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March 24, 2026
Notice of Timber Sale
Baldwin County
Sale ID# 11637

Dear Timber Buyer:

The Georgia Forestry Commission will accept sealed bids until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, for the unit sale of pine and hardwood on 127.5 acres of Georgia Forestry Commission property located in Baldwin County.

The sale area is located approximately six (6) miles south of Milledgeville, GA; location is described more precisely on the attached maps. The location is further described by Georgia Atlas & Gazetteer page 35, block D9, D10 and E10.

This timber sale consists of 112 acres of pine and incidental hardwood to be clear-cut and 15.5 acres of planted longleaf pine to be thinned; both areas are described on the harvest map in the attached timber sale contract. Within the stand to be thinned, thinning will be done by operator selection leaving 80 ft² of basal area per acre.

The lock combination for the locked gate is 3-0-0-6. Enter at the westernmost gate on Carl Vincent Drive to inspect the north stands. For the two south stands, please park at the gates on Hwy 441 and Fall Line Freeway then walk in to inspect the timber. Please close and lock gate upon entering and leaving. See the attached "Timber Harvest Contract" for detailed instructions on this timber harvest.

Our estimate of total timber volume is 6,840 tons of pine and 534 tons of hardwood; volume is not guaranteed. Product volume estimate is available upon request.

Bids may be brought to the opening site or mailed to the attention of Ben Hammond, Georgia Forestry Commission 1055 East Whitehall Rd, Athens, GA 30605. Bids will be publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Georgia Forestry Commission's Baldwin County Unit located at 2892 Highway 441 South, Milledgeville, GA 31061 (see attached bid opening location map). No bids will be accepted after 11:00 a.m.

Bid Requirements:

1. All bids must be submitted on the timber bid form provided with this notice, signed and sealed, and must have "Bartram SF FY26 #11637 Bid Sale" written on front of envelope. Per ton price and wood specifications **are required** for each product on bid form. Specifications should include minimum top and butt size, minimum length or measured lengths, and, if appropriate, quality specifications (for example, knot size, sweep, etc.). Submit only one price per product category. **Incomplete bid forms will be invalid and will not be given consideration in the bid process.**
2. Mailed bids will be accepted and should be clearly marked "Bartram SF FY26 #11637 Bid Sale" on front of envelope. Mailed bids must arrive on the day before the sale. Faxed or phoned bids will not be accepted.
3. A check made payable to the **Georgia Forestry Commission** in the amount of \$5,000.00 must be enclosed in the sealed bid. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned following bid opening. The successful bidder's check will be held in escrow and credited towards the performance bond.

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A sample contract, bid form and maps of sale area are included with this timber sale notice. **Notice: Be sure to read through the “Timber Harvest Contract.”** The timber sale contract will terminate twelve (12) months from the contract signing date. Contract signing and receipt of performance bond will occur no later than 30 days after bid opening. Additional road work that will be required must be approved by GFC and will be buyer’s responsibility. For questions regarding this sale, call Ben Hammond at 706-612-3729.

The Georgia Forestry Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Sincerely,
Ben Hammond
Ben Hammond, RF

GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION - TIMBER BID FORM
Bartram State Forest FY26 Sale ID# 11637

COMPANY NAME: _____

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: _____ TELEPHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Products	Price Per Ton	Minimum Top Size	Minimum Butt Size	Min. or Meas. Length	Quality Specs.
Pine pulp-wood					
Pine top-wood					
Pine chip & saw					
Pine saw timber					
Hardwood pulp-wood					

I understand that this is a unit (per ton per product) timber sale. Per ton price and wood specifications have been entered for each product listed on this bid form. In order to validate this bid, a bid deposit in the form of a \$5,000.00 check, made payable to the Georgia Forestry Commission, is included. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned. Successful bidder's check will be held in escrow and credited towards the performance bond.

THE GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

By: _____ Date: _____

**GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION
TIMBER HARVEST CONTRACT
FOR
STATE OWNED LANDS
Bartram State Forest FY26 #11637
Clear Cut & Thinning**

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF Baldwin

This **TIMBER HARVEST CONTRACT** (the “**CONTRACT**”) is made and entered into by and between the **GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION**, 5645 Riggins Mill Rd, Dry Branch, GA 31020, hereinafter referred to as the “**SELLER**” and _____ of _____ hereinafter referred to as the “**BUYER**”.

