



Eielson AFB Trails Challenge 24-25

EAFB NR/168 WG TRAILS CHALLENGE

The 2024-25 EAFB NR/168 WG Winter Trails Challenge
is available December 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025



What is the EAFB NR/168 WG Trails Challenge?

The EAFB NR/168 WG Trails Challenge is an all-ages outdoor scavenger hunt! The Trails Challenge is designed to get you out with your friends and family to explore and become familiar with the trails and outdoor facilities on Eielson AFB.

Each summer and winter season, EAFB Natural Resources Office and 168 Environmental staff installs Trails Challenge signs in undisclosed locations along a dozen or so base trails. While the signs are up, we invite everyone to visit the trails and try and find the signs. Along the way we hope you have a chance to learn new skills, see new places, and make positive memories.

How do you take the EAFB NR/168 WG Trails Challenge?

You can register for the challenge by sending an email to our 168 WG/Eielson AFB Trails Challenge org box: 168wg.eielsonafb.trailschallenge@us.af.mil. You can register for yourself, your family and even your friends. Just tell us the first and last name of everyone you are registering.

Anyone is allowed to participate in the search, although only those with access to base will be able to access many of the signs. Visitors must be sponsored to get on base.

When you find a sign, prove you made it by taking a “selfie” photo with the sign and send it to the Org Box.

Participants who find ALL the listed signs during the event will earn some sweet SWAG! Whether you find one or find them all, challenge yourself to get outside and enjoy nature!

When can we take the EAFB NR/168 WG Trails Challenge?

The EAFB Natural Resources Office and 168 WG hosts two Trails Challenge events each year: a Winter Trails Challenge and a Summer Trails Challenge. The Summer Trails Challenge starts roughly June and runs through September. The Winter Trails Challenge starts roughly in mid-November and lasts through April. Start and end dates fluctuate depending on weather and trail conditions. The signs stay in place for the season then are removed to be placed in new and different locations for the next challenge. Each season you are challenged to have a new adventure!

Please pay attention to the trail rules on the checklist regarding access (foot, ski, ORV)!

HOW TO TAKE THE EAFB NR/168 WG TRAILS CHALLENGE:

1. REGISTER for free at 168wg.eielsonafb.trailschallenge@us.af.mil and tell us your first and last name.
2. FIND the signs with the 'diamond' logo that say EAFB Trails Challenge
3. Snap a 'selfie' PHOTO with the signs to celebrate that you made it.
4. COMPLETE the checklist to and show us your photos to claim your swag!

2024-2025 EAFB NR/168 WG TRAILS CHALLENGE TRAIL CHECKLIST:

- 1. Mullins Pit Point Trail: 2 Season waterside trails accessing Eielson's stocked lakes. Multi-use: Foot powered and ORV use is Permitted.
- 2. Iceman Falls Ski Hill: FSS Ski/Snowboard and Tubing Hill, Lodge, and sledding area. Hike the hill to find the sign with a view. ORV's Prohibited.
- 3. Iceman Falls Moose Trail CABIN: Advanced trail with 2.5K, 5K, and 7.5K options characterized by steep elevation changes with sweeping turns through a boreal forest zone. In Winter and Summer enjoy mixed foot powered use. ORV's Prohibited.
- 4. PARCOURS Trail: Flat Beginner's 2.4K course through a wooded boreal forest zone. XC Ski ONLY in Winter. ORV's Prohibited.
- 5. Iceman Falls Fox Trail 1: mostly flat Intermediate trail with 2.5K and 5K options characterized by gentle rolling hills through a boreal forest zone. XC Ski ONLY in Winter. ORV's Prohibited.
- 6. Iceman Falls Fox Trail 2: mostly flat Intermediate trail with 2.5K and 5K options characterized by gentle rolling hills through a boreal forest zone. XC Ski ONLY in Winter. ORV's Prohibited.
- 7. Iceman Falls Moose Trail 1: Advanced trail with 2.5K, 5K, and 7.5K options characterized by steep elevation changes with sweeping turns through a boreal forest zone. In Winter and Summer enjoy mixed foot powered use. ORV's Prohibited.
- 8. Iceman Falls Moose Trail 2: Advanced trail with 2.5K, 5K, and 7.5K options characterized by steep elevation changes with sweeping turns through a boreal forest zone. In Winter and Summer enjoy mixed foot powered use. ORV's Prohibited.
- 9. Iceman Falls Moose Trail 3: Advanced trail with 2.5K, 5K, and 7.5K options characterized by steep elevation changes with sweeping turns through a boreal forest zone. In Winter and Summer enjoy mixed foot powered use. ORV's Prohibited.
- 10. 28 Mi Pit Bank Trail: 2 Season waterside trails accessing Eielson's stocked lakes. Multi-use: Foot powered and ORV use is Permitted.
- 11. Grayling Lake Bank Trail: 2 Season waterside trails accessing Eielson's stocked lakes. Multi-use: Foot powered and ORV use is Permitted.
- 12. Hidden Lake Bank Trail: 2 Season waterside trails accessing Eielson's stocked lakes. Multi-use: Foot powered and ORV use is Permitted.

