Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting
DSS Building
August 24, 2020
6:30 PM

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Ethics Statement** *"Members of the County Board of Commissioners are advised, hereby, of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act".*

III. **Invocation**

IV. **Pledge of Allegiance**

V. **Special Business:** Tri-County Community College Board of Trustees Appointment (Three applicants-Darryl Brown, Doug Clement, and Ray Cook)

VI. **Special Business:** Geographic Name Proposal

- **a.** Accept or Reject proposed name "Gator Top"
- **b.** If rejected, reason(s) supporting rejection?
  - **i.** Does Board have alternative name proposal?
  - **ii.** Reason(s) supporting alternative name proposal?

VII. **Adjourn**

Cherokee County
Application for Boards/Commissions/Committees

Please complete each section

Full Name Darryl Ray Brown Date of Birth [redacted]

Home Address [redacted] Andrews, NC 28901

Home Phone [redacted]

Current Employers Darryl R. Brown, Attorney at Law, P.A.

Job Title Attorney Years in current position 16 (Licensed 27)

Business Phone: 828-835-9496 Fax: 828-835-9497

E-Mail Address: cdadrb@yahoo.com

Duties Served as Cherokee Co. Attorney for 2 yrs. Town of Andrews Attorney since 10/19. GAL Attorney Advocate since 2005.

Other employment history 11 yrs Assistant D.A., 5½ yrs as instructor at TCCC.

It is the Board of Commissioners goal to maintain a balance of membership on its Boards/Commissions/Committees based on race, gender and County district residency.

District No. Topton

Male ✓ Female _____

White ✓ Black _____ Hispanic _____ Native American _____ Asian _____ Other _____

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For (list only one per form) TCCC Board of Trustees

Generally, the Board of Commissioners desires to broaden participation on Boards/Commissions/Committees for as much citizen involvement as possible; therefore, a goal is to limit appointees to no more than 2 Boards/Commissions/Committees. Therefore, please list any other Boards/Commissions/Committees on which you currently serve:

JCPC.

Why are you interested in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee? An opportunity to serve my community.

DO NOT SUBMIT RESUMES/ATTACHMENTS

(OVER)

Interests/Skills/Areas of Expertise/Professional Organizations/Activities: _____

Licensed Attorney, Former TCCC Instructor, Familiar with operations of government on local and state level.

Affirmation of Eligibility:

Has any formal charge of professional misconduct, criminal misdemeanor or felony ever been filed against you in any jurisdiction?

Yes _____ No ✓ If yes, please explain disposition: _____

Is there any conflict of interest or other matter that would create problems or prevent you from fairly and impartially discharging your duties as an appointee of the Board of Commissioners? Yes _____ No ✓

If yes, please explain: _____

I understand this application is public record and I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize and consent to background checks and to the investigation and verification of all statements contained herein as deemed appropriate. I further authorize all information concerning my qualifications to be investigated and release all parties from all liability for any damages that may result from this investigation. I understand and agree that any misstatement may be cause for my removal from any Board/Commission/Committee. I understand regular attendance to any Council Board/Commission/ Committee is important and, accordingly, I further understand that if my attendance is less than the standards established for any such body that this is cause for removal. Lacking any written standards for attendance by any Board/Commission/Committee it is expected that I will attend at least 75% of all meetings during any one calendar year to maintain my seat on any Board/Commission/Committee to which I may be appointed. This form will remain on file in the Office of the County Manager and requests for updates will be sought prior to any consideration for reappointment (or future appointment) to any Board/Commission/Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: 8/15/20

Form is invalid if not signed and dated

Return completed form to:

Clerk to the Board
75 Peachtree Street, Suite 112
Murphy, NC 28906
Phone: (828) 837-5527 Fax: (828) 837-9684

MUST PROVIDE VALID ID OR DRIVER'S LICENSE AS PROOF OF RESIDENCY

Applicants are required to be a resident of Cherokee County

Cherokee County
Application for Boards/Commissions/Committees

Please complete each section

Full Name Arvil Ray Cook Jr. (Ray) Date of Birth [redacted]

Home Address [redacted]

Home Phone [redacted]

Current Employers Self

Job Title Owner Years in current position

Business Phone: SAME Fax: 828-837-8668

E-Mail Address: americanracersouth@frontier.com

Duties

Other employment history Have worked in Motorsports, Const., Trucking

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District No. 3

Male ✓ Female

White ✓ Black Hispanic Native American Asian Other

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For (list only one per form)

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Currently on the Board of BREMC

