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ATV/ARGO TRAILS for PLATEAU OUTFITTING

PROPONENT:

Plateau Outfitters Inc.

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Notice of Undertaking

Atv/Argo Trails for Outfitting Company

Plateau Outfitters own and operate an outfitting business from a lodge on Spruce Lake in moose management area 12 in the electoral district of Grand Falls/Windsor/Buchans (See "Figure 1 – Location Map, attached).

Also attached please find the following:

1. Figure 2 – All three trails on Spruce Lake
2. Figure 3 – Trail #1, Transmission Line to Lodge (7.4km)
3. Figure 4 – Trail #2, Southeast Access (2.2km)
4. Figure 5 – Trail #3, Southwest Access (9.4km)
5. Copy of our Tourism Establishment License
6. Copy of our License for Occupancy of Crown Land
7. Schedule A – Location Map
8. Schedule A1 – Buffer Zone

The Undertaking

Plateau Outfitters want to register three trails (see Figure 2) that will allow us access to our lodge on Spruce Lake as well as access to vital remote locations to the South and West.

The main access trail to the lodge (ie Trail #1 – see Figure #3) is from the Buchans Plateau transmission line to Spruce Lake. Trail #2 (see Figure 4) provides access to the Southeast and Trail #3 (see Figure 5) provides access to the more remote Southwest hunting areas. These ATV/Argo trails are in the footprint of the existing trails that have been used by the previous owners for many years and are located inside the buffer zone for our Lodge (see Schedule A1). The trails require no new cutting or major upgrading, other than some minor corduroy work at two small stream crossings (located as shown on Figure 3).

Need for the Undertaking

The purpose of the trails is to allow access to our licensed outfitting lodge and remote hunting areas. The only way to economically access these sites is via the network of trails that were established by the original owners in the 1980s.

The lodge is in operation a few weeks each year. Our clients consist of American/Canadian hunters who travel to our province looking for a remote wilderness experience, which these trails allow us to offer.

We employ 3-4 people for our hunts, and generate revenue for local businesses and services which support our operations.

Description of the Undertaking

1 Geographic Location: See Figure 1 – Location Map

2 Physical Terrain:

The main access trail to the lodge will be from Buchans via the NL Hydro transmission line across the Buchans Plateau to Spruce Lake Lodge. From the the Lodge, we use trails to the South and West to access vital areas.

The terrain along these trails consists largely of dry plateau land located at 500 to 600 meter elevation. There are also areas of bog and low shrub, which the trails by-pass. Trails one, two, and three are shown for location purposes, on this submission, using GARMIN BASECAMP. It is worth noting that BASECAMP mapping shows a number of wetlands in this area which are, in fact, areas of Tundra and dry, grass-covered bottoms. As stated, we bypass wooded areas and wetlands both for environmental and practical reasons. With limited use of 8-wheel Argos, our trails leave very little marking of any kind. This is important to us, since our hunters and guests are looking for a remote experience in *virgin* wilderness.

Wildlife in the area consists of moose, caribou, rabbits, ptarmigan, grouse, lynx, foxes, coyotes and various bird species. None of the trails cross pine marten habitat. The trails receive very limited use in September and October. They are not used during any nesting or big game calving periods. Moose young are in April/May, Caribou in June, birds in June/July, and fur bearers in late May/June.

Trail Operations

Plateau Outfitters use 8x8 Argos on the trails to minimize impact, and given the unfortunate collapse of the woodland caribou and the subsequent loss of our caribou quota, we are only in operation for a few weeks each fall. The trails are existing routes used for many years and no new construction activities are required. The trails follow the high rocky terrain of the Buchans Plateau, and circumvent wetland areas. In fact, we keep trail usage to an absolute minimum, both for environmental and practical reasons, and carry out camp maintenance activities during winter months using snowmobiles.

Our actual hunting activity is largely on foot, with Argos used to retrieve game. The trails themselves are strategically located to support this activity.

