

RIMFIRE ATV TRAILS

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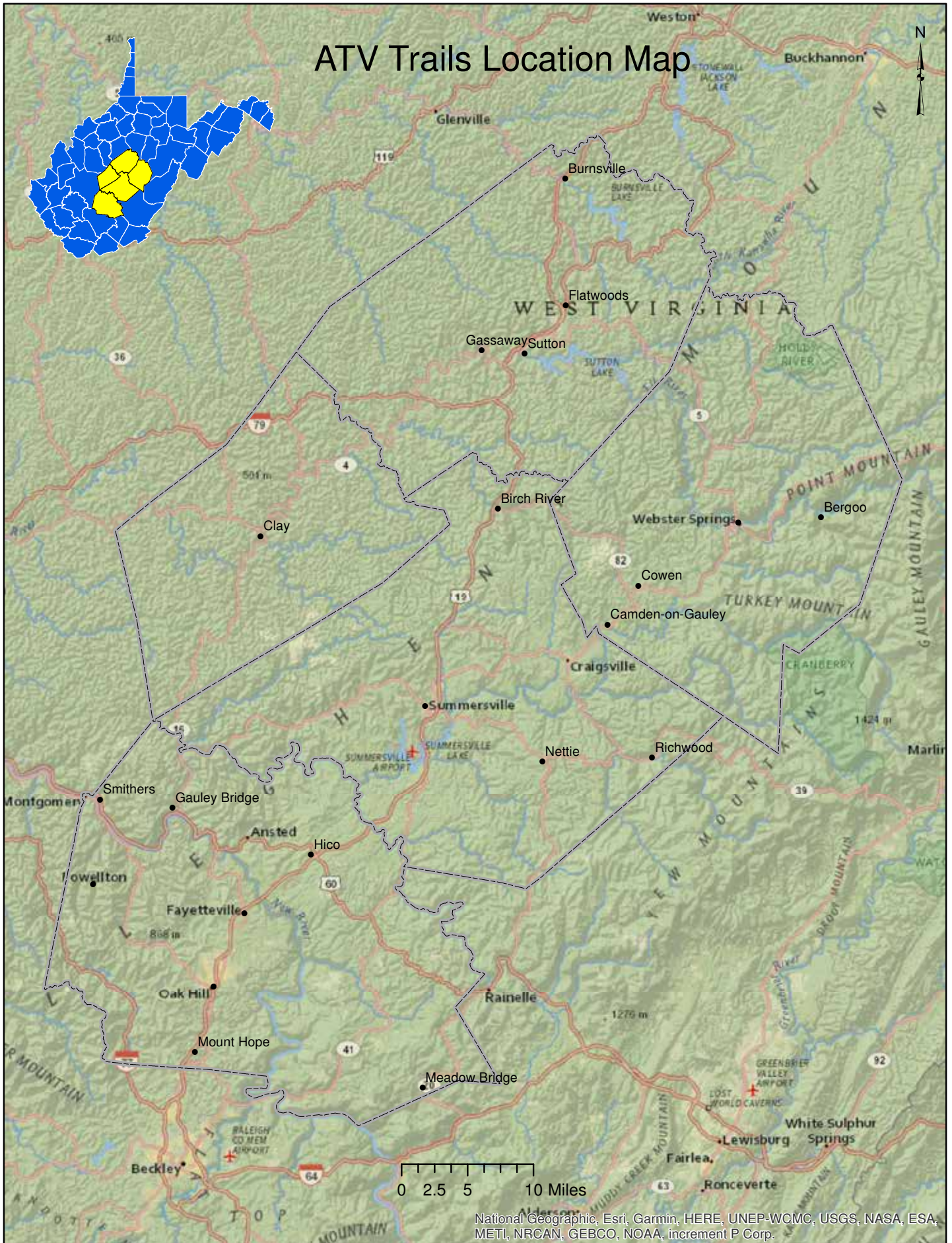
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History

The five central West Virginia Counties of Braxton, Clay, Fayette, Nicholas and Webster partnered in 2014, to develop an All-Terrain Vehicle focused trail system in Central West Virginia similar to the Hatfield McCoy Trail System in Southern West Virginia. The group commissioned a study by the Rahall Institute in 2015 to explore the feasibility of an ATV trail system. In 2017 the group formally became what is now the Rimfire Group. They applied for and subsequently received funding by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for an ARC POWER (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization) Initiative grant in 2015, for \$60,000.00. The group engaged Thrasher Engineering to complete a comprehensive study of the feasibility and operations of a Hatfield McCoy Trail type All-Terrain Vehicle trail system in Central West Virginia. The study found that the most logical and feasible way to proceed with this type of development was a partnership with the Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority in Southern West Virginia. The West Virginia Legislature during their 2018 session passed House Bill 4488, expanding the Hatfield McCoy Trail system from nine counties to fourteen counties, thus including the Central West Virginia counties of Braxton, Clay, Fayette, Nicholas and Webster. The Group then applied for and received a Rural Business Development Grant in 2019 for \$50,000.00 to fund the Rimfire ATV Trail Initiative. The additional five counties will be bundled into a new trail system called the Rimfire Trail System and will be managed by the Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority.

The Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority is currently pursuing ways to develop this new system and has requested the Central West Virginia Counties provide them with a comprehensive list of all available properties and viability of these properties for an All-Terrain Vehicle trail system. The five county economic development authorities in conjunction with Region 4 Planning and Development Council applied for a USDA Rural Business Grant and was awarded this grant in 2019, for \$52,000.00. The Region 4 Planning and Development Council was the lead applicant on the grant and developed a request for proposal for a consultant to complete a comprehensive study of the viability of an ATV trail system based on overall economic impact and availability of property for development. Upon solicitation, interview and evaluation, River Expeditions was chosen as the successful firm, hereafter named Consultant. The Region 4 Planning and Development Council entered into contract with Consultant on 2/6/20, for the purpose of completing this study. This document is the final report resulting from the comprehensive analysis and investigations associated with the Rimfire System study.

ATV Trails Location Map



National Geographic, Esri, Garmin, HERE, UNEP-WCMC, USGS, NASA, ESA, METI, NRCAN, GEBCO, NOAA, increment P Corp.

Introduction

Consultant, in fulfillment of their contract and as part of the request for proposal, was tasked with identifying and analyzing major land owners in the five county region making up the Rimfire ATV Trail Initiative. These land owners would be ranked by their willingness to enter into an agreement with the Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority for the new system and the feasibility and viability of their property for use as an ATV trail system.

Additionally, the report will recommend the most economically viable and logical areas in which to locate the new trail system based on criteria recommended by the Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority. The economic impact advice provided by the Hatfield McCoy experts was based on a vast range of aspects which they have developed and implemented for many years. Their successful all-terrain vehicle system influences many economic drivers; lodging, restaurants, repair shops, other partner tourism establishments, the list of ancillary businesses goes on and on. The Hatfield McCoy guidance weighed heavy in the rankings.

As with Hatfield McCoy, River Expeditions has been long lasting in the tourism and land management business (25+ years) and makes the following recommendations on where to locate new trail systems based upon this experience. Understanding the project goals and recognizing strengths and weaknesses within the state and regional tourism industry, this document will provide the Rimfire Trail System a road map for potential trail locations in the future.

