

Appendix B

Large Group Areas



Appendix B. Large Group Area Cards

Introduction

In this EIS, large group areas are specific areas where larger groups of up to 75 people may be allowed. Groups of less than 75 people are also allowed. Outfitter/guides will be counted as part of a group, when determining the overall group size. The intent of designating specific large group areas is to provide a set of durable sites that can accommodate larger groups where resource impacts are not expected to occur.

It is important to note that larger groups (up to 75 people) may also be allowed outside of designated large group areas, depending on the Land Use Designation (LUD) and management prescription for the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) class. In some cases, the LUD clearly specifies the type of ROS class to be managed for (e.g., Remote Recreation LUD prescribes Primitive ROS), and in other cases the LUD defaults to the existing on-the-ground ROS condition (e.g., Modified Landscape). Areas managed for Roaded Natural, Roaded Modified, Rural, or Urban ROS do not have a group size limit and could accommodate larger groups. There are areas within the Shoreline II project area managed for these ROS classes that are not within a designated large group area. Outfitter/guides may be allowed to take larger groups to these areas.

It is also important to note that outfitter/guide operations carrying more than 20 passengers on their vessel may be allowed to take groups to areas managed for Primitive or Semi-Primitive ROS, which limit group sizes to 12 or 20, respectively. If permitted in these areas, larger operators must operate within the group size limits, number of groups per day limits, and stipulated dispersal requirements.

The following large group area cards provide site-specific information and resource considerations relating to outfitter/guide management for these areas. They support the information provided in Chapters 2 and 3. Most resource concerns are mitigated through measures listed in Appendix C, which apply to outfitter/guide use across the analysis area.

Figures B-1 and B-2 display the location of the large group areas by alternative. Alternative 1 (Figure B-1) represents the No Action Alternative and displays large group areas by “enclave” or “fifteen percent area.” Enclaves are areas where large groups can occur on a regular basis throughout all seasons. Fifteen percent areas are places where large groups can occur only on an occasional basis, for less than 15 percent of the time during the summer season. These terms only apply to Alternative 1 and are not carried forward to Alternatives 2-4.

The information on these cards will be used to prepare and administer outfitter/guide permits. Where applicable, the mitigation measures will be incorporated into the document as permit stipulations. Permit conditions will be enforced through monitoring and permit administration.

Table B-1. Large group areas and their corresponding use areas

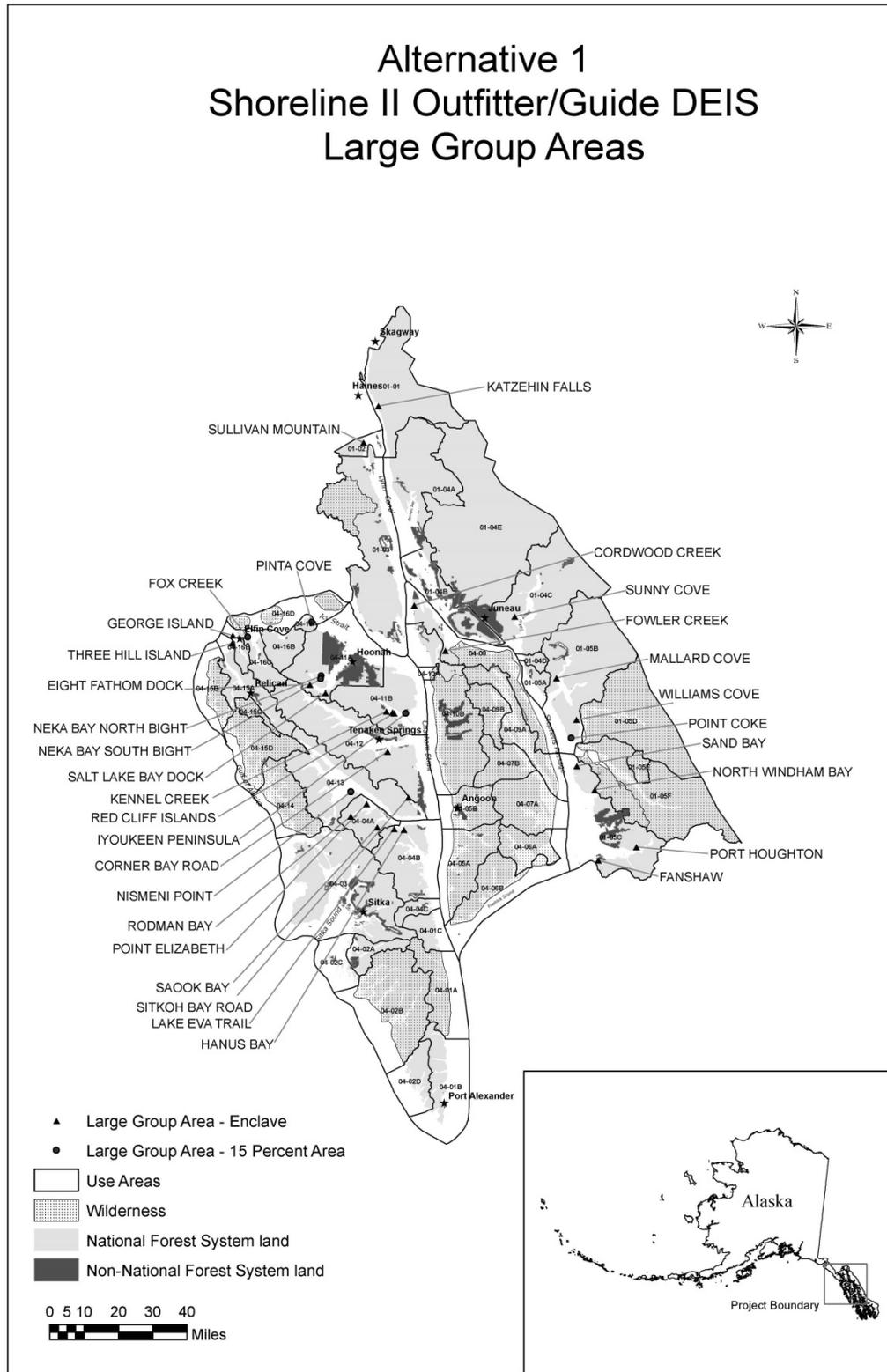
Name of Large Group Area	Use Area		Name of Large Group Area	Use Area
Cordwood Creek	04-08		Hanus Bay	04-04B
Corner Bay Road	04-12		Iyoukeen Peninsula	04-11B

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Name of Large Group Area	Use Area		Name of Large Group Area	Use Area
Eight Fathom Dock	04-11A		Katzehin Falls	01-01
False Island Camp	04-13		Kennel Creek	04-11B
Fanshaw	01-05C		Lake Eva Trail	04-04B
Fowler Creek	04-08		Mallard Cove	01-05B
Fox Creek	04-16C		Middle Arm, Kelp Bay	04-04B
George Island	04-16E		Neka Bay North Bight	04-11A
Neka Bay South Bight	04-11A		Salt Lake Bay Dock	04-11A
Nismeni Point	04-13		Sand Bay	01-05C
North Windham Bay	01-05C		Saook Bay	04-04A
Pinta Cove	04-16A		Sashin Lake Trail	04-01B
Point Anmer	01-05B		Shoals Point	04-03
Point Coke	01-05B		Sitkoh Bay Road	04-13
Point Elizabeth	04-04A		Sullivan Mountain	01-02
Port Althorp, Head of the Bay	04-16E		Sunny Cove	01-04C
Port Althorp, Salt Chuck	04-16E		Three Hill Island	04-15A
Port Houghton	01-05C		Ushk Bay Head	04-13
Red Cliff Islands	04-11B		West Gilbert Bay	01-05B
Rodman Bay	04-04A		Williams Cove	01-05B

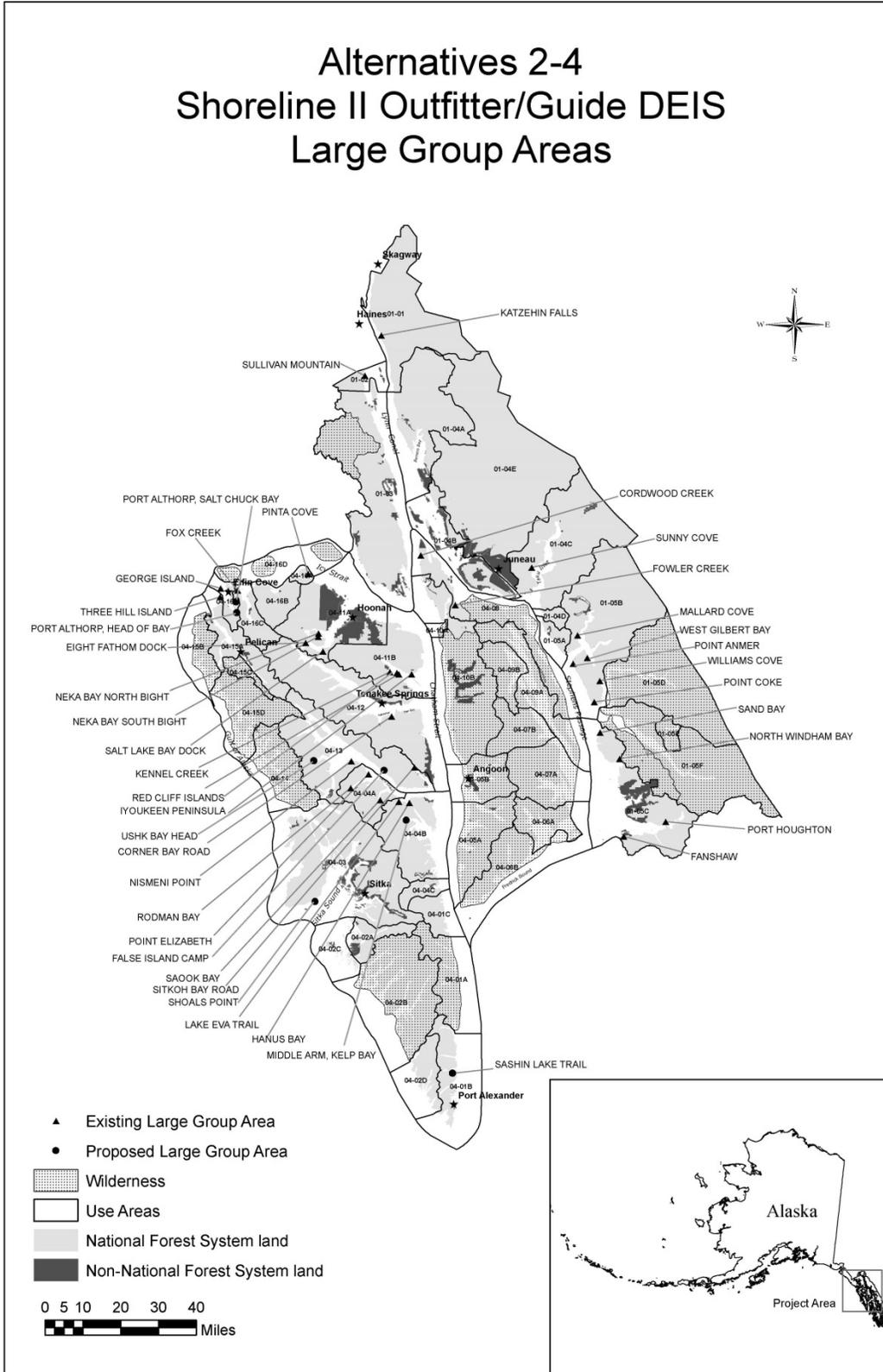
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Figure B-1. Vicinity map of large group areas for Shoreline II, Alternative 1



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Figure B-2. Vicinity map of large group areas for Shoreline II, Alternatives 2-4



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Cordwood Creek

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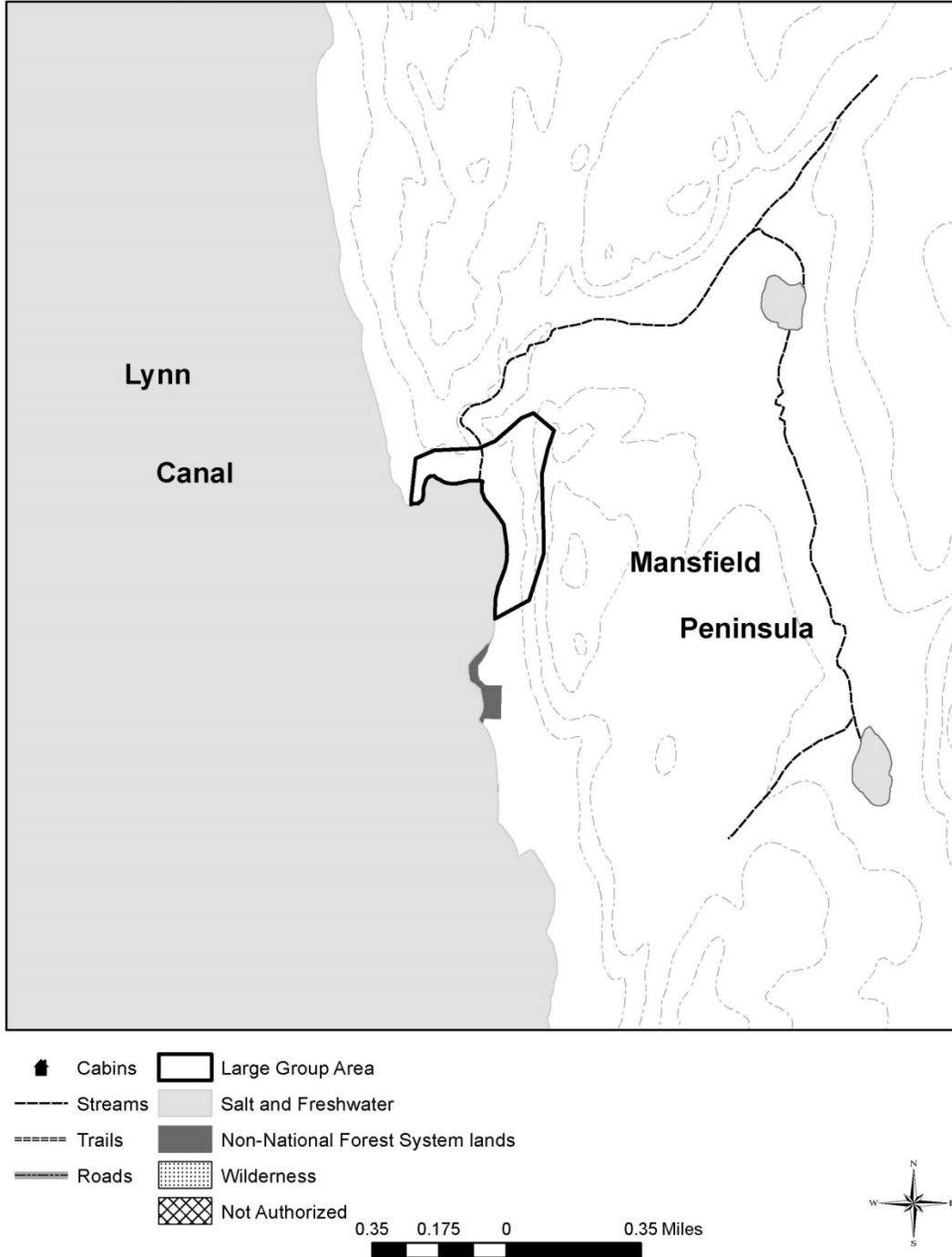
Use Area	04-08
LUD	Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized and Non-Motorized
Acres	48
General Characteristics	Cordwood Creek is a small, tannic creek that drains an inland muskeg lake on the west side of the Mansfield Peninsula on Admiralty Island. The site generally has a 40-yard-wide flat portion inside the trees that rises steeply to an uplifted beach. Shoreline near the outflow is rocky but becomes flatter with large trees along the shoreline. There is a very narrow fringe of beach grass and forbs between the gravel and tree line for the whole site.
Access	Although the cove faces southwest on the east side of Lynn Canal it is large enough to provide some protection. The beach has large cobble and gravel in the central part of the cove.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	Opportunities for a beach walk on northern Admiralty Island and fishing.
Management/Resource Considerations	Cordwood Creek is exposed to certain winds. A population of a rare plant species, tall blue lettuce (<i>Lactuca biennis</i>), occurs in this area. 15% of soils are sensitive, consisting of non-forested wetland
Mitigation	See Appendix C for additional mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riparian areas • Vegetation • Bald eagles • Heritage – consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits • Plants- A Forest Service botanist/ecologist should be consulted before issuing any permits.

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Figure B-3. Map of the Cordwood Creek large group area

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Use Area 04-08 - CORDWOOD CREEK



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Corner Bay Road

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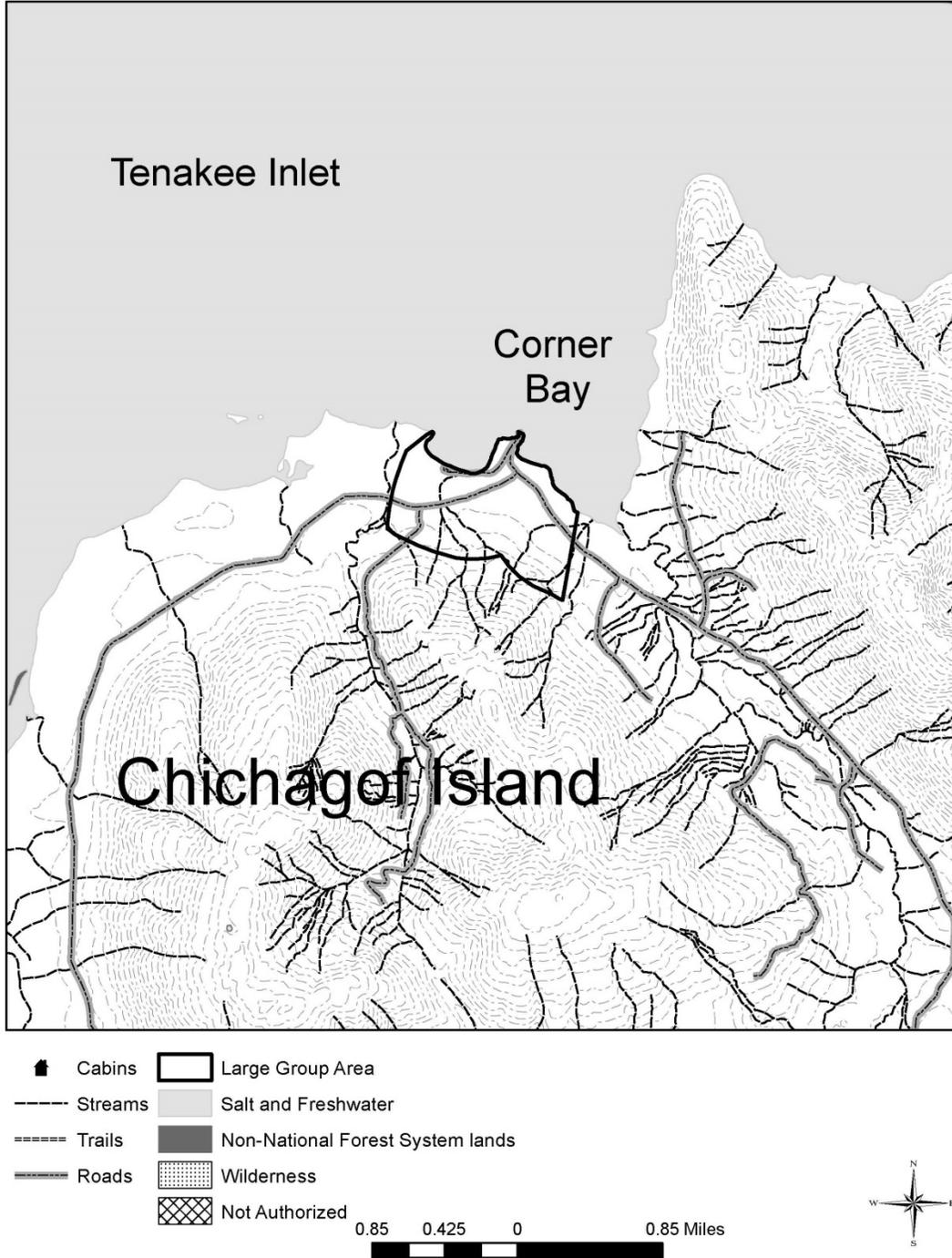
Use Area	04-12
LUD	Old-Growth Reserve, Scenic Viewshed
ROS	Roaded Modified
Acres	402
General Characteristics	Timber has been harvested from this area. There are managed stands of timber with a variety of silvicultural treatments.
Access	Many miles of road are suitable for high clearance vehicles.
Facilities	This area has a road and a marine access point. The Forest Service maintains a dock at Corner Bay and an administrative site that consists of a bunkhouse, garage, water system, and electrical generator.
Opportunities and Attractions	There are interpretive opportunities for forest management. Hiking, sightseeing, and wildlife viewing.
Management/Resource Considerations	Several infestations of reed canarygrass have been recorded in this area. 5% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	<p>See Appendix C for mitigation related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown bear viewing • Bald eagles • Riparian area • Vegetation • The Corner Bay dock is for Forest Service administrative use. Outfitter/guides may use this dock as permitted, but they may not moor boats/planes overnight, leave boats/planes unattended, or obstruct administrative use. Outfitter/guides that are not permitted to use this dock must anchor so as not to obstruct boat or floatplane access to the dock. • Guided use must not interfere with other forest management activities. • A Forest Service botanist/ecologist should be consulted prior to issuing any permits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Heritage Management Plan required prior to any additional permits being issued.

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Figure B-4. Map of the Corner Bay large group area

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Use Area 04-12 - CORNER BAY ROAD



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Eight Fathom Dock Area

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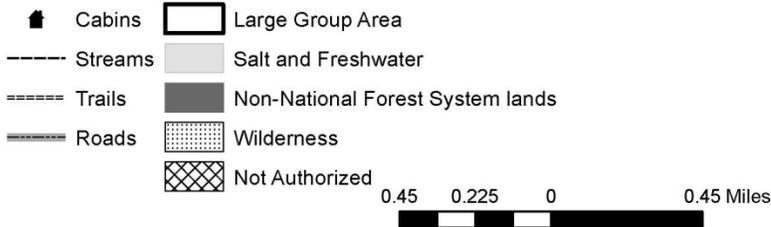
Use Area	04-11A
LUD	Scenic Viewshed
ROS	Roaded Modified
Acres	110
General Characteristics	The site was previously used as a timber transfer facility. It has a scenic setting in Eight-Fathom Bay.
Access	It is 16 miles from Hoonah. The dock accommodates floatplanes and boats up to 35 feet in length.
Facilities	There is a road, a Forest Service public use cabin, and an administrative dock
Opportunities and Attractions	There are opportunities for interpretation on forest management. There is a hot springs developed site in the area. Scenic setting and wildlife viewing.
Management/Resource Considerations	The hardened site will sustain repeated foot traffic. Infestations of oxeye daisy and reed canarygrass have been recorded in this area. 29% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	<p>See Appendix C for additional mitigation measures related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Brown bear viewing • Vegetation • Riparian Areas • Eight Fathom Dock is for Forest Service administrative use. Outfitter/guides may use this dock as permitted, but they may not moor boats/planes overnight, leave boats/planes unattended, or obstruct administrative use. Outfitter/guides that are not permitted to use this dock must anchor so as not to obstruct boat or floatplane access to the dock. • Outfitter/guides are not authorized to use the Eight Fathom cabin or associated facilities. • A Forest Service botanist/ecologist should be consulted prior to issuing any permits.

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Figure B-5. Map of the Eight Fathom Dock large group area

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Use Area 04-11 - EIGHT FATHOM DOCK



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False Island Camp

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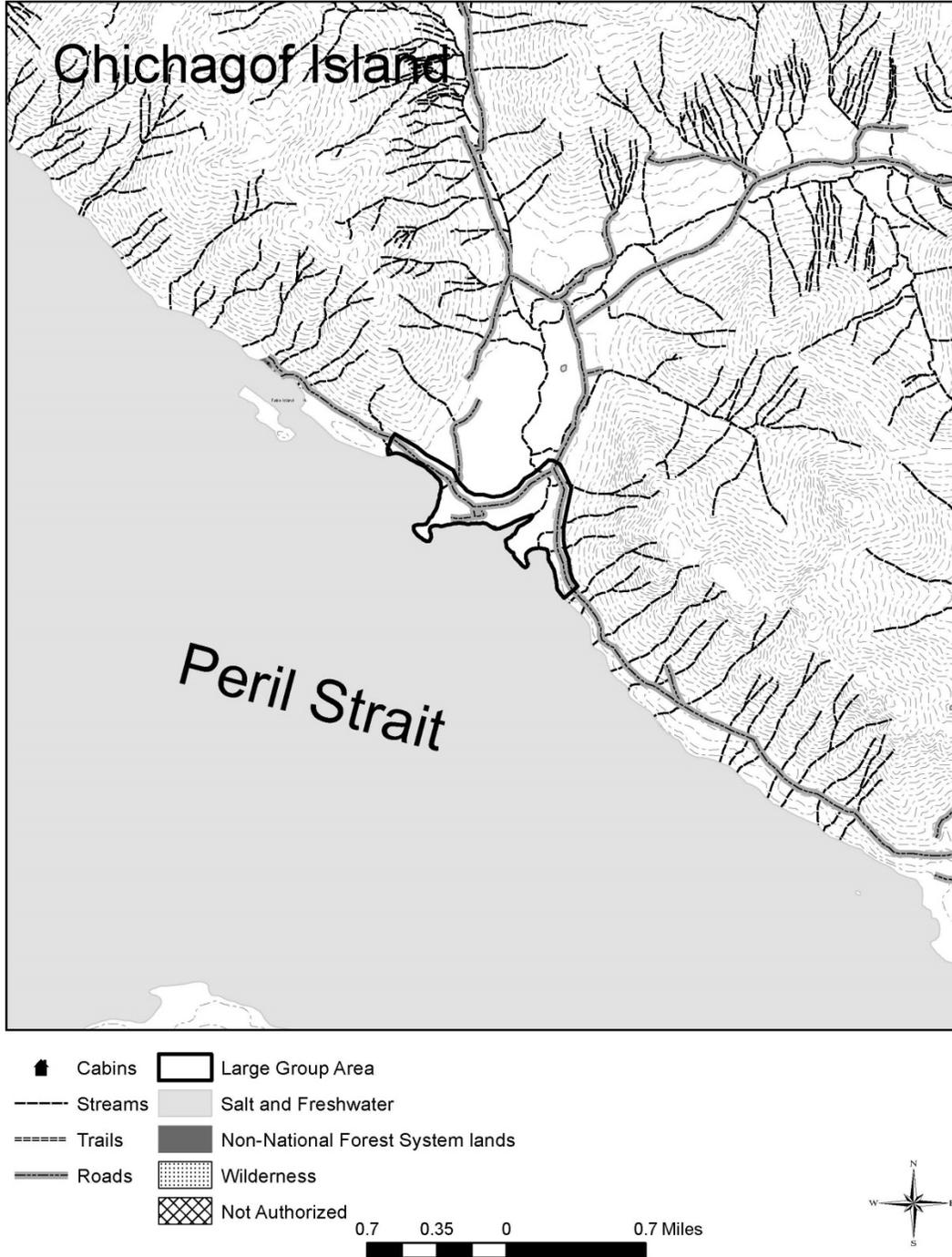
Use Area	04-13
LUD	Scenic Viewshed, Timber Production
ROS	Roaded Modified
Acres	146
General Characteristics	Topography is generally flat with a durable road surface for hiking. The main road (Forest Road 7540) is lined with alders and brush. There are pockets of natural dunes surrounding the old camp area. There are stands of trees near the point of the peninsula with more open vegetation at the base of the peninsula near the road.
Access	Access is on the northwest end of the LGA where the road is close to the shoreline at the edge of the tidal flat.
Facilities	This area has a road and a marine access point to the northwest of the LGA. The Forest Service maintains a dock at False Island.
Opportunities and Attractions	Opportunities for wildlife viewing and fishing exist. A small sawmill is operated within the LGA that may provide interpretive opportunities to learn about small-scale wood product operations. A large estuary and tidal flats where False Island Creek flows into Peril Strait provide wildlife viewing opportunities. Good views of the estuary are possible from the old camp area.
Opportunities and Attractions	A large estuary and tidal flats where False Island Creek flows into Peril Strait provide wildlife viewing opportunities. Good views of the estuary are possible from the old camp area.
Management/Resource Considerations	Infestations of oxeye daisy and reed canarygrass have been recorded in this area. 11% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • False Island dock is for Forest Service administrative use. Outfitter/guides may use this dock as permitted, but they may not moor boats/planes overnight, leave boats/planes unattended, or obstruct administrative use. Outfitter/guides that are not permitted to use this dock must anchor so as not to obstruct boat or floatplane access to the dock. • A Forest Service botanist/ecologist should be consulted prior to issuing any permits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Heritage Management Plan required prior to any additional permits being issued.

