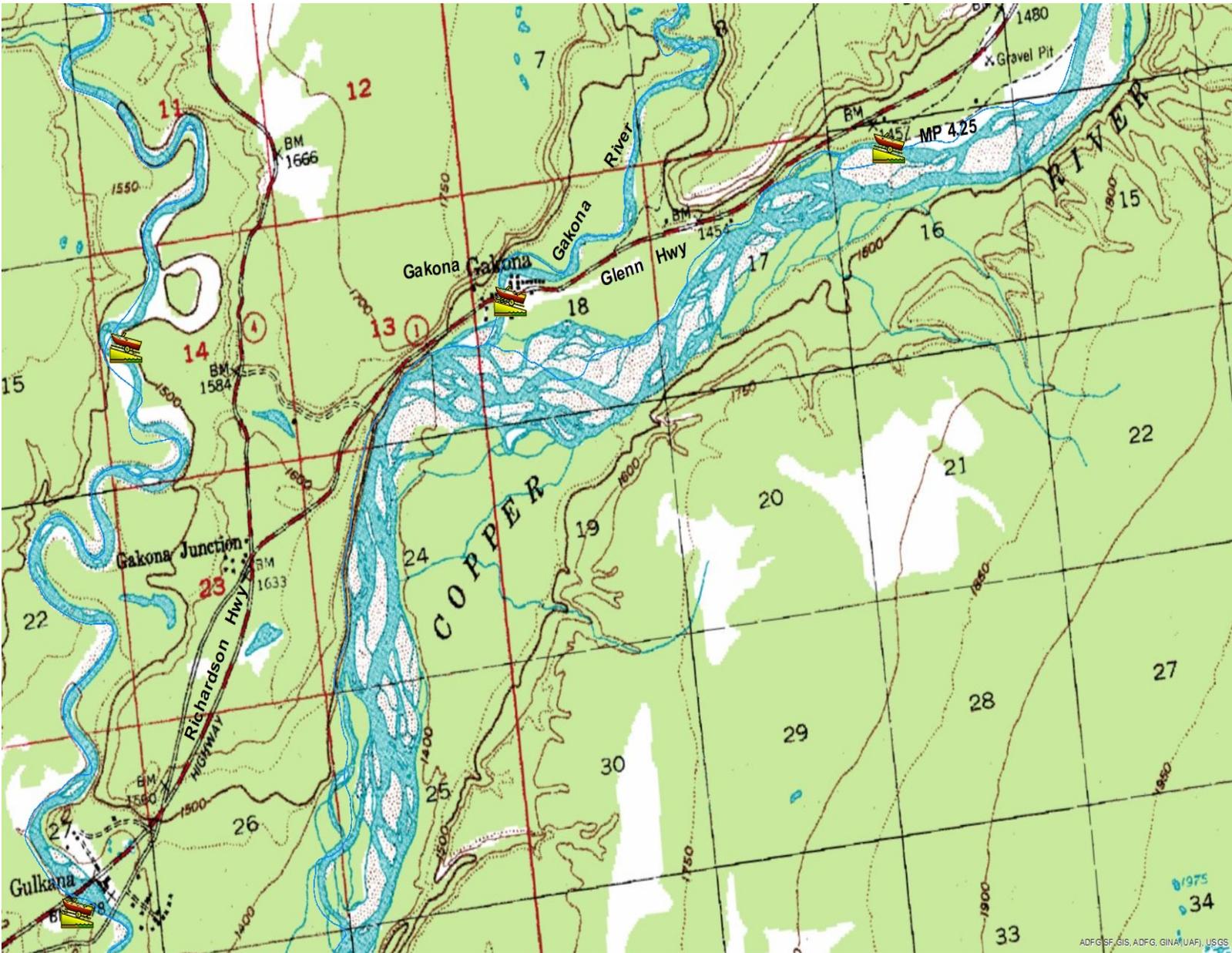
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**Slana River – Glenn Hwy / Tok Cutoff**



