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Helena – Lewis and Clark National Forest

2021 Land Management Plan

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List of Acronyms

B-D NF	Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ESA	Endangered Species Act
HLC NF	Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
MVUM	Motor Vehicle Use Map
ROS	Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
ROSW	Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
SIO	Scenic Integrity Objective
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service

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Overview

The Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest is making an administrative change to correct mapping errors that were discovered after the publishing of the 2021 Land Management Plan. In addition, other Geographic Area maps needed to be updated to include designations for lands have been acquired since the plan was published. These changes are minor in the context of the 2.8+ million-acre forest and do not alter conclusions made in the programmatic EIS supporting the land management plan. The administrative change is summarized below, and the maps follow (map numbers correspond with the maps they replace in Appendix A of the 2021 Land Management Plan). This change will be effective as of September 8, 2022.

Changes by Geographic Area

Big Belts Geographic Area

- 108 acres were added to National Forest System lands
- These acres were mapped as follows:
 - Map BB-1: General ownership (shows the location of the added acres). There is one road (#4136-A1, Kingsberry Loop) that crosses this parcel, but already a NFSR (System route) that is open yearlong (MVUM=Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong).
 - Map BB-4: ROS: Roaded Natural 8 acres (7.9), Rural 100 acres (100.2)
 - Map BB-5: ROS-W: Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized 8 acres (7.9), Rural 100 acres (100.2)
 - Map BB-6: SIO: Low 56 acres (56.2), Moderate 52 acres (51.8)
 - Map BB-8: Designated Areas and ROS
 - Map BB-9: Designated Areas and Winter ROS
 - Map BB-12: Timber Suitability (Production): 45 acres (45.3) and Harvest Could Occur on Unsuitable Lands: 63 Acres (62.7)

Divide Geographic Area

- 17 acres were added to National Forest System lands
- These acres were mapped as follows:
 - Map D-1: General ownership (shows location of the added acres)
 - Map D-4: ROS and Map D-5: ROSW – all 17 acres mapped as Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
 - Map D-6: SIO – all 17 acres mapped as High SIO
 - Maps D-7, 8, and 9 Designated Areas – all 17 acres added to South Hills Recreation Emphasis Areas
 - Map D-12: Timber – all 17 acres mapped as Harvest Could Occur on Unsuitable Lands

Elkhorns Geographic Area

- Range allotments: the allotments on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF portion of the Elkhorns were inadvertently left off of the map, so were added (Map E-11).
- 142 acres were added to National Forest System lands (780 acres HLC NF, 640 acres B-D NF). The acres were mapped as follows:
 - Map E-1: General ownership
 - Map E-4: ROS – all acres to Roded Natural
 - Map E-5: ROSW – 760 acres to Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized, 660 acres to Roded Natural
 - Map E-6: SIO – all acres to Low
 - Maps E-7, 8 and 9: Designated Areas – all acres to Elkhorn Wildlife Management Unit
 - Map E-12: Timber – all acres to Harvest Could Occur on Unsuitable Lands

Little Belts Geographic Area

- There are 1043 acres of privately owned lands within the Middle Fork Judith Wilderness Study Act Area. These areas are not subject to this Act or 2021 Land Management Plan direction (shown on existing map, note just added for clarification).

Rocky Mountain Geographic Area

- Maps RM-04, 05, 08, and 09: 55 acres were incorrectly mapped as Semi Primitive Non-Motorized ROS, when in fact they are in a Rural setting.


Snowies Geographic Area

- Maps S-7, 8 and 9: 131 acres of the Big Snowies Wilderness Study Act Area is on private land. These maps were updated to indicate this area is not subject to direction in this Act or the 2021 Land Management Plan.


Contact Person

For additional information concerning these changes, please contact Deborah Entwistle, Planning and Resources Staff Officer at Helena – Lewis and Clark National Forest- Forest Supervisor's Office, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT or by phone at (406) 449-5201.

Signature and Date

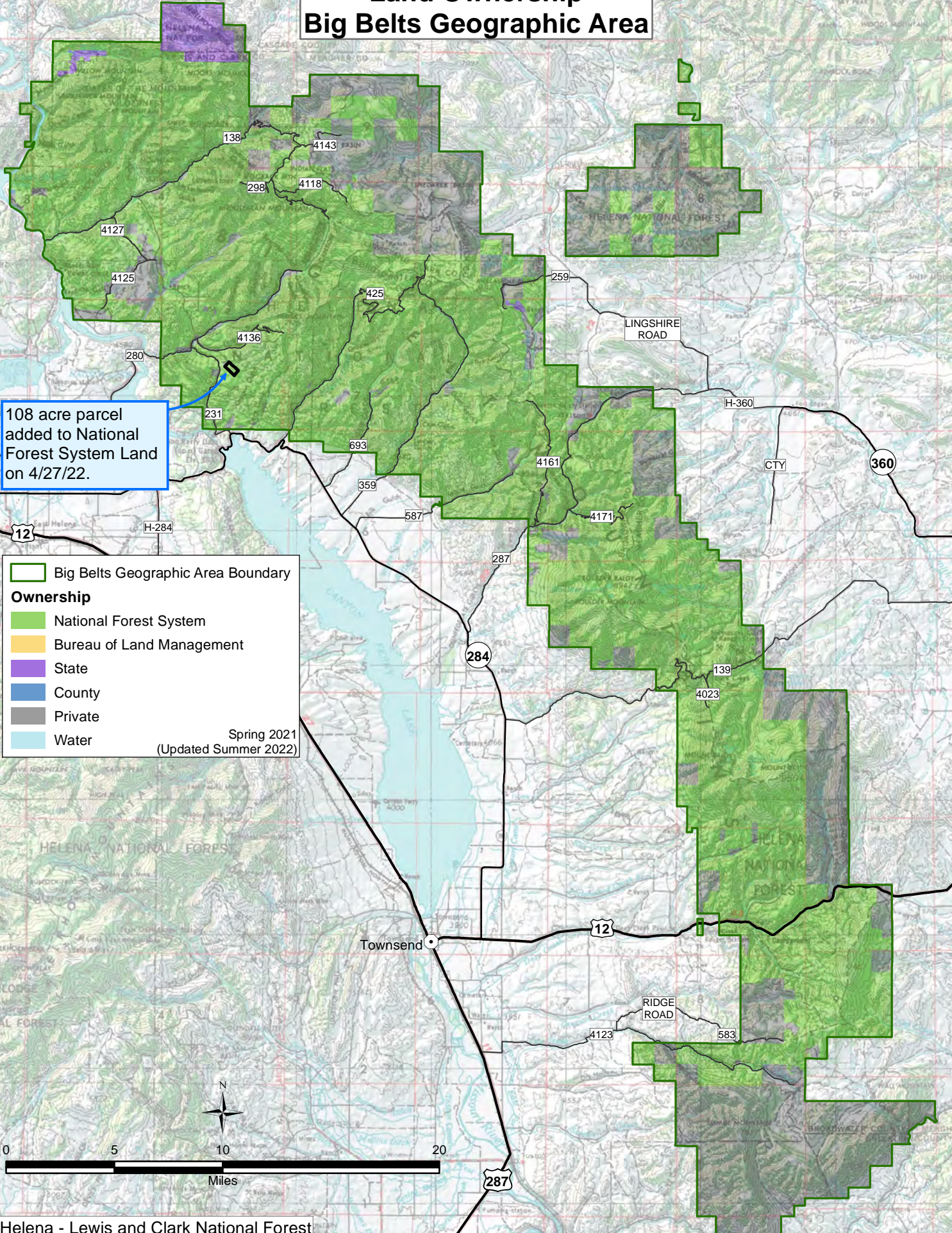


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Helena – Lewis and Clark National Forest



DATE

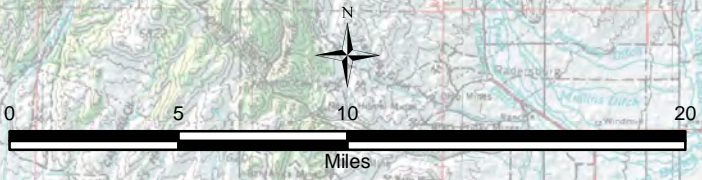
Land Ownership Big Belts Geographic Area



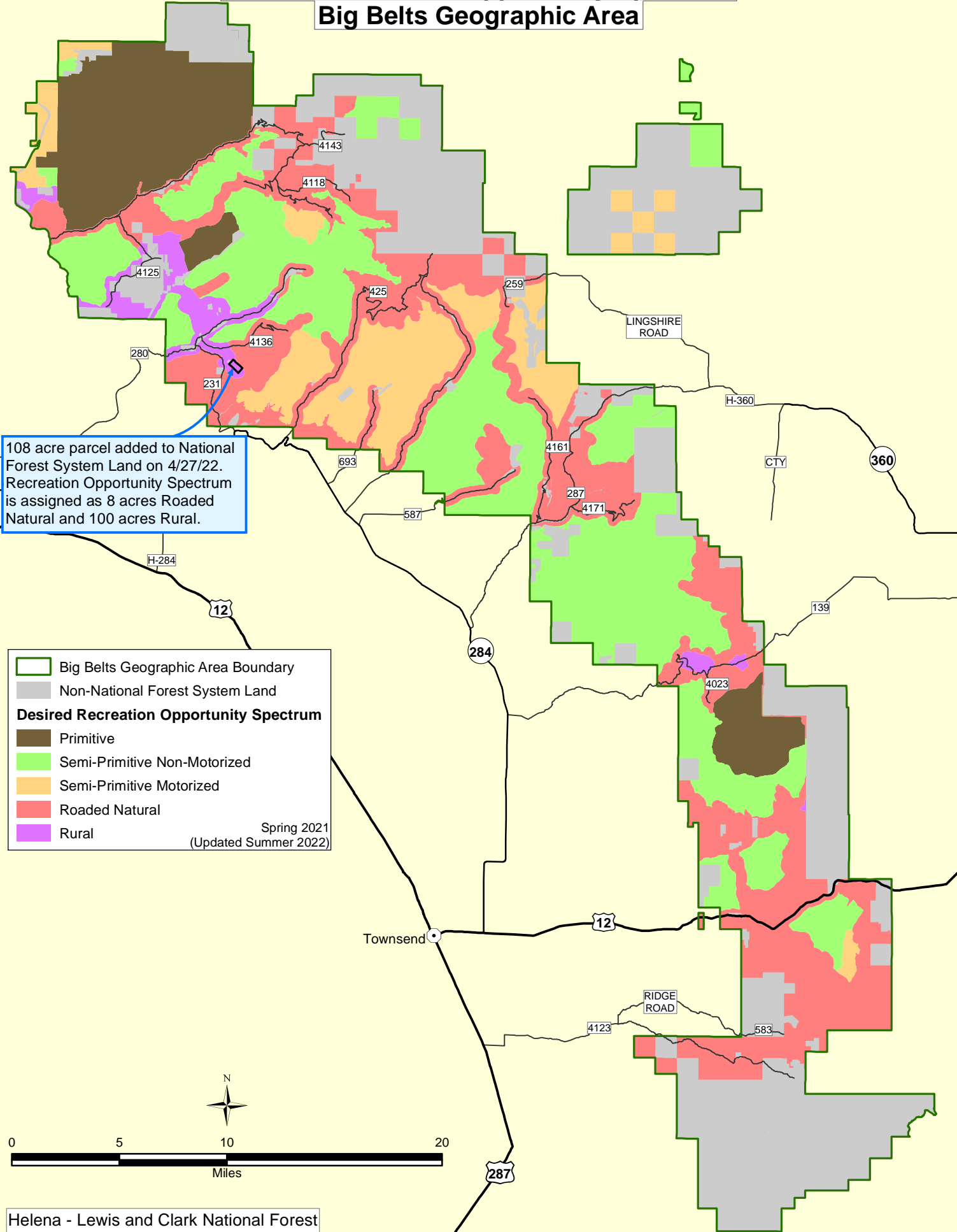
108 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 4/27/22.

Big Belts Geographic Area Boundary
Ownership
 National Forest System
 Bureau of Land Management
 State
 County
 Private
 Water

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Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Big Belts Geographic Area



108 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 4/27/22. Recreation Opportunity Spectrum is assigned as 8 acres Roaded Natural and 100 acres Rural.

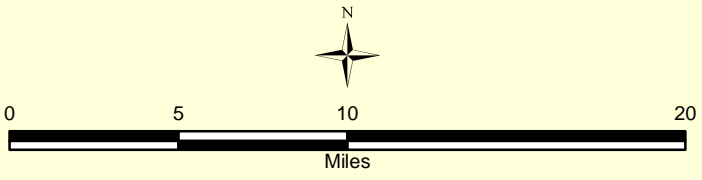
Legend

- Big Belts Geographic Area Boundary
- Non-National Forest System Land

Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

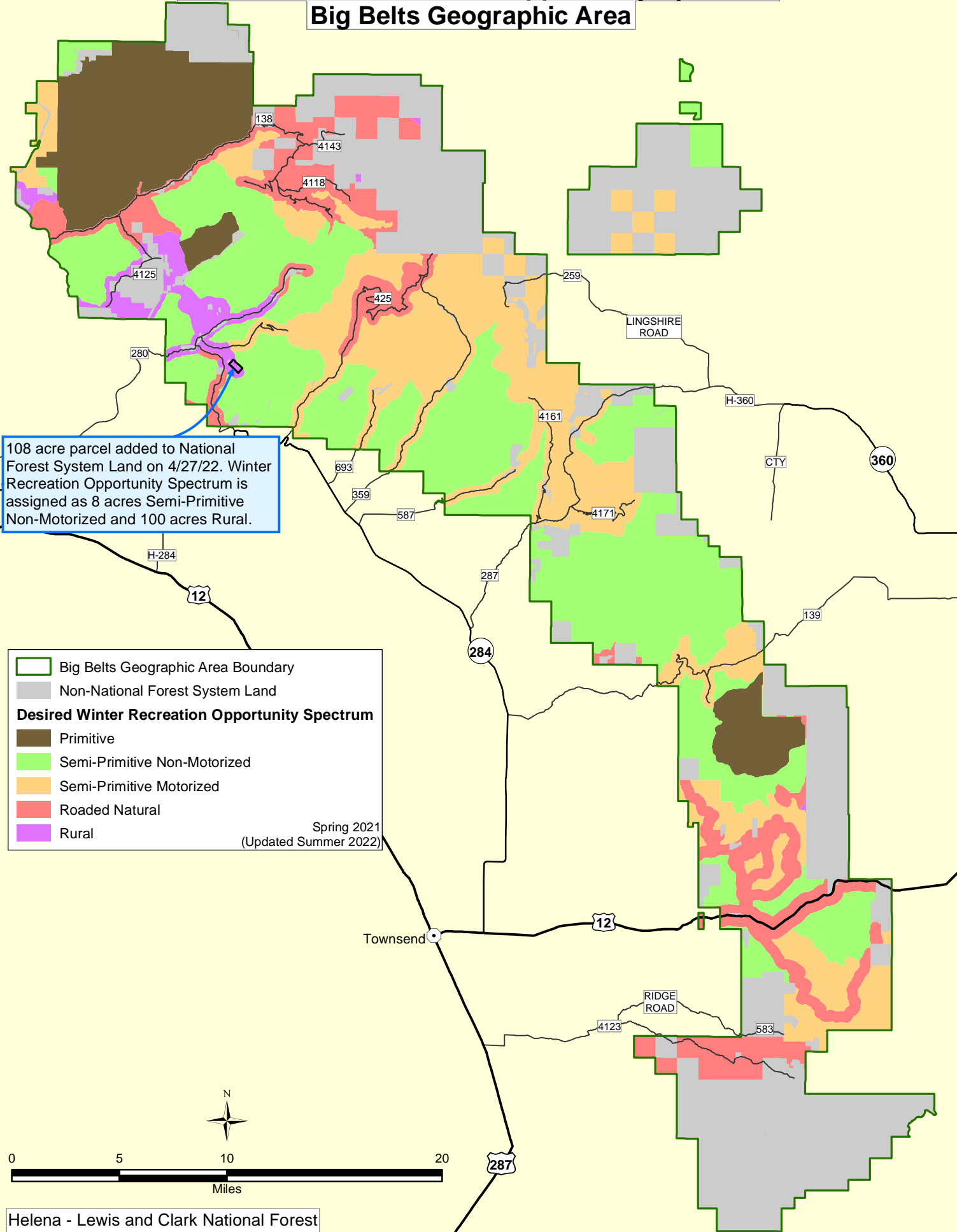
- Primitive
- Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
- Semi-Primitive Motorized
- Roaded Natural
- Rural

