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COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY WORK
CASE FILE EM #2021-0006

OWNER: Multiple Owners – Work conducted in PG&E easement

APPLICANT: Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)

AGENT: Nicole Reese
2730 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 230
Sacramento, CA 95833

SITE ADDRESS/APN: See Attachment 1 for list of sites

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) requests authorization to conduct emergency vegetation management along approximately 6.3 miles of the Fort Bragg–Elk 60-kilovolt (kV) transmission line north of the town of Caspar to Van Damme State Beach near Little River in the south (see Attachment 2).

PG&E must perform ongoing vegetation management to comply with existing state and federal laws and regulations. Doing so is crucial to maintain reliable service, especially during severe weather or disasters. Through its annual inspection program, PG&E addresses hazard vegetation, much of which is caused by drought and bark beetle damage. Under this program, approximately 1.4 million trees are pruned annually to reduce potential risks to PG&E assets and the surrounding environment posed by incidents of electrical arcing, contact with fallen trees, etc.

The proposed work activities include removal and pruning of trees and brush on, under, or adjacent to the power line alignment and its accompanying structures to maintain the required clearance distances to the lines. PG&E must perform ongoing vegetation management on all of its overhead electric distribution and transmission facilities to maintain compliance with Public Resources Code Section 4293, California Public Utility Commission General Order 95, Rule 35, and North American Electric Reliability Corporation's FAC-003-01 and -02. The clearance regulations identify specific clearance distances by voltage that PG&E must maintain between vegetation and energized conductors. The clearance distance for 60 kV lines is 12 feet, although PG&E may clear beyond that distance to account for ingrowth and to maintain facility safety and reliability.

PG&E's team of qualified arborists identified 127 trees on public and private lands that require emergency management (Attachment 3). Of these 127 trees, 33 require removal, 92 require pruning, and two require topping. One hundred two (102) of the trees identified for maintenance are in state parks including Jug Handle State Natural Reserve (one tree), Russian Gulch State Park (six trees), Mendocino Headlands State Park (37 trees), and Van Damme State Park (58 trees). The remaining six trees are on private parcels within the project area along the transmission alignment.

All trees proposed for management under this permit are within the Coastal Zone as defined by the California Coastal Act and within Mendocino County's Local Coastal Plan management area. This project is also within PG&E's Multi-Region Operations and Maintenance Habitat Conservation Plan area (MRHCP).

CAUSE OF EMERGENCY: California's wildfire season has increased substantially in both duration and severity. The increase in wildfire risk has resulted in a necessity for routine vegetation management efforts along PG&E's assets which, for the purposes of this project, are overhead electrical distribution lines. In addition, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency due to drought conditions on April 20, 2021 by Resolution No. 21-051, which was renewed on June 8, 2021 by Resolution No. 21-079.

REMEDIAL ACTION: Vegetation management crews will use existing roads to bring vehicles and equipment close to the work areas. Vehicles will remain on those existing roads, and trees will be accessed on foot. Access will be along California State Highway 1, county roads, and private roads. Some locations will require access roads and footpaths, and some will require foot access via PG&E right of ways.

Equipment will include hand tools, chippers, and lift trucks. There will be no ground disturbance. Herbicide will be applied on stumps of tree species that have the ability to re-sprout from the base.

No subsurface disturbance will occur during these activities. These vegetation management activities are classified as Multi Region Habitat Conservation Plan (MRHCP) activity type E10a (Routine Maintenance) or E10d (Tree Removal – ROW Clearing).