EAFB NR/168 WG TRAILS CHALLENGE TIPS

Here are some tips to make your trail challenge fun and safe!

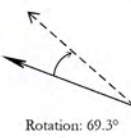
1. Start **SMALL**. Choose the right trail for your fitness level and experience level. Plan a ski/hike that is suitable for everyone in your party and let the slower person set the pace.
 2. **KNOW** where you **GO**. Familiarize yourself with the trail. Review maps and talk to someone who has done the trail before.
 3. Check the weather. Weather can be unpredictable so remember to dress accordingly and pack extra layers.
 4. Leave a **PLAN**. Tell someone where you are going. If you don't make it back when you expect to, this person can alert your emergency contact.
 5. **PACE** yourself. If you start out too fast you may tire out. Take your time and enjoy nature!
 6. Bring water. Drink often to stay hydrated regardless of the weather.
 7. **SUN & BUGS**. Even in winter, you can get sunburned from the sun reflecting off the snow! Bring sunscreen, bug spray, and clothing to protect your skin, even on cloudy or cold days in the summer.
 8. Bring basic **FIRST AID**. Inspect your kit before each hike.
 9. Bring your pet – but please clean up after them!
 10. Most importantly, **HAVE FUN!**
- You are responsible for your actions and the actions of your pet.
 - Pick up any pet waste – other people will be using these trails and facilities!
 - Avoid disturbing wildlife and provoking dangerous encounters.