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Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Big Belts Geographic Area

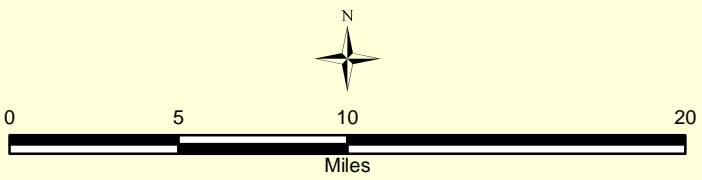
Map BB-5



108 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 4/27/22. Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum is assigned as 8 acres Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized and 100 acres Rural.

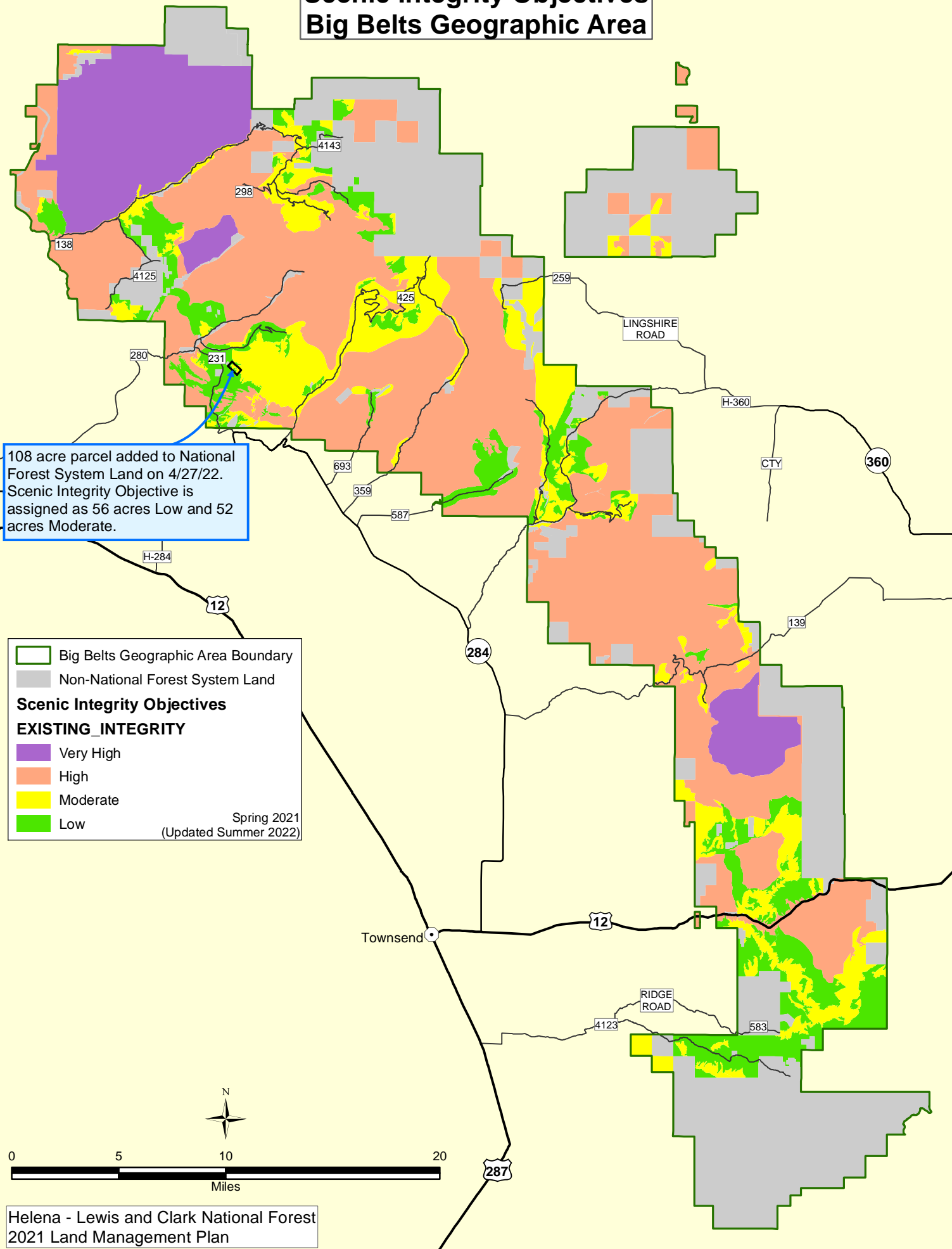
Big Belts Geographic Area Boundary
 Non-National Forest System Land
Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
 Primitive
 Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
 Semi-Primitive Motorized
 Roaded Natural
 Rural

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Scenic Integrity Objectives Big Belts Geographic Area

Map BB-6



108 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 4/27/22. Scenic Integrity Objective is assigned as 56 acres Low and 52 acres Moderate.

Legend

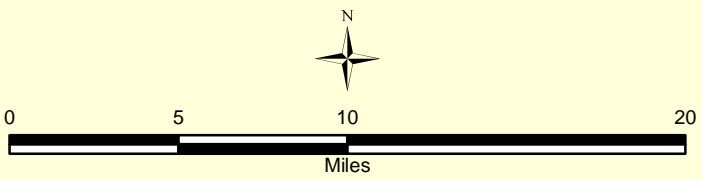
- Big Belts Geographic Area Boundary
- Non-National Forest System Land

Scenic Integrity Objectives

EXISTING_INTEGRITY

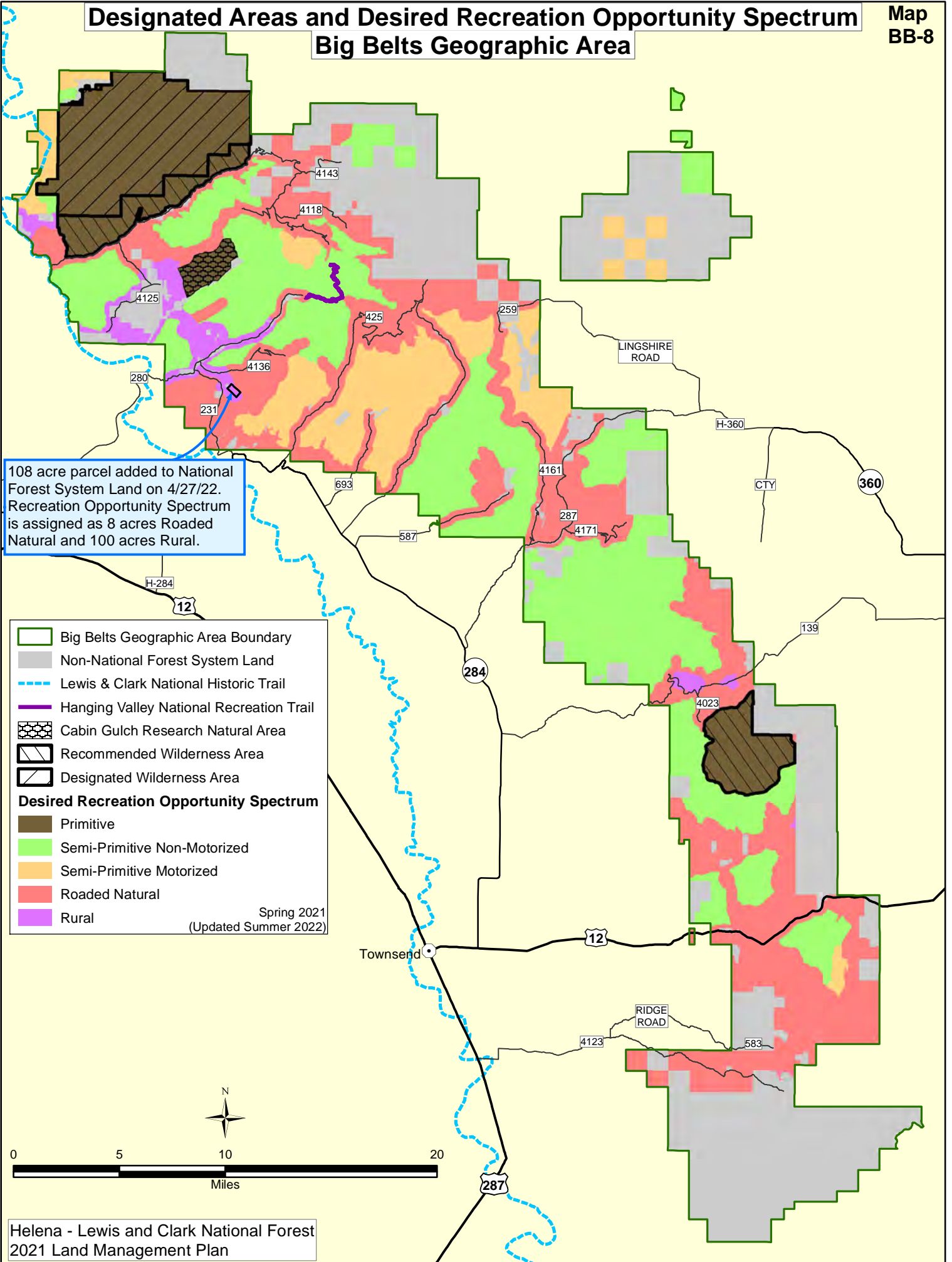
- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low

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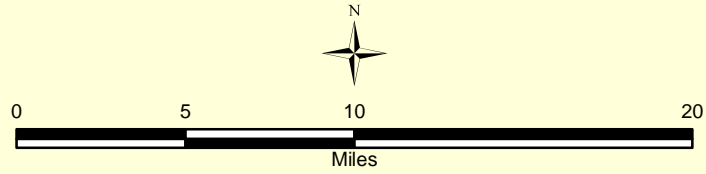
Designated Areas and Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Big Belts Geographic Area

Map
BB-8



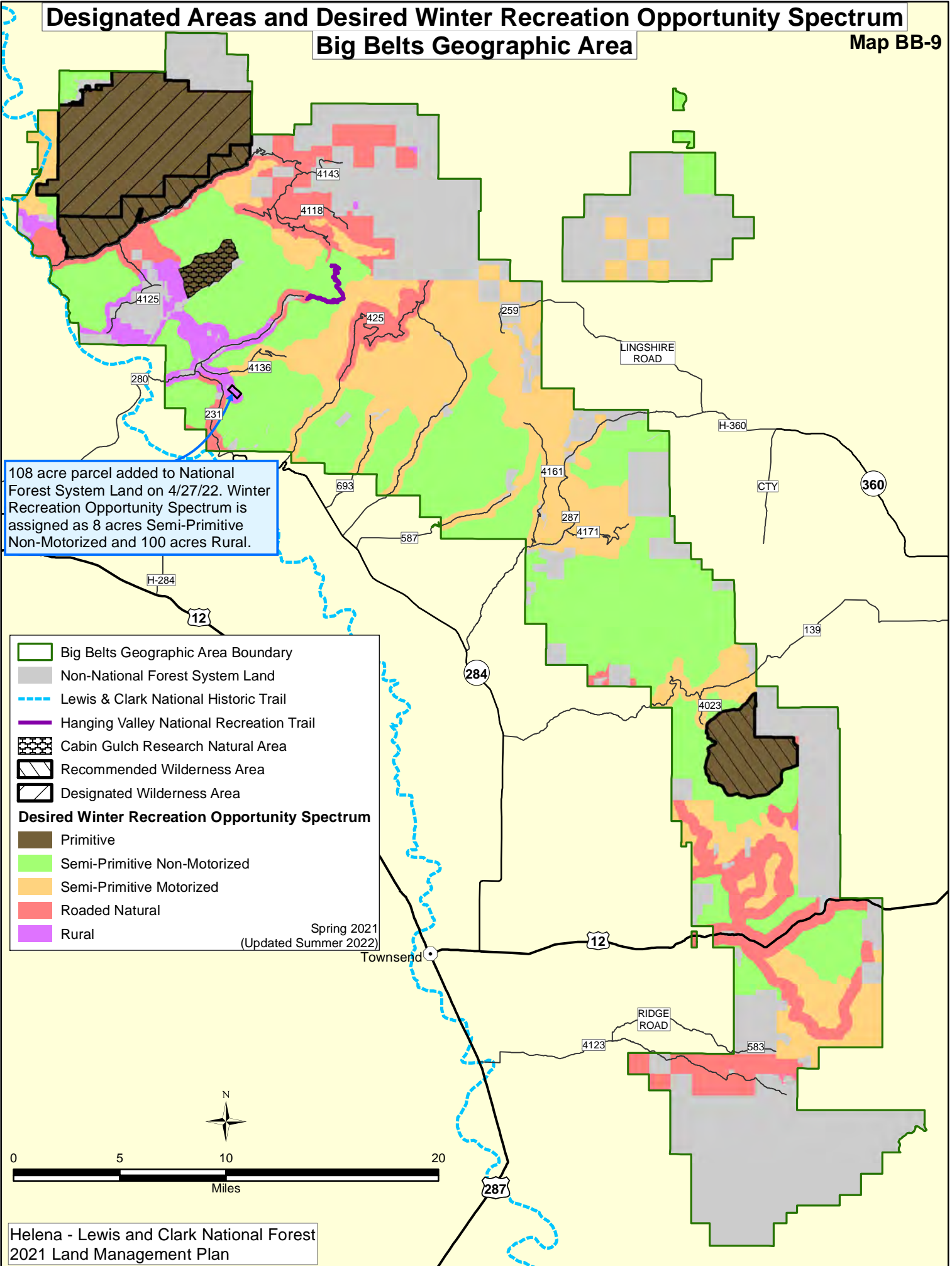
108 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 4/27/22. Recreation Opportunity Spectrum is assigned as 8 acres Routed Natural and 100 acres Rural.