CIRCUMSTANCES TO JUSTIFY EMERGENCY: Failure to expeditiously manage the inadequate clearance distances required for PG&E assets associated with the 127 trees included in this project could result in:

- Reduced reliability or interference of delivery of essential electricity to customers
- Increased safety risks to the public, to private and public property, and to a variety of environmental resources

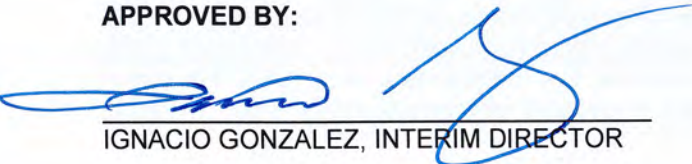
This emergency permit is effective immediately and shall become null and void at the end of sixty (60) days. Prior to expiration of this Emergency Permit, the applicant shall submit a standard Coastal Development Permit application for the work authorized by this permit.

RECOMMENDED BY:


JULIA KROG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

7/19/2021
DATE

APPROVED BY:

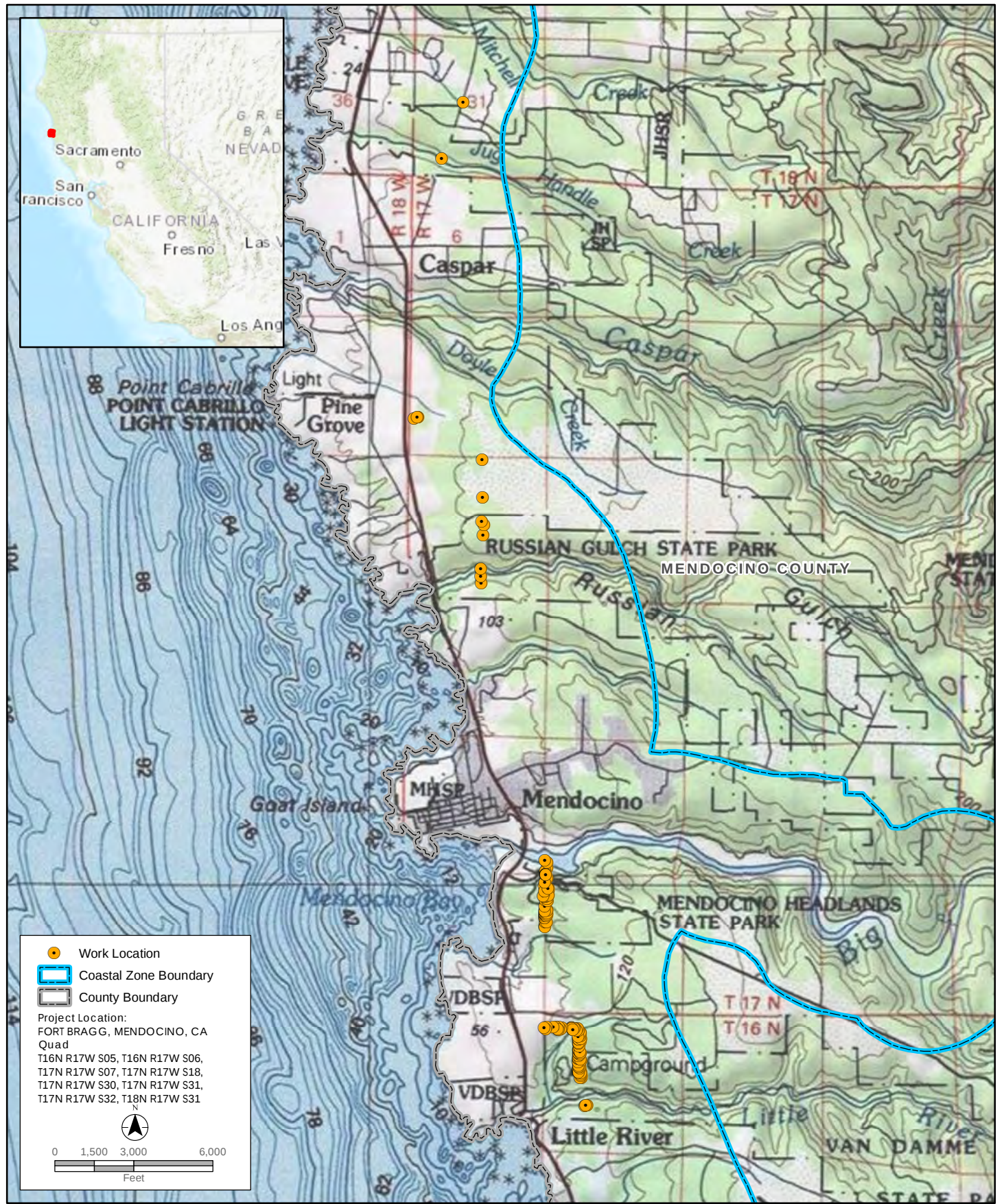

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ATTACHMENT 1

Fort Bragg-Elk 60kV Routine 177339 Project APNs within 100 feet of the Project

APN	Name	Address	City	State	Zip
