

North Sand Hills Timeline

- **Area Withdrawal - 1965**

672 acres withdrawn as a “Research Natural Area”

- **Instant Study Area Designation - 1976**

FLPMA, requiring the BLM to designate areas that were formally identified as “natural” or “primitive” prior to Nov. 1, 1975 as “Instant Study Areas,” a category of Wilderness Study Area.

- **1978 Environmental Assessment**

Decision to allow Off Road Vehicle use on the open sand and existing trails present , and to the extent of use at the time of passage of FLPMA in 1976. Routes and open sand area identified using a 1976 aerial photo.



North Sand Hills Timeline cont.

- **Wilderness Inventory - 1980**

BLM inventory concluded that the area did not meet wilderness criteria. This did not release the area from ISA status. Route inventory identified not consistent with 1978 Environmental Assessment inventory.

Sent to Congress in 1981, 1985, 1991 for release. No action taken.

- **Identified the area as a SRMA – 1984**

The BLM RMP ROD states: “The NSH would be managed to protect the cultural resources and the dune environment while allowing ORV use to continue in a roaded natural setting.” The RMP did not address ISA.

- **Off Road Vehicle Implementation Plan - 1988**

ORVs limited to existing roads and trails, and open sand except closed in specific sensitive resource exclosures located in sand dunes. Trail along abandoned Government Ditch open only to 2 wheel vehicles, including trail bikes/dirt-bikes and closed to all other ORVs including ATVs.

North Sand Hills Timeline cont.

- Emergency Road Closure: Routes Crossing Government Cr. - 1999
Closure to prevent further resource damage.
- Emergency Road and Area Closure - July 2003
265 acres closed to motorized travel due to resource damage.
- Formation of the North Sand Hills Working Group – 2005/2006
Jackson County receives GOCO funds for planning effort – develops 2007 Master Plan with recommendations on how the North Sand Hills should be managed.
- Kremmling FO finds after review that the ISA had not been released - 2006
- Jackson County 'Master Plan' finalized – May 2007



Management Complexity

- Managing OHV use within the SRMA and Instant Study Area
- Law Enforcement availability
- Resource impacts
 - Loss of vegetation
 - Route proliferation
- Boat Shaped Bug Seed
- Public Health and Safety
- Facility Vandalism/Trash
- Multiple jurisdictions
- Enforcement of SLB
- Funding
- Importance of North Sand Hills to Local Economy



