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November 10, 2026
Notice of Timber Sale
Stephens County
Sale ID# 11656

Dear Timber Buyer:

The Georgia Forestry Commission will accept bids until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2026, for the unit sale of pine and hardwood on 141.3 acres of U.S. Forest Service property located in Stephens County.

The sale area is located approximately ten (10) miles southwest of Toccoa, GA; location is described more precisely on the attached maps. The location is further described by Georgia Atlas & Gazetteer page 16, block H2.

This timber sale consists of 127 acres designated as a "Commercial Thin" by operator selection to a residual basal area of 50-60 ft^2 per acre, 14.5 acres of "Clearcut with Reserves" by operator selection to a residual basal area of 15 ft^2 per acre. GFC foresters will provide guidance and closely monitor harvesting to ensure desired tree species/quality and prescribed residual basal area is attained. See the attached "Timber Harvest Contract" for detailed instructions on this timber harvest.

Our estimate of total timber volume is 9,820 tons of pine and 996 tons of hardwood; volume is not guaranteed. Product volume estimate is available upon request.

A GFC representative will be onsite Monday, November 30, 2026, at 10 a.m. to show the sale area and answer any questions. Meeting place at the roadside of Stand #0202-4.

Bids may be brought to the opening site or mailed to the attention of Jonathan Kyser, Georgia Forestry Commission, 1055 East Whitehall Road, Athens, GA 30605. Bids will be publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2026, at the Habersham County Unit of the Georgia Forestry Commission located at 3997 Toccoa Hwy, Clarkesville, GA 30523 (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 "USFS GNA Allen Mountain FY27 #11656 Bid Sale" written on front of envelope. Per ton price and product specifications **are required** for each pine and hardwood product listed on the bid form. A fuel wood chip price is not required but will be accepted; it will not be considered in determining successful bidder. Specifications should include minimum top and butt size, minimum length or measured lengths, and, if appropriate, quality specifications (for example, knot size, sweep, etc.). Except for price, if a box on bid form doesn't apply, write "N/A."
2. Bid forms must be signed to be accepted. Incomplete bid forms will be considered invalid.
3. Mailed bids should be clearly marked "USFS GNA Allen Mountain FY27 #11656 Bid Sale" on front of envelope and must arrive on the day before the sale. Faxed or phoned bids will not be accepted.

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4. 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. The performance bond amount will be $5,000.00.

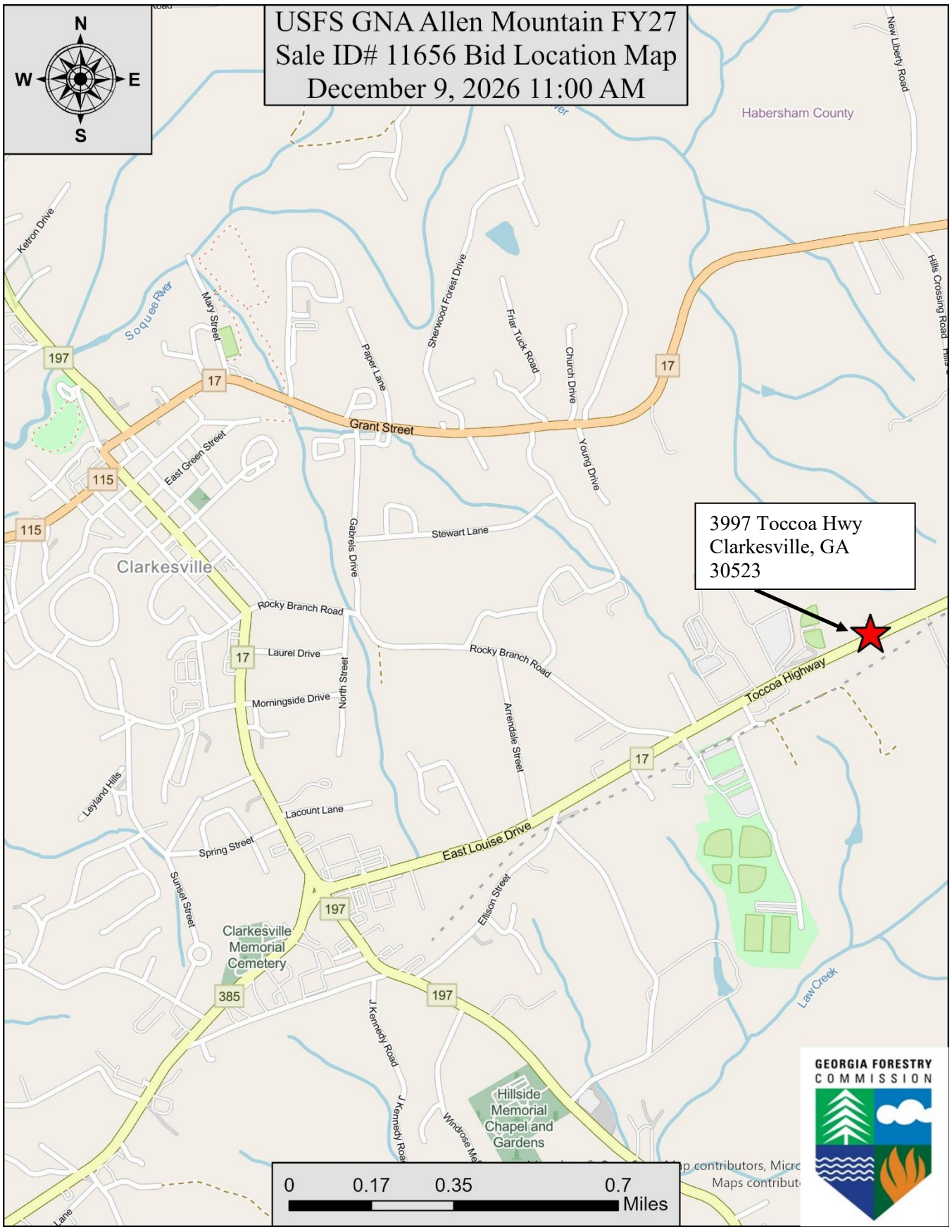
A sample contract, bid form and maps of the sale area are included with this timber sale notice. **Notice: Be sure to read through the "Timber Harvest Contract."** Contract signing and receipt of performance bond will occur no later than thirty (30) days after bid opening. Additional road work that may be required must be approved by the Georgia Forestry Commission and will be buyer's responsibility. The Georgia Forestry Commission has a portable steel bridge that can be made available for this timber harvest. For questions regarding the bid process or the sale area, contact Jonathan Kyser, GFC, at 912-515-4021.

