

CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING INFORMATION

Christmas Tree



We hope the experience of cutting a Christmas tree will provide a special memory for you and your family. Since 2008, the Forest Christmas Tree program has been part of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. Portions of your permit fee goes to: solicit additional vendors to make obtaining a permit more convenient, increasing staffing during peak use periods to better assist you with information and directions, increasing compliance patrols and checks to ensure fairness for permit purchasers, security, and safety to the public and other functions and support.

In order for the Forest Service to continue providing this opportunity and help you have a safe enjoyable experience we ask you to follow these guidelines.

BEFORE VENTURING OUT



A permit is required to cut and remove one Christmas tree. Permits are \$15.00 for trees up to 20 feet. Limited to one per household.

Christmas tree permits **are not** refundable

Permits may be purchased at local Ranger District Offices, participating vendors and online through on Recreation.gov. Visit <https://www.recreation.gov/tree-permits/ctnf> or <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/ctnf/passes-permits/forestproducts> to learn more. You may also call the local district offices if you have more questions.

Make sure you cut your tree on public lands. Some Ranger Districts have designated areas or areas with restrictions. Consult the Ranger District you wish to cut your Christmas tree from for additional information.

After you cut your tree, attach your permit to it for the trip home. If using a permit printed online, place it on the dashboard of your vehicle.

CARING FOR YOUR TREE

- Place your tree in a location away from heat registers, fireplaces, and stoves.
- Use only inspected electrical cords, an electrical short can cause a dry tree to burn in seconds!
- Water, Water, Water --- Always keep your fresh tree in a stand that holds lots of water. Use a mixture of one part sugar to sixteen parts water. Don't forget to check the water level daily and refill the reservoir with the water and sugar solution.

WHEN CUTTING YOUR TREE

Help us manage trees for future generations. Cut conifer trees within aspen stands to allow the aspen trees to expand. Or cut from a clump of conifer trees to allow the remaining trees more space.

Select those Charlie Brown trees with defects and leave the healthiest trees behind.

Do not cut trees in or around campgrounds, organized sites, summer home areas, administrative sites (guard stations), ski areas, wilderness, wilderness study areas, private, state or BLM lands.

Cut your tree within 6 inches of the ground. All branches must be cut free of the stump or any portion of the tree trunk left. Do not cut off the top of a larger tree and take only the top.

Please avoid riparian areas, which are sensitive and difficult to regenerate.

Follow the Caribou-Targhee Travel Plan map and signs as you locate and cut your tree.

FOR YOUR SAFETY



Ensure that you, your family and your vehicle are properly equipped for winter travel before leaving.

Always let someone know where you plan on going and when you plan to return.

Do not park your vehicle where it will block traffic or cause a traffic hazard.

Bring additional warm clothing, a container of hot liquid, water, a lunch or snacks – your trip may take longer than expected. Pack it in – Pack it out. Please keep your National Forests clean.

Carry a flashlight, tire chains, first aid kit, hatchet, ax or hand saw, good warm gloves, warm boots, and a rope to tie your tree down.



WHEN TRANSPORTING YOUR TREE...

