

Natural Resources Commission Meeting

NRC Policy Committee on
Wildlife and Fisheries

November 7, 2019

Proposed Orders

- For Information - NRC
 - Open and Closed Hunting Areas at Yankee Springs State Recreation Area (Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 10 of 2019)
- For Action - NRC
 - Spring Turkey Regulations (Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 9 of 2019)
 - Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish, Cisco, Grayling and Smelt Regulations (Fisheries Order 200.20)

NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries

- Fisheries Chief Update
- Wildlife Chief Update
 - Open and Closed Hunting Areas at Yankee Springs State Recreation Area

Department of Natural Resources

Fisheries Division

Chief's Update

Todd Grischke, Assistant Chief

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Fall 2019 Egg-Take Totals

- **Little Manistee River Weir**
 - Chinook
 - Spawned 316 pairs over 3 days
 - Collected 1.67 million eggs (avg. 5,295 per female)
 - Harvested 1,114 fish
 - Steelhead
 - Passed 531 fish
 - Coho
 - Passed 212 fish



Fall 2019 Egg-Take Totals

- **Upper Platte River Weir (hatchery)**
 - Spawned 1,676 Coho over several days
 - 3.5 million eggs collected for Michigan needs
 - 1 million eggs each for Indiana & Illinois
- **Swan Weir**
 - Spawned 495 Chinook pairs over 2 days
 - 1.81 million eggs collected for Wolf Lake
 - 392,000 eggs collected for Wisconsin

Thank you!



Wildlife Chief Update

Rex Ainslie

Wildlife Chief Update

- CWD-positive deer in Hamilton Township, Gratiot County
- Wildlife Habitat Grant Recipients Announced
- West-Nile Virus in Grouse Survey First Year Results
- Disease Management Firearm Deer Hunt in Alpena County

Thank You!

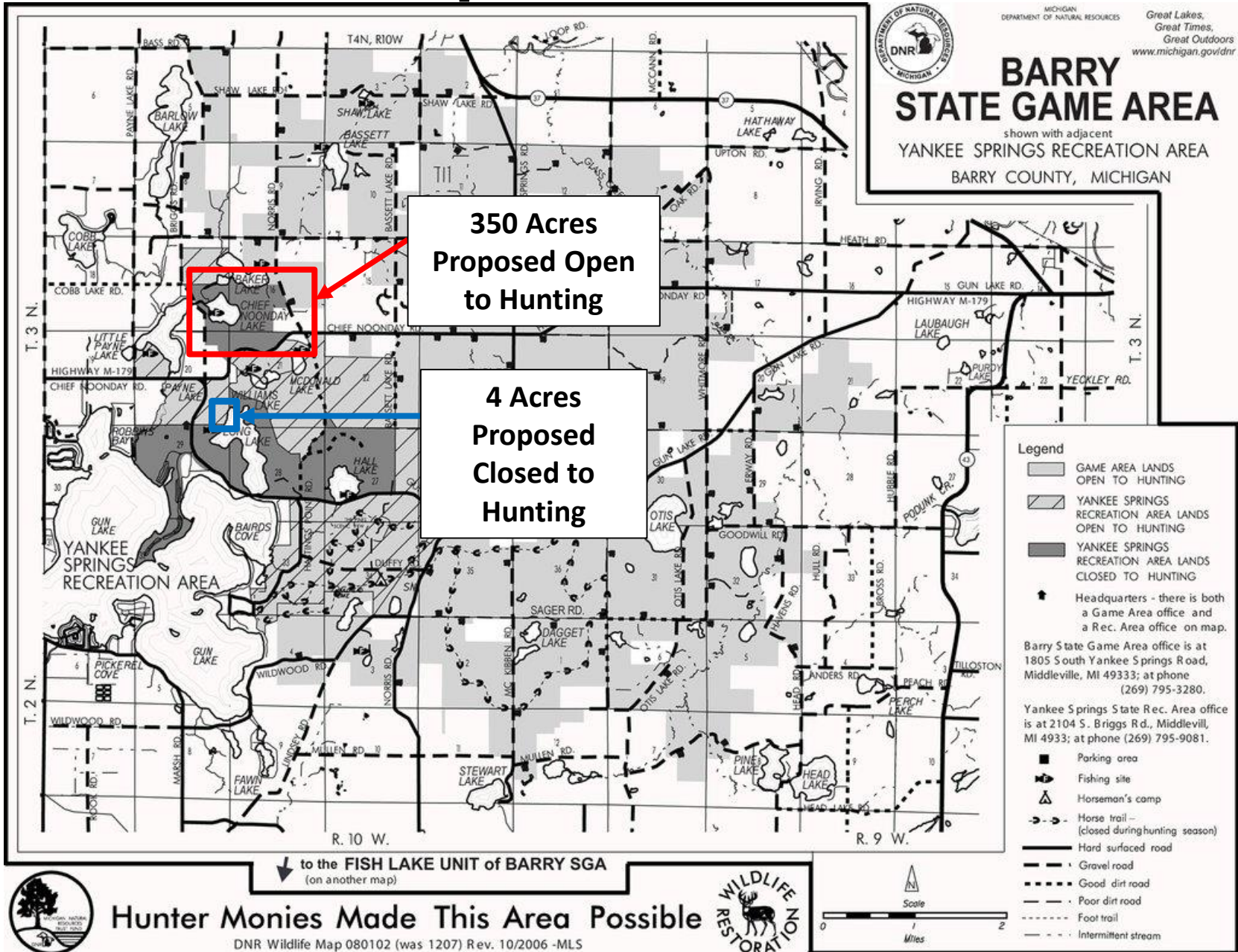
Open and Closed Hunting Areas at Yankee Springs State Recreation Area

