OBJECTIONS/ RESPONSE TO OBJECTION

From:	Courtney Larsen
To:	bryant@gci.net
Cc:	Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject:	Formal Public Comment Objection to Cooper Landing Marijuana Establishment
Date:	Saturday, January 4, 2020 10:51:14 PM
Attachments:	image.png

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which is basically nearly all of cooper landing areas.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Courtney Larsen ADV.GURU
Recreational Concierge
35022 Hamilton Road
PO Box 584, Cooper Landing, AK 99572
(907) 205 - 7205 (cell)

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From:	Courtney Larsen
To:	Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Cc:	Bryant Thorp
Subject:	Re: Formal Public Comment Objec#23777 Cooper Landing Marijuana Establishment
Date:	Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1:08:23 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image.png

Application #23777. The one proposed in cooper landing

And any other proposed in the future in cooper landing but just specifically for now this one at hand

Courtney

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 12:20 PM Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov> wrote:

> Good afternoon,
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> I am confirming receipt of your emailed objection. For our records, can you confirm whether this is an objection to marijuana stores in general or an objection to a specific application? If it is for a specific application, please Reply All with the license number of the proposed establishment.
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> Sincerely,
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> **TJ Zielinski**
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> Occupational Licensing Examiner
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> Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office
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> 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600
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> Anchorage, Alaska 99501
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From:	brimberry@consolidated.net
To:	Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Cc:	"Bryant Thorp"
Subject:	RE: Public Notice for Marijuana Establishment License #23777 at 16021 Sterling High (Cooper Landing)
Date:	Thursday, January 9, 2020 5:15:25 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Mr. Zielinski
Would you please accept this letter as a resubmittal? The previous version was poorly proofed.

As a part-time resident, home owner and outdoor enthusiast in Cooper Landing, I recommend that the license request for marijuana sales be declined. This establishment, if approved, represents a decrease of public safety to the community for the following reasons:

-The overall public safety and security of Cooper Landing will be adversely impacted. There is ample information in other states (Colorado specifically) that shows an increase in crime and homelessness with the availability of recreational marijuana sales. This threatens the Cooper Landing residents' and visitors' safety and property security in a community that currently experiences very little crime. Additionally, the site is on a straight-away, speed transitional section (out of and into Cooper Landing) of the Sterling Highway. While there has been a restaurant that served alcohol at this location for years, it is not unreasonable to expect that the level of incumbered drivers along that section and entering/exiting the specific location will increase since this would only be a site for mind-numbing drug sales. This site already requires very alert driving because of its location; having personally encountered a number of potentially serious near misses there after going to the restaurant. In similar and unique ways, the waterways and trails of the Cooper Landing area will have an increase in dangers either from numbed awareness of marijuana users or threats by incumbered individuals. It is a fact that Cooper Landing does not receive a law enforcement presence strong enough to either ensure safe traffic flow or community security with increased dangers associated with marijuana sales/use. Granting this license threatens the quiet, safe and remote community.
-Cooper Landing is strongly supported by tourism that is based on healthy, vibrant outdoor activities that are attractive to visitors. The infusion of marijuana sales into this atmosphere will create a deterrent to the positive attraction of the community and area. More specifically, the location is adjacent to campgrounds that are utilized by families and groups that come to experience quiet and wholesome outdoor activities. There is a threat that these campgrounds get targeted for use because of their proximity to a drug dispensary; reducing the campgrounds to party sites. I believe that people will choose to go other places knowing that Cooper Landing has become a marijuana focal point.

These are my questions if the license is granted.
-Are the State of Alaska and forest/wildlife agencies prepared to monitor and document the traffic and security threat rates in the area to objectively capture the effect of this change to the community?
-Are the State of Alaska and forest/wildlife agencies going to provide additional security resources to the community for trooper patrols and emergency response?
-Is the Alaska licensing authority willing to grant a conditional license to capture the effects of this activity in the community and respond to or end the license if threats to the peaceful community increase?

Thanks
David Brimberry

From: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 2:04 PM
To: brimberry@consolidated.net
Cc: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>; Bryant Thorp <bryant@gci.net>
Subject: RE: Public Notice for Marijuana Establishment License #23777 at 16021 Sterling High (Cooper Landing)

Good morning,

I am confirming receipt of your objection to License #23777, and your objection will be brought to the Marijuana Control Board if and when this application is determined to be complete and scheduled for Board consideration.