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan Kyser

Jonathan Kyser
Staff Forester


USFS GNA Allen Mountain FY27
Sale ID# 11656 Bid Location Map
December 9, 2026 11:00 AM
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S
3997 Toccoa Hwy
Clarkesville, GA
30523
Habersham County
New Liberty Road
Hills Crossing Road
Ketron Drive
Soquee River
Mary Street
Paper Lane
Sherwood Forest Drive
Friar Tuck Road
Church Drive
Young Drive
Grant Street
East Green Street
Gabriels Drive
Stewart Lane
Clarkesville
Rocky Branch Road
Laurel Drive
Morningside Drive
North Street
Arrendale Street
Toccoa Highway
Leyland Hills
Lacount Lane
Spring Street
East Louise Drive
Sunset Street
Ellison Street
Clarkesville Memorial Cemetery
J Kennedy Road
Hillside Memorial Chapel and Gardens
Law Creek
197
17
115
385
0
0.17
0.35
0.7
Miles
GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION

GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION - TIMBER BID FORM
U. S. Forest Service GNA Allen Mountain FY27 Sale ID# 11656
Pine

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 tops or double bunked					
Pine chip & saw					
Pine saw timber or ply-logs					

I understand that this is a unit (per ton per product) timber sale. Per ton price and wood specifications have been entered for each pine product that our company has determined to merchandise. 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 BID FORM
U. S. Forest Service GNA Allen Mountain FY27 Sale ID# 11656
Hardwood

COMPANY NAME: _____

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: _____ TELEPHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Products	Price Per Ton	Minimum Top Size	Minimum Butt Size	Min. or Meas. Length	Quality Specs.
Hardwood pulp wood					
Hardwood pallet wood					
Hardwood saw timber					
Fuel Chips					

I understand that this is a unit (per ton per product) timber sale. Per ton price and wood specifications have been entered for each hardwood product listed on this bid form. **GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.**

By: _____ Date: _____

GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION
TIMBER HARVEST CONTRACT
FOR
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE OWNED LANDS
GNA ALLEN MOUNTAIN FY27 THINNING
SALE ID# 11656

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF Stephens

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. SELLER 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 141.3 acres, is located approximately ten (10) miles southwest of Toccoa, Georgia. The specific site is designated on the attached maps as Exhibits "D", "E" & "F" which are incorporated herein by reference and made part of this CONTRACT and which are herein collectively referred to as the "PROPERTY." PROPERTY boundaries are marked with a vertical mark of blue paint.
    b) Method of Harvesting Forest Products
    Timber shall be harvested according to "Timber Harvest Specifications" below in Article III, Paragraph 1.
2. SELLER agrees to allow the BUYER ingress and egress across and upon the PROPERTY for the purpose of carrying out forest products harvesting identified in this CONTRACT.
3. SELLER 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. The parties agree that the recommendations relating to forest products harvesting known as BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) and referenced in the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) 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)

$___ per ton for hardwood pallet wood (wood specs: __ inch minimum top, __ inch minimum butt, __ feet minimum length)

$___ per ton for hardwood saw timber (wood specs: __ inch minimum top, __ inch minimum butt, __ feet minimum length)

$___ per ton for fuel chips (wood specs: _____)

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 **Georgia Forestry Commission** as follows:

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 Road, Dry Branch, GA 31020, Attn: Anna Bass. **Reference sale ID# 11656 on all checks.** The per-unit payments will be made weekly, unless otherwise authorized by the SELLER and must arrive no later than twenty (20) days after the end of each week when timber is delivered to market.

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 termination of this CONTRACT to inspect the property and account to the BUYER for any balance due it from said bond.
3. Agrees to harvest the entire PROPERTY per within eighteen (18) 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 the 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 and GFC 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, land survey monuments, signs or other improvements of the SELLER.
6. Will return to as good or better condition the access road through Eddie Addison Sr. property. BUYER will assume obligations of the U.S. Forest Service for this road use as is indicated in the Road Use Agreement with Mr. Addison. Temporary Road Easement (Exhibit "C") is made a part of this CONTRACT by reference. In addition to the Temporary Road Easement requirements, BUYER will place a load of number 4 rock at road entrance. Harvest operations on the sale area by BUYER must start in Compartment 202, Stands 3, 4 and 24 accessed by the Temporary Easements before beginning operations in other parts of the sale area.

7. Will reimburse the SELLER for all costs borne by the SELLER and GFC 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. BUYER shall, both independently and in cooperation with SELLER, take all reasonable and practicable action to prevent and suppress fires resulting from BUYER's operations and to suppress any forest fires in the PROPERTY.

   The SELLER may limit or restrict the BUYER's operations in accordance with the Fire Danger Rating Schedule shown below. The SELLER will determine Fire danger ratings by using the National Fire Danger Rating System. The SELLER shall notify the BUYER of predicted fire danger that may limit or restrict operations. Fire danger ratings are based on a severity index from A (low) to E (highest).

Fire Danger Rating	Limitations or Restrictions on BUYER's Operations
A to C	Normal fire precautionary operations
C+ to D (very high)	SELLER my suspend any or all of BUYER's operations
E (extreme)	In addition to above restrictions, internal combustion engines or other spark-producing equipment shall not be operated within any areas of the timber sale without specific written approval by the SELLER.

   When the SELLER advises the BUYER that the local fire weather conditions are becoming critical, the BUYER shall keep with gasoline chainsaws at all times a fully charged and operational fire extinguisher and fire rake or shovel, and take precautionary measures requested by SELLER.

9. Shall maintain all roads, existing and constructed or improved by BUYER, in accordance with "Georgia's Best Management Practices for Forestry" as already mentioned in Article I, paragraph 4. New road construction or improvements to existing roads must be approved by SELLER. Also, practices regarding roads described in Exhibit "B" shall be followed.

10. Shall maintain existing Forest Service roads commensurate with BUYER's use and in accordance with the specifications in the table below. BUYER may be required to perform road maintenance work prior to, during or after each period of use. Pre-haul maintenance of a road, if specified in table below, shall be completed prior to hauling on that road. Where spot placement of gravel is specified in table below, BUYER shall place gravel at locations designated by the SELLER.