Dispersed Camping



Capacity Issues – Majority of camping on State Trust Lands



Impacts Over Time



Memorial Day 2000



Memorial Day 2008



Dune Restroom Area Photos

1978



2007



1978



2008



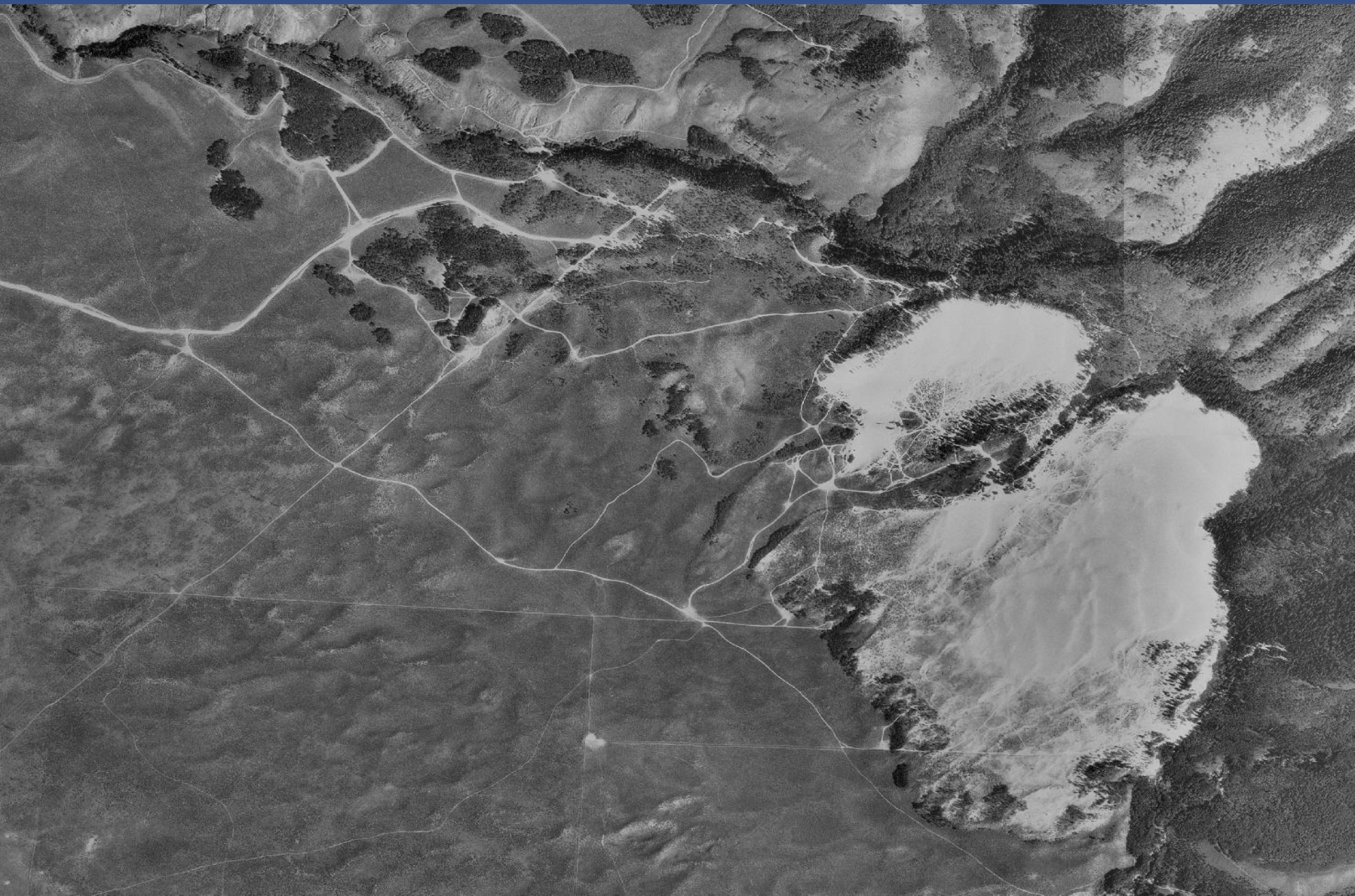
Resource Damage and Vandalism



1977 Aerial Photo



1998 Aerial Photo



2005 Aerial Photo