- Big Belts Geographic Area Boundary
 - Non-National Forest System Land
 - Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail
 - Hanging Valley National Recreation Trail
 - Cabin Gulch Research Natural Area
 - Recommended Wilderness Area
 - Designated Wilderness Area
- Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum**
- Primitive
 - Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
 - Semi-Primitive Motorized
 - Routed Natural
 - Rural
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Designated Areas and Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Big Belts Geographic Area

Map BB-9



108 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 4/27/22. Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum is assigned as 8 acres Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized and 100 acres Rural.

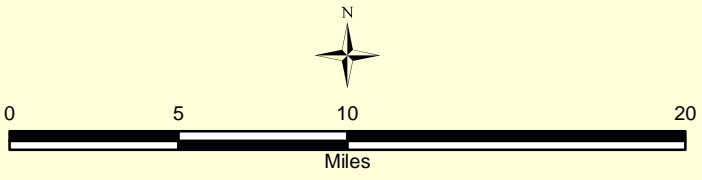
Legend

- Big Belts Geographic Area Boundary
- Non-National Forest System Land
- Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail
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- Recommended Wilderness Area
- Designated Wilderness Area

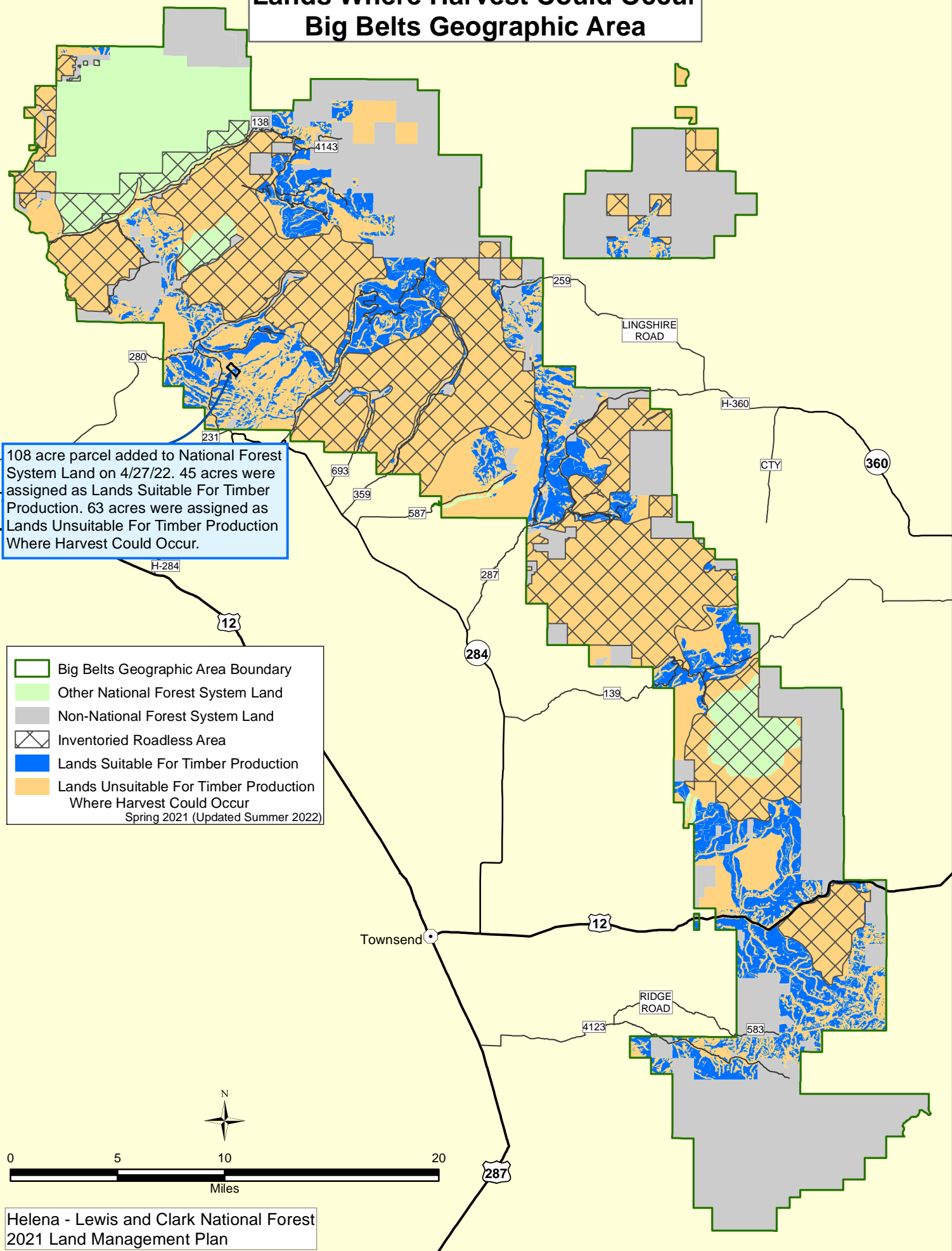
Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

- Primitive
- Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
- Semi-Primitive Motorized
- Roaded Natural
- Rural

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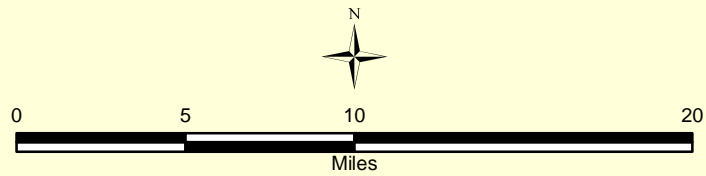


Lands Where Harvest Could Occur Big Belts Geographic Area




108 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 4/27/22. 45 acres were assigned as Lands Suitable For Timber Production. 63 acres were assigned as Lands Unsuitable For Timber Production Where Harvest Could Occur.






- Big Belts Geographic Area Boundary
 - Other National Forest System Land
 - Non-National Forest System Land
 - Inventoried Roadless Area
 - Lands Suitable For Timber Production
 - Lands Unsuitable For Timber Production Where Harvest Could Occur
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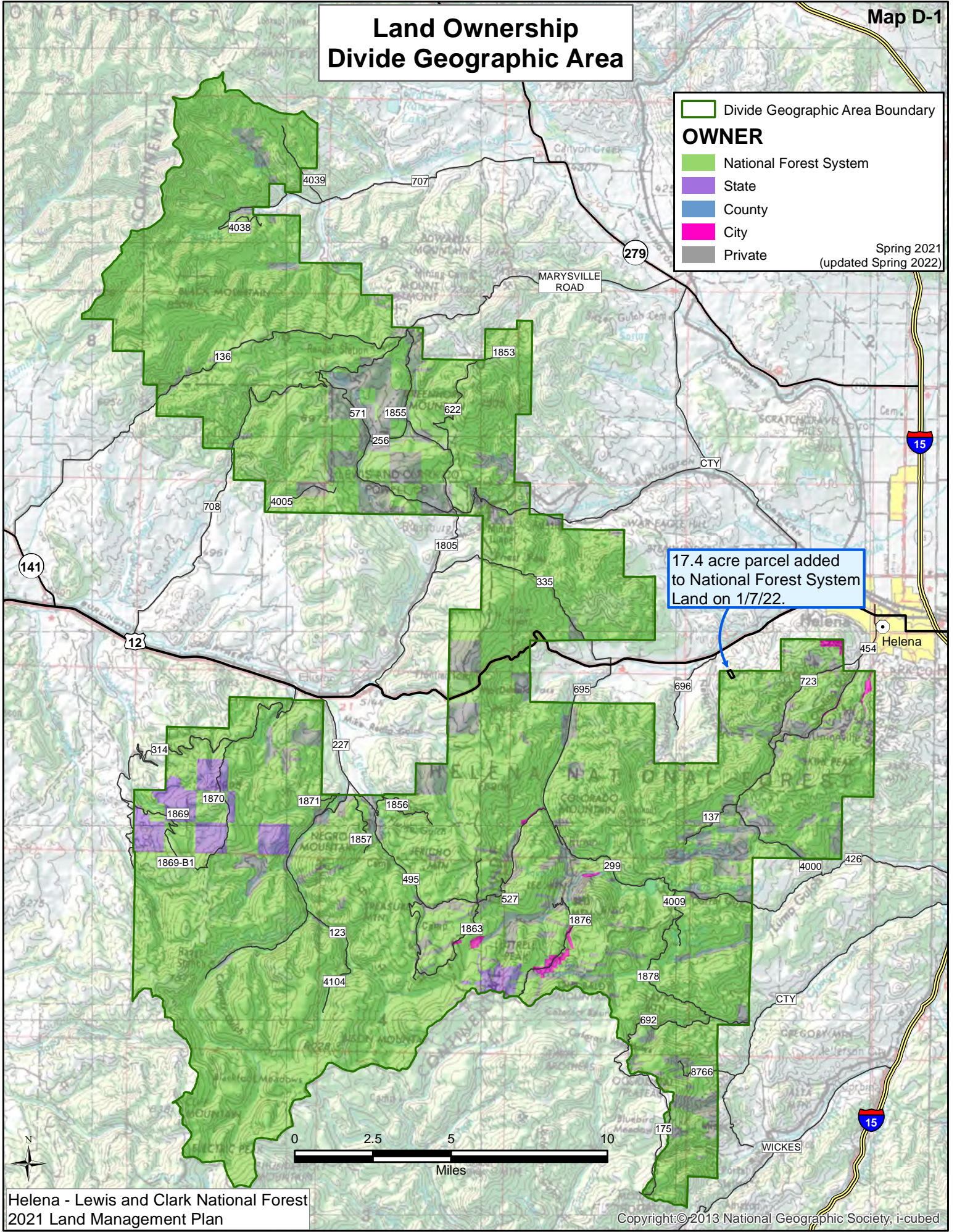
Land Ownership Divide Geographic Area

 Divide Geographic Area Boundary

OWNER

-  National Forest System
-  State
-  County
-  City
-  Private

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17.4 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 1/7/22.

Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Divide Geographic Area

Legend

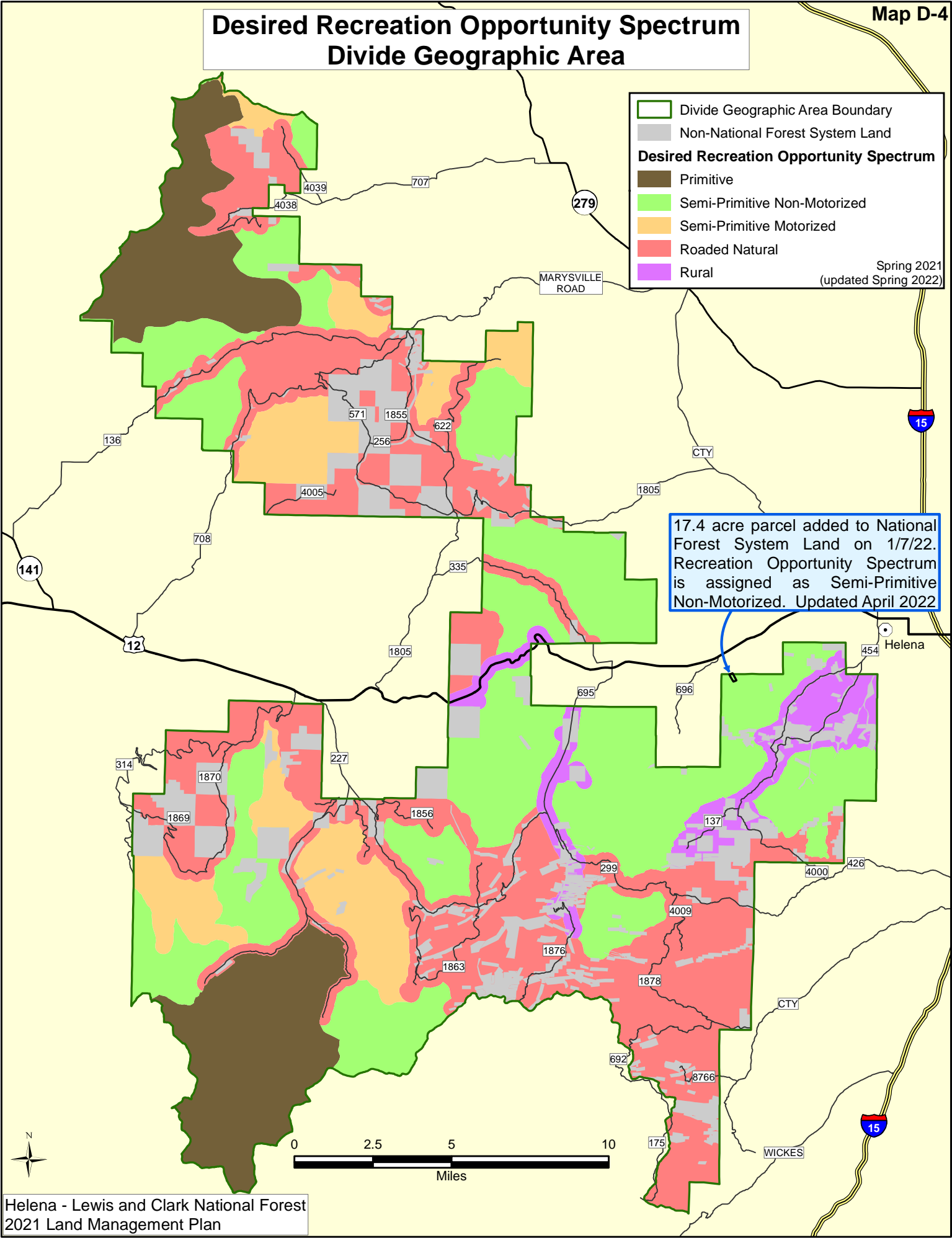
- Divide Geographic Area Boundary
- Non-National Forest System Land

Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

- Primitive
- Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
- Semi-Primitive Motorized
- Roaded Natural
- Rural