Road Maintenance Requirements Table

FS Road 194	**Maintenance Activity**	
Maintenance Period	**Surface Blading**	**Spot Placement of Gravel**
Pre- Haul	N/A	N/A
During Haul	1.12 Miles	36 tons #4 gravel
Post Haul	1.12 Miles	36 tons #4 gravel

11. Historic sites and Cultural Resources sites needing protection are present outside of harvest unit boundaries. These boundaries are identified on the ground. BUYER shall protect these sites through avoidance. No operations shall be permitted outside of the harvest unit boundaries. Timber shall not be felled out of the sale boundaries. Should the BUYER require operations or affects outside of the harvest unit boundaries, they shall immediately contact the SELLER to determine if such operations are possible.

12. 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 indemnitee 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.

13. Will remove all garbage, used lubricant, fuel, fluids and their containers daily, as a result of the BUYER's work involving this CONTRACT.
14. Shall, prior to moving harvest and construction equipment onto sale area, clean said equipment to be made free of seeds, soil, vegetative matter and other debris to prevent spread of invasive weed species onto the PROPERTY.
15. Shall immediately notify the SELLER and appropriate agencies of all reportable spills of oil, oil products or other hazardous substances on or in the vicinity of the PROPERTY caused by BUYER'S operations. BUYER shall take appropriate preventive measures to ensure that any spill of such substances does not enter any stream or other waters of the United States.
16. Shall conduct operations to reasonably minimize soil erosion. Equipment shall not be operated when ground conditions are such that excessive damage will result.
17. When BUYER's operations are active, BUYER shall furnish, install and maintain temporary traffic control devices (warning signs) that adequately warns National Forest users of potentially hazardous conditions associated with BUYER's operations at both ends of the sale area on Cannon Road, and also at junction of FS Road 194 (Allen Mountain Road) and Cannon Road. Unless otherwise agreed, traffic control devices (signs) shall be as specified in the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
18. BUYER shall remove from or lop and scatter to lie within two feet of the ground, all slash resulting from BUYER'S operations for a distance of 66 feet from the edge of the following locations: Edge of Cannon Road and along Forest Service-Private boundary adjacent to Compartment 202, Stands 3 and 4.
19. Exposed soil on temporary access roads, skid trails and landings no longer needed for the BUYER's operations shall be stabilized within 30 days of discontinued use in accordance with EXHIBIT B. Where exposed soil is to be stabilized by seed and fertilizer as specified in EXHIBIT B, BUYER shall apply seed and fertilizer in accordance with the Revegetation Plan and Specifications described in EXHIBIT A.
20. Will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
21. Adjacent to harvest units on the sale map may exist improvements not owned by the Forest Service or the SELLER. Those improvements may include utility services (electric power lines, water service pipelines, etc.) and / or private fences, private gate, etc. When BUYER'S operations are adjacent to any such improvements, BUYER will identify protection measures that will be implemented to protect the improvement not owned by the Forest Service or the SELLER. BUYER shall notify SELLER when operations are to occur in in such areas prior to operations occurring to allow time for the utility companies to be notified by the SELLER / Forest Service.
22. Wheeled or track-laying equipment shall not be operated within SMZs, except at agreed crossings designated by the SELLER or as essential to construction or removal of culverts or bridges. Operations within the SMZ at designated crossings or during construction/removal of culvert/bridges shall be in accordance with "Georgia's Best Management Practices for Forestry"

(pages 30-37, 40-41).

23. Skid trails that require crossing ephemeral stream channels shall be designated by the SELLER and shall be implemented in accordance with EXHIBIT B.

24. BUYER's use of roads shall be in accordance with the following restrictions:

Restricted Road List

Road Number	Road Name	Termini		Description of Restrictions
		From	To	
194	Allen Mountain	0.00	1.12	Gate shall be kept closed during operations except during periods when road is seasonally opened by Forest Service.
194	Allen Mountain	0.00	1.12	No hauling during scheduled WMA hunts on the Lake Russell WMA for life of contract. Dates will be provided upon request.

ARTICLE III. THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE:

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

   Timber Harvest Specifications

   - Within "Commercial Thin" Stands: Timber within all the "Commercial Thin" stands is to be thinned by operator selection to a residual basal of 50-60 ft^2 per acre. SELLER'S foresters will monitor harvesting and provide guidance to BUYER to ensure the desired basal area is attained. BUYER will target healthy and vigorous pine and desired hardwood trees for residual stocking. Leave trees should be from the dominant or codominant crown classes, displaying robust live crown ratios; leave trees should also be vigorous, healthy, well formed, and from the larger diameter classes. Trees with defects (forking, cankers, cat faces, sweep, rot, disease, etc.) and poor overall health will be selected as priority for removal. Hardwood dominated areas within cutting units will also be thinned to a target residual basal area of 50-60 ft^2 per acre where feasible. Trees with small amounts of damage may be left in areas where all trees have some sort of damage or defect. Leave all standing dead trees unless they pose a hazard to operations.
   - Within "Clearcut with Reserves" Stand: Timber within the "Clearcut with Reserves" stands is to be thinned by operator selection to a residual basal of 15 ft^2 per acre. SELLER'S foresters will monitor harvesting and provide guidance to BUYER to ensure the desired basal area is attained. BUYER will target healthy and vigorous pine and desired hardwood trees for residual stocking. Remove eastern white pine, loblolly pine, yellow poplar, sweetgum, red maple, and Virginia pine. Retain a minimum of 15 ft^2/acre of reserve trees per acre by selecting trees of good health and form. Shortleaf, oak, hickory, and soft mast species (dogwood, black cherry, sourwood, persimmon) will be priority for retention. Clump reserve trees where possible to minimize overstory shading of planted shortleaf pine, as they are shade intolerant species. Trees with small amounts of damage may be left in areas where all trees have some sort of damage or defect. Leave all standing dead trees unless they pose a hazard to operations.