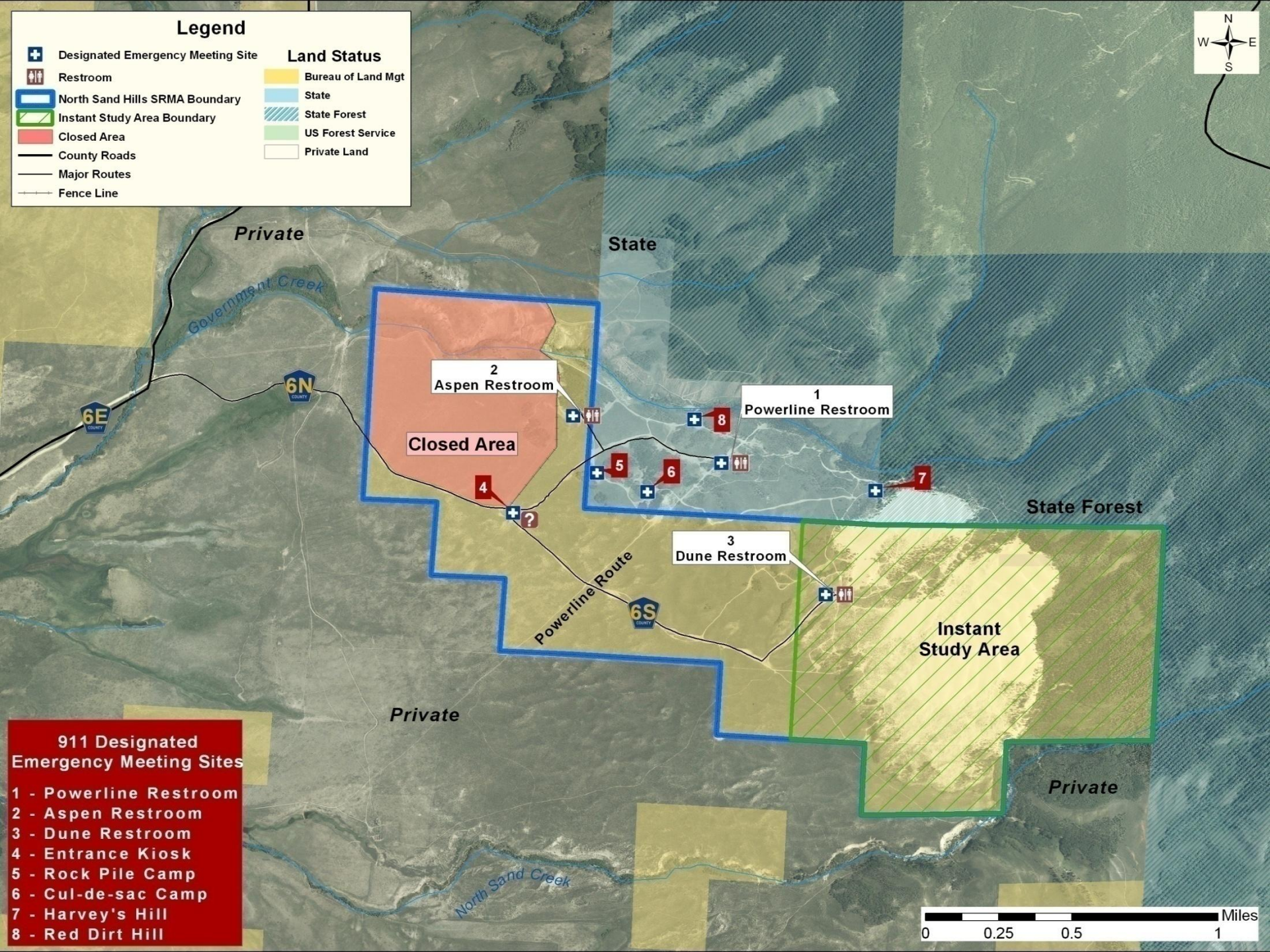


2009 Aerial Photo



Legend

- Designated Emergency Meeting Site
 - Restroom
 - North Sand Hills SRMA Boundary
 - Instant Study Area Boundary
 - Closed Area
 - County Roads
 - Major Routes
 - Fence Line
- ### Land Status
- Bureau of Land Mgt
 - State
 - State Forest
 - US Forest Service
 - Private Land

