

Caribou National Forest Christmas Tree Permit

Montpelier Ranger District
322 N. 4th Street
Montpelier, ID 83254

Soda Springs Ranger District
410 East Hooper Avenue
Soda Springs, ID 83276

Westside Ranger District
4350 Cliffs Drive
Pocatello, ID 83204



CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING REGULATIONS

1. Cut only on National Forest lands open to cutting as shown on permit maps.
2. Do not cut trees within 500 feet of campgrounds, trailheads and parking lots.
3. Cut trees less than 20 feet.
4. Do not top larger trees.
5. Cut tree so the resulting stumps is less than six (6) inches high with all live limbs severed.
6. Cut only subalpine fir on Montpelier & Soda Districts (maps 1-5), Douglas-fir and subalpine may be cut on the Westside District (maps 6-9). (see attached maps)
7. Attach your tag to the tree prior to leaving the harvest area.
8. Only one tree may be cut per household.
9. Follow all motorized travel and other State and Federal statutes and regulations.
10. Permits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

- Off road and travel restrictions including gate closures must be followed. **Travel Maps are available.**
- Park and Ski permits are required if parking in a designated Park and Ski area. (Westside District)

Things to Remember

- "Perfect" trees do not grow in nature so just enjoy the experience and plan on a less than perfect tree.
- You will need a saw or an axe to cut your tree and rope to tie it on your car.
- Be prepared for extreme or unpredictable weather and slick roads.
- Store your tree upright in a cool, shady place, out of the weather with the stem in water. Before putting it up in your house cut two inches off the stem before securing it into a stand. When you put your tree up pick a cool place away from heat sources (wood stove, etc.) and water it daily.
- If you have questions call a Forest Service Office or visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/ctnf/passes-permits/forestproducts>.

Tree Identification

Subalpine fir: Remember flat and friendly = fir. Fir needles are flat and attach to the branch one at a time. The foliage is "friendly" because if you grab a handful, you will find that the needles are soft and will not poke you. Subalpine have a tan roundish bud on the end of each branch.

Engelmann spruce: Remember square and sharp = spruce. Spruce needles are square in cross-section and will roll between you thumb and finger. They also attach to the stem one at a time but differ from fir because they are sharp and are not friendly to your hand.

Lodgepole & Limber pine: Remember needles in pairs or groups = pines. Lodgepole pine have needles in groups of two and limber pine have needles in groups of five. Needles on pines also tend to be longer than on the other species.

Douglas-fir: Remember red pointy buds = Douglas-fir. This tree species is the easiest to confuse with alpine fir. The needles are friendly and attach to the branch one at a time, but they shrink down to a point where they attach to the stem. The best way to identify Douglas-fir is by their red pointy buds. Also, Douglas-fir grows at lower elevations than alpine fir, so if you are at lower elevations look closely at the buds.

