

Attachment L

Map and Description of Existing Uses Within a Three-mile Radius of the Proposed Mining Area

As discussed in prior sections, the area surrounding the Pickett Mountain Project site is wooded and the primary use is forest industry related. Six residential properties with seasonal dwellings are present on the southern and northern shore of Pleasant Lake which are used for recreation there along with other great ponds. The area is also used for motorized recreation vehicles, including ATVs and snowmobiles. The attached map provides a 3-mile radius around the site indicating the location of these features which are further described below.

Lakes and Ponds

A three-mile radius from the perimeter of the area proposed for rezoning encompasses extends to the eastern shoreline of Upper Shin Pond and encompasses Pleasant Lake, Mud Lake, Huntley Duck Pond, Picket Mountain Pond, Grass Pond, Bear Mountain Pond. Tote Pond located between Grass Pond and Bear Mountain Pond drains eastward to Hale Pond, which then drains south. Green Pond, located to the north of Hale Pond, drains north to the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag River entering south of Duck Pond.

Based on the USGS Green Mountain Quadrangle 7.5-minute series topographic map (1986 Provisional Edition) Hale Pond, Bear Mountain Pond, the un-named pond, Grass Pond and Pleasant Lake are accessible by private un-improved roads (gravel logging roads). These ponds are typically located within 500 feet of an unimproved road. Mud Lake, Huntley Pond, Duck Pond, Green Pond and Picket Mountain Pond are typically located within 500 to 1,000 feet of a trail. The site would be visible from Pickett Mountain Pond and the eastern side of the unnamed pond. It would not be visible from the other ponds.

The limited level of use of these ponds lacks quantitative information. Due their shallow nature and limited public access, it is expected that the levels of use are low. Pleasant Lake will have a higher level of use due the presence of six seasonal camps near or along its southern and northern shoreline.

The eastern shore of Upper Shin pond is within the three-mile radius as depicted in Attachment L. The site is not visible to either Upper or lower Shin Pond or Ship Pond Village. The eastern shore of Upper Shin Pond contains approximately 20 private residences. Upper and Lower Shin Pond and surrounding area is used year-round for recreation by fishing, hunting; hiking, ATV, snowmobile enthusiasts. Shin Pond Village and Mount Chase Lodge have year-round lodging and the former seasonal tent and RV campsites. Hunting on the parcel proposed for rezoning has not been observed by Wolfden.

Campsites

The closest identified campsites are in Shin Pond Village, approximately five miles from the site.