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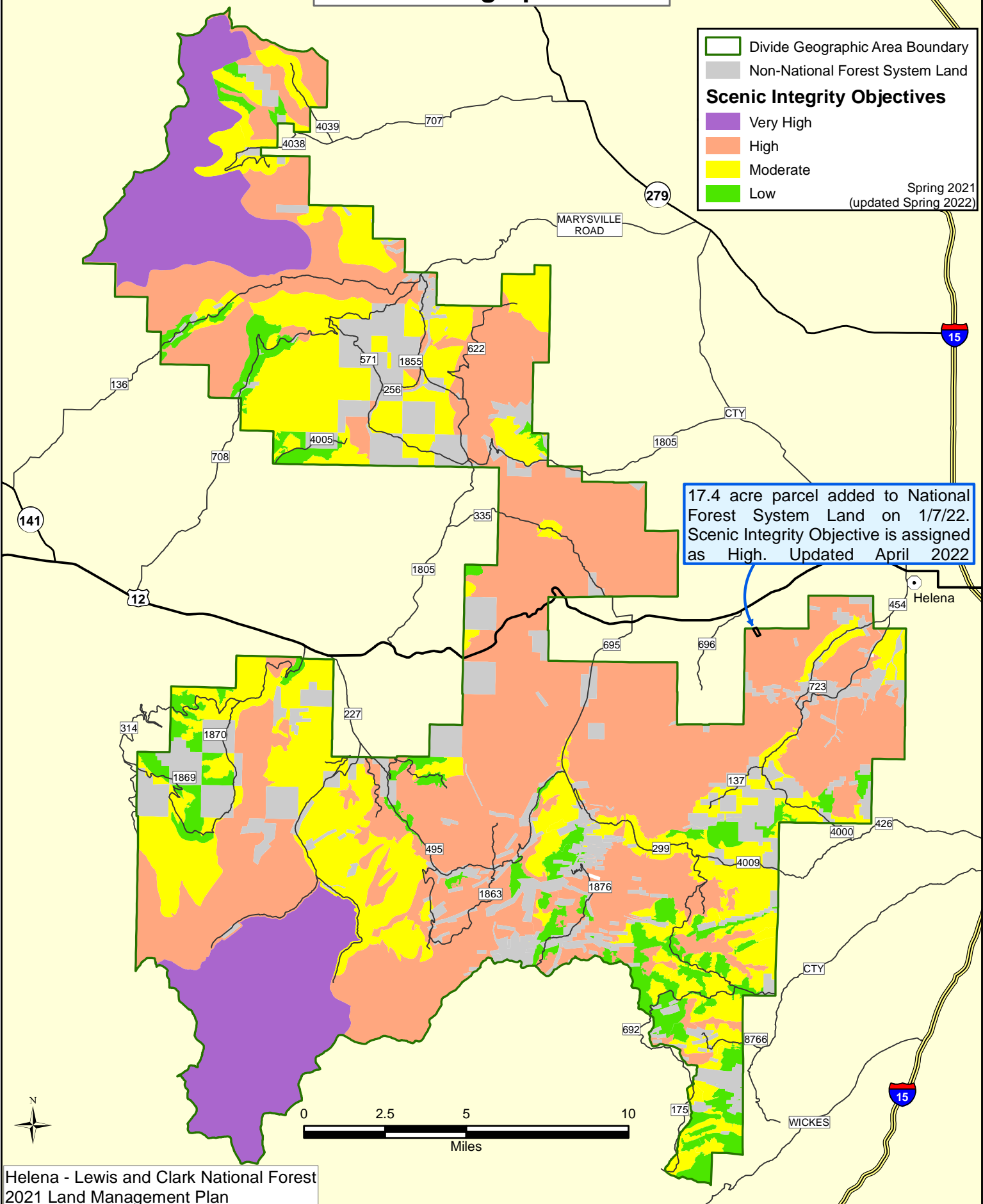
17.4 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 1/7/22. Recreation Opportunity Spectrum is assigned as Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized. Updated April 2022



Scenic Integrity Objectives Divide Geographic Area

Divide Geographic Area Boundary
 Non-National Forest System Land
Scenic Integrity Objectives
 Very High
 High
 Moderate
 Low

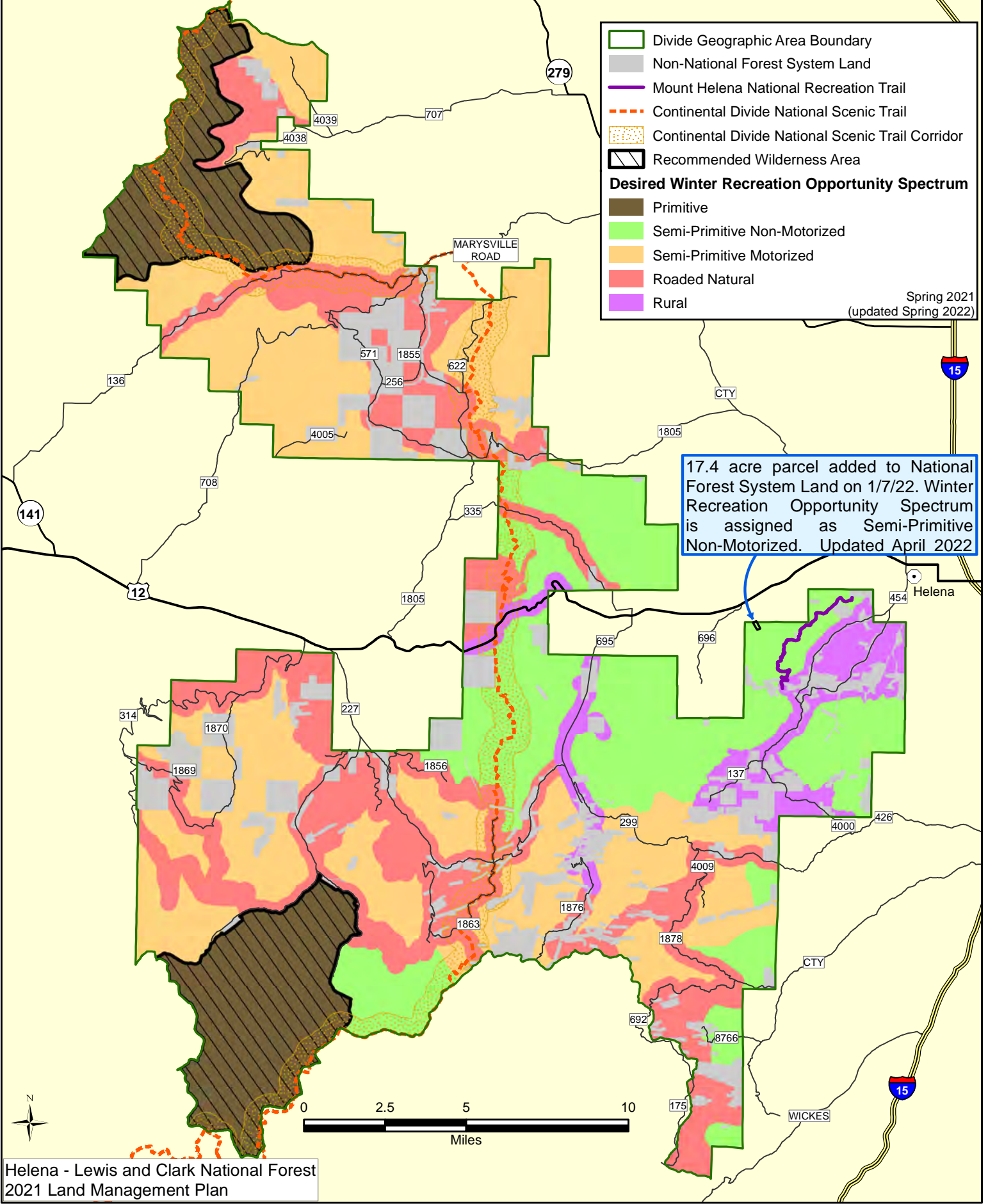
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




17.4 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 1/7/22. Scenic Integrity Objective is assigned as High. Updated April 2022

Designated Areas and Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Divide Geographic Area

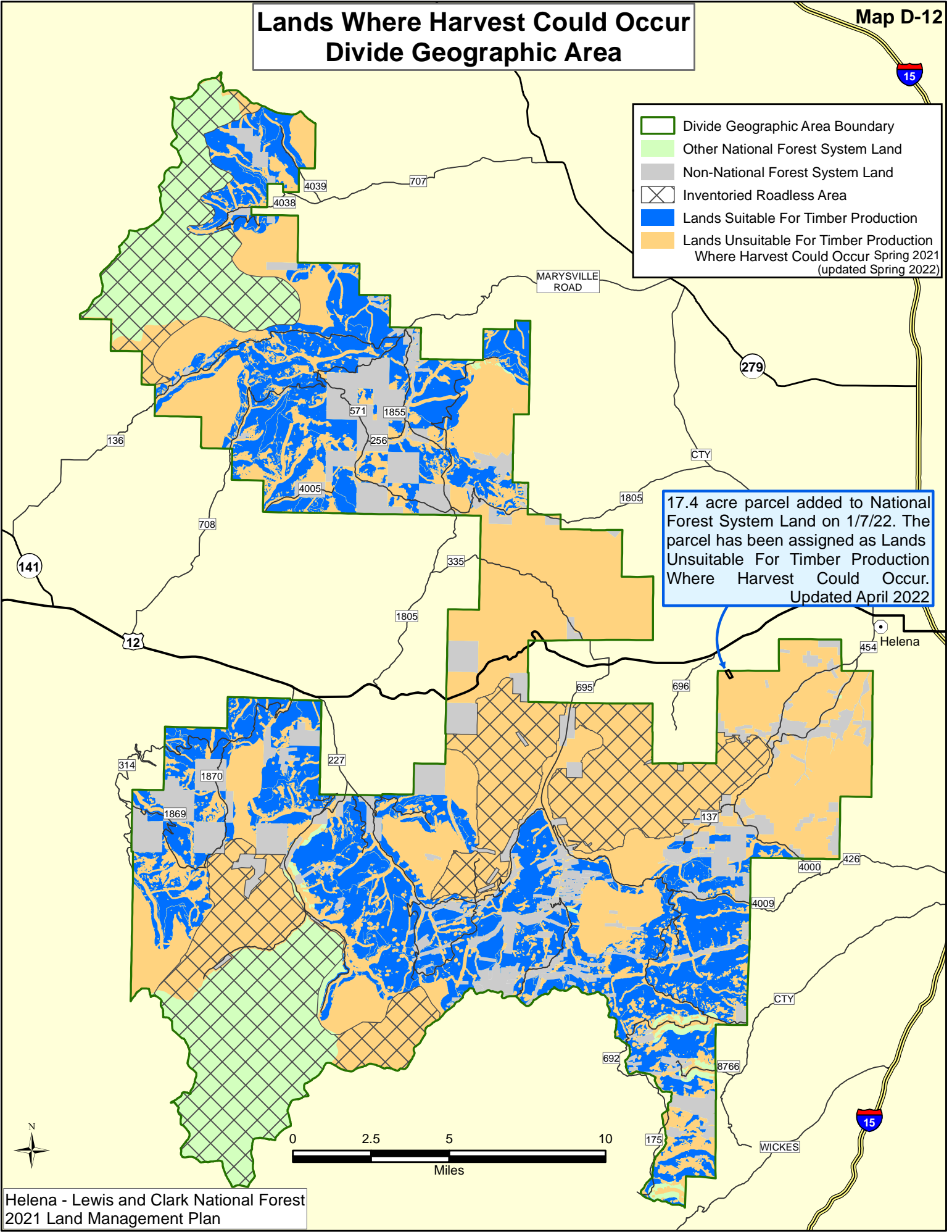
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Lands Where Harvest Could Occur Divide Geographic Area





-  Divide Geographic Area Boundary
-  Other National Forest System Land
-  Non-National Forest System Land
-  Inventoried Roadless Area
-  Lands Suitable For Timber Production
-  Lands Unsuitable For Timber Production
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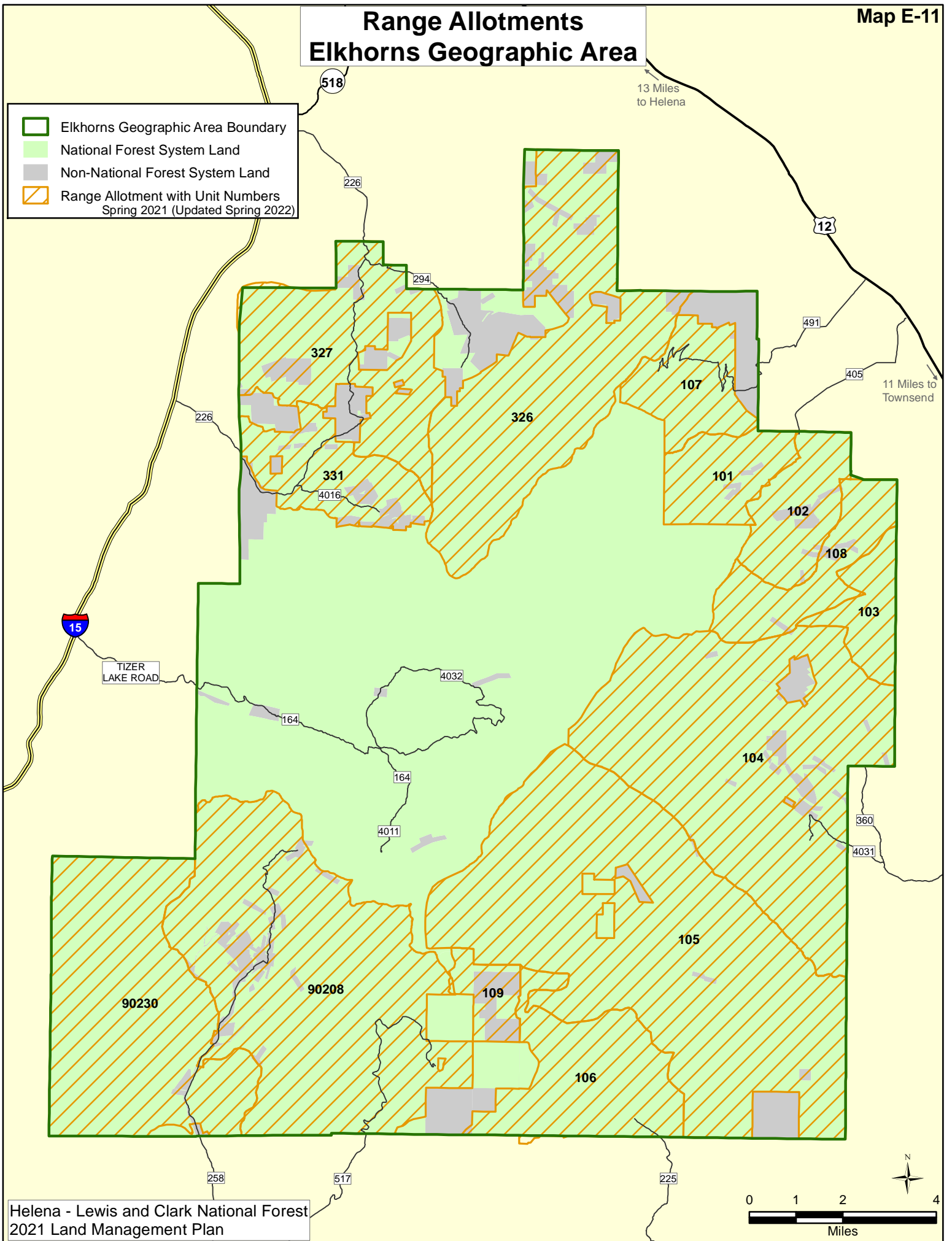
17.4 acre parcel added to National Forest System Land on 1/7/22. The parcel has been assigned as Lands Unsuitable For Timber Production Where Harvest Could Occur. Updated April 2022