WITNESSETH:

ARTICLE I. Obligations of the SELLER:

1. Agrees to sell to the BUYER all those forest products to be harvested as defined here, and hereby represents and warrants it has good and unencumbered title to such timber:
 - a) Location and Description of Sale Area
The timber sale area, approximately 127.5 acres, is located approximately six (6) miles south of Milledgeville, GA on the Georgia Forestry Commission’s Bartram State Forest property. The clear-cut sale area is bound by a vertical mark of blue paint. The area designated for thinning is bound by a double diagonal mark of blue paint. The specific sites are designated on the attached maps as Exhibits “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” & “E”, which are incorporated herein by reference and made part of this CONTRACT and which are herein collectively referred to as the “PROPERTY”.
 - b) Method of Harvesting Forest Products
Timber shall be harvested according to specific instructions found in “Timber Harvest Specifications”, Article III, Paragraph 1.
2. Seller agrees to grant to the BUYER the right of ingress and egress across and upon the property for the purpose of carrying out forest products harvesting identified in this CONTRACT.
3. Shall in no way assume any responsibility for damage to equipment belonging to the BUYER or injury to persons employed by the BUYER or his/her agent; said responsibility being totally assumed by the BUYER.
4. Has set forth that the recommendations relating to forest products harvesting known as BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (“BMPs”) and referenced in the Georgia Forestry Commission publication “Georgia’s Best Management Practices for Forestry” are binding upon and will be adhered to by the BUYER in accomplishing any and all forest products harvesting identified by this CONTRACT.

ARTICLE II. Obligations of the BUYER:

1. Agrees to pay the SELLER at the rate of

\$___ per ton for pine pulp-wood (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)

\$___ per ton for pine top-wood (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)

\$___ per ton for pine chip & saw (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)

\$___ per ton for pine saw-timber (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)

\$___ per ton for hardwood pulp-wood (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)

for the forest products designated for harvesting in ARTICLE I of this CONTRACT.

Payment for forest products shall be made by the BUYER to the SELLER as follows:

\$_____, 50% of the estimated total sale price, (the "ADVANCE"), based on the BUYER's bid for the volumes and products offered in ARTICLE I, is to be paid at the time of CONTRACT execution. The parties agree that this payment is nonrefundable except under the following circumstances:

- 1) If the estimated volume of timber, as described in ARTICLE I, value does not equal or exceed the 50% payment made by the BUYER to the SELLER, the difference between the value of the timber cut and removed, based upon scale tickets delivered to SELLER, and the 50% payment shall be refunded to the BUYER by the SELLER.
- 2) If a material breach by the SELLER prevents BUYER from harvesting and removing timber valued less than the 50% payment made by the BUYER to the SELLER, the difference between the value of the timber cut and removed, based upon scale tickets delivered to SELLER, and the 50% payment shall be refunded to the BUYER by the SELLER.

Following harvest equivalent to the initial 50% payment, the remainder will be due at the time of harvest on a per-unit basis. Payment is to be made to: The **Georgia Forestry Commission** and mailed, along with a cutting report and sales record recapping the timber types, weights and payment classifications, to Georgia Forestry Commission, 5645 Riggins Mill Rd, Dry Branch, GA 31020, Attn: Anna Bass. **Reference sale ID# 11637 on all checks.** The per-unit payments will be made weekly, unless otherwise authorized by the SELLER, and will arrive no later than twenty-one days from the end of each week after logging operations begin.

2. Agrees to pay the SELLER a performance bond equal to **\$5,000.00** upon the execution of this CONTRACT). The Performance Bond will be returned to the BUYER less any damages as determined by the terms within this CONTRACT. The SELLER shall have up to sixty (60) days from the expiration or earlier termination of this CONTRACT to inspect the property and account to the BUYER for any balance due it from the Performance Bond.
3. Agrees to harvest the entire sale area within twelve (12) months of execution of this CONTRACT (the "CONTRACT PERIOD") unless wet weather prevents/delays harvest. If

harvesting operations are delayed or suspended due to weather conditions, as determined by SELLER, time lost will be added to the CONTRACT PERIOD. In the event the BUYER is unable to harvest within the CONTRACT PERIOD, as it may be extended by agreement or weather conditions, the BUYER will forfeit the Performance Bond.

