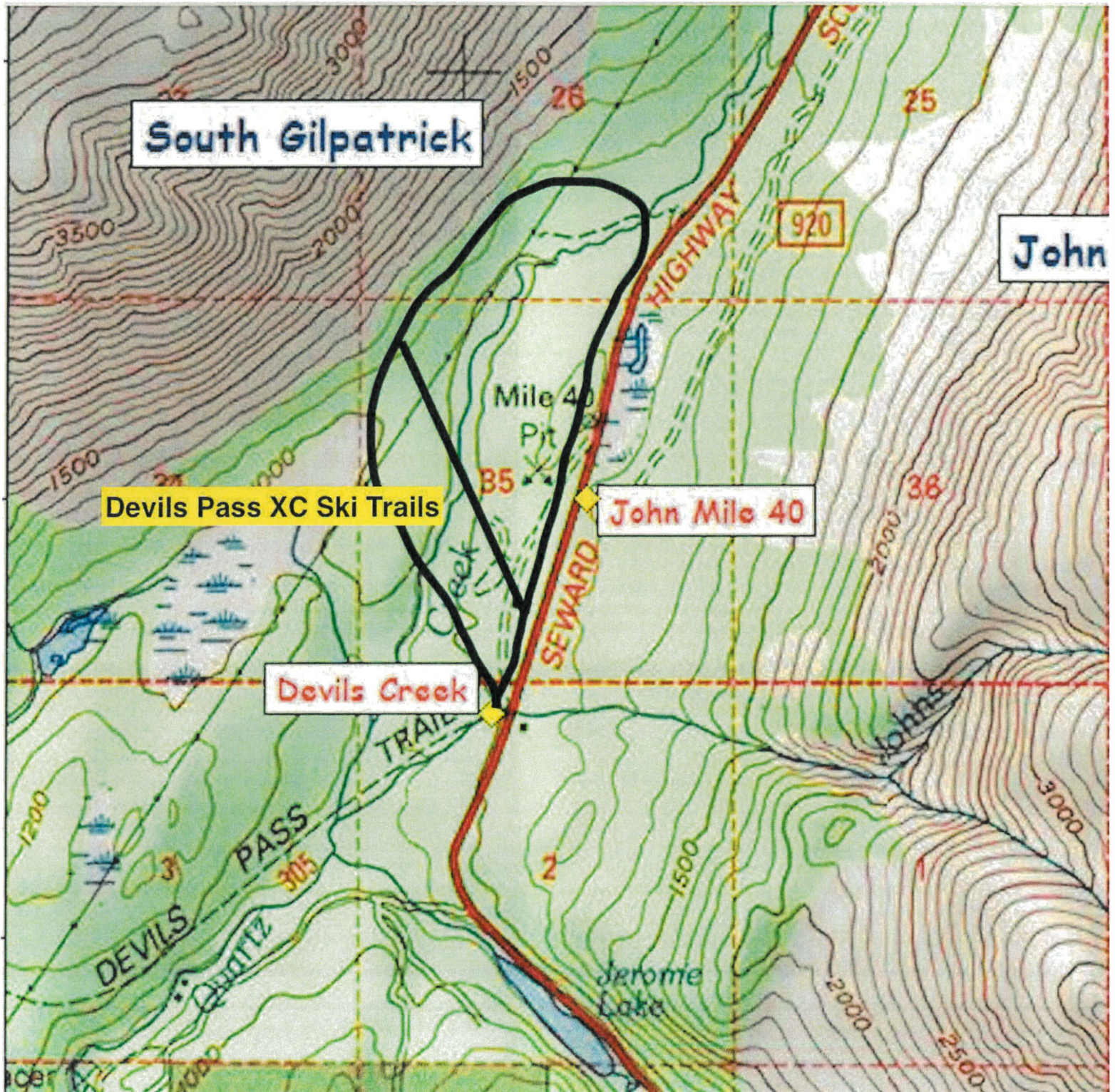


Summit Lake Recreation Area

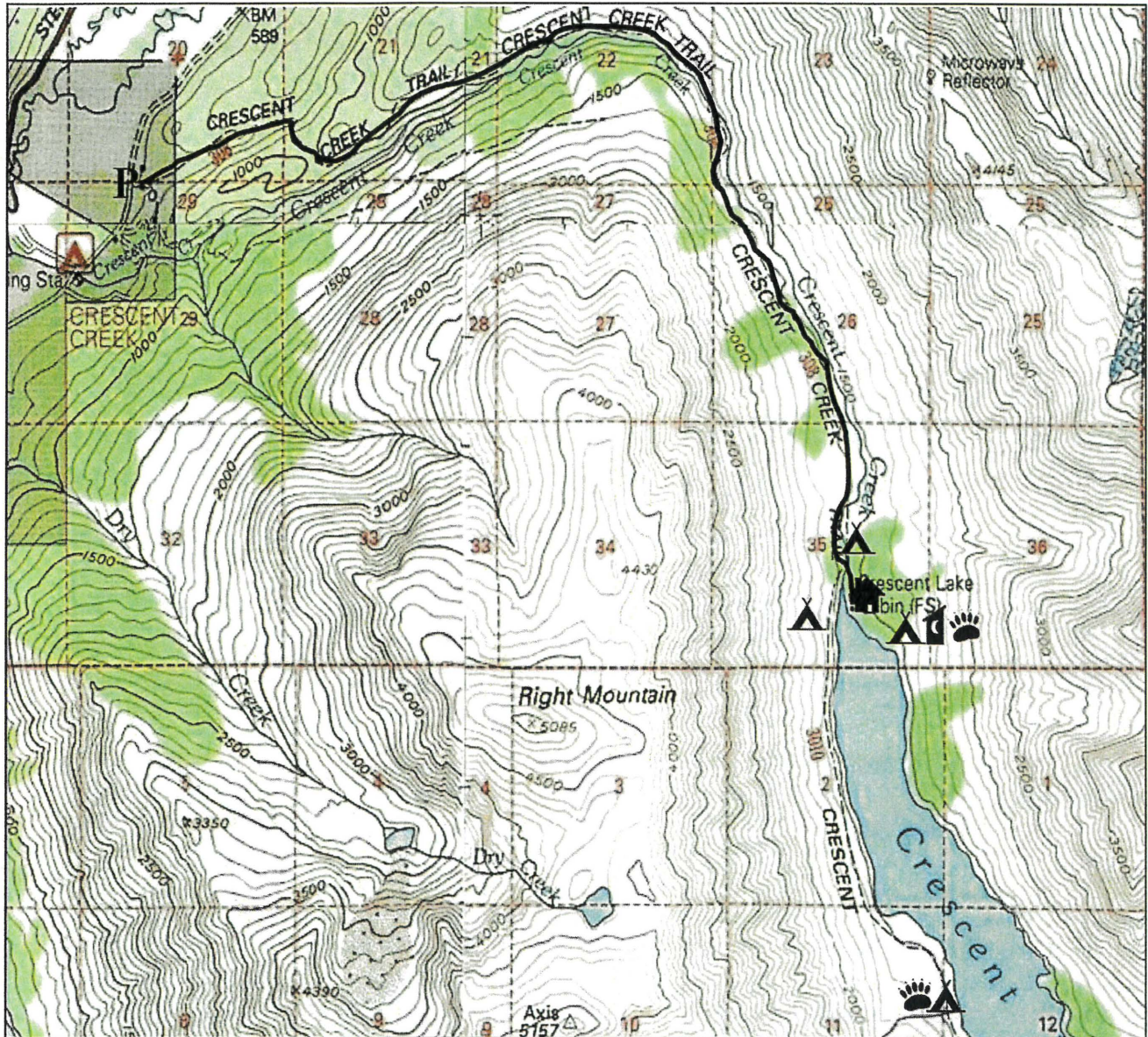
-Trap setbacks of 100yds on black areas/trails indicated for the Devils Pass XC Ski Trails