Approval of the Undertaking

The proponent will require approval from the following agencies:

- The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
 - Crown Lands ATV trail: permission to occupy trail

Schedule

Some minimal trail maintenance is required at two small stream crossings located as shown on Figure 3 and, subject to approval, will start in August 2017. This involves replacing some small “log bridges” spanning two streams (approximately 1.5m to 2m wide) of bog crossing, using rough sawn lumber or old logs (no pressure treated or tarred lumber). Work will be carried out by our guides using only eight-wheel Argos for access, which have minimal impact on the environment (eg. Ground pressure on Argo tires is 2.1 psi). Materials were placed at these locations this past winter using snowmobiles.

Funding

Costs for trail repair are estimated at \$2500.00 and will be paid by proponent.

Sincerely,

Albert Williams, Plateau Outfitting Inc.

Figure 1 - Location Map



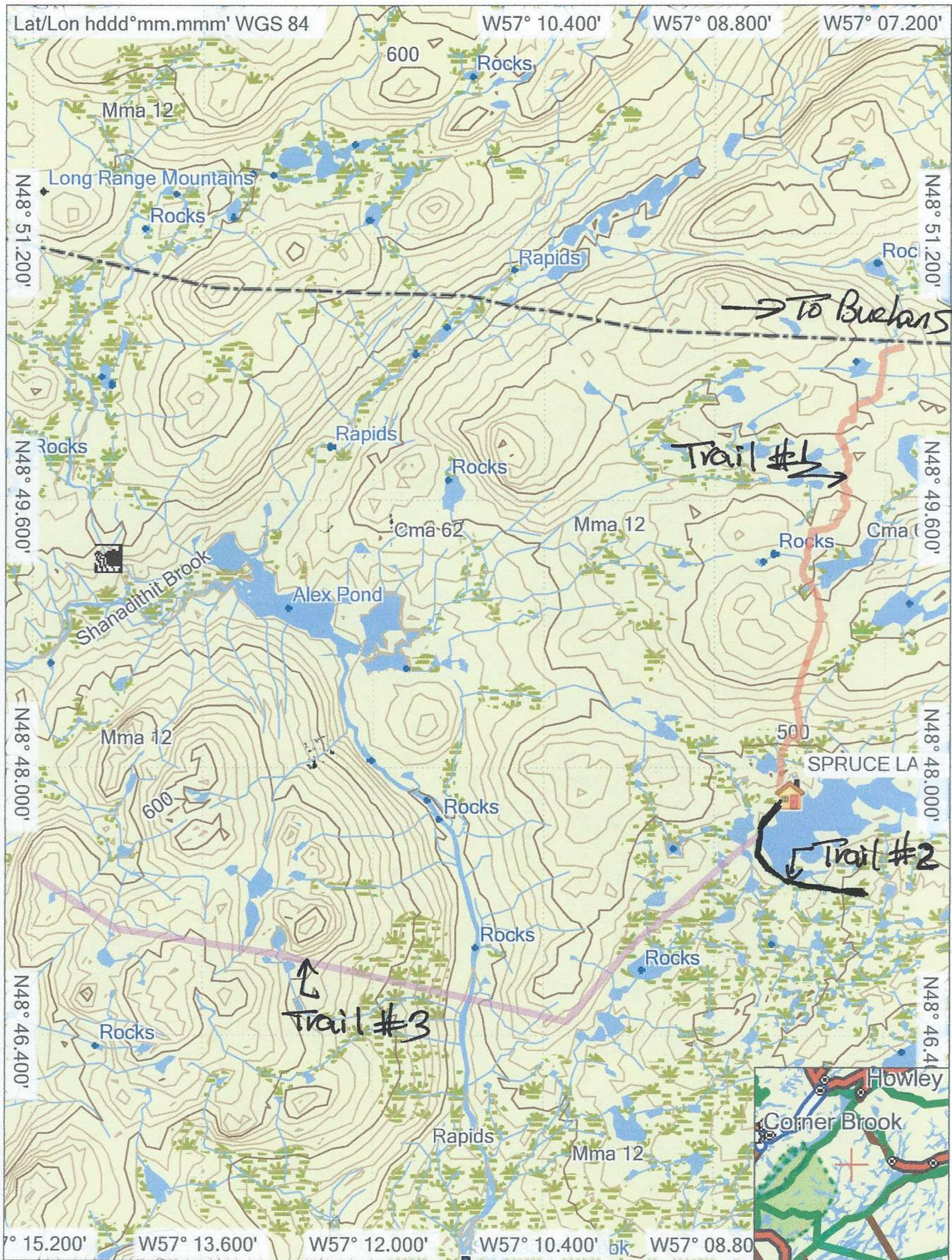
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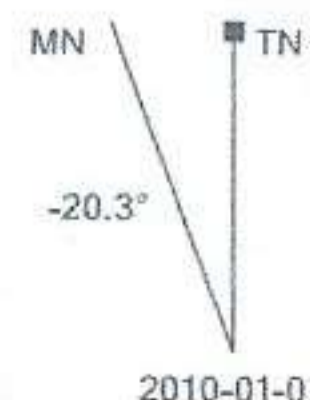
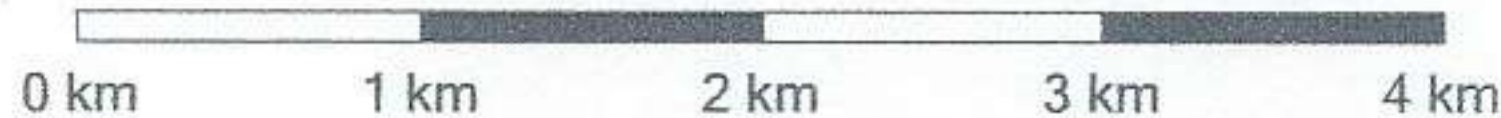
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~~New Folder (2)~~ Spruce Lake on Buchans Plateau