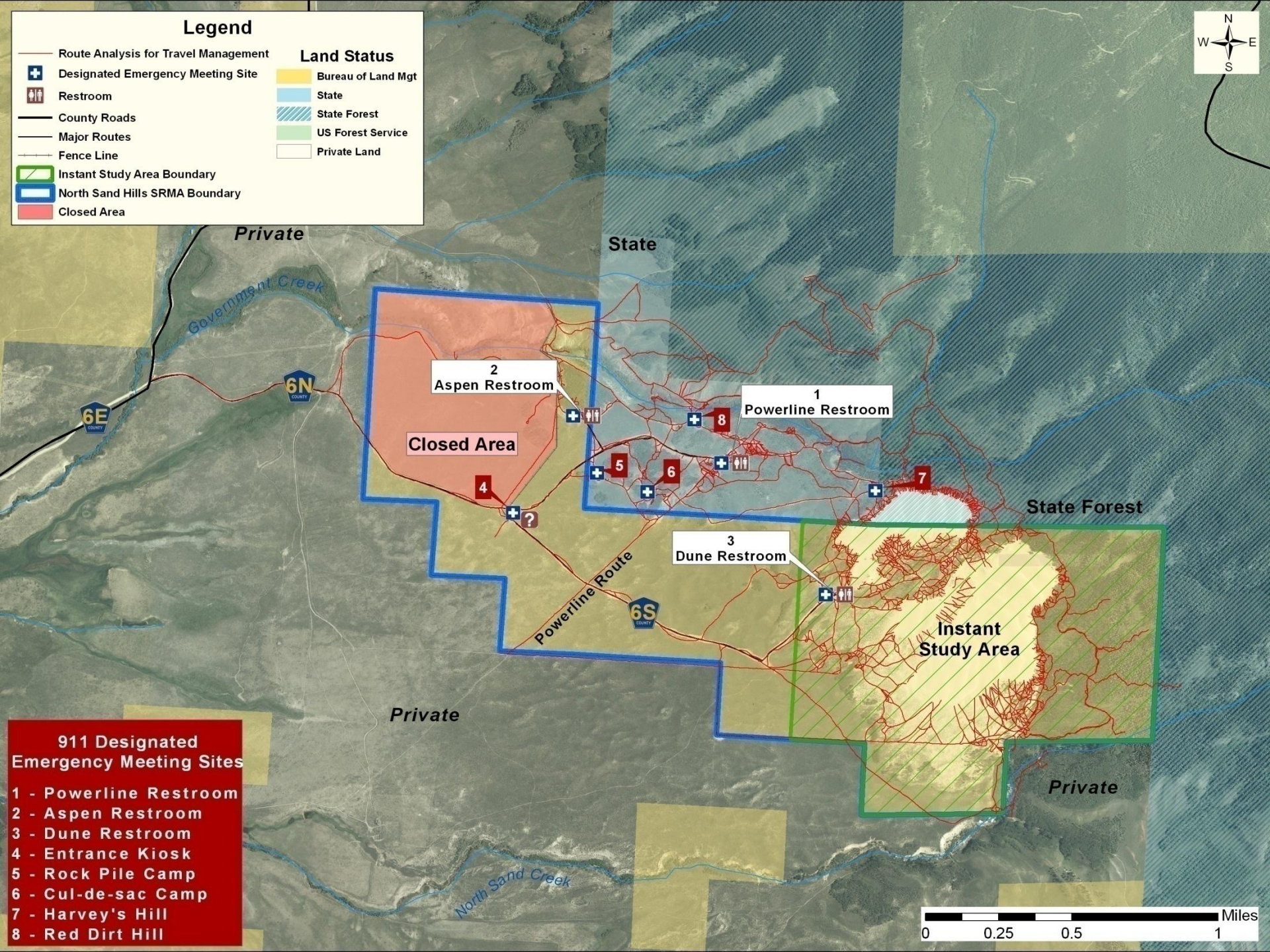


- ### 911 Designated Emergency Meeting Sites
- 1 - Powerline Restroom
 - 2 - Aspen Restroom
 - 3 - Dune Restroom
 - 4 - Entrance Kiosk
 - 5 - Rock Pile Camp
 - 6 - Cul-de-sac Camp
 - 7 - Harvey's Hill
 - 8 - Red Dirt Hill