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Figure B-6. Map of the False Island Camp large group area

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Use Area 04-13 - FALSE ISLAND CAMP



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Fanshaw ***Alternatives 1-4***

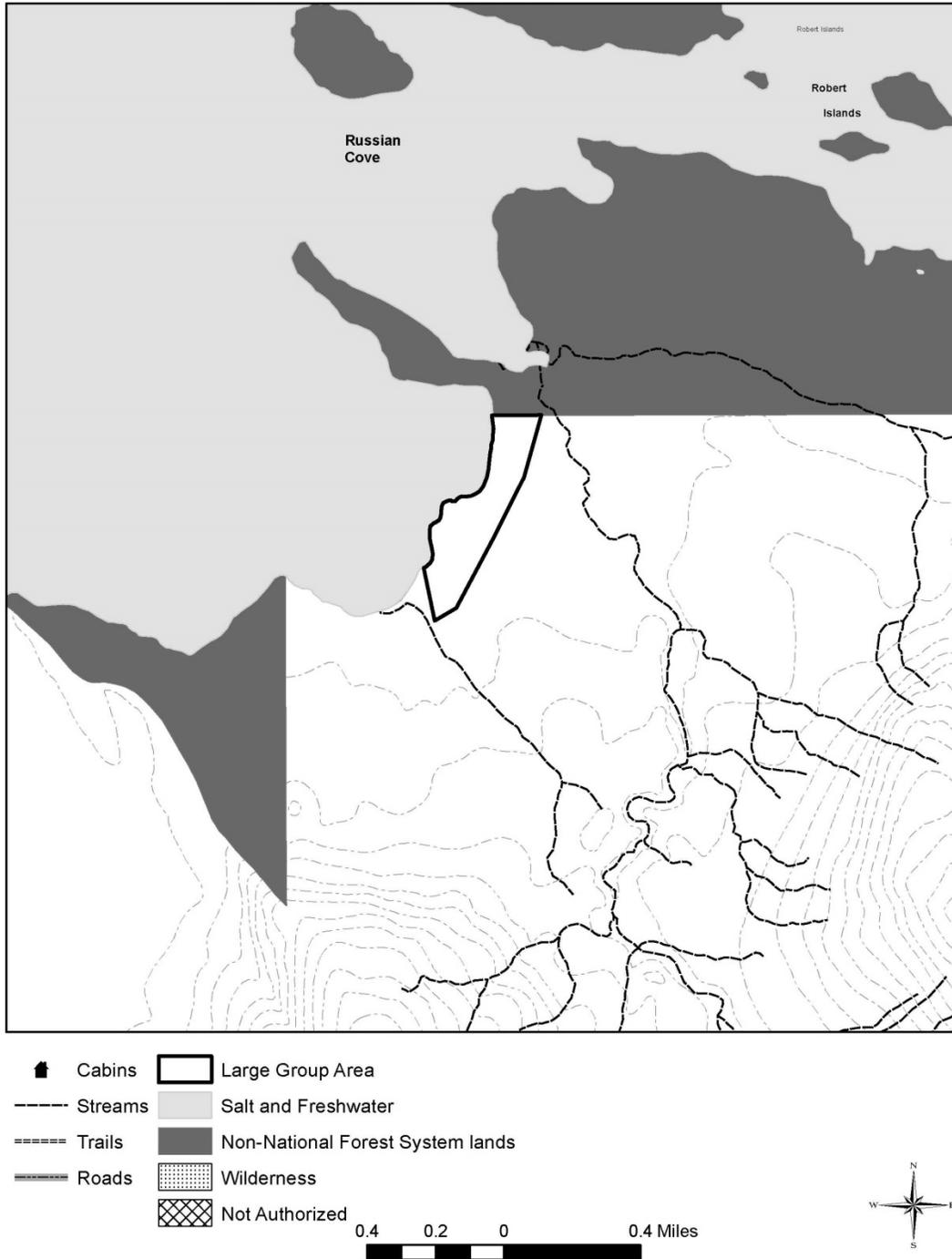
Use Area	01-05C
LUD	Scenic Viewshed, Old Growth Reserve
ROS	Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
Acres	51
General Characteristics	This cove is over a mile wide. A tree-covered peninsula allows for views to the north with another smaller cove providing wildlife viewing opportunities. Topography in the area is flat to benched, with gently rolling terrain. Primarily a forested area with open understory, there are occasional patches of dense trees, brush and small meadows. The southeast corner of the cove has a small creek with flatter ground and good visibility.
Access	Shoreline on the south side of the cove is rocky and very slippery. To the north, the shoreline is sandy at low tide, but more difficulty to access by boat or plane.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	Beach walking and ample opportunities to walk in the woods along the tree line. Evidence of historic beach logging is found throughout the cove but is most prevalent in the center. From the peninsula, it is possible to get elevated views of the adjoining small cove. A salmon stream abuts the north side of the peninsula, where it is possible to get good views of the tide flat, Point Walpole, and Crow Island. Opportunities for wildlife viewing and fishing exist. There is high plant diversity with beach rye grass, wildflowers, and forest.
Management/Resource Considerations	State lands are adjacent. 26% of soil is sensitive, consisting of beaches.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Marine mammals • Vegetation • Riparian areas

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Figure B-7. Map of the Fanshaw large group area

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Use Area 01-05C - FANSHAW



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Fowler Creek

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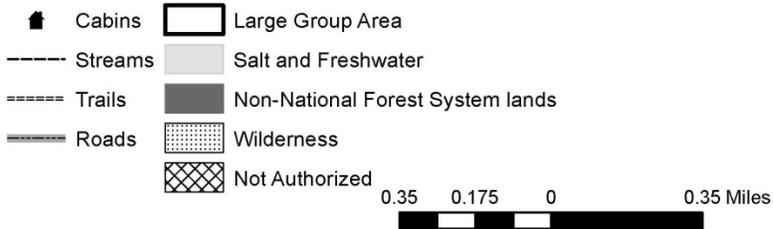
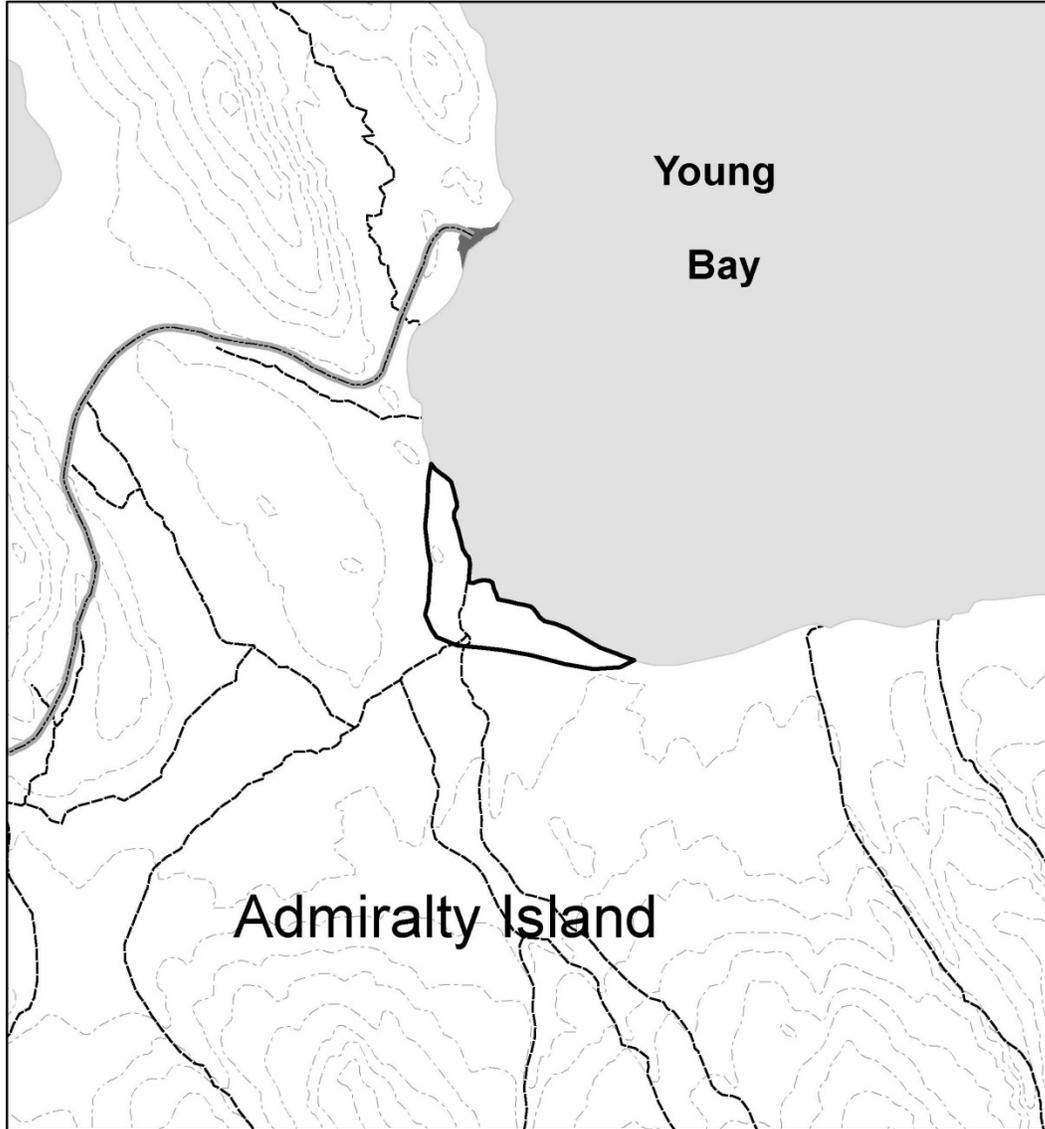
Use Area	04-08
LUD	Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Roaded Natural
Acres	42
General Characteristics	This site is located at the base of the Mansfield Peninsula on Admiralty Island, and has a fairly large tide flat of cobble and gravel. Within the tree line there is a flat area, about 20 yards wide, with large trees that slopes to an uplifted beach area. A raised gravel bar at the creek mouth occurs on the north side. To the south is a raised spit further inland that offers a good view upstream, and a large meadow edged by spruce extending into the meadow.
Access	Visitation will be weather-dependent due to wind exposure. The best access would be at the northern or southern ends of the site away from the tide flat. Ashore, the terrain is flat and provides for good walking. The creek can easily be crossed without waders.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	Good opportunities for wildlife viewing, particularly shorebirds and bears.
Management/Resource Considerations	This area is a local hunting area. Beware of limited visibility into the main creek stem, due to potential bear/human interactions. There is a private parcel nearby. 100% of soils are sensitive, consisting of beaches and estuaries.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for additional mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Vegetation • Riparian Areas • Brown bear viewing • Waterfowl-timing restriction for molting birds from 7/1 to 9/15 • Heritage-consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits • No large group camping. • No consumptive uses by large groups. • A timing restriction will be in effect from July 1 to September 15 at the Fowler Creek LGA fifteen percent area. The intent of the timing restriction is to reduce disturbance to molting scoters and other waterfowl. • Outfitter/guide activities must not interfere with other forest management activities.

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Figure B-8. Map of the Fowler Creek large group area

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Fox Creek

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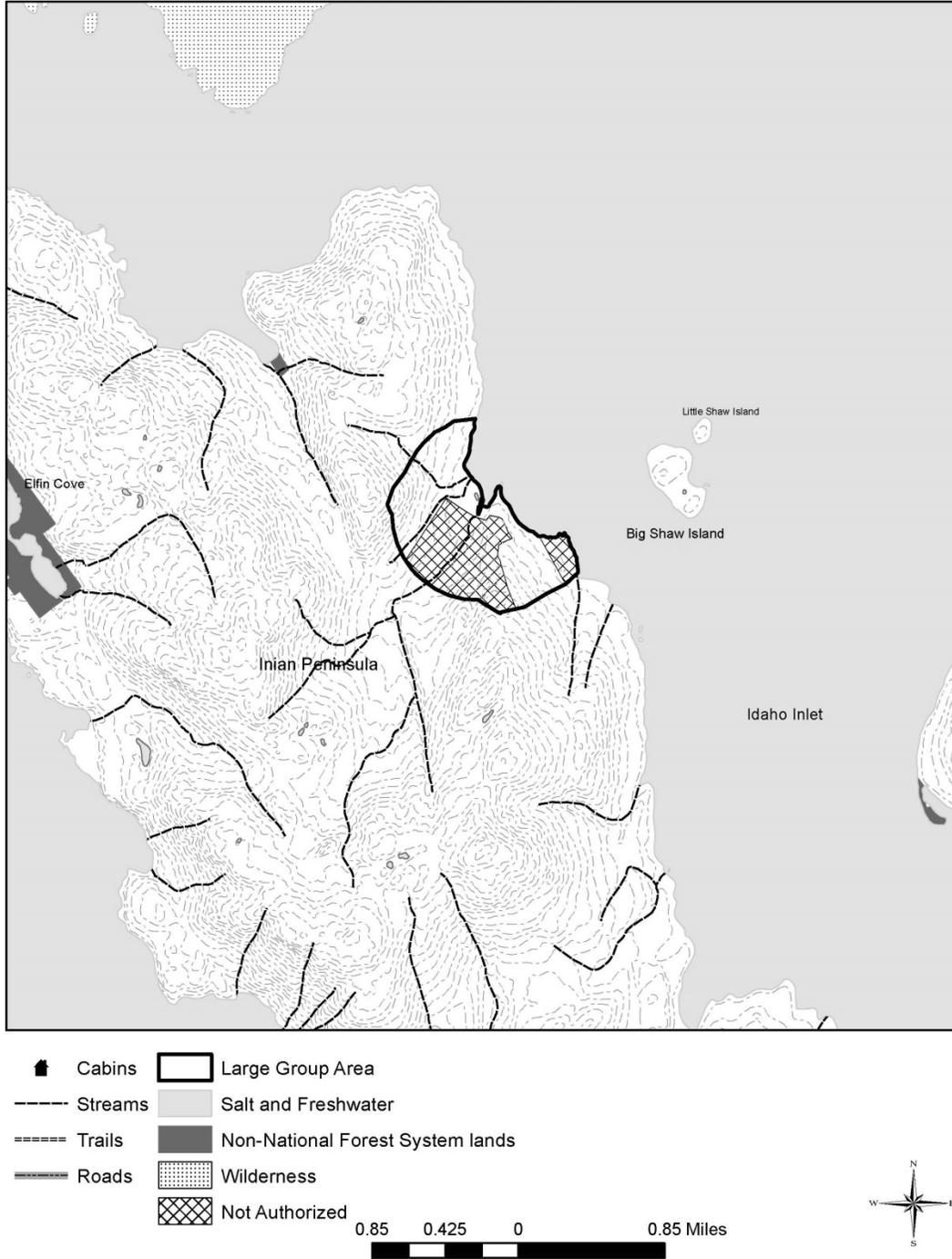
Use Area	04-16C
LUD	LUD II
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
Acres	417
General Characteristics	This area has a scenic setting with a small salmon stream adjacent to a large alluvial fan. There is an open forest understory and a grassy intertidal area.
Access	A protected anchorage between Fox Creek and Big Shaw Island offers easy access by skiff or kayak to a gravel beach.
Facilities	There are no Forest Service facilities at this location.
Opportunities and Attractions	This area features a scenic setting, wildlife viewing opportunities and easy beach access. It is a good area for hiking and kayaking. It is out of the way and not a popular local recreation place.
Management/Resource Considerations	Icy Strait residents use this area. It is a local trolling drag between Shaw Island and Fox Creek. There is potential for human/bear encounters. 42% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for additional mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Marine mammals • Riparian Areas • Vegetation • Brown bear viewing • No large group camping. • No consumptive uses by large groups. • Outfitter/guides are prohibited from using the areas identified as “Not Authorized” in Figure B-10. • Boats must anchor away from trolling drag.

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Figure B-9. Map of the Fox Creek large group area

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Use Area 04-16C - FOX CREEK



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George Island

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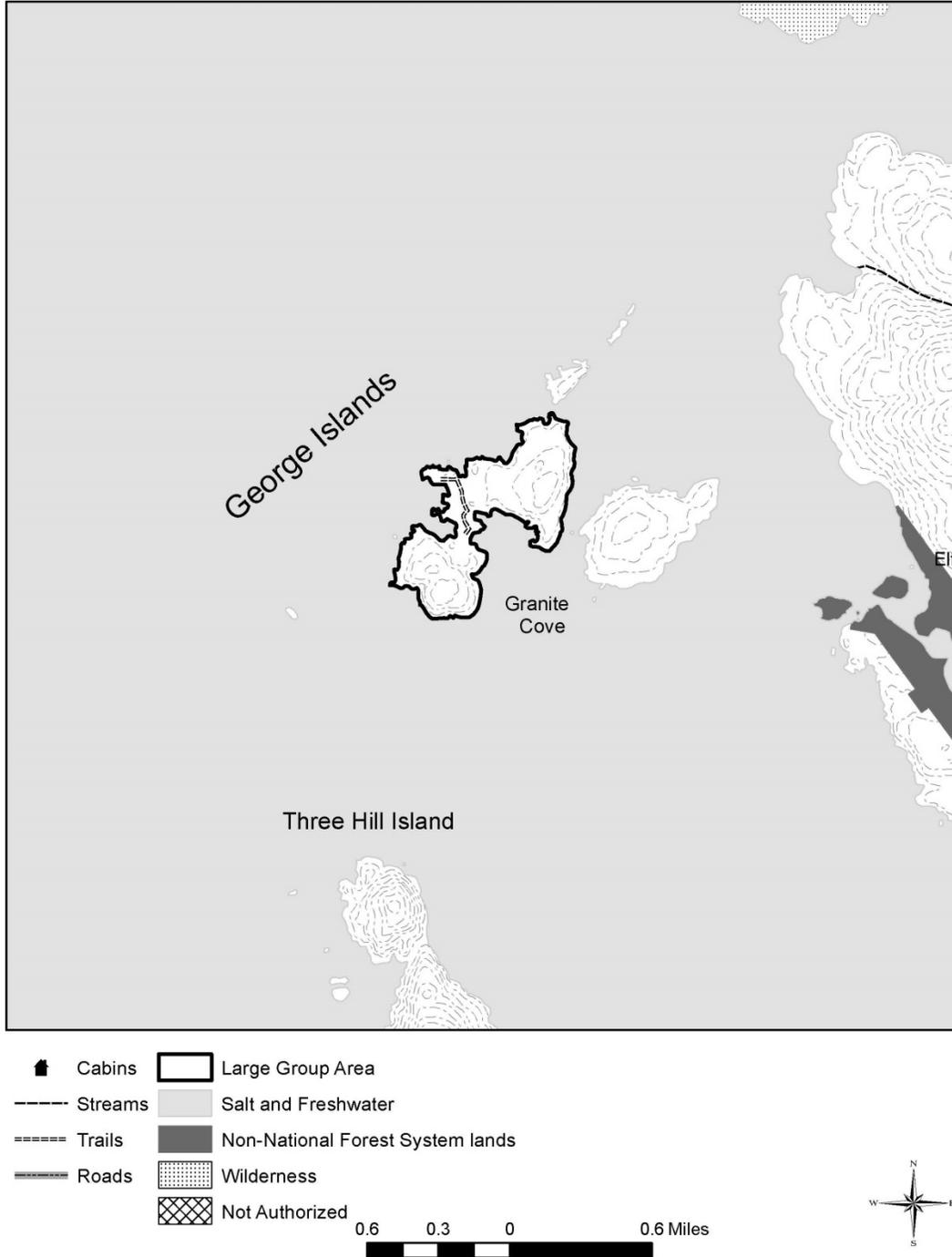
Use Area	04-16E
LUD	Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Roaded Modified
Acres	188
General Characteristics	Granite Cove is approximately 2 miles from the community of Elfin Cove. The area is very scenic with isolated coves, open forest, and excellent views across Cross Sound. This site offers an excellent opportunity to interpret the historic use of the island as a WWII military site.
Access	The site is 2 miles from Elfin Cove. There is an excellent beach for launching small boats and kayaks at Granite Cove. It has a good protected anchorage for mid-size cruise ships.
Facilities	A primitive ¼ mile trail leads to a WWII cannon.
Opportunities and Attractions	There are scenic views of Cross Sound, Cape Spencer, Glacier Bay National Park, and Brady Glacier. This area has opportunities for wildlife viewing, interpretation and hiking on the WWII Cannon Trail. It is close to Elfin Cove.
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Management/Resource Considerations	The trail has been receiving an increasingly high amount of use over the previous few years and needs to be improved to sustain the increased use. 21% of soil is sensitive, consisting of non-forested wetland.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Vegetation • No large group camping • No consumptive uses by large groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Heritage Management Plan required prior to any additional permits being issued.

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Figure B-10. Map of the George Island large group area

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Use Area 04-16D - GEORGE ISLAND



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Hanus Bay

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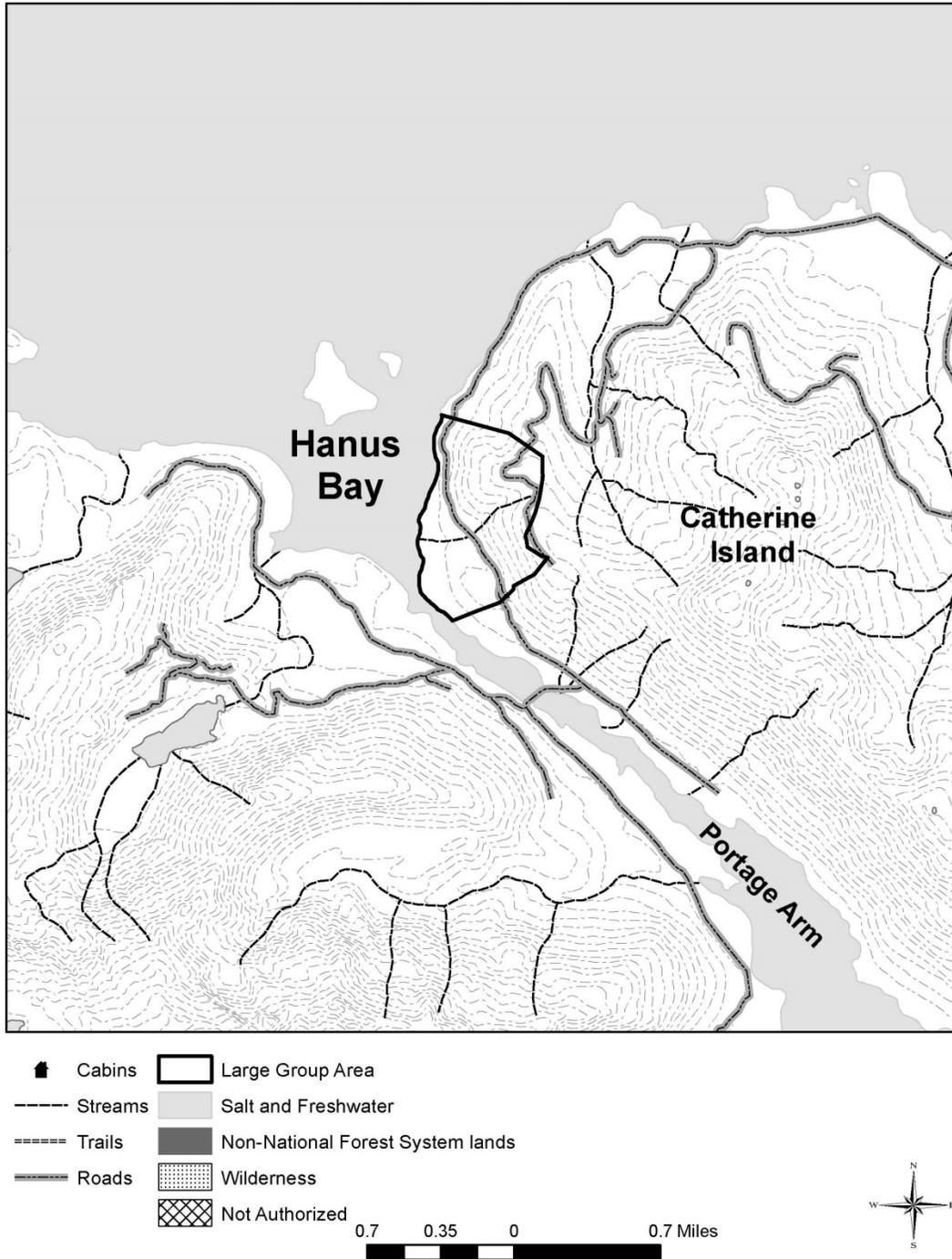
Use Area	04-04B
LUD	Scenic Viewshed, Timber Production
ROS	Roaded Modified
Acres	278
General Characteristics	There has been timber harvest in the area. A meadow at the back of the bay reaches through to Portage Arm of Kelp Bay.
Access	There is a protected anchorage. Skiff landings on the beach are possible at most tides.
Facilities	Road, marine access point, Forest Science Lab research cabin
Opportunities and Attractions	Hiking on road, wildlife viewing. Interpretive opportunities for forest succession.
Management/Resource Considerations	Less than 1% of soil is sensitive, consisting of estuaries.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Brown bear viewing • Vegetation • Riparian areas • Guided activities must not interfere with other forest management activities.