AMCO does not notify objectors when an application is scheduled for consideration at a meeting, but you can find meeting information (including date, location, and call-in number) on AMCO's home page (https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/) about halfway down the page in the blue "MCB Board Meeting" box. One week before each meeting, the meeting agenda will also be posted in this section. When you know that the application is complete, you can use the agenda to determine the order in which the item is being considered by the Board in case you wish to speak regarding your objection.

When a marijuana application is deemed complete by AMCO and will be scheduled for the next meeting listed on the home page, the applications are posted on this page on the AMCO website: https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/CompletedApplicationsforMarijuanaEstablishmentLicenses.aspx

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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AMCO Received 1/9/2020

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January 15, 2020

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Re: Objection To Proposed Marijuana Establishment Retail Establishment License No. #23777

Dear Marijuana Licensing Office and Honorable Marijuana Control Board:

On January 5, 2020, the AMCO office received an objection from Mr. Courtney Larsen to the proposed marijuana establishment #23777, located at 16021 Sterling Highway, Cooper Landing, AK 99572. In his objection, Mr. Larsen alleged that the proposed marijuana establishment was located in Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (hereinafter "KNWR"), and Chugach National Forest (hereinafter "CNF"). Both of these allegations are incorrect.

Contrary to Mr. Larsen's allegations, the proposed marijuana establishment is not even partially located in either KNWR, or CNF. In fact, the roughly square parcel is clearly demarcated as both "Private," and "Commercial. *See* EXHIBIT A, KPB Platting Map[1]. As for KNWR, the attached map shows that the parcel is comfortably east of the wildlife refuge. *See* EXHIBIT B, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Map[2]. For CNF, the U.S. Forest Service map also includes the roughly square parcel upon which the proposed marijuana establishment will be located. The U.S. Forest Service denotes this parcel as "Non-Forest Service Lands." *See* EXHIBIT C, U.S. Forest Service Map[3].

Moving forward, we are happy to work with the community to ensure safe and responsible access to marijuana in the Cooper Landing area. Should you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact us at (907) 231-3750, or by email at jana@jdwcounsel.com.

Truly and Sincerely Yours,

Jana D. Weltzin, *Esq.*

[1] https://gis.kpb.us/map/index.html?viewer=basic
[2] https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Kenai/map.html
[3] https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/chugach/maps-pubs/?cid=fseprd530591&width=full

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Exhibit A

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EXHIBIT A - KPB Cooper Landing Platting.png