121-090-01-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	8001 N HIGHWAY 1	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
121-090-07-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			CA	
121-090-08-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			CA	
121-090-06-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			CA	
121-070-20-00	OTTERSON HICKEY/TRUST	PO BOX 495	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95460
121-070-24-00	LELAND E and CYNTHIA M JOSEPHS	44675 GORDON LN	MENDOCINO	CA	95460
121-070-26-00	JOHN MICHAEL and LILIANA A CUNHA	44775 GORDON LN	MENDOCINO	CA	95460
121-010-24-00	BETH ANN SPRING	8501 N HIGHWAY 1	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
121-010-22-00	GLEN and ELIZABETH SPRING	8525 N HIGHWAY 1	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
119-320-10-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA		FORT BRAGG	CA	95437
119-410-10-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			CA	
119-320-07-00	CHRISTOPHER HOUGIE	9601 N HIGHWAY 1	MENDOCINO	CA	95460
119-310-08-00	44771 COMPTCHE UKIAH RD LLC	44771 COMPTCHE UKIAH RD	MENDOCINO	CA	95460
119-410-09-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			CA	
119-410-04-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			CA	
119-401-01-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			CA	
119-290-05-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	1 CAPITOL MALL 500	SACRAMENTO	CA	95814
118-280-01-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	12301 N HIGHWAY 1	MENDOCINO	CA	95460
118-260-01-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			CA	
118-220-04-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			CA	
017-270-16-00	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			CA	
017-261-38-00	LONNIE D and KATHLEEN M BREMER	32250 HOLQUIST LN	FORT BRAGG	CA	95437
017-261-14-00	TIMOTHY R and JASMINE T ZARTMAN	16296 OLD CASPAR RAIL RD	FORT BRAGG	CA	95437
017-270-09-00	KATHLEEN MILLIKIN	31200 GIBLEY LN	FORT BRAGG	CA	95437
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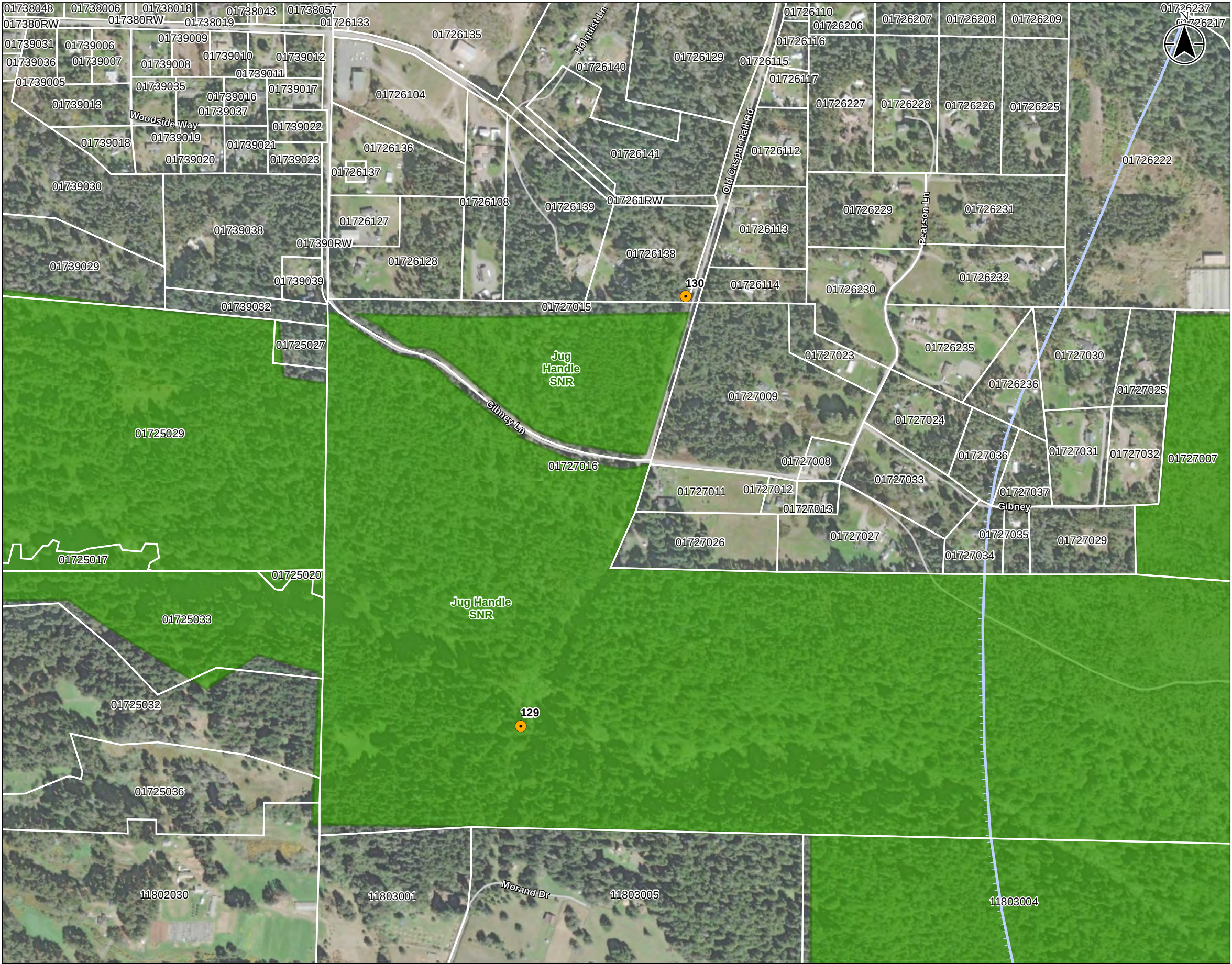