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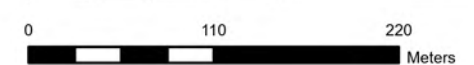
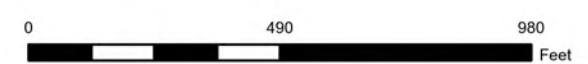
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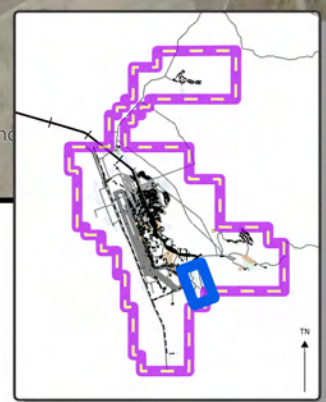
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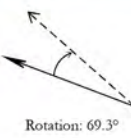
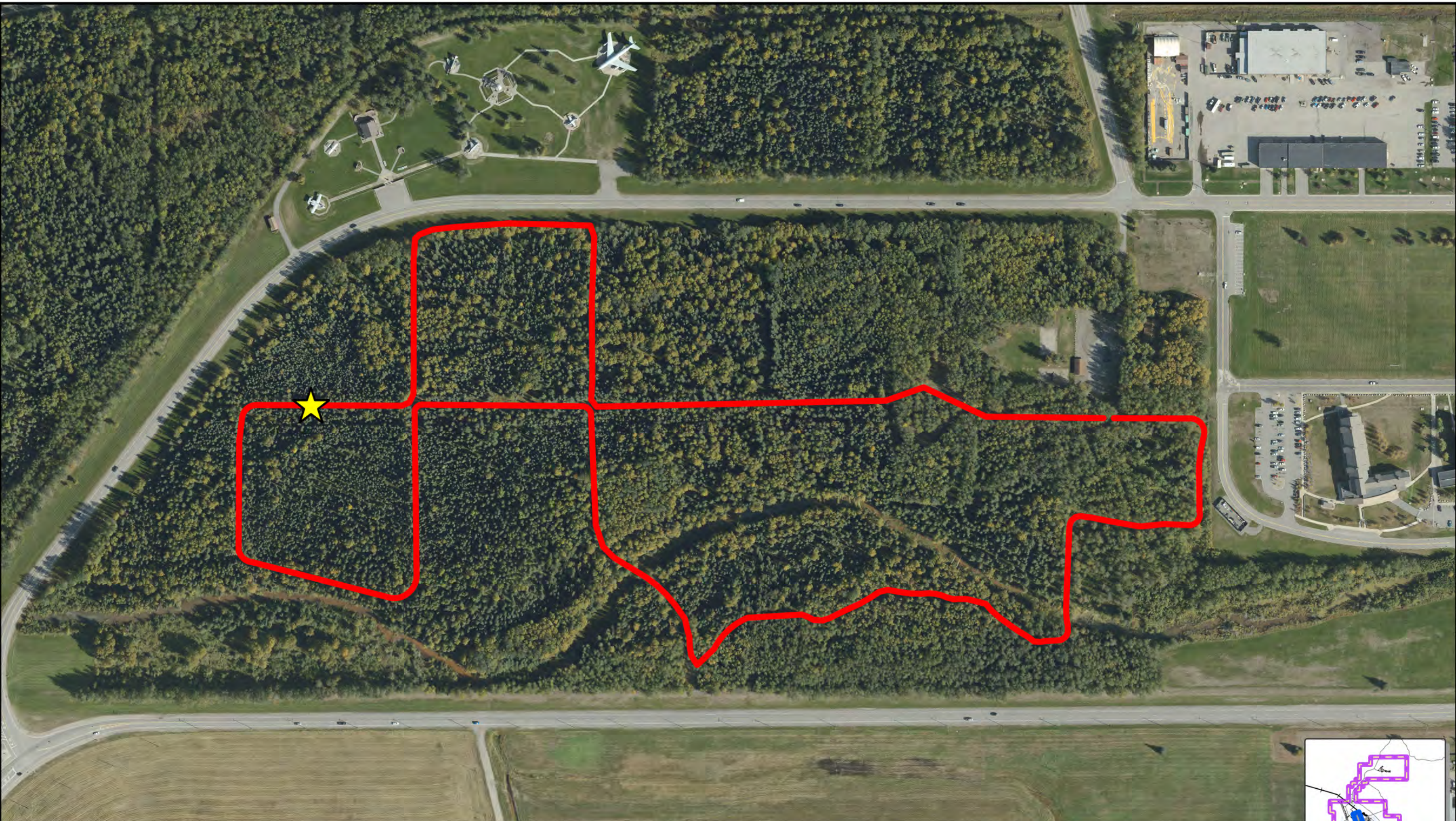


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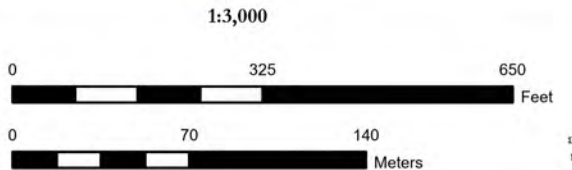


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Parcour Course Trail 2024 - #4