Why are you interested in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

To serve the people + the Kids

DO NOT SUBMIT RESUMES/ATTACHMENTS

(OVER)

Interests/Skills/Areas of Expertise/Professional Organizations/Activities: _____

_____

_____

_____

Affirmation of Eligibility:

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Signature: Kg Cook Date: 8/13/20

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U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION

Proposed Geographic Name _____

This is to notify the U.S. Board on Geographic Names that the:

Cherokee County Commissioners
(Name of government entity, organization, or individual)

recommends that the U. S. Board on Geographic Names:

_____**Approve the Proposed Name**

_____**Reject the Proposed Name**

_____**Take Action as Specified Below**

_____**Render a Decision Without Our Recommendation**

Comments (the following factors contributed to this recommendation; attach supporting documentation if appropriate):

(Name)	(Title)
(Address)	(Telephone)
(City, State, ZIP Code)	(E-mail)
(Signature)	(Date)

Return this form to: U.S. Board on Geographic Names
U.S. Geological Survey
523 National Center
Reston VA 20192-0523
Telephone: (703) 648-4552
Fax: (703) 648-4549
E-mail: BGNEXEC@usgs.gov

Randy Wiggins

From: Maria Hass
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Randy Wiggins
Subject: FW: Request for Cherokee County's opinion on a new summit name
Attachments: 5325brf Gator Top.docx; Gator Top proposal.pdf; PAD-US.jpg; Cherokee County case recommendation form.doc

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "Danfora, Julie-Ann M" <jdanfora@usgs.gov>
Date: 8/17/20 9:16 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: Cal Stiles <cal.stiles@cherokeecounty-nc.gov>, CB McKinnon <cb.mckinnon@cherokeecounty-nc.gov>, Gary Westmoreland <gary.westmoreland@cherokeecounty-nc.gov>, DrDan@drdancommissioner.com, Roy Dickey <roy.dickey@cherokeecounty-nc.gov>
Cc: Maria Hass <maria.hass@cherokeecounty-nc.gov>
Subject: Request for Cherokee County's opinion on a new summit name

Dear Commissioners-

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government. The BGN has received a proposal from a resident, to apply the new name Gator Top to a 2,100-foot summit in Cherokee County, 6.5 miles west-southwest of Murphy. Because local opinion is important to the BGN, we would like your opinion concerning this issue. We also ask that you share this request with other offices or organizations that might have an interest.

The proponent, a resident of a small community near the top of the summit, reports that the name is descriptive because "the profile of the summit somewhat resembles the head of an alligator rising from the water." In addition, "a vast majority of the 11 resident families are from Florida."

This proposal is listed on the BGN's Review List #440, posted at http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/quarterly_list.htm. The case summary is also attached, along with the original proposal, a map of the stream, and a Geographic Name Proposal Recommendation form to facilitate a response from your office.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Julie-Ann Danfora, research staff
U.S. Board on Geographic Names
U.S. Geological Survey
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive
MS 523
Reston VA 20192-0523
Phone: (703) 648-5952
Email: jdanfora@usgs.gov or BGNEXEC@usgs.gov

Approved Promulgation authorized Executive Secretary Domestic Geographic Names _____

UNITED STATES
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

CASE BRIEF (Domestic)

Gator Top: summit; elevation 2,100 ft.; located 1 mi. NE of Shuler Mountain, 6.5 mi. WSW of Murphy; the name is descriptive as the profile of the summit somewhat resembles the head of an alligator rising from the water; Cherokee County, North Carolina; 35°03'22"N, 84°08'36"W; USGS map – Persimmon Creek 1:24,000.
https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/gazvector.getesricoor?p_lat=35.05603&p_longi=-84.143251

Proposal: new name for unnamed feature
Map: USGS map – Persimmon Creek 1:24,000
Proponent: Matt Fischer; Murphy, NC
Administrative area: None
Previous BGN Action: None
Names associated with feature:
GNIS: None found
Local Usage: None found
Published: None found

Case Summary: This proposal is to apply the new name Gator Top to a 2,100-foot summit in Cherokee County, 6.5 miles west-southwest of Murphy. The proponent, a resident of a small community near the top of the summit, reports that the name is descriptive because "the profile of the summit somewhat resembles the head of an alligator rising from the water." In addition, "a vast majority of the 11 resident families are from Florida." Google Maps labels an entity called "Panther Mountain Weather" near the peak of the summit, but the origin of this name is unclear, and Panther Top is the name of a different summit approximately three miles to the east. Four other peaks in the vicinity of the summit in question include the generic "Top" in their names.