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Figure B-11. Map of the Hanus Bay large group area

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Use Area 04-04B - HANUS BAY



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Iyoukeen Peninsula

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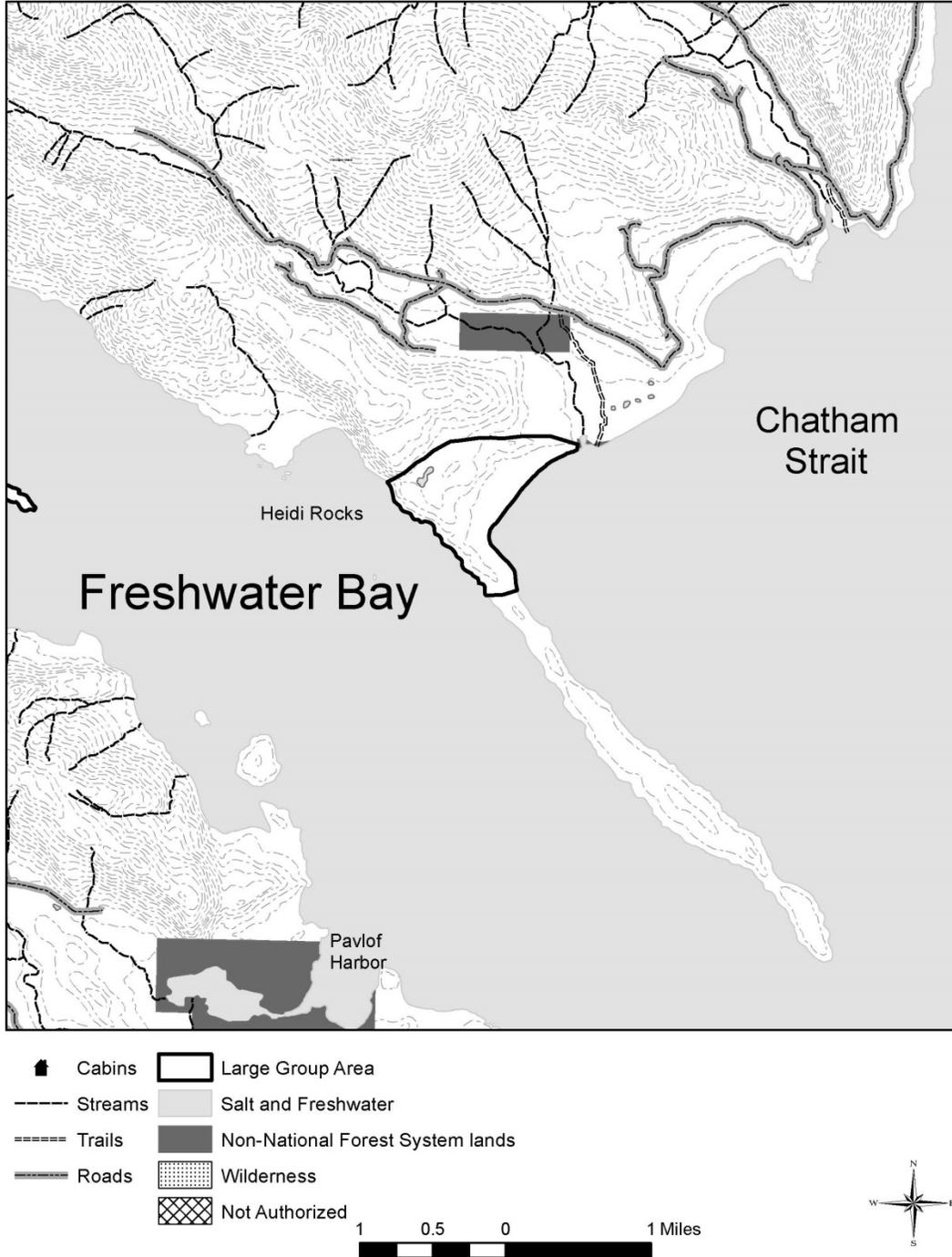
Use Area	04-11B
LUD	Old-Growth Reserve
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	412
General Characteristics	This is a narrow peninsula with excellent views across Chatham Strait, Admiralty Island, and the mountain peaks behind Juneau. There is a good anchorage in Iyoukeen Cove on east side of the peninsula.
Access	It is 6 miles from Kennel Creek.
Facilities	There are no Forest Service facilities at this location.
Opportunities and Attractions	It has a scenic setting with wildlife and marine mammal viewing opportunities.
Management/Resource Considerations	There are seal and/or sea lion haul outs on Heidi Rocks, ½ mile away. 17% of soil is sensitive, consisting of beaches.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Brown bear viewing • Marine mammals • Vegetation • Riparian areas • Heritage- consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits • No large group camping • No consumptive uses by large groups

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Figure B-12. Map of the Iyoukeen Peninsula large group area

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Use Area 04-11 - IYOUKEEN PENINSULA



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Katzehin Falls

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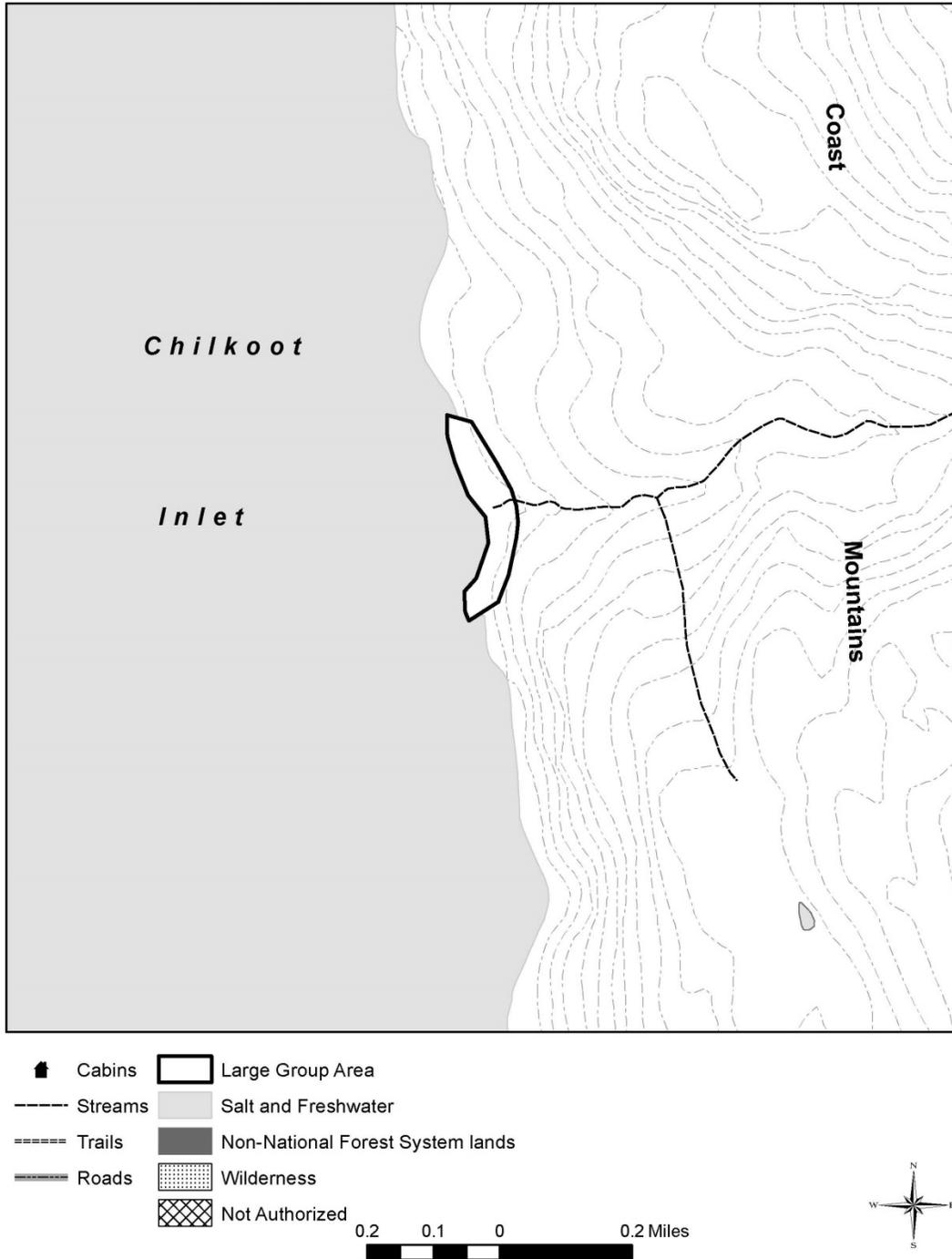
Use Area	01-01
LUD	Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Roaded Natural
Acres	10
General Characteristics	This site is located south of the Katzehin River on the east side of Lynn Canal. Topography in this area is generally steep, rocky, and forested. A large waterfall empties into a narrow tidal area near the site. South of the falls and inside the tree line the understory is open. The lower two miles of the river are not included in the recommendation for Wild and Scenic River Corridor status, due in part to the proposed state road between Juneau and Skagway.
Access	There is little protection at this site except on relatively calm days. Silt outwash from the Katzehin River and creek has created a shallow approach. Steep terrain confines use to the narrow beach and just inside the tree line. The creek has a strong flow and crossing on foot is not recommended. Proximity to frequent boat traffic, as well as the Alaska Marine Highway was the rationale in TLMP for mapping this as "Roaded Natural".
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	This area features a large waterfall, sandy beaches, and an excellent view across Lynn Canal towards the Chilkat Mountains and a hanging glacier. A large stump was found below the high tide mark, a remnant of a period of glacial retreat. This area provides an opportunity for viewing shorebirds.
Management/Resource Considerations	Bear sign was noted along the creek. Due to site size and natural features, there are no opportunities to avoid animals when they are present.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown bear viewing • Vegetation • Riparian areas • Heritage - consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits

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Figure B-13. Map of the Katzehin Falls large group area

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Kennel Creek

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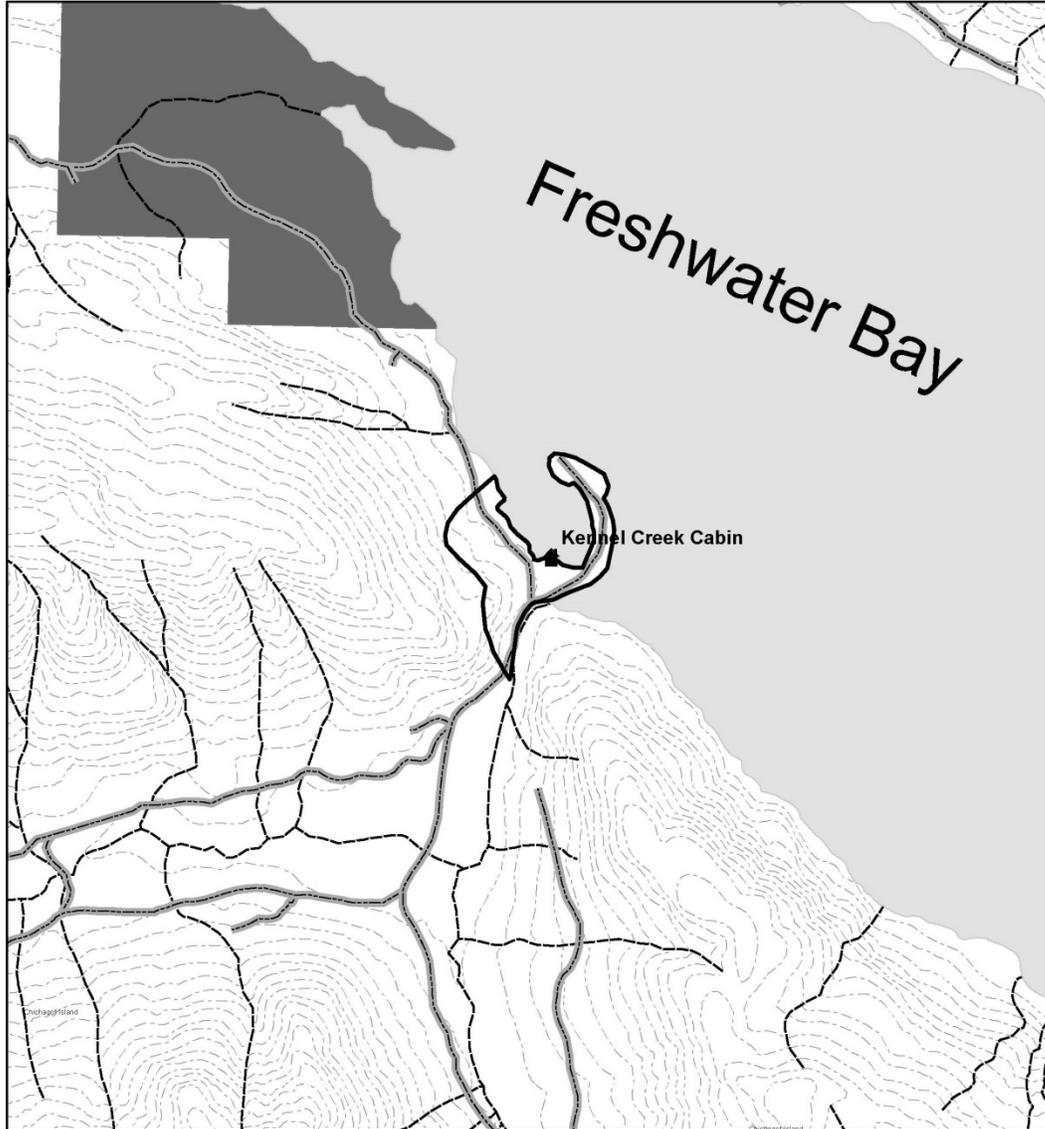
Use Area	04-11B
LUD	Scenic Viewshed, Old-Growth Reserve
ROS	Roaded Modified
Acres	73
General Characteristics	This area is centrally located in Freshwater Bay. The site was previously used as a logging camp and a timber transfer facility. This site is regenerating naturally. The area offers excellent views of Freshwater Bay, Chatham Strait, Admiralty Island, and the mountain peaks above Juneau. It is adjacent to Kennel Creek.
Access	The area may be accessed from Forest Road 8508. The dock accommodates floatplanes and boats up to 35 feet in length.
Facilities	Road, marine access point, Forest Service public use cabin, dock
Opportunities and Attractions	There are opportunities to interpret forest management activities. It has a scenic setting, with opportunities for wildlife viewing (especially brown bear), and anadromous fisheries.
Management/Resource Considerations	The hardened site will sustain repeated foot traffic. Infestations of oxeye daisy, reed canarygrass, and common tansy have been recorded in this area. Soil is 20% sensitive, consisting of estuaries.
Mitigation	<p>See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Brown bear viewing • Riparian areas • Vegetation • Heritage - consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits • This dock is for Forest Service administrative use. Outfitter/guides may use this dock as permitted, but they may not moor boats/planes overnight, leave boats/planes unattended, or obstruct administrative use. Outfitter/guides that are not permitted to use this dock must anchor so as not to obstruct boat or floatplane access to the dock. • Guided activities will not interfere with other forest management activities. • Outfitter/guides are not authorized to use the Kennel Creek cabin or associated facilities. • A Forest Service botanist/ecologist should be consulted prior to issuing any permits.

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Figure B-14. Map of the Kennel Creek large group area

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Use Area 04-11 - KENNEL CREEK



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Lake Eva Trail

Alternatives 1-4

Use Area	04-04B
LUD	Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	137
General Characteristics	This area is a good example of streamside old growth forest. Some very large trees make it an area of particular interest. The trail to Lake Eva is a good for accessing the interior forest as well as the shoreline. Salmon are visible during the mid- and late summer moving up the stream and over the waterfalls. Brown bears feeding on salmon frequent the area. Forest and water birds are usually seen and heard in the spring. Many flowers grow in the meadow and beach fringe vegetation in the early summer.
Access	The anchorage is protected from most directions except easterlies. A skiff can land at the trailhead on small sandy beach, and can get to shore in most tide stages.
Facilities	Trail to Lake Eva
Opportunities and Attractions	A gravel and boardwalk trail leads inland along a salmon stream and through old growth forest with large trees. The first 0.3 miles including the spur trail to the lagoon is rated as wheelchair accessible. A grove of large trees is easily accessed by the trail. Spur trails provide excellent views of the lagoon area at all tide levels and access to the stream for viewing salmon or other stream corridor features. A small scenic pond with a sitting area provides an opportunity for quiet reflection.
Management/Resource Considerations	Lake Eva Creek is an important subsistence sockeye stream. A population of a rare aquatic plant species, Farwell's watermilfoil (<i>Myriophyllum farwellii</i>), occurs in the lake adjacent to this area.

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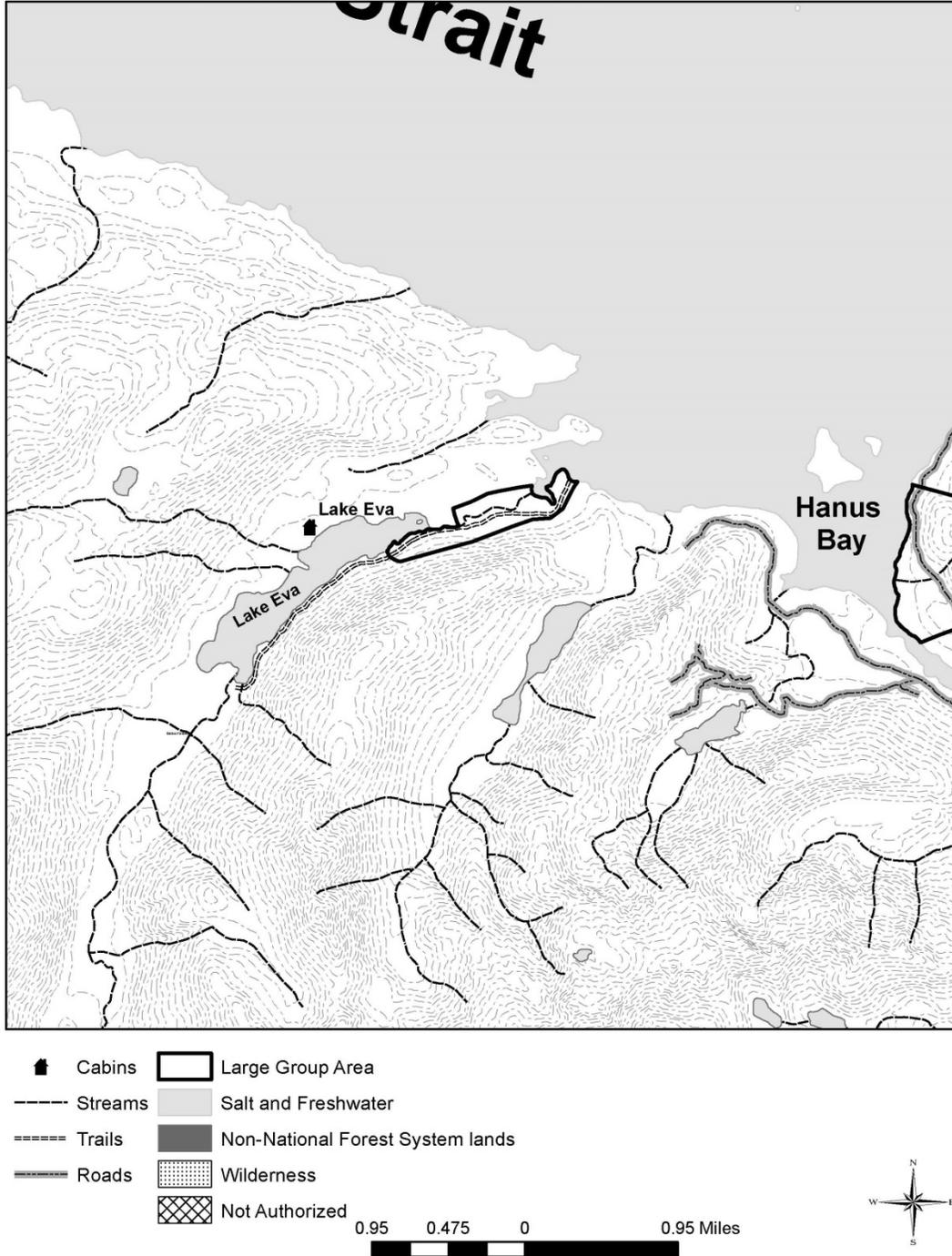
Mitigation	<p>See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bald eagles• Marine mammals• Brown bear viewing• Riparian areas• Vegetation• Subsistence• Heritage - consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits• Outfitter/guide use is prohibited at Lake Eva Trail LGA from July 1–July 15 due to subsistence sockeye fishing season.• Outfitter/guides and their clients must use the trailhead to access the trail. Do not boat into the estuary or falls and drop people off. This past activity has caused degradation of unprotected ground and associated erosion. Also, there are viewing locations at the edges of the lagoon where people may be observing wildlife that would be spooked by boats moving up toward the falls.• Outfitter/guides and their clients must use the new trail. The old trail will be rehabilitated and any traffic on those old sections will disrupt revegetation.• Outfitter/guides and their clients must use the developed spur trails off the main trail for creek access and not the old trail.• 10% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries and non-forested wetlands.• A Forest Service botanist/ecologist should be consulted before issuing any permits.• Stipulations from the Southeast Alaska Unit 4 Brown Bear Management Strategy apply to this area, which contains “consistently good bear habitat with repetitive and frequent human use sufficient to generate immediate management concerns (amount of use may vary by location).” Stipulations are in Appendix C.
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Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-15. Map of the Lake Eva Trail large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-04A - LAKE EVA TRAIL



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Mallard Cove *Alternatives 1-4*

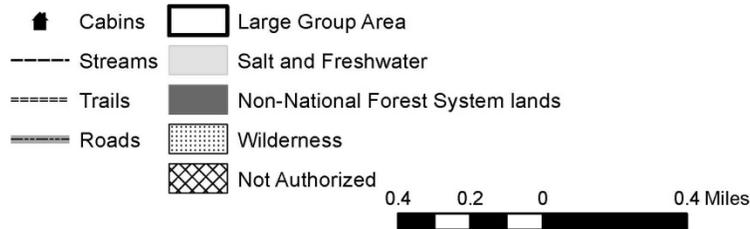
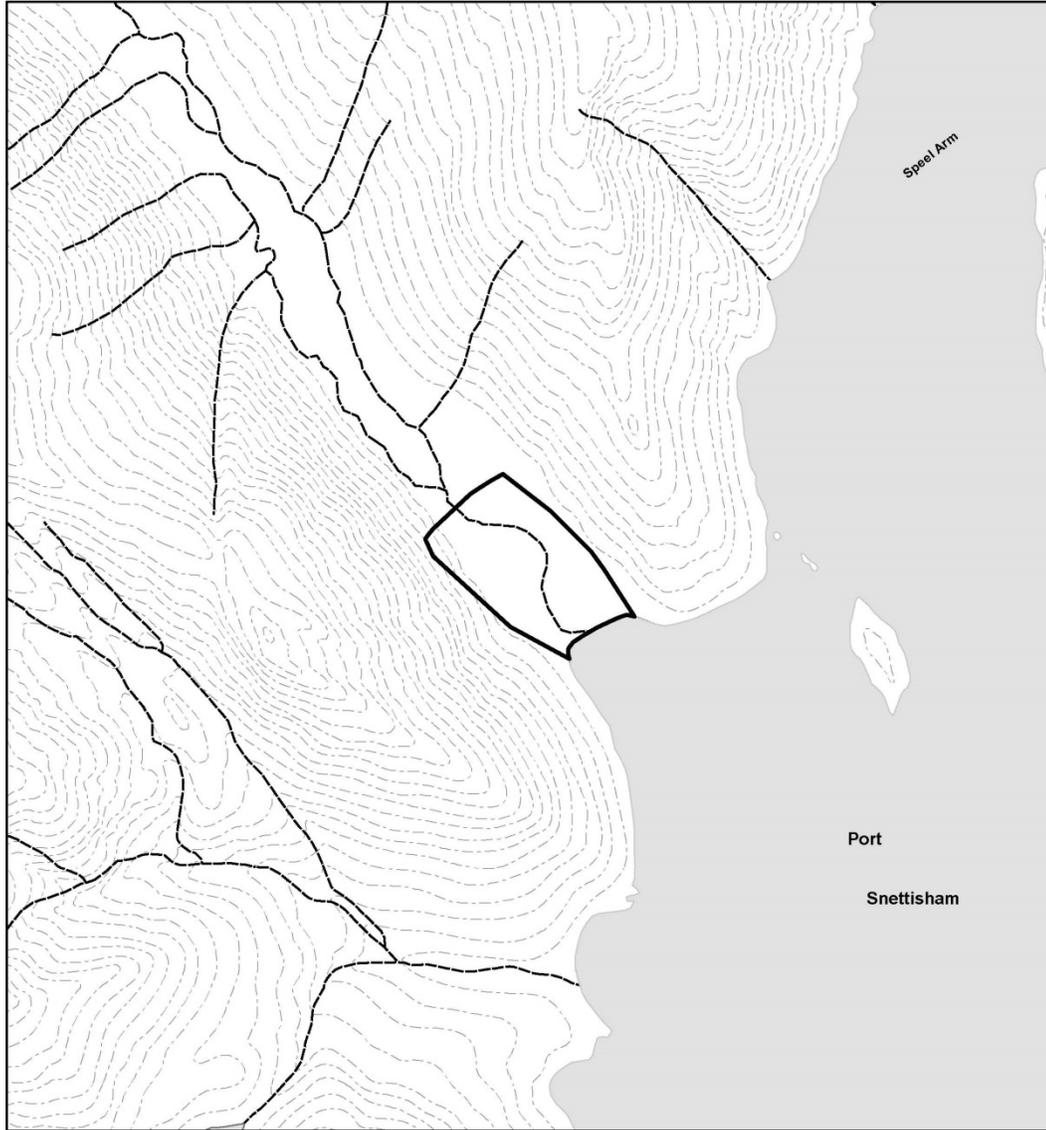
Use Area	01-05B
LUD	Modified Landscape
ROS	Roaded Natural/, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
Acres	96
General Characteristics	This site is a long tidal slough that turns into marshy grassland. Prospect Creek forks in several places in this grassland with beaver ponds approximately 1 mile inland. The Snettisham power line passes by the opening of Mallard Cove and the related timber harvest is visible with the overhead power lines. There is an excellent view up Prospect Creek into the valley.
Access	The area just outside the tree line is probably the best for walking, though there are animal trails that can be followed under the tree canopy. Portions of the tide flat are soft, making walking somewhat difficult. The creek is wide and deep enough to land small boats at a variety of tidal phases.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	A seal haul-out exists on the rocks northwest and to the south of Fannie Island. This area has an interesting tidal slough and a chance to walk in the large meadow, in addition to wildlife and wildflower viewing opportunities.
Management/Resource Considerations	62% of soil is sensitive, consisting of estuaries.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine mammals • Vegetation • Riparian areas

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-16. Map of the Mallard Cove large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 01-05B - MALLARD COVE



