

Boots on the Ground

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So You Are a New Landowner



Boots in the House will not do!



Boots on the Ground are what we need!



These are not boots on the ground!



Who says it has to be your boots?



OVERVIEW

- Management Plan
- Maps
- Property Lines
- Getting Around In the Woods
- What is on my land?
 - Timber
 - Water
 - Wildlife
 - Flora
- Tools of the Trade

○ What Evil Lurks

○ Activities

○ Recreation

○ Timber Harvesting

○ Control Burning

○ Invasive Species

Management Plan

- Not my part of the show
- But you want one

Handsome Stranger and Lovely Bride

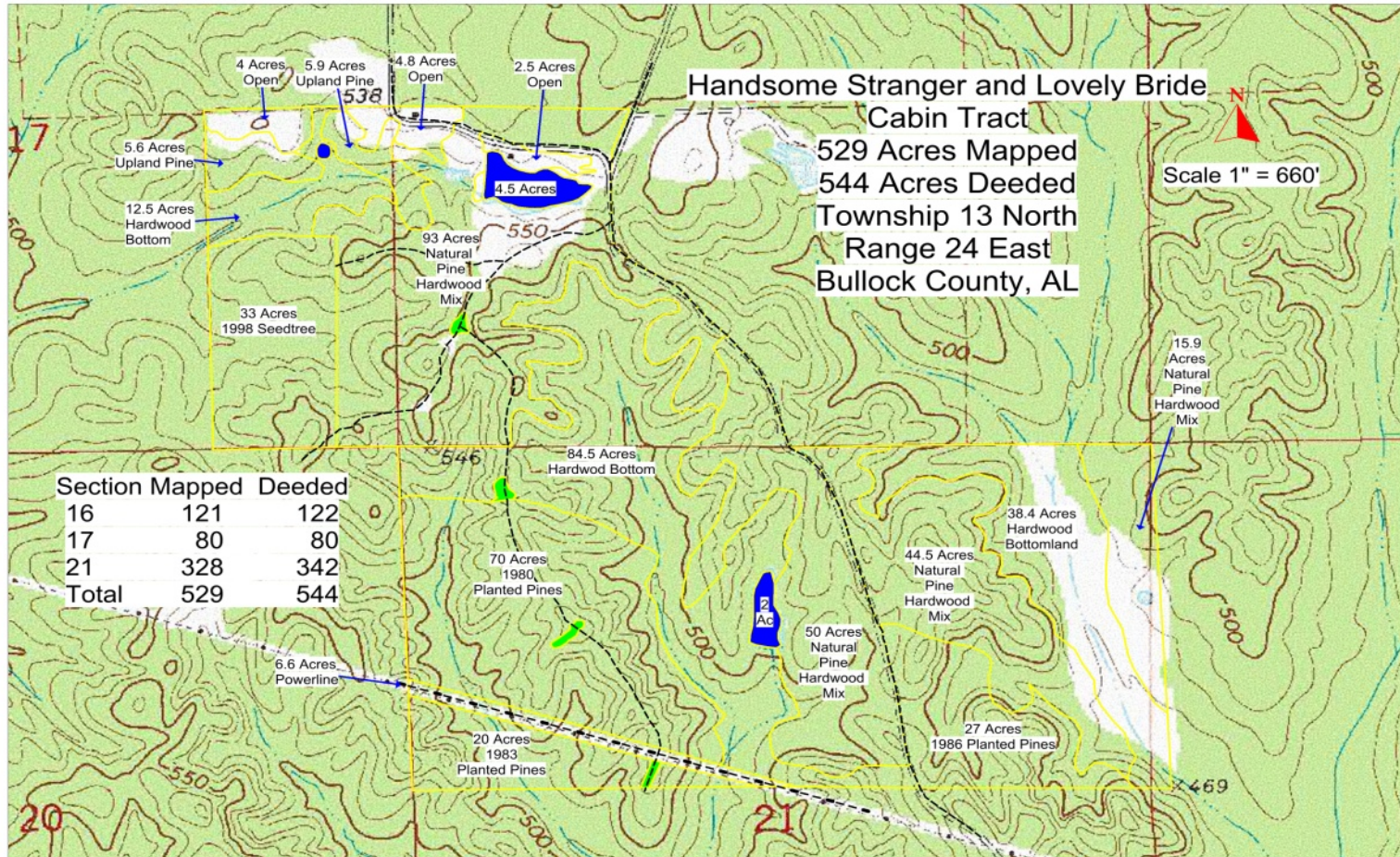
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S 3 & 10.T 15N.R22E
+/- 305 Acres