Proposed by: Matt Fischer; Murphy, NC	Date: 6/1/20
Submitted by: same	Date: same
Prepared by: J. Runyon	Date: 6/25/20
Case ID: 5325	Quarterly Review List: 440
Reviewed by:	Date:

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL SUMMARY

PROPOSE NEW OR CHANGE NAME

Name Proposal ID:
9881

Date Created:
01-JUN-20

Date Submitted:
01-JUN-20

Proposed Name:
Gator Top

Action Requested:
Name an unnamed feature

Existing Name:
-

Unnamed Evidence:
Query of Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) database shows no official name for this summit: Summits in Cherokee County, North Carolina, between 2000 and 2200 feet in elevation.

Locally Used:
No

Locally Used Years:
-

Local Conflict:
No

Local Conflict Detail:
-

Additional Details:
-

FEATURE INFORMATION

GNIS Feature ID:
-

Feature class:
SUMMIT

Descriptive information:
length, width, elevation of summit. Approximately 600 feet by 200 feet, lying between 2040 and 2080 feet in elevation.

Meaning or significance:

In NW-SE profile, this summit somewhat resembles the head of an alligator rising from the water. Also, a vast majority of the 11 resident families are from Florida.

Commemorative:

No

Biographical information:

-

Supporting materials:

No

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

No information entered.

STATES AND COUNTIES

State Name	County Name
North Carolina	Cherokee

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES

Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec		Long Deg	Min	Sec		Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Details
Geographic Information System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.056	-84.143	-

ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

Administrative Area Type	Administrative Area Name	Details
National Forest or Grassland	The summit and slopes are privately owned but surrounded by Nantahala National Forest land	Nantahala National Forest

MAPS AND DOCUMENTS WITH NAME

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Other	There are no known maps or documents that list a name for this summit	-

OTHER (VARIANT) NAMES AND THEIR SOURCE

Source Type	Other (Variant) Name	Details	Source Date
Other	None	There are no known variants of any name for this summit, there is no known name at all.	-