4. Will prior to the execution of this CONTRACT, provide to the SELLER proof of Worker's Compensation insurance coverage for all his/her employees and/or his/her agent's employees who will be performing work and General Liability insurance with limits of one million dollars/two million dollar aggregate; such coverage to be maintained throughout the CONTRACT PERIOD.
5. Will repair to original condition or pay for cost of replacement any damage caused by the BUYER to fences, roads or other improvements of the SELLER. Existing roads will be maintained throughout harvesting operations so as to allow access by the SELLER.
6. Will be responsible for construction and cost of necessary road work. Any roadwork must be approved by SELLER. Construction and retirement of temporary roads will adhere to BMPs.
7. Will immediately notify SELLER of any wildfires and will reimburse the SELLER for all costs borne by the SELLER in suppressing any wildfires or cost of wildfire damages incurred or caused by the BUYER or his/her agent upon lands subject to this CONTRACT.
8. Will indemnify, release, and hold the SELLER, the STATE OF GEORGIA, its various other units of government, its instrumentalities, and all officers, employees, and agents of the foregoing, harmless from and against all liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including all attorney's fees and expenses incurred by them), causes of action, suits, demands, judgments, and claims of any nature whatsoever, arising from, by reason of or in connection with the operations hereunder; provided, however, no indemnity shall be indemnified for the results of that indemnitee's sole negligence or, in the case of multiple negligence, for the share caused by the indemnitee's negligence.
9. Will remove all garbage, used lubricant, fuel, fluids and their containers daily, as a result of the BUYER's work involving this CONTRACT.
10. Buyer agrees to attend pre-harvest mandatory meeting with SELLER on site prior to beginning of harvest operations.
11. Will give two (2) days notice prior to commencing logging activity and prior to completion of harvesting and removal of logging equipment.

ARTICLE III. BOTH PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE:

1. The following work specifications are applicable and will be adhered to by the BUYER unless changes are approved in writing by the SELLER.

Timber Harvest Specifications

- a. Standing trees will become the property of the BUYER once they are severed from the stump and appropriate compensation will be paid by the BUYER according to the terms of this CONTRACT.
- b. Within the clear-cut stands bound by a vertical mark of blue paint, all merchantable pine and hardwood is to be harvested and hauled to market.
- c. Within the thinning stand bound by a double diagonal mark of blue paint, trees are to be thinned to a residual basal area of 80 ft² per acre, leaving the largest and

healthiest trees. Trees designated for removal are those in poor health, suppressed and with bad form.

- d. Pine stumps shall be not more than six (6) inches above the original ground level or immediately above any butt swell, whichever is higher. Hardwood stumps shall be not more than eight (8) inches above the original ground level or immediately above any butt swell, whichever is higher.
 - e. Those stands adjoining the east-west gas line right-of-way in the northern area of the Forest must be harvested by August 15, 2026.
 - f. Any and all harvest slash, un-merchantable limbs and tops within the clear-cut stands not suitable for chipping will be left in manageable piles, as is within reason, to help facilitate future burning. Piles must be at least 150 feet from standing trees so as not to cause damage to those trees when burned. Within the thinning stand, this harvest slash will be evenly distributed back within the stand.
 - g. "Brows" or "Loading Decks" (locations proposed on Exhibits "B", "C", "D" & "E") will be placed a specified distance from roads or highways to prevent visual contact of these areas. Decks shall be agreed upon by the BUYER and the SELLER prior to construction, and construction and retirement of decks will adhere to BMPs.
 - h. Any merchantable pulpwood, logs or other forest products cut by the BUYER but not hauled off within four (4) weeks thereafter shall be scaled by the SELLER while observed by a representative of the BUYER and the BUYER shall be charged at the rate of one and one quarter (1.25) times the rate reflected in Article 2, condition 1, and charged against the performance bond described in Article 2, condition 2. In addition to the afore mentioned penalty, if this wood is still merchantable, the BUYER shall deliver it to market and shall pay the SELLER based on the product category declared by the receiving mill and at the rates reflected in Article 2, condition 1.
 - i. Excessive damage to residual trees will be compensated for by the BUYER. The BUYER shall be charged at the rate of three (3) times the rates reflected in Article 2, condition 1, and charged against the performance bond described in Article 2, condition 2. Excessive damage will be determined by the SELLER.
2. Wood Flow Accounting Procedures – The SELLER will provide the BUYER with load tickets which will operate as a security device and record for the timber cut under this CONTRACT. These load tickets will be subsequently numbered documents in multiple part forms. The BUYER will be responsible for completing the pertinent information on the form for each load, attaching one part (section 3) of the load ticket to the load of timber at the loading site, and depositing another part of the ticket (section 2) into a lock box at the site provided for by the SELLER. Section 1 of the load ticket will be kept in the ticket book by the BUYER. The BUYER shall have the loads weighed across any state certified or forest products industry scale, with the scale weight recorded on a written scale ticket. The BUYER shall attach (section 4) of the load ticket to the corresponding scale ticket for each week's deliveries, with a cutting report and sales record recapping the timber types, weights and payment classifications and shall be mailed on a weekly basis to Georgia Forestry Commission 5645 Riggins Mill Rd, Dry Branch GA 31020, Attn: Anna Bass. Spot checks will be made by the SELLER in the field to make sure trailers are tagged properly. If the BUYER fails to produce load tickets and scale tickets that correspond to all load tickets used and deposited in the lock box, the BUYER shall pay the SELLER for each missing ticket at the rate of 24 tons of the highest value product in Article I. Any load tickets issued to the BUYER which are unused at completion of the