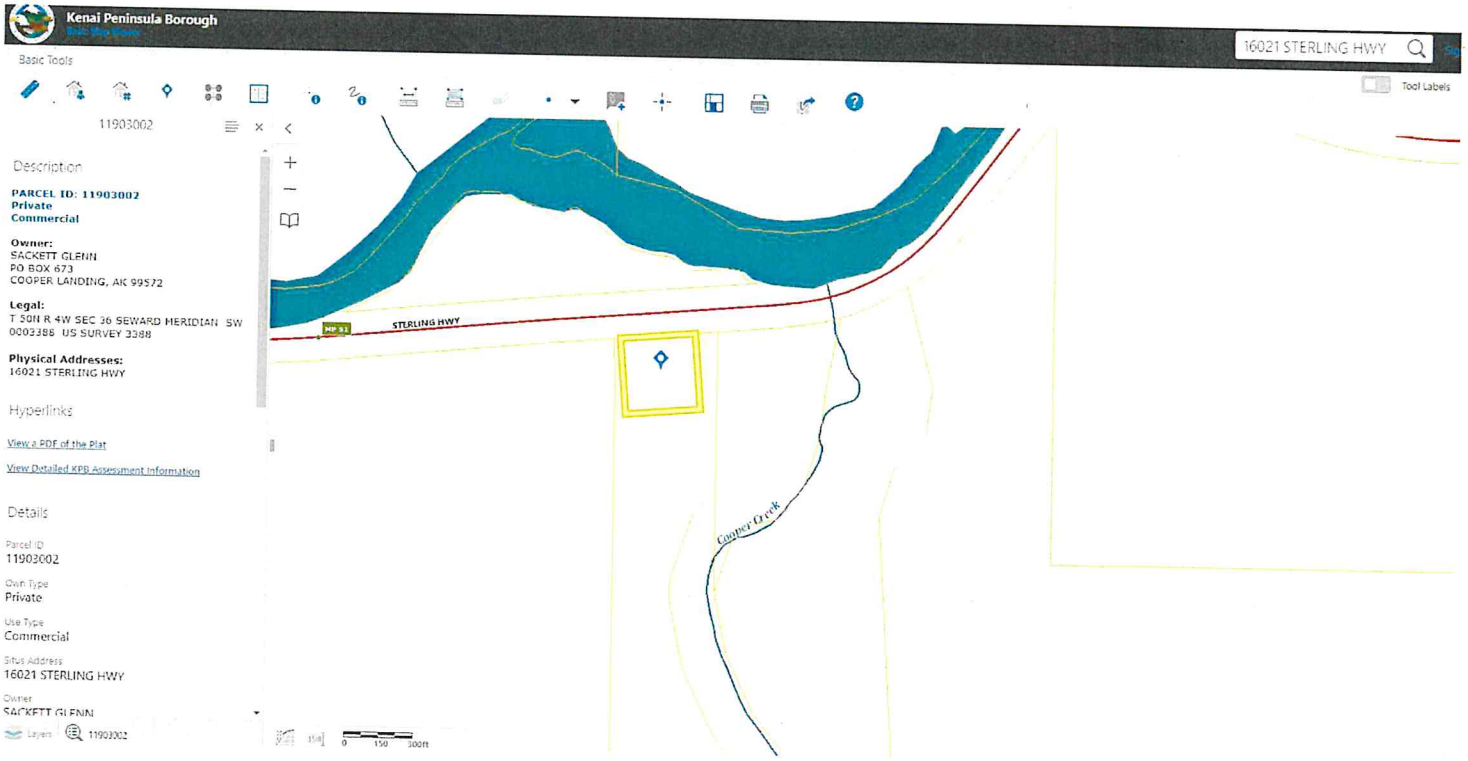

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Exhibit B

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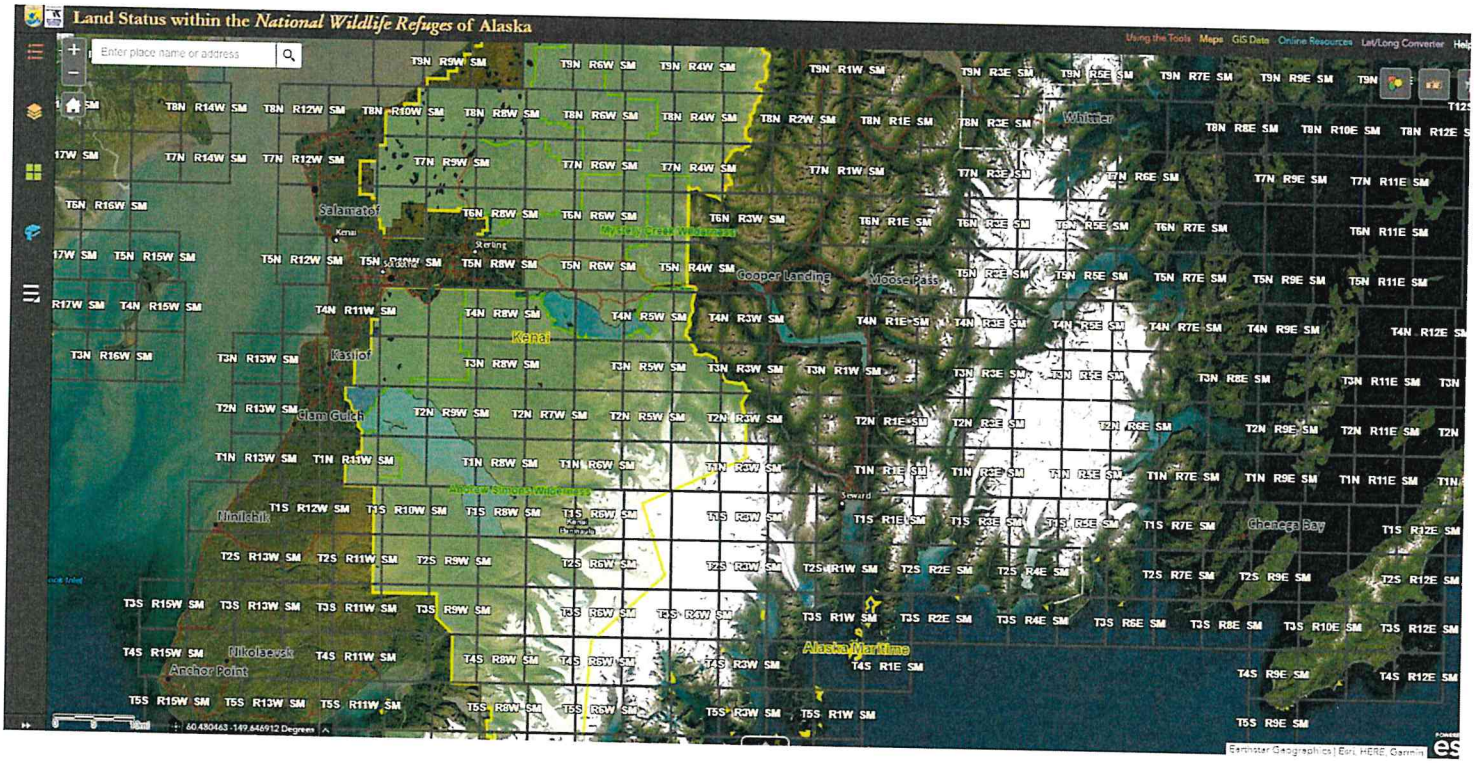
EXHIBIT B - Kenai NWR re Cooper Landing.png



