

American Chestnut Conservation Mission #1 Issued 6/3/2022

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Objective: Locate surviving wild type American chestnuts in southern portion of PA State Game Land # 179 Greene County, Pennsylvania

Background: The area is sparsely populated. It is suspected that there may be chestnuts in this area based on historic chestnut range maps and habitat, however there are no records of surviving American chestnuts in this area. Due to the southwestern location any chestnuts found in this area may have a greater diversity of genetic material that would be a valuable addition to the conservation program. In addition, local adaptation from this area would be beneficial. This is a great opportunity for individual hikers and conservation groups to help forward the restoration mission of the American chestnut foundation.

Mission: Focus exploration on areas highlighted on the following maps. Report findings to Sara Fitzsimmons, TACF Chief Conservation Officer by completing a Tree Locator Form and sending it along with a leaf and twig sample to the address below:

PSU
108 Business Services
206 Forest Resources Lab
University Park, PA 16802

Follow the link below to find more instructions on reporting a tree and to download a Tree Locator Form:

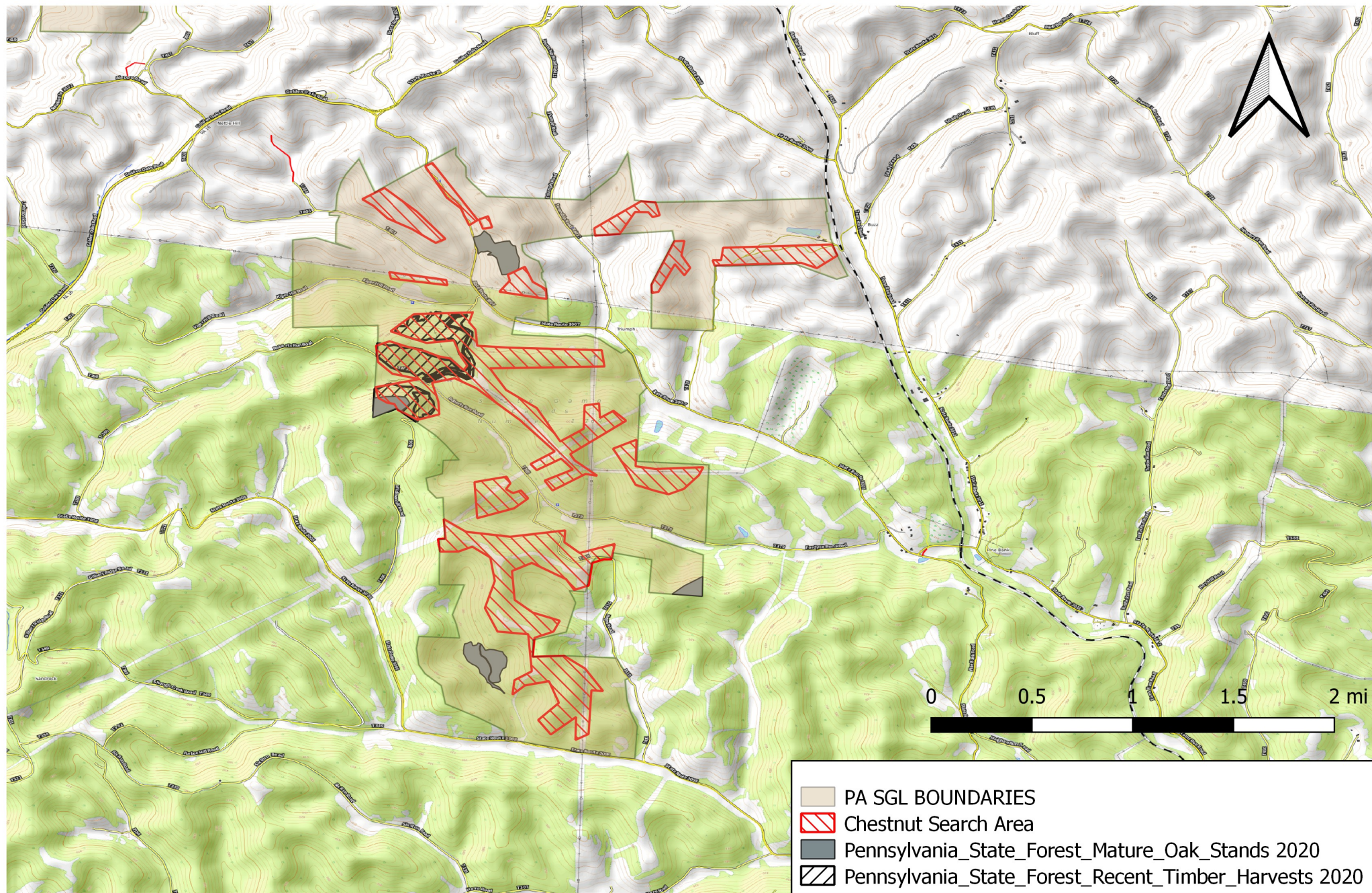
<https://patacf.org/report-a-tree/>

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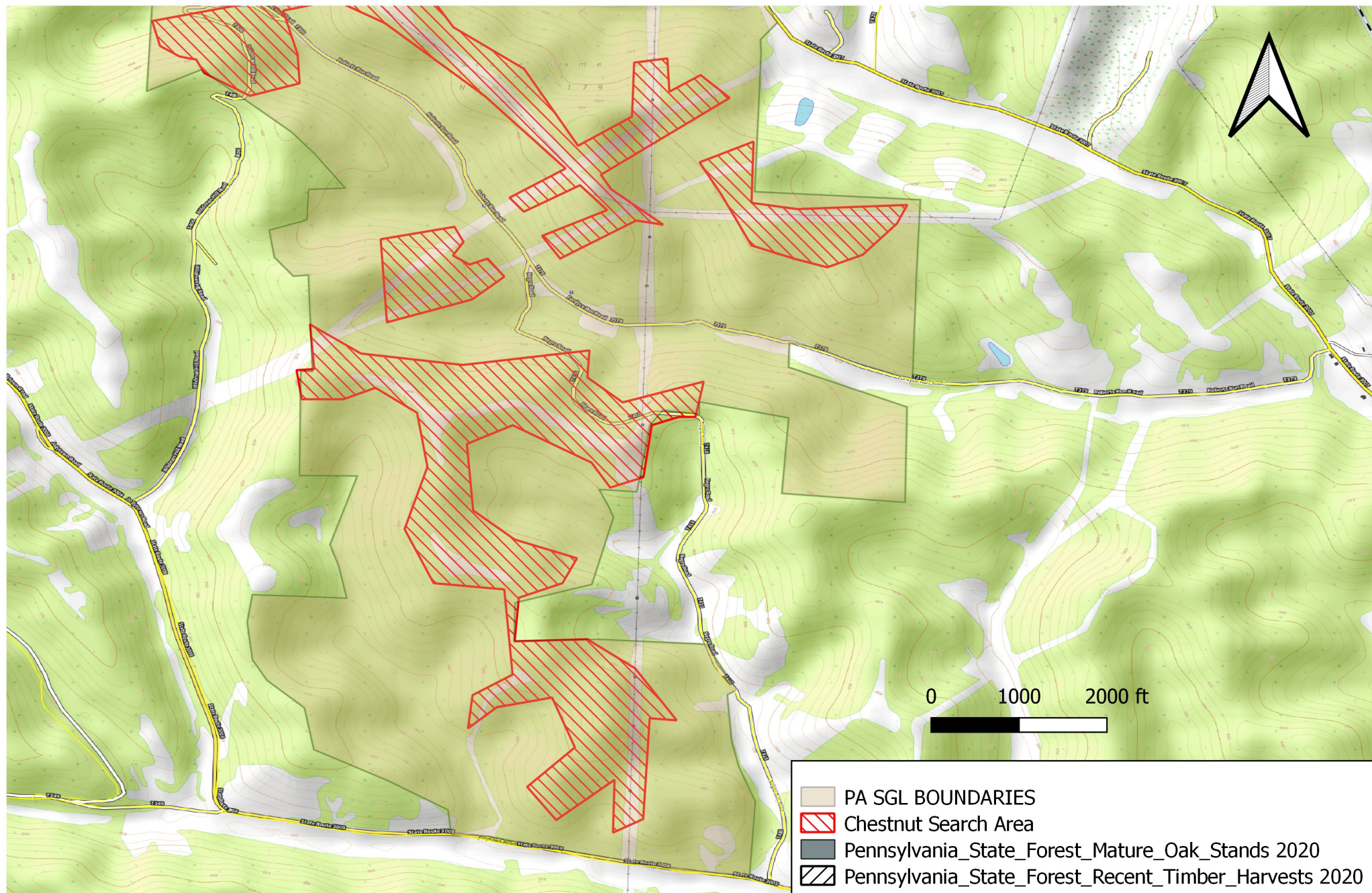
- Fill out the Tree Locator Form with as much information as possible! Note ability to collect nuts from tree and signs of blight resistance such as cruddy bark a priority. And don't forget your contact information for follow-up.
 - Be sure to reference Mission # **(ACCM1)**
- Include a leaf and twig sample for each located tree (as available) and email photos to mail@patacf.org noting the Mission # **(ACCM1)** in the email