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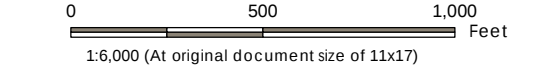
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 Attachment 2. Project Location (topo)



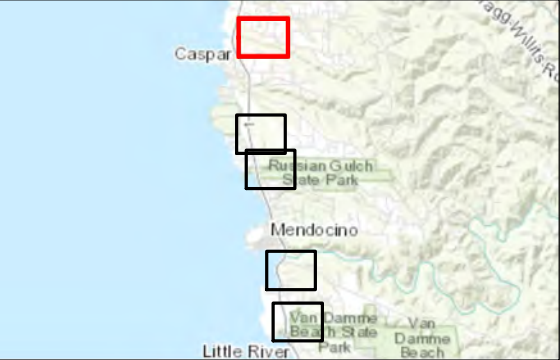
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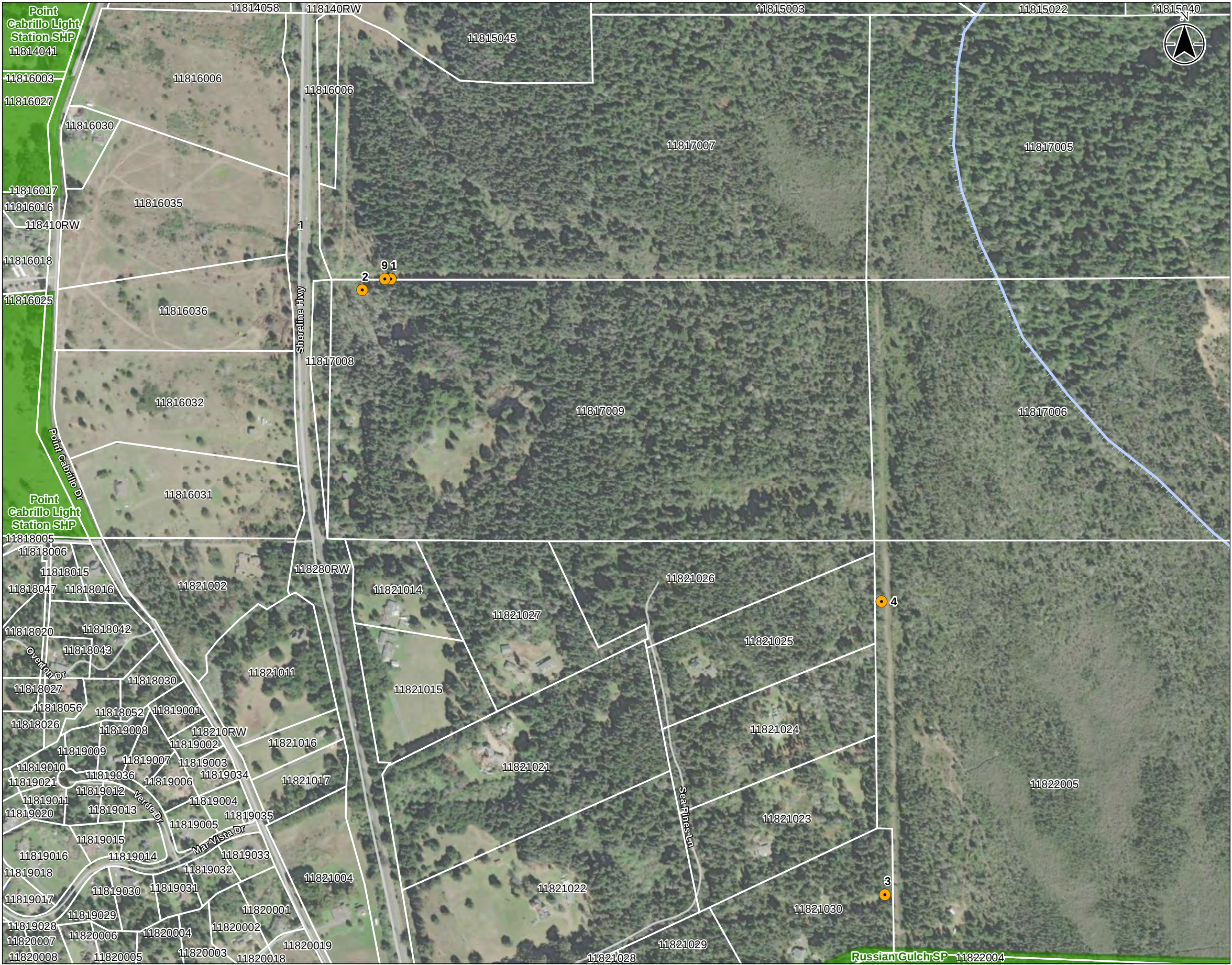
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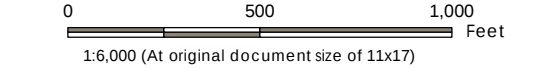