Forest and Wildlife Management Plan

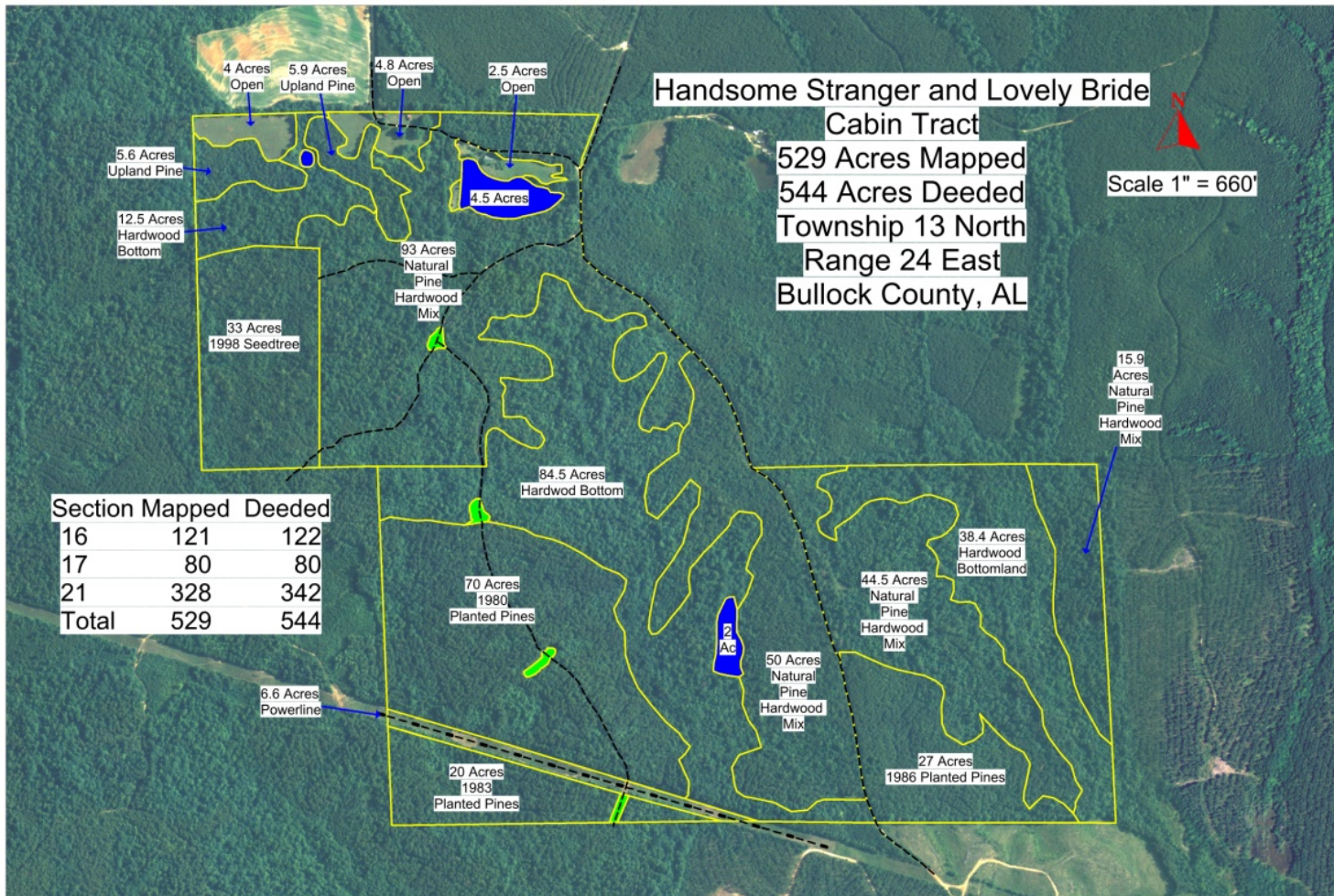
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Management Plan Prepared By: Your Favorite Forester and Wildlife Biologist
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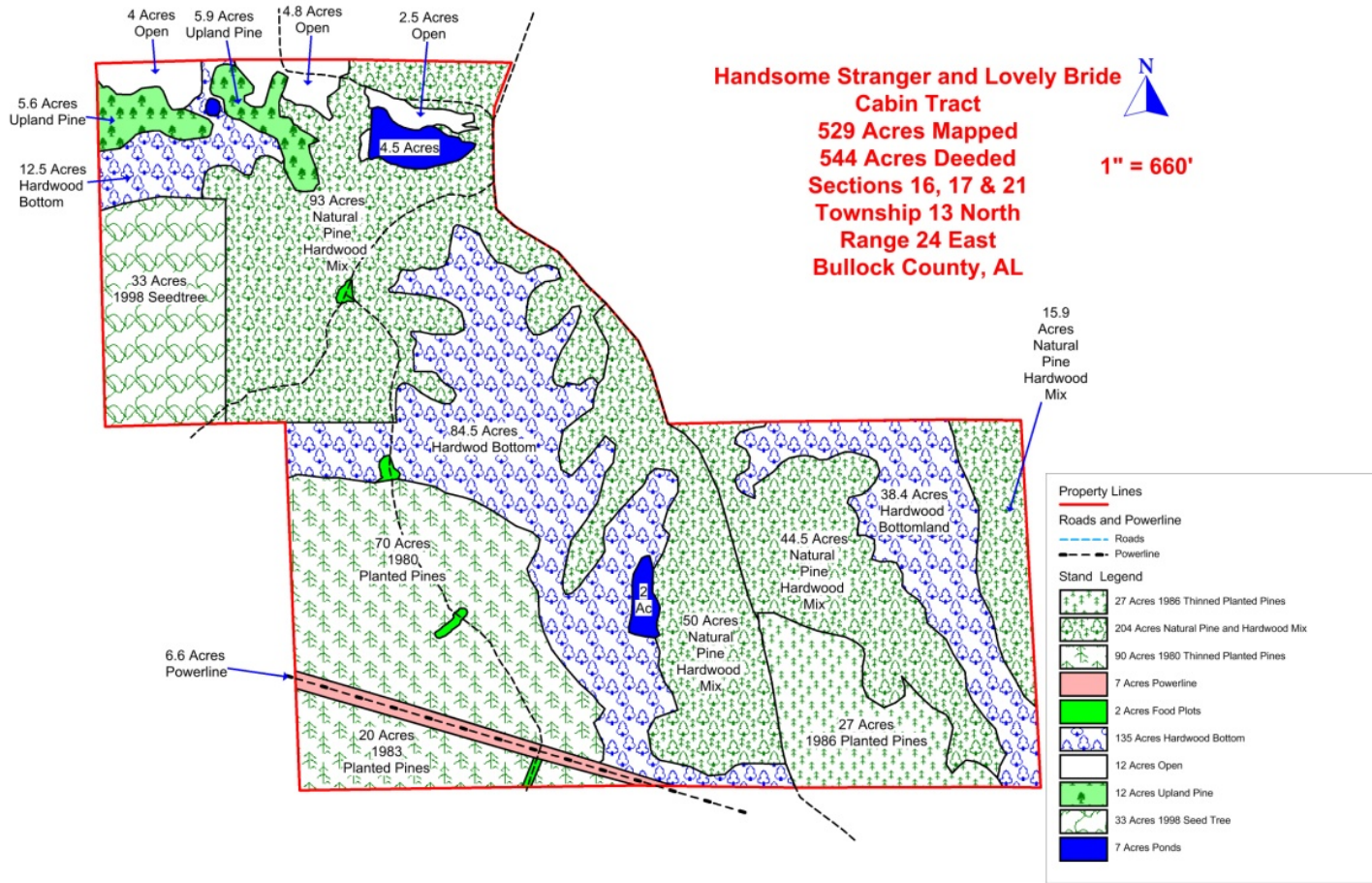
Maps Are Essential