sale must be returned to the SELLER. The BUYER is responsible for load tickets _____
through _____ for this CONTRACT.

3. If either party fails to cure any breach (including, without limitation, failure to make a payment when due or adhere to BMPs) within 30 days after written notice, the other party may suspend performance or terminate the CONTRACT and exercise any other legal rights or remedies.
4. The SELLER reserves the right to perform periodic inspections to determine whether or not the terms of this CONTRACT are being achieved and to suspend operation when weather conditions may result in damage to the site, until conditions improve. Timber Harvest inspection form is attached as Exhibit "F".
5. The CONTRACT shall terminate when the BUYER receives a release of escrow letter from SELLER stating timber harvest activities are satisfactorily completed or twelve (12) months from CONTRACT date, whichever first occurs, unless the CONTRACT is extended due to weather or the parties agree to an extension of time for removal of forest products covered under this CONTRACT.
6. No oral statement by any person shall be allowed to modify or change any written portion of this CONTRACT.
7. This CONTRACT shall not be assigned by the BUYER in whole or in part without the written consent of the SELLER. The SELLER shall approve, in writing, any new Buyer to the CONTRACT or any Buyer that is not named as the BUYER to this CONTRACT.
8. Any designated forest products, harvested or un-harvested, which remain on the sale area on the date this CONTRACT terminates, remain the property of the SELLER.
9. The parties agree that this CONTRACT is subject to the authority of the Georgia Forestry Commission, pursuant to O.C.G.A 12-6-6, to manage State Forest lands and to oversee the sale of timber and other forest products grown on such lands.
10. This CONTRACT shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Georgia. The Superior Court of Fulton County shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any and all actions, suits, or other proceedings instituted to enforce the CONTRACT unless SELLER, in writing, decides that a different court has jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed signatures this _____ day of _____, 2026.

WITNESS: _____

BUYER: _____

DATE: _____

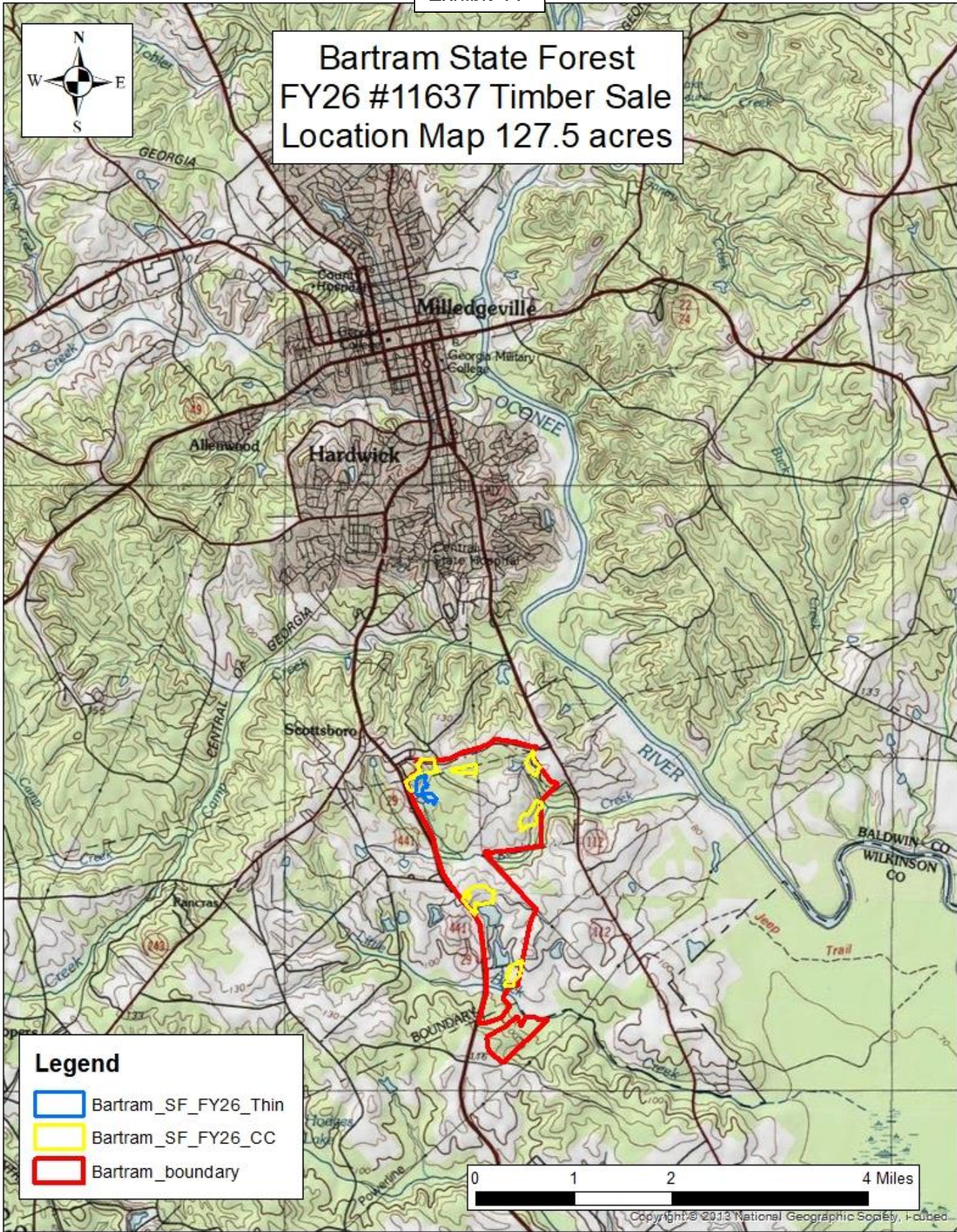
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SELLER: _____