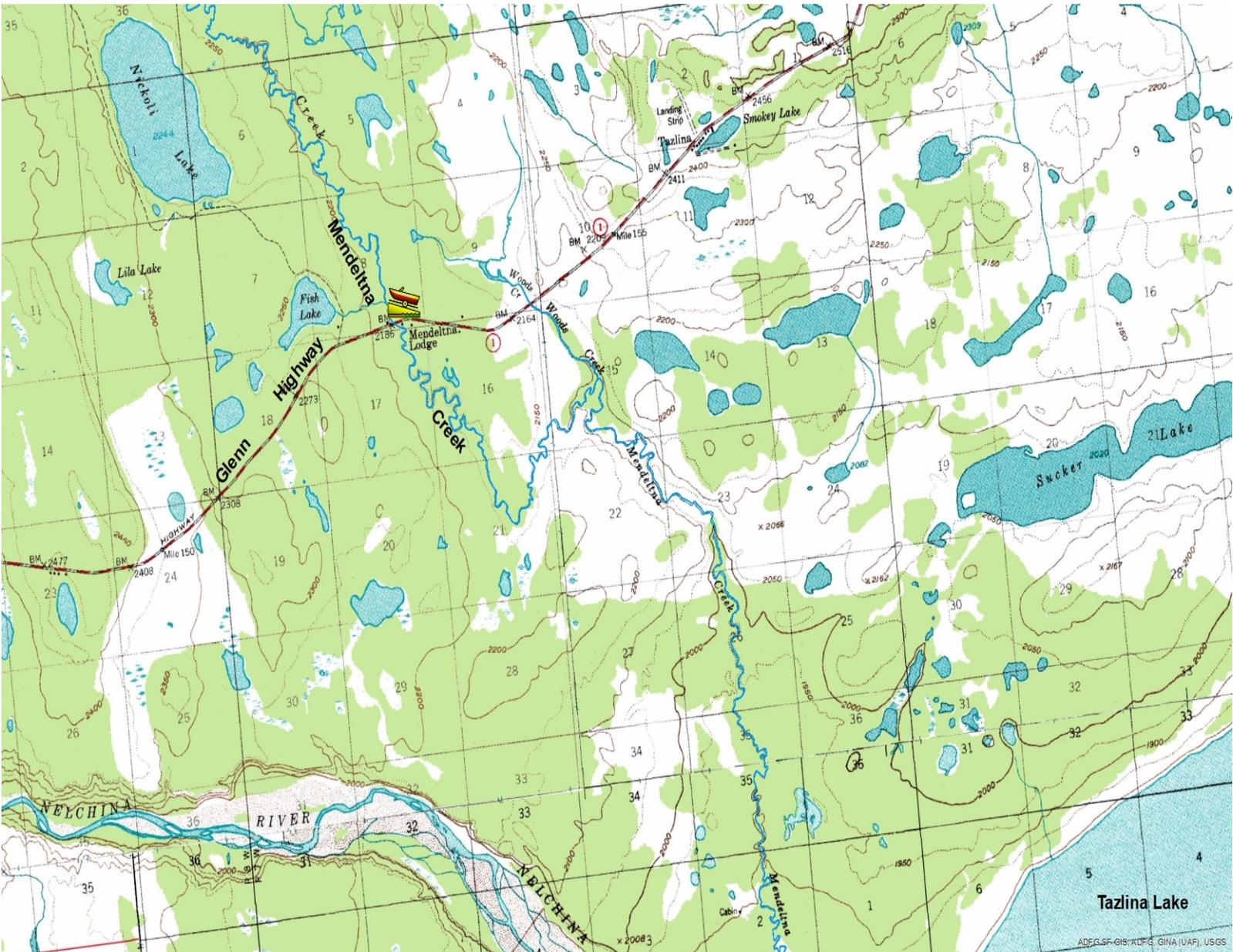
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**Copper River At Chistochina – Glenn Hwy / Tok Cutoff**