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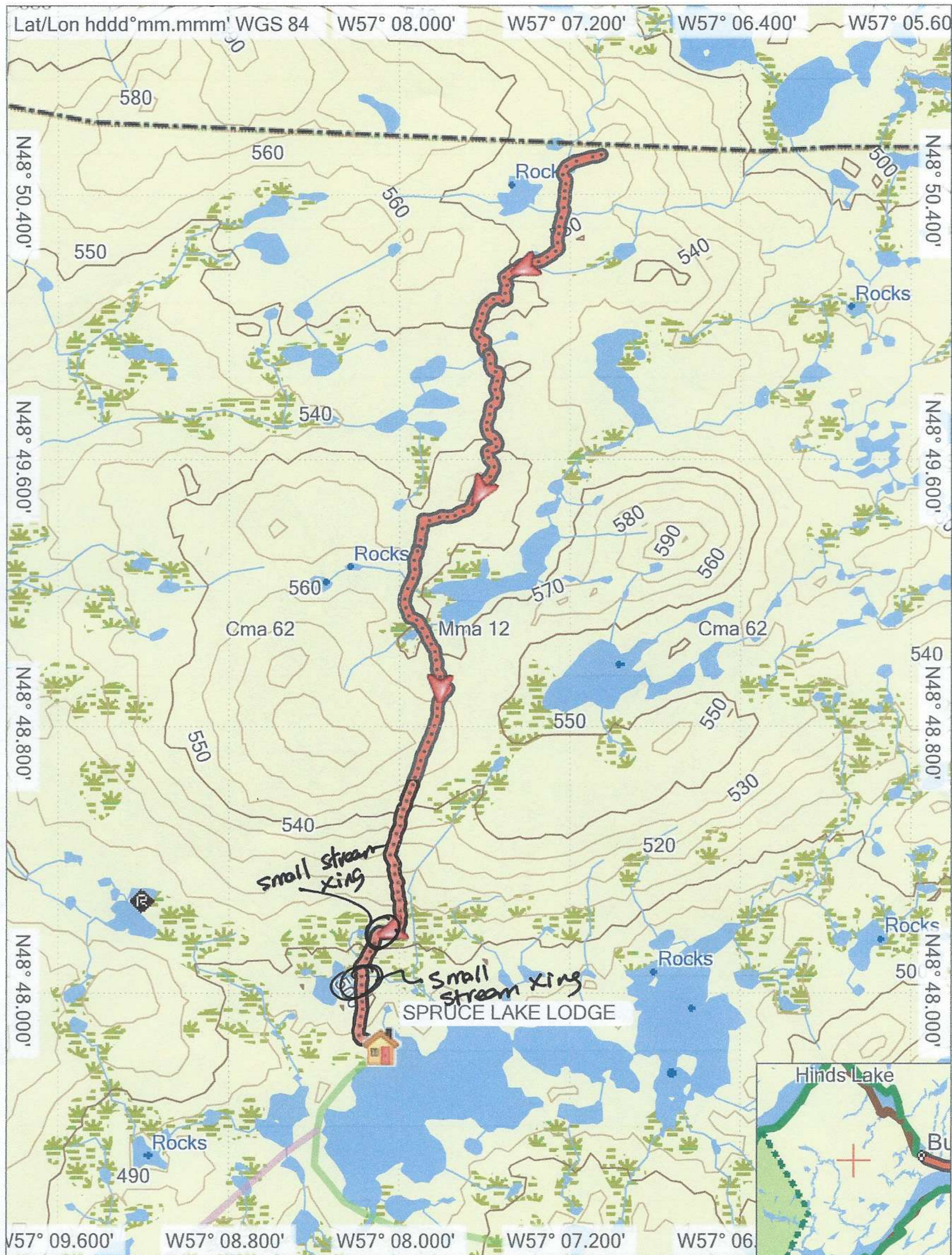