- **<u>Reserve tree species preference order for all prescriptions:</u>**
    a) Shortleaf pine
    b) White Oak/Northern and Southern Red Oak
    c) Post Oak/Blackjack oak
    d) Hickory
    e) Black Oak
    f) Chestnut Oak
    g) Scarlet Oak
    h) Soft mast species (dogwood, black cherry, sourwood, persimmon, black gum)
    i) Loblolly pine
    j) Yellow poplar, Maple, Virginia, and White pine
- SELLER understands that some desirable trees may need to be harvested to access and remove the trees designated for harvest, but BUYER will keep this to an absolute minimum.
- No trees are to be harvested outside of the PROPERTY (designated stands for harvest). SMZs are located outside of the PROPERTY boundary.
- Location of loading decks must be approved by the SELLER. Proposed deck locations are designated on attached Exhibits. Loading decks may not be established closer than 100 feet from Cannon Road.
- No harvest operations shall occur on the sale area on dates of scheduled WMA hunts on the Lake Russell WMA. Dates of scheduled WMA hunts will be provided upon request of BUYER.
- Pine stumps shall be no more than six (6) inches above the original ground level or immediately above any butt swell, whichever is higher. Hardwood stumps shall be no more than eight (8) inches above the original ground level or immediately above any butt swell, whichever is higher.
- Un-merchantable tops and limbs will be evenly distributed within the take-out rows, skid trails and on loading decks to aid in minimizing soil and resource damage. Slash and debris scattered on log decks or that accumulates in other areas shall be no greater than 2 feet in height or 20 feet in length.
- 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.
- 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 material breach (including, without limitation, failure to make a payment when due) within 30 days after written notice, the other party may suspend performance or terminate the Agreement 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. Inspection form is attached as Exhibit G.
5. The CONTRACT shall terminate when the BUYER receives a release of escrow letter from SELLER stating timber harvest activities are satisfactorily completed or eighteen (18) 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. The BUYER will notify the SELLER at least two days prior to commencing harvest operations and completion of harvest operations and removal of logging equipment.
7. No oral statement by any person shall be allowed to modify or change any written portion of this CONTRACT.
8. 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.
9. Any designated forest products, harvested or un-harvested, which remain on the PROPERTY at the date this CONTRACT terminates, remain the property of the SELLER.
10. The SELLER is authorized by GNA SPA 26-GN-11080300-294 to sell forest products designated for harvest on this contract for the United States Forest Service (Forest Service) and holds title for the Forest Service to the forest products designated for harvest in this contract for removal. All right, title, and interest in and to any forest products designated for harvest shall remain in Forest Service until it has been cut, Scaled, removed from Sale Area or other authorized cutting area, and paid for (to SELLER as per Article II, Item 1) at which point title shall vest in BUYER. Any forest products designated for harvest not removed on or prior to the termination date of this contract remains with the Forest Service. If designated forest products to be harvested is destroyed or damaged by an unexpected event that significantly changes the nature of designated forest products to be harvested, such as fire, wind, flood, insects, disease, or similar cause, the party holding title shall bear the timber value loss resulting from such destruction or damage; except that such losses after removal of timber from Sale Area, but

before Scaling, shall be borne by BUYER at Current Contract Rates. In the event designated forest products to be harvested to which Forest Service holds title is destroyed, BUYER will not be obligated to remove and pay for such timber. In the event designated forest products to be harvested to which Forest Service holds title is damaged, SELLER shall make an appraisal to determine value of timber after the loss and adjust contract rates. There shall be no obligation or SELLER to supply, or for BUYER to accept and pay for, other timber in lieu of that destroyed or damaged. This Subsection shall not be construed to relieve either party of liability for negligence.

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. SELLER may by written order, delay or interrupt the BUYER'S operations under this contract and may modify this contract to conduct environmental analysis, ensure consistency with National Forest land and resource management plans, or to prevent environmental degradation or resource damage, including, but not limited to, harm to habitats of endangered, threatened or sensitive plants or animal species, cultural resources, or cave resources.
14. This contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 USC 601 et seq.).

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

WITNESS: _____ **BUYER:_____**

DATE:_____

WITNESS: _____ **SELLER:_____**

DATE:_____

EXHIBIT A

Revegetation Plan and Specifications, Seeding Season(s) Table. *The seeding season(s) shall be during the inclusive dates listed below, unless otherwise agreed.*

Seeding Season	From Date	To Date
Early Spring	March 1st	April 15th
Spring	April 15th	July 1st
Fall	September 1st	November 15th

***Dates could change if agreed upon by the Forest Service.**

Table CT6.601# – Revegetation Plan and Specifications, Fertilizer and Seed Table

Early Spring Season

Fertilizer	Pounds/Acre	Seed	Lbs/acre
10-10-10 or equivalent	500	Annual Rye	30

Spring Season

Fertilizer	Pounds/Acre	Seed	Lbs/acre
10-10-10 or equivalent	500	Brown Top Millet	30

Fall Season

Fertilizer	Pounds/Acre	Seed	Lbs/Acre
10-10-10 or equivalent	500	Crimson Clover	15
		Annual Rye	15
		Wheat	40

EXHIBIT B

Decks

All exposed soil will be stabilized by one or two of the following methods, as agreed to by the BUYER and SELLER:

1. Scatter all logging slash to lie within 2 feet of ground or less;
2. Ditch so water drains to stable forest area; or
3. Ground ripped and/or disked, seeded and hay mulched (See Table 6-A, Page 54 BMP Manual) at a rate of 50 bales per acre (2,000 lbs per acre). See EXHIBIT A for seed mixture, season, and rates of application.

Temporary Roads

Temporary roads with a slope of less than 12% are to be reshaped with properly spaced broad-based dip (See Table 3-D, page 37 BMP Manual) within 30 days of ***discontinued use***. The turnout ends of broad-based dips are to be stabilized with logging slash. Exposed soil in turnouts is to be stabilized with seed and hay mulch (See Figure 3-I, page 37 BMP Manual). Seeding shall be applied as specified in EXHIBIT A.

Temporary roadbeds with a slope of less than 12% are to be stabilized with either:

1. Cover exposed soil with logging slash; or
2. Rip and/or disk except on top of the berm over the broad-based dip and, seed and hay mulch applied (See Figure 3-I, page 37 BMP Manual) (i.e. do not destroy berm on broad-based dips). Seeding shall be applied as specified in EXHIBIT A.

Temporary roadbeds with a slope of 12% or more are to be stabilized with logging slash on all exposed soil.