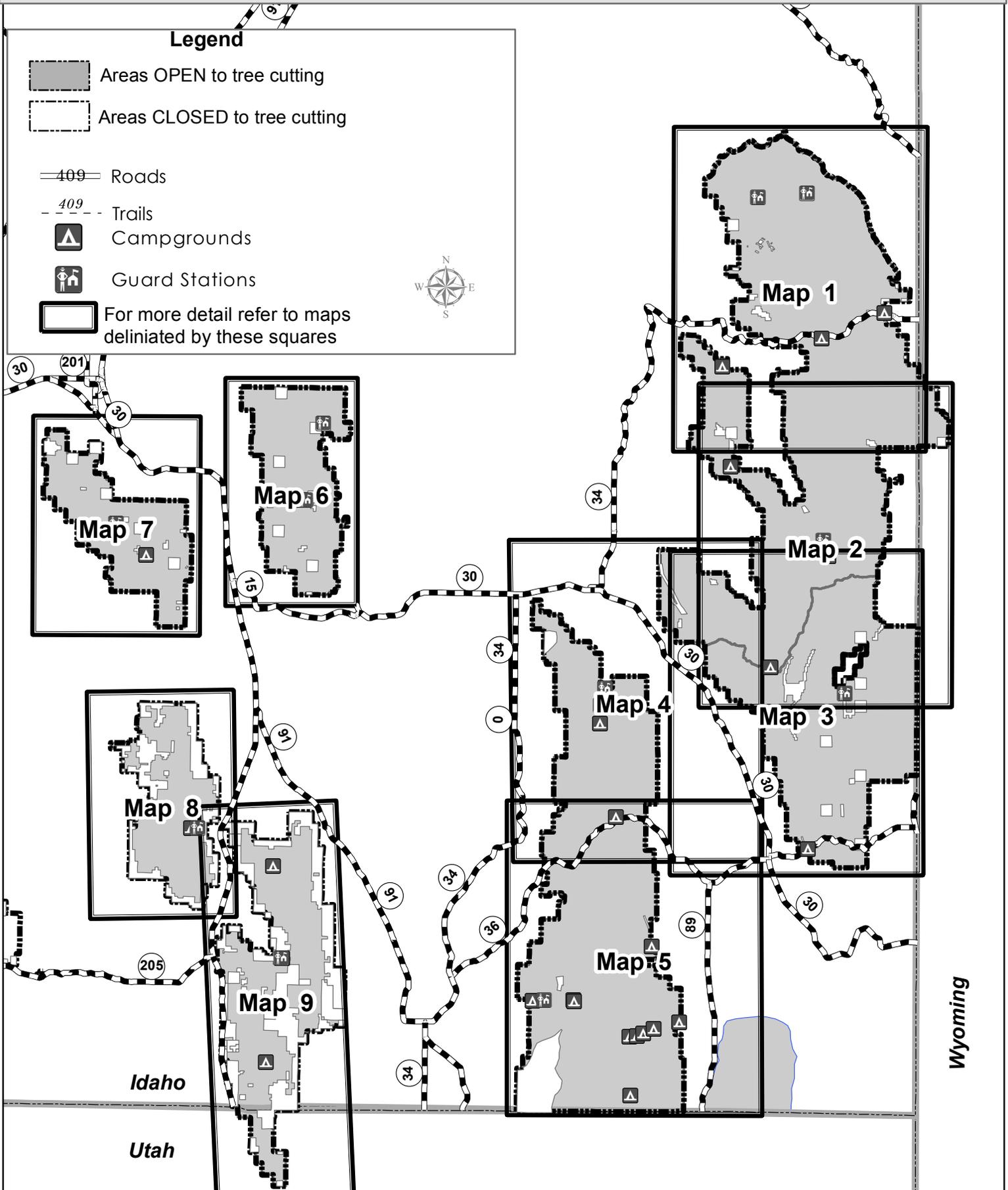
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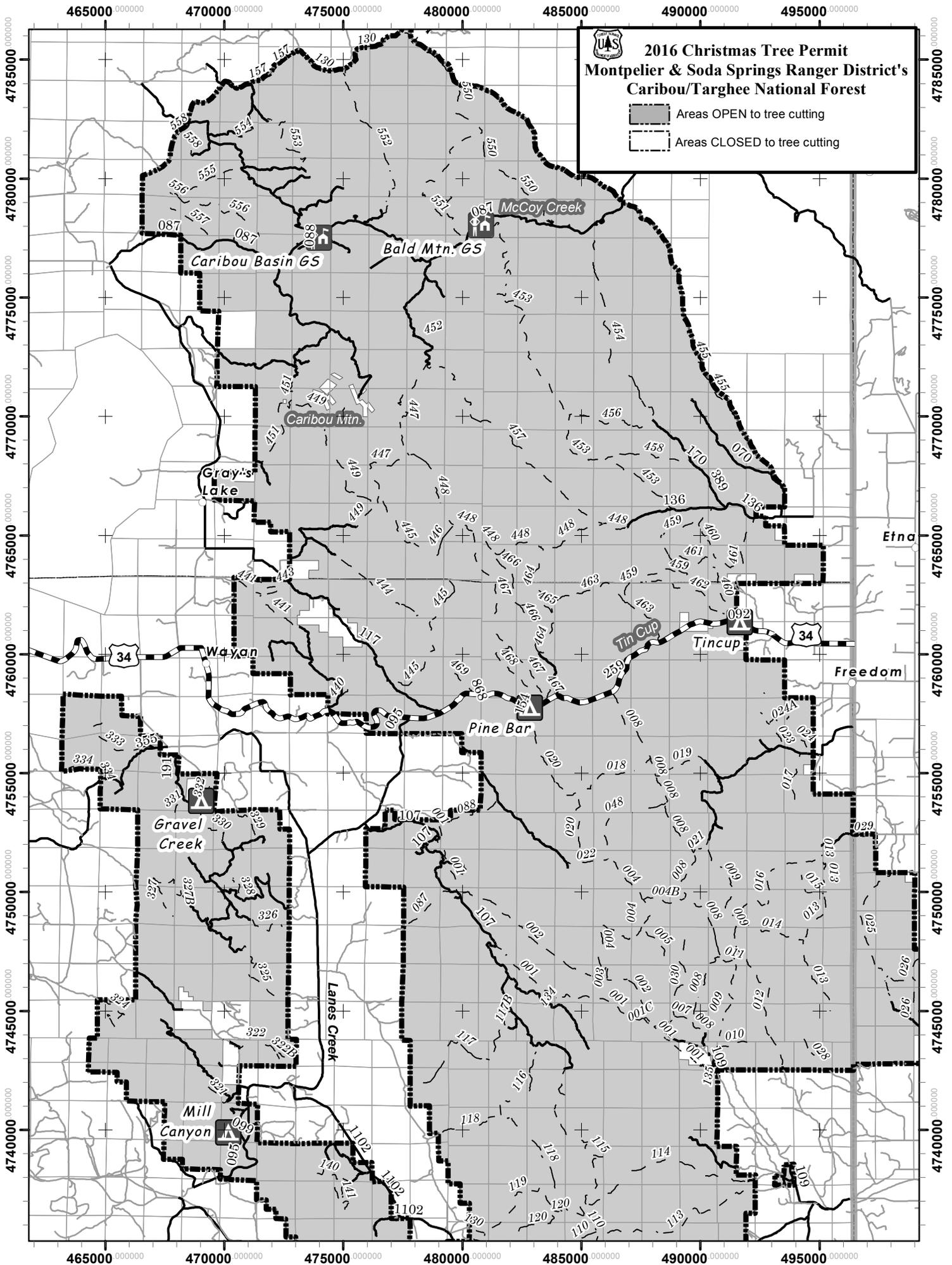
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