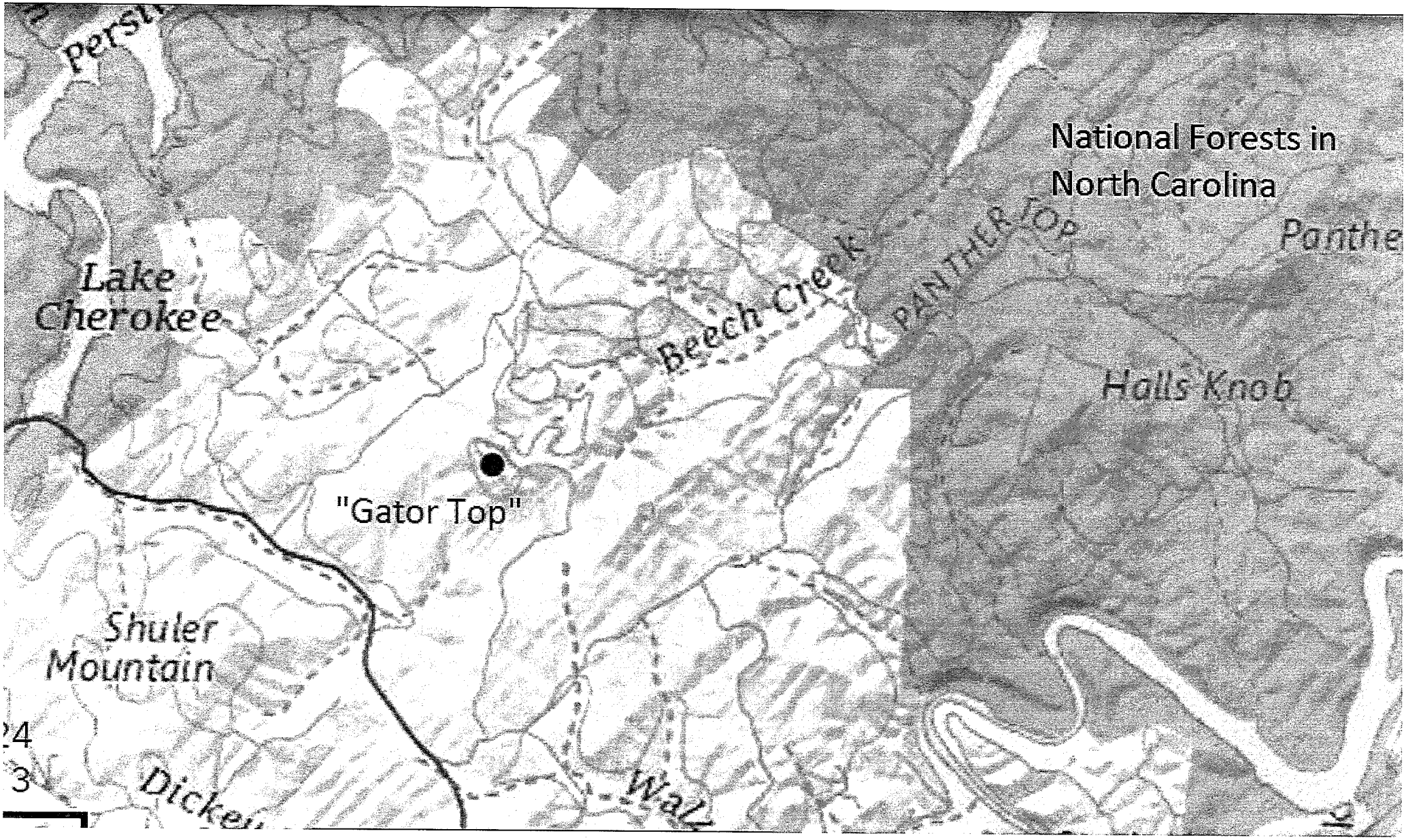
AUTHORITIES

Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Occupation	Years
Fischer	Matt	9043493285	mfischer0@gmail.com	1451 Graham Road	Murphy	North Carolina	28906	Computer Programmer	1

SUBMITTERS AND PREPARERS

Role	Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Company	Title
SUBMITTER	Fischer	Matt	9043493285	mfischer0@gmail.com	1451 Graham Road	Murphy	North Carolina	28906	-	-

DGNP Guest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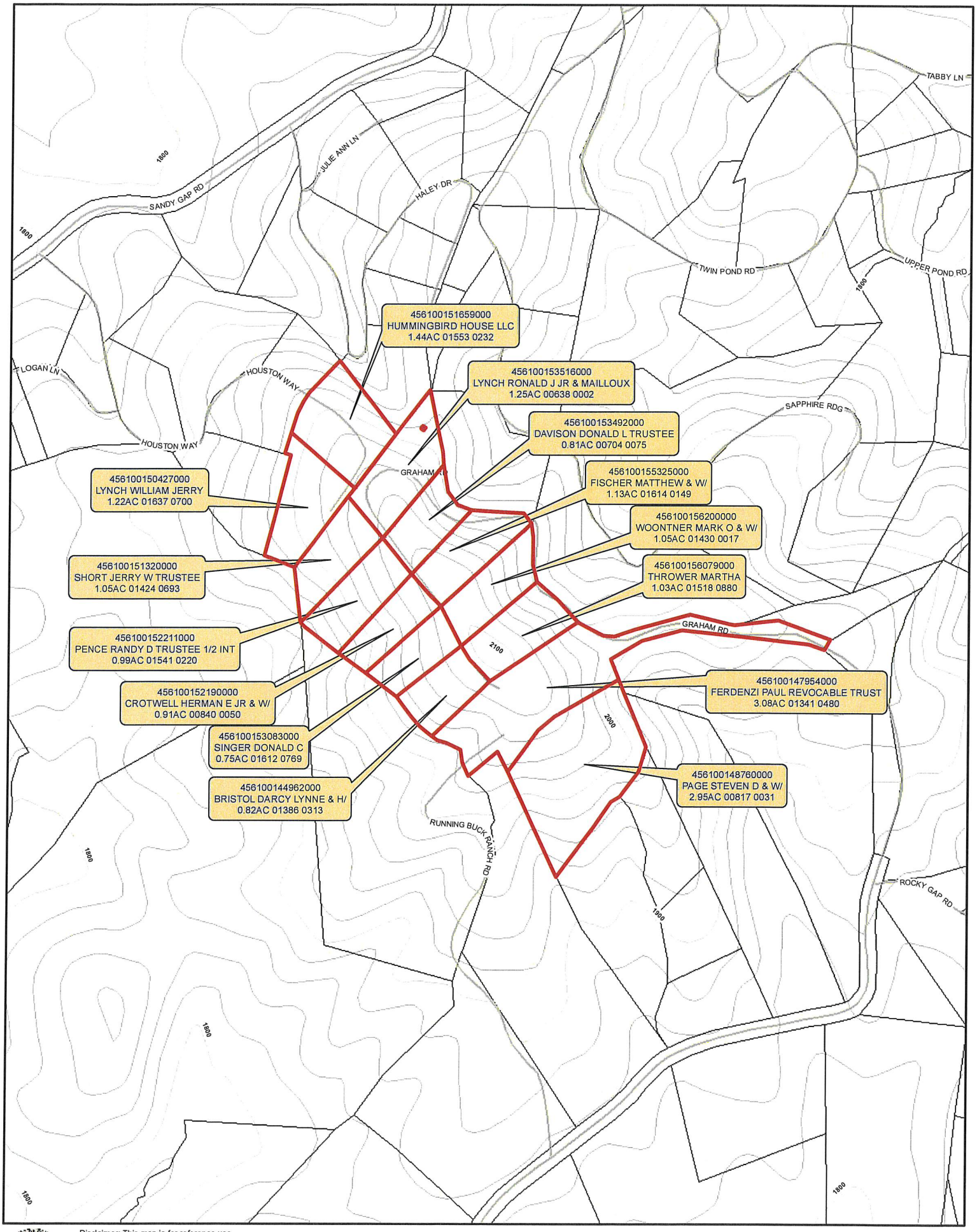