Skid Trails

1. Skid trails are to be retired within 30 days of discontinued use.
2. Skid trails with a slope of less than 20% are to have logging slash on all exposed soil.
3. Skid trails with a slope of 20% or more are to have logging slash installed on all exposed soil and water diversion turnouts (See Table 4-A, page 39 BMP Manual).

Ephemeral Stream Crossings

1. Temporary bridges will need to be used at multiple creek crossings.
2. Skidder crossings at ephemeral drains are to be matted with logging slash.
3. Ephemeral drains, as identified by the SELLER, that are connected directly to a perennial or intermittent stream are to have logging slash piled (or two rows of C-POP silt fence) above the head of the stream.
4. Upon completion of skidding, stream channel shall be restored to permit normal flow. Exposed soil associated with the crossing shall be stabilized by seeding (see EXHIBIT A) and mulch (2,000 lbs per acre).

EXHIBIT C

TEMPORARY ROAD EASEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That **A&F Farms LLP (Eddie M. Addison, Sr.),** hereinafter referred to as **Grantor**, does hereby grant and convey, without warranty of title, and subject to the terms and conditions herein contained, unto **The United States of America**, acting through the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, and their representatives, hereinafter referred to as **Grantee**, a temporary non-exclusive easement 50 feet in width and 100 feet more or less (.02 miles) in length for ingress and egress to adjacent lands over and across the following generally described roads situated in Stephens County, GA. This easement is located in timber compartment 202 and depicted approximately on the map attached as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference.

It is expressly understood and agreed that this right-of-way and easement is granted and accepted subject to the following conditions, limitations and stipulations, to which Grantee hereby agrees to be bound:

1. Grantor hereby reserves for itself, its successors, assigns, agents, employees and guests the right to use the Roadway for all purposes.

2. It is understood and agreed that this easement is for the sole purpose of providing Grantee ingress and egress to USA Tract R-155 by Grantee, and for no other purpose. This instrument is not to be construed as a conveyance of title to the Roadway, but it is to be construed as granting a mere servitude across and along the Roadway. Grantor does not transfer any timber or oil, gas or other minerals in, upon or under the Roadway but reserves them in their entirety.

3. This easement shall expire on the 31 day of April, 2028. At the expiration of this easement, Grantee shall restore said Roadway to as near its original condition as practicable and repair any damage done as a result of its use of the easement.

4. Grantee agrees and covenants to pay Grantor, at the then market value, for any of Grantor's timber lying outside of the Roadway destroyed or damaged from acts or omissions of Grantee, its employees, agents, or contractors at any time during the period this easement is in force. This grant and all rights hereunder are made without warranty of title and subject to any and all liens, easements, servitudes, rights-of-way, oil, gas and mineral leases, and other grants, whether or not of record, affecting the Roadway.

5. Grantor, its successors and assigns are in no way bound to construct, maintain, improve or to keep repaired the Roadway or any part thereof, nor does Grantor, its successors and assigns assume any liability or responsibility to Grantee, its successors and assigns or to any other persons using the Roadway by any express or implied invitation or any business reasons being conducted in connection with Grantee, its successors and assigns.

6. Grantee, for itself and its successors, and social and business guests and invitees, acknowledges that the easement granted herein was not constructed with reference to traffic engineering safety standards, such construction being for forest management purposes only, and any use of the Roadway shall be at the user's risk.

7. If a death of injury to any person, or a loss of or damage to any property by the Grantee in the course of its use of the roadway, the liability, if any, of the Grantee thereof, shall be determined in accordance with the

applicable provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act of June 25, 1948 (62 Stat.983, as amended).

8. The rights of Grantee hereunder are not assignable, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Grantor.

9. GRANTOR HEREBY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS AND NEGATES ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO THE CONDITION, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF THE EASEMENT AREA OR THE EXISTING ROAD. GRANTOR DOES NOT MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, THAT THE EASEMENT AREA MAY BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER. GRANTEE HAS MADE OR CAUSED TO BE MADE SUCH INSPECTION AS GRANTEE DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their respective Hands and Seals this 29 day of September 2026.

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Witness

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(GRANTOR)

By: _____

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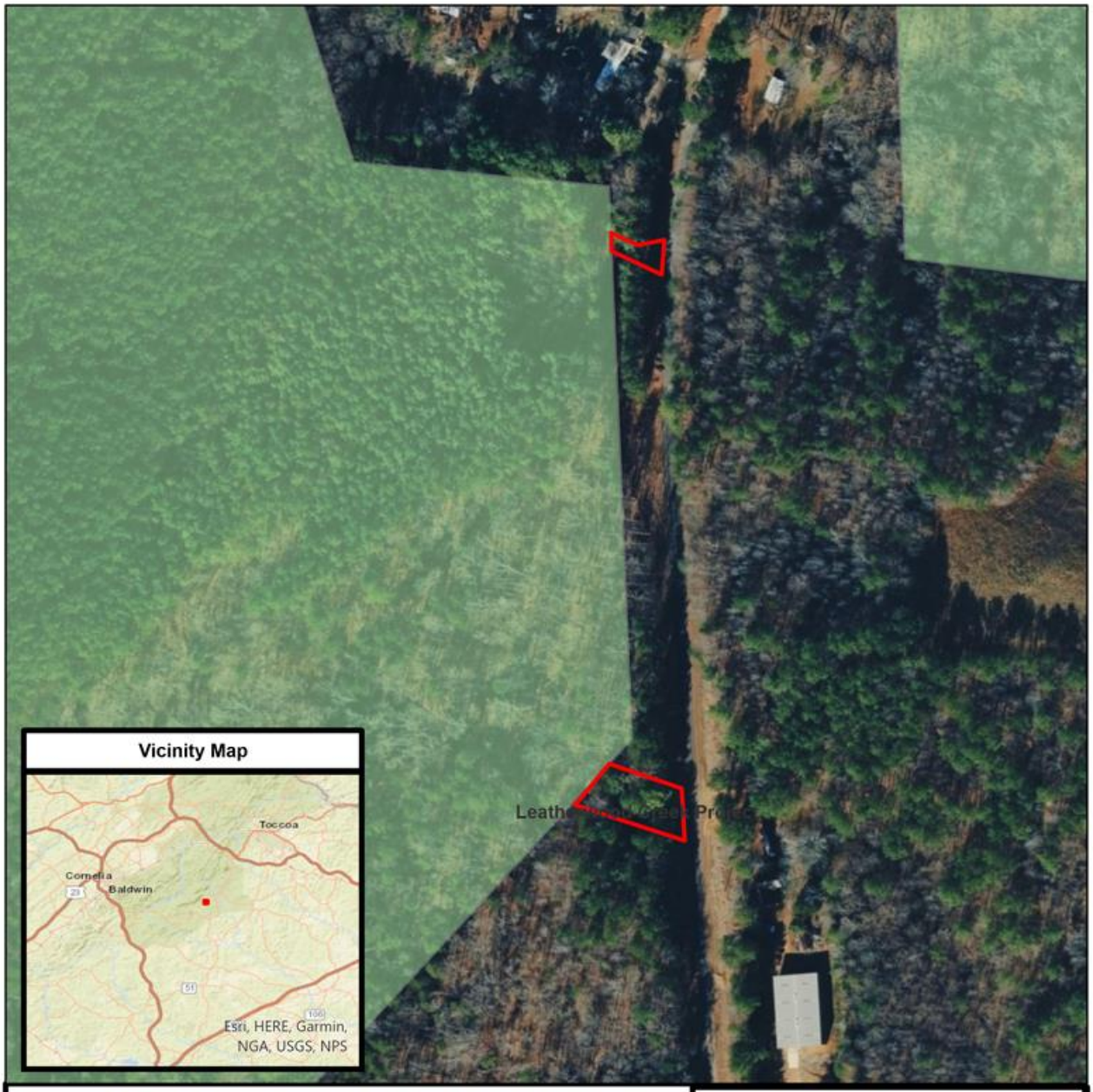
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Leatherwood Creek Project Access