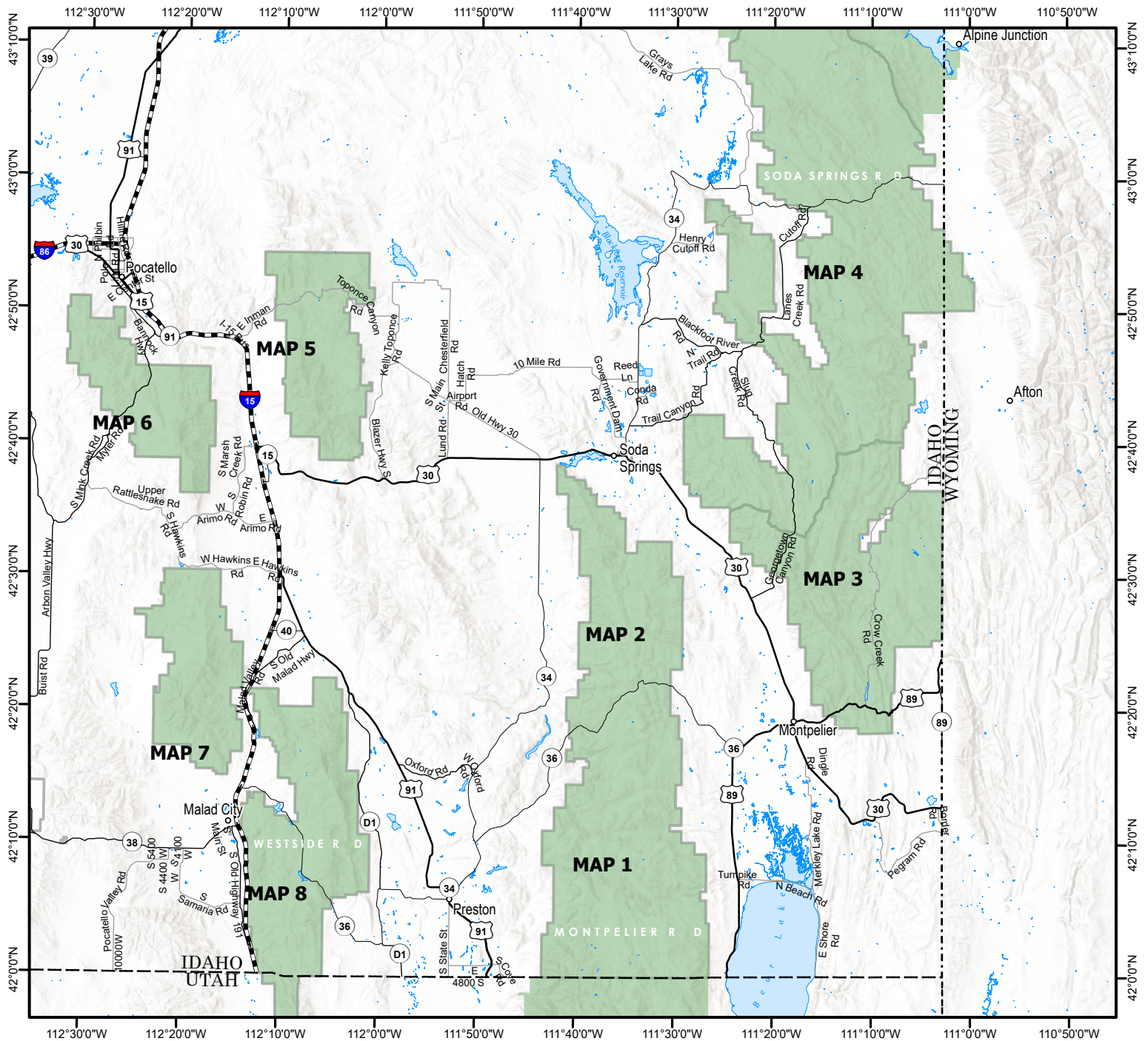
Make sure your permit is attached to the tree and is visible. If using an online permit, make sure it is clearly visible on your vehicles dashboard. Tie the tree securely to your vehicle. You may want to wrap it in a tarp or old blanket to protect the branches. Also, if you transport your tree on the top or bed of your vehicle, remember to have the trunk of the tree facing forward



*From everyone at the
Caribou-Targhee National
Forest, we wish you and
your family a very Merry
Christmas!*

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2026 Christmas tree cutting
 Caribou Zone

OVERVIEW MAP:
 CARIBOU ZONE



Legend

- Caribou-Targhee NF Boundary
- S_USA.MajorRoads_ESRI
- FRC_DESC
- Freeway or Other Major Road
- Important Local Road
- Local Connecting Road
- Other Major Road
- Secondary Road

0 5 10 20 30 40 Miles

When harvesting Christmas trees leave a stump no higher than 12 inches. Cutting conifer trees within aspen stands helps the aspen to expand. Cutting from a clump helps the remaining trees to grow.

NO CUTTING in campgrounds.