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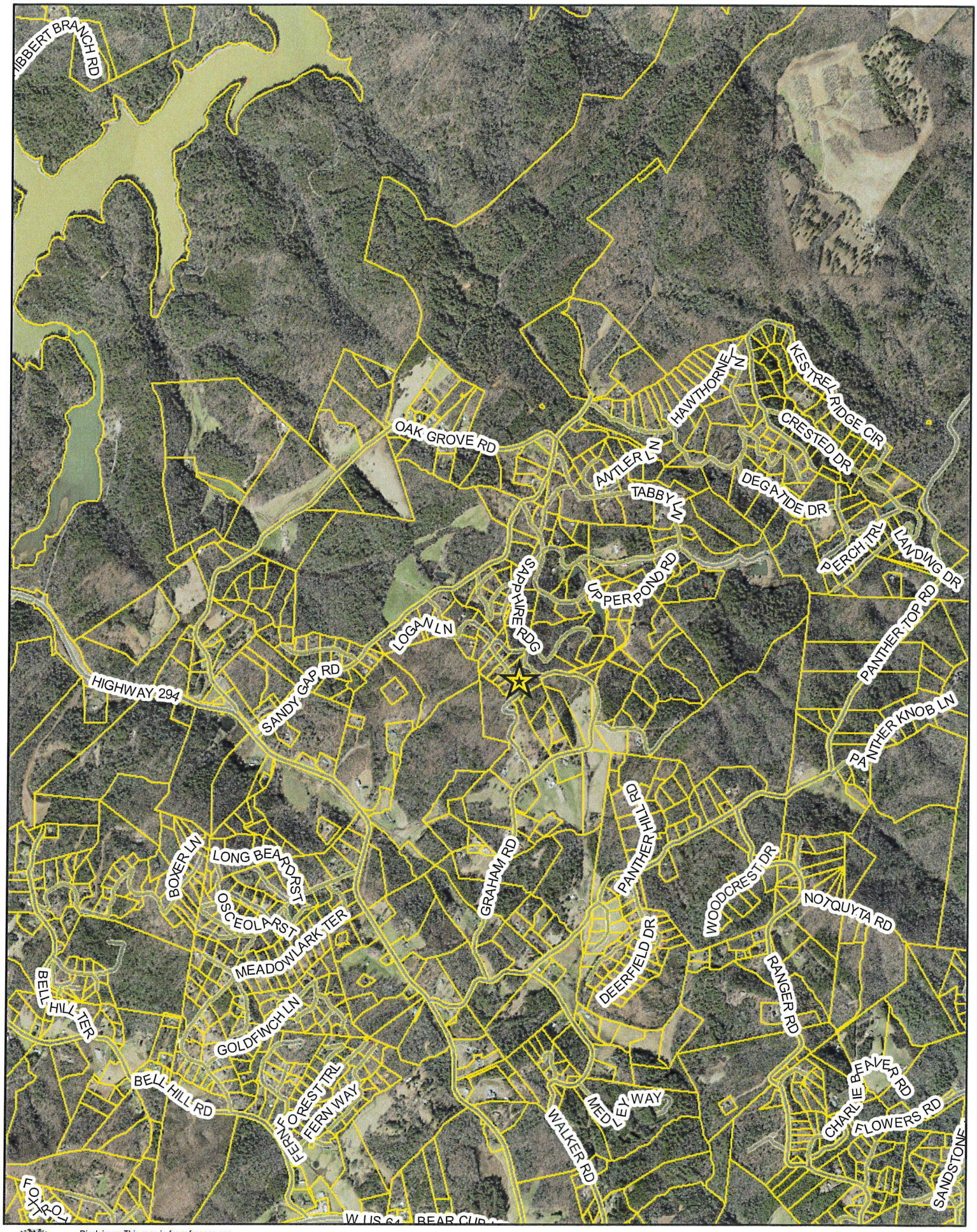