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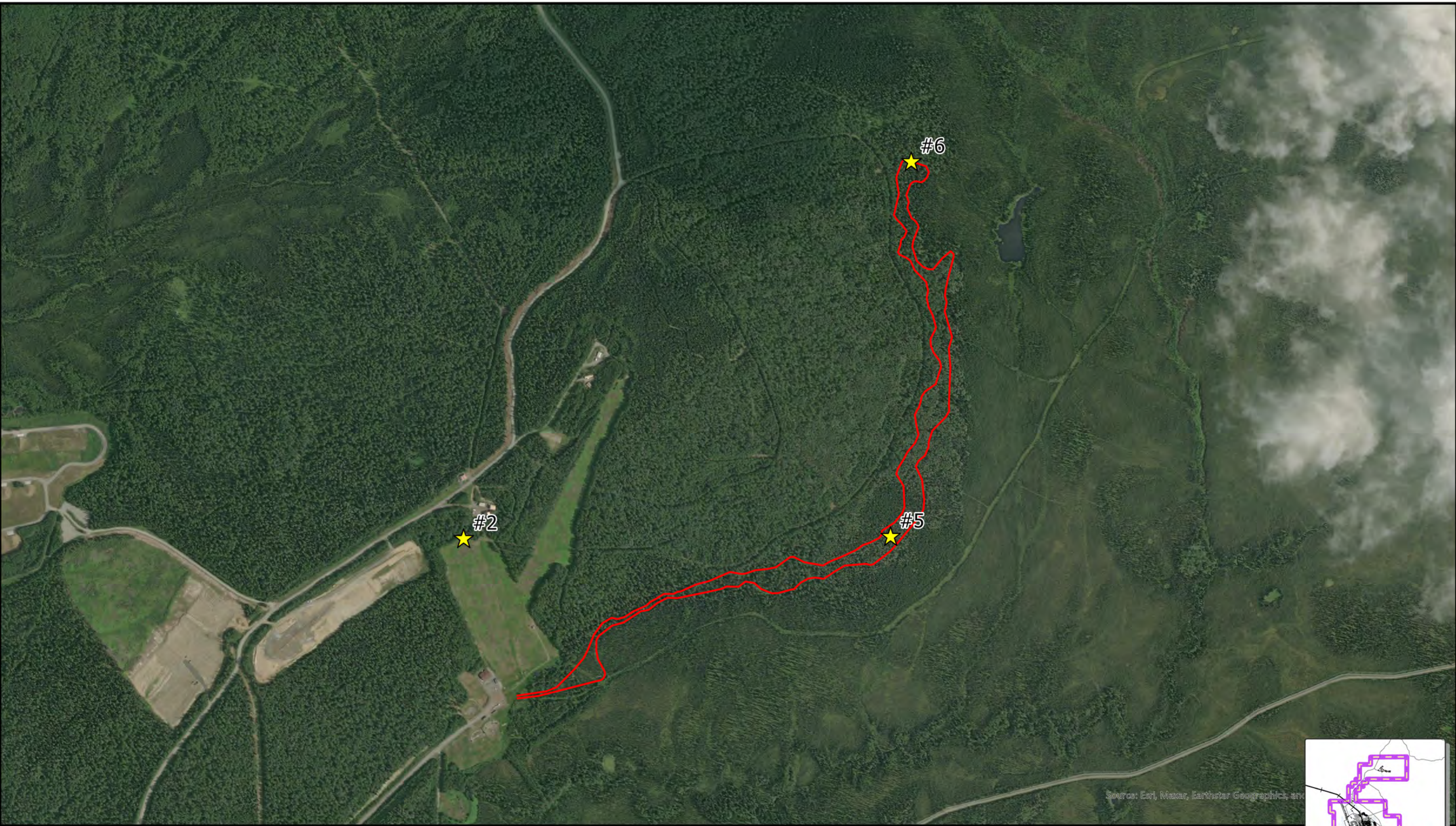


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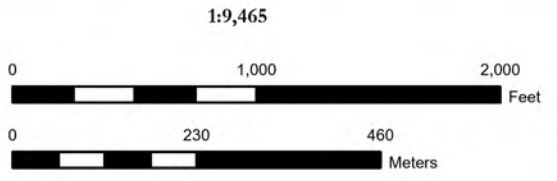