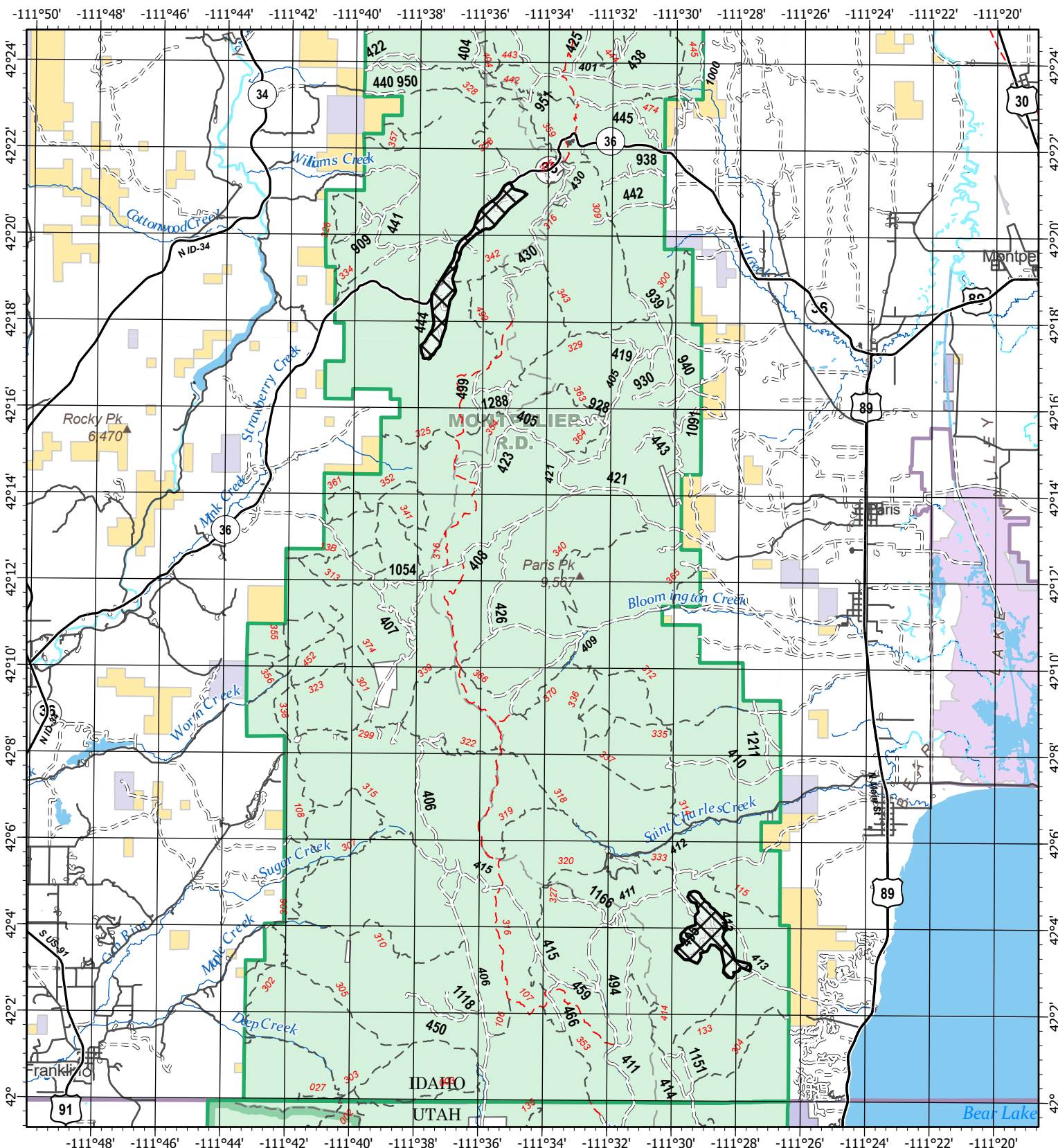
* Forest Visitor/Travel Maps containing more specific road and topographical information are available at the Montpelier Ranger District Office 208.847.0375

Also available on Avenza App - see QRcodes on attachment.



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RANGER DISTRICT:
MONTPELIER - BEAR RIVER RANGE - MAP 1



- Highways
- Paved Roads
- Dirt/Gravel Road
- Trail
- National Designated Trail
- Areas Closed to Christmas Tree Cutting