Range Allotments Elkhorns Geographic Area

Map E-11

-  Elkhorns Geographic Area Boundary
-  National Forest System Land
-  Non-National Forest System Land
-  Range Allotment with Unit Numbers
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Land Ownership Elkhorns Geographic Area

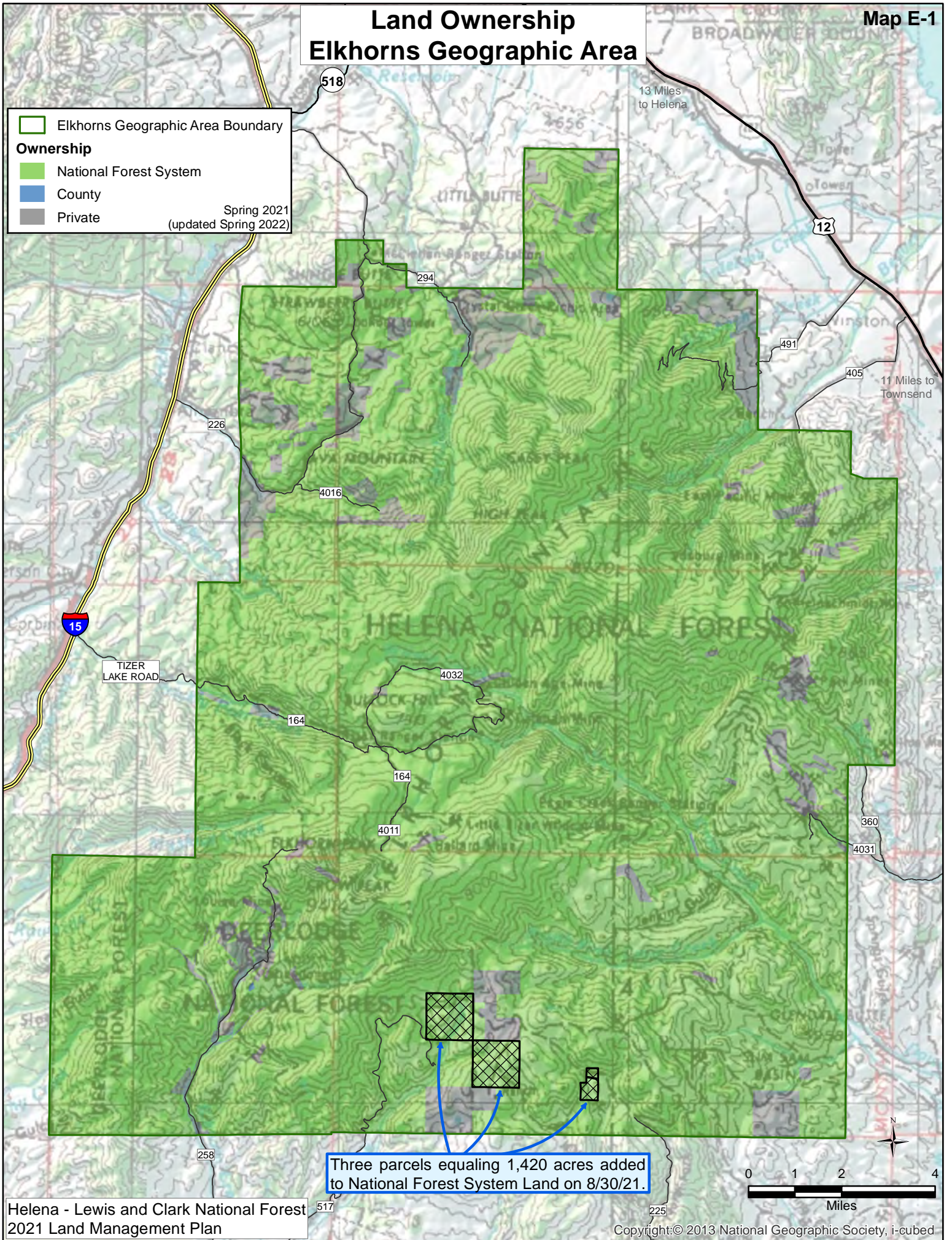
Map E-1

Elkhorns Geographic Area Boundary

Ownership

- National Forest System
- County
- Private



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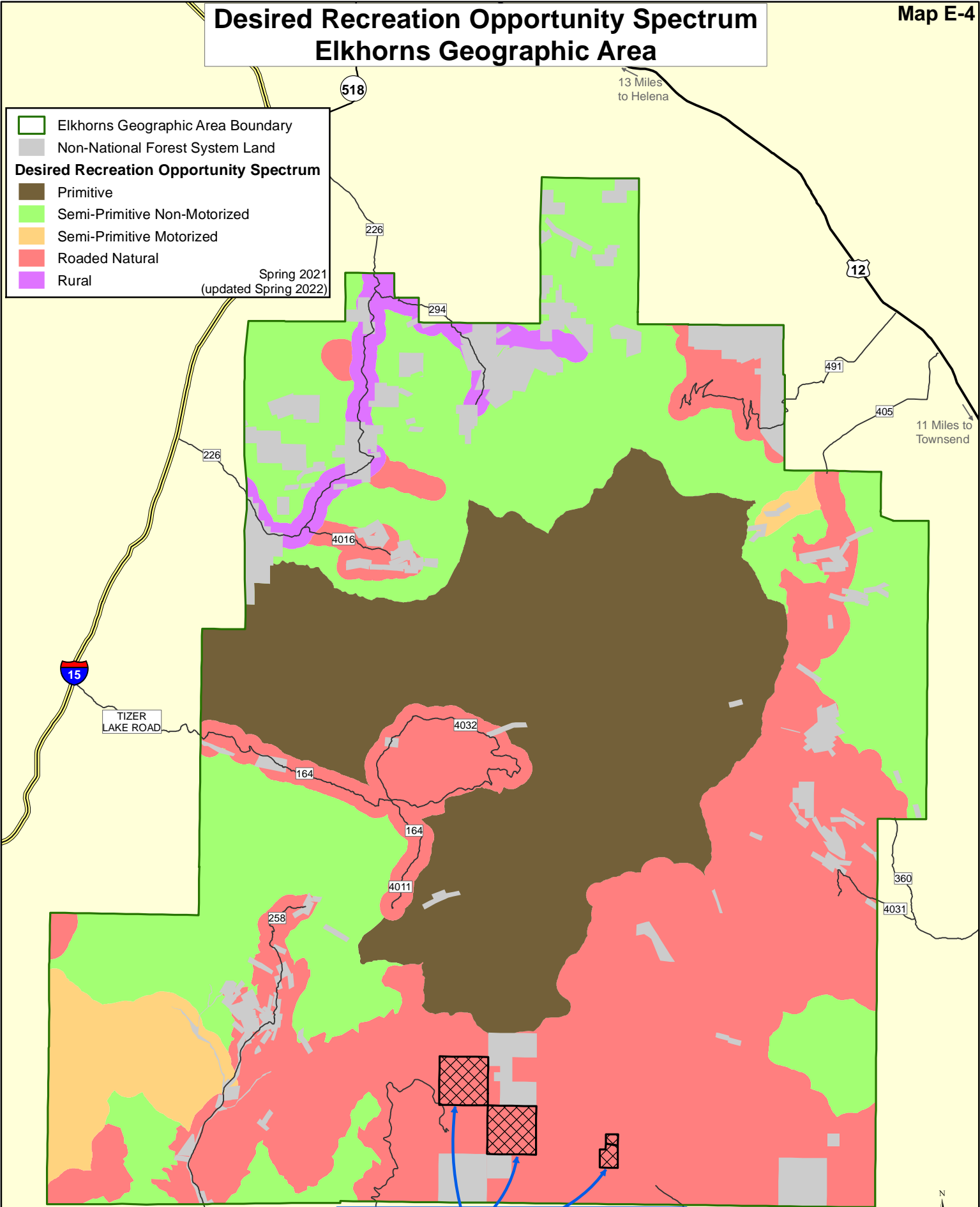
Three parcels equaling 1,420 acres added to National Forest System Land on 8/30/21.

Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Elkhorns Geographic Area

Map E-4

-  Elkhorns Geographic Area Boundary
-  Non-National Forest System Land
- Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum**
-  Primitive
-  Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
-  Semi-Primitive Motorized
-  Roded Natural
-  Rural

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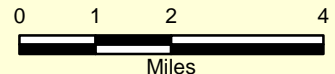


13 Miles to Helena

11 Miles to Townsend

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Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Elkhorns Geographic Area

Map E-5

Elkhorns Geographic Area Boundary
 Non-National Forest System Land
Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
 Primitive
 Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
 Semi-Primitive Motorized
 Roaded Natural
 Rural

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13 Miles
to Helena

12

491

405

11 Miles to
Townsend

226

15

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4016

4032

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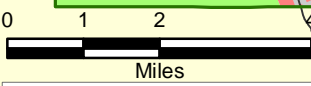
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Three parcels equaling 1,420 acres added to National Forest System Land on 8/30/21. Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum is assigned Rooded Natural (660 ac) and Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized (760 ac). Updated April 2022