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Middle Arm, Kelp Bay

Alternatives 2-4

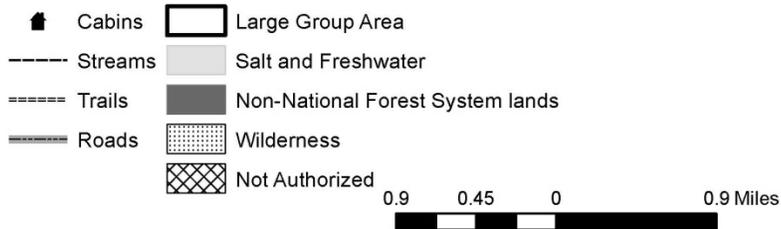
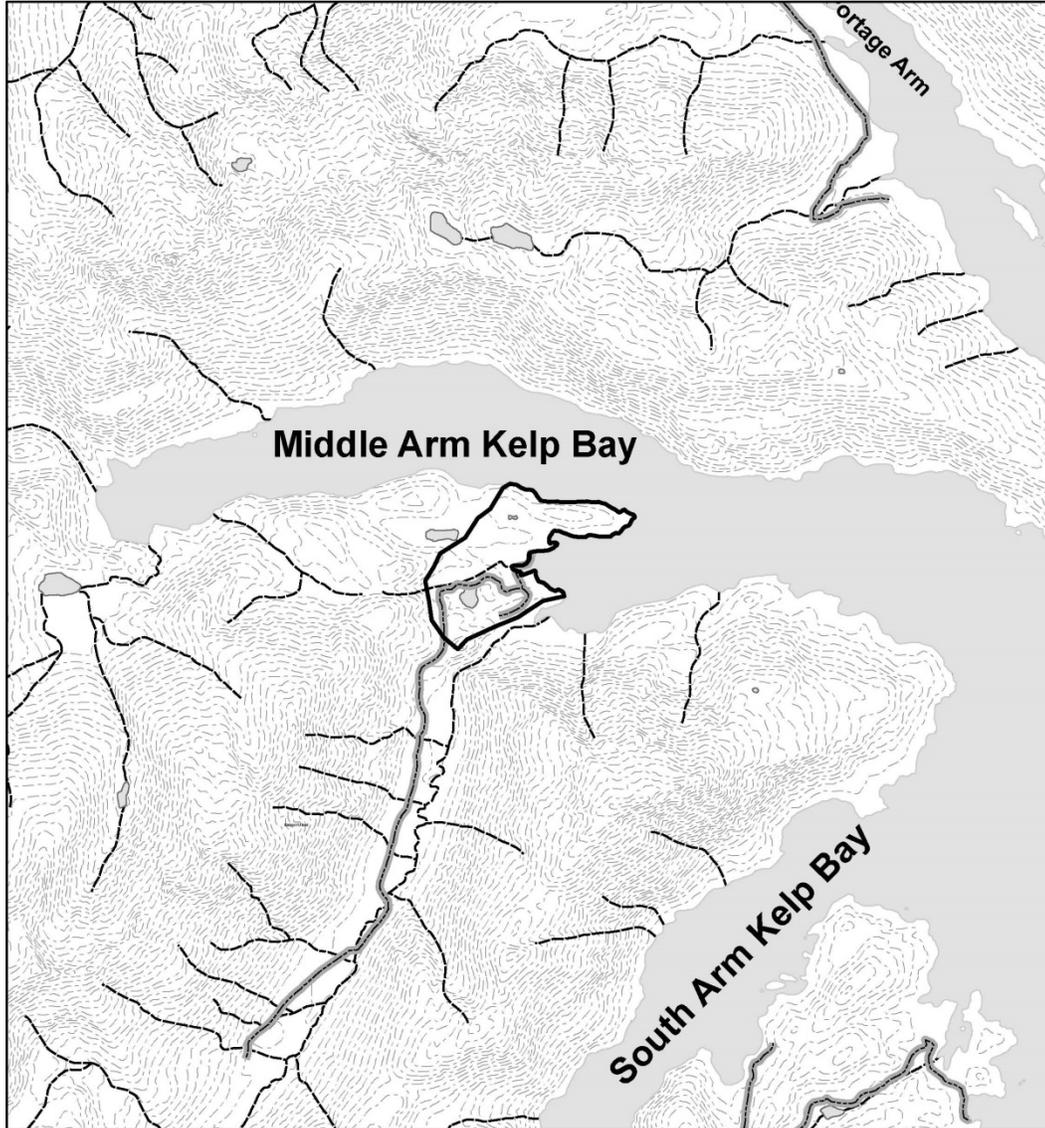
Use Area	04-04B
LUD	Modified Landscape, Timber Production
ROS	Roaded Modified, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
Acres	305
General Characteristics	The area contains forested stands adjacent to a riparian corridor. Past forest management activities have resulted in some dense stands along an old road system leading to a small scenic pond.
Access	There is a marine access point and good landing options for skiffs to offload passengers.
Facilities	Road and marine access point
Opportunities and Attractions	A hike through forested stands to a small scenic pond.
Management/Resource Considerations	The road is currently overgrown with alder and requires vegetation clearing to make the road passable for hiking opportunities. 18% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	None

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-17. Map of the Middle Arm, Kelp Bay large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-04B - MIDDLE ARM, KELP BAY



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Neka Bay – North Bight

Alternatives 1-4

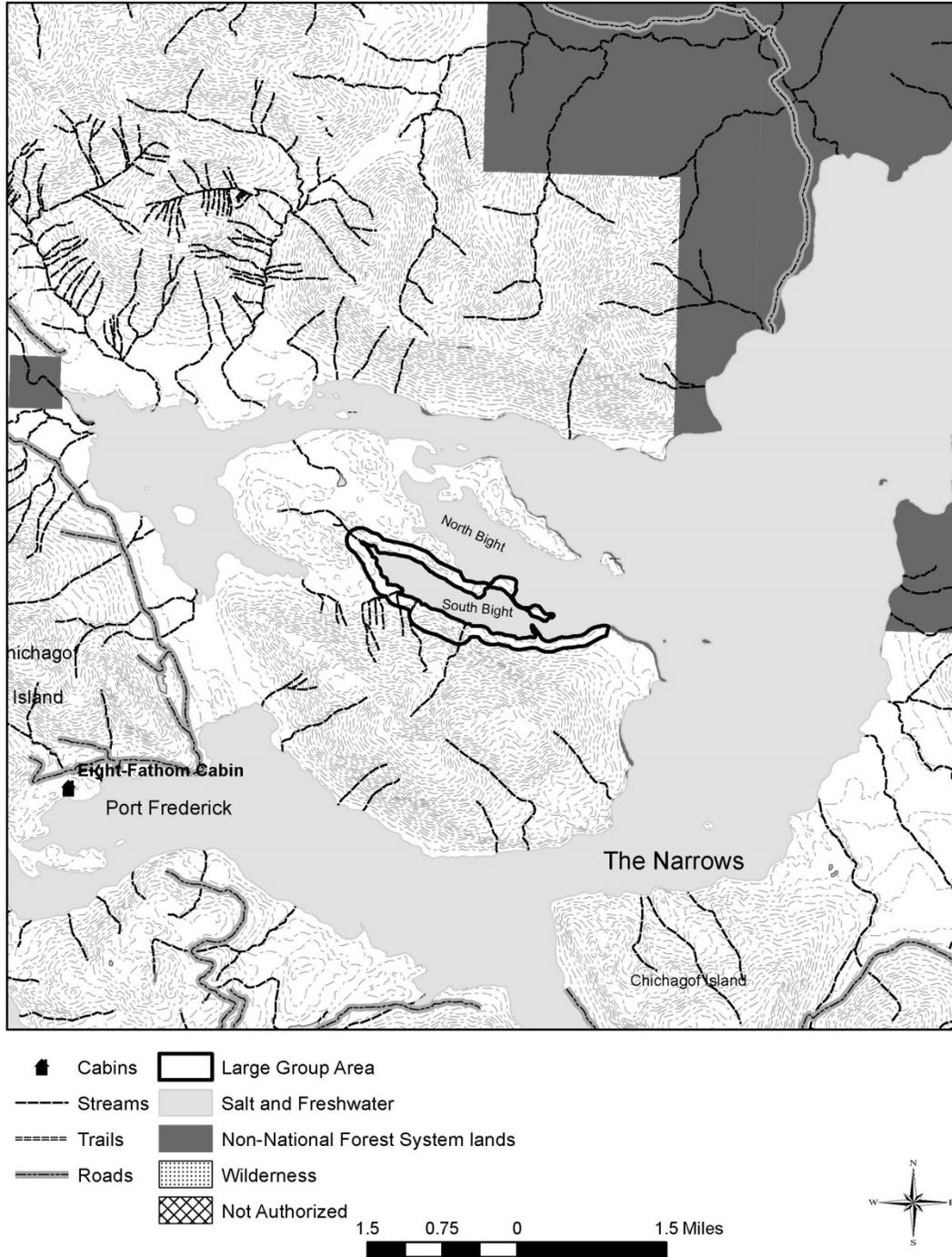
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LUD	Old-Growth Habitat
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
Acres	345
General Characteristics	This area has a scenic setting in a narrow secluded cove with easy to access shoreline. It has a heavily forested beach fringe. There is a good anchorage at the head of the bight.
Access	It is 10 miles from Hoonah. There is a protected anchorage, and easy beach access by skiff or kayak.
Facilities	There are no Forest Service facilities at this location.
Opportunities and Attractions	Scenic setting, wildlife viewing opportunities
Management/Resource Considerations	There is resource damage from repeated trampling. Possible cultural sites exist. Hoonah residents use this area. 20% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Brown bear viewing • Vegetation • Riparian Areas • Waterfowl—timing restriction from 7/1 to 9/15 for molting birds • A timing restriction will be in effect from July 1 to September 15 at the Bay North Bight LGA. The intent of the timing restriction is to reduce disturbance to molting scoters and other waterfowl. • No large group camping. • No consumptive uses by large groups.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-18. Map of the Neka Bay North Bight large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-11 - NEKA BAY NORTH BIGHT



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Neka Bay – South Bight

Alternatives 1-4

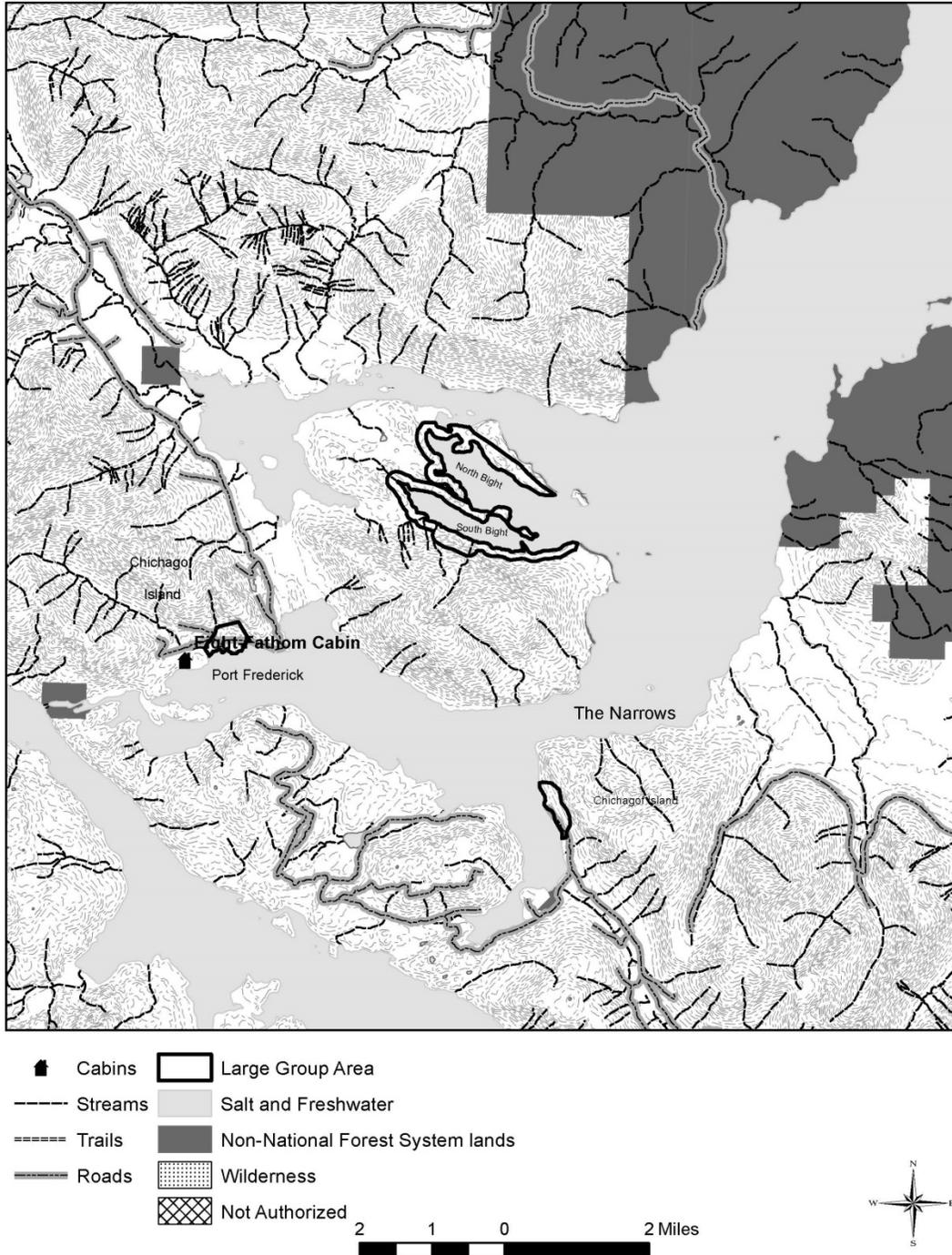
Use Area	04-11A
LUD	Old-Growth Habitat.
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
Acres	434
General Characteristics	It has a scenic setting in a narrow secluded cove with an easily accessible shoreline. The beach fringe is heavily forested. There is a good anchorage at the head of the bight.
Access	It is ten miles from Hoonah. There is a protected anchorage, and easy beach access by skiff or kayak.
Facilities	There are no Forest Service facilities at this location.
Opportunities and Attractions	Scenic setting, wildlife viewing opportunities.
Management/Resource Considerations	There is resource damage from repeated trampling. Potential cultural sites exist. Hoonah residents use this area. 21% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Brown bear viewing • Vegetation • Riparian Areas • No large group camping. • No consumptive uses by large groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Heritage Management Plan required prior to any additional permits being issued.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-19. Map of the Neka Bay South Bight large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-11 - NEKA BAY SOUTH BIGHT



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Nismeni Point

Alternatives 1-4

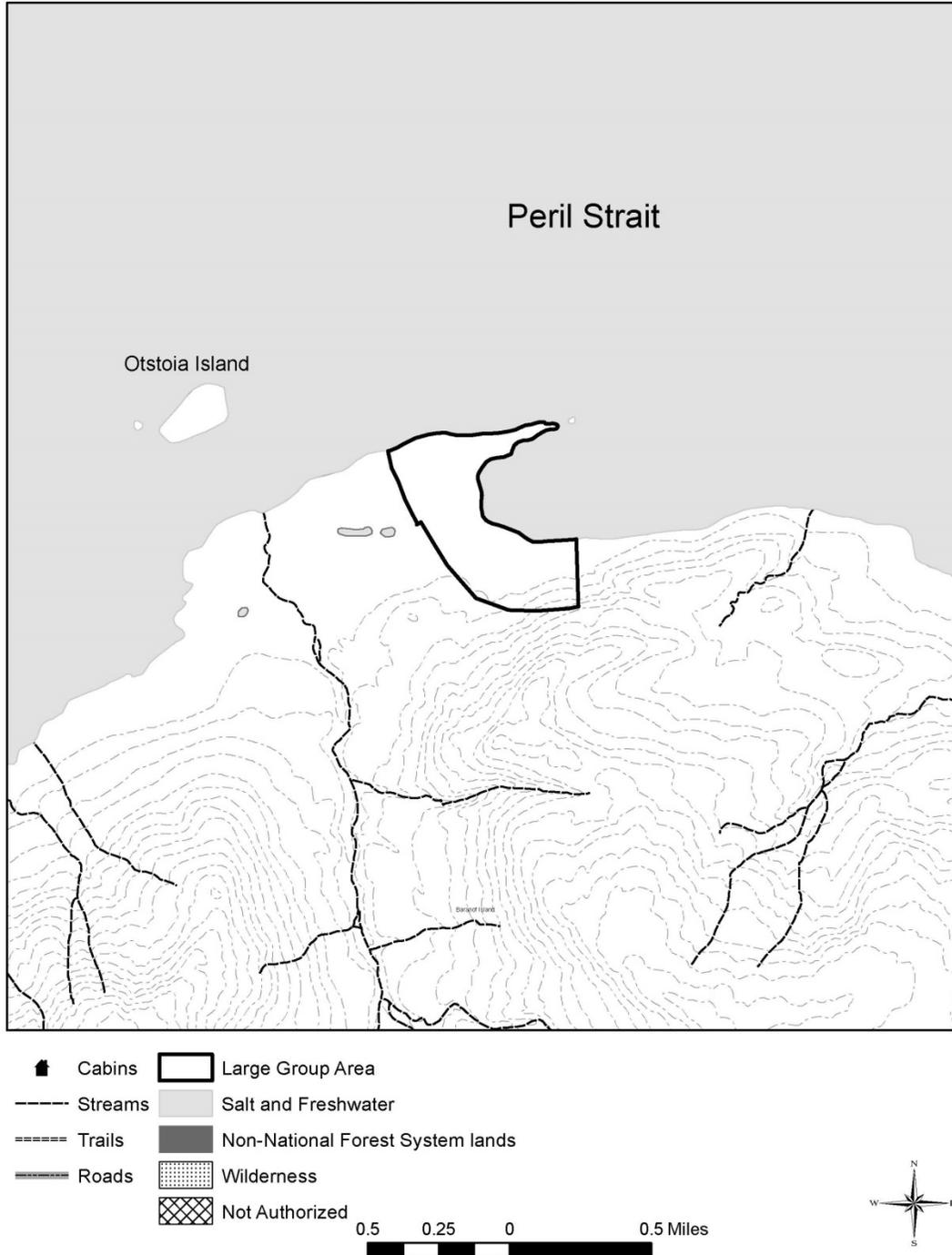
Use Area	04-13
LUD	Old Growth Habitat
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	144
General Characteristics	This area is an example of historical second growth. Inland the area becomes open forest and patchy bogs with small ponds. There are a good variety of vegetation types. At low tide there is some intertidal life to explore.
Access	The anchorage off Peril Strait is protected, except from the easterly direction. It is possible to land a skiff in the small bay to the east of the point; the exact location depends on the tide stage. The very head of the bay has some narrow shallow mudflats at lowest tides.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	There are interpretive opportunities. This is a historic logging area. There are hiking opportunities inland to open forest and bog areas. It is close to Surgius Narrows and Peril Straits.
Management/Resource Considerations	19% of soil is sensitive, consisting of non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown bear viewing • Vegetation • Riparian Areas

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-20. Map of the Nismeni Point large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-13 - NISMENI POINT



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

North Windham Bay

Alternatives 1-4

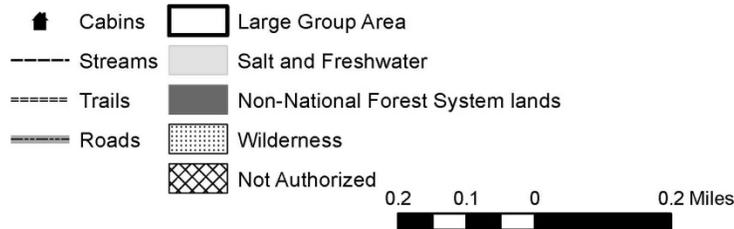
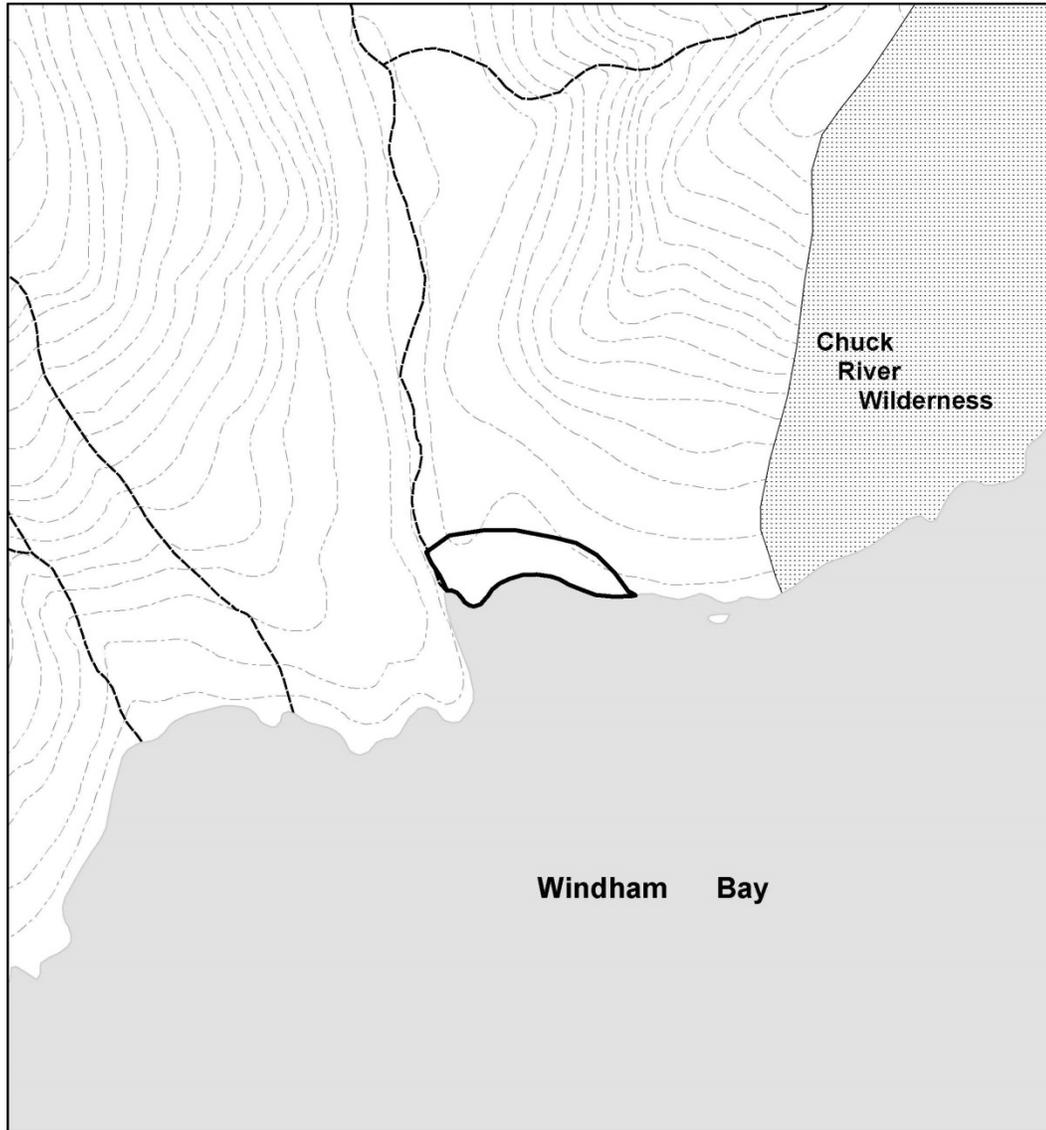
Use Area	01-05C
LUD	Scenic Viewshed
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	12
General Characteristics	<p>Located on the east side of Stephens Passage and directly east of the entrance Seymour Canal. A large salmon-bearing creek flows into the site from the north. The beach is sandy and grassy with a berry thicket and wildflowers above tide line. Beyond the tide line a flat valley contains young trees and man-made openings. This site is within ½ mile of the Chuck River Wilderness boundary.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of outfitter-guides using Large Group Areas to know the LGA boundaries. For those operators who want to take groups beyond the LGA, it is their responsibility to know the group size limit of the National Forest land use designation beyond the LGA and to adhere to those numbers.</p>
Access	Access by plane or boat is possible, though this would probably not be a good location for an anchorage due to exposure.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	This is an excellent south facing location with a good beach. The creek may provide salmon viewing and fishing opportunities, coupled with views across the bay and rock grottos on the east side of the site. Wildlife viewing, beach combing, and limited hiking are possible here. A bear trail was noted from the beach into the woods. The west side of the area has a fox farm cabin and related remains. This site has an Eligible determination for the National Register of Historic Places. It offers interpretive opportunities.
Management/Resource Considerations	There are other cultural sites in the area as well. There are some places where wet soils would not stand up well to heavy foot traffic. 5% of soil is sensitive, consisting of estuaries.
Mitigation	<p>See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Riparian areas • Vegetation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Heritage Management Plan required prior to any additional permits being issued.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-21. Map of the North Windham Bay large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 01-05C - NORTH WINDHAM BAY



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Pinta Cove

Alternatives 1-4

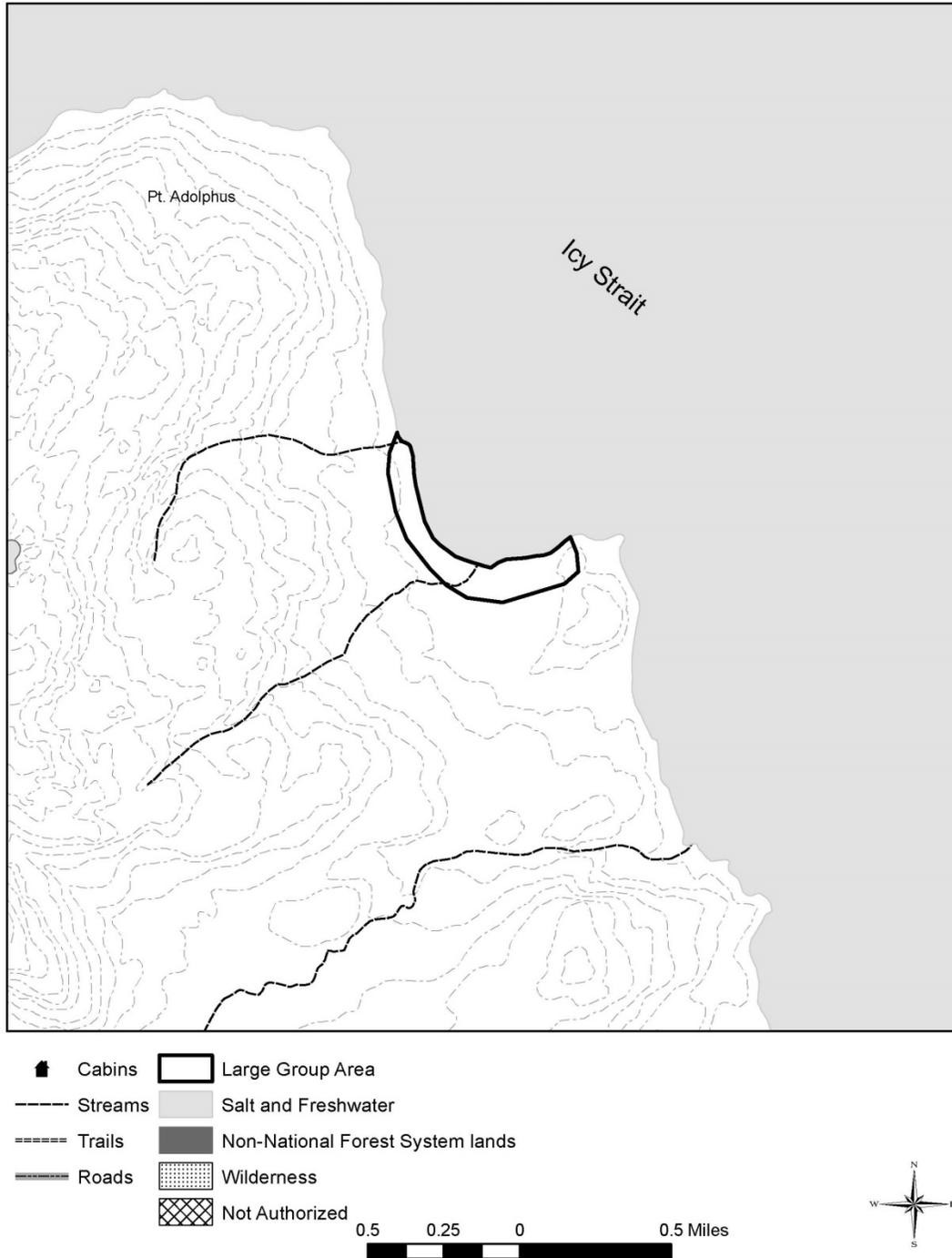
Use Area	04-16A
LUD	LUD II
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	57
General Characteristics	This high use area is on the eastern portion of use area 04-16A between Chicken Creek and Point Adolphus. Tour boat operators use this area for kayaking and hiking. Several outfitter/guide kayak/camping operators use this area throughout the summer season. The cove receives traffic from kayak transporters, ocean fishing charters, and local mariners.
Access	Pinta Cove provides a fair anchorage for larger boats. The shoreline is normally accessed by small skiff or kayak.
Facilities	A three-sided shelter receives steady use through the summer season from kayakers camping overnight. Pinta Point is a primary campsite that is naturally hardened.
Opportunities and Attractions	This area features whale and other wildlife viewing, camping, sightseeing, day-use hiking, beach combing, hunting, and an emergency shelter. It currently receives use from mid-size cruise ships. It is a popular recreation place, and people are accustomed to seeing others in this area.
Management/Resource Considerations	Icy Strait community residents use the area. There is heavy use by both outfitter/guides and unoutfitted/unguided recreationists. An infestation of reed canarygrass has been recorded in this area. 42% of soils is sensitive, consisting of non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Brown bear viewing • Vegetation • Marine mammals • Riparian Areas • Pinta Cove Shelter is available for outfitter/guide use as permitted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Outfitter/guides shall not displace unoutfitted/unguided users at the shelter. During emergency situations, an outfitter/guide group occupying this shelter shall make space available for persons seeking shelter. • A Forest Service botanist/ecologist should be consulted prior to issuing any permits.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-22. Map of the Pinta Cove large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-16A - PINTA COVE