0 1.25 2.5 5 7.5 Miles



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In campgrounds

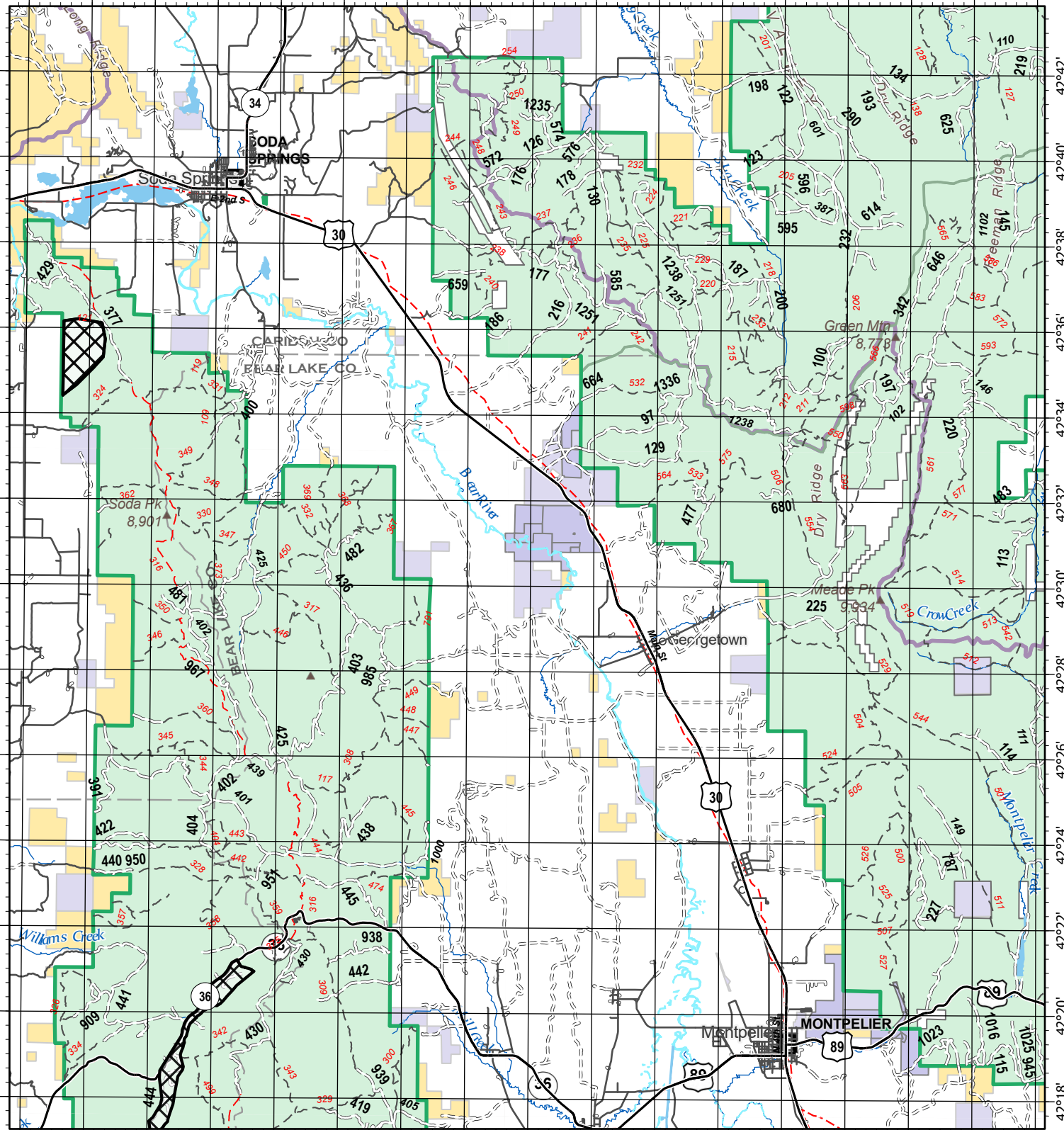
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RANGER DISTRICT:
MONTPELIER/SODA SPRINGS - NORTH BEAR RIVER
& CARIBOU RANGES - MAP 2



-111°42' -111°40' -111°38' -111°36' -111°34' -111°32' -111°30' -111°28' -111°26' -111°24' -111°22' -111°20' -111°18' -111°16' -111°14' -111°12' -111°10'