Parcel Number(s): 013 015, 013 017

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Leatherwood Creek Project

Cannon Road
USA Tract R-155
A&F Farms LLP and Farmers Farms INC

Stephens County, Georgia

U.S. Forest Service - Southern Region
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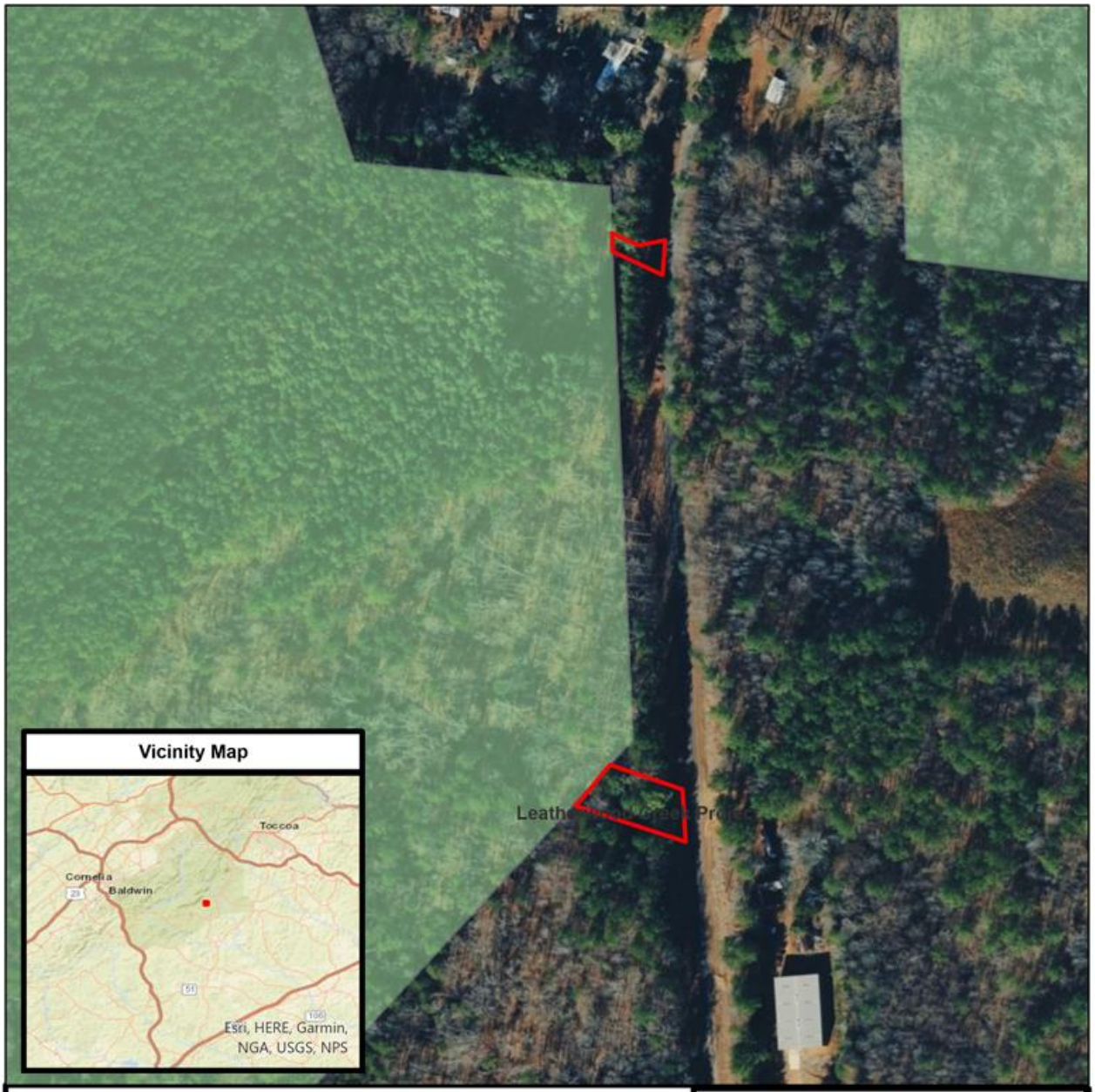
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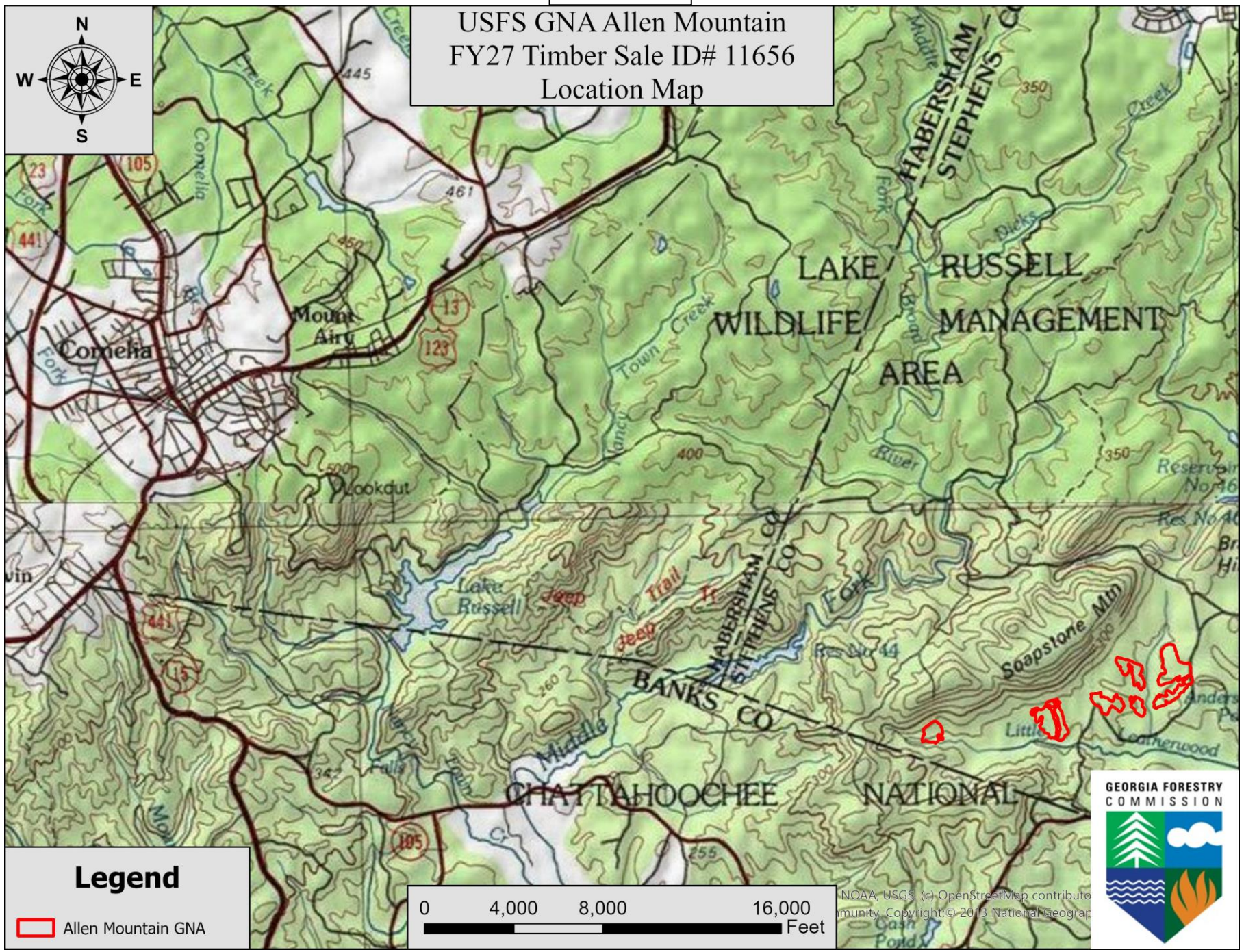