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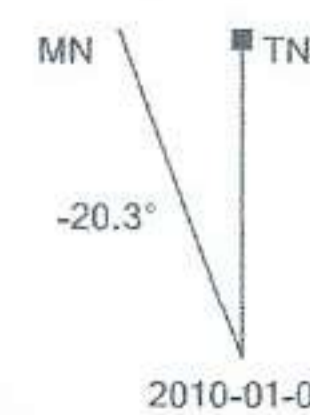
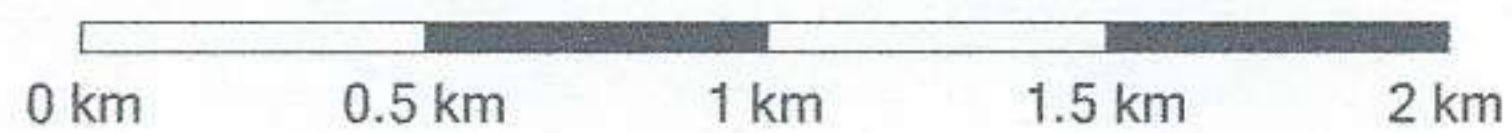
Figure 2 - All three trails and Lodge on Spruce Lake

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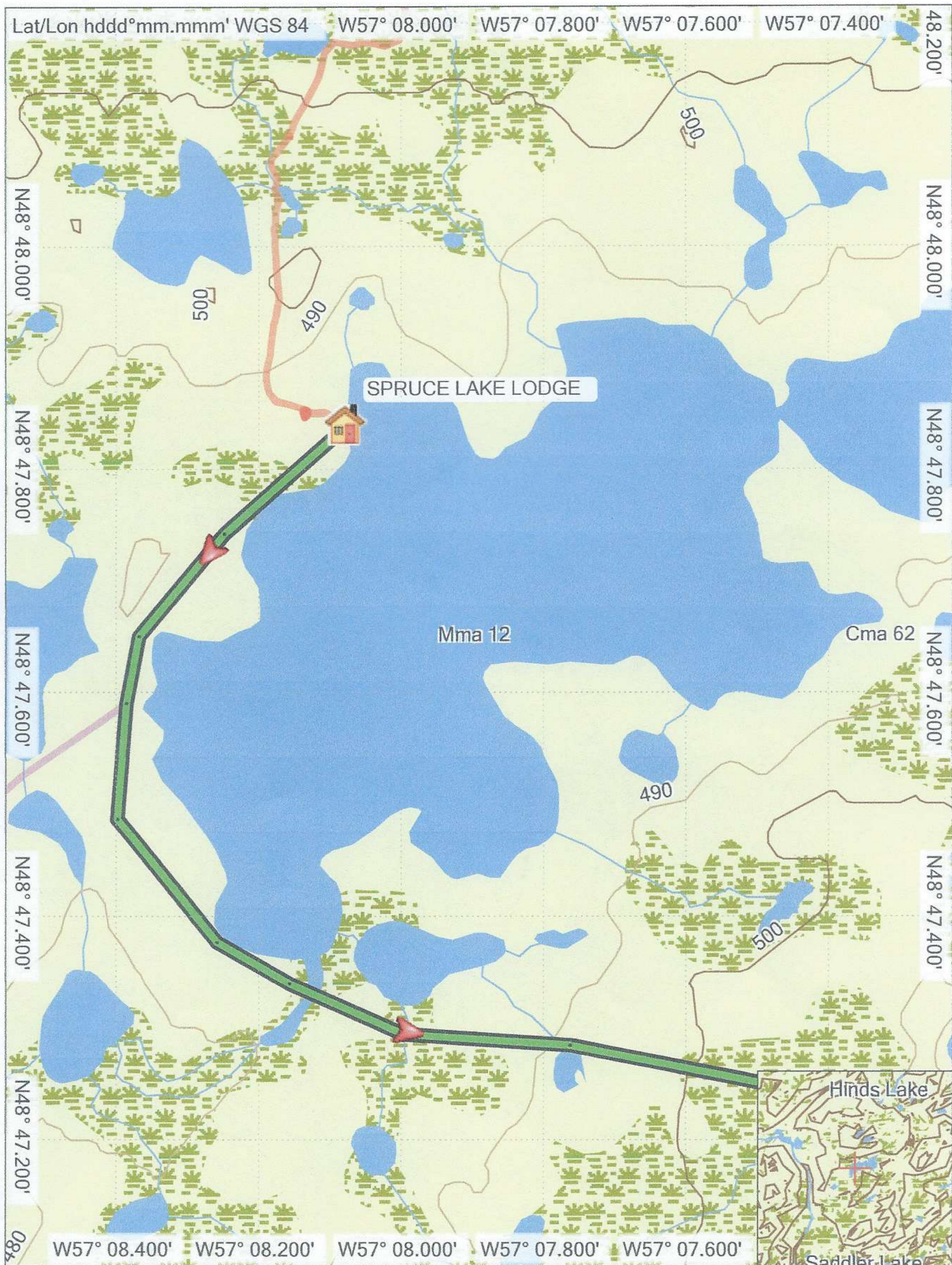
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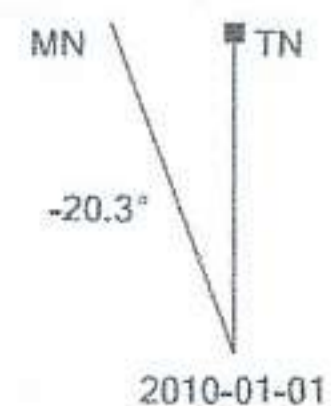
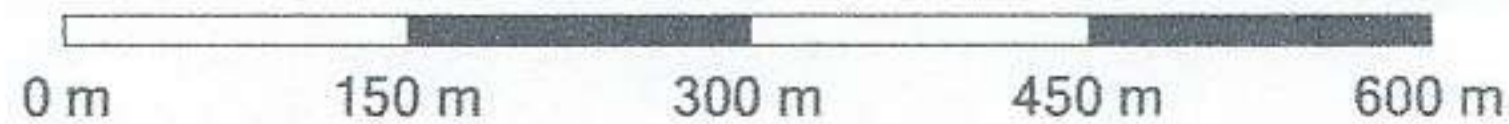
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Trail # 1
 (Transmission Line)
 to Lodge 7.4km