The criteria set forth for this determination were as follows:

1. **Locating** contiguous tracts of property consisting of a minimum of 3000 acres or more with landowners willing to participate with the Rimfire Trail System.
2. **Assess** areas for the system with the best probability of success based on existing tourism infrastructure.
3. **Identify** the trail system most logical to develop first based on probability of success.
4. **Prioritize** each recommended trail system in order based on probability of success as an ATV Tourism Destination.
5. **Recommend** at least one ATV trail site per county.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which hampered our access to records and resources, Consultant was able to meet its obligation to the Rimfire Committee in fulfilling the goals of their contract and request for proposal.

Initial Observations & Findings

After comprehensive study we believe there is a new model for land acquisition emerging within the landowner trail system dynamic which will change the landowner / trail system relationship substantially. The original model invented by the Hatfield McCoy Trail System was based on landowner's goodwill in allowing trail systems to be constructed on their property without any monetary consideration or other financial compensation or benefit. The Authority did provide some benefits to the landowner in the form of landowner liability protection, insurance coverage and a law enforcement presence. But as the economy has changed with the decline of coal and timber revenue, land companies have been compelled to come up with a new model of operation. The model which has emerged is pay to play, whereas landowners are now leasing their large tracts of land to hunting clubs in order to generate cash flow. So within this new paradigm we believe that some landowners, but not all, will eventually require monetary compensation to allow a Hatfield McCoy type trail system to operate on their property. We would propose that a portion of each trail permit, in conjunction with local funds where each trail is located, be placed into an account which can be used to pay leases on property, if needed.

After extensive investigation, with the exception of Braxton County, there is a considerable amount of land with over 3000 acres in the five county region with land owners willing to participate in the new trail system. The biggest obstacle was the vast majority of the large land tracts within the five county area are under lease by hunting clubs, a common arrangement in rural America. Most of these hunting leases have been in force for several years and the individuals holding these leases have proven themselves to be good stewards of the land company's property. To avoid public relations and political challenges which could halt or at best significantly delay progression of trail system development, Consultant suggests that existing leases be left uninterrupted. The company land managers, who are tasked with the on the ground management of these properties, are also concerned that canceling a lease for no reason other than to re-lease the property to the trail system will harm their reputation as reliable lessors. Furthermore, Consultant proposes that the new trail system should become well established on available unencumbered tracts of land, then and only then, approach these land owners that have land leased to hunting clubs to possibly lease a portion of the property to the trail system under a similar compensation system used by the hunting clubs while allowing the hunting clubs to retain the rest of the property for their purposes. These lease payments can be funded by local public funding or a portion of the permit fees.

Process of Evaluation & Methodology

Consultant contacted and/or met with the Economic Development Authority Directors and Assessors of all five Rimfire Trail System counties to identify land owners with over 3000 contiguous acres. Consultant also contacted the Convention & Visitors Bureaus and Chambers of Commerce to assess lodging capacity, dining options and other attractions within their respective counties. Consultant also met and consulted with the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director of the Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority about potential trail options and suitable tracts of land.

The process included meeting with the county Assessor of each county and evaluation of county land maps and digital land maps provided by the Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority to identify available parcels. The parcels were then ranked by both the highest probability of success and land availability, see attachment number 1, for a comprehensive list of land holdings for the five county area. Consultant contacted each of the companies listed with greater than 3,000 acres to identify their willingness or interest in participating in the new Rimfire Trail System.

In light of the aforementioned criteria and leased land availability restrictions, we have proposed two sets of recommendations for each county reflecting potential develop-able locations. The first list will reflect in numerical order, from best to least attractive, the most economically viable locations for new trail systems in each county. The second list will reflect the best location economically for the new trail system based on available land. Portions of the reasoning for both the economic impact and the available land ranking scenarios are repetitive should one chose to present them separately for negotiating purposes.

ATTACHMENT NUMBER 1

Landowners with over 3000 contiguous acres:

BRAXTON COUNTY

The Forestland Group
Sun Lumber Company

Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Frank Brewster	304-493-6609

CLAY COUNTY

Blue Eagle LLC
Costal Forest Resources Co
The Forestland Group
Tommy Graham
Southeastern Land LLC

Jim Bunn	276-669-8599
Nathan Feather	304-460-7000
Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Jonathan McGrath	843-268-0269
Charles Hamm	440-995-1402

FAYETTE COUNTY

The Forestland Group
Imperial Colliery
Pocahontas Land Co
Weyerhaeuser Corp

Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Jack Booda	304-469-9300
Richard Clapp	304-324-2443
Bill Dempsey	304-646-0922

NICHOLAS COUNTY

The Forestland Group
Amherst Industries
Pardee & Curtin Reality
Southeastern Land LLC
Swiss Holdings LLC
Weyerhaeuser Corp

Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Bryan Crowder	304-926-1131
Steve Harp	304-872-0576
Charles Hamm	440-995-1402
Eddie Workman	304-346-3661
Bill Dempsey	304-646-0922

WEBSTER COUNTY

Costal Forest Resources Co
The Forestland Group
Pardee & Curtin Reality
Weyerhaeuser Corp

Nathan Feather	304-460-7000
Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Steve Harp	304-872-0576
Bill Dempsey	304-646-0922

Economic Feasibility Ranking:

The list below details in order of economic viability the best locations for the Rimfire Trail System. This list contains property which is currently under lease but reflects the locations with the highest probability of success:

1. Fayette County - this is the best overall choice for a trail system since there are over 25,000 acres owned by Forest Land Group, North Hills Group, Hatfield McCoy Trails and Pocahontas Land Company (a portion of this property is permitted for mining is currently bonded and may need an MR 12 partial bond release done) located approximately five minutes Southeast of US Route 19, between Oak Hill and Fayetteville, West Virginia. This property spans from US Route 19, all the way to the Kanawha River near Montgomery and Gauley Bridge, West Virginia. All of the above-mentioned land owners are willing or have previously entered into recreational trail agreements with the Hatfield McCoy Trail System. There are over 1,000 rooms of lodging in Fayette County, numerous campgrounds, 60 RV Sites, 48 Restaurants and many whitewater rafting companies, ziplines, world class rock climbing, many shopping opportunities located in Fayetteville and Oak Hill areas. This proposed trail site is also 20 minutes from Beckley and 40 minutes from Summersville, where lodging and dining are plentiful as well. Consultant also contacted the following land owner representatives: Greg Wilhelm of Forestland Group, who indicated all of their property was currently under lease other than the property where we are proposing the new trail. Bill Dempsey of Weyerhaeuser Corporation, stated all of their property was currently under lease. Jack Booda of Imperial Colliery, stated that they did not allow ATV's on their properties. See attachment number 2, for landowner list for Fayette County. The corresponding map, attachment number 3, identifies land with property owners currently willing to enter into a trail agreement shaded in green with property owners currently not willing with the trail system because they have their property leased or do not allow ATV on their property shaded in reds.
2. Nicholas County - given the selection criteria Consultant recommends Nicholas as having the greatest potential for a second trail system which would be located within five minutes of Summersville approximately 2 to 3 miles northeast of US Route 19 off of Route 39 on Groves Ford Road. There are over 4,000 acres owned by Weyerhaeuser Corporation, but this property has been under lease by a hunting club for over 20 years. Summersville has over 650 rooms of lodging, 2 campgrounds, 30 restaurants and close proximity to Summersville Lake. Summersville is 20 minutes from Fayetteville/Oak Hill where additional lodging and dining are available. Consultant also contacted a series of large landowners with similar restrictive characteristics as Fayette County: Nathan Feather of Coastal Lumber who stated that all of their property was currently

under lease. Greg Wilhelm of Forestland Group confirmed that all of their property was currently under lease. Bill Dempsey with Weyerhaeuser Corporation who stated that all of their property was currently under lease. Steve Harp of Pardee & Curtain Realty LLC, stated that they did not allow ATV's on their properties. Jonathan McGrath, agent for Tommy Graham of Leatherwood Creek Timberlands owning over 6,000 acres on the Clay and Nicholas County line, stated that their property was currently under lease. See attachment number 4 for landowner list of Nicholas County. Consultant also reviewed all county tax maps in order to locate any other large tracts of land or any land touching the municipality of Summersville and were unsuccessful in establishing the location of potential available ATV System sites. The companion map, see attachment number 5, shows land with property owners currently not willing to enter into a trail agreement but who have the best location for a successful trail system shaded in yellow. All property owners currently not willing to partner with the trail system because they have their property leased or do not allow ATVs on their property are shaded in red.