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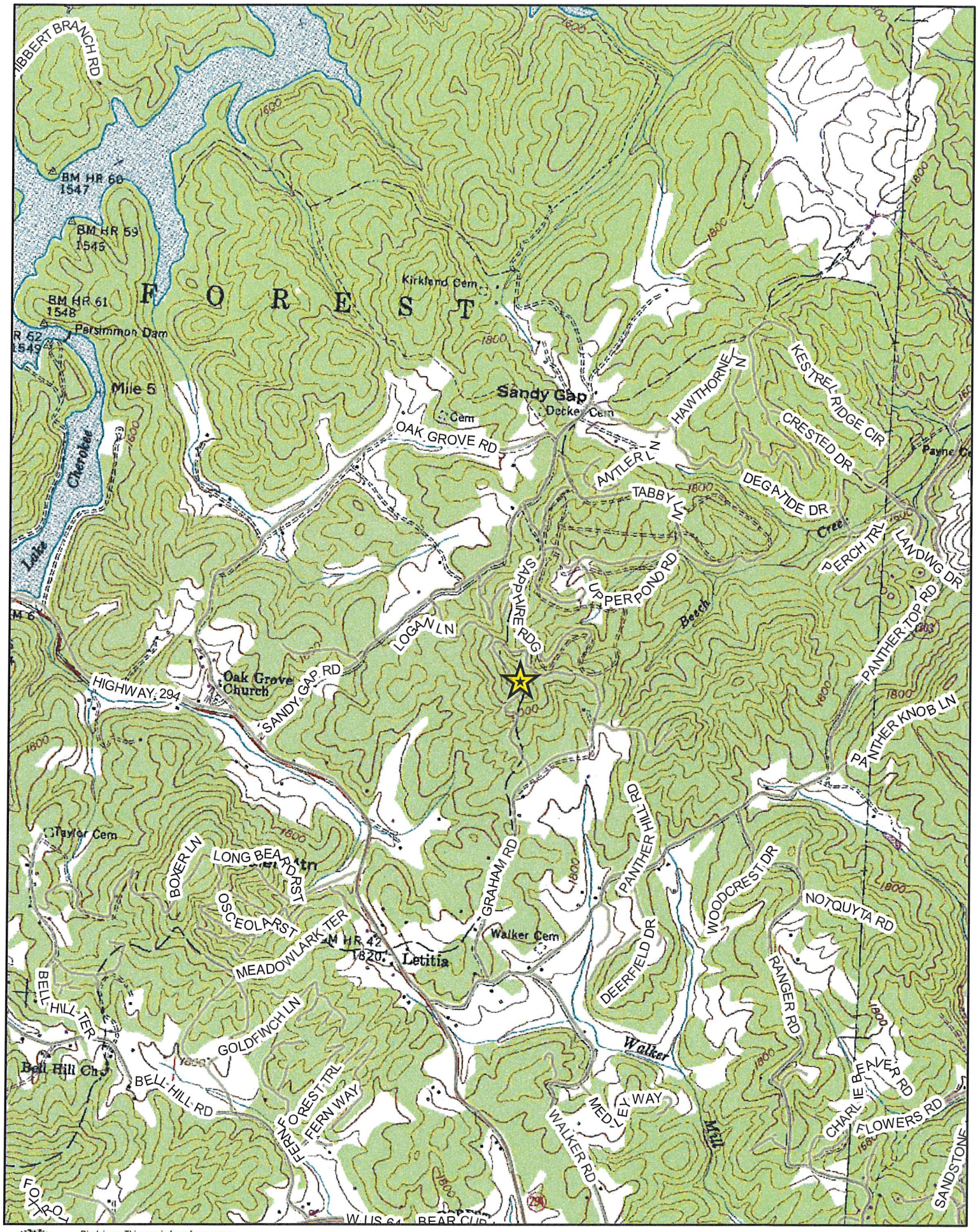

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