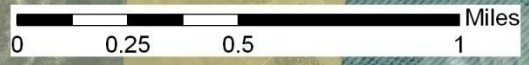


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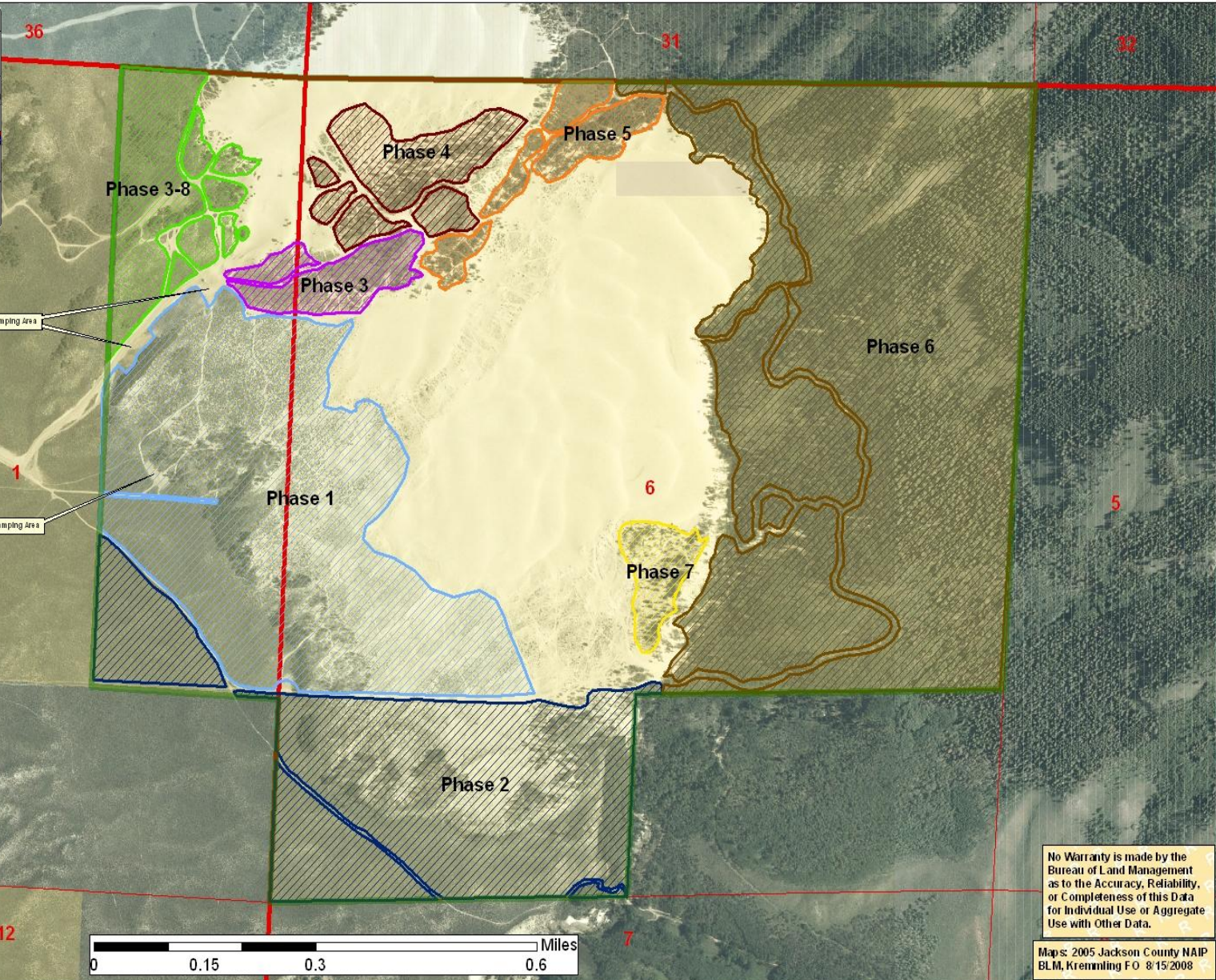
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 - Restroom
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North Sand Hills ISA Action Plan



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Instant Study Area Boundary

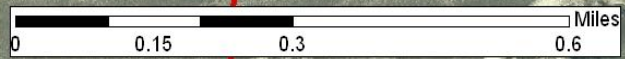
- Instant Study Area Boundary (Green outline)

ISA Protection

- Phase 1 (Blue outline)
- Phase 2 (Diagonal hatching)
- Phase 3 (Purple outline)
- Phase 3-8 (Green outline)
- Phase 4 (Diagonal hatching)
- Phase 5 (Orange outline)
- Phase 6 (Diagonal hatching)
- Phase 7 (Yellow outline)