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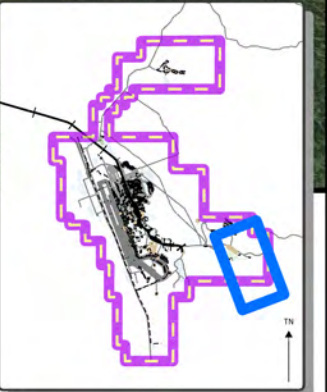
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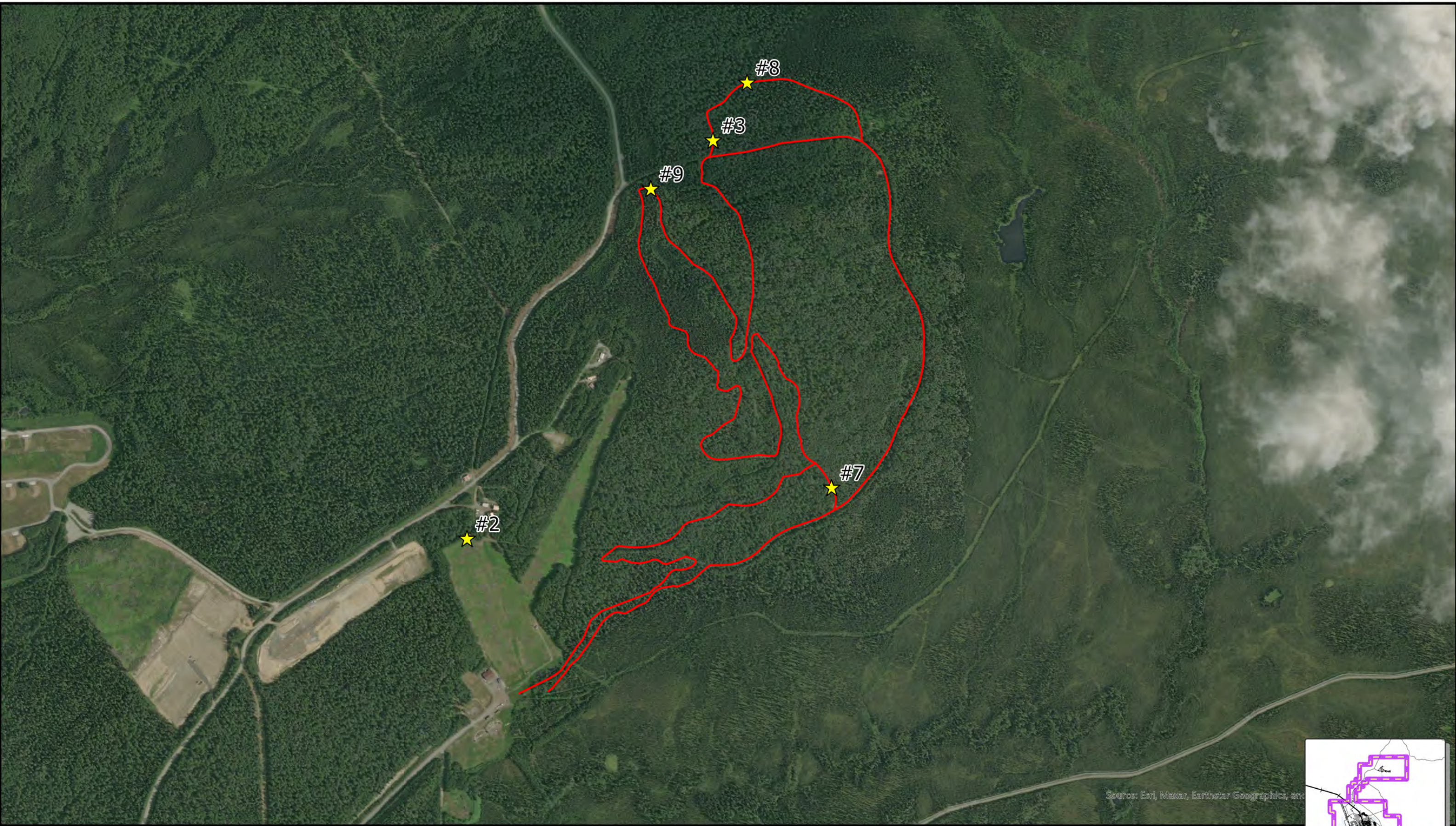


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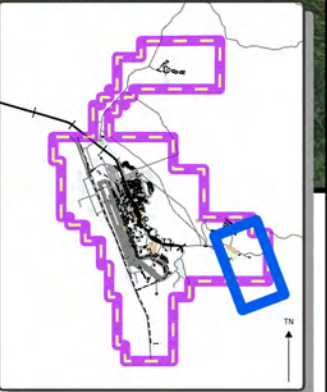
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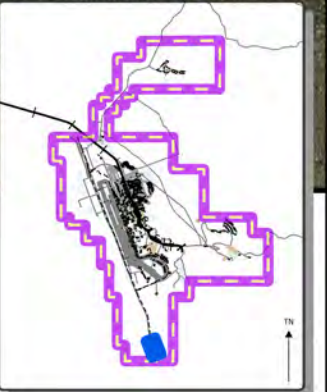
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28 Mile Pit Bank Trail 2024 - #10