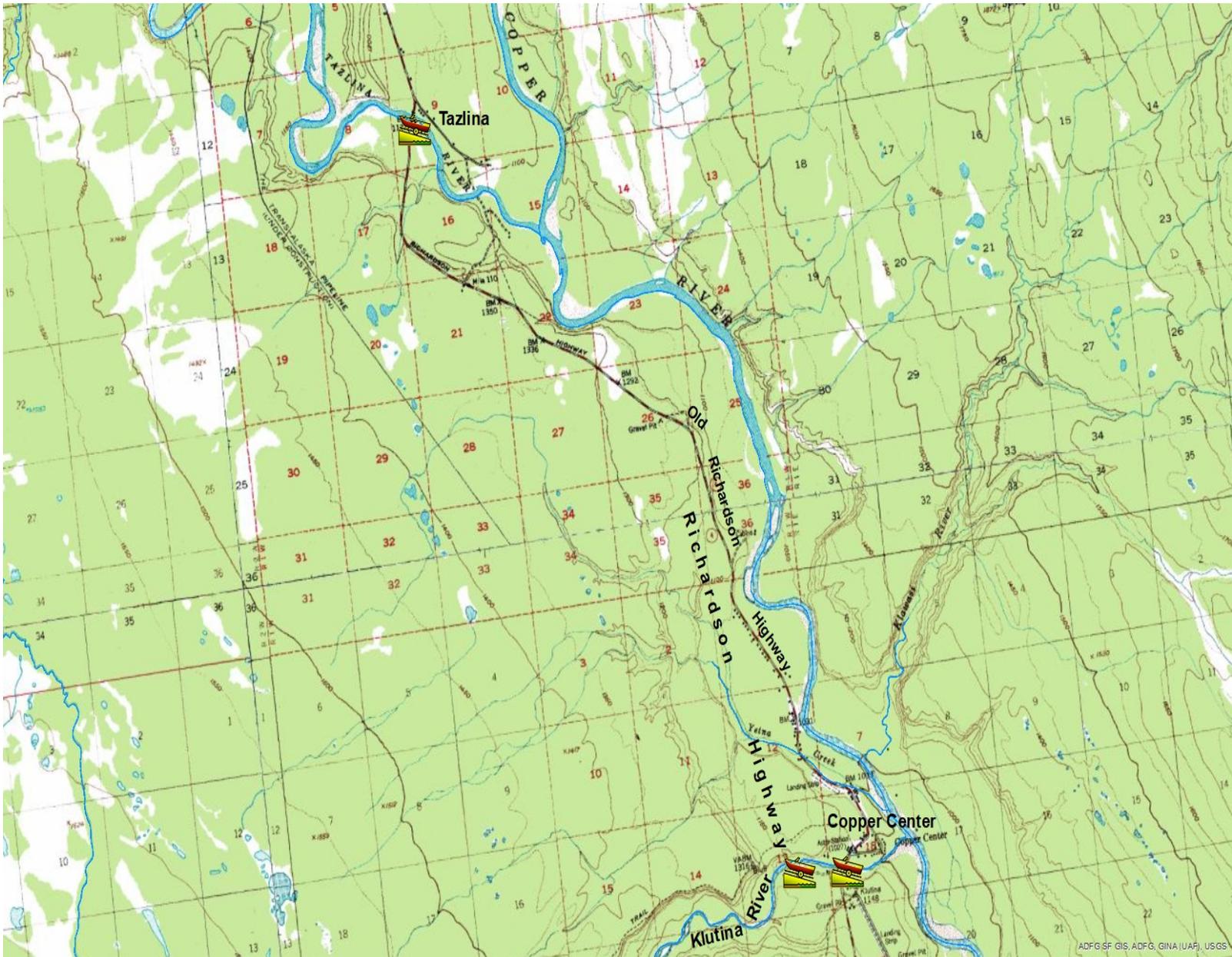
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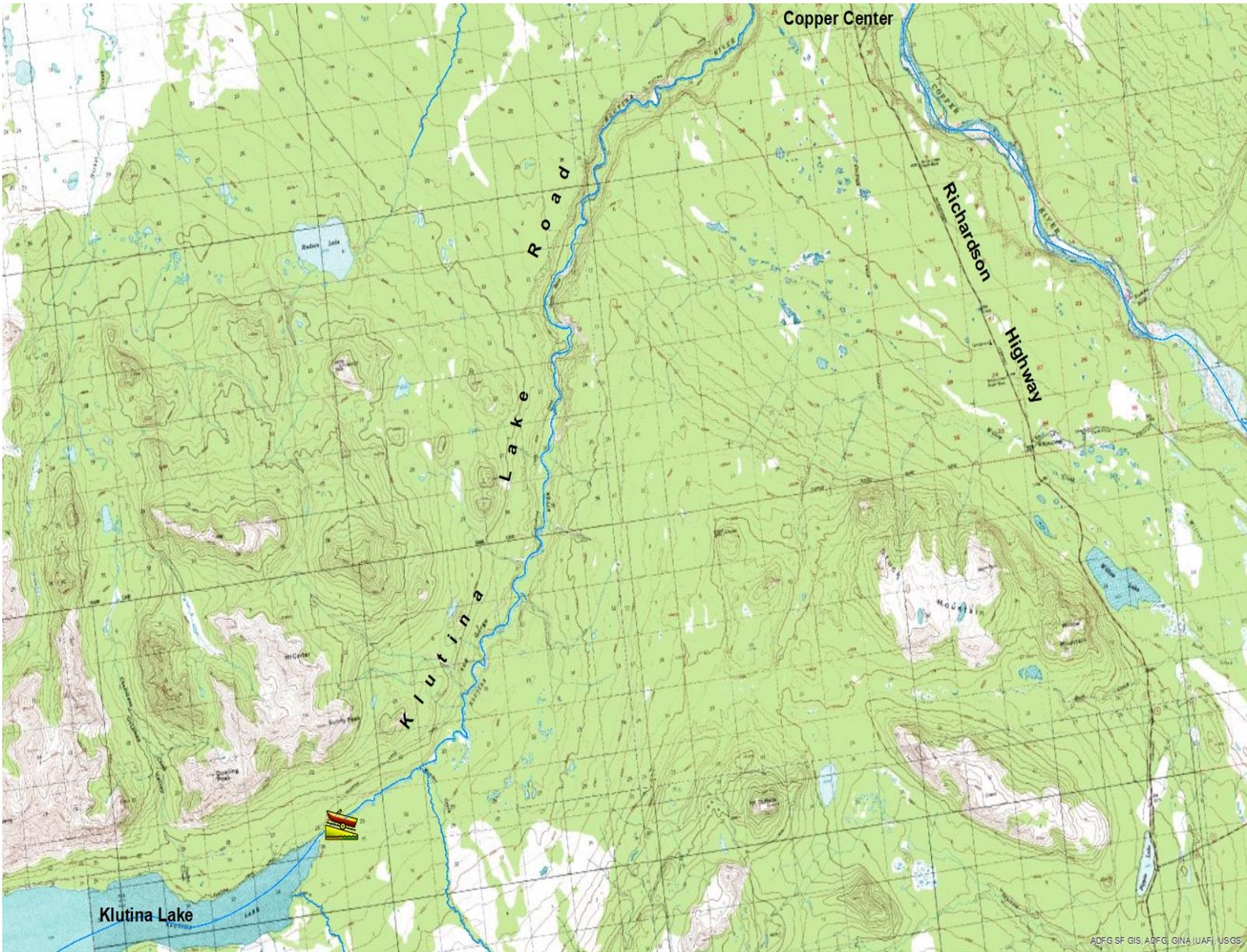