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FY27 Timber Sale ID# 11656
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BANKS CO
CHATTAHOOCHEE
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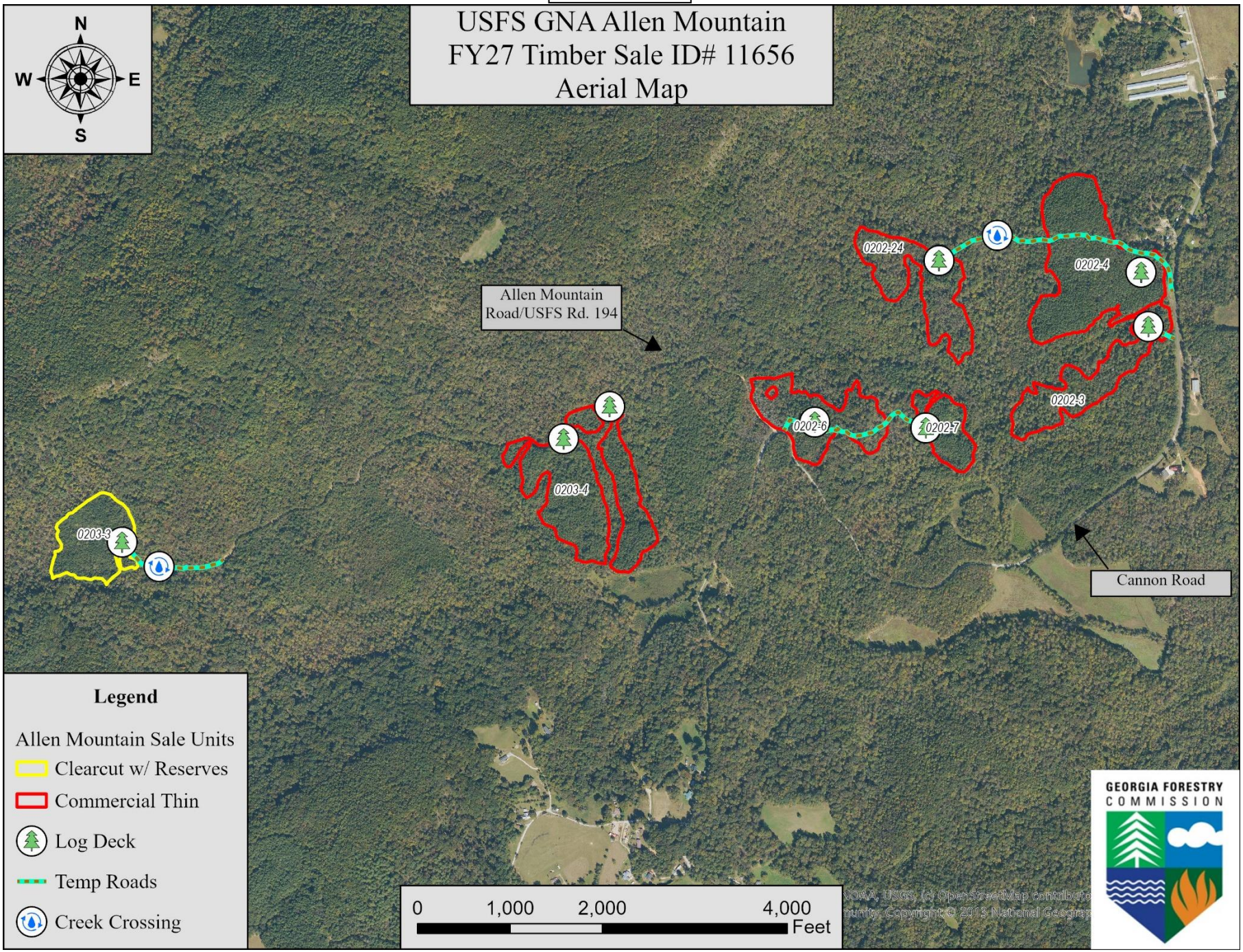