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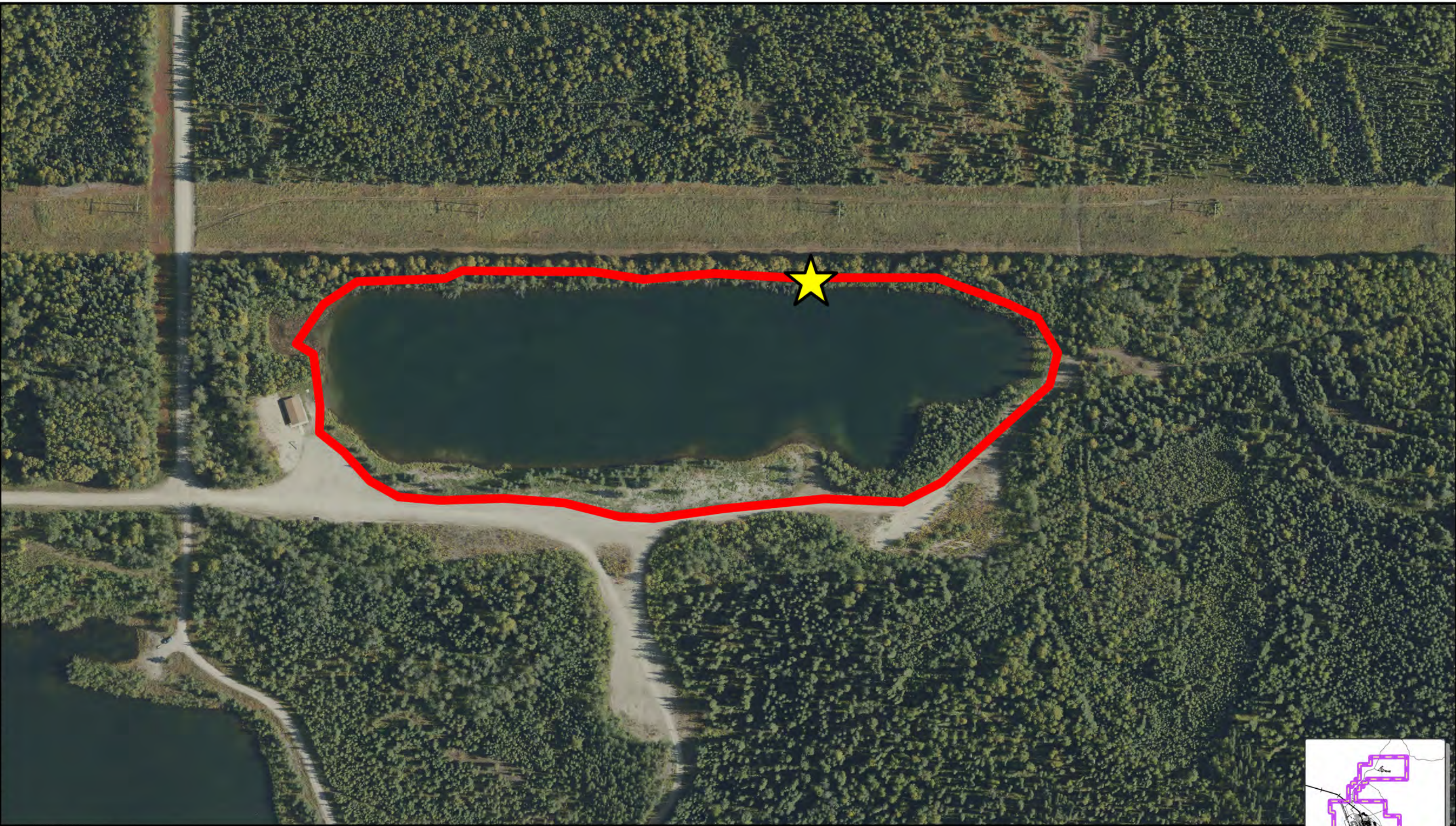


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Grayling Lake Bank Trail 2024 - #11

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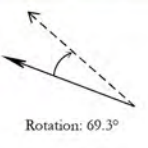


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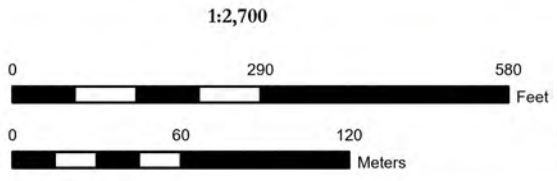


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Hidden Lake Bank Trail 2024 - #12

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