3. Braxton & Clay Counties - unfortunately under the criteria needed to provide the highest probability of success, these two Counties rank as the third choice for a trail system development consideration. Consultant was able to establish that there are approximately 3,700 acres owned by Forestland Group near Sleith, WV, located approximately 10 minutes from I-79 off the Servia Exit, close to Nebo, West Virginia. As mentioned previously, as are most large tracts in the Region, this property is under lease by a hunting club. Close proximity lodging is very limited, there is one campground with cabins owned by Daniel Tanner nearby, who is currently expanding by adding more cabins and a restaurant. There is also a second, noteworthy restaurant nearby - Pizza & Cream. This property is located approximately 20 minutes from Clay, West Virginia which offers 15 rooms of lodging, a campground with RV Park and 5 restaurants. And approximately 50 minutes from Charleston and Summersville, West Virginia which offer plenty of lodging and restaurants. Consultant also contacted the following land owner representatives, see attachment number 6, Nathan Feather of Coastal Lumber who indicated all of their property was currently under lease. Greg Wilhelm with Forestland Group stated that all of their property was currently under lease. Frank Brewster of Sun Lumber Company, which has a tract of approximately 3,000 contiguous acres, stated that they did not allow ATV's on their properties. Jonathan McGrath, agent for Tommy Graham of Leatherwood Creek Timberlands owning over 6,000 acres which is currently for sale on the Clay and Nicholas County line, stated that their property was currently under lease. Senator Mike Ross from Ross-Wharton Gas Company stated that they did not have any Braxton County properties over 3,000 acres. Consultant also reviewed all county tax maps in order to locate any other large tracts of land or any land in close proximity to the municipalities of Clay, Flatwoods or Sutton and were unsuccessful in establishing the location of

additional potential ATV System sites. The corresponding map, see attachment number 7, shows land with property owners currently not willing to enter into a trail agreement but who have the best location for a successful trail system shaded in yellow. All other property owners currently not willing to work with the trail system because they have their property leased or do not allow ATVs on their property are shaded in red.

4. Webster County - most challenging, consequently Webster is the fourth choice for trail system development. Webster has a potential land partner which has approximately 10,000 acres owned by Pardee & Curtain Realty LLC, adjoining Webster Springs. This company is willing to make an exception to their "No ATVs" policy for this one area and entertain the possibility of entering into a trail agreement in the future providing there is monetary compensation for the use of their property. Webster Springs has a quaint downtown with 5 restaurants, grocery store, 23-room motel, 13 cabins and 3 campgrounds. There is currently an established ATV event in Bergoo which draws thousands of people annually. The limiting factor which causes Webster to rank 4th is that Webster Springs is approximately a 40 minute drive from both US Route 19 and I-79, approximately 40 minutes from Summersville and Sutton. Consultant also contacted the following landowner representatives, see attachment number 8, Nathan Feather of Coastal Lumber who stated that all of their property was currently under lease. Greg Wilhelm with Forestland Group indicated that all of their property was currently under lease. Frank Brewster of Sun Lumber Company stated that they did not allow ATV's on their properties. Consultant also reviewed all county tax maps in order to locate any other large tracts of land or any land in close proximity to of Webster Springs and were unsuccessful in establishing the location of additional potential ATV System sites. The companion map, see attachment number 9, shows land with property owners currently willing to enter into a trail agreement shaded in green with property owners currently not willing with the trail system because they have their property leased or do not allow ATVs on their property are shaded in red.



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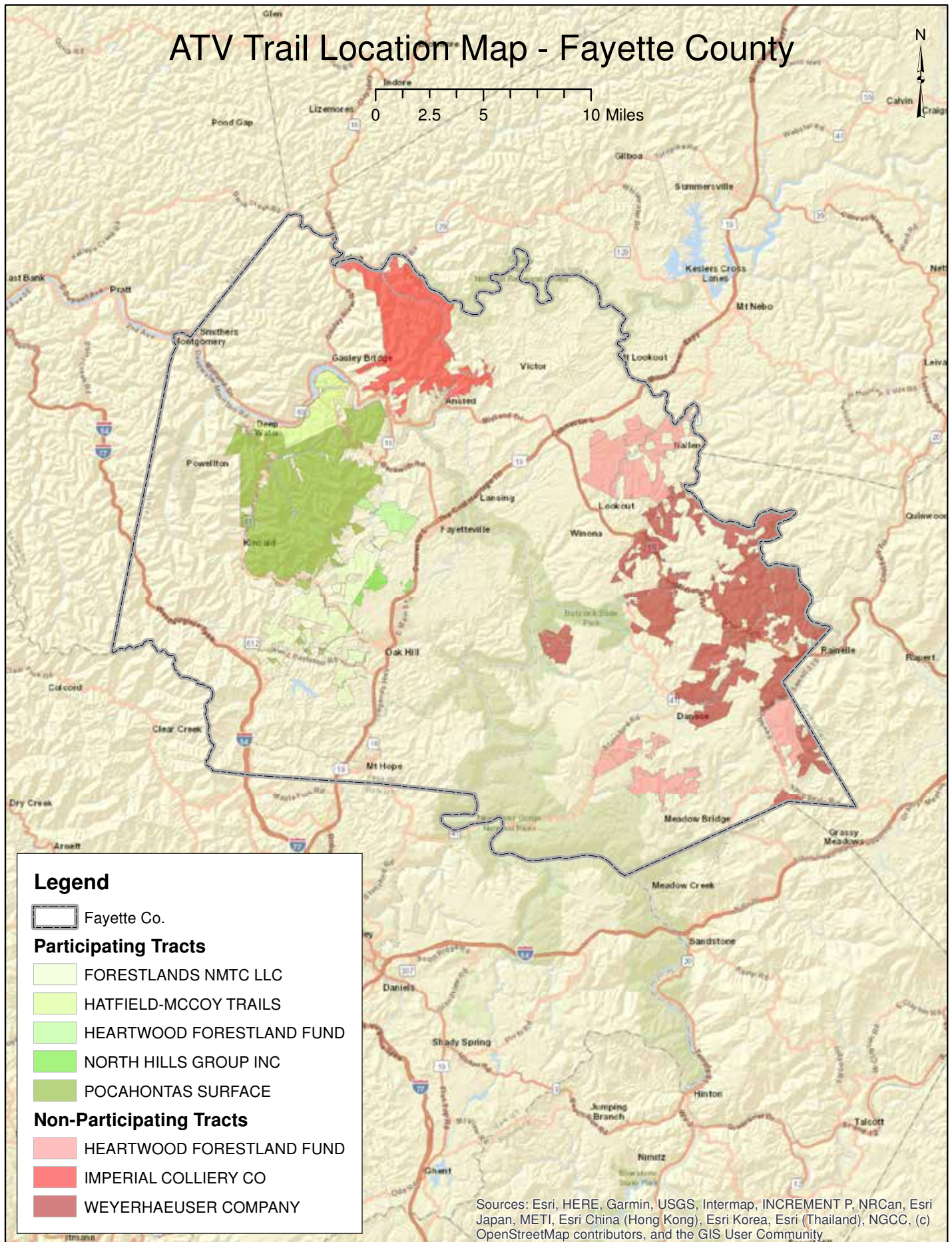
Fayette County land owners with over 3000 contiguous acres:

The Forestland Group
Imperial Colliery
Pocahontas Land Co
Weyerhaeuser Corp

Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Jack Booda	304-469-9300
Richard Clapp	304-324-2443
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ATV Trail Location Map - Fayette County



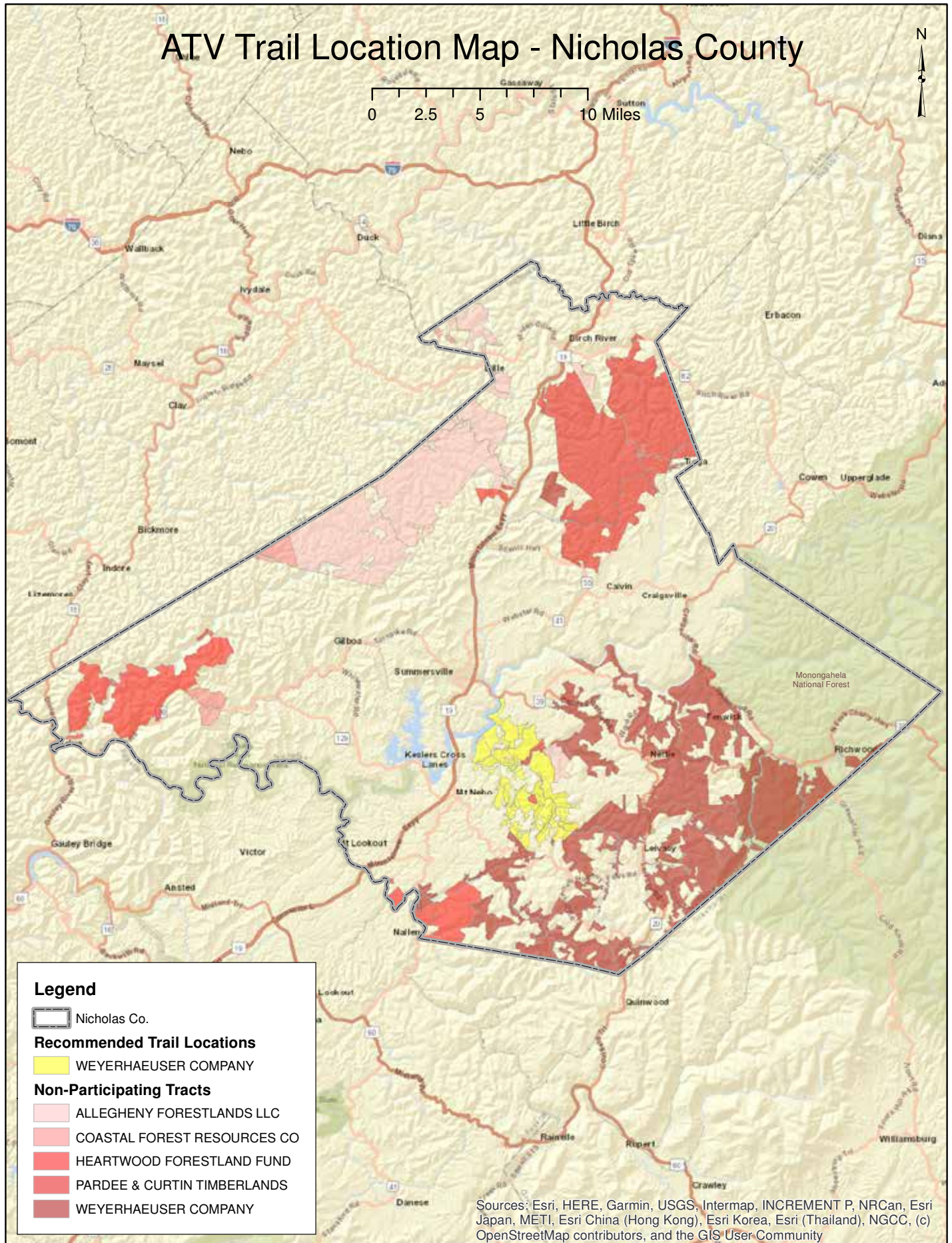
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Nicholas County land owners with over 3000 contiguous acres:

The Forestland Group
Amherst Industries
Pardee & Curtin Reality
Southeastern Land LLC
Swiss Holdings LLC
Weyerhaeuser Corp

Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Bryan Crowder	304-926-1131
Steve Harp	304-872-0576
Charles Hamm	440-995-1402
Eddie Workman	304-346-3661
Bill Dempsey	304-646-0922





Attachment Number 6

Braxton & Clay County land owners with over 3000 contiguous acres:

Braxton County

The Forestland Group
Sun Lumber Company

Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Frank Brewster	304-493-6609

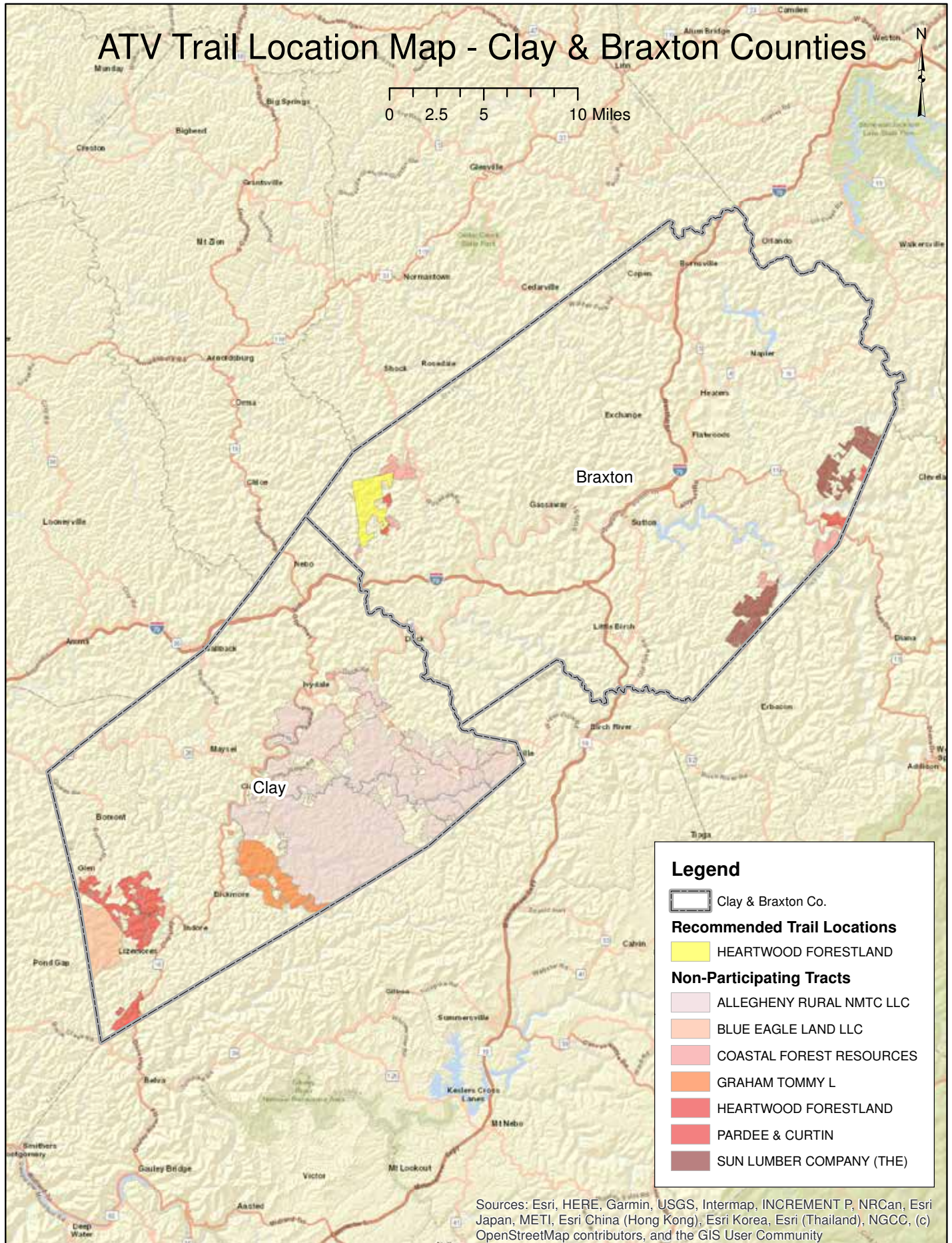
Clay County

Blue Eagle LLC
Costal Forest Resources Co
The Forestland Group
Tommy Graham
Southeastern Land LLC

Jim Bunn	276-669-8599
Nathan Feather	304-460-7000
Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
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ATV Trail Location Map - Clay & Braxton Counties



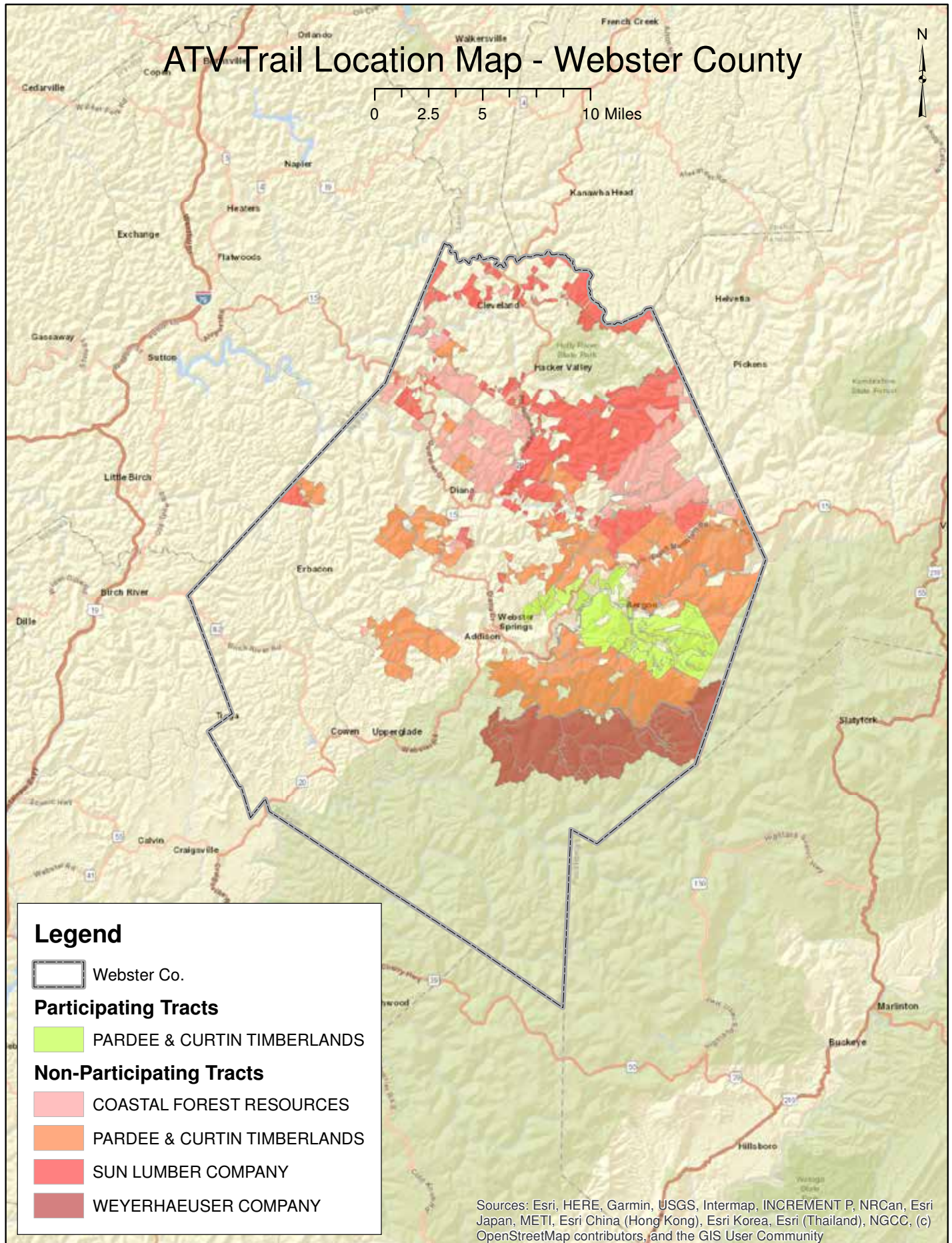
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Webster County land owners with over 3000 contiguous acres:

Costal Forest Resources Co
The Forestland Group
Pardee & Curtin Reality
Weyerhaeuser Corp

Nathan Feather	304-460-7000
Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Steve Harp	304-872-0576
Bill Dempsey	304-646-0922





Land Availability/Economic Ranking:

This second list reflects landowners that are currently willing to enter into a trail agreement with the Rimfire Trail System. This list is also in order of economic viability:

1. Fayette County - this is the first choice for a new trail system since there are over 25,000 acres owned by Forestland Group, North Hills Group, Hatfield McCoy Trails and Pocahontas Land Company (a portion of this property is permitted for mining is currently bonded and may need an MR 12 partial bond release done) located approximately five minutes Southeast of US Route 19, between Oak Hill and Fayetteville, West Virginia. This property spans from US Route 19, all the way to the Kanawha River near Montgomery and Gauley Bridge, West Virginia. All of the above-mentioned landowners are willing to enter into a trail agreement with the Rimfire/Hatfield McCoy Trail System. There are over 1000 rooms of lodging in Fayette County, numerous campgrounds, 60 RV Sites, 48 Restaurants and many whitewater rafting companies, ziplines, world class rock climbing, many shopping opportunities located in Fayetteville and Oak Hill areas. This proposed trail site is also 20 minutes from Beckley and 40 minutes from Summersville, where lodging and dining are even more abundant. Consultant also contacted the following landowner representatives, see attachment number 10. Greg Wilhelm with Forestland Group who stated that all of their property was currently under lease other than the property where we are proposing the new trail. Bill Dempsey at Weyerhaeuser Corporation said all of their property was currently under lease. Jack Booda from Imperial Colliery indicated they did not allow ATV's on their properties. The corresponding map, see attachment number 11, shows land with property owners currently willing to enter into a trail agreement shaded in green with property owners currently not willing with the trail system because they have their property leased or do not allow ATV on their property are shaded in red.
2. Webster County - given the selection criteria, Consultant recommends Webster as having the greatest potential for a second trail system. There are approximately 10,000 acres owned by Pardee & Curtain Realty LLC, adjoining Webster Springs. This company is willing to entertain the possibility of entering into a trail agreement in the future providing there is monetary compensation for the use of their property. Webster Springs has a quaint downtown with 5 restaurants, grocery store, 23-room motel, 13 cabins and 3 campgrounds. There is currently an established ATV event in Bergoo which draws thousands of people each year. The limiting factor which causes Webster to rank 2nd is that Webster Springs is approximately a 40 minute drive from both US Route 19 and I-79, approximately 40 minutes from Summersville and Sutton. Additionally, Consultant also contacted the following land owner representatives, see

attachment number 12. Nathan Feather with Coastal Lumber who stated that all of their property was currently under lease. And Greg Wilhelm of Forestland Group, stating that all of their property was currently under lease. Frank Brewster with Sun Lumber Company indicated that they did not allow ATV's on their properties. Consultant reviewed all county tax maps in order to locate any other large tracts of land or any land touching the municipality of Webster Springs and were unable to find any land available. The companion map, see attachment number 13, shows land with property owners currently willing to enter into a trail agreement shaded in greens with property owners currently not willing to work with the trail system because they have their property leased or do not allow ATVs on their property shaded in reds.

3. Clay & Nicholas Counties - unfortunately under the criteria needed to provide the highest probability of success, these two Counties rank as the third choice for a trail system development consideration. Consultant was able to establish that these counties have several large tracts of land on their contiguous borders, one owned by Amherst Industries Incorporated, consisting of approximately 5,400 acres. Continental Heritage Insurance Co. AKA Southeastern Land LLC (previous owner Nicholas Clay Land & Mineral Co.), consisting of approximately 9,800 acres along the Nicholas/Clay County borders. Swiss Holdings owning approximately 7,000 acres along the Nicholas/Clay County borders but are not contiguous. These locations, while not ideal, are approximately 30 - 40 minutes from Summersville and 20 -30 minutes from Clay, West Virginia. All of the above-mentioned land owners are willing to enter into a trail agreement with the Rimfire/Hatfield McCoy Trail System. Consultant also contacted the following landowner representatives, see attachment number 14. Nathan Feather of Coastal Lumber who stated that all of their property was currently under lease. Greg Wilhelm with Forestland Group said their property was currently under lease. Bill Dempsey at Weyerhaeuser Corporation indicated that all of their property was currently under lease. And Steve Harp at Pardee & Curtain Realty LLC stated that they did not allow ATV's on their properties. Jonathan McGrath, agent for Tommy Graham Leatherwood Creek Timberlands owning over 6000 acres which is currently for sale on the Clay and Nicholas County line, stated that their property was currently under lease. Jim Bunn owner Blue Eagle Land LLC owns approximately 3,200 acres in Clay County but is not currently interested in entering a trail agreement. Consultant reviewed all county tax maps in order to locate any other large tracts of land or any land touching the municipalities of Clay or Summersville and were unable to find any land available. The companion map, see attachment number 15, shows land with property owners currently willing to enter into a trail agreement shaded in greens with property owners currently not willing to work with the trail system because they have their property leased or do not allow ATVs on their property shaded in reds.

4. Braxton County – most challenging, consequently is Braxton County where there are no large tracts of land available. Consultant contacted the following landowner representatives, see attachment number 16. Greg Wilhelm of Forestland Group stated that all of their property was currently under lease. Frank Brewster of Sun Lumber Company which has a tract of approximately 3000 contiguous acres, stated that they did not allow ATV's on their properties. Senator Mike Ross from Ross-Wharton Gas Company indicated that they did not have any Braxton County properties over 3000 acres. Consultant reviewed all county tax maps in order to locate any other large tracts of land or any land touching the municipalities of Flatwoods or Sutton and were unable to find any land available. The companion map, see attachment number 17, shows property owners currently not willing to work with the trail system because they have their property leased or do not allow ATV's on their property shaded in reds.



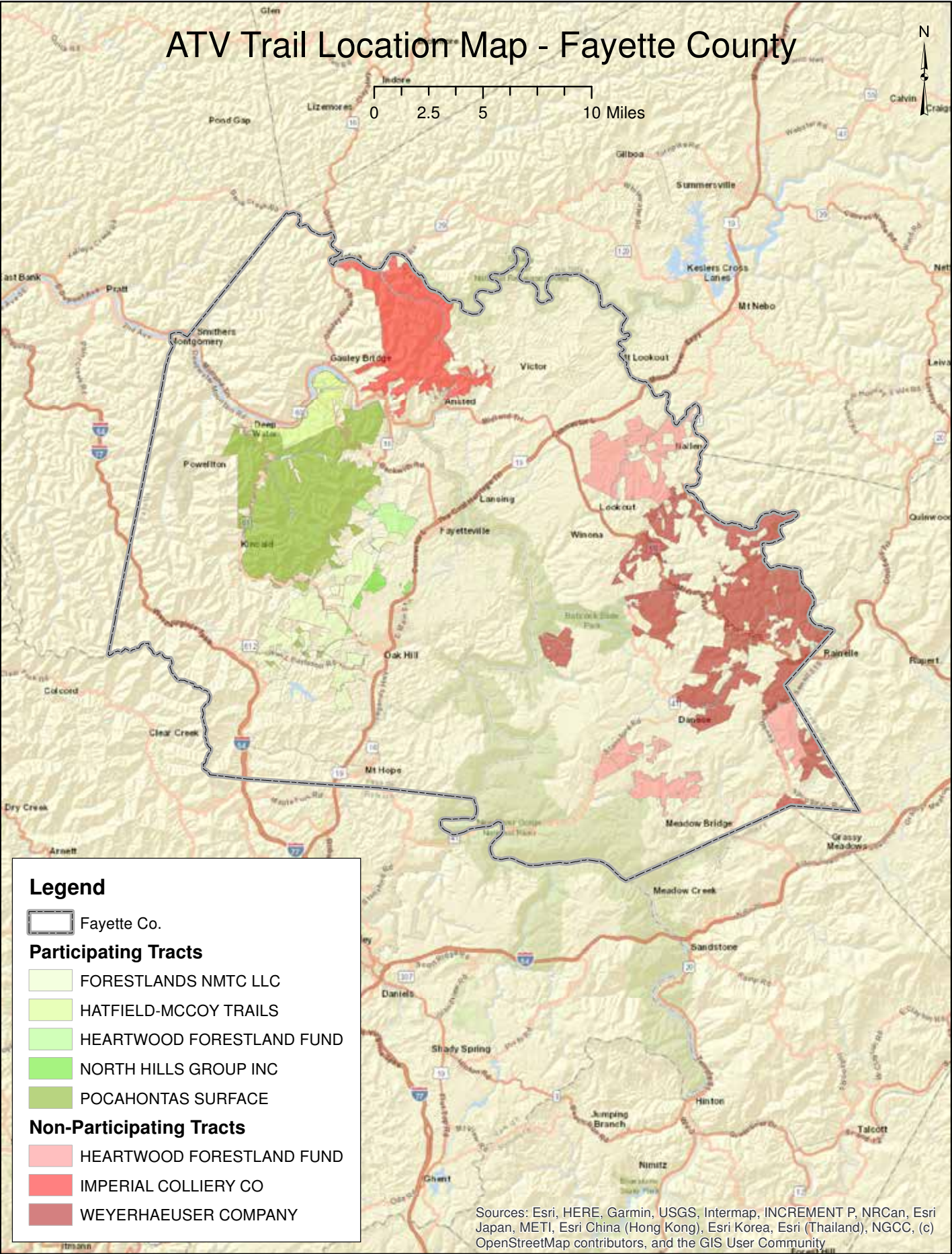
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Fayette County land owners with over 3000 contiguous acres:

The Forestland Group
Imperial Colliery
Pocahontas Land Co
Weyerhaeuser Corp

Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Jack Booda	304-469-9300
Richard Clapp	304-324-2443
Bill Dempsey	304-646-0922





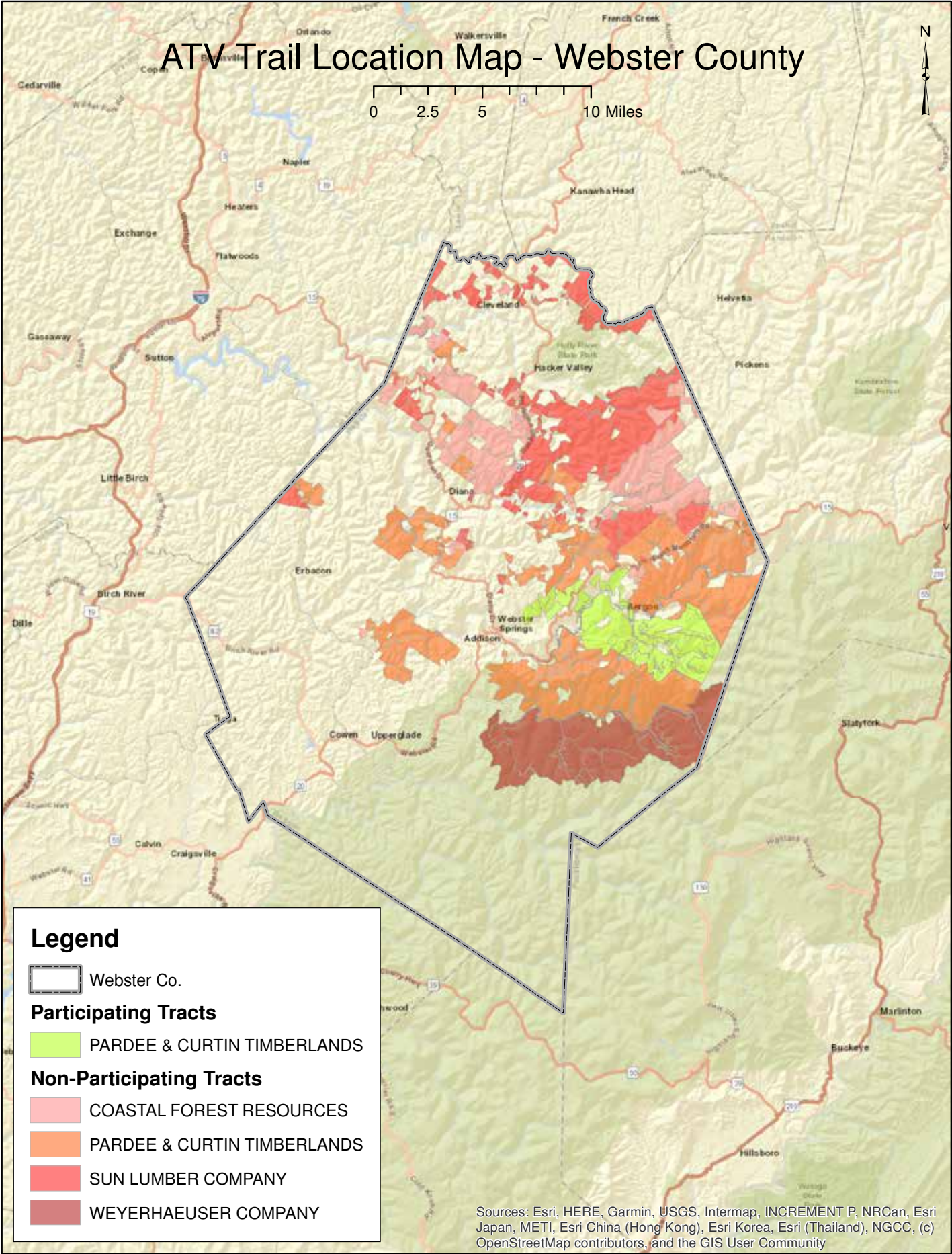
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Webster County land owners with over 3000 contiguous acres:

Costal Forest Resources Co
The Forestland Group
Pardee & Curtin Reality
Weyerhaeuser Corp

Nathan Feather	304-460-7000
Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Steve Harp	304-872-0576
Bill Dempsey	304-646-0922





Attachment Number 14

Clay & Nicholas County land owners with over 3000 contiguous acres:

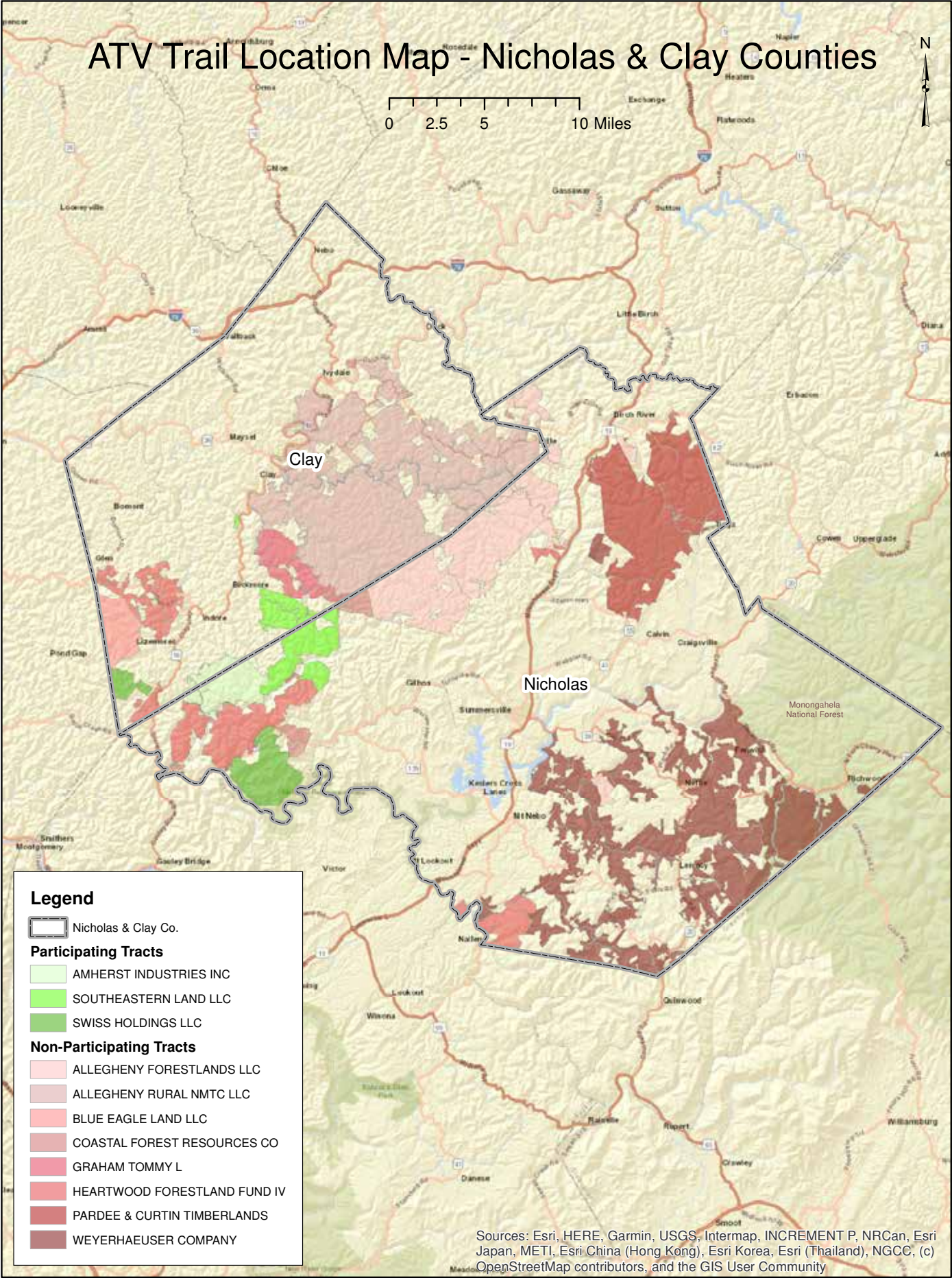
CLAY COUNTY

Blue Eagle LLC	Jim Bunn	276-669-8599
Costal Forest Resources Co	Nathan Feather	304-460-7000
The Forestland Group	Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Tommy Graham	Jonathan McGrath	843-268-0269
Southeastern Land LLC	Charles Hamm	440-995-1402

NICHOLAS COUNTY

The Forestland Group	Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Amherst Industries	Bryan Crowder	304-926-1131
Pardee & Curtin Reality	Steve Harp	304-872-0576
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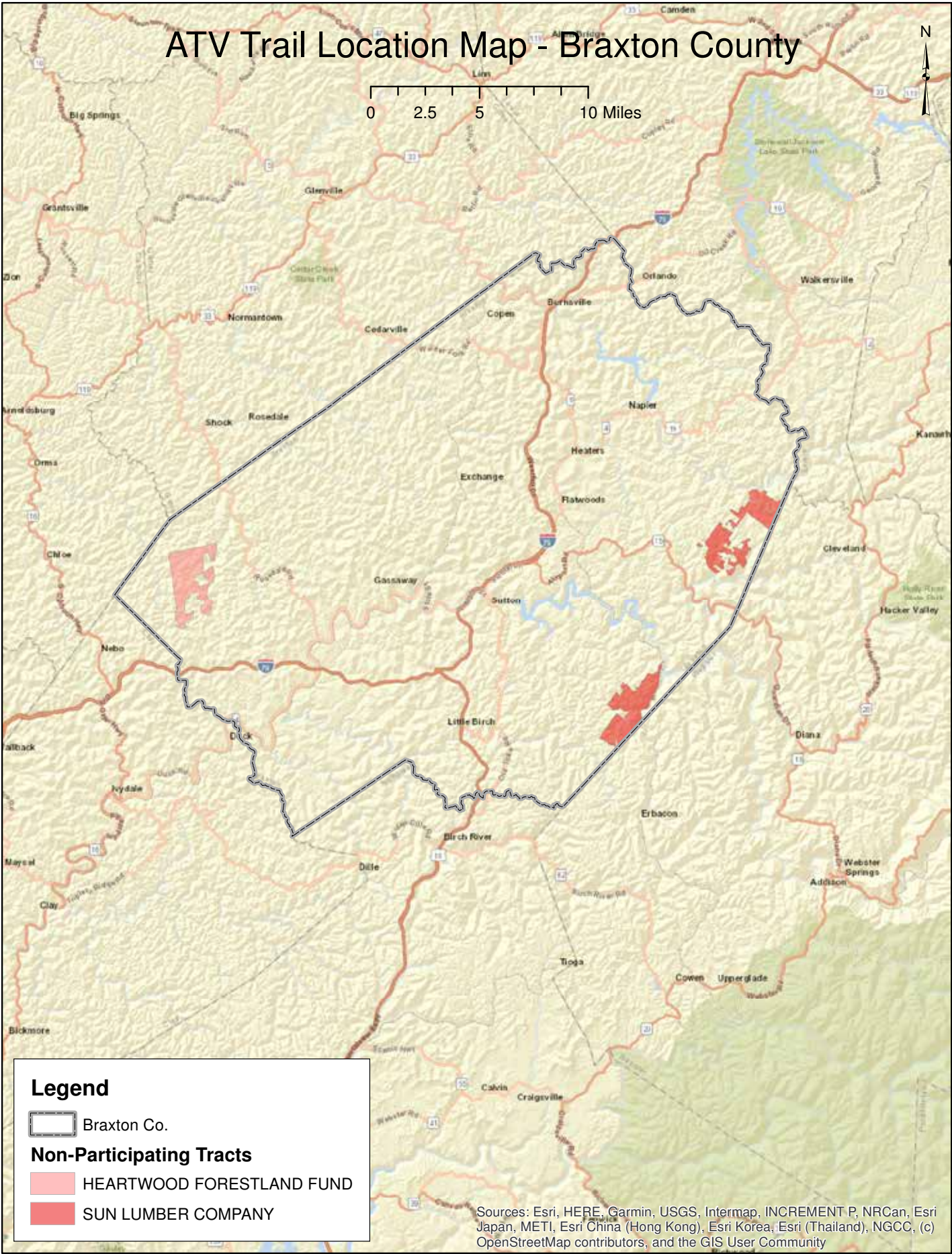
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Braxton County Land owners with over 3000 contiguous acres:

The Forestland Group
Sun Lumber Company

Greg Wilhelm	304-320-1046
Frank Brewster	304-493-6609





Conclusions

Consultant has thoroughly reviewed, researched and investigated all alternatives to identify trail locations within the five county region in close proximity to highways, lodging, dining, and other recreation/tourism opportunities in order to maximize both the economic impact and potential growth of the Rimfire Trail System. Advice from Hatfield McCoy personnel weighed heavy in the decision making process. One aspect the Hatfield McCoy group repeatedly advised was to pick a location where ATV trail system success was imminent. They indicated that once a system is in place in a targeted region it is much easier for the promulgation of additional trails to expand. Basically, taking the “low hanging fruit” and methodically working from there.

Based on these findings, Consultant's recommendation is Fayette County, topping both lists and fitting the outlined criteria for developing a trail system with a high probability of success and sustained future growth for ATV trail development. We propose to locate the first trail in the new Rimfire Trail System in Fayette County in light of the existing infrastructure presented in this report, as it is the most logical.

This document will serve as a resource outlining and evaluating the new trail system across the five counties as it evolves in the foreseeable future.





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