



**Access Policy for Hunters with Disabilities
On the Jefferson Division**

This program is designed to provide special access to selected restricted Forest Development roads for hunters with disabilities who hold a state of Montana Hunting License and a permit or authorization to shoot from a vehicle due to a disability and has been developed in cooperation with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Access for Hunters with Disabilities is available on the following Forest roads:

- **Road #15823 – Musselshell RD**
- **Road #8917 – Musselshell RD**
- **Road #6378 – Belt Creek District/Graveyard Gulch Rd (key)**
- **Road #2049 – Judith RD (combo lock)**
- **Road #6558 – Judith RD (combo lock)**

Maps will be provided at each Lewis and Clark NF District Office and on the LCNF Web Site identifying the roads open for hunting by hunters with a disability.

A permit to take a vehicle behind the gates on these roads will be available at the Jefferson Division District Offices to a qualifying hunter for the Big Game season. Permits for use of these roads are available during office hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To qualify, applicants must present a current State of Montana Resident with a Disability Conservation License and Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle (<http://fwp.mt.gov/recreation/ctb/licensing.html>). In addition to the requirements for the Forest Service Permit issued to hunters with disabilities, these hunters must comply with all requirements and regulations governing the State of Montana licenses. The hunter must notify the district two days prior to the desired hunting date. A sign and key or combination will be issued to the hunter.

Each hunter with a disability must be accompanied by at least 1 assistant. No more that 2 assistants are allowed. The assistant(s) must be designated on the permit and meet the requirements set out in the Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle issued by the State of Montana. **The assistant(s) may not use the motorized vehicle for access to hunt. Only one (1) gun will be allowed in the disabled hunter's vehicle while in the designated area.**

The Forest permit must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle when the vehicle is behind a closed gate. A sign stating that a hunter with a disability is behind the gate will be provided with the Forest permit. The sign is to be hung on the closure device (e.g., gate) by the permittee while the permittee is exercising the privileges of the permit. This is to inform the public that the vehicle use on the restricted road has been authorized.

The sign and key must be returned within 3 days following the last authorized day of use. Failure to do so will be considered a breach of permit. Permits shall be issued for a term of not more than three days and may be renewable thereafter, provided the selected road is not currently being occupied or has been requested by another hunter with a disability.

All permits will be issued on a first come/first served basis. Camping behind these gates as accessed by this program will not be allowed.

Applicants should be aware that any of the roads can be snowed in at any time during the hunting season. The Forest Service does not plan to plow snow on these roads.

The permit will allow the hunter with a disability and assistant(s) on the designated road for the purpose of hunting by a hunter with a disability. Violations of the Disabled Hunter Access Permit will constitute a violation of 36 CFR 261.10(L).

The Lewis & Clark National Forest will make reasonable accommodations for any eligible participant who is unable to participate in existing programs without further assistance from the Forest Service.

Supervisor's Office
1101 15th Street N.
Great Falls, MT 59405
(406) 791-7700

Judith Ranger District
109 Central Ave.
Stanford, MT 59479
Phone: (406) 566-2292

White Sulphur Springs RD
204 W. Folsom
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645
Phone: (406) 547-3361

Musselshell Ranger District
809 2nd Street NW
Harlowton, MT 59036
Phone: (406) 632-4391

Belt Creek Ranger District
4234 US Highway 89 North
Neihart, MT 59465
Phone/ (406) 236-5511

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Hunters with Disabilities Access Map for 2012