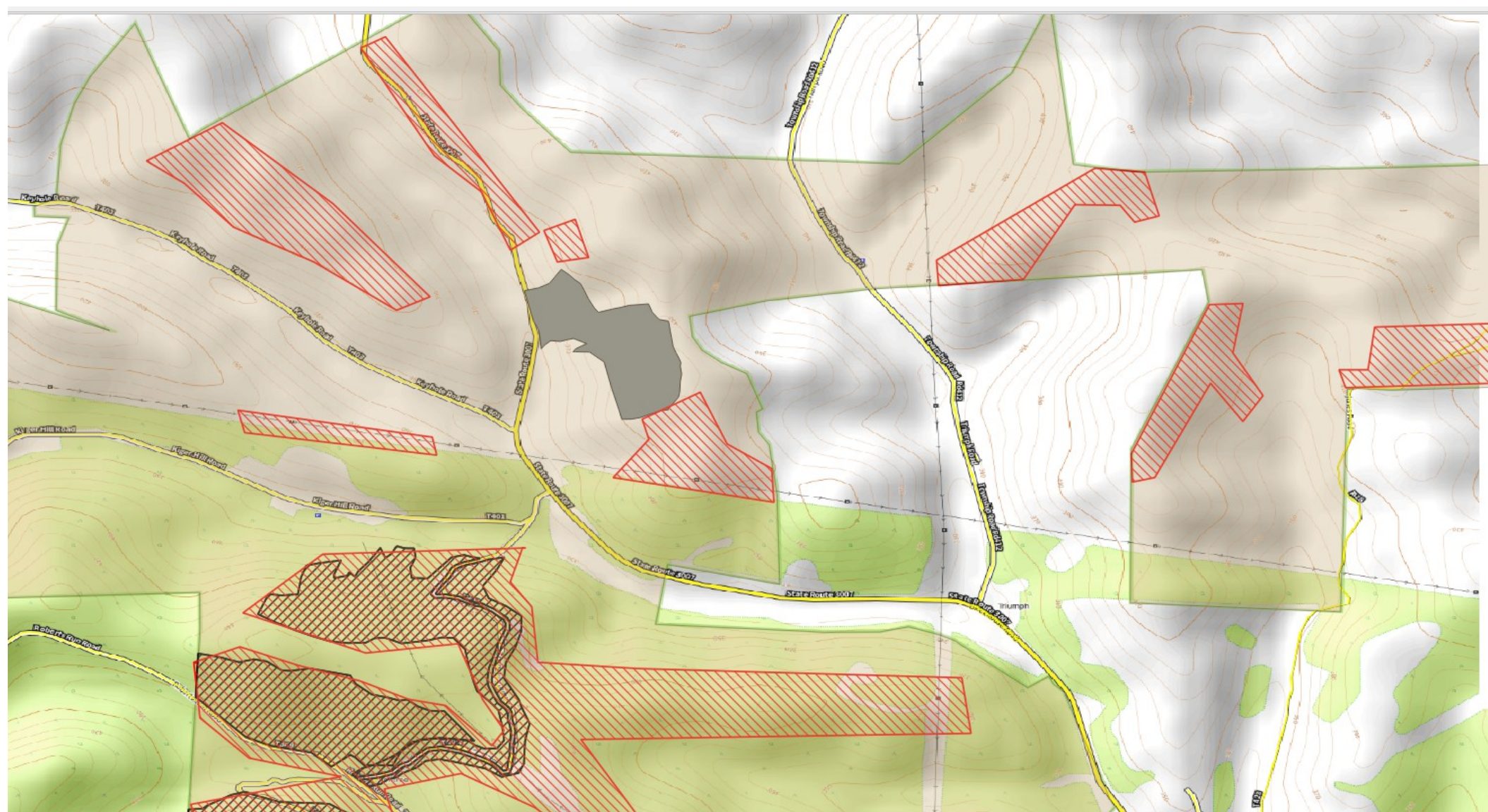
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Close Up of Northern Mission
Area. Map not to scale