DATE: _____

Exhibit "A"

Bartram State Forest
FY26 #11637 Timber Sale
Location Map 127.5 acres



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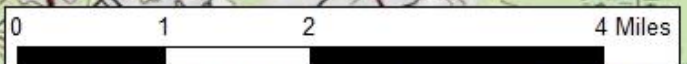


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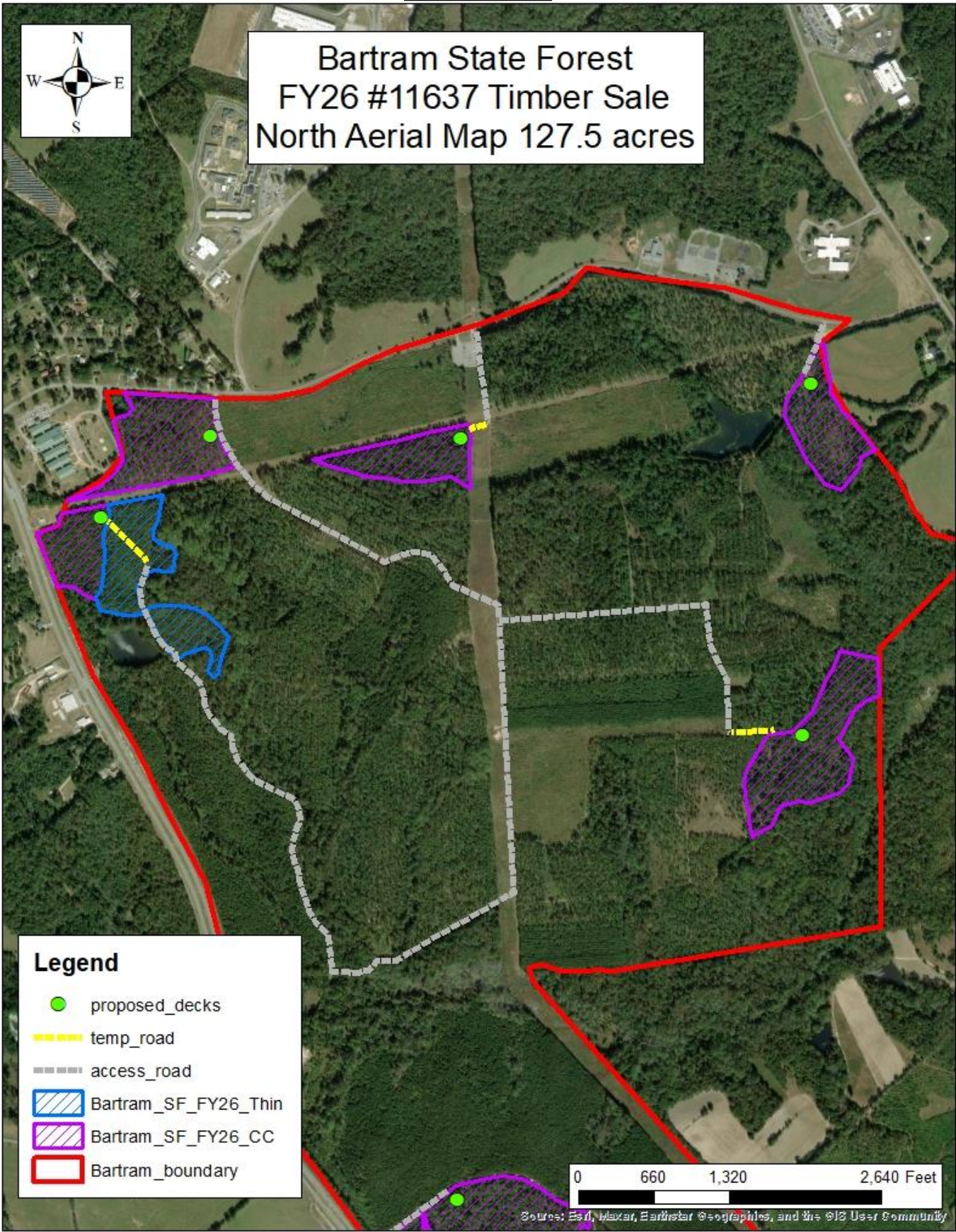
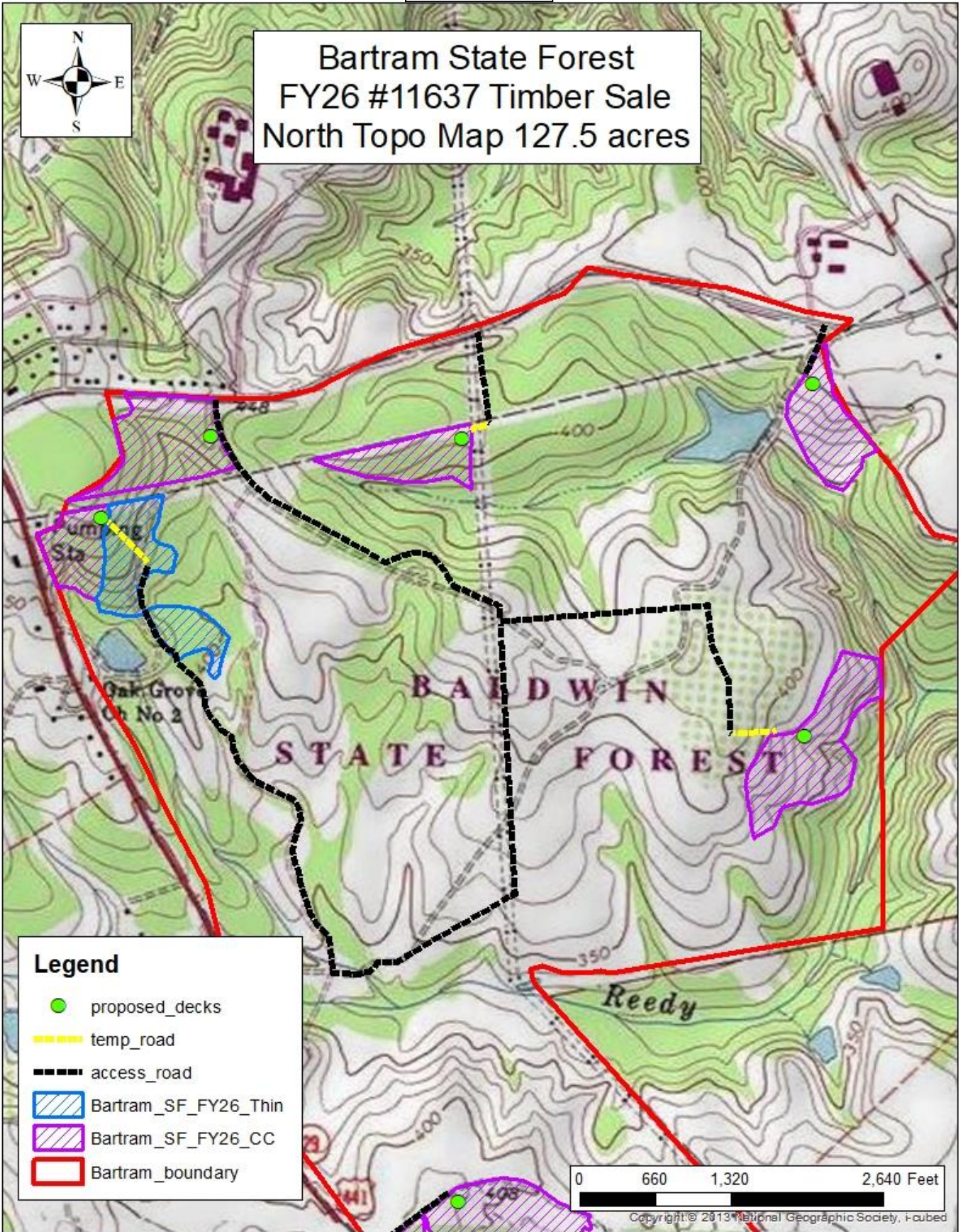