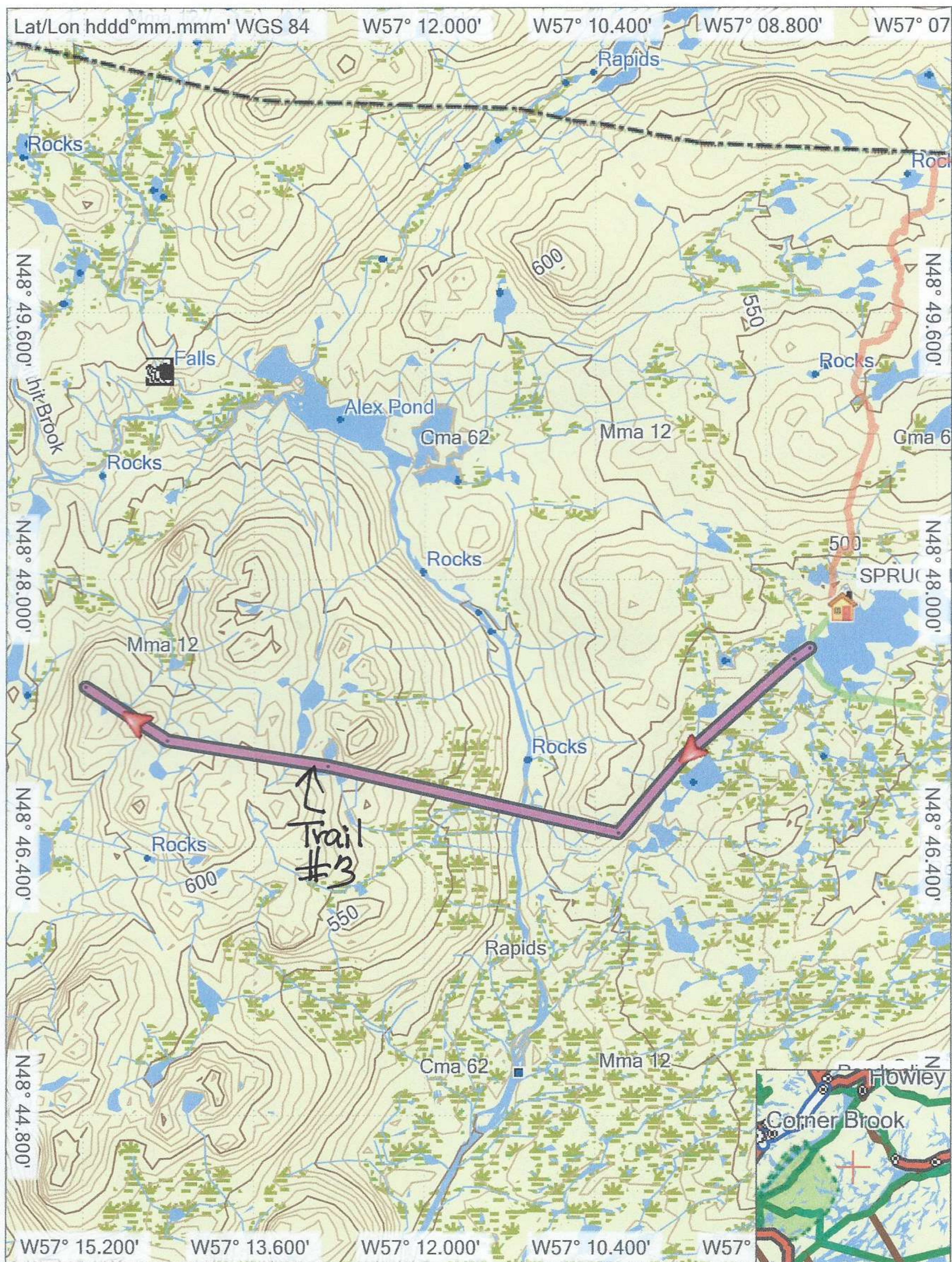
Figure 3



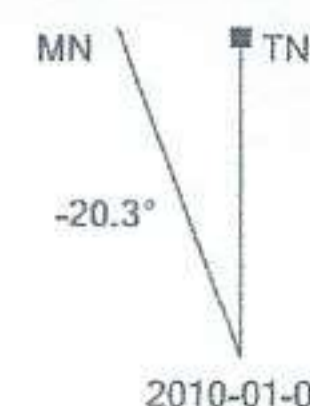
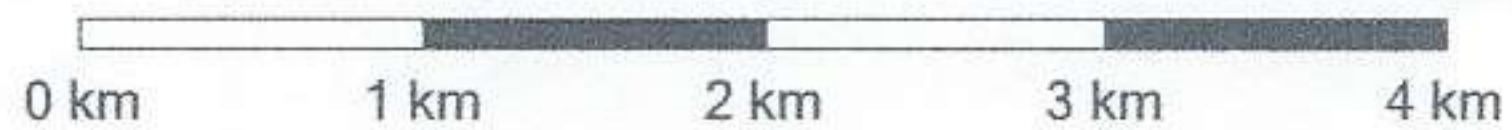
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~~Figure 4~~ Figure 4
 Trail # 2 (South East Access) GARMIN.
 2.2 km



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Figure 5

Trail #3

South West Access 9.4 km



Licence #: 732

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development

Tourist Establishment Licence

This licence is issued under and subject to the Tourist Establishments Act RSNL 1990 c1-6
and the Regulations CNLR 806-96.

To _____
Plateau Outfitters Partnership

to operate _____
Plateau Outfitters

at _____
Bruce Lake (location as per PTO 140927)

This licence expires on the 31st day of March, 2018


Authorized Licence Issuer

Date: February 07, 2017

THIS LICENCE MUST BE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY AT THE TOURIST ESTABLISHMENT AT ALL TIMES.

LICENCE
FOR OCCUPANCY OF CROWN LAND
for the purpose of

Commercial Outfitters Camp

Under the provisions of Subsection 6(1) of the *Lands Act*, Chapter 36 of the Statutes of Newfoundland and Labrador, 1991, as amended, Her Majesty in Right of Newfoundland and Labrador (hereinafter called the "Crown") represented herein by the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador (hereinafter called the "Minister") does hereby issue a **LICENCE FOR OCCUPANCY** (hereinafter called the "Licence") unto

MICHAEL WILSON AND ALBERT WILLIAMS