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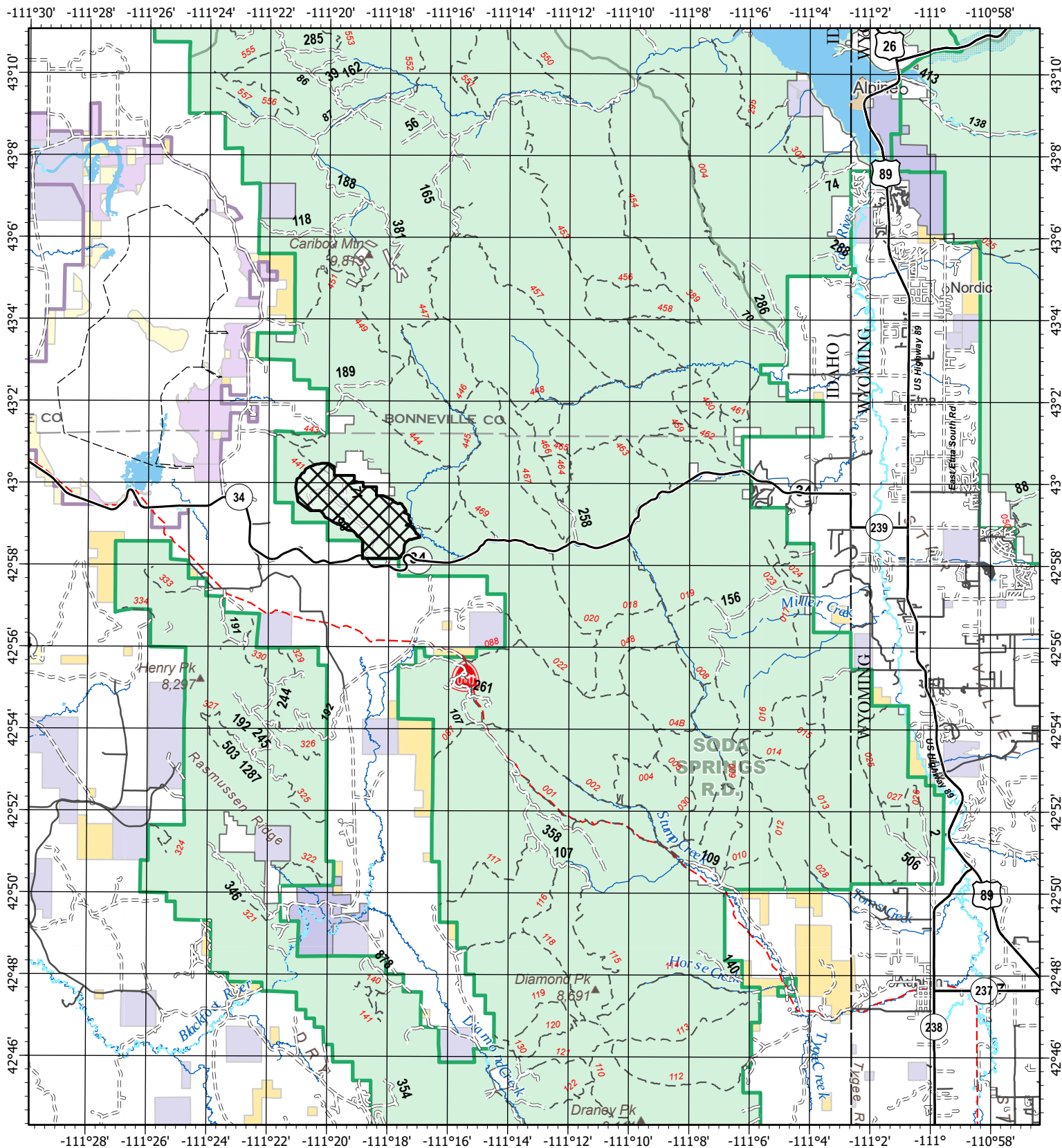


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RANGER DISTRICT:
 SODA SPRINGS NORTH - MAP 4



- Highways
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- Dirt/Gravel Road
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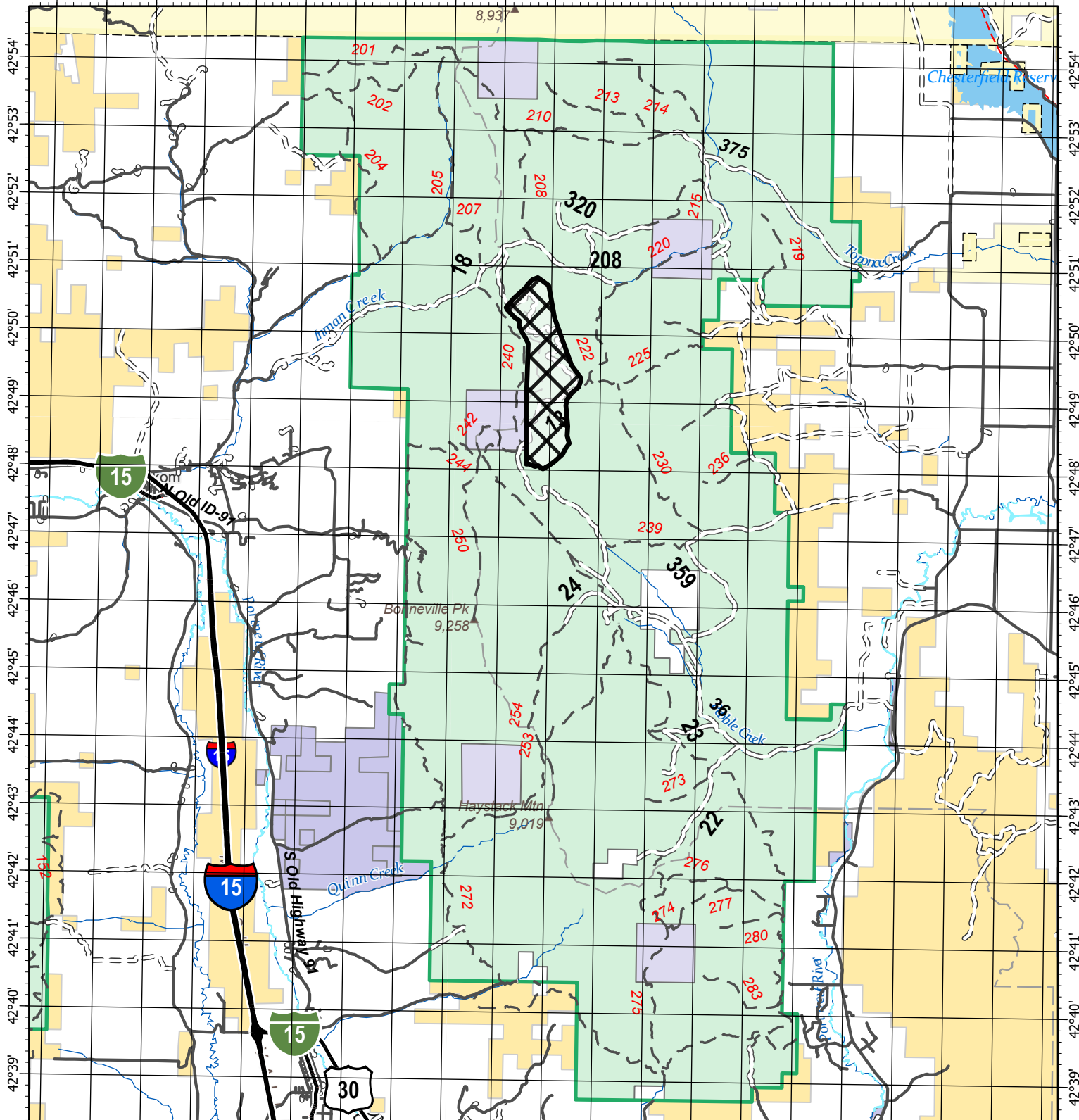
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RANGER DISTRICT:
WESTSIDE - PORTNEUF RANGE - MAP 5