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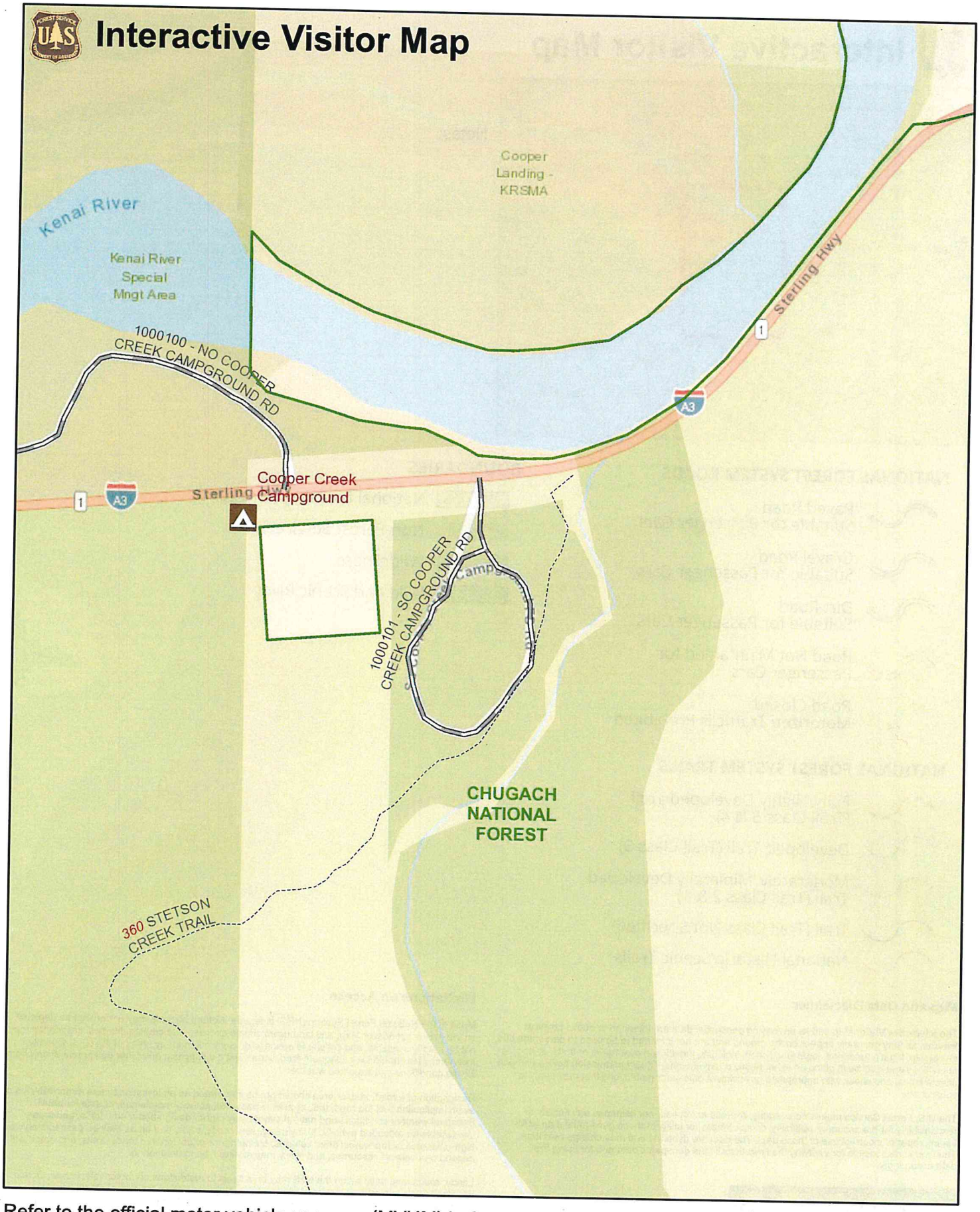
Interactive Visitor Map