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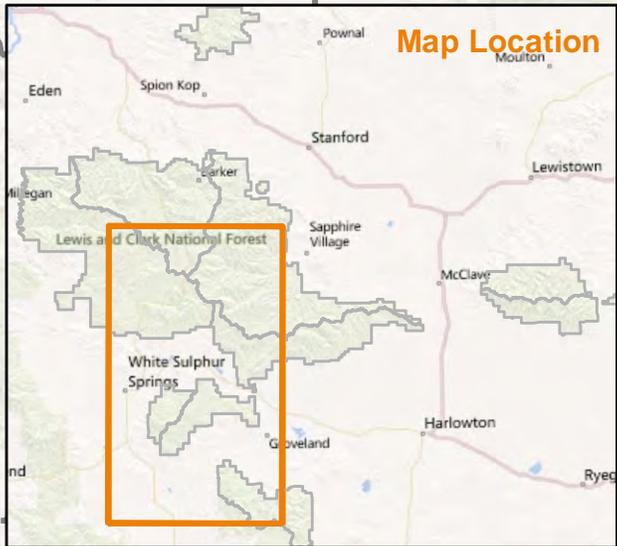
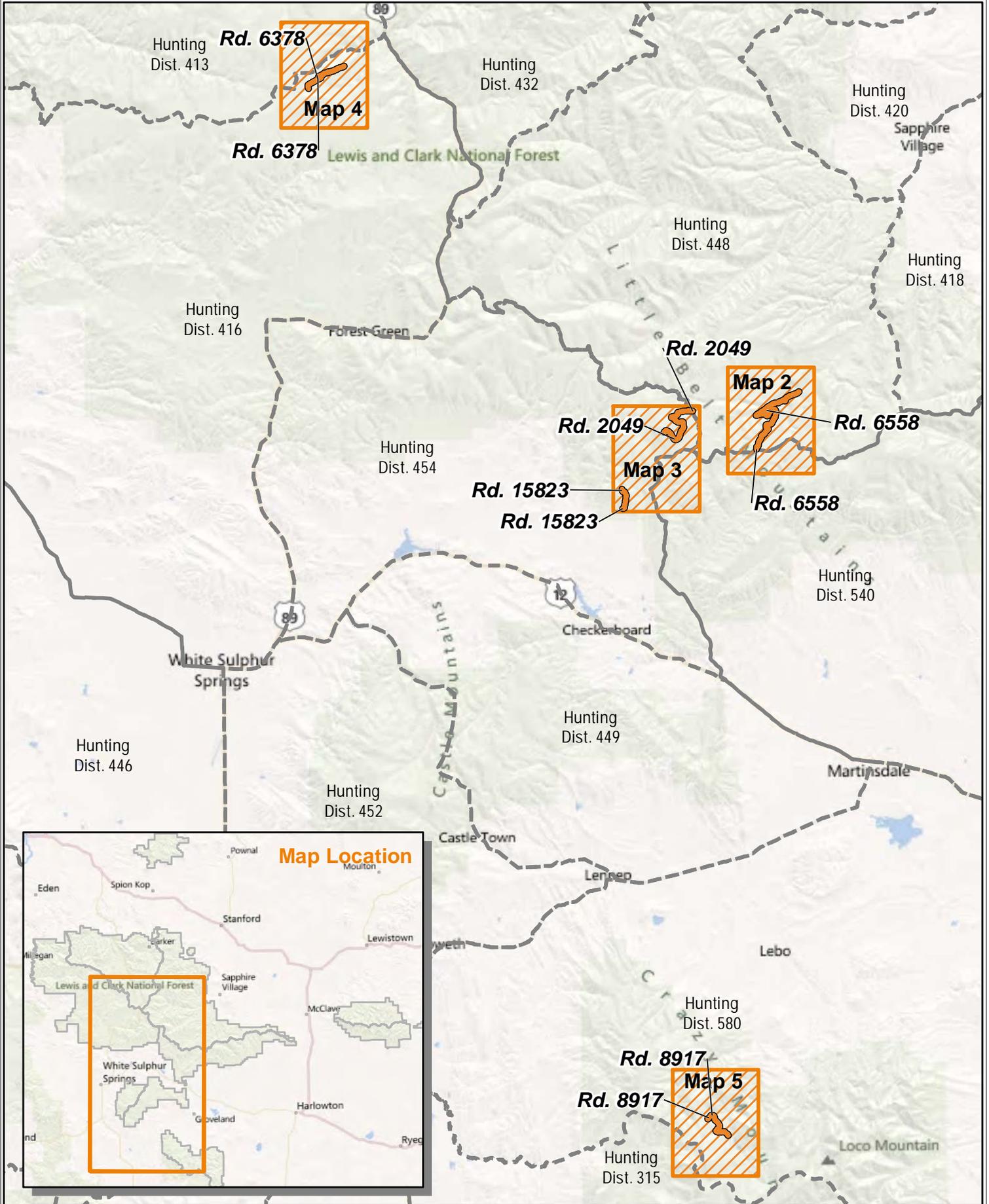
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-  Major Roads Open Yearlong
-  Major Roads Open Seasonally
-  Gates