Crescent Creek Trail

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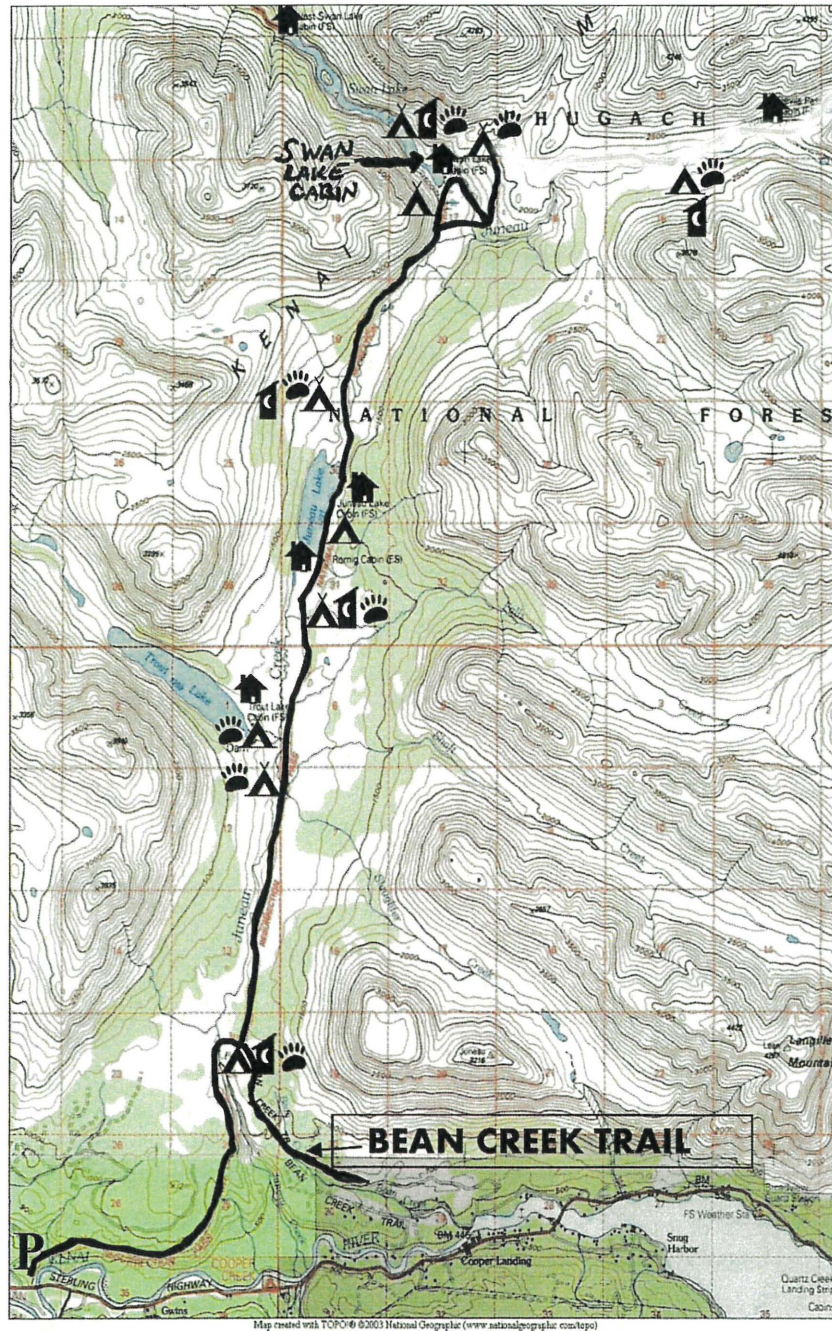
Trail Access

Trailhead is at Mile 45, Sterling Highway, turn south onto Quartz Creek Road. Drive past Quartz Creek and Crescent Creek campgrounds to trailhead (Mile 3.3 Quartz Creek Road).

Setbacks are proposed from Trailhead continuing 6.5 miles to Crescent Lake Cabin at west end of the lake.