Exhibit "C"

Bartram State Forest
FY26 #11637 Timber Sale
North Topo Map 127.5 acres



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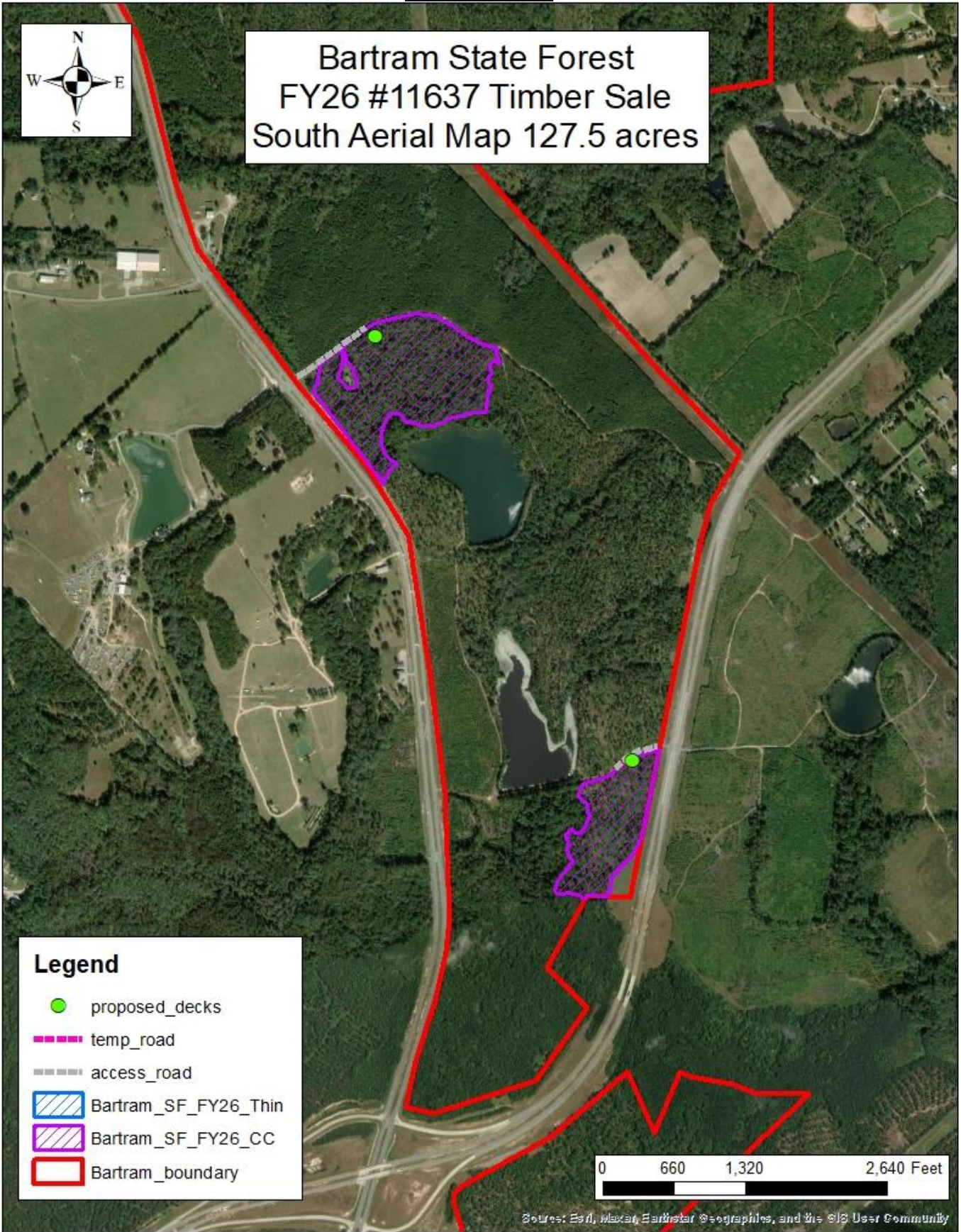
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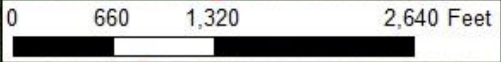
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Bartram State Forest
FY26 #11637 Timber Sale
South Aerial Map 127.5 acres