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Point Anmer

Alternatives 1-4

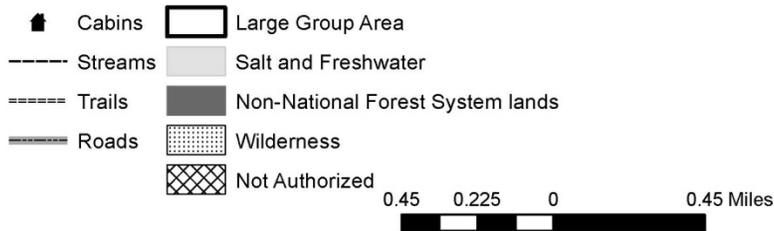
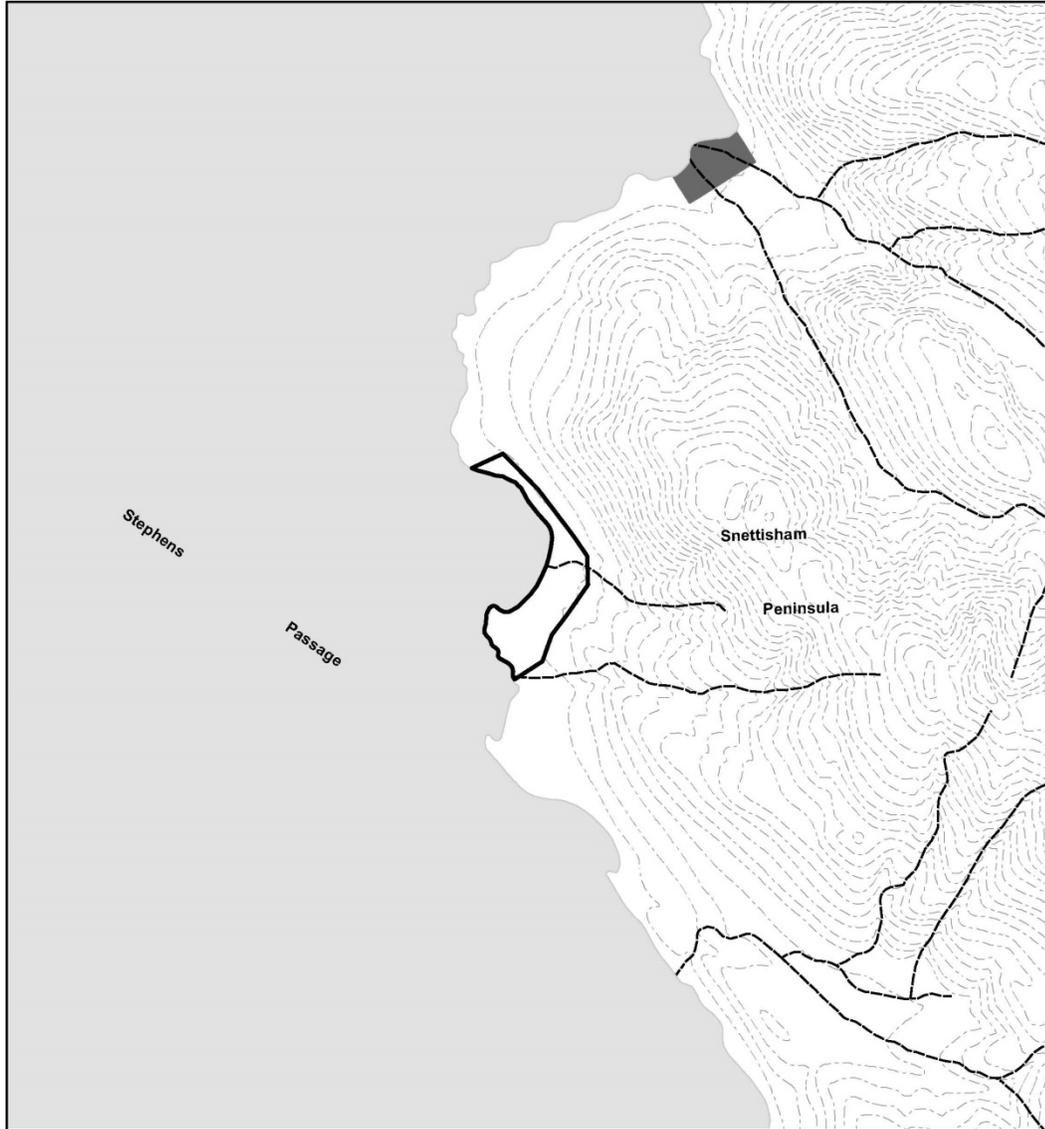
Use Area	01-05B
LUD	Scenic Viewshed
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	48
General Characteristics	This northwest-facing cove is about ¼ mile wide and about ½ mile north of Point Anmer. Dense shrub patches characterize shoreline in this area with large spruce trees just off the beach fringe. At the outermost edge of the thicket is a forested point of land with large spruce and exposed roots that follow a rocky outcrop towards the beach.
Access	Low tide exposes a sandy bottom on the south end and a rocky beach at the north end. The southern beach is flatter but has thick vegetation. A small, steeper sand beach just to the south of the rock outcrop provides good access, although this beach is more exposed to the southeast winds. The beach receives high storm waves.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	The upper beach area provides wildflower viewing and vistas of the ocean. Opportunity to view vegetation successional stages from shrubs to old growth spruce forest. Rock outcroppings also provide visual diversity. Tide pools support many shorebirds. A large waterfall is visible offshore south of Point Anmer.
Management/Resource Considerations	None
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Vegetation

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-23. Map of the Point Anmer large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 01-05B - POINT ANMER



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Point Coke

Alternatives 1-4

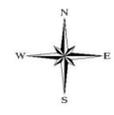
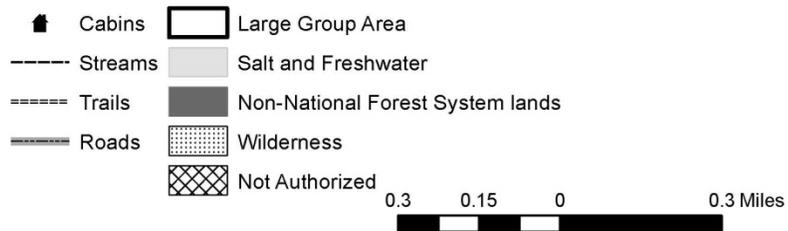
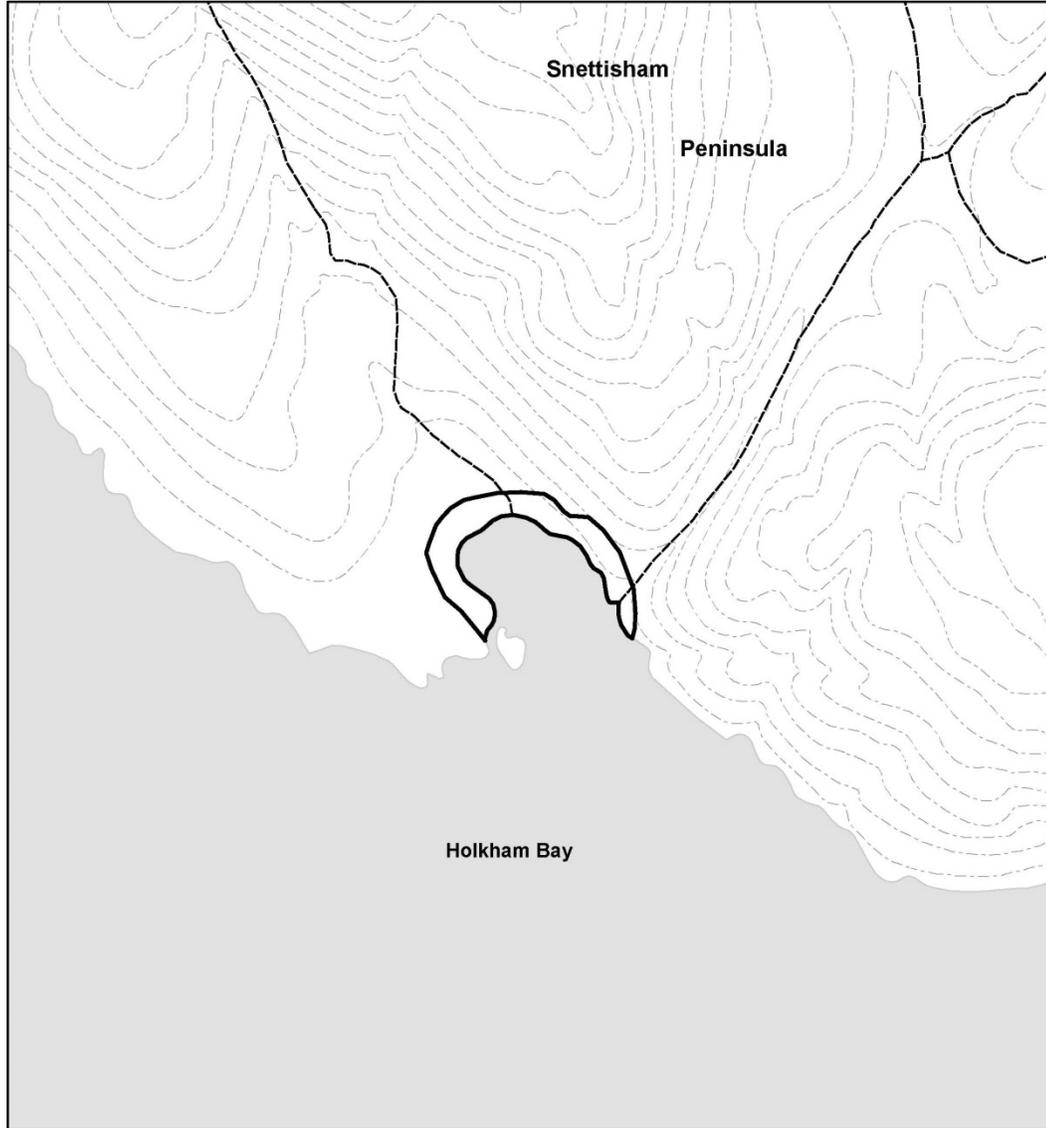
Use Area	01-05B
LUD	Old Growth
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	22
General Characteristics	This south-facing site is located at the entrance to Holkham Bay. The cove is approximately ¼ mile across. Surrounding the cove is a large rock wall with small grottoes and large boulders on the east side and a large meadow on the west side. A second scenic creek bisects the site.
Access	A small pebble beach allows for skiff landings at most tide stages. Anchorage and access could be difficult under some weather conditions due to exposure to Stephens Passage. Icebergs may occasionally be in the area.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	Proximity to Tracy Arm Wilderness allows for a shore excursion and view of upper Tracy Arm on the same day. This area offers scenic views of Frederick Sound. A variety of wildflowers were noted in the area. It has two creeks and provides some geologic diversity. The large rock outcrop at the southwest side provides excellent views of Stephens Passage and Holkham Bay.
Management/Resource Considerations	43% of soils are sensitive, consisting of non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riparian Areas • Vegetation • Bald eagles • No large group camping. • No consumptive uses by large groups.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-24. Map of the Point Coke large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 01-05B - POINT COKE



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Point Elizabeth

Alternatives 1-4

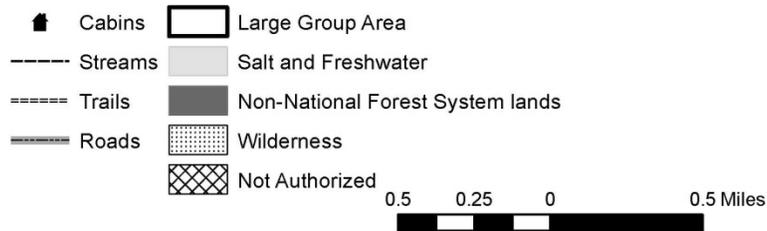
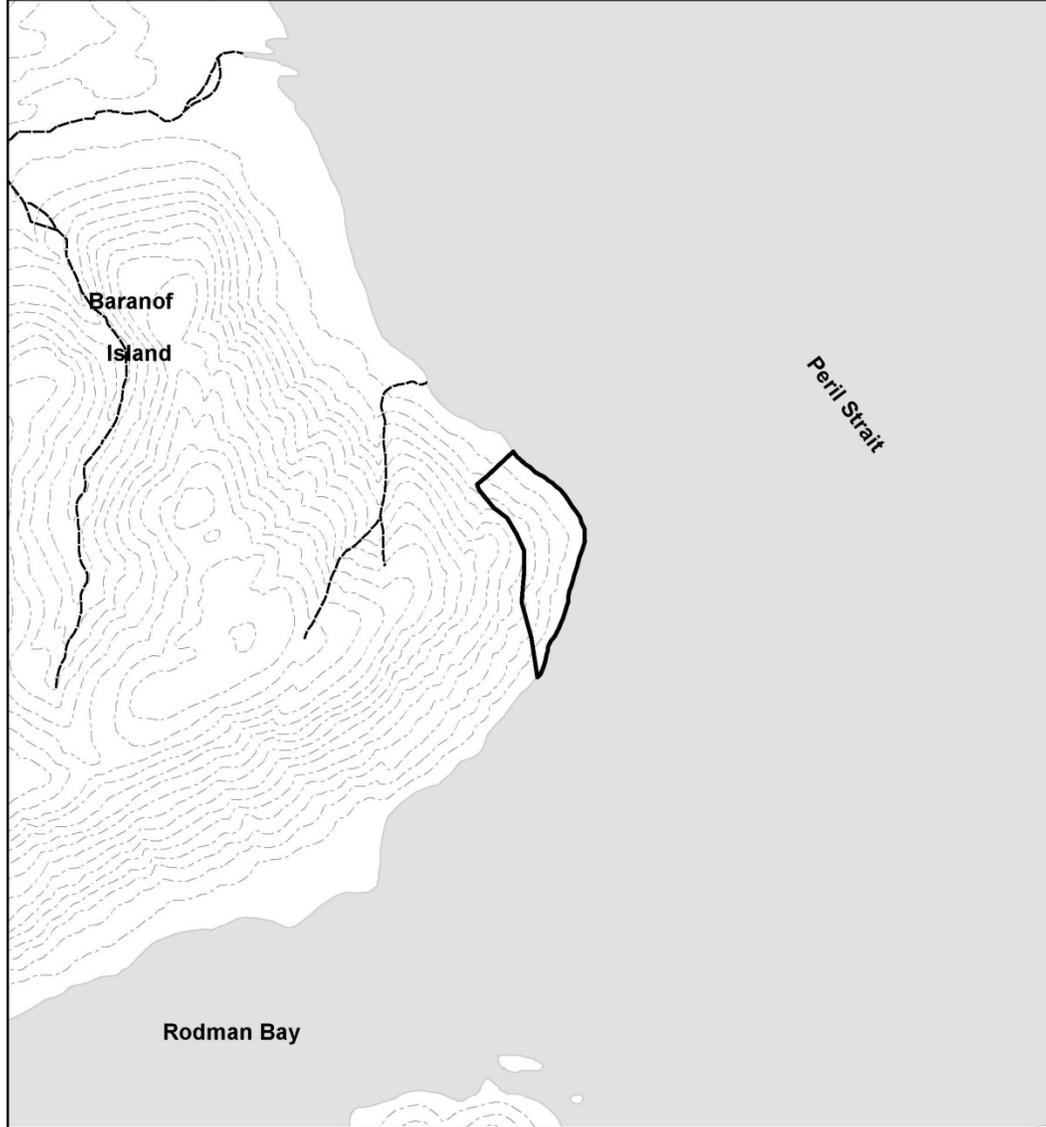
Use Area	04-04A
LUD	Timber Production
ROS	Roaded Modified
Acres	72
General Characteristics	The immediate area is forested. A small bight of land to the west provides some protection for anchoring. Timber harvest is evident in the vicinity. Walking along the forest edge and inside the beach fringe is possible along wildlife trails. Beach fringes have large Sitka Spruce and small root mass ponds with interesting vegetation and successional stages. Intertidal life along the pebble shoreline can be viewed at low tide.
Access	The anchorage is exposed on Peril Straits but is suitable in good weather. Skiffs can land along the pebble beach; the exact location depends on the tide stage.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	A nice small beach can be walked at low tide. There is a large beach fringe forest.
Management/Resource Considerations	None
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Vegetation • Riparian Areas • Brown bear viewing

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-25. Map of the Point Elizabeth large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-04A - POINT ELIZABETH



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Port Althorp, Head of the Bay ***Alternatives 2-4***

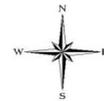
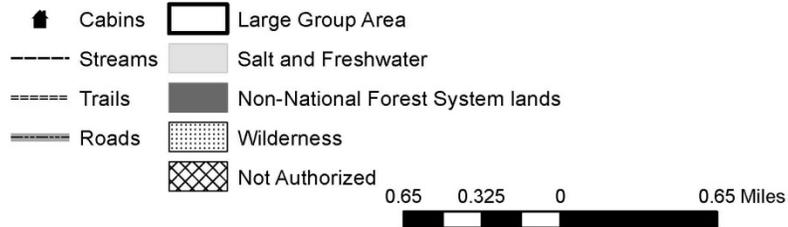
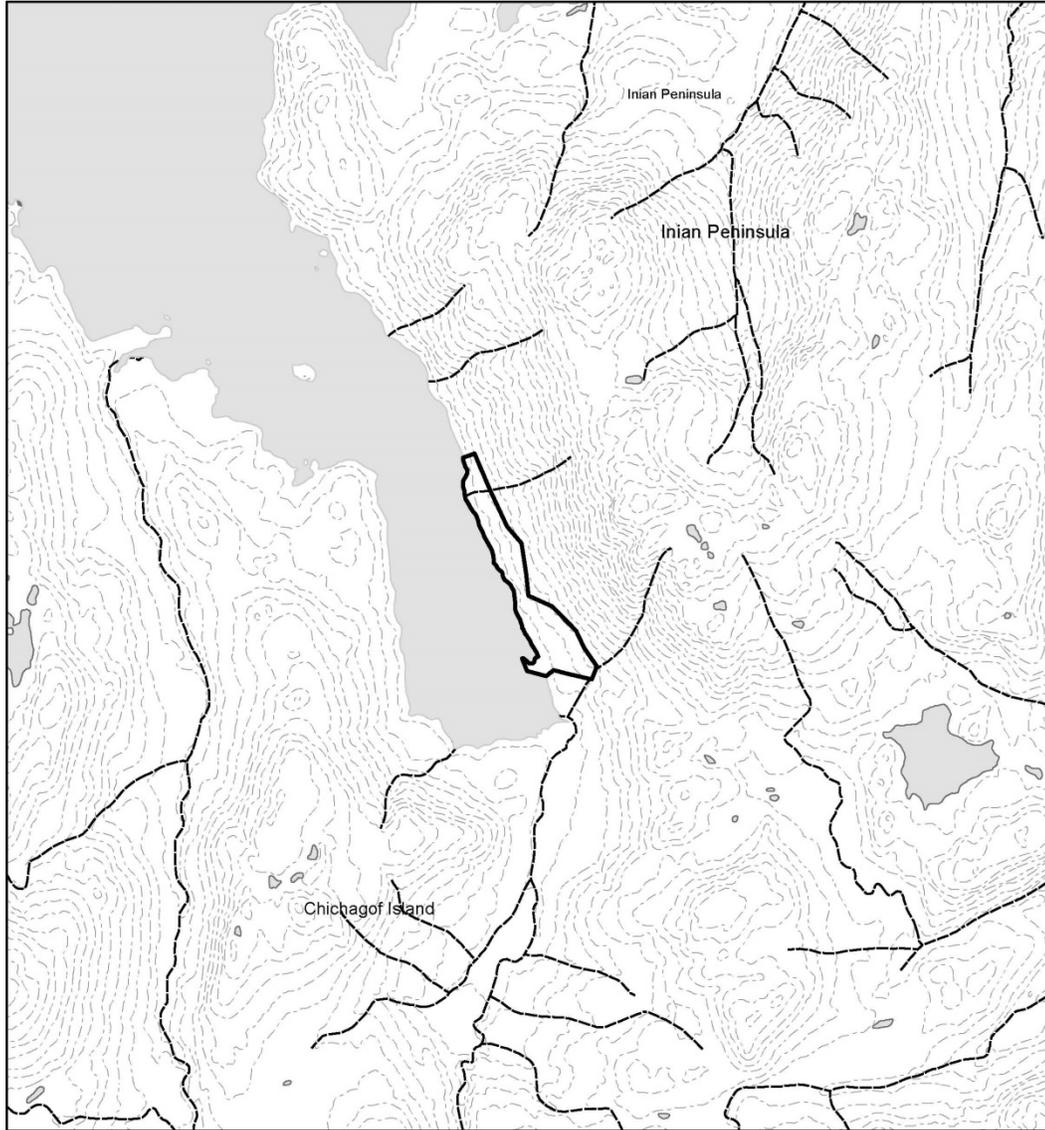
Use Area	04-16E
LUD	LUD II, Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Primitive, Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	80
General Characteristics	Port Althorp is closed to the taking of brown bears. The head of the bay at Port Althorp is a scenic estuary flats with a productive Class I anadromous fish stream. This site offers an excellent opportunity for brown bear and other wildlife viewing.
Access	The site is 7 boat miles from Elfin Cove. There is good protected anchorage for large boats at the head of the bay.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	This site is proposed to be managed for unobtrusive wildlife viewing with restricted hiking through the estuary flats to avoid harassing wildlife. This site will offer additional locations for non-big game outfitter/guides to conduct activities during brown bear hunting seasons to avoid conflicts. Port Althorp has scenic views of Cross Sound, Brady Glacier, Three Hill Island, and the George Islands. This area has excellent opportunities for wildlife viewing. Close proximity to Elfin Cove.
Management/Resource Considerations	5% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach and estuary fringe • Riparian management areas • Wildlife viewing • Bald eagles • Waterfowl and shorebirds • Brown bears • Sensitive and rare plants • Heritage resources • No large group camping • No consumptive uses by large groups • Outfitter/guide hiking activity will be restricted to areas defined by the Hoonah Ranger District.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-26. Map of the Port Althorp, Head of Bay large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-16E - PORT ALTHORP, HEAD OF BAY



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Port Althorp, Salt Chuck

Alternatives 2-4

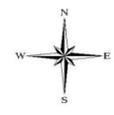
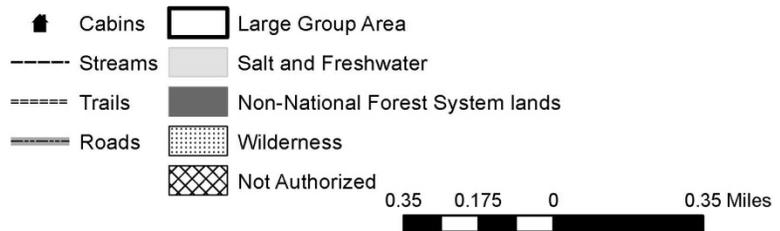
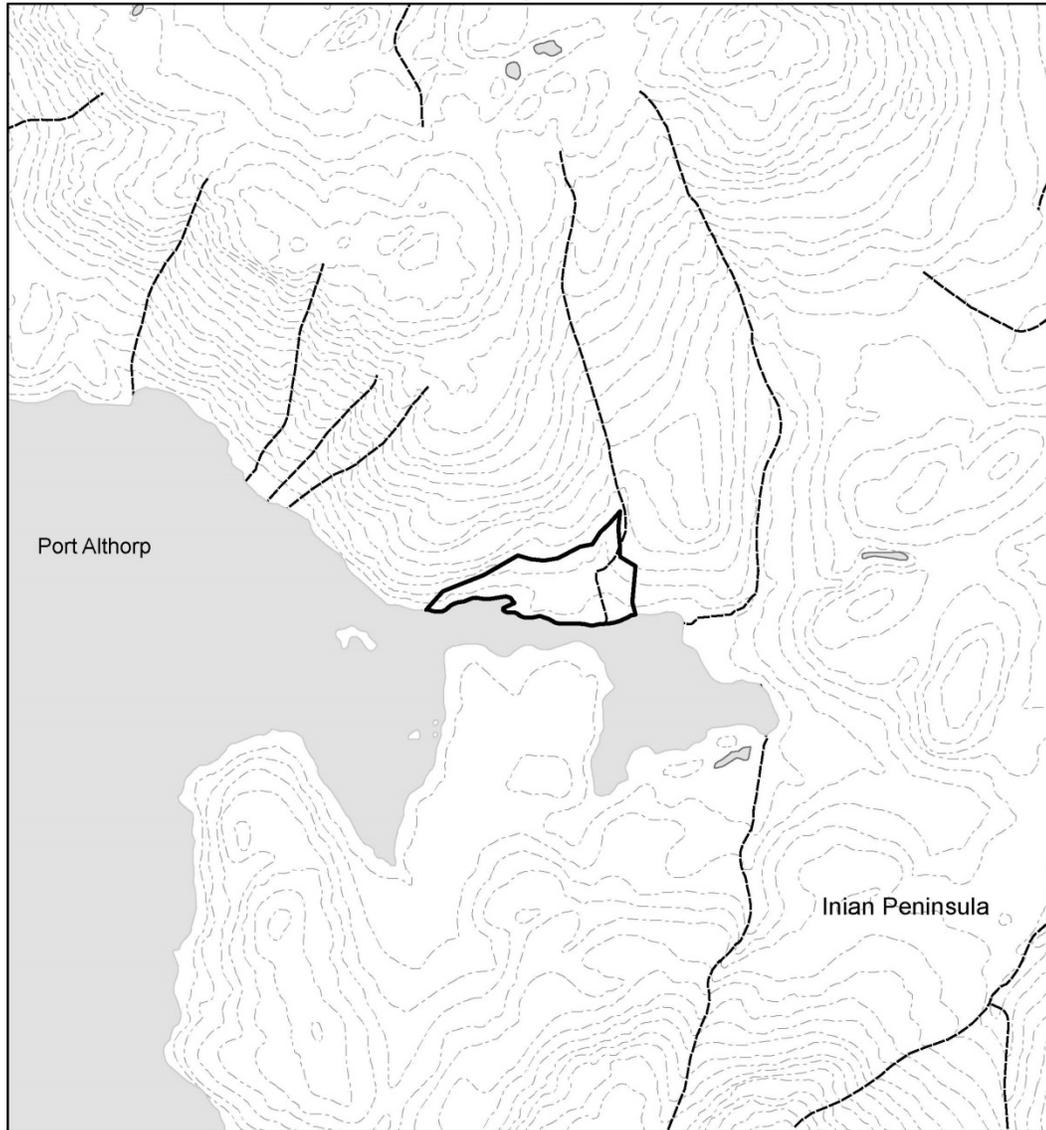
Use Area	04-16E
LUD	LUD II, Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
Acres	37
General Characteristics	Port Althorp is closed to the taking of brown bears. Salt Chuck is a secluded tidal cove with several small streams and a scenic estuary flats. This site offers an excellent opportunity for brown bear and other wildlife viewing.
Access	The site is 6 boat miles from Elfin Cove. Salt Check is only accessible by small boat through a narrow, tidally influenced channel. There is good protected anchorage for larger boats outside of the cove.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	This site is proposed to be managed for unobtrusive wildlife viewing with restricted hiking through the estuary flats to avoid harassing wildlife. This site will offer additional locations for non-big game outfitter/guides to conduct activities during brown bear hunting seasons to avoid conflicts. Port Althorp has scenic views of Cross Sound, Brady Glacier, Three Hill Island, and the George Islands. This area has excellent opportunities for wildlife viewing. Close proximity to Elfin Cove.
Management/Resource Considerations	Potential for resource impacts from repeated foot traffic
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach and estuary fringe • Riparian management areas • Wildlife viewing • Bald eagles • Waterfowl and shorebirds • Brown bears • Sensitive and rare plants • Heritage resources • No large group camping • No consumptive uses by large groups • Outfitter/guide hiking activity will be restricted to areas defined by the Hoonah Ranger District