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Map 1

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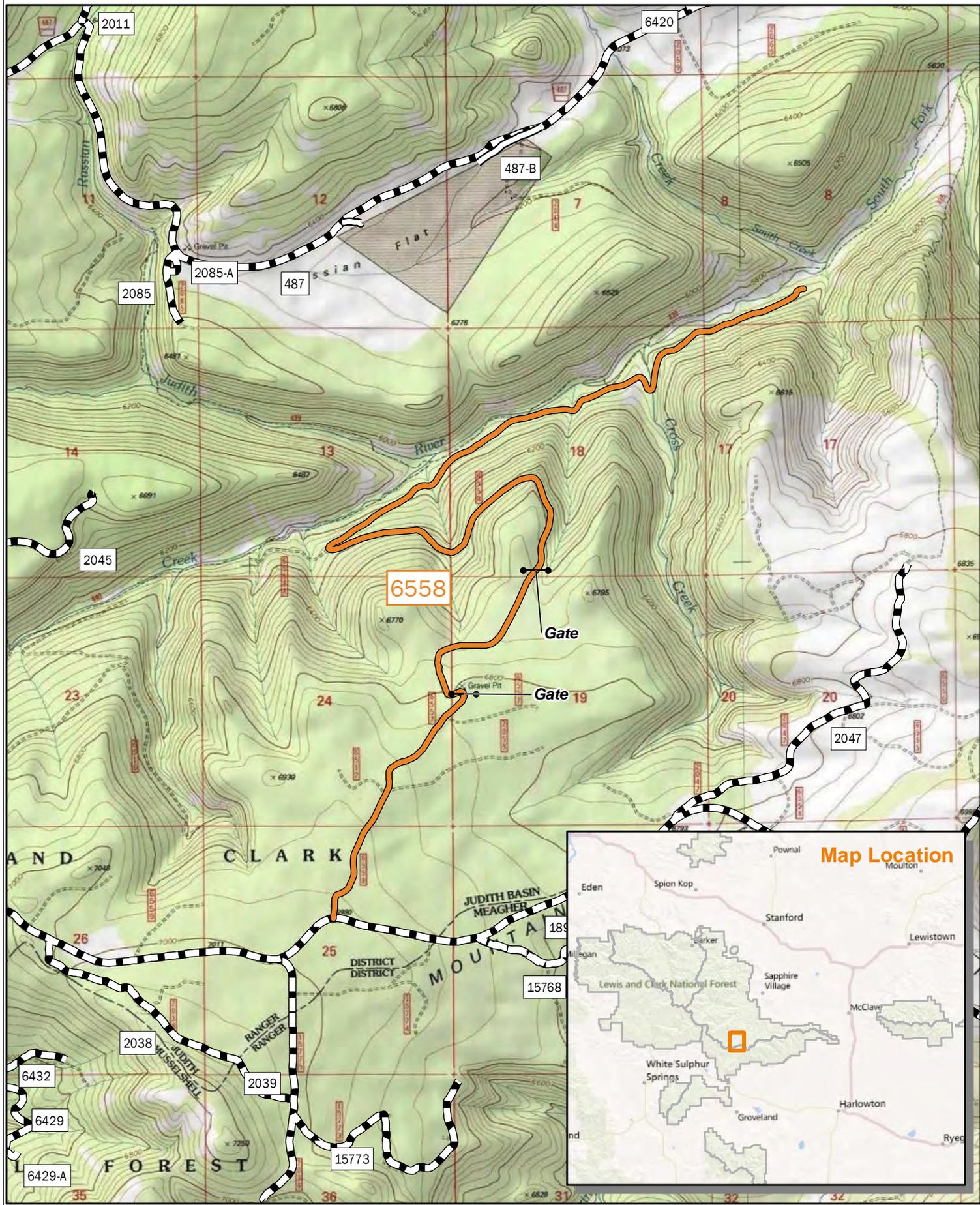