Joseph Jandernoa, PRD

Randy Heinze, WLD

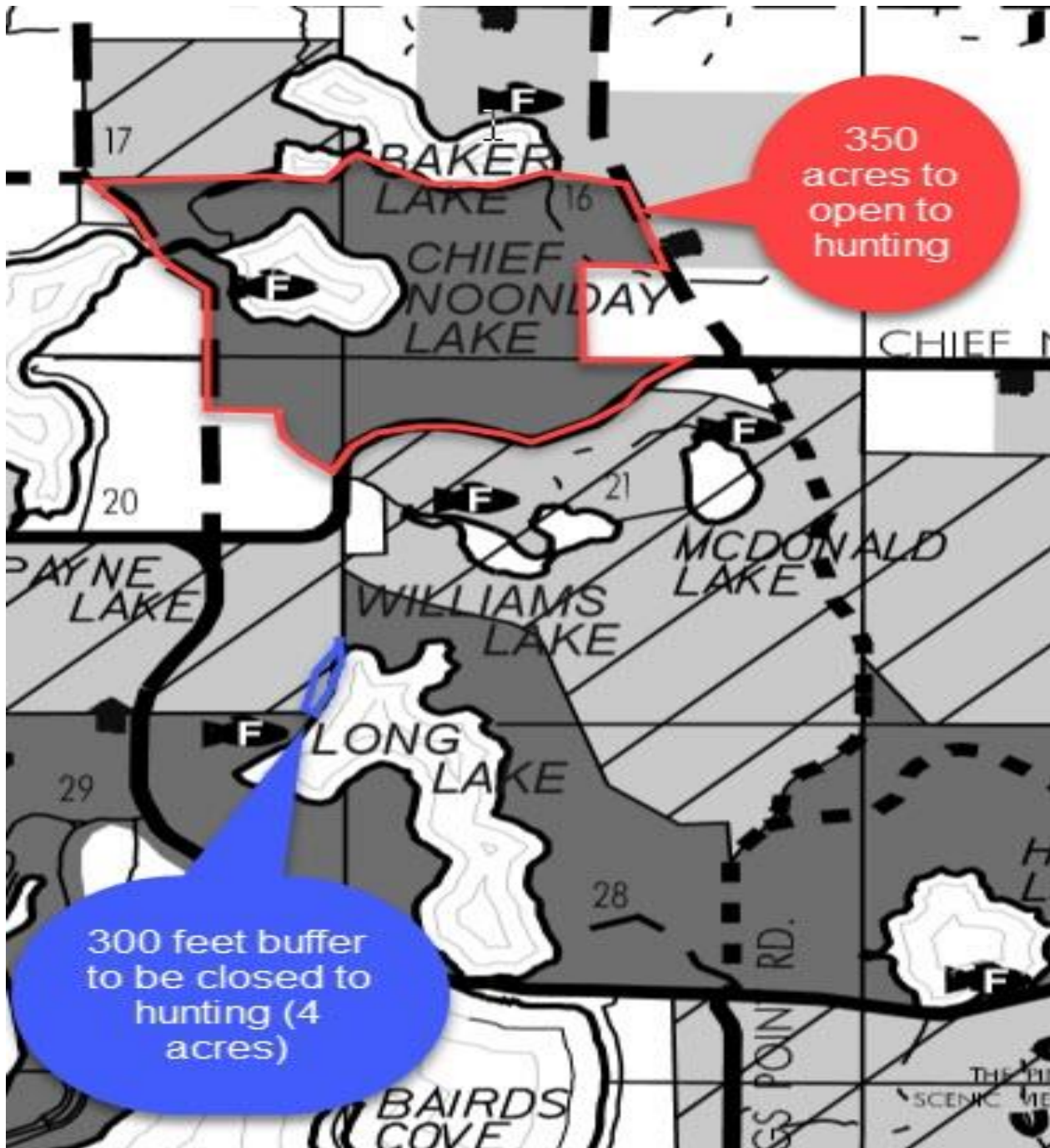
Richard Cardenas, LED

Proposed Areas



Recommendations

- Opening approximately 350 acres of land around Chief-Noonday Lake and Baker Lake that are currently closed to hunting.
- Closing approximately 4 acres of land along northwest corner of Long Lake to hunting.



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Benefits of Opening Chief Noonday/Baker Lake Area