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-27. Map of the Port Althorp, Salt Chuck Bay large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-16E - PORT ALTHORP, SALT CHUCK BAY



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Port Houghton

Alternatives 1-4

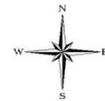
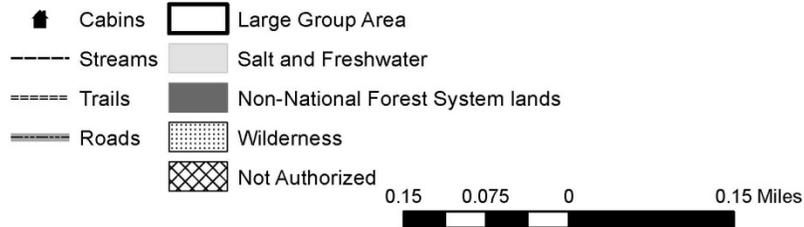
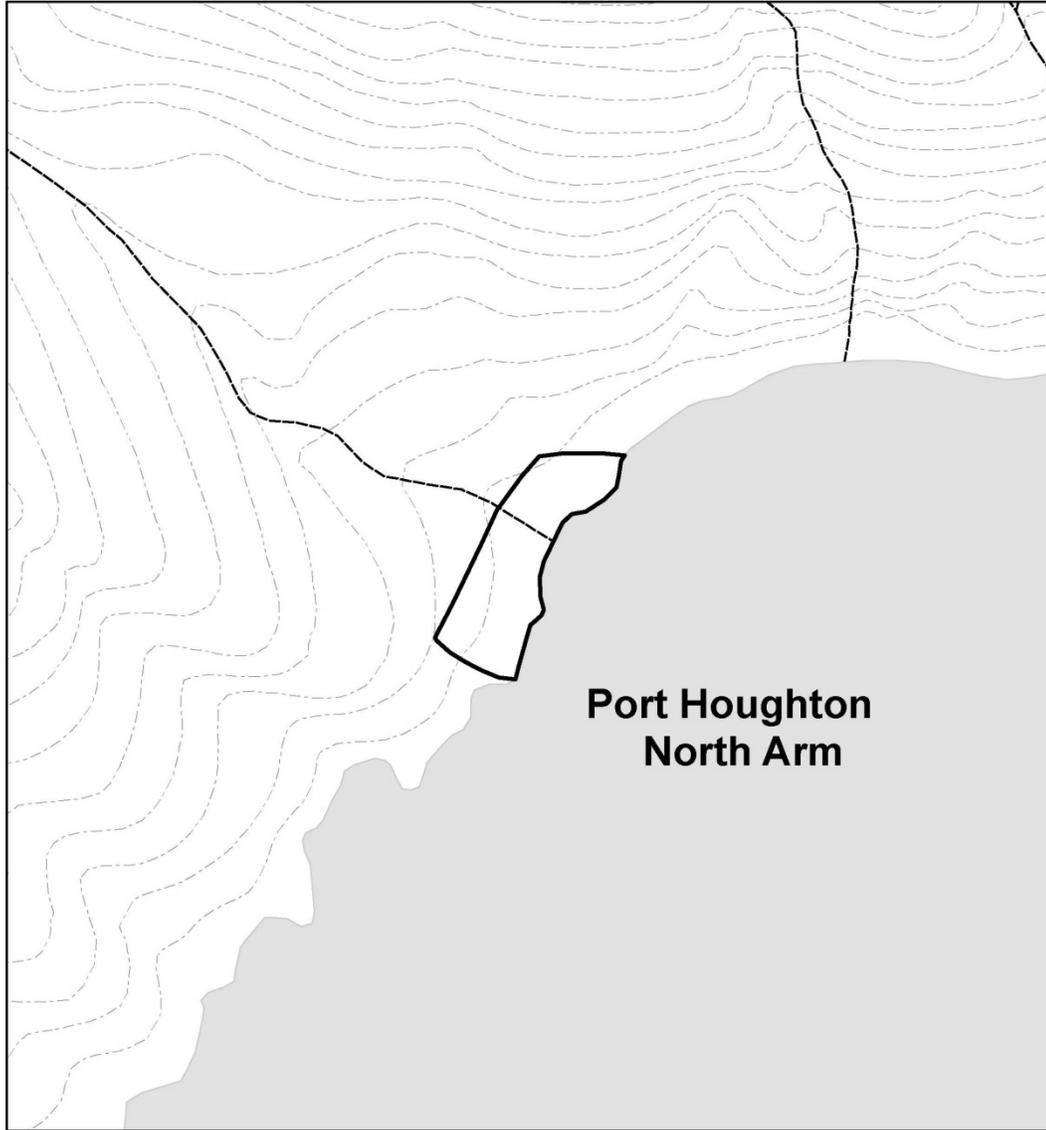
Use Area	01-05C
LUD	Scenic Viewshed
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	9
General Characteristics	This site is located on the north side of Port Houghton. This is a small, distinct location due to the steep terrain surrounding the area. A large creek is present and there are small openings inside the tree line on both sides of the creek. The area contains an old slide that has been colonized by alder and open canopy, creating an attractive light understory.
Access	A steep rocky beach provides access to the site. Access along both sides of the creek beyond initial entry into the woods is difficult due to thick brush and downed trees.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	This area has a scenic a stream with plunge pools. The site offers nice views across Port Houghton as well as a large waterfall dropping over a cliff just to the east of the creek.
Management/Resource Considerations	None
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Marine mammals • Riparian areas • Vegetation

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-28. Map of the Port Houghton large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 01-05C - PORT HOUGHTON



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Red Cliff Islands

Alternatives 1-4

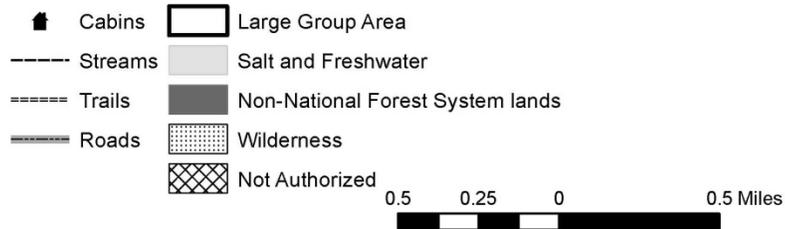
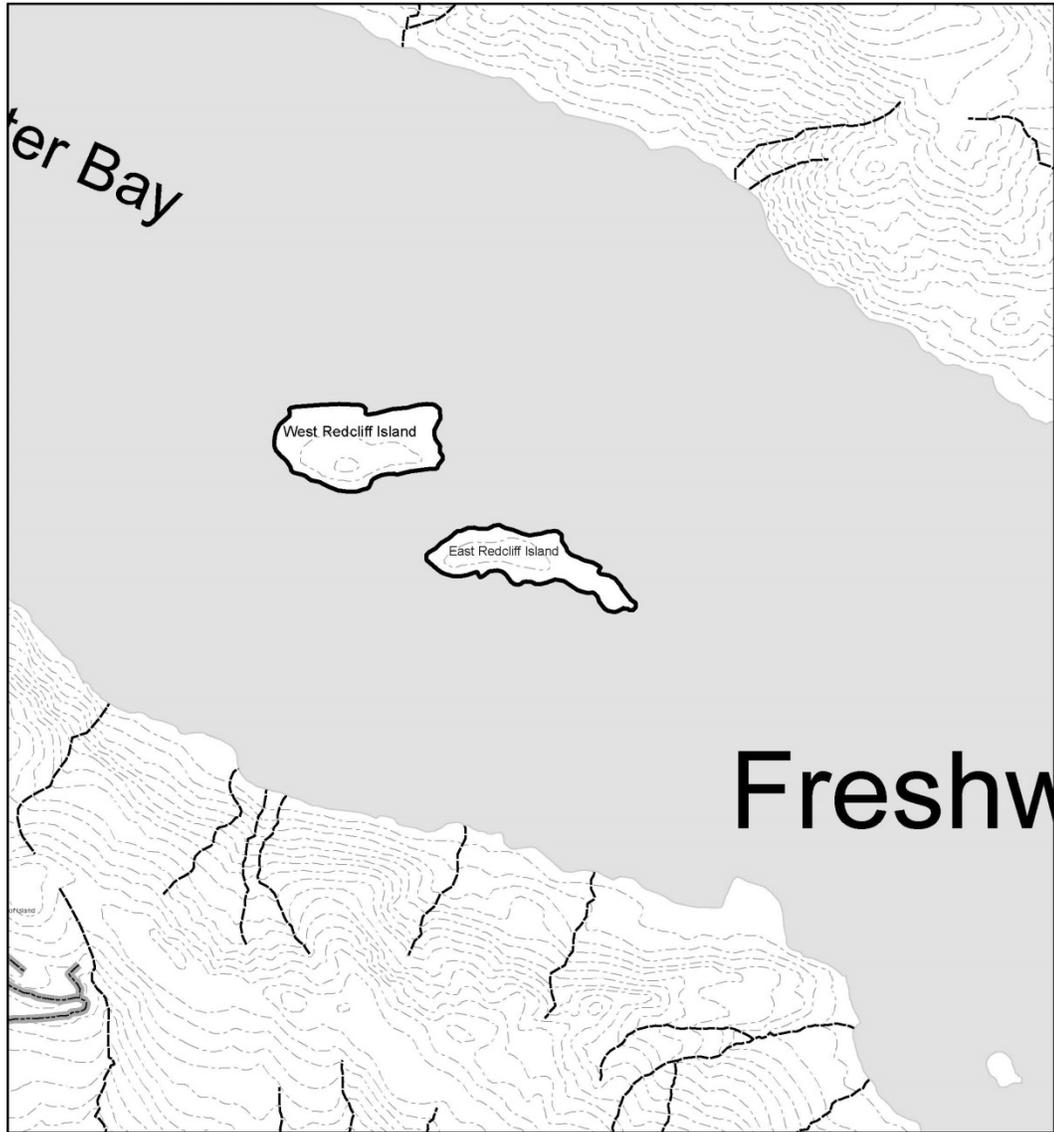
Use Area	04-11B
LUD	Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	119
General Characteristics	This area features 2 isolated islands, East & West Red Cliff, in the middle of Freshwater Bay. There is an elevation rise of 240 feet with scenic red cliffs. It does not receive much unfitted/unguided use.
Access	It is 6 miles from entrance of Freshwater Bay with good protected anchorage, and 2 miles from Kennel Creek float dock and Hoonah road system.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	This area has a scenic setting, with excellent views across Chatham Strait of Admiralty Island and mainland mountains behind Juneau. There are some wildlife viewing opportunities.
Management/Resource Considerations	None
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Marine mammals • Heritage - consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits • No large group camping. • No consumptive uses by large groups. • Outfitter/guide activities must not interfere with other forest management activities.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-29. Map of the Red Cliff Islands large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-11 - RED CLIFF ISLANDS



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Rodman Bay *Alternatives 1-4*

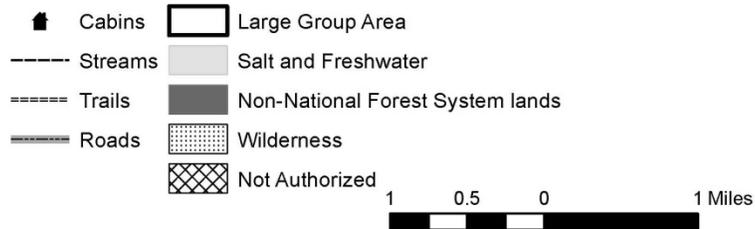
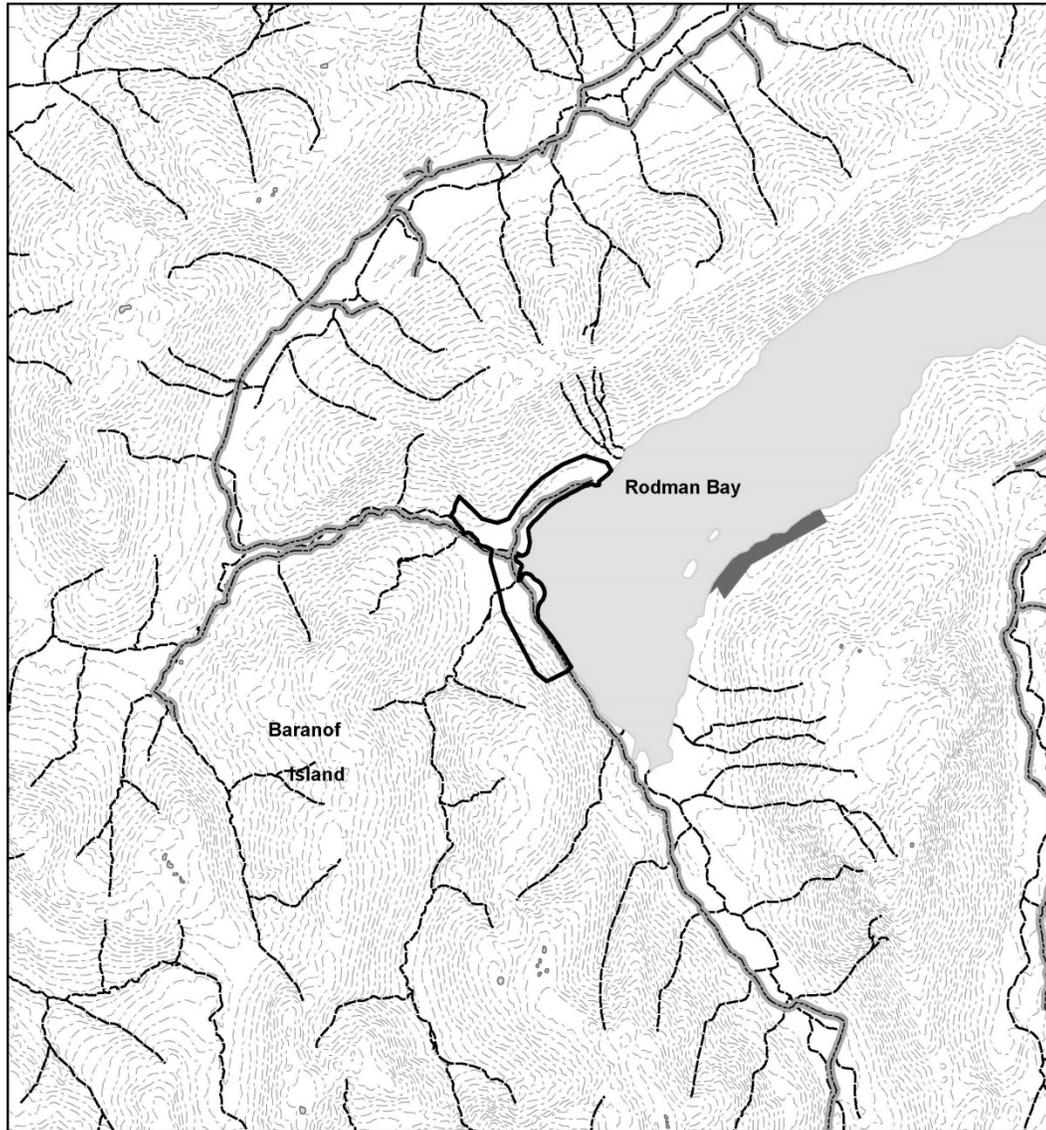
Use Area	04-04A
LUD	Timber Production
ROS	Roaded Modified
Acres	253
General Characteristics	The area was harvested in the 1960's. The harvested areas are regenerating with spruce and hemlock and the road is overgrown with alder.
Access	The anchorage is protected during most weather conditions. Skiffs can land on the beach at most tidal stages.
Facilities	Road, marine access point
Opportunities and Attractions	Wildlife viewing, hiking on the beach and road
Management/Resource Considerations	Less than 1% of soil is sensitive, consisting of estuaries.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Brown bear viewing • Vegetation • Riparian Areas • Heritage - consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits • Outfitter/guide activities must not interfere with other forest management activities.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-30. Map of the Rodman Bay large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-04A - RODMAN BAY



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Salt Lake Bay Dock *Alternatives 1-4*

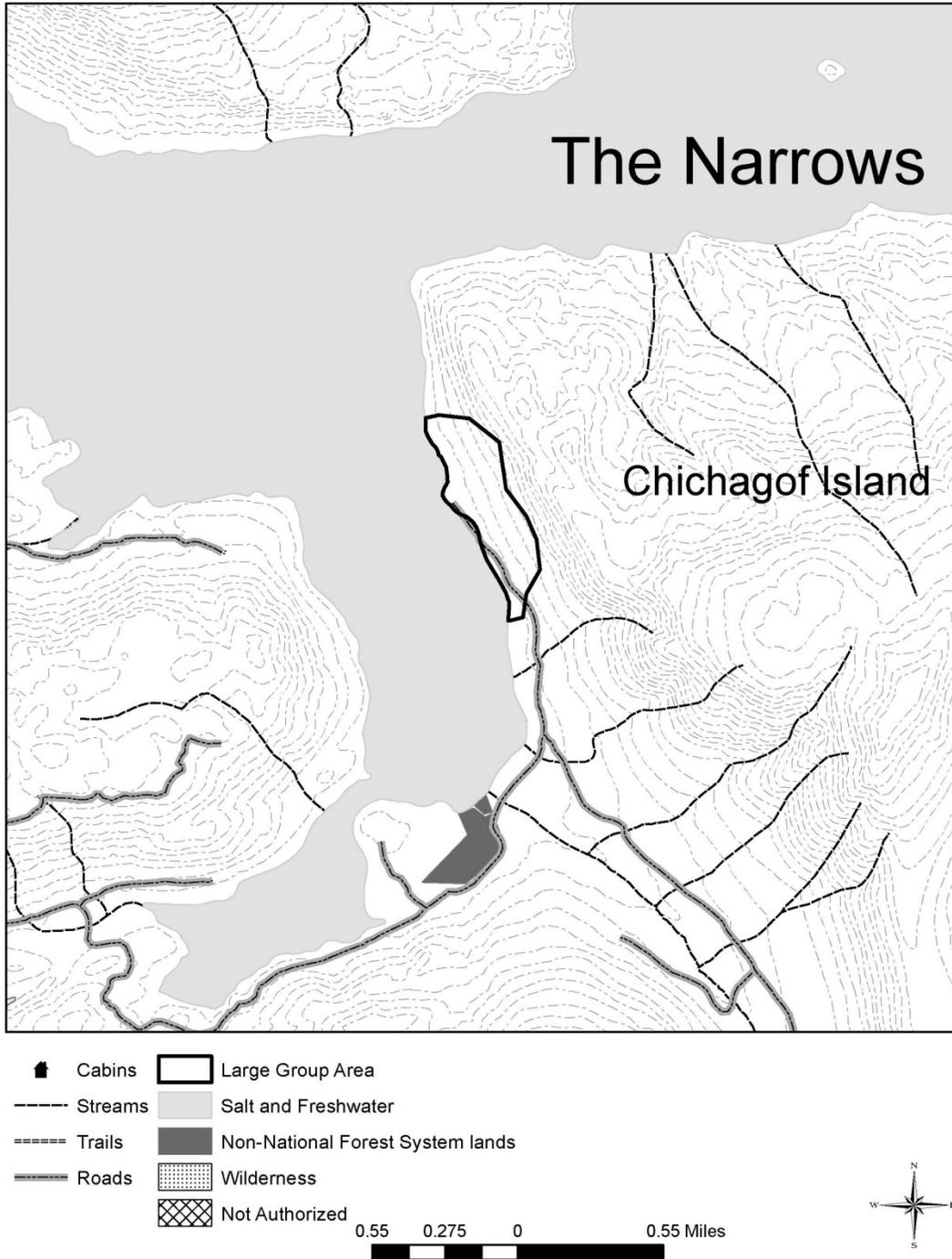
Use Area	04-11A
LUD	Scenic Viewshed, Old Growth Habitat/Reserve
ROS	Roaded Modified
Acres	93
Access	This area is thirteen miles from Hoonah.
Facilities	There is a road, a marine access point, and an administrative dock. The dock accommodates boats up to 35 feet in length and floatplanes. Salt Lake Bay Forest Service recreation cabin is in the vicinity.
Opportunities and Attractions	There are interpretative opportunities. There are wildlife viewing opportunities, especially for brown bear.
Management/Resource Considerations	Administrative access. Hardened site will sustain repeated foot traffic.
Mitigation	<p>See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Brown bear viewing • No large group camping • No consumptive uses by large groups • Outfitter/guide boats may not tie directly to the dock or leave boats unattended, and guided users must not block dock use. • Outfitter/guides must not interfere with other forest management activities. • Salt Lake Bay Dock is for Forest Service administrative use. Outfitter/guides may use this dock as permitted, but they may not moor boats/planes overnight, leave boats/planes unattended, or obstruct administrative use. Outfitter/guides that are not permitted to use this dock must anchor so as not to obstruct boat or floatplane access to the dock.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-31. Map of the Salt Lake Bay Dock large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-11 - SALT LAKE BAY DOCK



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Sand Bay

Alternatives 1-4

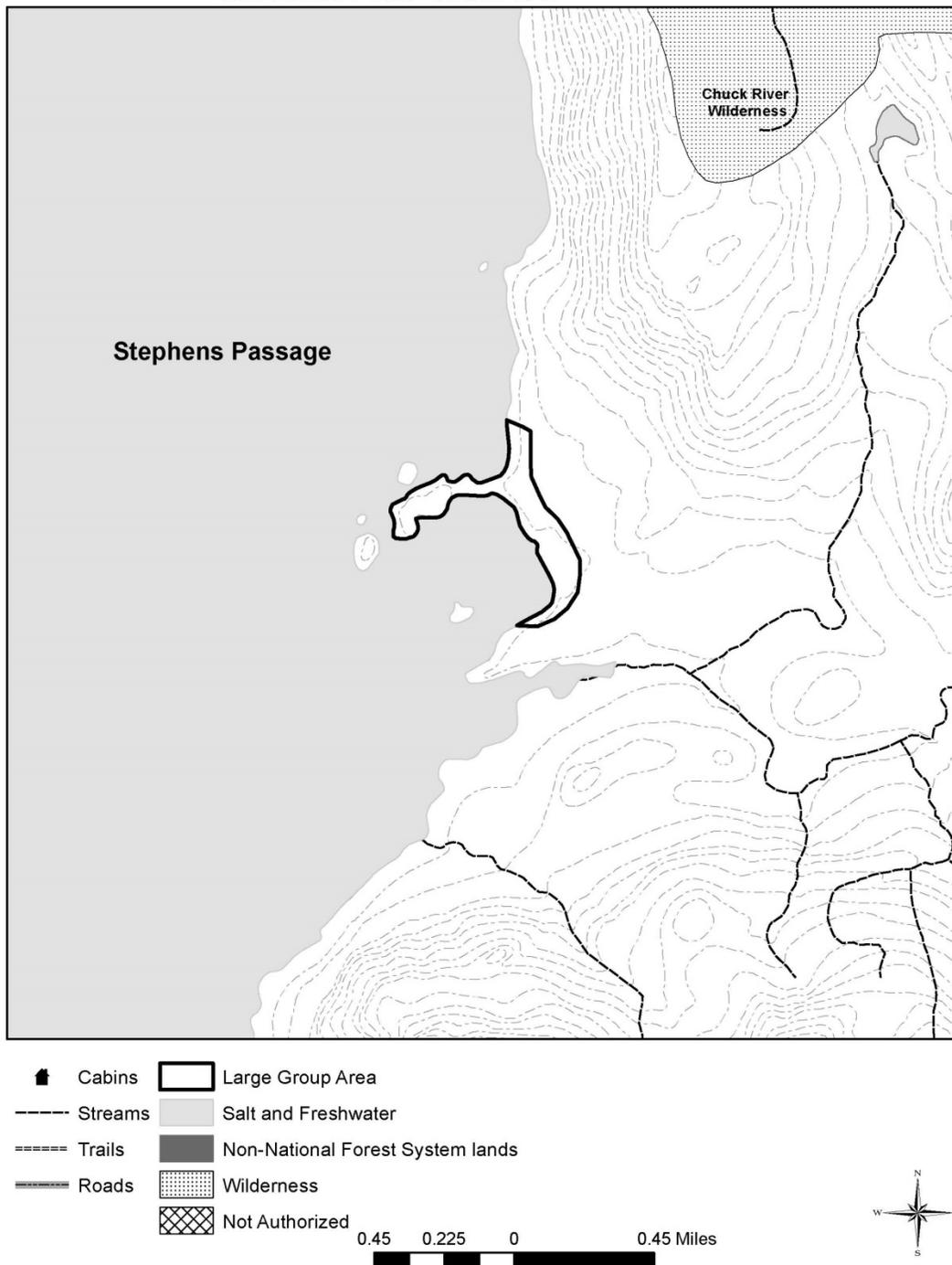
Use Area	01-05C
LUD	Scenic Viewshed, Old Growth Reserve/Habitat
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	59
General Characteristics	This site is located in a “u-shaped” cove with the enclave located on the north peninsula extending south down the cove approximately ¼ mile. A fine sand beach and a relatively flat area above the river mouth provide easy walking along the shoreline. It is possible to cross the peninsula and view the adjacent cove to the north. There are large mature trees inland, and visibility under the tree canopy is good.
Access	There is a rolling sandy beach with some cobble. The area is exposed to weather from Stephens Passage and Frederick Sound.
Facilities	None
Concerns	There are three cultural sites in the area.
Opportunities and Attractions	There is a good view across Stephens Passage. The area is relatively close to the Tracy Arm – Fords Terror Wilderness allowing for a day trip in the fiord and a shore excursion outside the wilderness. In good weather the scenic setting and varied shoreline would provide a suitable location for kayaking.
Management/Resource Considerations	There are three cultural sites in the area. 90% of soils are sensitive, consisting of beaches and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Riparian areas • Vegetation • Waterfowl (no large group use 7/1 through 9/15 for protection of molting birds) • Heritage - consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits • No large group camping. • No consumptive uses by large groups. • A timing restriction will be in effect from July 1 to September 15 at the Sand Bay LGA. The intent of the timing restriction is to reduce disturbance to molting scoters and other waterfowl.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-32. Map of the Sand Bay large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 01-05C - SAND BAY