Scenic Integrity Objectives Elkhorns Geographic Area

Map E-6

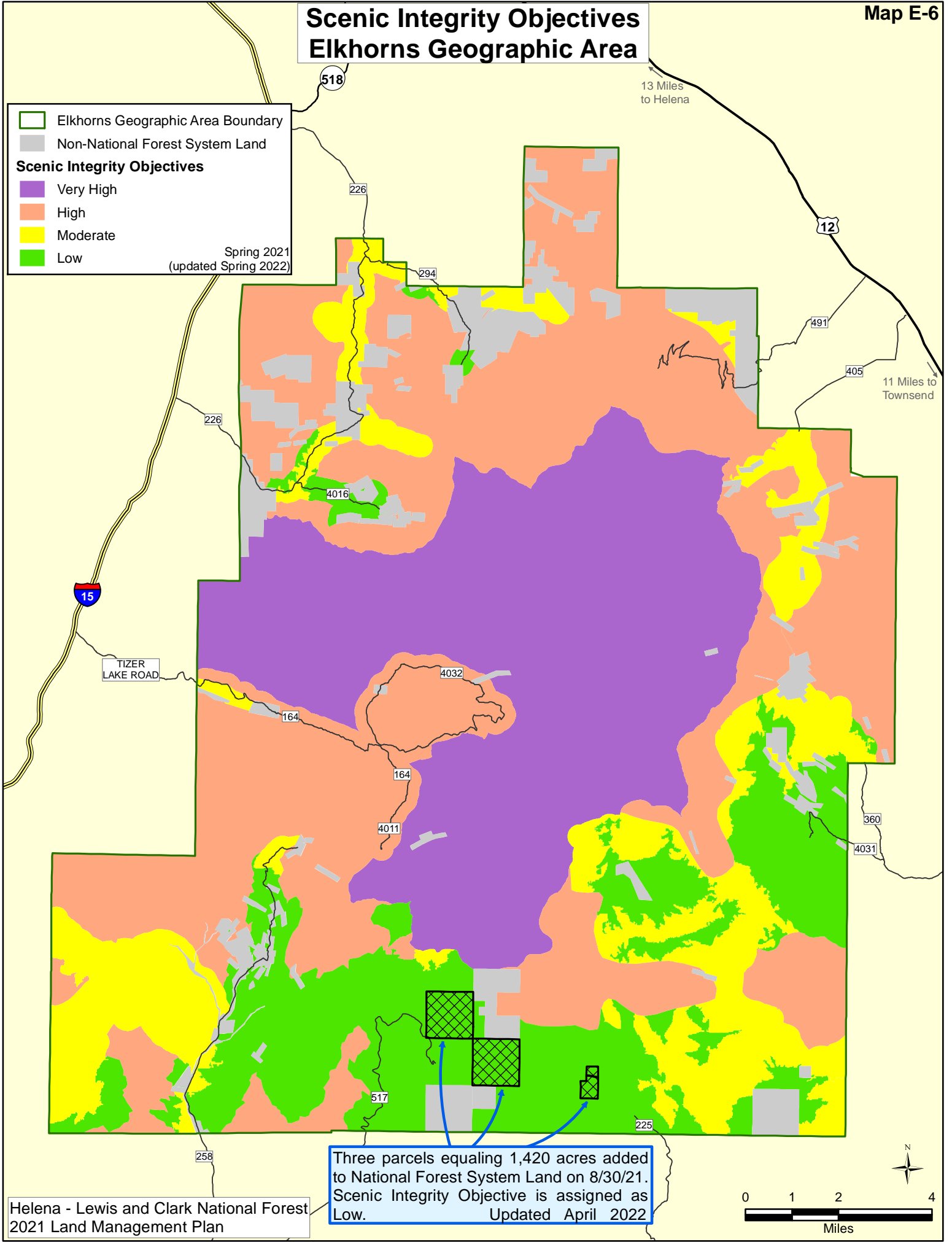
Elkhorns Geographic Area Boundary

Non-National Forest System Land

Scenic Integrity Objectives

- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low

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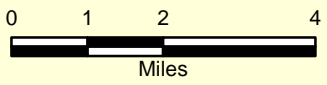
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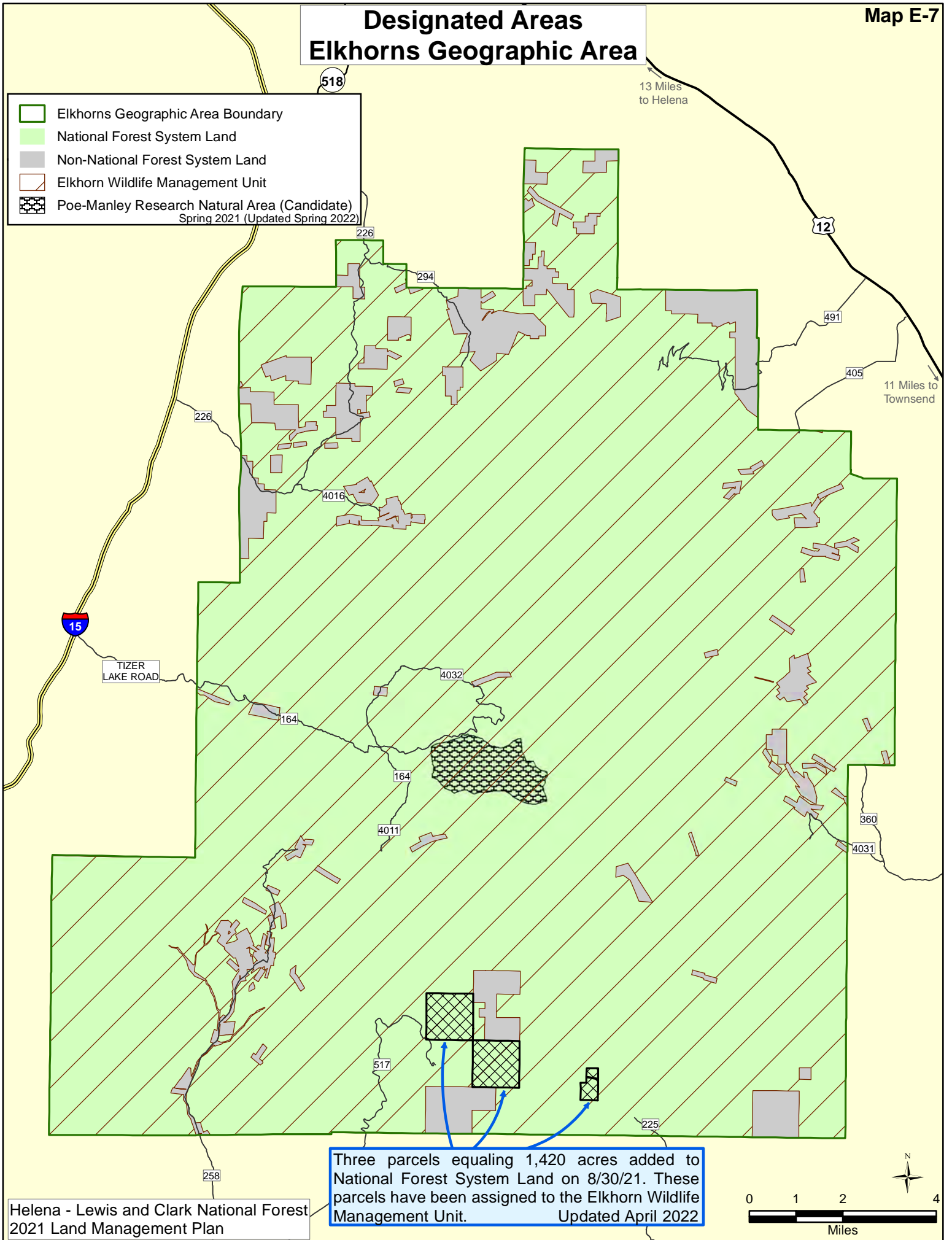
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Designated Areas Elkhorns Geographic Area

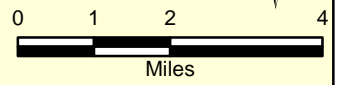
- Elkhorns Geographic Area Boundary
- National Forest System Land
- Non-National Forest System Land
- Elkhorn Wildlife Management Unit
- Poe-Manley Research Natural Area (Candidate)
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Designated Areas and Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Elkhorns Geographic Area

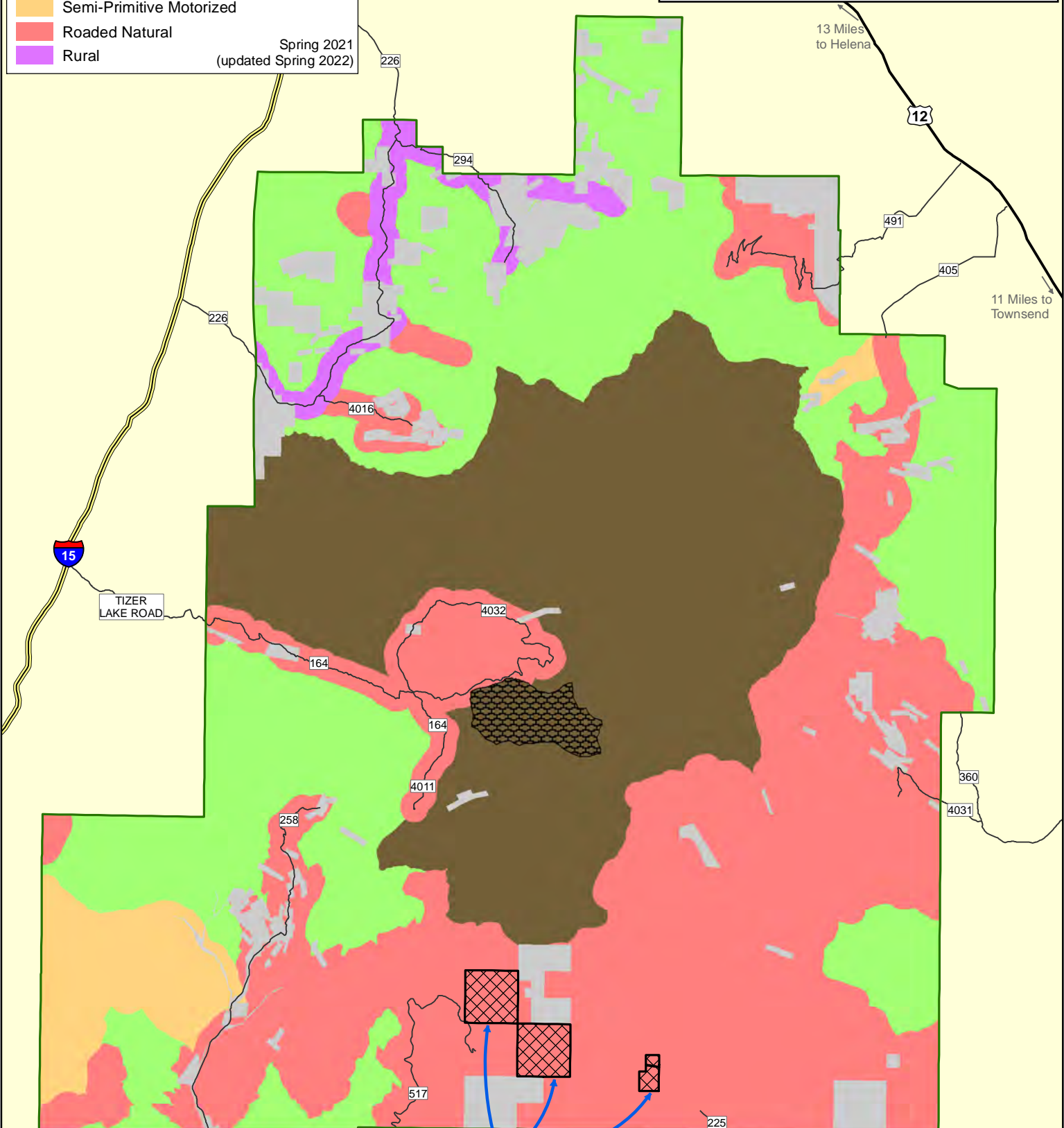
Map
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Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

- Primitive
- Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
- Semi-Primitive Motorized
- Routed Natural
- Rural

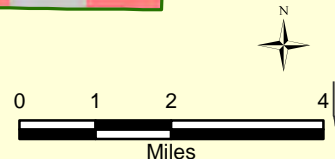
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Designated Areas and Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Elkhorns Geographic Area

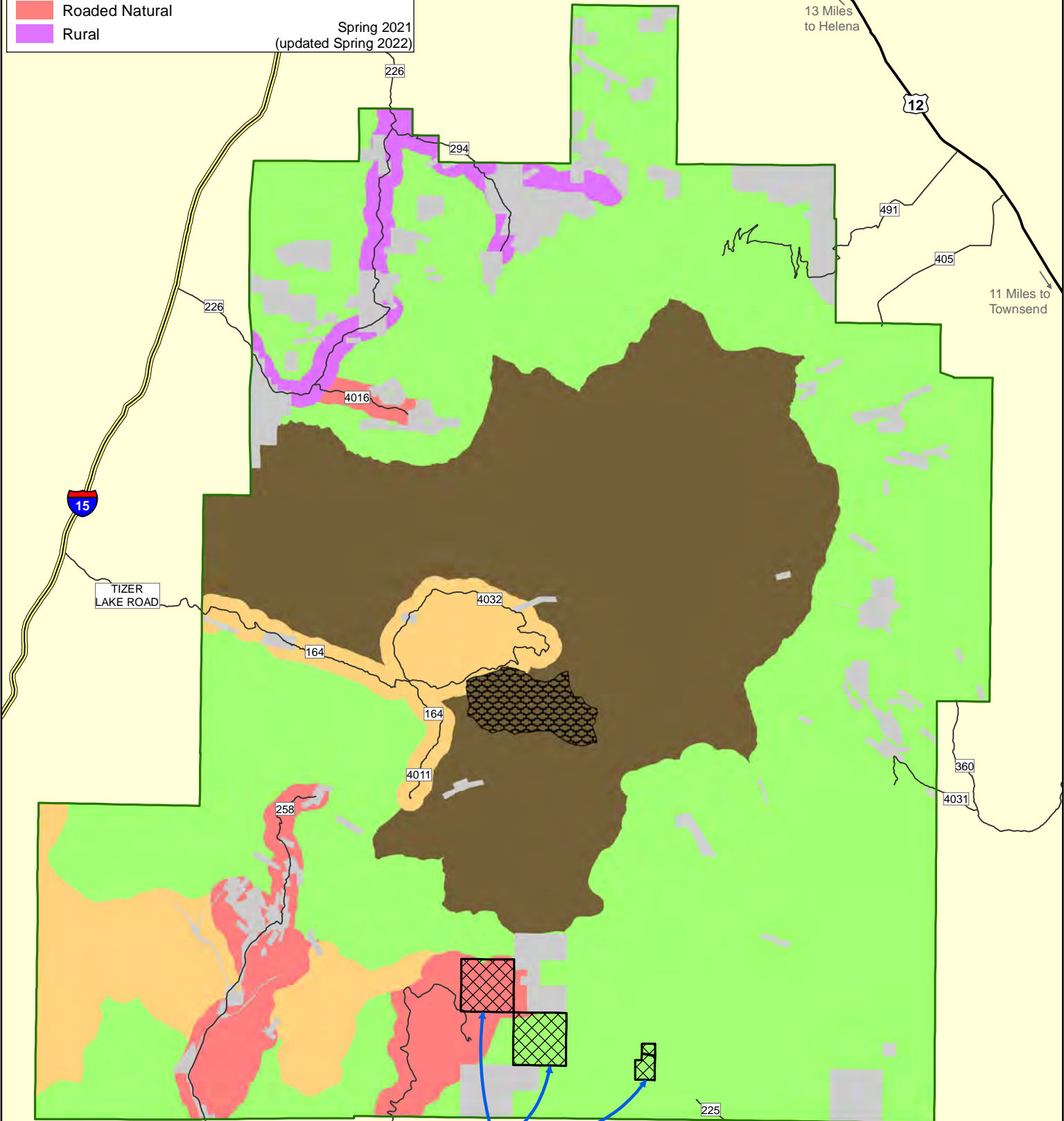
Map E-9

Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

- Primitive
- Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
- Semi-Primitive Motorized
- Routed Natural
- Rural

- Elkhorns Geographic Area Boundary
- Non-National Forest System Land
- Poe-Manley Research Natural Area (Candidate)

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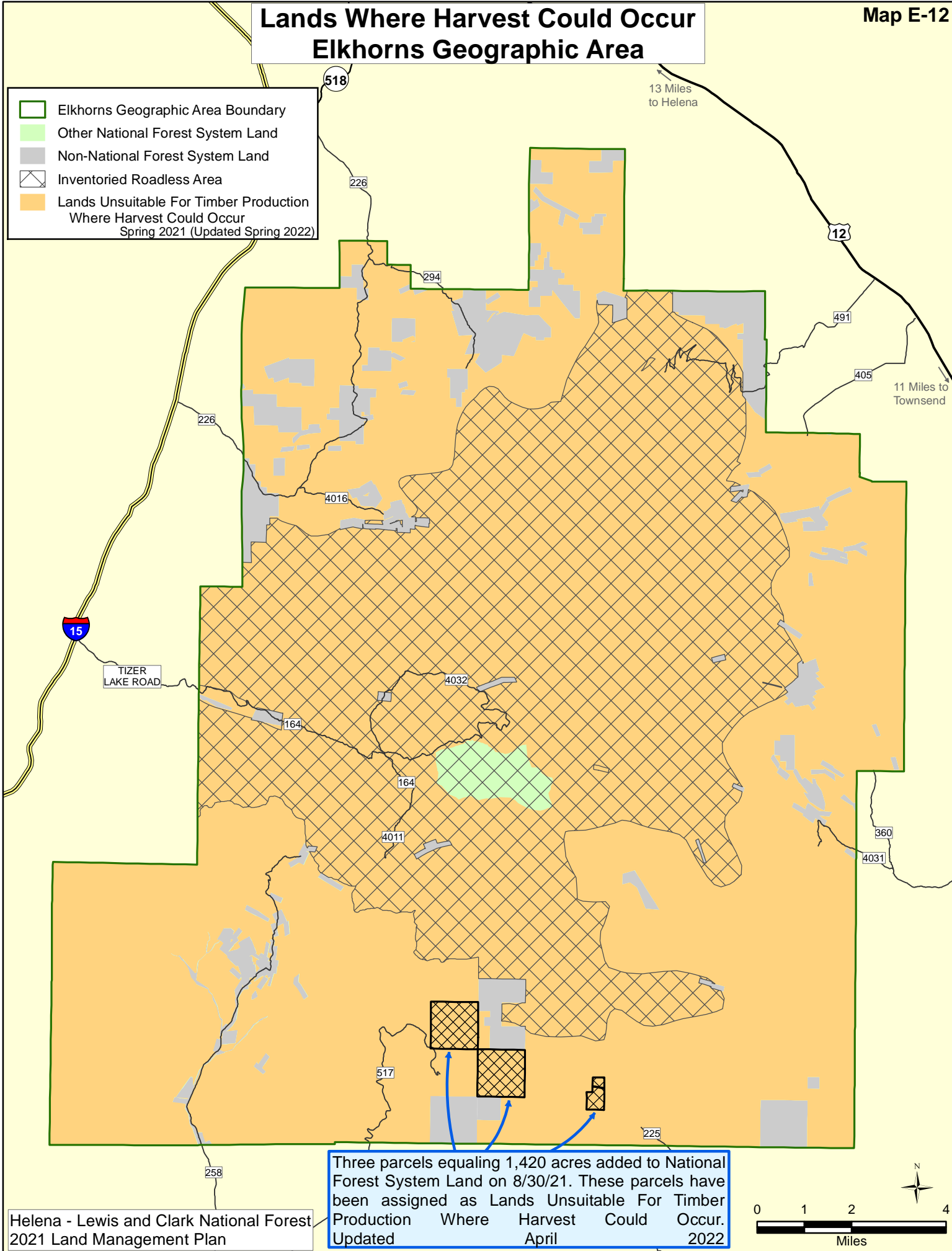
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Lands Where Harvest Could Occur Elkhorns Geographic Area