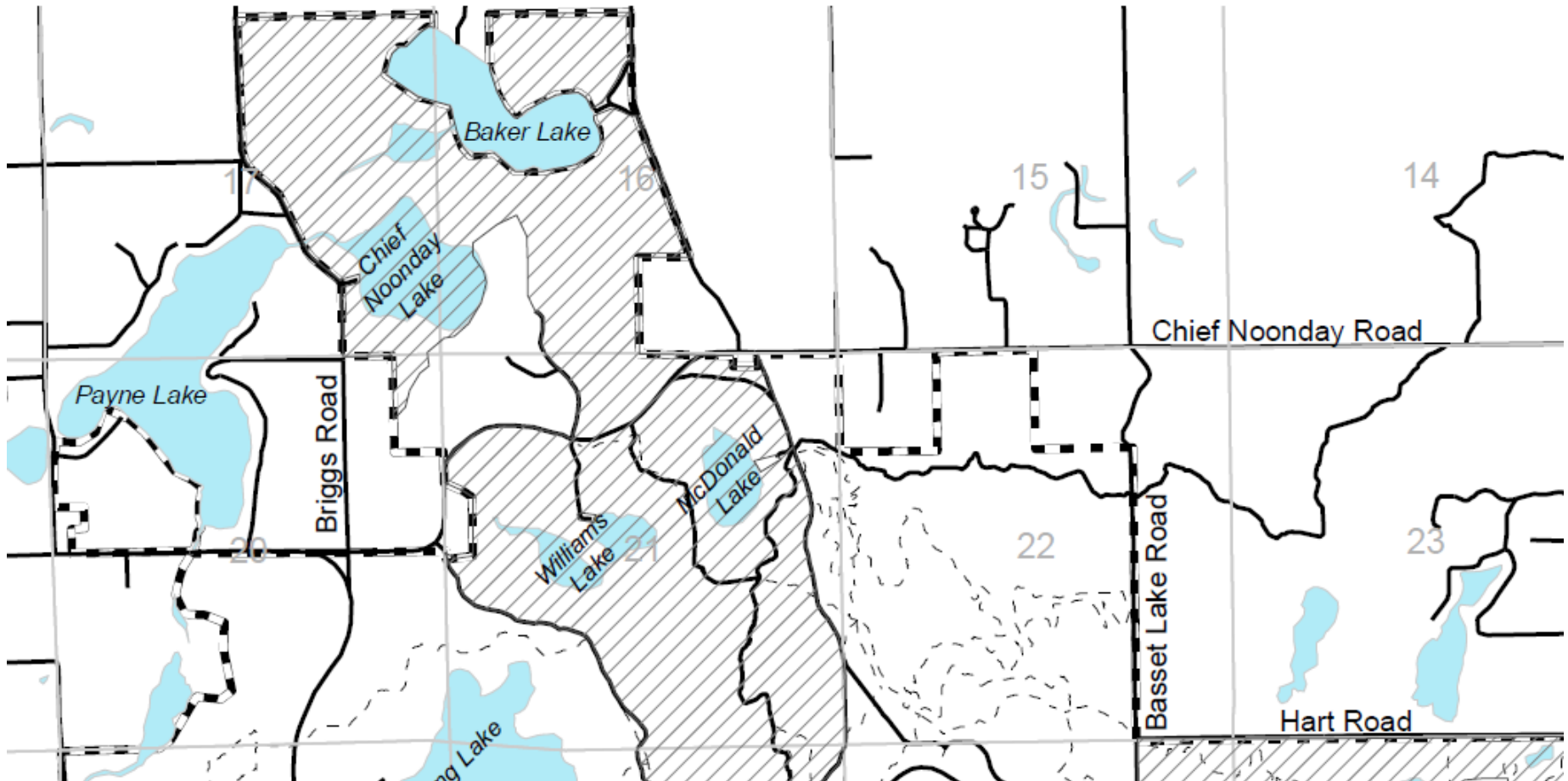
- It will provide additional and more convenient access to open hunting areas.
 - General Action Goal in the Yankee Springs Management Plan: Maintain and enhance opportunities for hunting/fishing/trapping in conjunction with Barry State Game Area
- Majority of campsites and cabins near Chief Noonday and Baker Lakes are utilized by hunters during the hunting season.
 - PRD Strategic Plan Goal Two: Provide users with quality outdoor recreation experiences in balance with resource protection.

Benefits of Opening (continued...)

- DNR Goal 1: Protect the natural and culture resources
 - Reduce the illegal mountain bike activity that has been occurring over the last 5 years (trails/habitat damage)
 - Protect and Preserve: This area is in managed lands of Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) agreement. The EMR CCAA would allow for hunting as a low impact activity in this area.
 - Stewardship Support