in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador (hereinafter called the "Licence Holder") **ALL THAT** piece or parcel of land delineated in the attached Schedule A, and being situate at **Bruce Lake** (hereinafter called the demised premises), comprising an area not to exceed **0.4 hectares**, **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the demised premises unto the Licence Holder for the term of five (5) years from the **27th** day of **Jan** A.D. **2015**, **SUBJECT** to the reservations, terms and conditions hereinafter set out;

YIELDING AND PAYING unto the Crown as the price and consideration of the said Licence the sum of **\$500** per year for the five (5) year term of the Licence, the first payment to be made on the execution of this Licence;

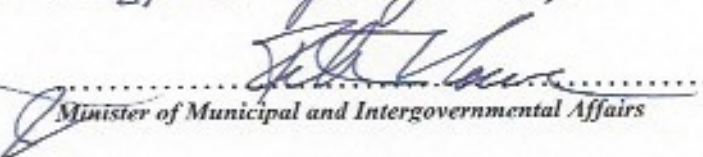
PROVIDED that the Licence Holder hereby agrees to comply in all respects with the terms and conditions in Schedule B and Schedule C;

AND FURTHER PROVIDED that this Licence shall not be assigned or conveyed without the prior written consent of the Minister and then only on such terms and upon payment of such fees as the Minister may prescribe.

SIGNED by the Licence Holder
on the **15** day of **Jan** A.D. **2015**

SIGNED by the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs
on the **27th** day of **January** A.D. **2015**


Licence Holder


Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs


Licence Holder

Schedule "A"

Licence # 140927

Bruce Lake



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SCALE: 1: 50, 000

Boundaries and positions of features are approximate



Schedule "A-1"

Outfitter Buffer Zone

Alex Pond

Bruce Lake

Saddler Lake

Butts Pond



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