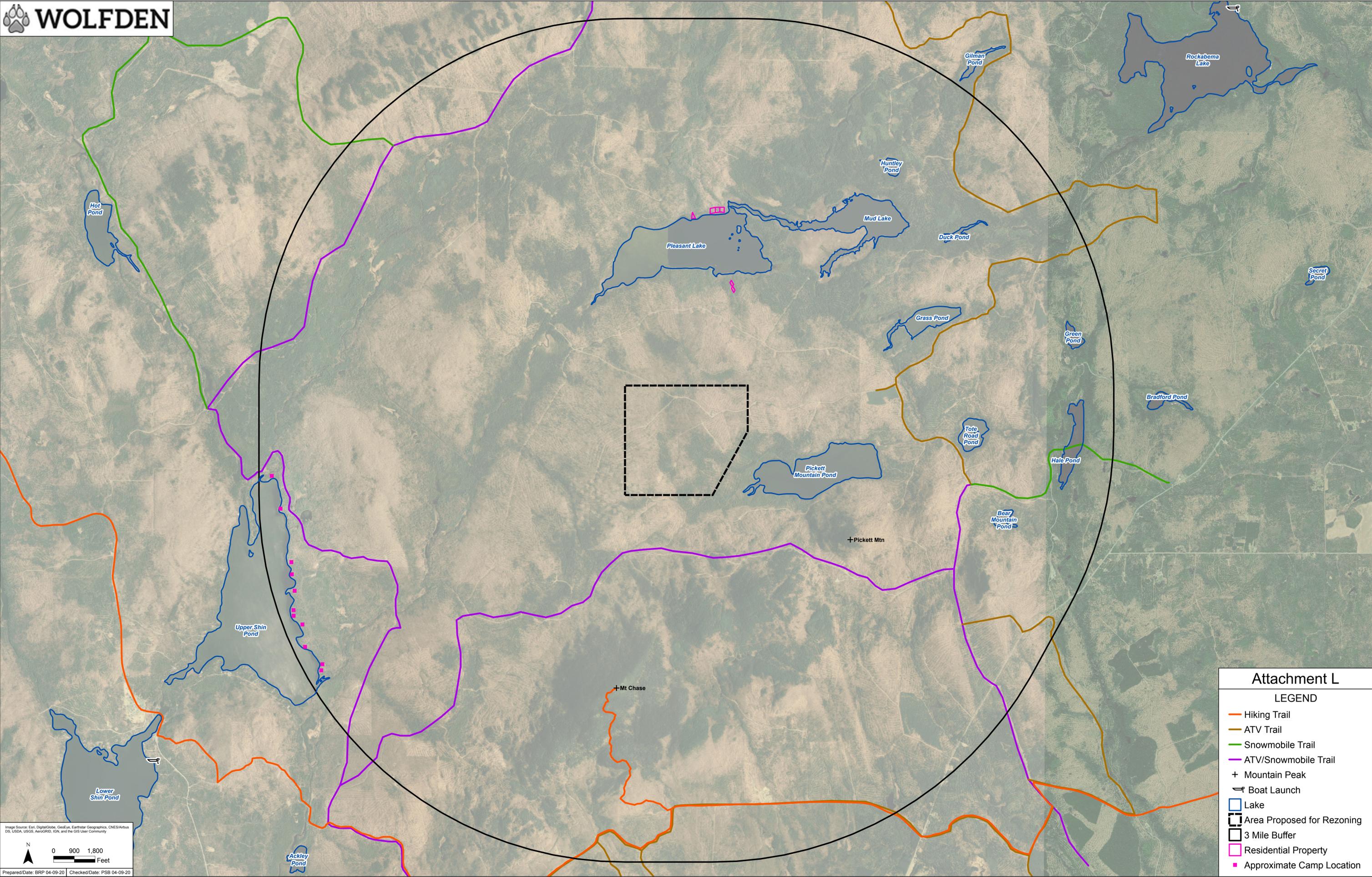
Trails

As discussed previously, the area around the site with three miles contains a network of unimproved gravel roads, used primarily for logging in addition to access to seasonal residences along Pleasant Lake. In addition, also exists a network or isolated and interconnected trails that connect to these gravel roads. The only published hiking trail is located approximately 5 miles away to the summit of the Mount Chase approaching from the South. The site is not visible from the summit of Mount Chase.

Combined use ATV/snowmobile trails have been developed in the areas surrounding the site including portions of the ITS snowmobile trail system and groomed trails maintained by local clubs. The closest ATV/snowmobile trail follows gravel road south of the Site (sometimes referred to as Fire Road C), and traverses north of Mount Chase to south of Picket Mountain. The site would be visible from portions of this trail (also identified as local snowmobile trail 62). The site would not be visible from ATV/snowmobile trails located to the east, to the west of to the north. In summary, the site would be visible only to recreational trails located immediately south at distances from 0.9 to 1.2 miles. What would be visible is the top of the concentrator building where it would stand above the tree line.

Public Boat Launches

There are no public boat launches on ponds or lakes located within 3 miles of the site. There is a public boat launch on the north eastern shore of Lower Shin Pond, but it is not located within 3 miles of the site. The site is not visible from either Lower or Upper Shin Pond.



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-  Hiking Trail
-  ATV Trail
-  Snowmobile Trail
-  ATV/Snowmobile Trail
-  Mountain Peak
-  Boat Launch
-  Lake
-  Area Proposed for Rezoning
-  3 Mile Buffer
-  Residential Property
-  Approximate Camp Location