

Sam Houston National Forest

Forest-Scale Roads Analysis

Report

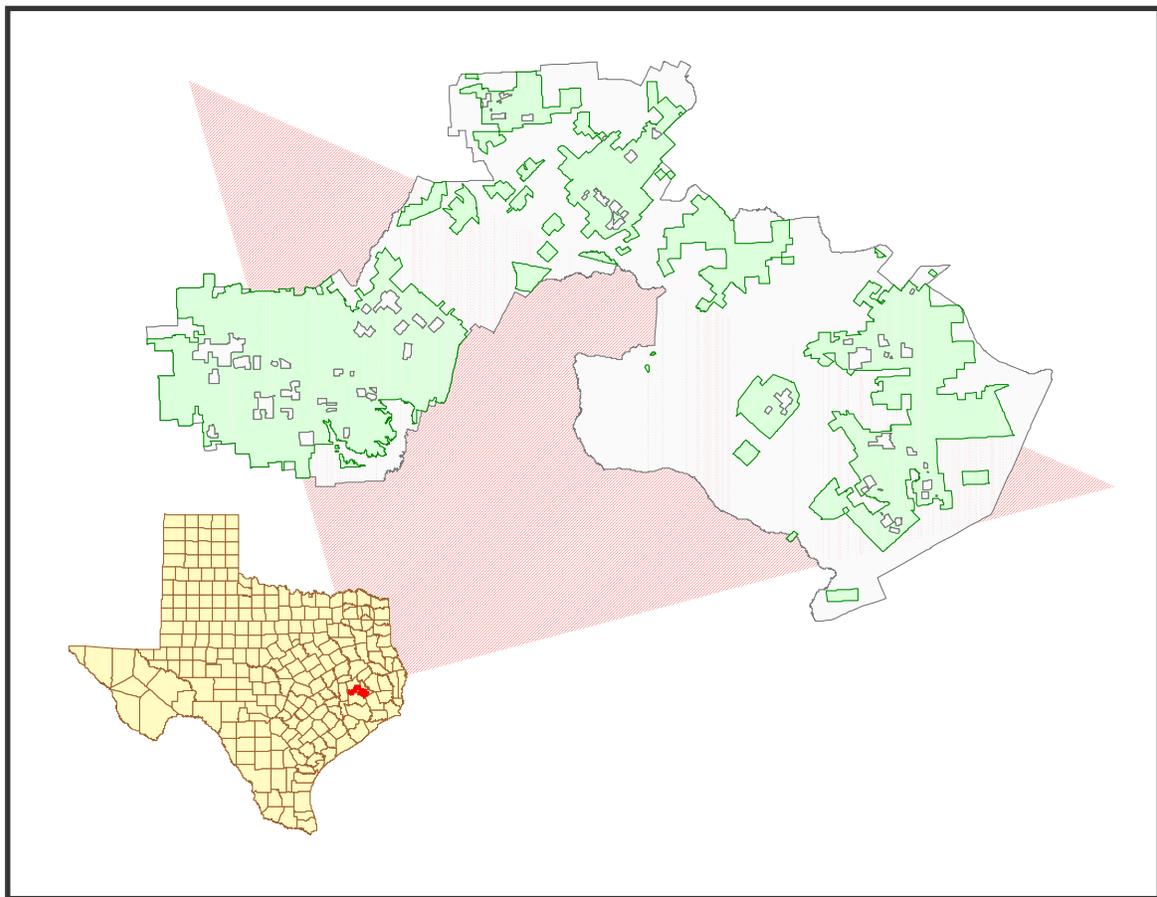


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The Sam Houston National Forest is an “urban” forest located close to the Houston metropolitan area in Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Walker Counties in southeast Texas. There are approximately 491,800 acres inside the proclaimed National Forest boundary of which 163,037 acres (33 percent) is National Forest land. The National Forest land within the proclaimed boundary is intermingled with private lands which include corporate and private timberland, pasture land, farms, residential areas, and business sites.



Abstract: Roads analysis is an integrated interdisciplinary approach to transportation planning that addresses existing and future road management options. This roads analysis reviews the current state of the transportation system on the Sam Houston National Forest and focuses on the State, County, and Forest Service roads that are maintained for public use with passenger cars. Resource issues, budget concerns, and other local management problems were addressed in this analysis to make recommendations and identify opportunities to manage, maintain, and improve the forest roads system.