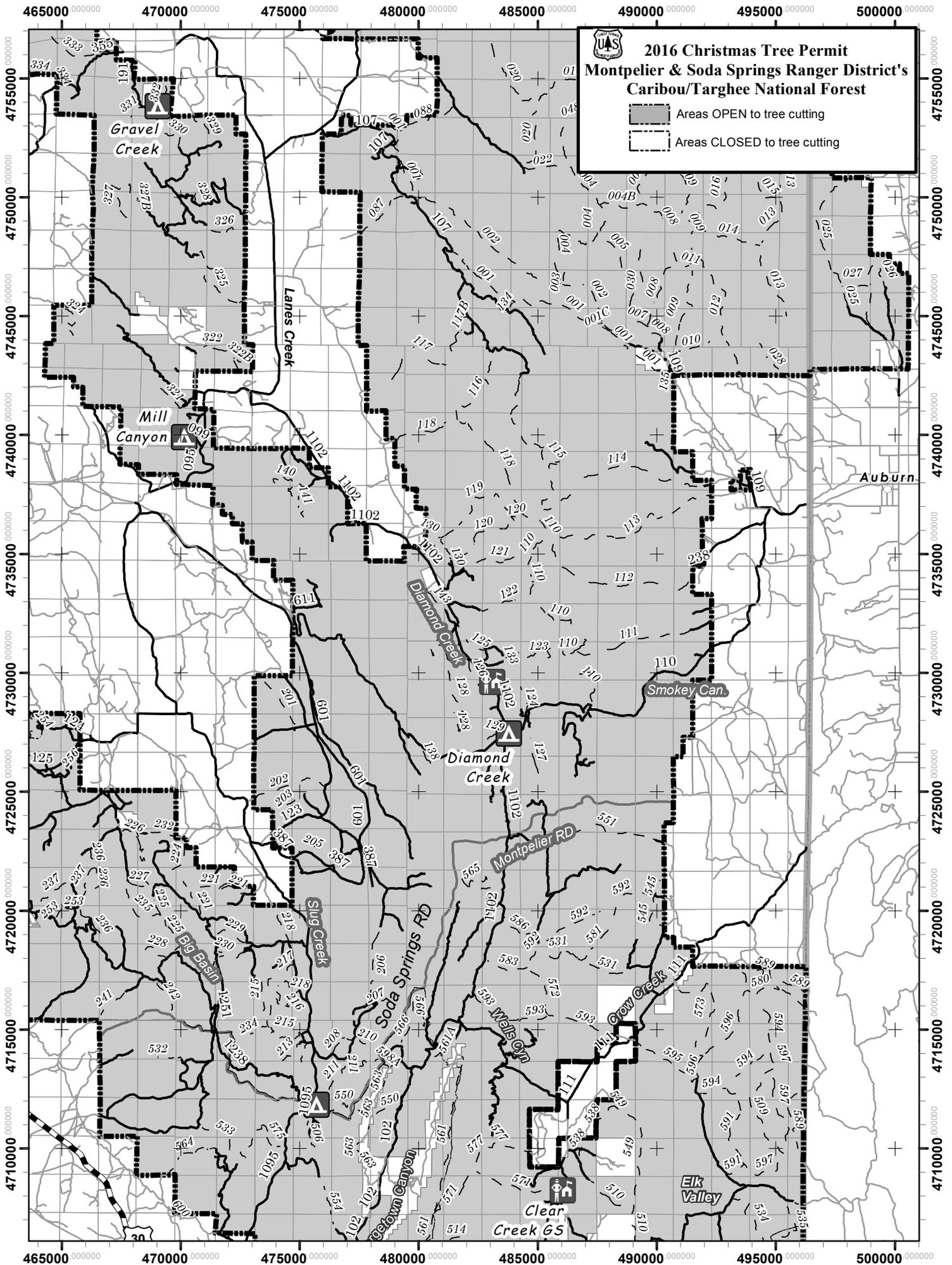
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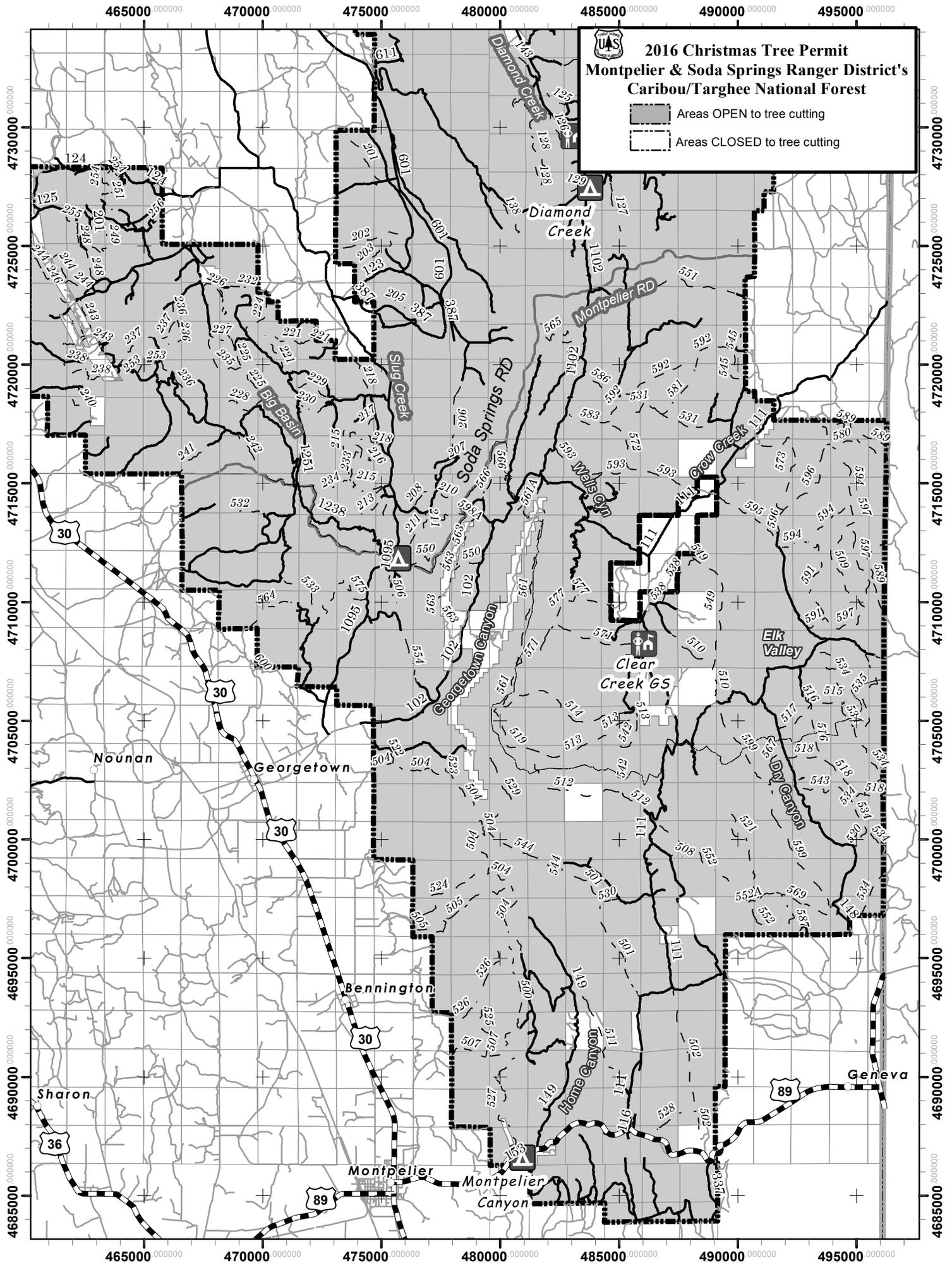
- Areas OPEN to tree cutting
- Areas CLOSED to tree cutting
- 409 Roads
- 409 Trails
- ▲ Campgrounds
- 🏠 Guard Stations
- For more detail refer to maps delineated by these squares