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Saook Bay

Alternatives 1-4

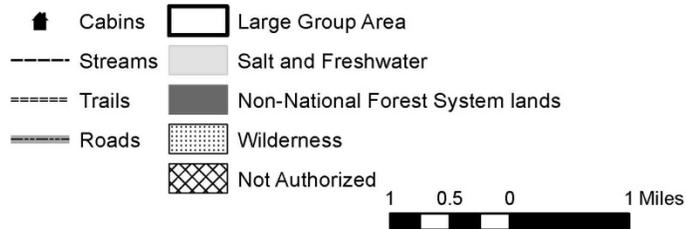
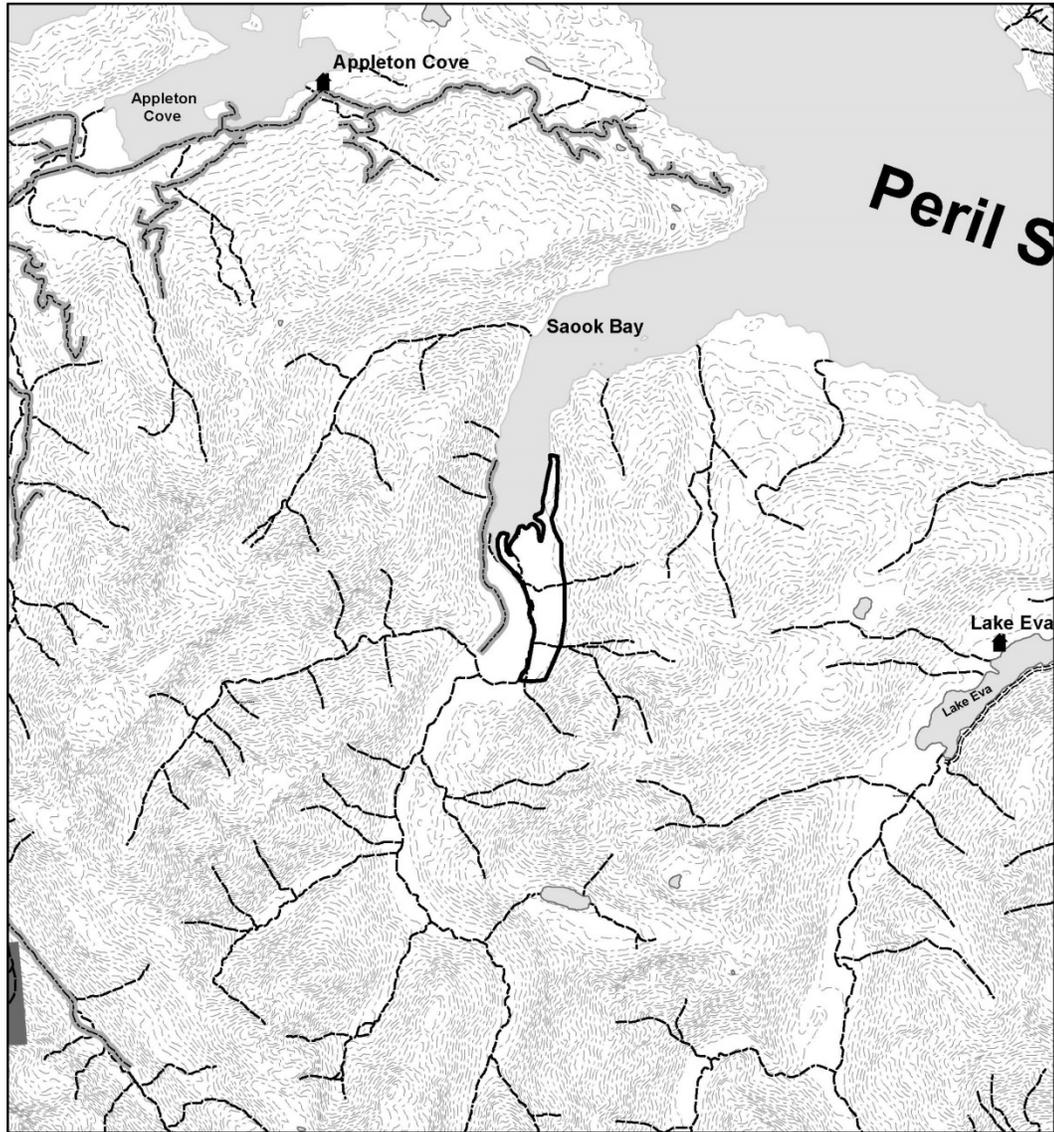
Use Area	04-04A
LUD	Timber Production
ROS	Roaded Modified, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
Acres	300
General Characteristics	Broad meadows at end of fjord provide easy walking. Flowers and vegetation are plentiful in the early summer. There is a wildlife trail through large stand of trees at the head of the meadow, and bear trails with obvious footprint paths. Salmon are present in a stream in the late summer. There has been timber harvest in the vicinity.
Access	The anchorage is protected during most weather conditions. Skiffs can land on the west side of the meadows next to a small stream.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	Meadows at end of fjord, stand of large trees
Management/Resource Considerations	32% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Marine mammals • Vegetation • Riparian areas • Brown bear viewing

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-33. Map of the Saook Bay large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-04A - SAOOK BAY



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Sashin Lake Trail

Alternatives 2-4

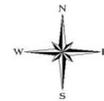
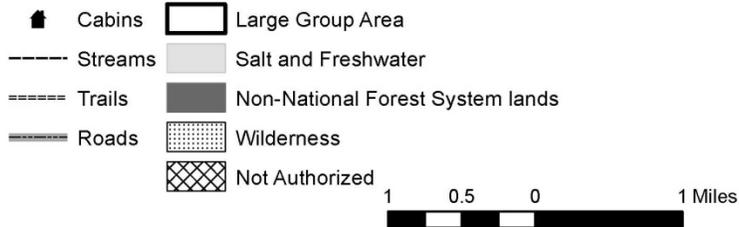
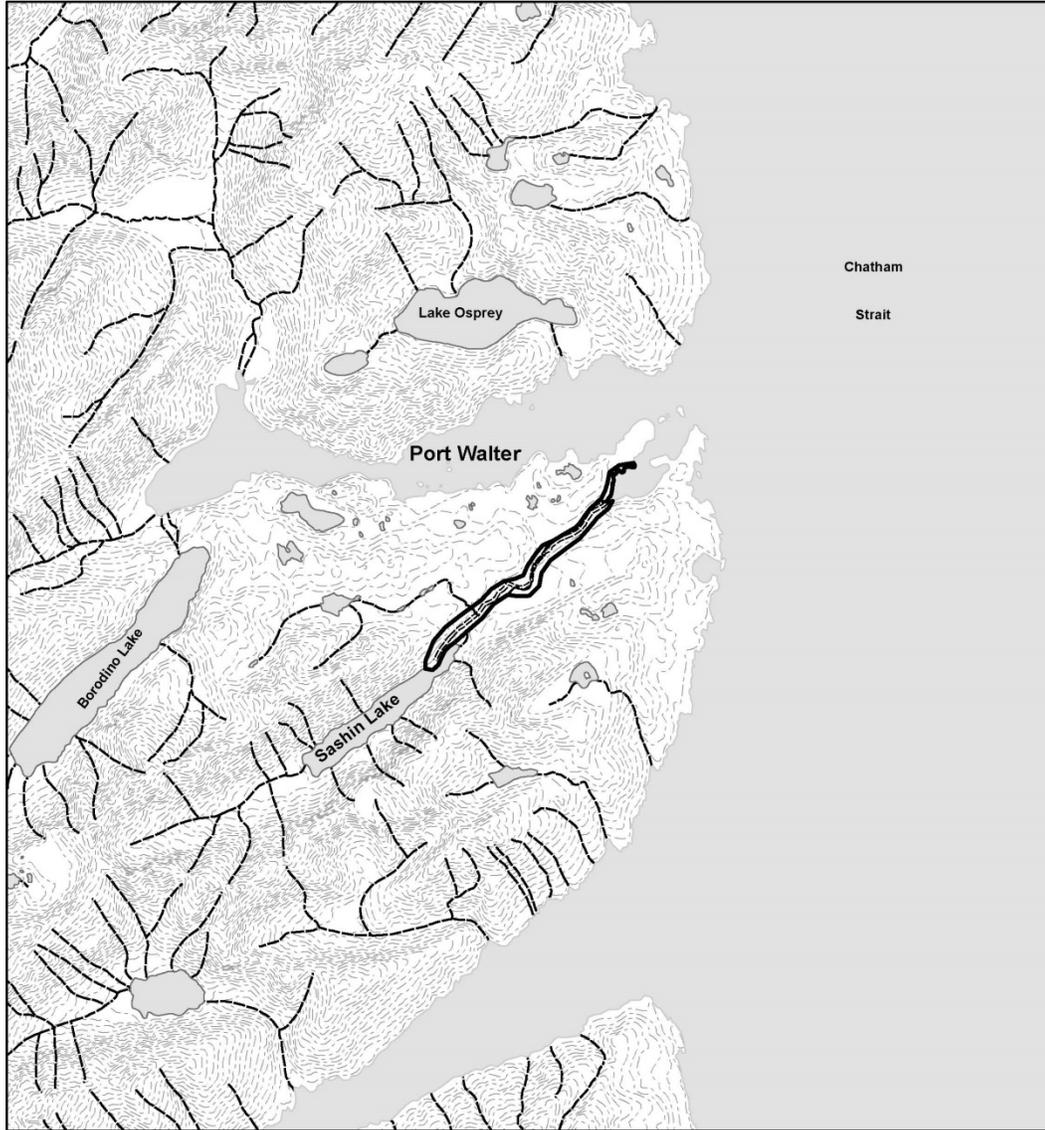
Use Area	04-01B
LUD	Remote Recreation, Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Primitive, Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	117
General Characteristics	Sashin Lake Trail is an old CCC era trail that provides access from Little Port Walter to Sashin Lake.
Access	The trail is accessed by a road through the research facility. There is a dock at the facility for skiff or small boat access.
Facilities	NOAA Little Port Walter research facility, Sashin Lake Trail
Opportunities and Attractions	NOAA research activities, fish weir, trail to Sashin Lake.
Management/Resource Considerations	33% of soil is sensitive, reasons is non-forested wetlands. Trail is in poor condition. There is potential for outfitter/guides to interfere with NOAA Littler Port Walter facility operations.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage - consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits • Use of Sashin Lake Trail is prohibited until the trail is reconstructed, because of unsafe trail conditions and resource damage. • Outfitter/guide visits to the NOAA Little Port Walter facility must adhere to the requirements listed in the most current NOAA Little Port Walter Visitor Guide.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-34. Map of the Sashin Lake Trail large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-01B - SASHIN LAKE TRAIL



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Shoals Point

Alternatives 2-4

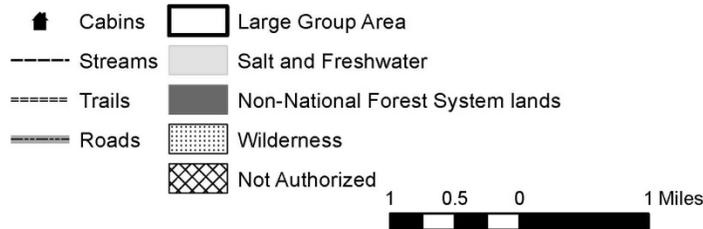
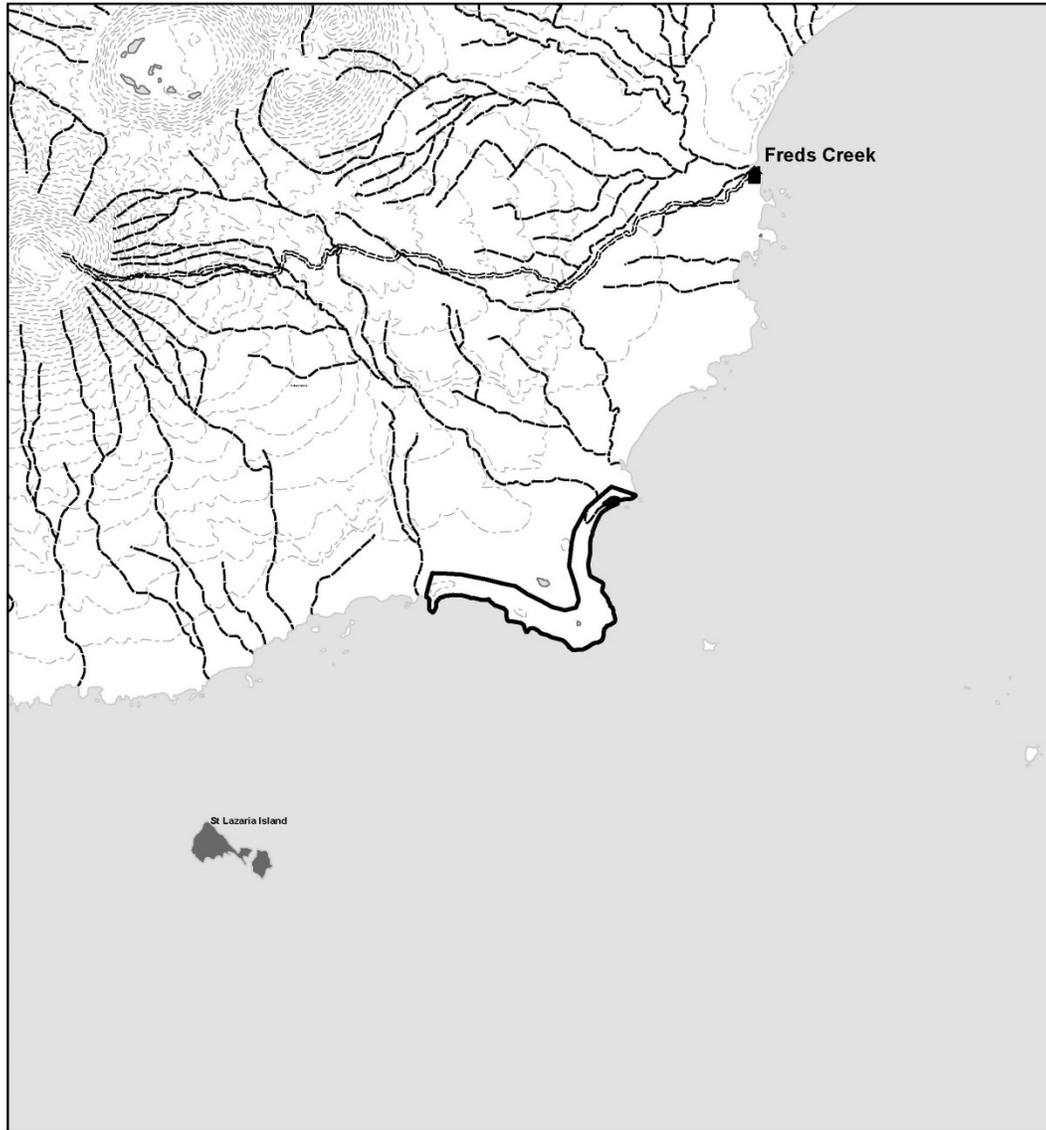
Use Area	04-03
LUD	Special Interest Area
ROS	Semi-primitive Motorized
Acres	306
General Characteristics	This area is characterized by a volcanic landscape at the base of Mt. Edgumbe volcano.
Access	Access is difficult and requires good sea conditions. Shoals point is exposed and open to ocean swells. During good conditions, the area is typically accessed along the sandy beaches on the northeast end of the LGA.
Facilities	An old road bed follows the shoreline.
Opportunities and Attractions	Volcanic features can be viewed above the tide line. Interesting tidal pools provide opportunities for exploration. Remnants of WWII facilities exist within the forested area.
Management/Resource Considerations	52% of soil is sensitive, consisting of beaches and non-forested wetlands. Populations of a rare plant species, silver bur ragweed (<i>Ambrosia chamissonis</i>) occur in this area.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Forest Service botanist/ecologist should be consulted before issuing any permits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Heritage Management Plan required prior to any additional permits being issued.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-35. Map of the Shoals Point large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-03 - SHOALS POINT



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Sitkoh Bay Road

Alternatives 1-4

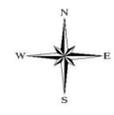
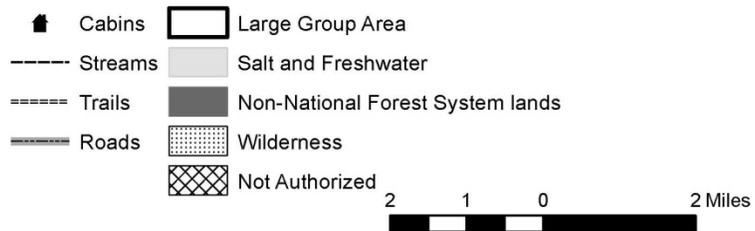
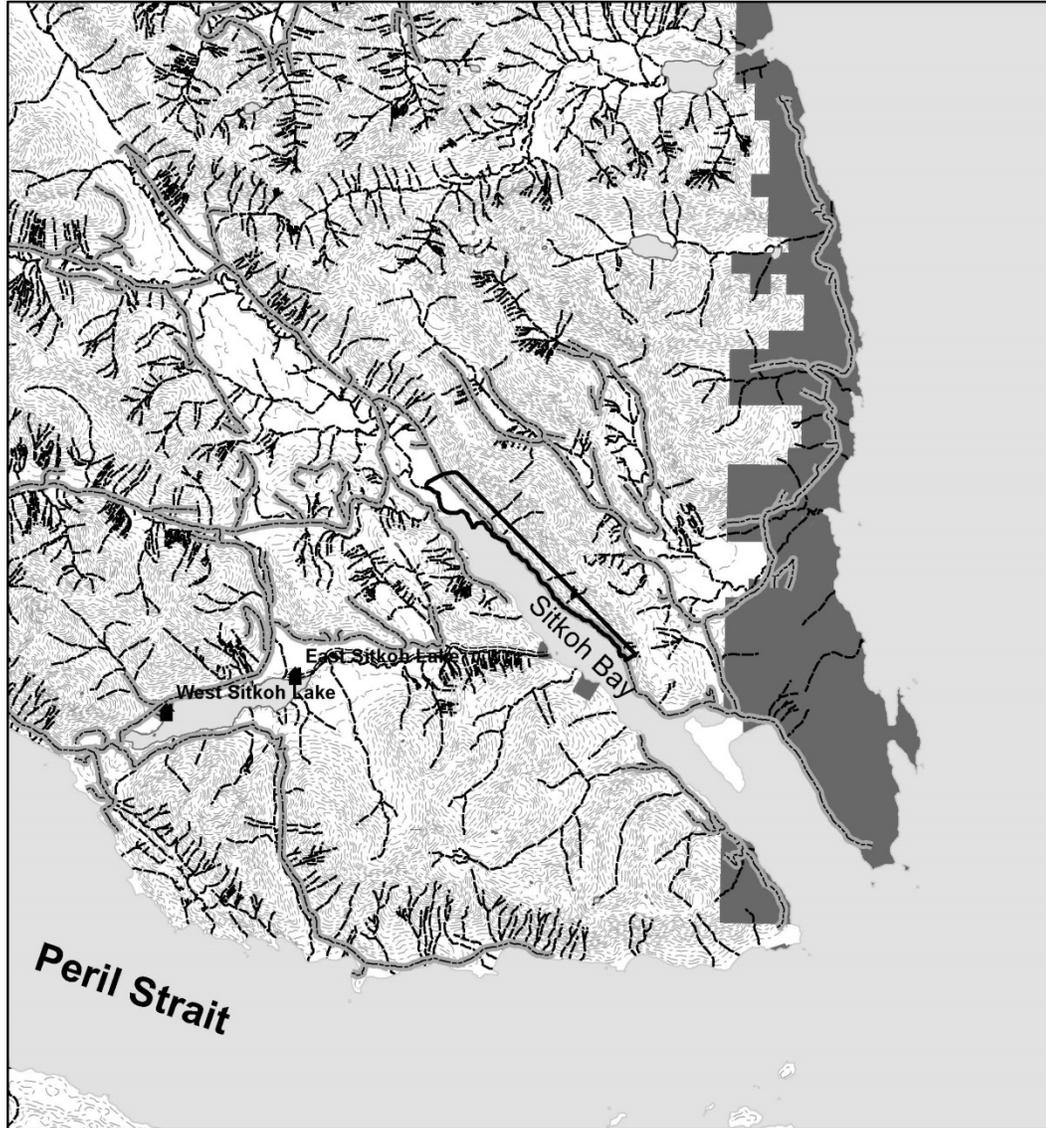
Use Area	04-13
LUD	Modified Landscape, Timber Production
ROS	Roaded Modified
Acres	500
General Characteristics	A scenic bay and a past timber harvest are visible in the area. The road on the north side of the bay passes just above the shoreline providing easy access.
Access	There is a protected anchorage within the bay. Skiffs can land along the shore but the exact spot depends on the tide. During high tide it is possible to land at the north end of the meadow at the end of the bay.
Facilities	Road and marine access point.
Opportunities and Attractions	Easy access to an old roadbed for walking. Opportunities for forest management interpretation. Opportunity to hike to the estuary at the head of the bay and view wildlife.
Management/Resource Considerations	20% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Brown bear viewing • Riparian Areas • Vegetation • Heritage - consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits • Outfitter/guides must not interfere with other forest management activities.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-36. Map of the Sitkoh Bay Road large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-13 - SITKOH BAY ROAD



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Sullivan Mountain

Alternatives 1-4

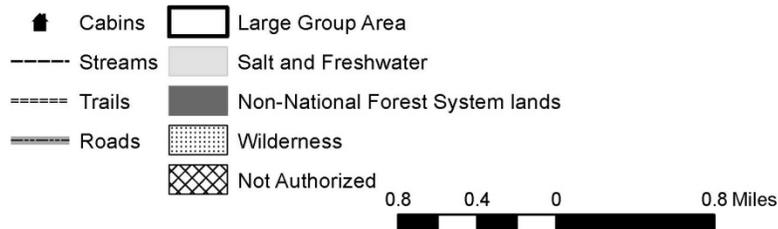
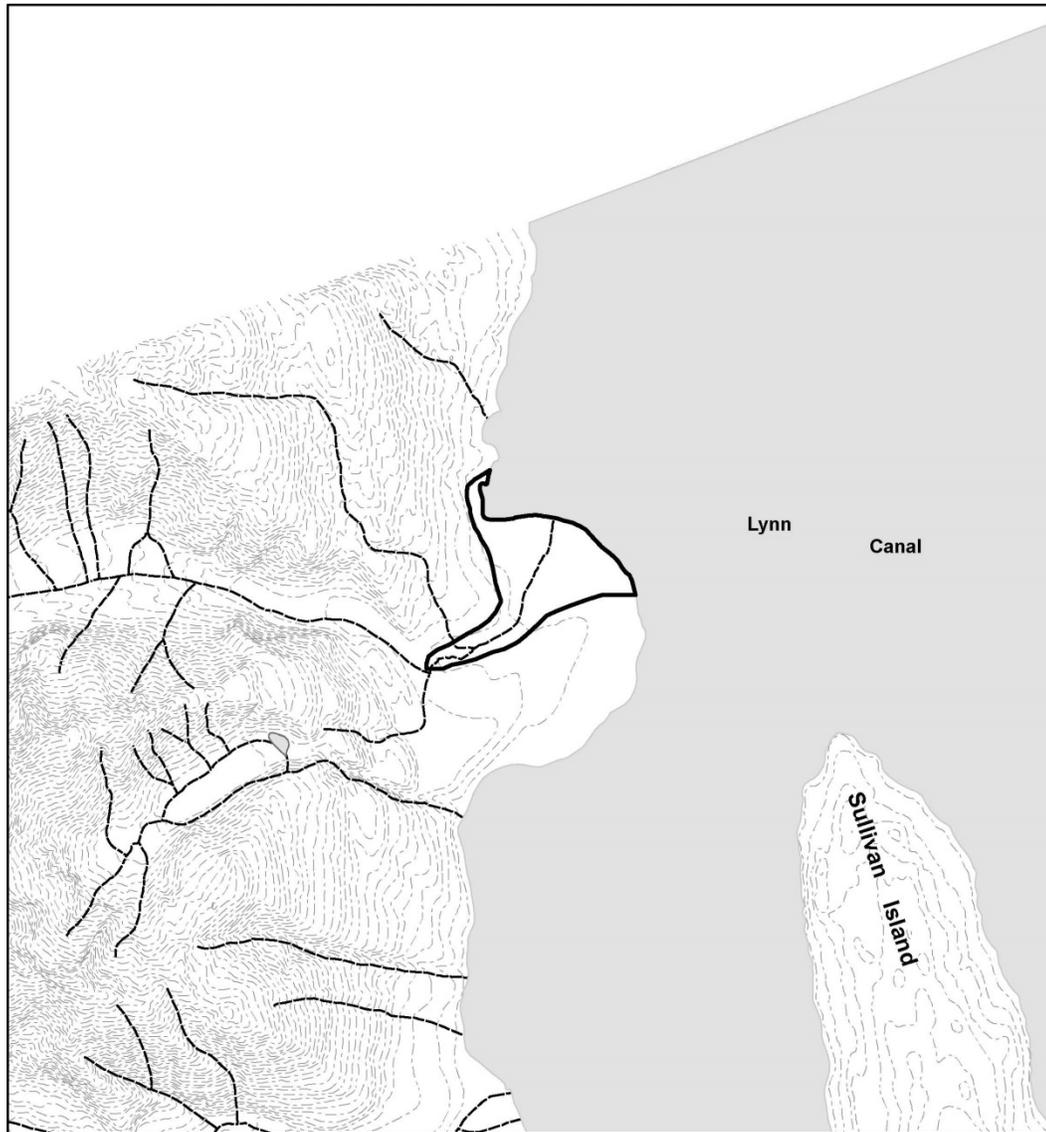
Use Area	01-02
LUD	Modified Landscape, Old-Growth Reserve
ROS	Roaded Modified, Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Non-motorized
Acres	235
General Characteristics	Located at the mouth of a braided glacial outwash creek, this site is characterized by an outwash plain comprised of glacial silt, cobble, and boulder substrate. Alder, willow, cottonwood, and spruce mark the upland flats south of the creek. Along the face of the alluvial plain to the south is a long and rocky beach bordered by a beach rye grass meadow extending to the tree line.
Access	Access may be primarily by floatplane or boat. The cove may provide some protection for anchoring from winds to the south but may be more exposed from the north. Water depths are shallow in front of the creek but the beach is deeper to the south of the creek.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	The flora and fauna of the Chilkat Mountains
Management/Resource Considerations	Potential facilities could be shielded from shoreline view by the gentle terrain. There are private land parcels in the area; outfitter/guide activities must not trespass on private land.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagle • Riparian areas • Vegetation

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-37. Map of the Sullivan Mountain large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 01-02 - SULLIVAN MOUNTAIN