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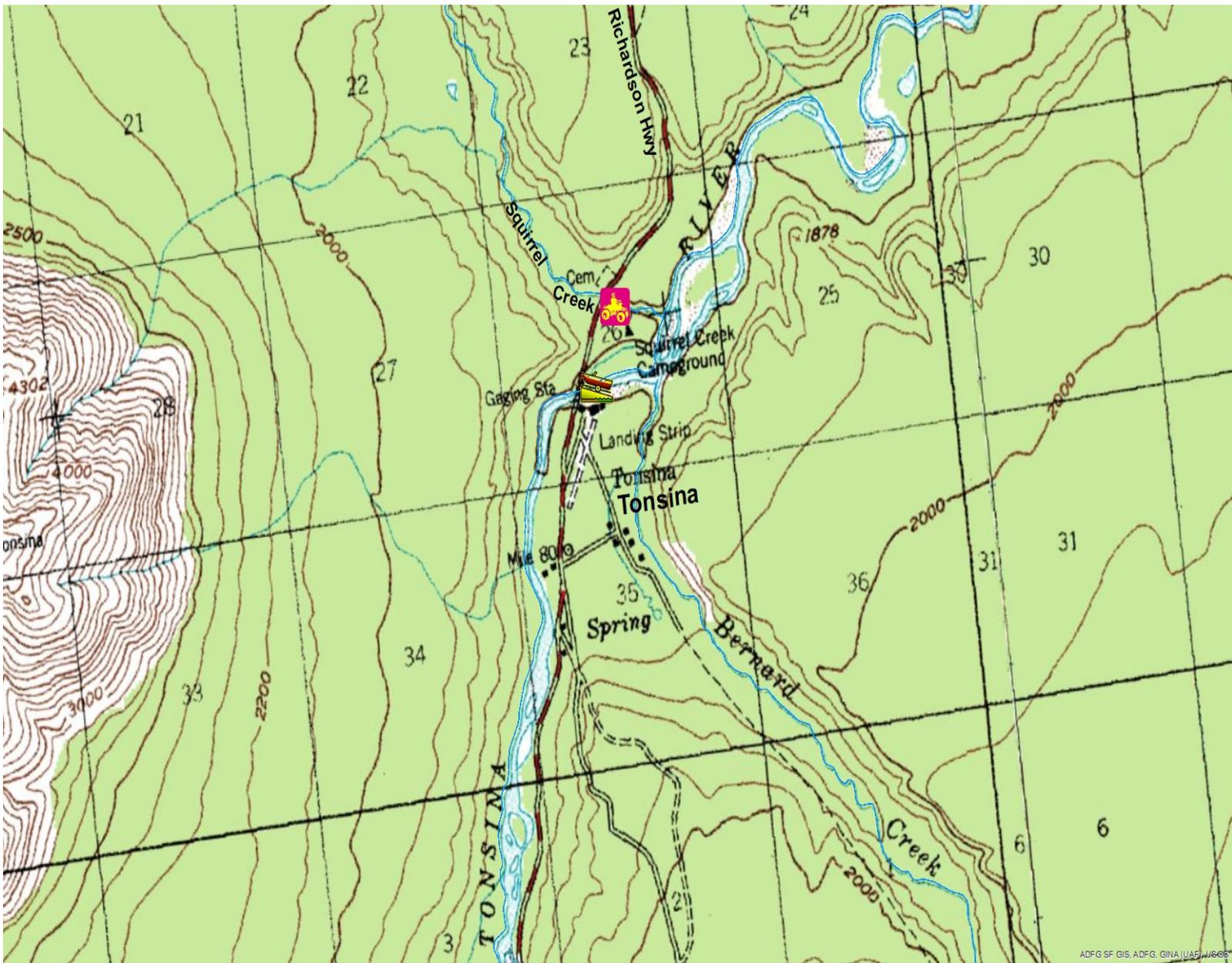
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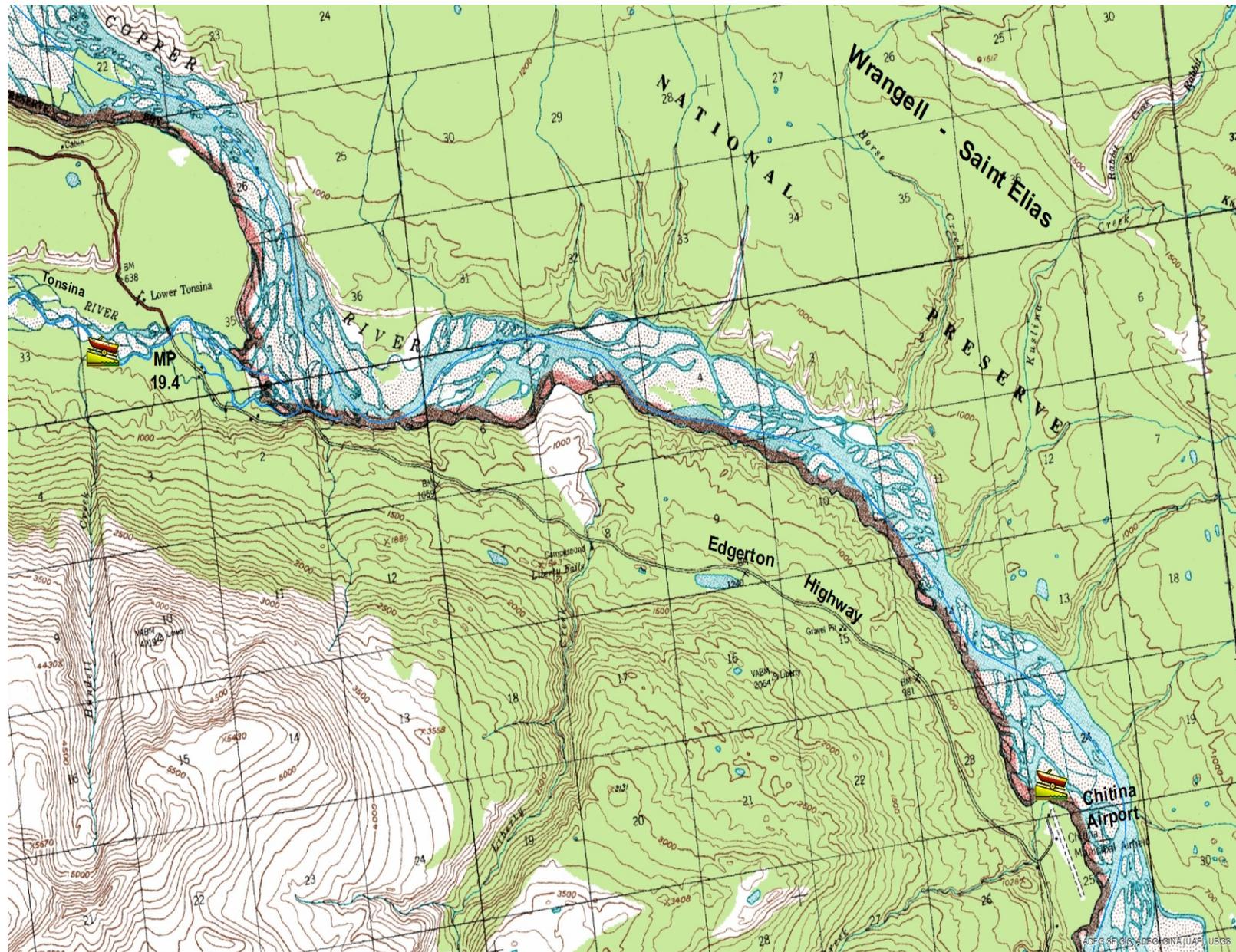
### Map 6 of 9 Klutina Lake



### Map 7 of 9 Tonsina River – Richardson Hwy



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**Tonsina / Copper Rivers – Edgerton Hwy**



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**O'Brien Creek / Copper River – Chitina**