Caribou Zone

-112°17'-112°16'-112°15'-112°14'-112°13'-112°12'-112°11'-112°10'-112°9'-112°8'-112°7'-112°6'-112°5'-112°4'-112°3'-112°2'-112°1'-112° -111°59'-111°58'-111°57'



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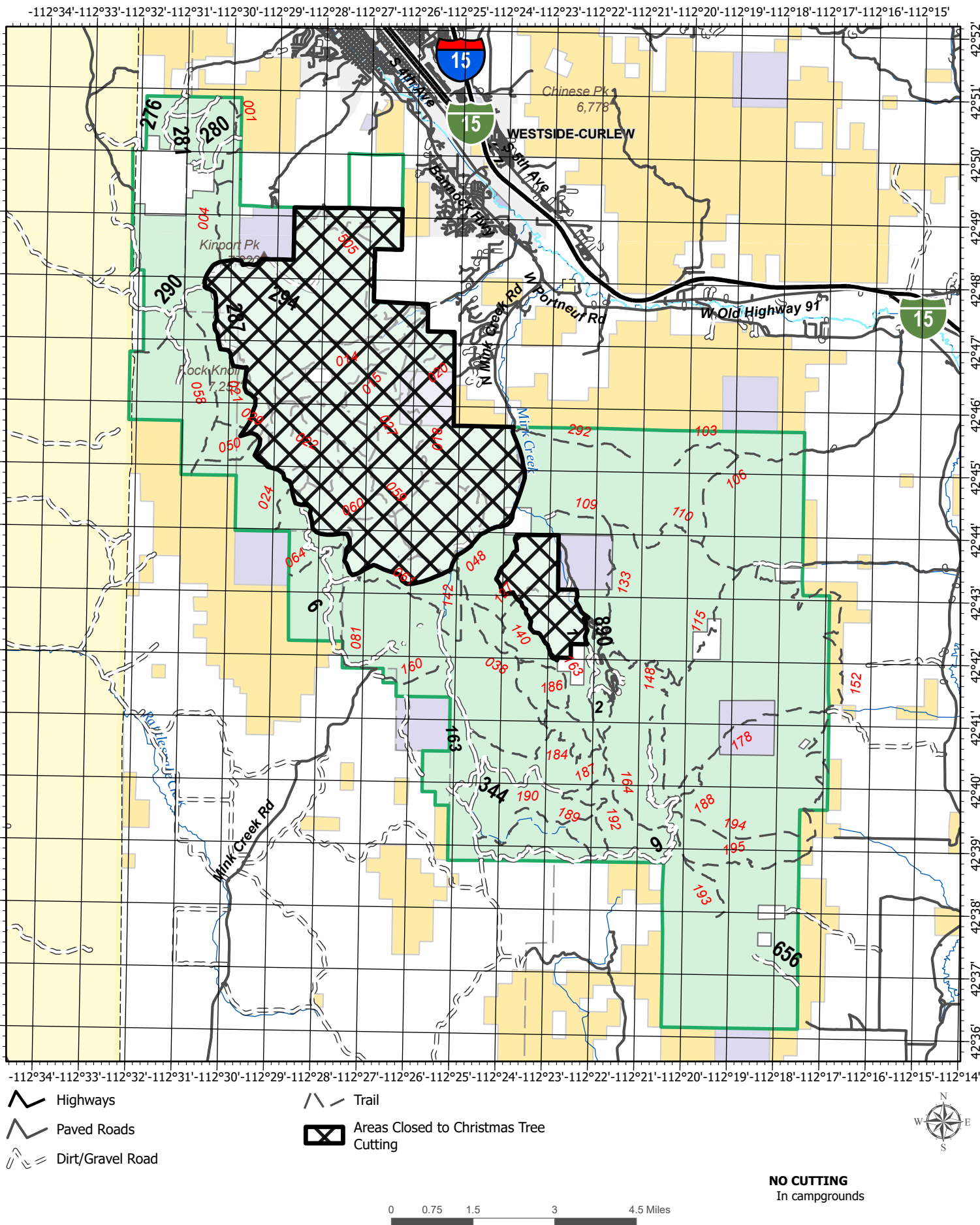