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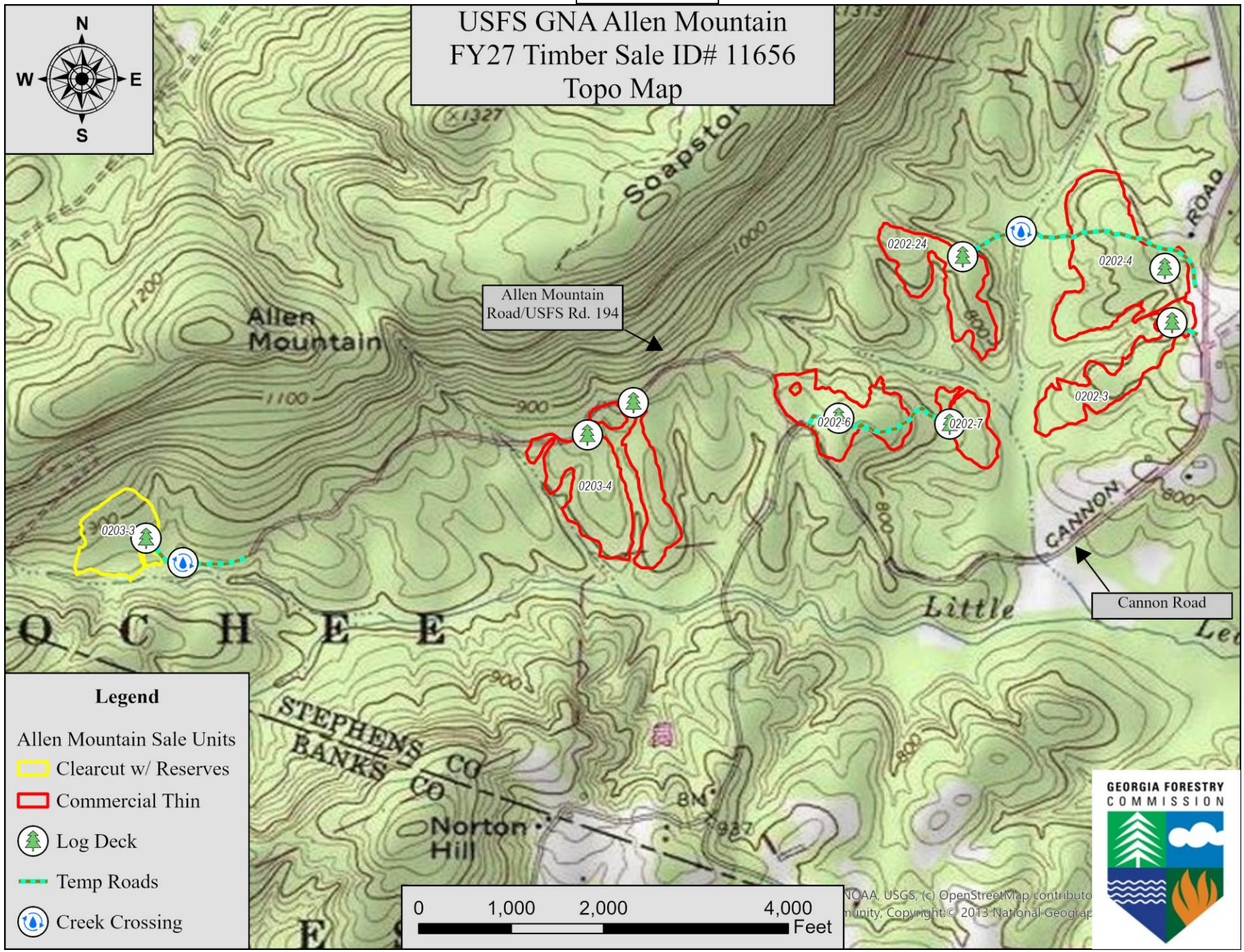

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Exhibit "G"
USFS GNA Allen Mountain FY27 #11656
Inspection Form

Inspected by: _____ Inspection Date: _____

Buyer: _____ Timber Sale Name: _____

PRE-HARVEST REVIEW ITEMS

BMP's/SMZ's	_____	Historic/Cultural/Special Sites	_____
Road & Deck Locations	_____	Timber Security	_____
Property/Harvest Boundary	_____	Crossing Locations	_____
Harvesting Specifications	_____	Merchandizing	_____
Other	_____	Endangered Species	_____

FIELD INSPECTION ITEMS

Harvesting

Stump Height	_____
Harvest Specifications	_____
Harvest/Property Boundary	_____
Boundary Trees/Signs	_____
Fences/Other Improvements	_____
Residual Tree Damage	_____

Log Deck

Residual Debris	_____
Harvested Trees Hauled (within 4 weeks)	_____
Garbage	_____
Decks Minimized	_____
Merchandizing	_____

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Skid Trails Minimized	_____
SMZs	_____
Rutting Conditions	_____
Skidder Crossings	_____
Truck Crossings	_____
Roads	_____
Equipment Maintenance	_____
Special Management Considerations	_____
Historic/Cultural Sites	_____
Endangered Species	_____

Safety

Traffic Warning Signs	_____
Safety Concerns	_____
Public Road Access	_____

Timber Security

Security Book Information	_____
Card Displayed on Load	_____

Retirement

Roads	_____
Skid Trails	_____
Crossings	_____
Loading Decks	_____

Comments:

Key

Discussed	**(X)**
Satisfactory	**(S)**
Unsatisfactory	**(U)**
Not Applicable	**(N/A)**