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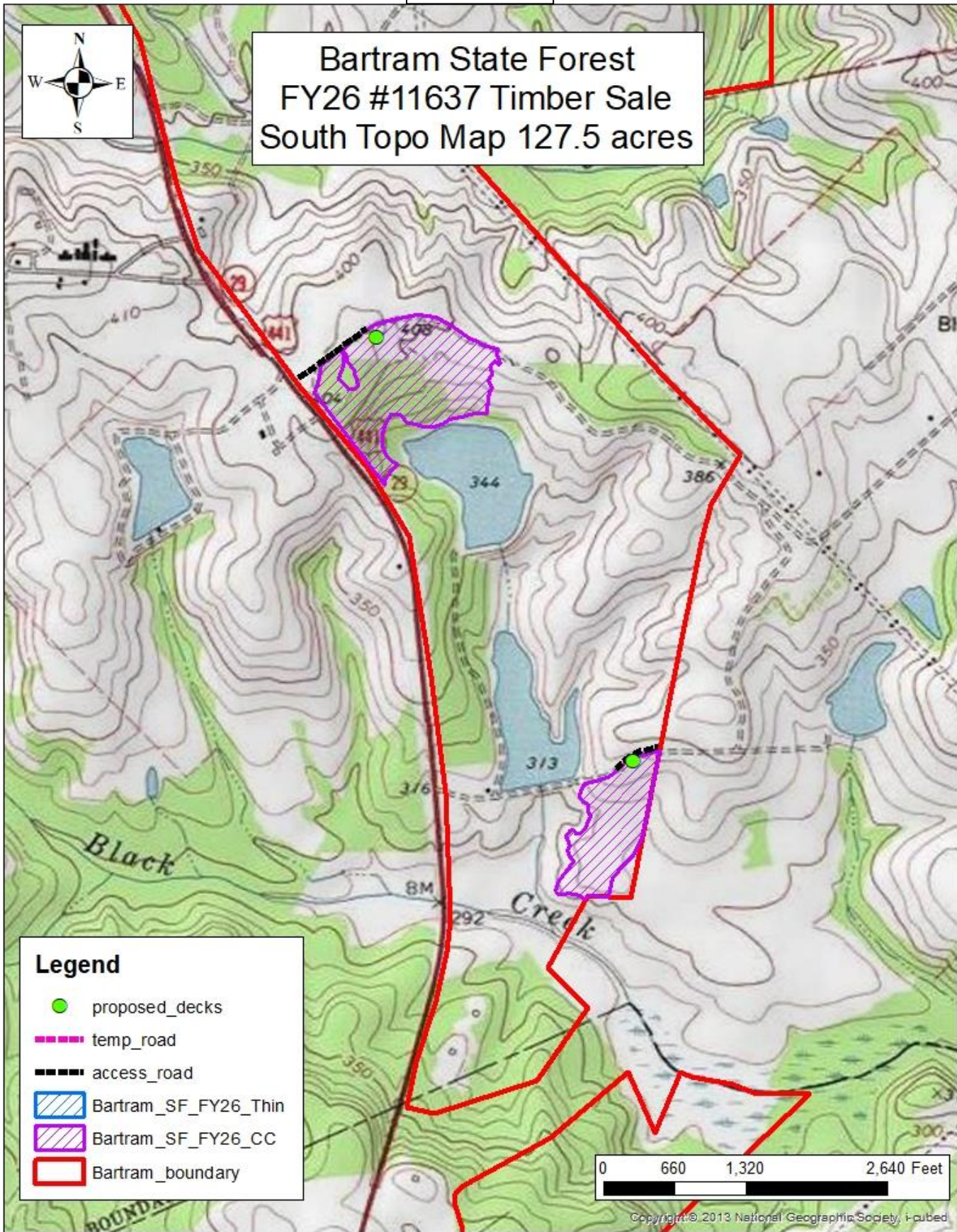
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Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community

Exhibit "E"

Bartram State Forest
FY26 #11637 Timber Sale
South Topo Map 127.5 acres



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