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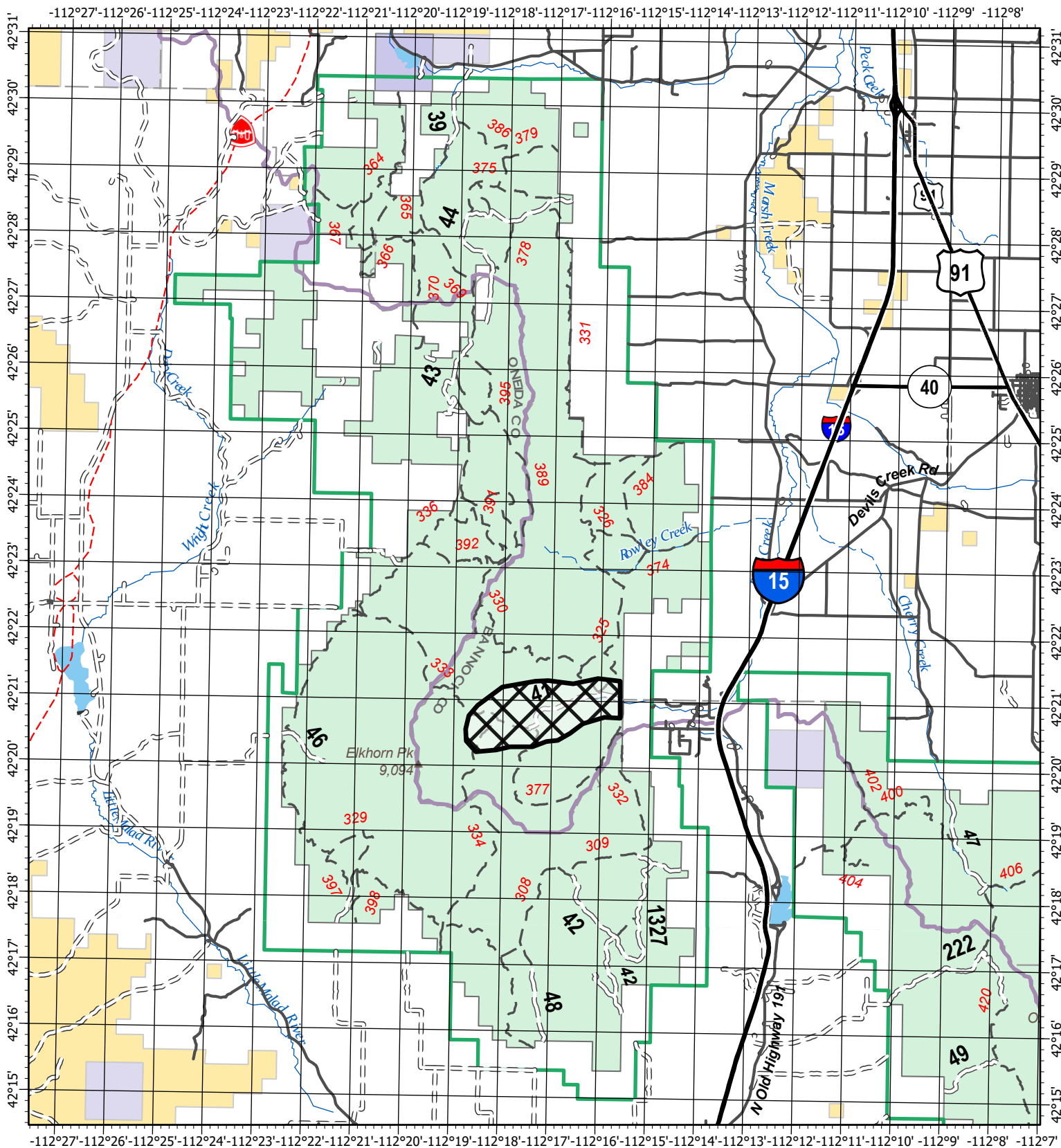
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RANGER DISTRICT:
WESTSIDE - BANNOCK RANGE - MAP 6