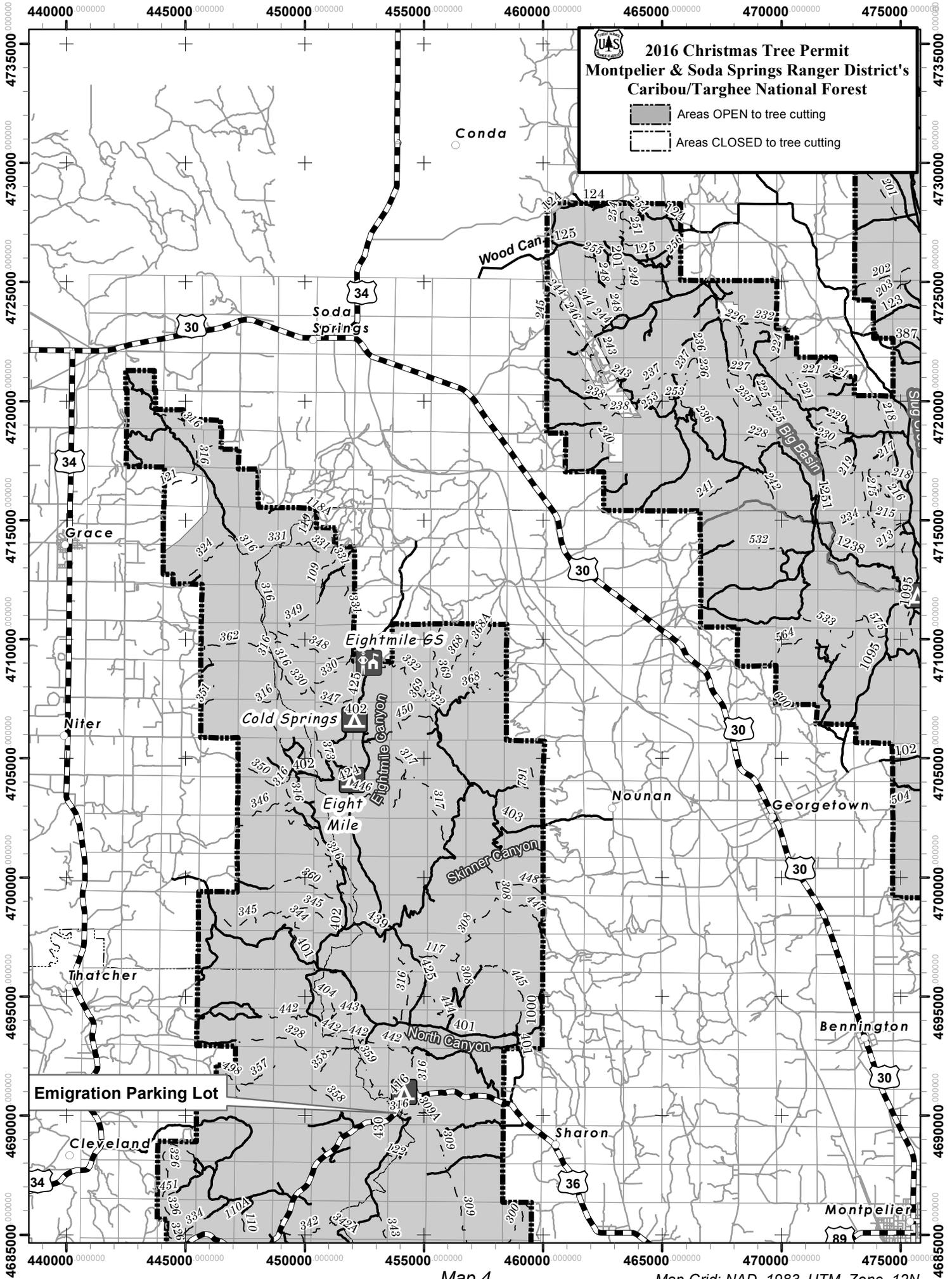


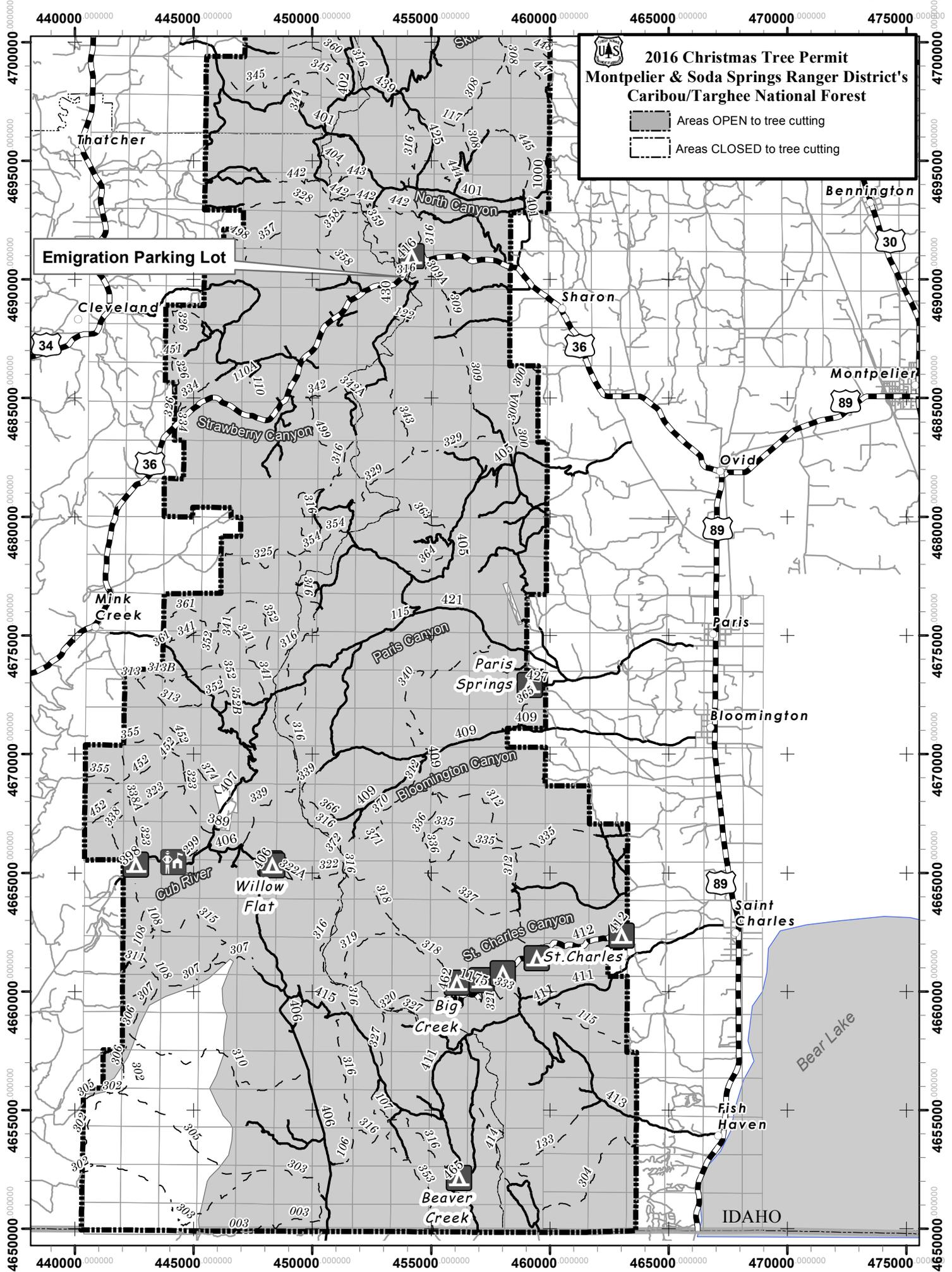