Resurrection Pass Trail South and Bean Creek Trail



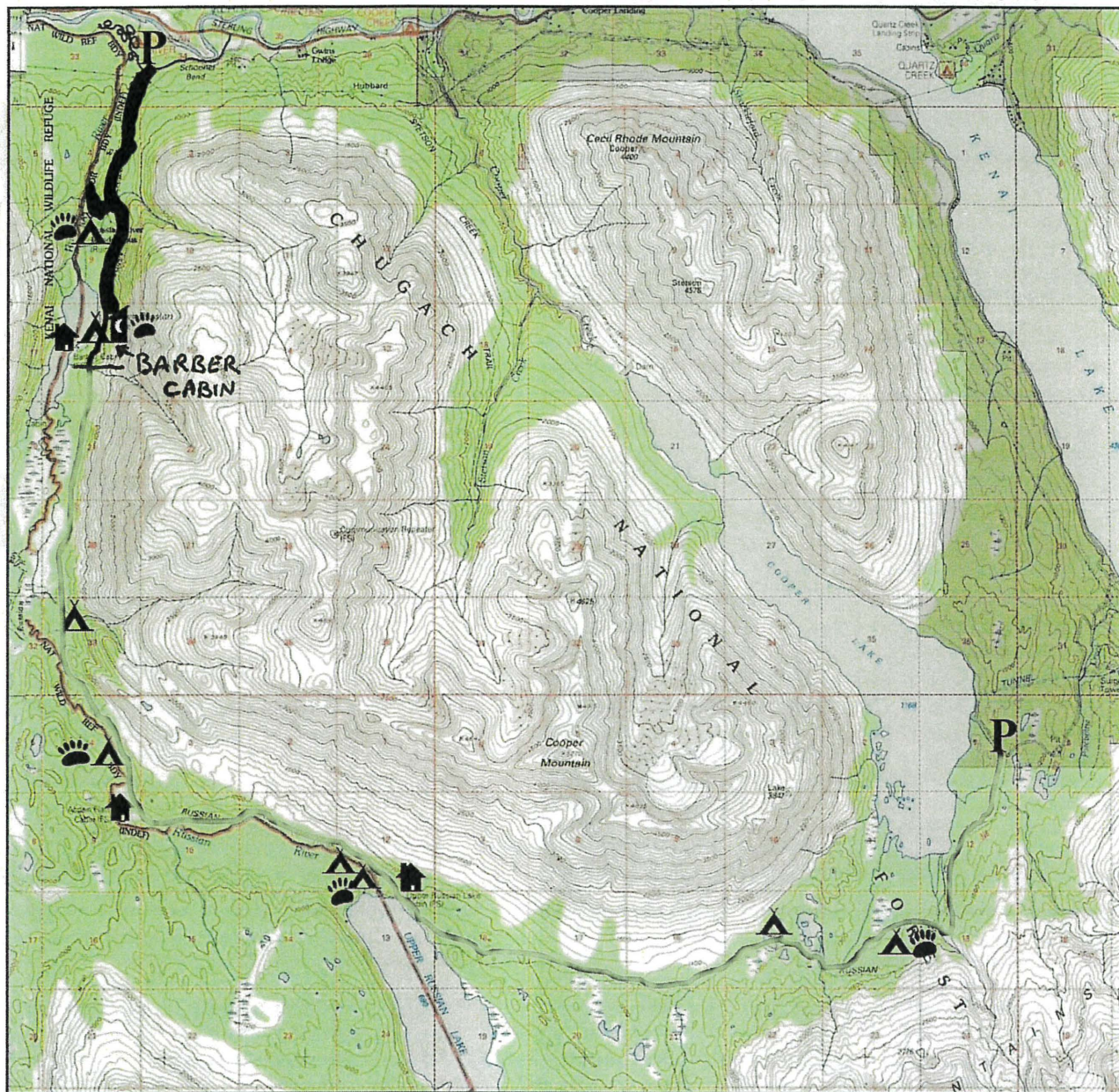
*Setbacks proposed for Resurrection Pass Trail from southern trailhead at mile 53.2 Sterling Highway to the Swan Lake cabin at trail mile 12.7.

* Setbacks proposed for Bean Creek Trail from its trailhead at mile 0.5 Slaughter Ridge Road to the intersection with the Resurrection Pass Trail.