Refer to the official motor vehicle use map (MVUM) before making travel plans.
Other important information about this map is located on page two of this document.

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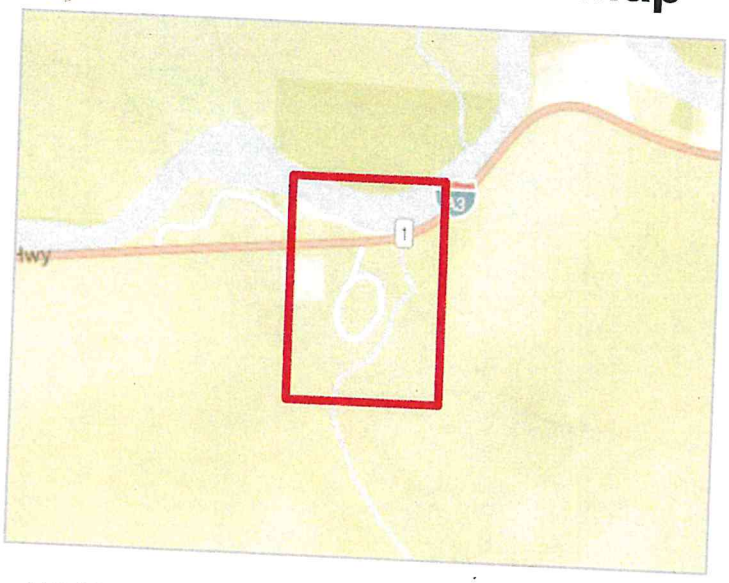

Notes:

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS

- Paved Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Gravel Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Dirt Road Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Road Not Maintained for Passenger Cars
- Road Closed Motorized Traffic is Prohibited

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS

- Fully/Highly Developed Trail (Trail Class 5 & 4)
- Developed Trail (Trail Class 3)
- Moderately/Minimally Developed Trail (Trail Class 2 & 1)
- Trail (Trail Class Not Specified)
- National Historic/Scenic Trails

BOUNDARIES

- National Forest System Lands
- Non-Forest Service Lands
- Wilderness
- Wild and Scenic River

Map and Data Disclaimer

The Interactive Visitor Map and its underlying geospatial data are intended to depict physical features as they generally appear on the ground and are not intended to be used to determine title, ownership, legal boundaries, legal jurisdiction, including jurisdiction over roads or trails, or access restrictions that may be in place on either public or private land. Obtain permission before entering private lands, and check with appropriate government offices for restrictions that may apply to public lands.

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Designation of a road, trail, or area should not be interpreted as an invitation to use motor vehicles or as an implication that the road, trail, or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated roads, trails, and areas impassable for extended periods. Many designated roads, trails, and areas may be passable only by high-clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads, trails, and areas will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

Lands, roads, and trails within the NFS may be subject to restrictions on motor vehicle use. Obtain a motor vehicle use map or inquire at the local Forest Service office for motor vehicle access information. Violations of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to $5,000 or imprisonment for up to 6 months or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs displaying designations for motor vehicle use. Operators of motor vehicles are also responsible for compliance with other applicable federal, state, and local law. The designation, "Road or Trail Open to All Motor Vehicles," does not supersede applicable state traffic law.

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