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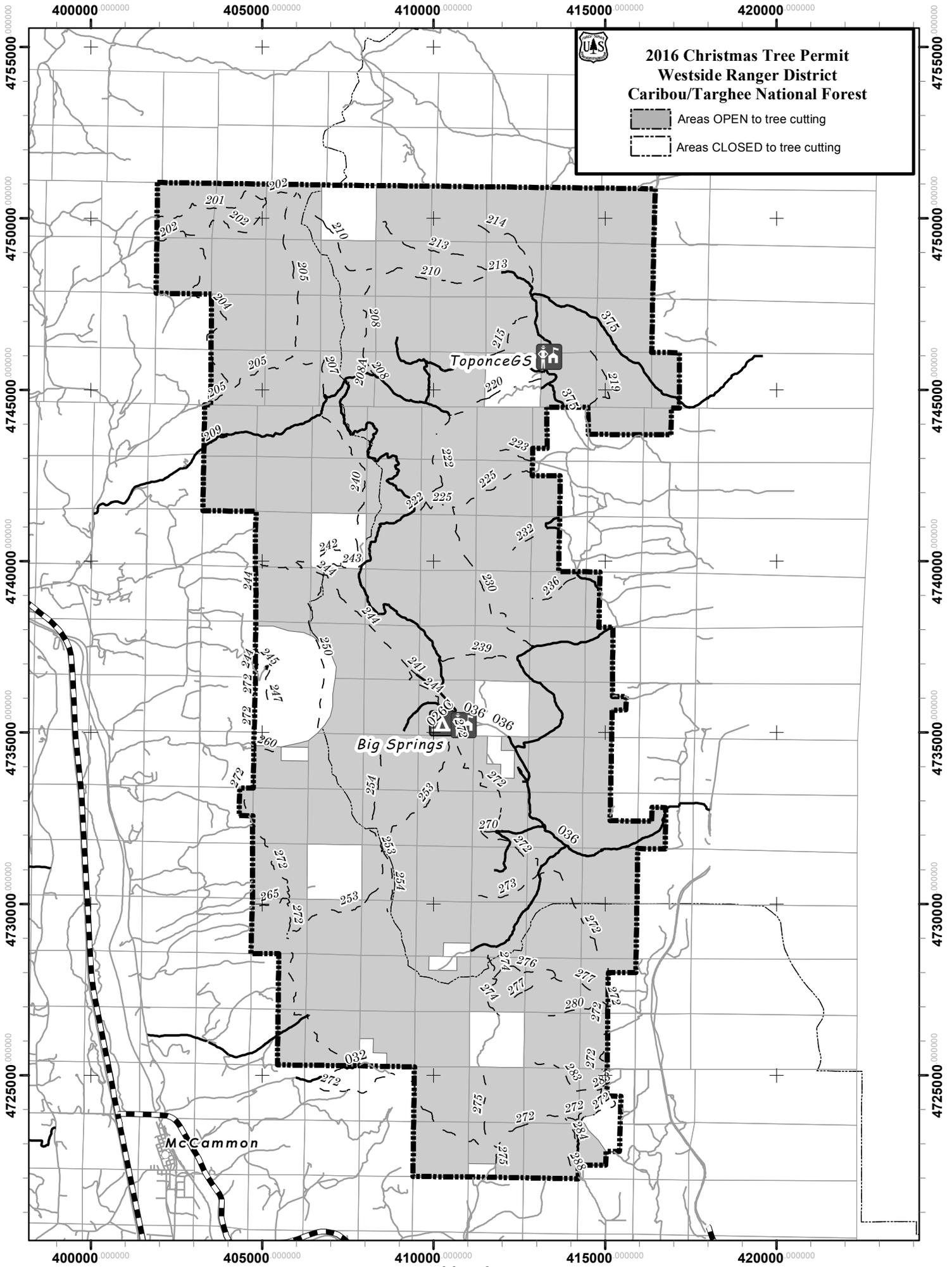