Map E-12

- Elkhorns Geographic Area Boundary
- Other National Forest System Land
- Non-National Forest System Land
- Inventoried Roadless Area
- Lands Unsuitable For Timber Production Where Harvest Could Occur Spring 2021 (Updated Spring 2022)



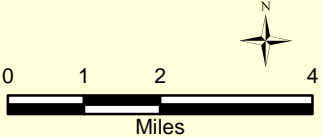
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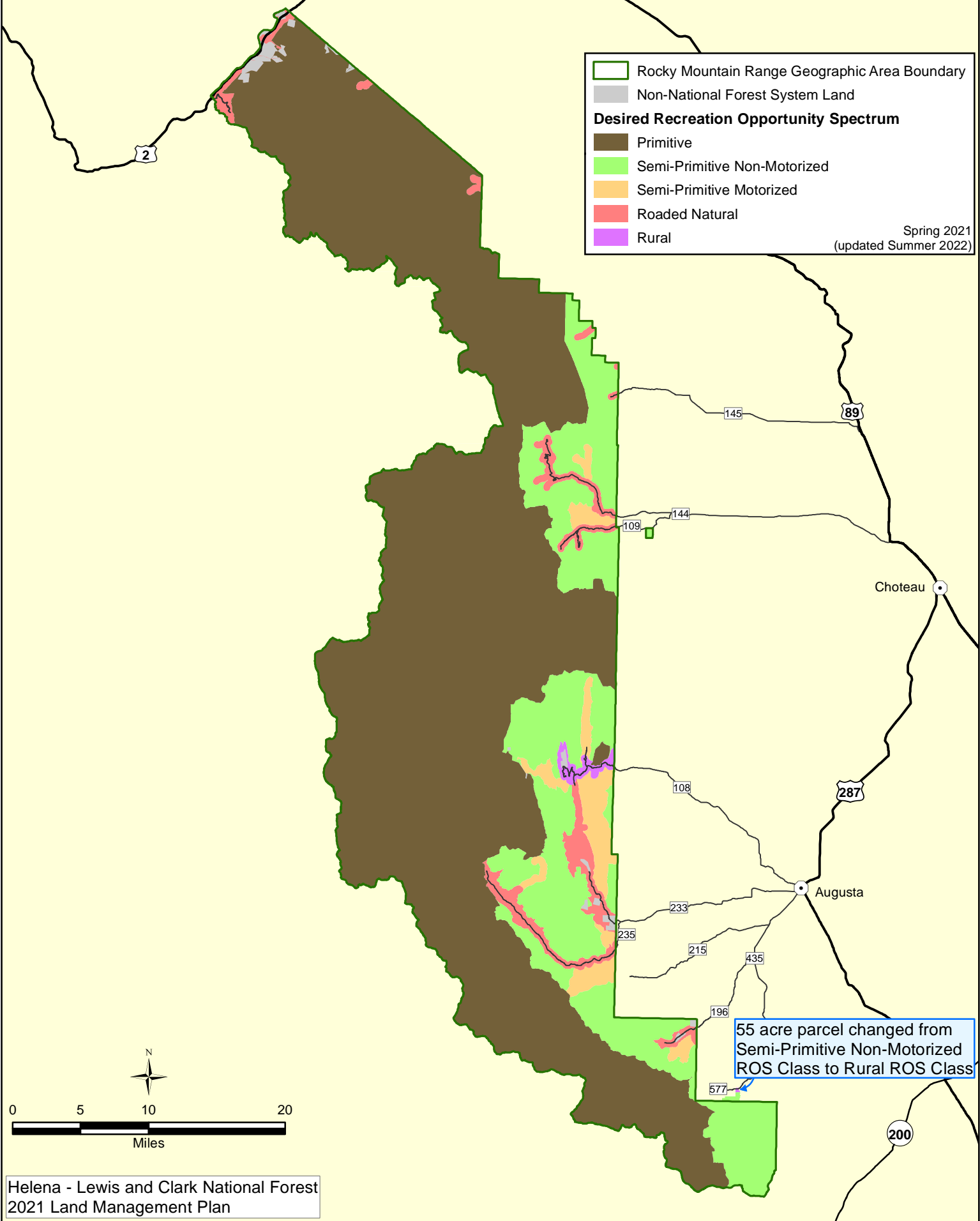
Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Rocky Mountain Range Geographic Area

Map RM-4

Legend:

- Rocky Mountain Range Geographic Area Boundary
- Non-National Forest System Land
- Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum**
 - Primitive
 - Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
 - Semi-Primitive Motorized
 - Roaded Natural
 - Rural

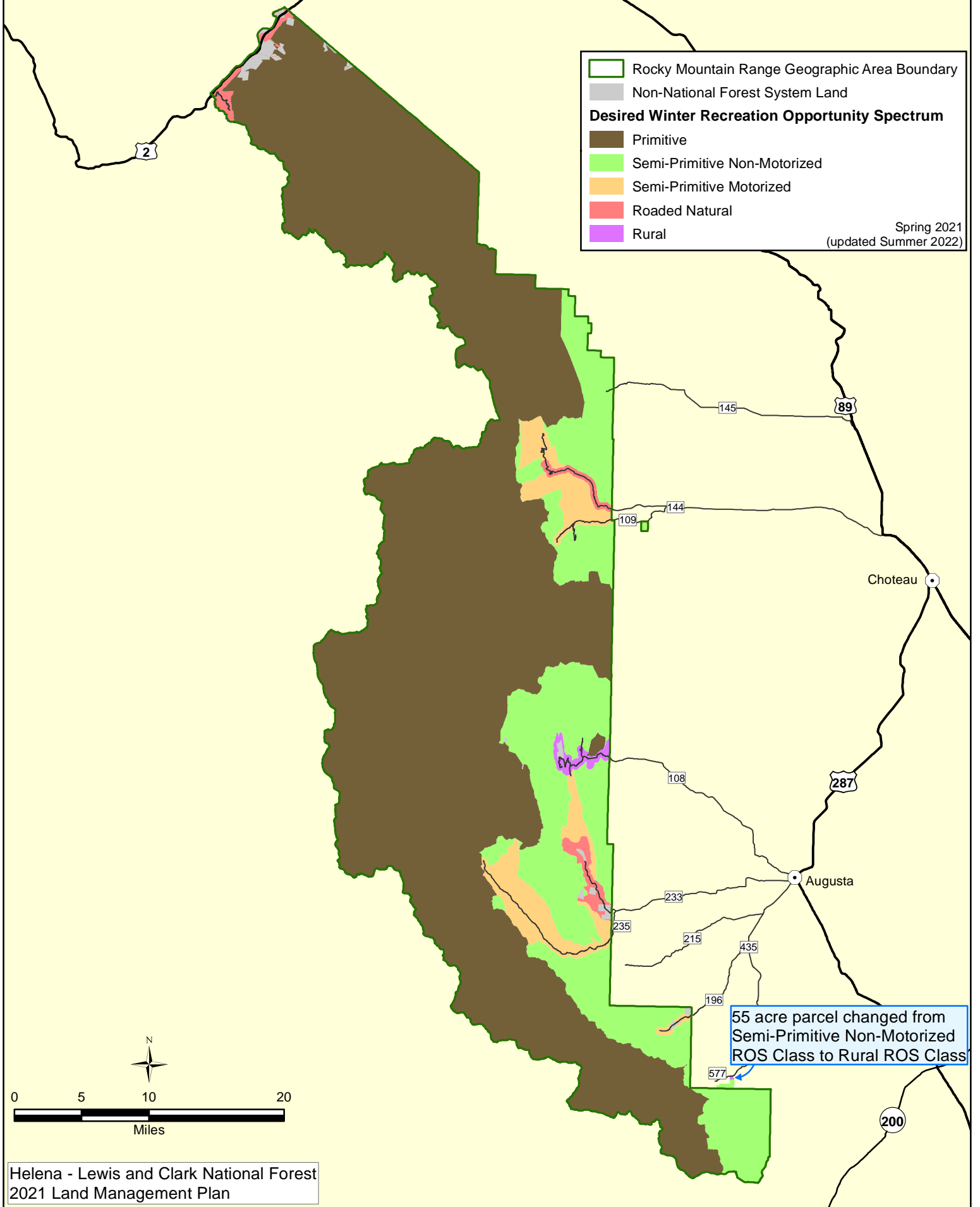
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55 acre parcel changed from Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized ROS Class to Rural ROS Class

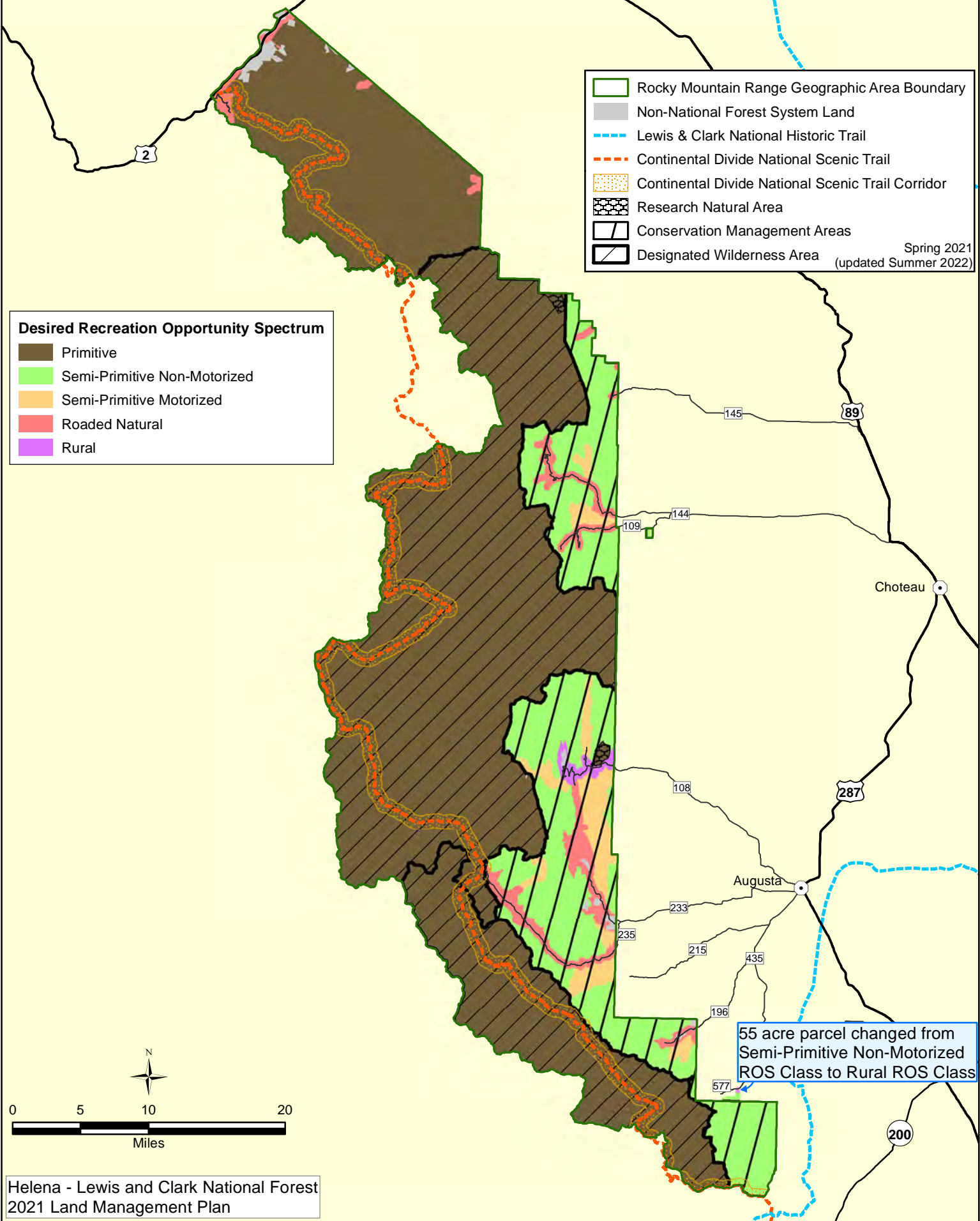
Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Rocky Mountain Range Geographic Area

Map RM-5



Designated Areas and Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Rocky Mountain Range Geographic Area

Map RM-8

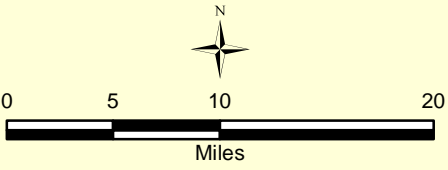


- Rocky Mountain Range Geographic Area Boundary
- Non-National Forest System Land
- Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail
- Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
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- Research Natural Area
- Conservation Management Areas
- Designated Wilderness Area