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RANGER DISTRICT:
WESTSIDE - ELKHORN RANGE - MAP 7



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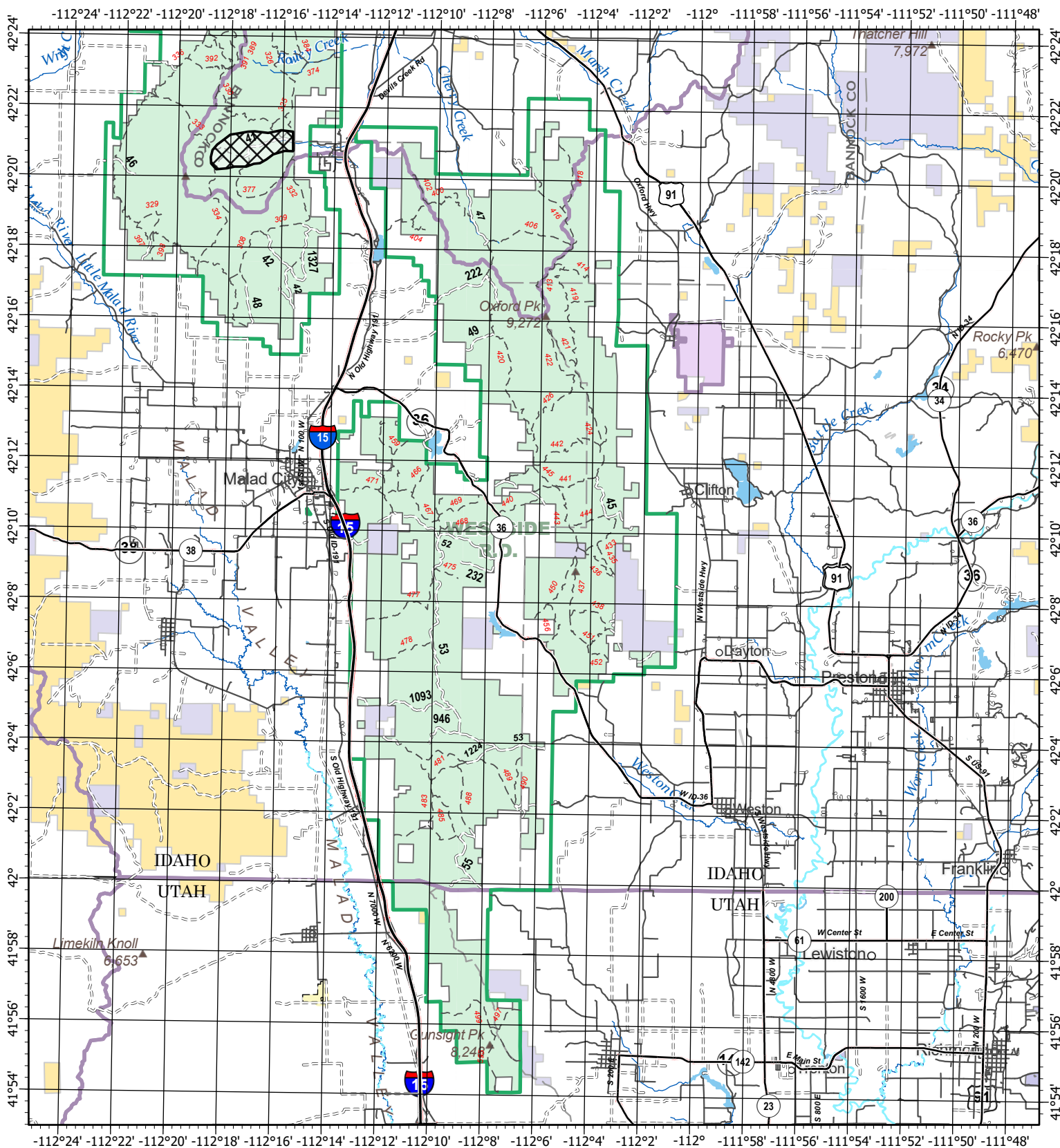


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RANGER DISTRICT:
WESTSIDE - OXFORD RANGE - MAP 8



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- Trail
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0 1.5 3 6 9 Miles