Aerial Photograph



Type Map



Google Earth Map

○ Copyright Laws Prevent Me from showing You an example.

- Very Helpful
- Current
- Winter time photograph
- Learning curve

Property Lines

- Know your property lines.
- Your neighbor may remind you where they are.
- If surveyed, make sure they are flagged or painted.

Property Lines May Be Defined By Fence or Flagging



Old Fences



Roads



Firelanes



Paint



How Do I Get Around in the Woods and Not Get Lost?

○ Old Fashion Way



New Fashion Way



Even Newer Fashion Way



What is on My Land-Timber



More Timber



Creeks



Ponds



Wildlife









Flora



More Flora



Tools of the Trade

- During the warmer months wear “boots on the ground” protection:

Either Snake Leggings or



Snake Proof Boots



Snake Proof Chaps



Dibble and Planting Bag



If Planting More Than 10 Trees Hire a Professional



Backpack Sprayer



Flagging and Pin Flags



Machete and Pruning Shears



Fire Rake



What Lurks in the Woods



Yellow Jackets/Wasps/Hornets



Alabama Tick



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Poison Ivy/Oak



Wells-Best to leave Boots On Top of the Ground



How deep is that?



Recreation

- Hunting
- Fishing
- Bird Watching
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Four Wheeler

Hunting-That first big buck



Or that first spike



Timber Harvesting



Prescribed Burning



Invasive Species-Wild Hogs



Kudzu



Cogongrass



Kick Back and Enjoy



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