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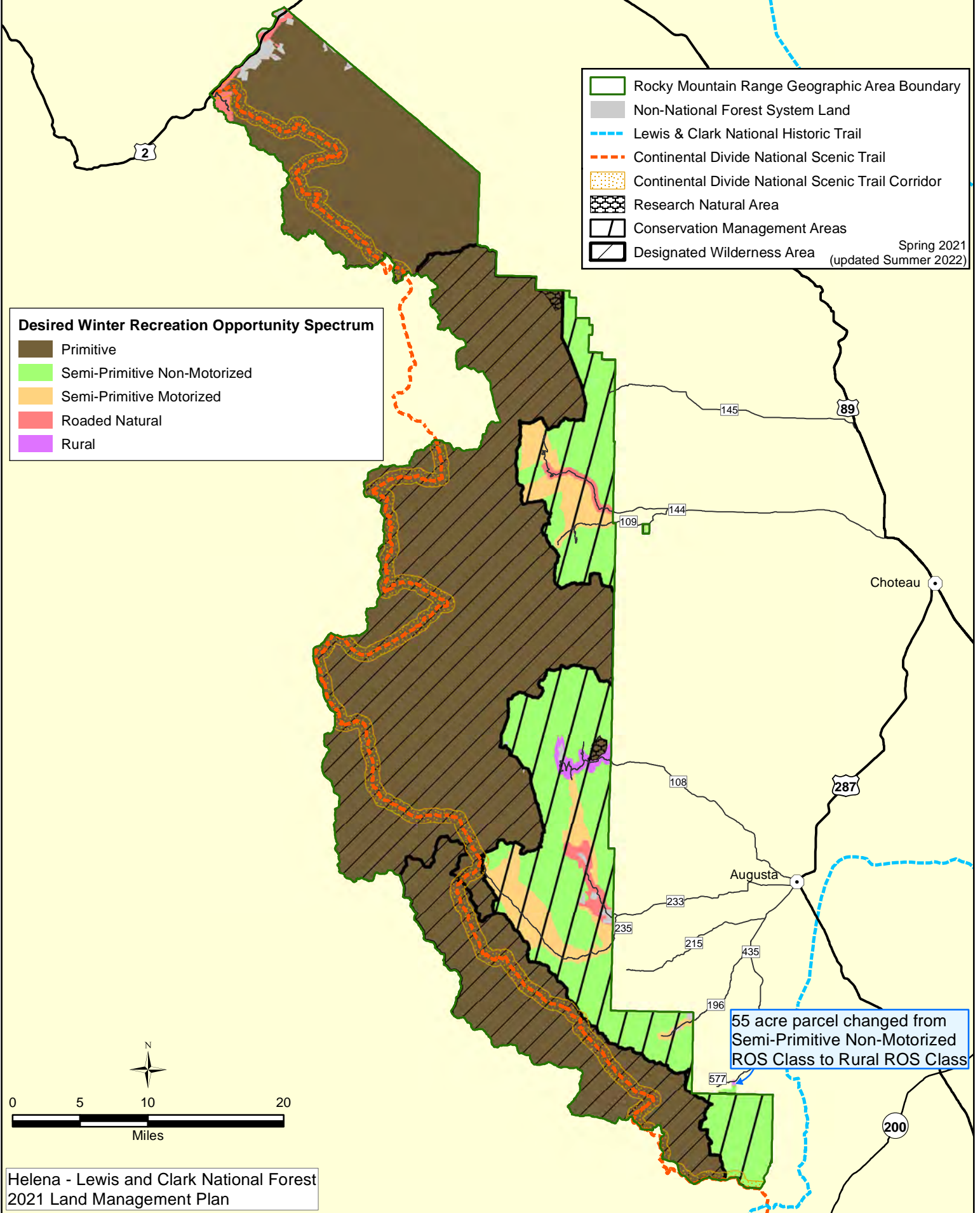
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Map RM-9



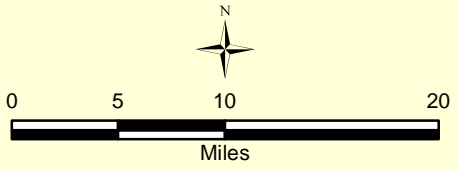
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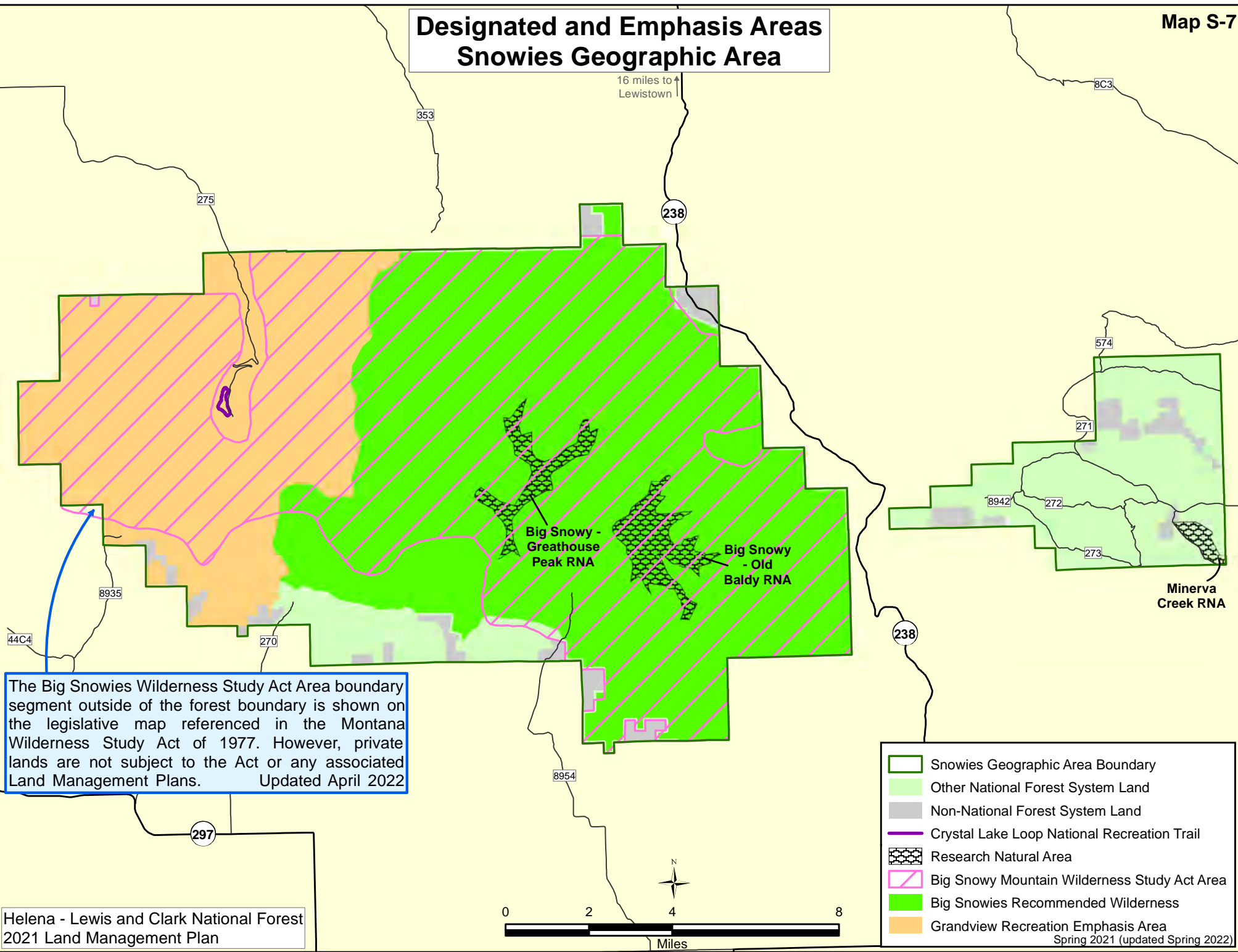
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Designated and Emphasis Areas Snowies Geographic Area

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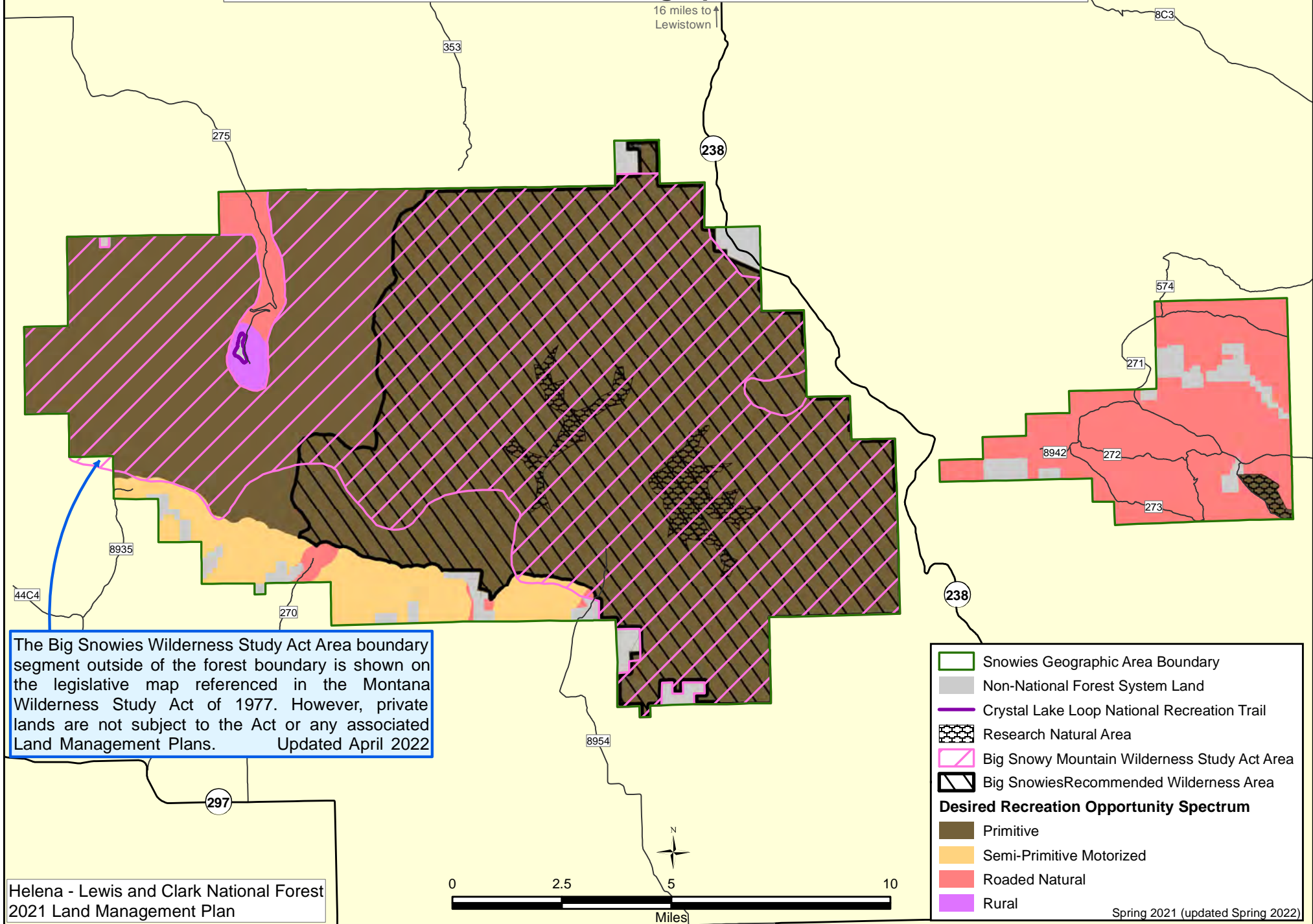


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	Snowies Geographic Area Boundary
	Other National Forest System Land
	Non-National Forest System Land
	Crystal Lake Loop National Recreation Trail
	Research Natural Area
	Big Snowy Mountain Wilderness Study Act Area
	Big Snowies Recommended Wilderness
	Grandview Recreation Emphasis Area

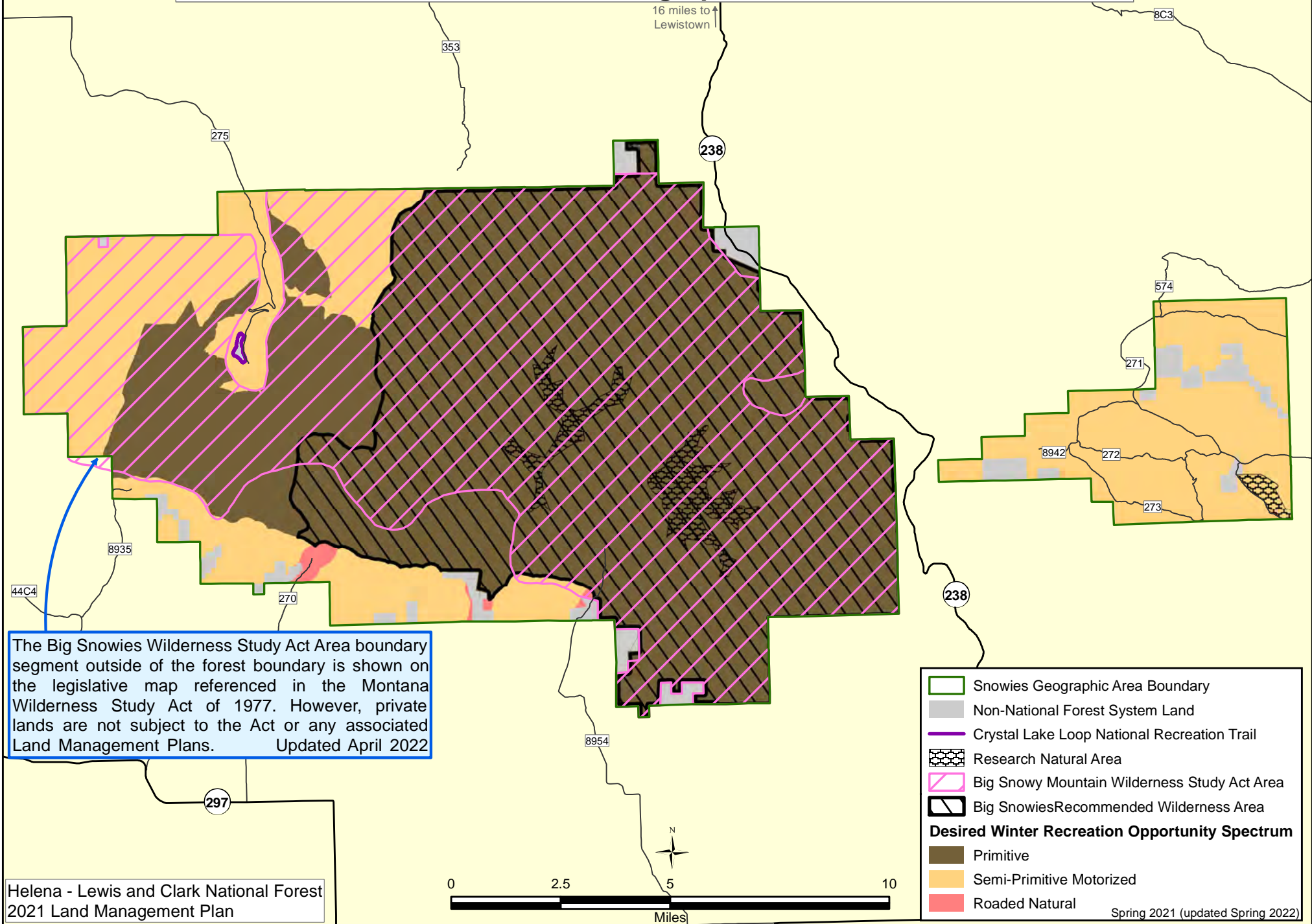
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Designated Areas and Desired Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Snowies Geographic Area



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Designated Areas and Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Snowies Geographic Area



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	Snowies Geographic Area Boundary
	Non-National Forest System Land
	Crystal Lake Loop National Recreation Trail
	Research Natural Area
	Big Snowy Mountain Wilderness Study Act Area
	Big Snowies Recommended Wilderness Area
Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum	
	Primitive
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