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Sunny Cove

Alternatives 1-4

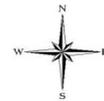
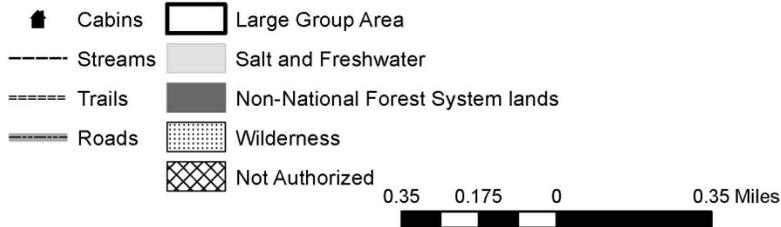
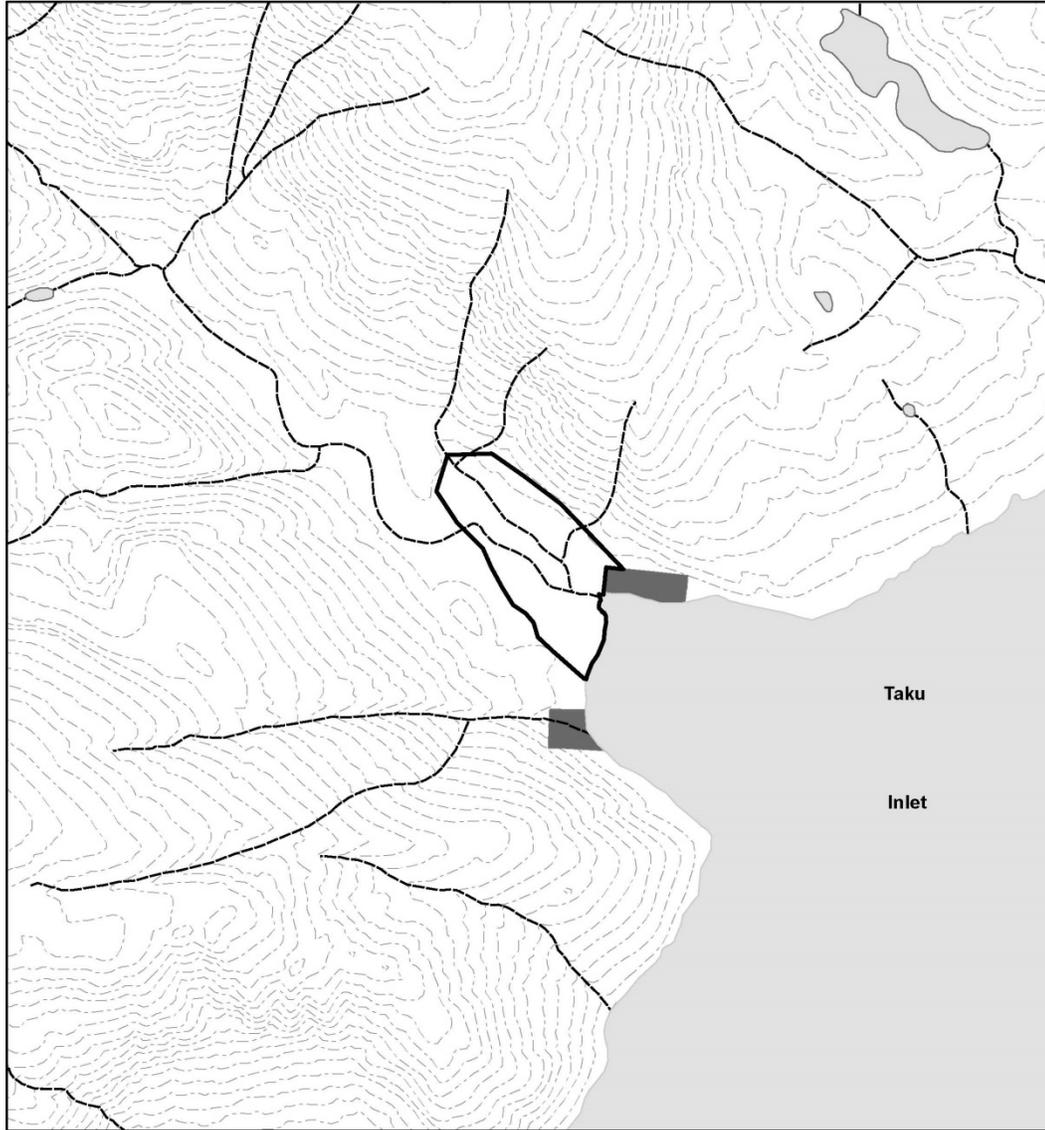
Use Area	01-04C
LUD	Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Roaded Natural
Acres	64
General Characteristics	This site is located on the north side of Taku Inlet on Carlson Creek, which empties into Sunny Cove. Carlson Creek is a wide, shallow, fast moving stream with numerous pools, a rocky bottom, and large boulders. A power line passes the north side of the cove but is not too obtrusive. Relatively flat banks above the creek make for easy walking.
Access	The cove has a muddy tide flat at low tide and is rockier up the beach. The forest on the north side is poor for walking and the private parcel would have to be skirted. The timber is better on the south side and it would be easier to access more of the site. The creek is not fordable except with hip waders.
Facilities	A power line runs through the area.
Opportunities and Attractions	This area provides wildlife and wildflower viewing, fishing, hiking, and bird watching opportunities. Access to National Forest lands is along the tide flat. Carlson Creek is a very large scenic creek. There are excellent views of the mountains across Taku Inlet. This area offers easy walking through bear paths, beach grass, and some rocks.
Management/Resource Considerations	There are two small privately owned parcels in the cove; outfitter/guides must not trespass on private land. 41% of soils are sensitive, and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Vegetation • Riparian areas

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-38. Map of the Sunny Cove large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 01-04C - SUNNY COVE



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Three Hill Island

Alternatives 1-4

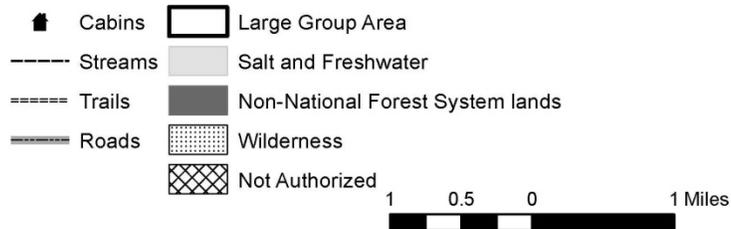
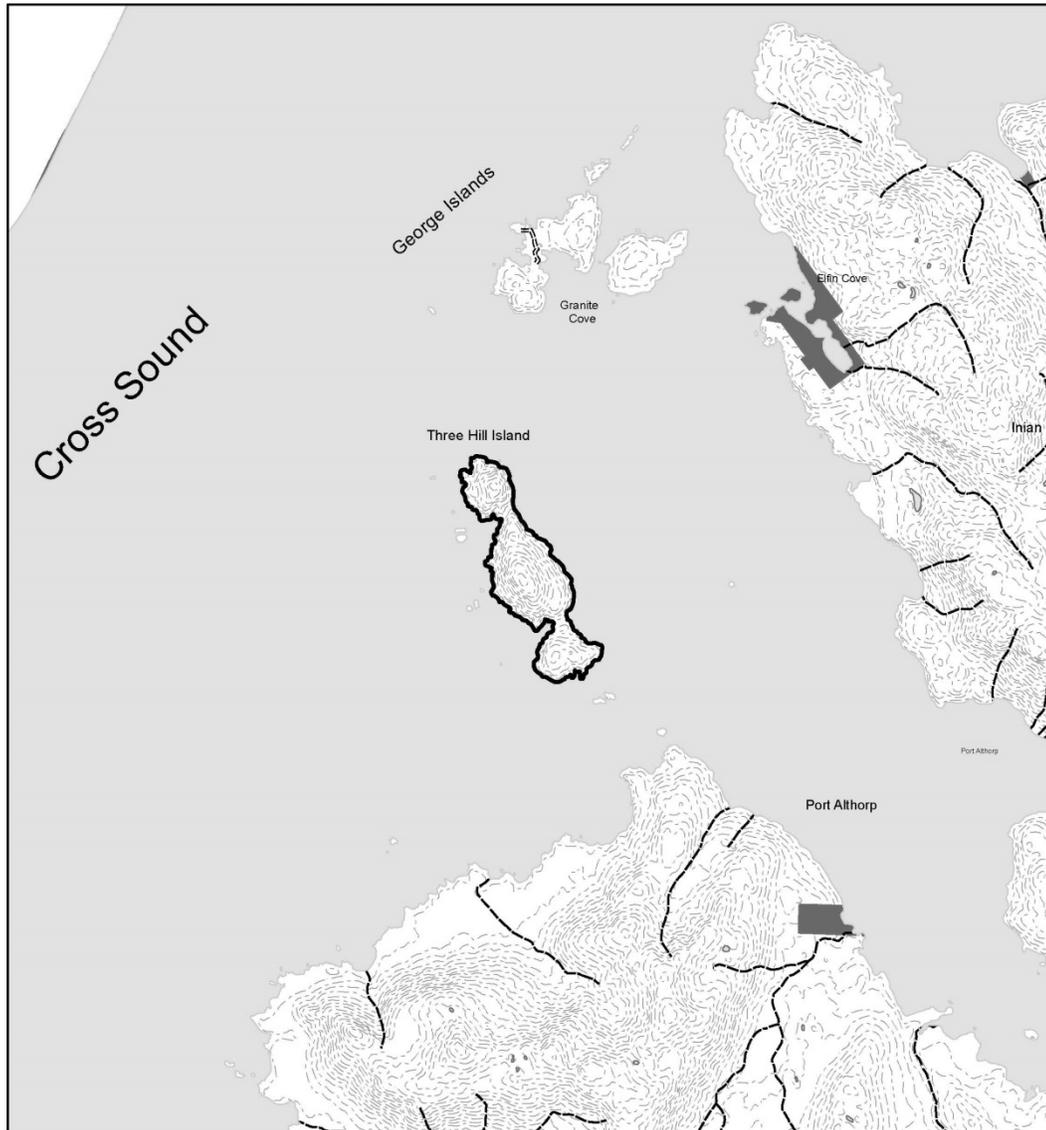
Use Area	04-15A
LUD	Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	362
General Characteristics	This area is located near the entrance to Port Althorp. It is a small island with secluded sandy coves, sea bird rookeries, and terrestrial and marine mammal viewing opportunities. This island offers a variety of recreation and wildlife viewing opportunities including hiking, sightseeing, camping, and beach combing. It has a difficult anchorage.
Access	Three Hill Island is within five miles of Elfin Cove and receives unouffitted/unguided use from residents and visitors for hiking, sightseeing, beach combing, and camping. Large boats normally anchor on the east side of the island and skiff ashore. Smaller skiffs and kayaks also approach from the east side, as the west shore is very rocky and exposed to large swells from Cross Sound.
Facilities	There are no Forest Service facilities at this location.
Opportunities and Attractions	This area has a scenic setting with views across Cross Sound of Glacier Bay National Park. There are opportunities for wildlife viewing; particularly sea bird rookeries.
Management/Resource Considerations	Elfin Cove residents use this area. There are seal and/or sea lion haul outs and seabird rookeries.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine mammals • Bald eagles • Seabird rookeries - Outfitter/Guides and their clients are restricted to the east side of Three Hill Island. • Vegetation • Riparian areas • Heritage - consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-39. Map of the Three Hill Island large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-15 - THREE HILL ISLAND



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Ushk Bay Head

Alternatives 2-4

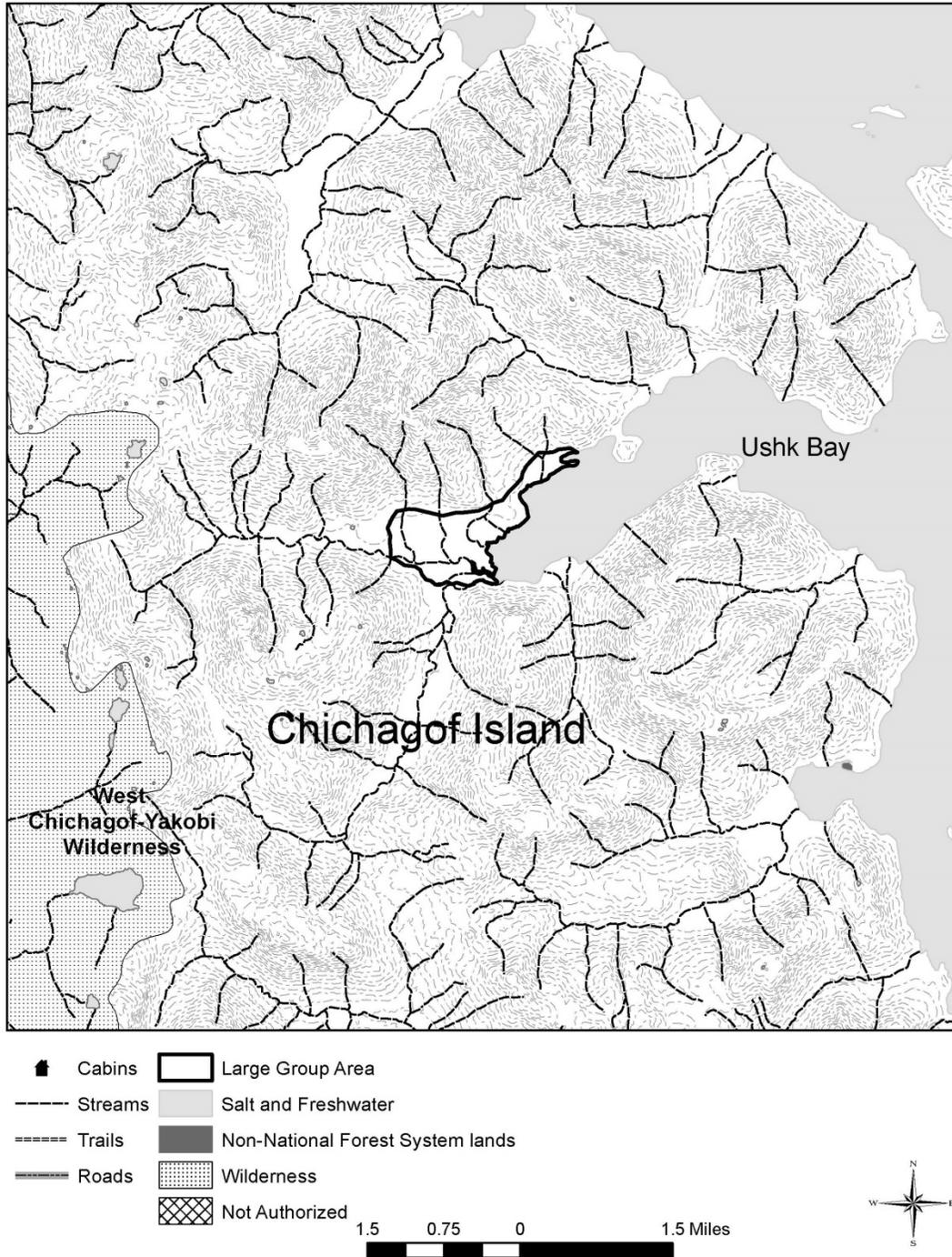
Use Area	04-13
LUD	Modified Landscape, Timber Production
ROS	Roaded Modified, Semi-Primitive Motorized, Primitive
Acres	553
General Characteristics	Generally open forested area interspersed with thick growth from past harvesting activities.
Access	Skiffs can land along the shore but the exact spot depends on the tide. A large estuary and tidal flat provides easy walking at low tides.
Facilities	An old road system.
Opportunities and Attractions	Historical site with old logging equipment provide interesting finds throughout the area and opportunities for exploration. The old road bed and game trails provide a nice open forest hike and views for of the estuary.
Management/Resource Considerations	31% of soils are sensitive, consisting of estuaries and non-forested wetlands.
Mitigation	Heritage - consult the archaeologist prior to issuing permits

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-40. Map of the Ushk Bay Head large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 04-13 - USHK BAY HEAD



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

West Gilbert Bay *Alternatives 1-4*

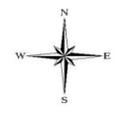
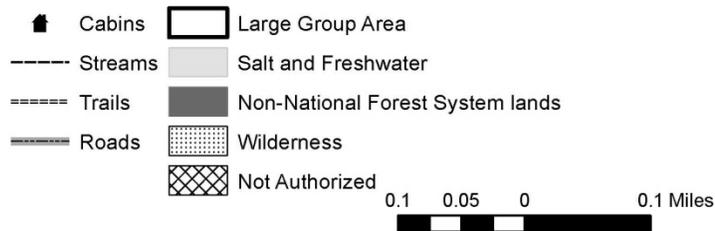
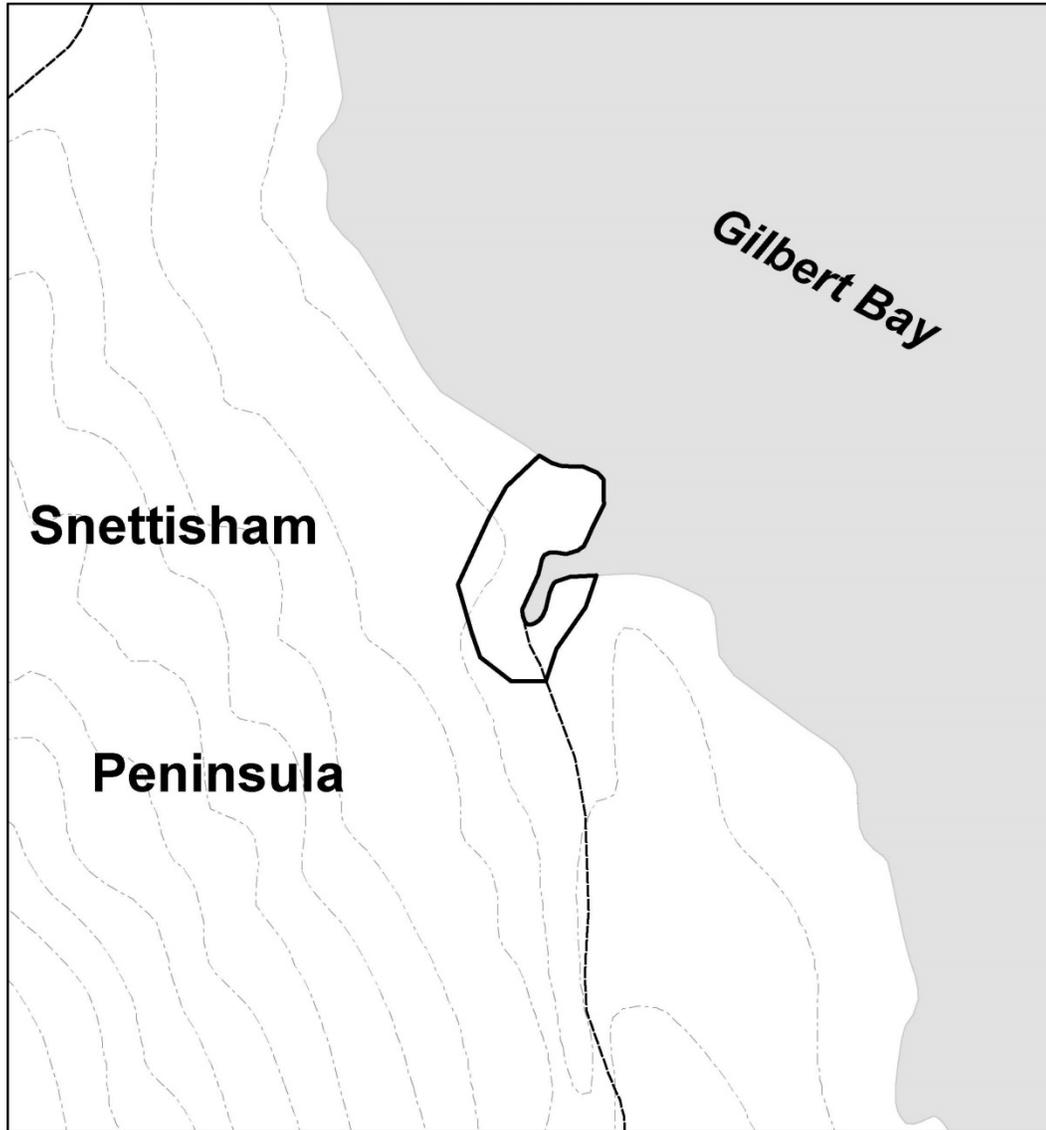
Use Area	01-05B
LUD	Timber Production
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	8
General Characteristics	Located directly across from the Whiting River in Gilbert Bay. The creek has river cobble and small pools, and is fordable at many locations. It is possible to follow the creek along its bank during low water conditions, providing a view of a forested stream for an extended distance. On the northern side of the creek there are large trees with an open understory and relatively flat ground.
Access	The relatively shallow beach has large cobble rocks.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	The site is adjacent to a salmon stream. Wildlife viewing, walking through the forest or along the creek side channels during low flows.
Management/Resource Considerations	None
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Vegetation • Riparian areas

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-41. Map of the West Gilbert Bay large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 01-05B - WEST GILBERT BAY



Appendix B—Large Group Area Cards

Williams Cove

Alternatives 2-4

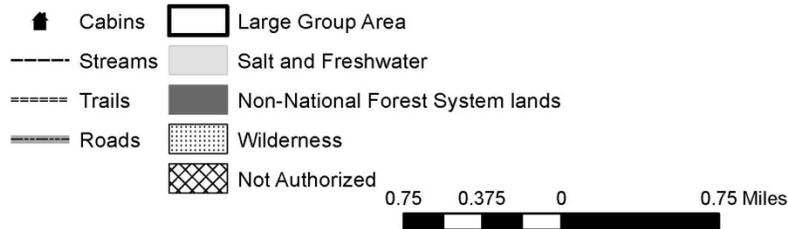
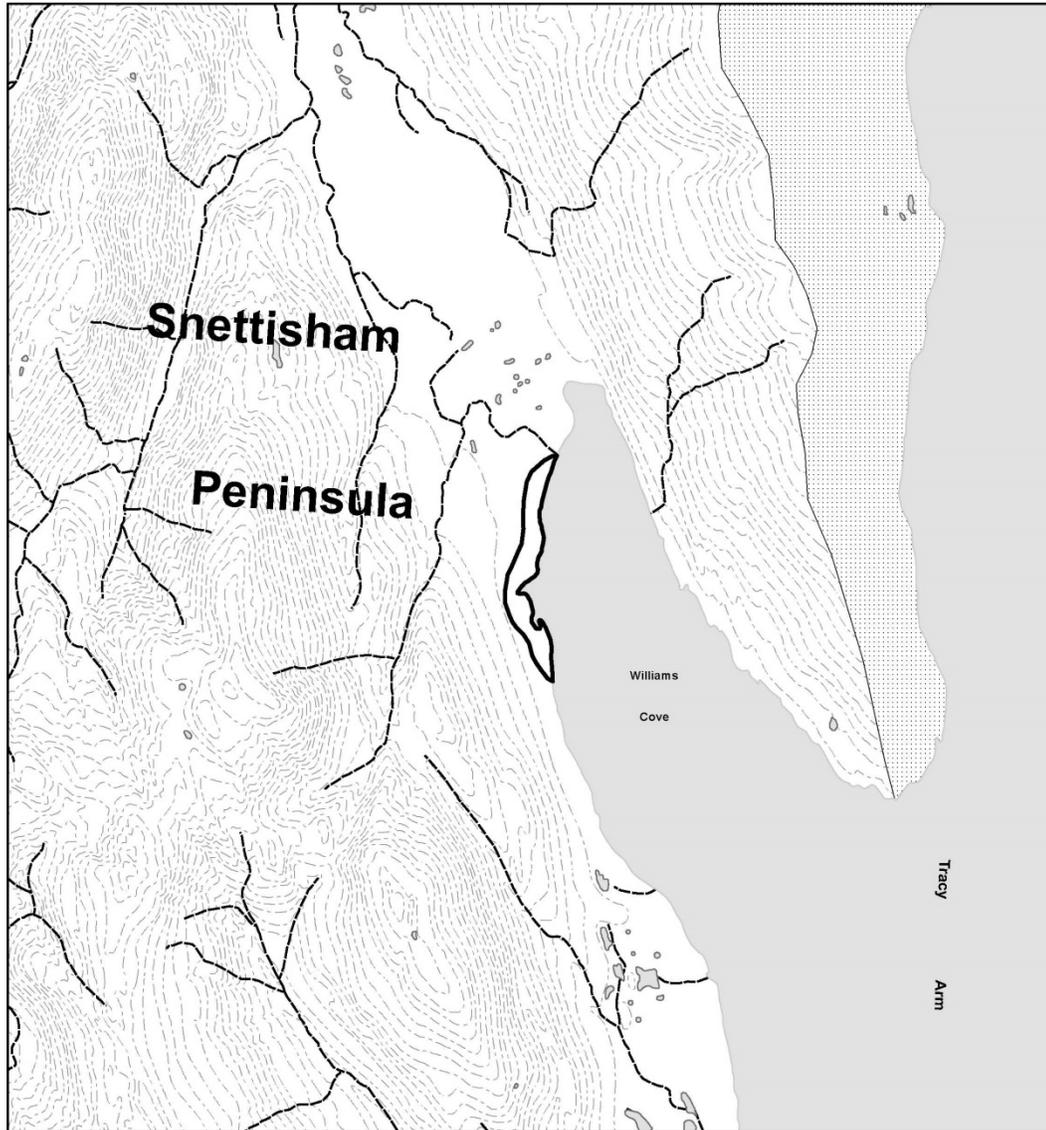
Use Area	01-05B
LUD	Semi-Remote Recreation
ROS	Semi-Primitive Motorized
Acres	64
General Characteristics	Williams Cove is on the northern side of the entrance to Tracy Arm between No Name Cove and the Wilderness area boundary. Most of the cove has flat ground, with an upland terrace beyond the tree line along the beach. Mature trees provide shelter from weather and views of the iceberg outflow from the fiord. A large, shallow rocky creek flows into the cove at the north end. A pioneer foot trail enters the woods near another small creek near the southern boundary. Icebergs frequently circulate through the cove, which receives mostly day use from boaters due to ice movement through the cove. It is the responsibility of outfitter-guides using Large Group Areas to know the LGA boundaries. For those operators who want to take groups beyond the LGA, it is their responsibility to know the group size limit of the National Forest land use designation beyond the LGA and to adhere to those numbers.
Access	The best anchorage and beach is in the vicinity of the isthmus. This area is an anchorage for a few boats using Tracy Arm.
Facilities	None
Opportunities and Attractions	This area offers a fair anchorage, wildlife and wildflower viewing. Icebergs coming out of Tracy Arm run aground here, providing visitors with a close view. Proximity to Tracy Arm/Fords Terror Wilderness Area allows for a boat trip up the fiord and a shore excursion on the same day.
Management/Resource Considerations	Resource impacts from user created trails.
Mitigation	See Appendix C for mitigation measures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bald eagles • Vegetation • Riparian areas • No large group camping. • No consumptive uses by large groups. • Outfitter/guide groups are required to stay on existing trails and are not allowed to create new trails. Deep mud holes in trails must be crossed rather than bypassed to avoid broadening impacts to soils and watersheds. Outfitter/guide groups may view muskegs from the edge, but may not enter or traverse them.

Large Group Area Cards—Appendix B

Figure B-42. Map of the Williams Cove large group area

Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Large Group Area

Use Area 01-05B - WILLIAMS COVE



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