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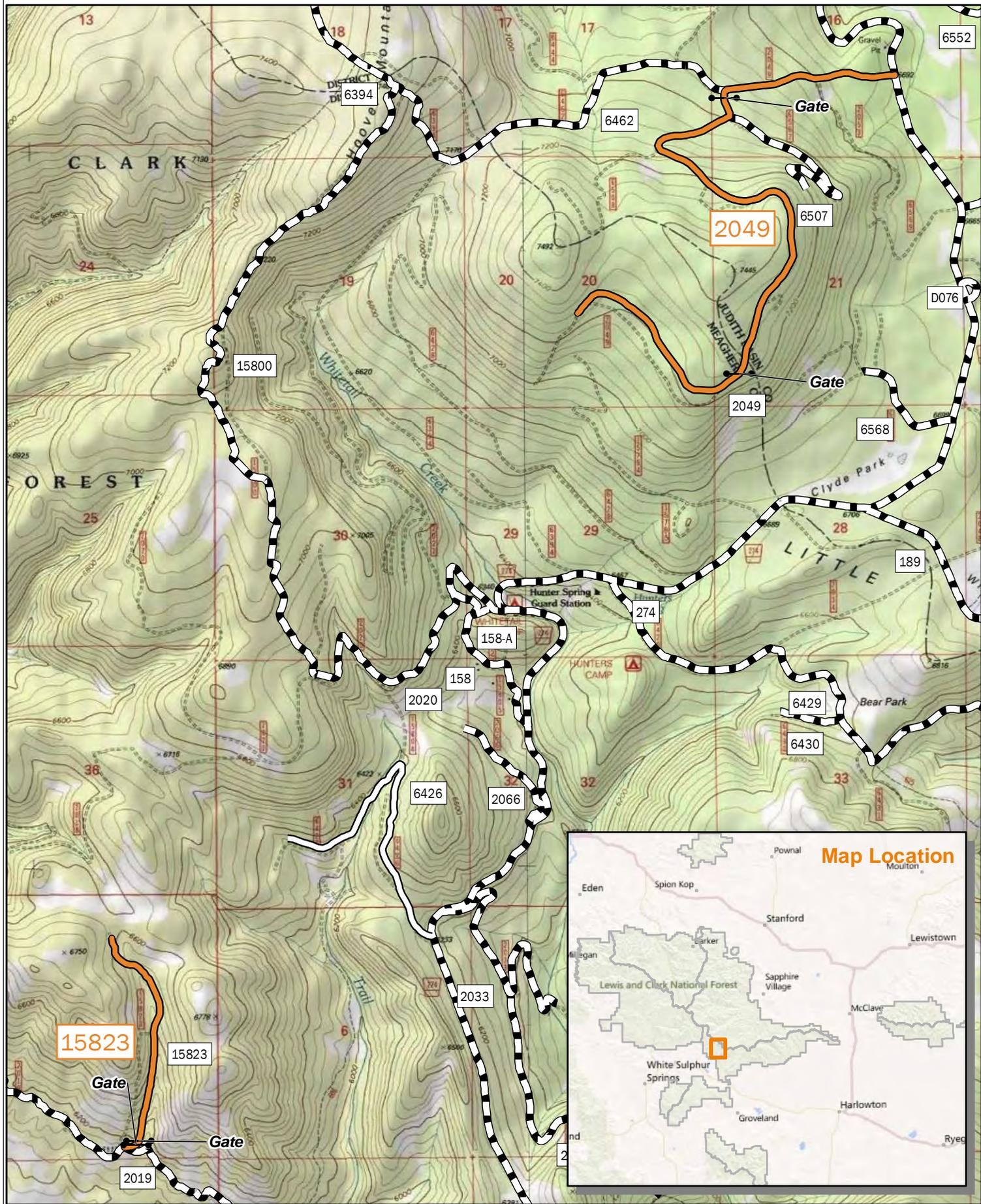
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