Russian Lakes Trail

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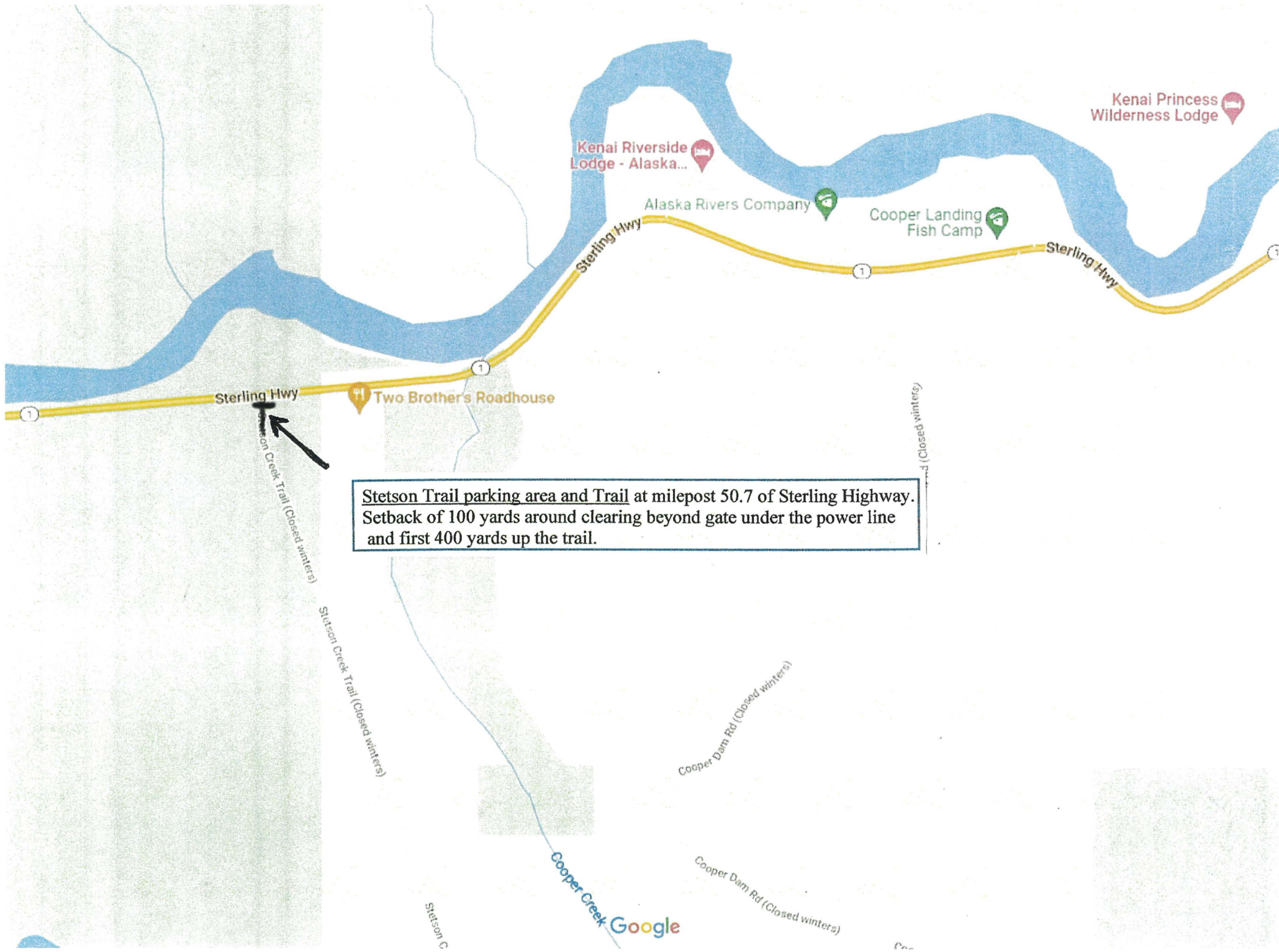
Trail Access

North end: At Mile 52.6, Sterling Highway, turn into Russian River Campground. Trailhead parking is 1 mile further, not plowed in winter. East end:

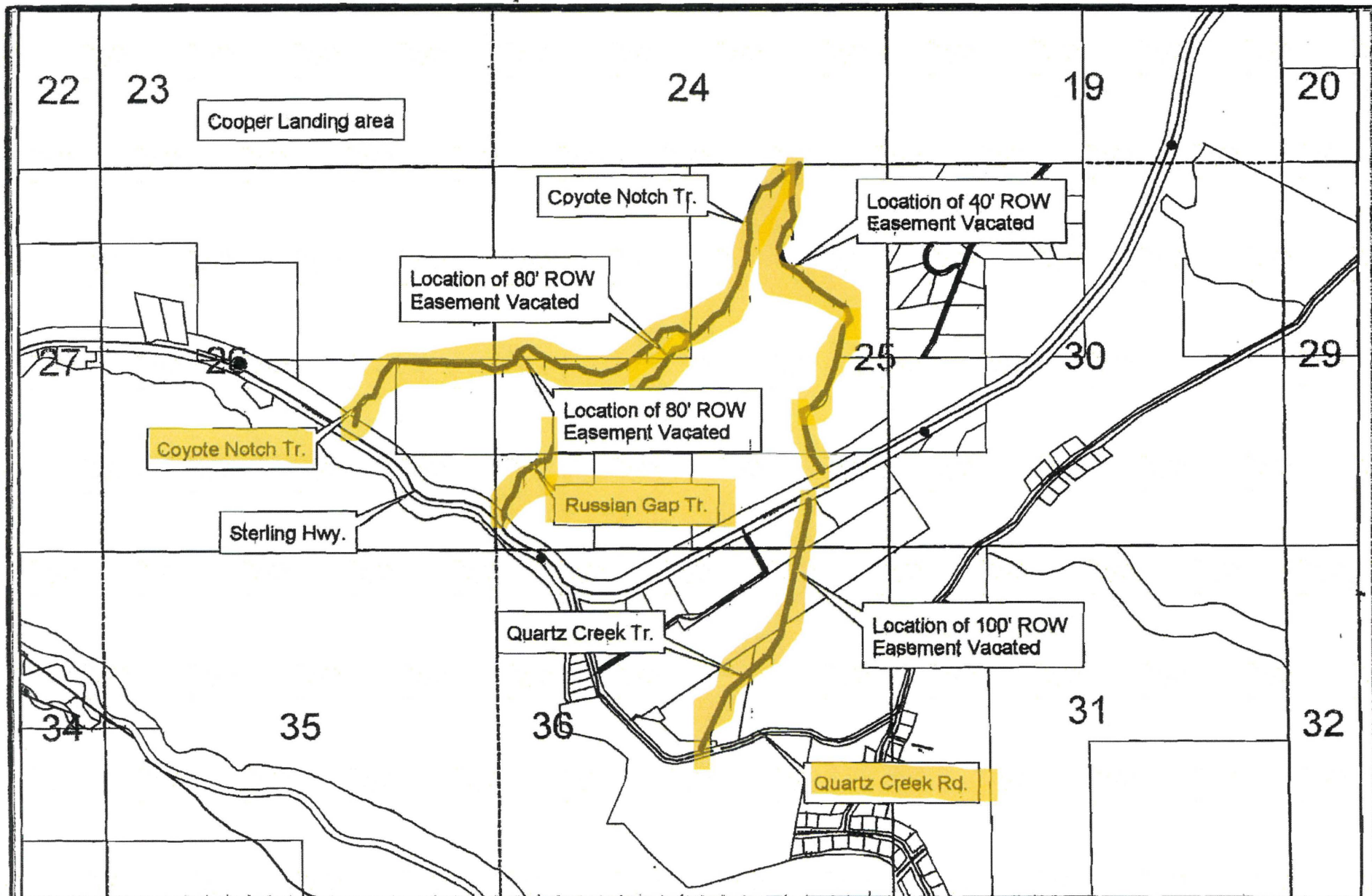
from Lower Russian Lake trailhead to Upper Russian Lake cabin. Between Upper Russian Lake trailhead and Upper Russian Lake cabin the trail is closed to motorized vehicles from May 1-November 30.

The setback proposal includes from the Lower Russian Lake Trailhead to Barber Cabin and to the Russian River Falls Overlook.

Trail is closed to saddle/pack stock from April 1-June 30 and motorized vehicles year round



Stetson Trail parking area and Trail at milepost 50.7 of Sterling Highway.
Setback of 100 yards around clearing beyond gate under the power line
and first 400 yards up the trail.



The information depicted hereon is for a graphical representation only of best available sources. The Kenai Peninsula Borough assumes no responsibility for errors on this map.



1 inch equals 1,925 feet

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Alaska Board of Game
Boards Support Section
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Dear Alaska Board of Game,

The United States Forest Service-Chugach National Forest would like to submit the following comments in support of Proposals submitted by the Cooper Landing Safe Trails Committee to establish trapping setbacks from heavily used recreation areas and to require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7.

Year-round outdoor recreation is an important and growing segment of the Cooper Landing area's economy. As the amount of winter recreation has increased over the past 20 years, so has the number of encounters between user groups and traps set in recreational areas. Many of these areas occur on Forest Service lands.

The proposals include 100-yard setbacks from the most popular and heavily used multi-use trails, campgrounds, roads, pullouts, and beaches that are in the Cooper Landing area as well as areas of the Summit Lake Recreation Area. Trapping setbacks would establish safe zones for user groups accessing these areas for: cross-country skiing, backcountry skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, ice fishing, hiking, fat tire biking, dog mushing, snow machining, bird hunting, cabin rentals, and more.

The Forest Service strives to fairly manage the land for all uses balancing commercial, recreational, personal, and subsistence uses across our public lands. Our National Forest is multi-use and balancing those uses at times becomes difficult with opposing views and this issue is one of those that all parties have the right to continue using the Forest for their needs. The goal of these proposals is to establish safe corridors for recreation users with their families and pets, while still allowing trapping beyond a modest buffer.



For the reasons mentioned above, Chugach NF supports establishing effective regulatory measures including trapping setbacks and signs posted at all access points of active trapping along high use trails and recreation areas in Unit 7.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the Chugach NF comments on this proposal. If there are questions, please contact me at 907-288-7730 or by e-mail at ruth.damico@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

RUTH L. D'AMICO
District Ranger