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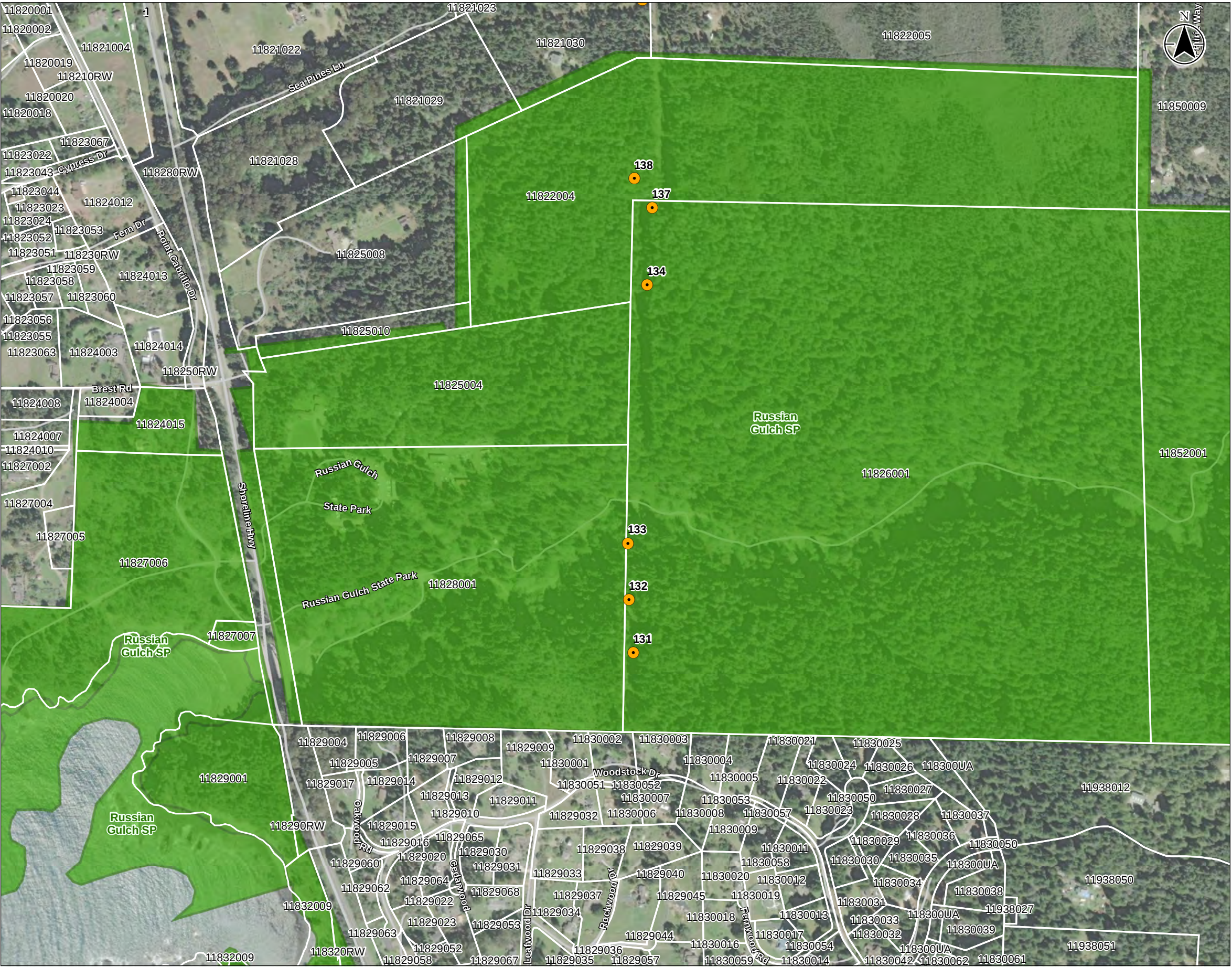
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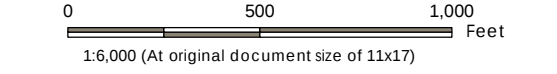




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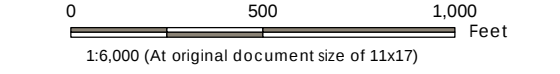