Yankee Springs Recreation Area CCAA Map

TOWNSHIP 2N & 3N, RANGE 10W

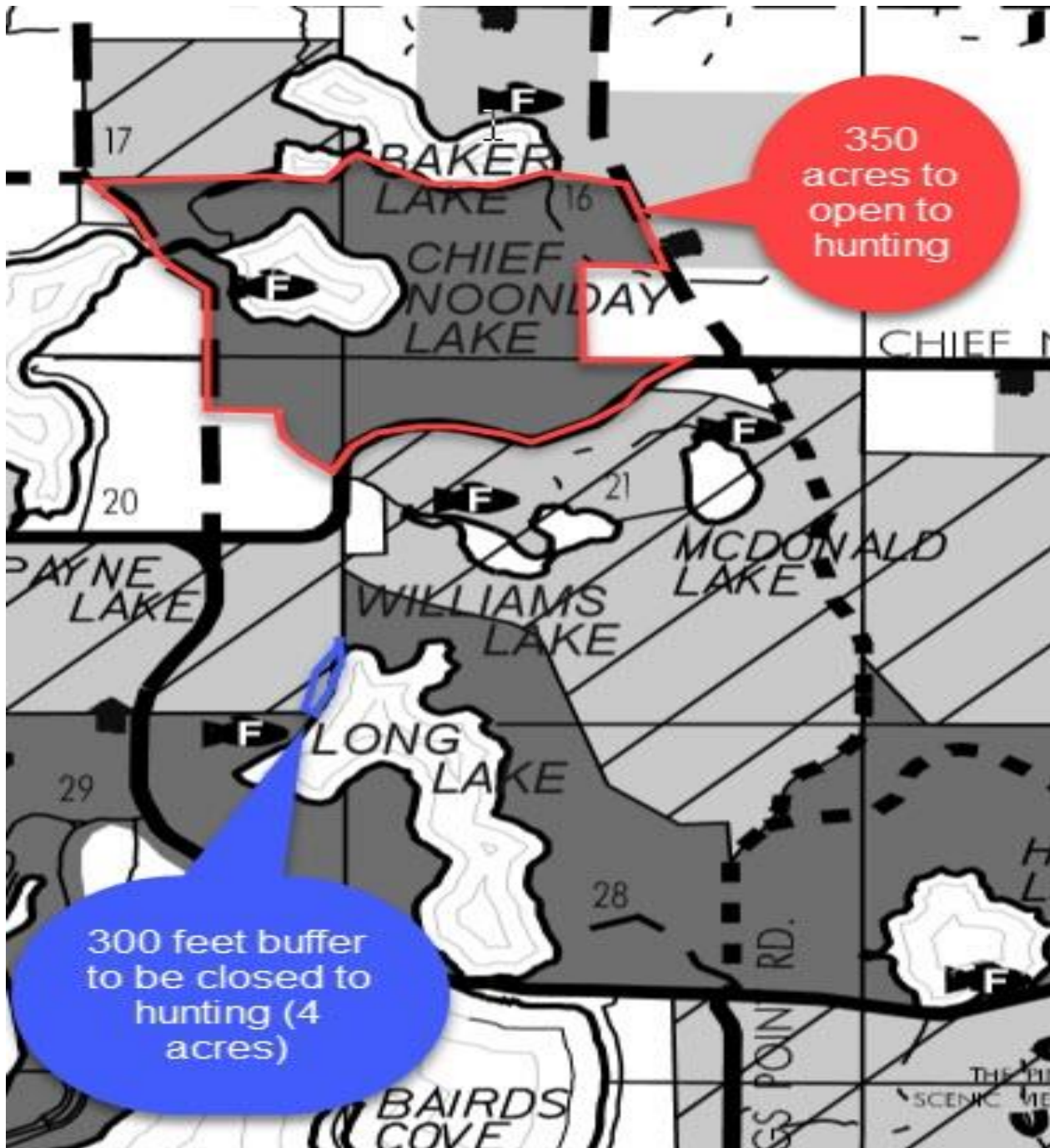


Benefits of Opening (continued...)

- Recreational opportunity for new users.
 - Chief Noonday area has changed from its original intended use.
 - Many fall cabin users and campers are hunters from various areas and states.
- Positive feedback from July 10th open house.

Benefits of Closure of Long Lake Area

- Enforcement Issues
 - Most of Long Lake is closed to hunting, causing much user confusion and enforcement problems as many hunters are not aware of where the legal hunting areas on the lake are located.
 - Closing this small area will close the entire lake to hunting and eliminate enforcement issues.
 - Positive feedback at July 10th open house.



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