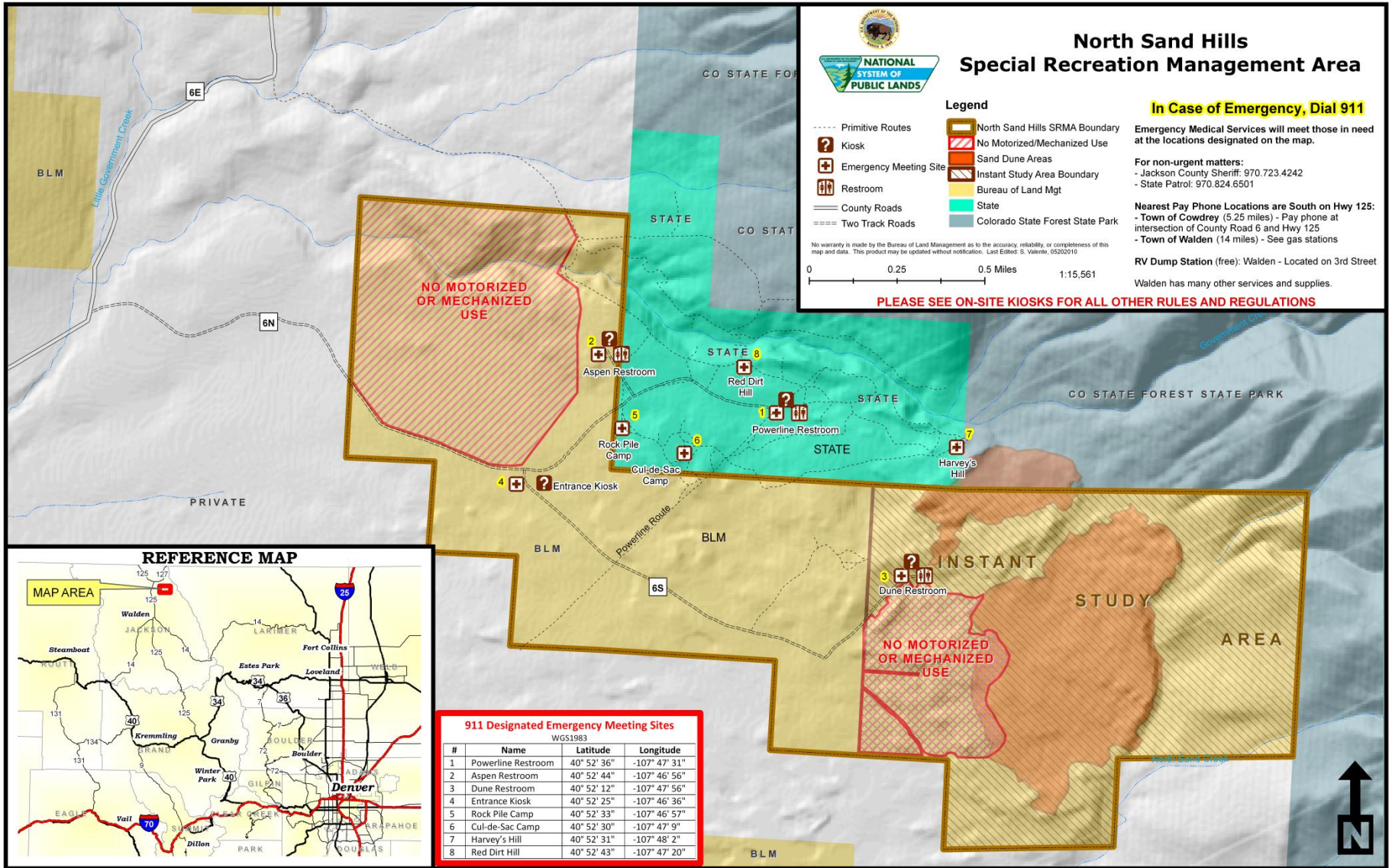
Land Status

- Bureau of Land Mgt (Yellow)
- Private (White)
- State (Light Blue)
- State Forest (White with vertical lines)
- US Forest Service (Light Green)



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Maps: 2005 Jackson County NAIIP
BLM, Kremming FO 8/15/2008