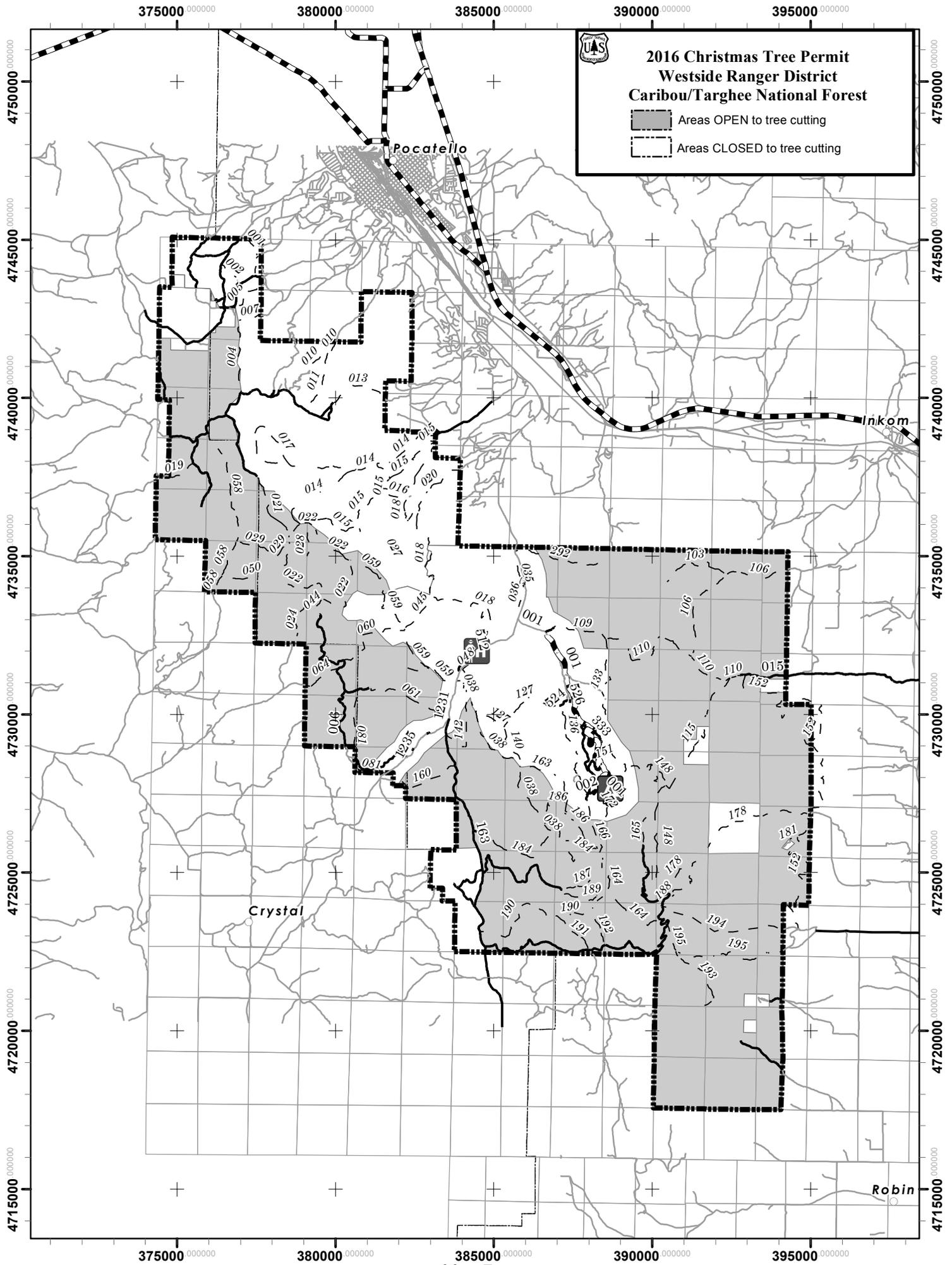


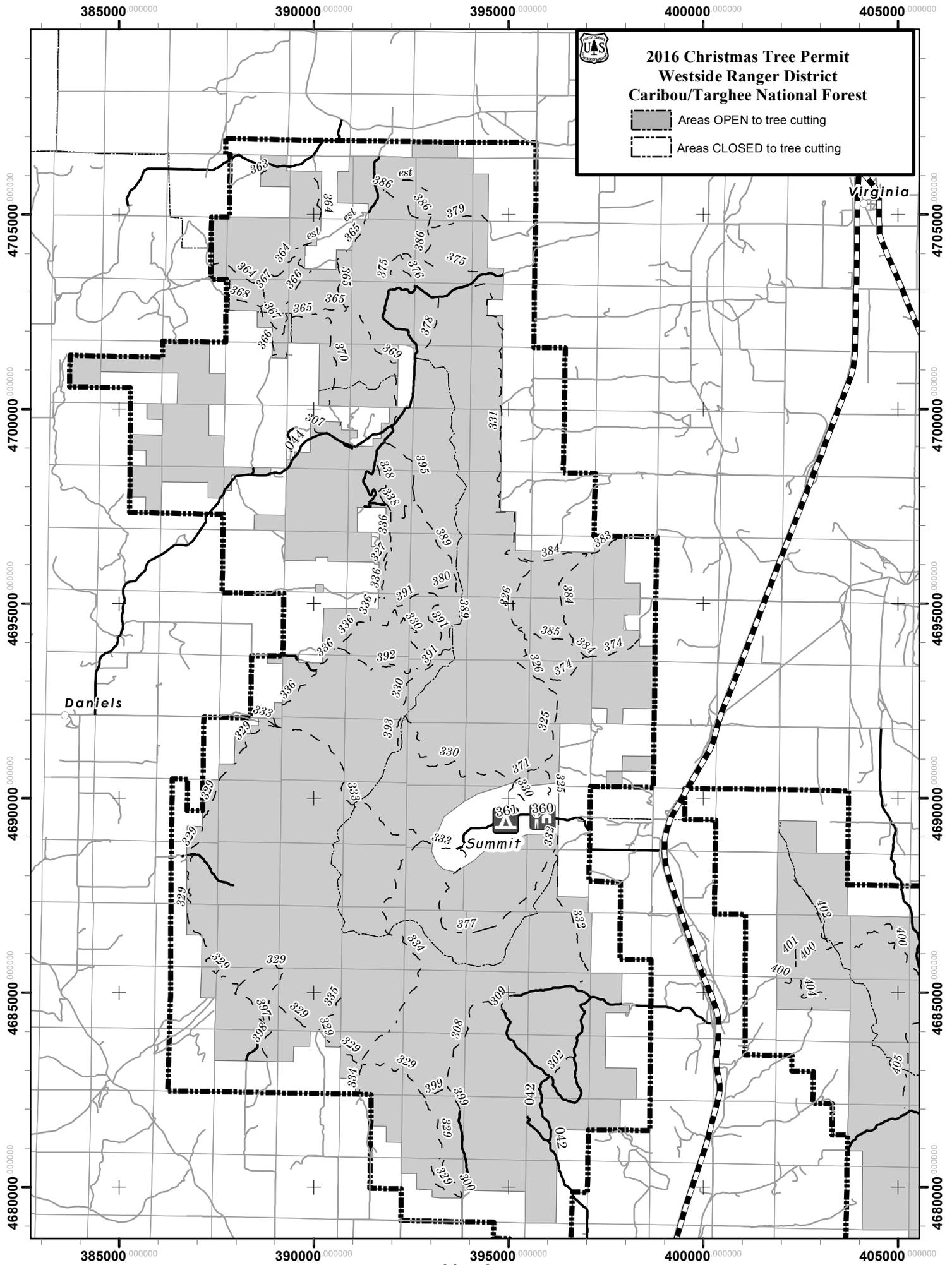




Map 6

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Map 8

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