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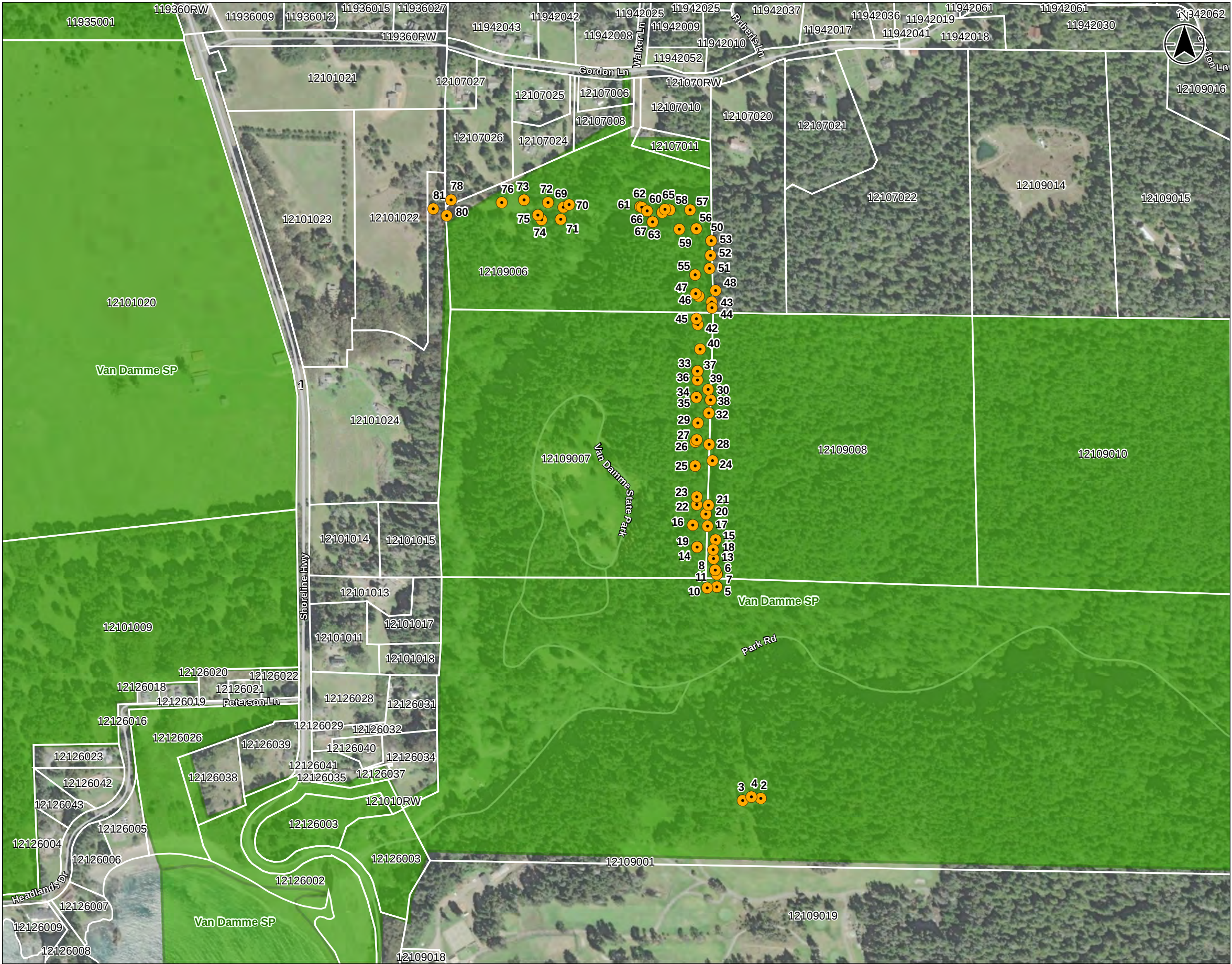
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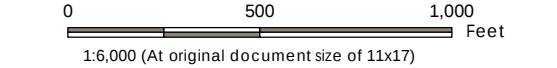




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