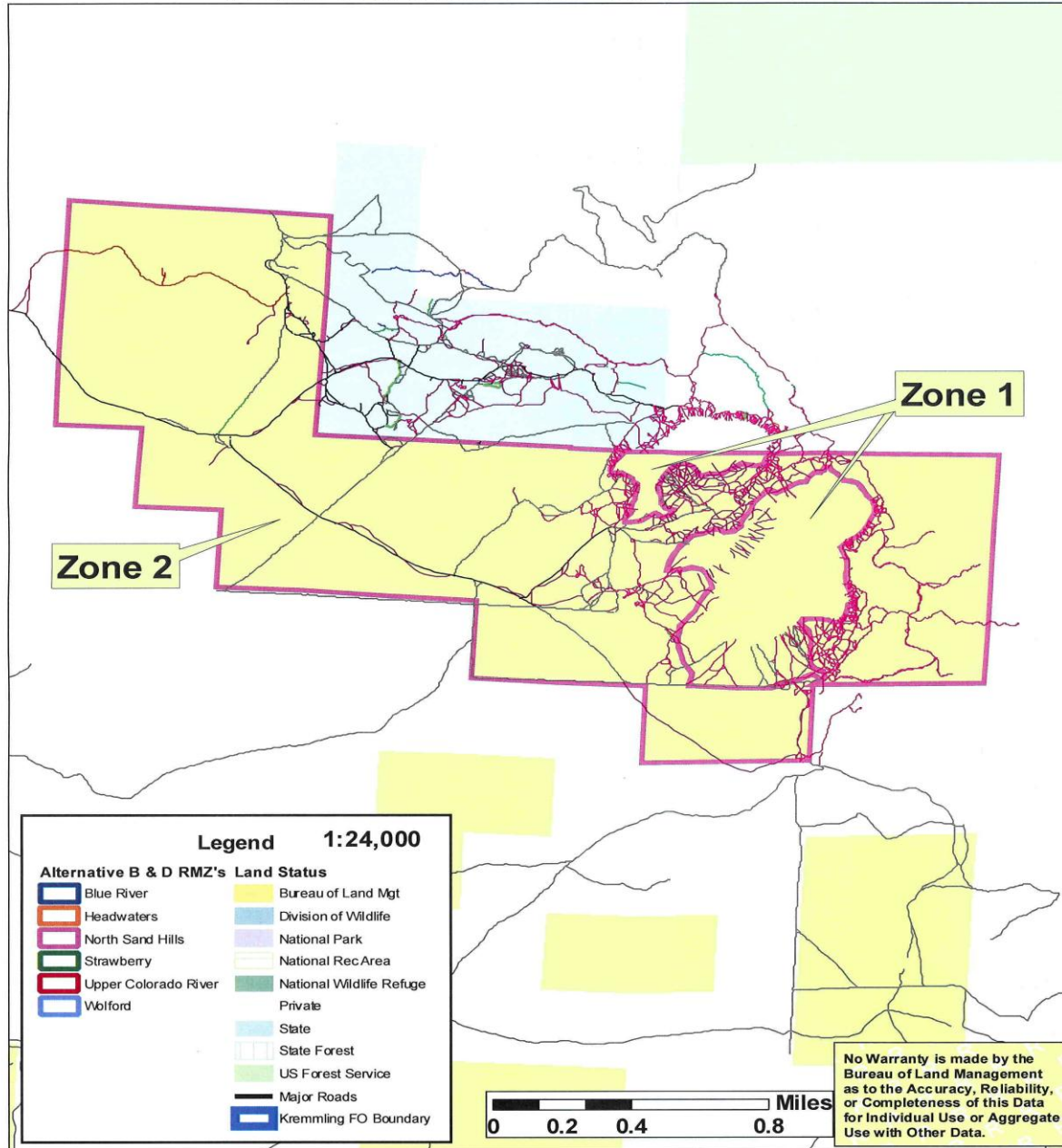
RMP Revision

- **Alternative B: Destination SRMA**
 - Zone 1: Day use OHV riding (motorized sand dune activities)
 - Zone 2: Overnight/multi-day OHV trail riders
- **Alternative C: Destination SRMA**
 - Only 1 Zone: Environmental tourists, Non-motorized hunters
- **Alternative D: Destination SRMA**
 - Zone 1: OHV riders (sand environment)
 - Zone 2: OHV trail riders & Campers
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- Alt. B & D similar except for proposed fee system under Alternative B
- Alt. C – closed to motorized vehicles with the exception of designated access routes





Draft - SRMA Recreation Management Zones North Sand Hills - Alternative B & D



Current and Future Efforts

- Fencing projects to protect vegetation within the ISA, Government Creek
 - Rocky Mountain Youth Corp
 - Statewide OHV Trail Crew
 - Continue educational and monitoring efforts
 - Provide BLM presence every weekend with additional support during holidays
 - OHV registrations, spark arrestors, noise compliance
 - Work towards partnerships to aid in NSH area management
 - Colorado State Parks
 - State Land Board
 - Jackson County – Chamber of Commerce, Sheriff Dept., EMS
 - Supplementary Rules
 - No camping in ISA, fire pit size restriction, No wood Collection
 - Possible acquisition of State Trust Lands
 - Additional funding sources
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