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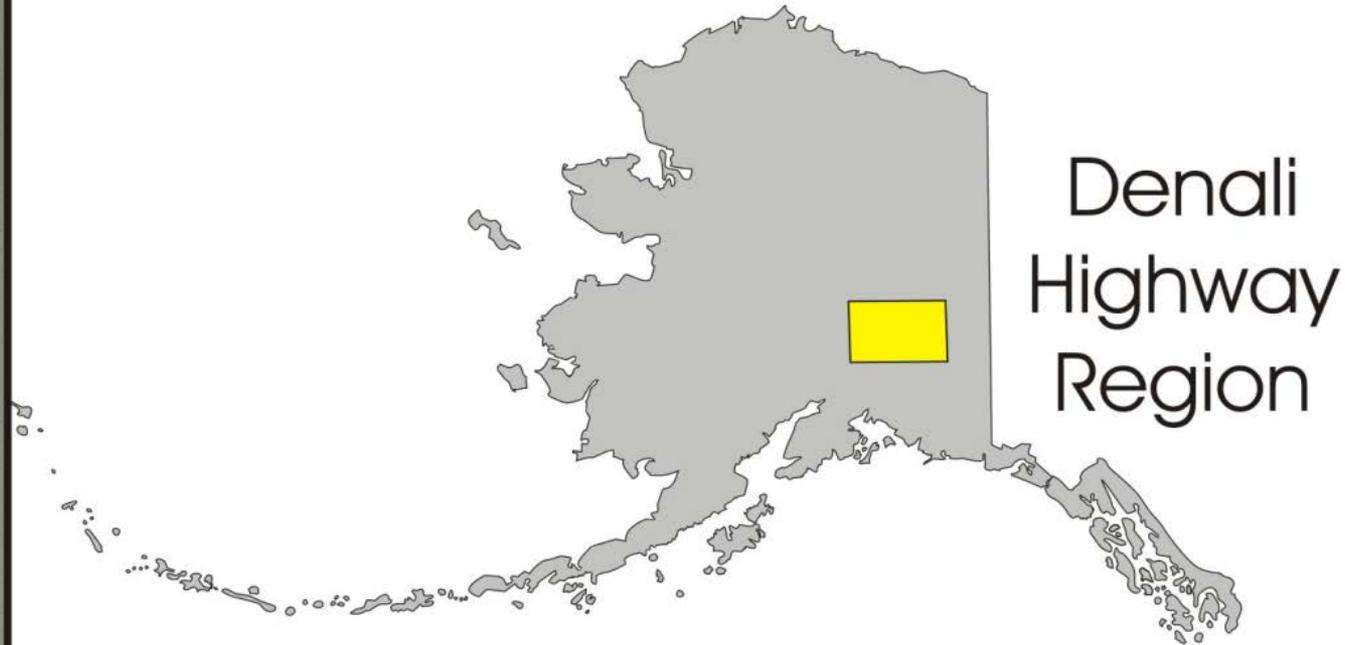
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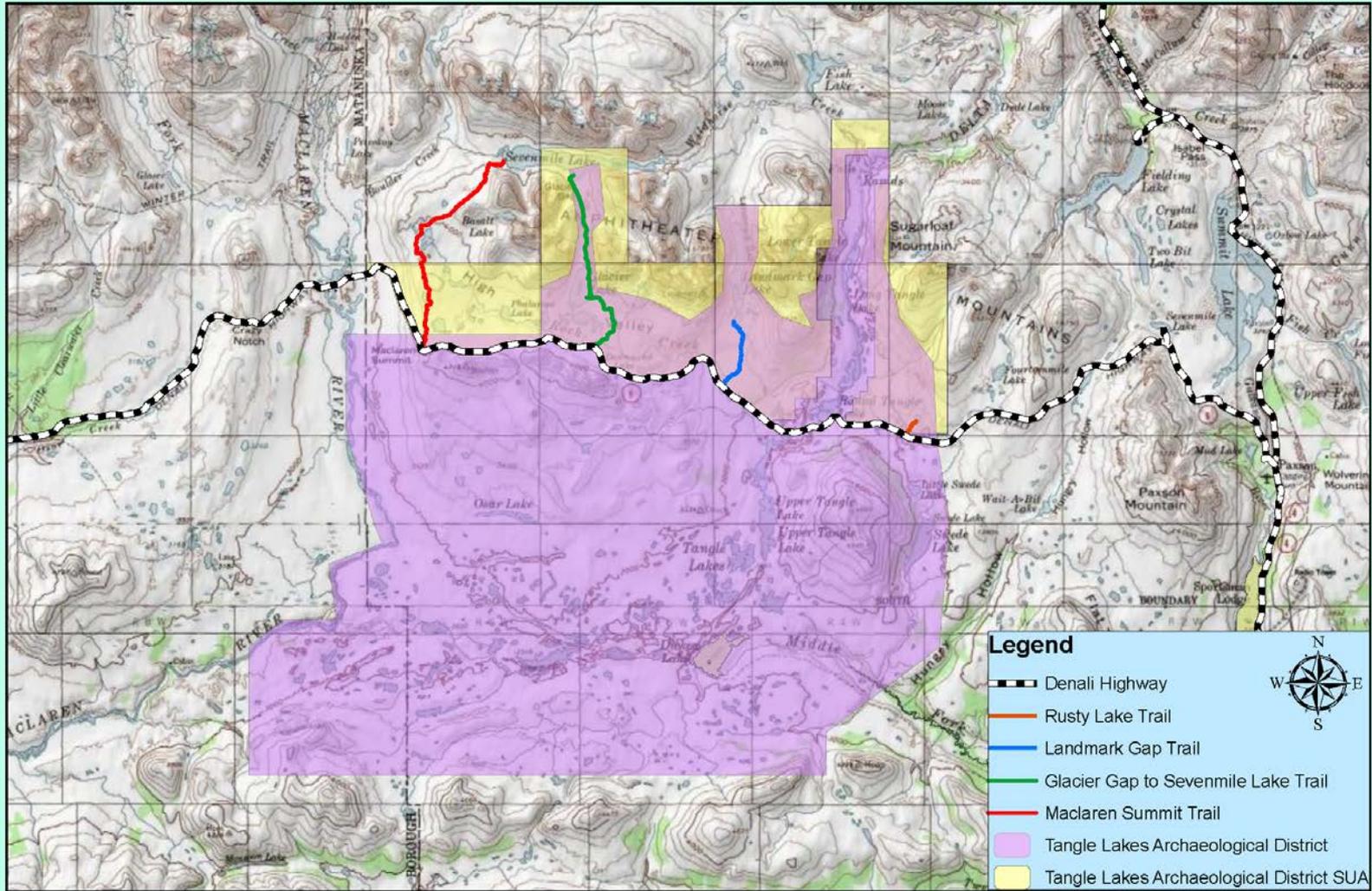
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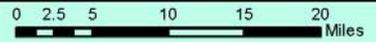
Denali
Highway
Region

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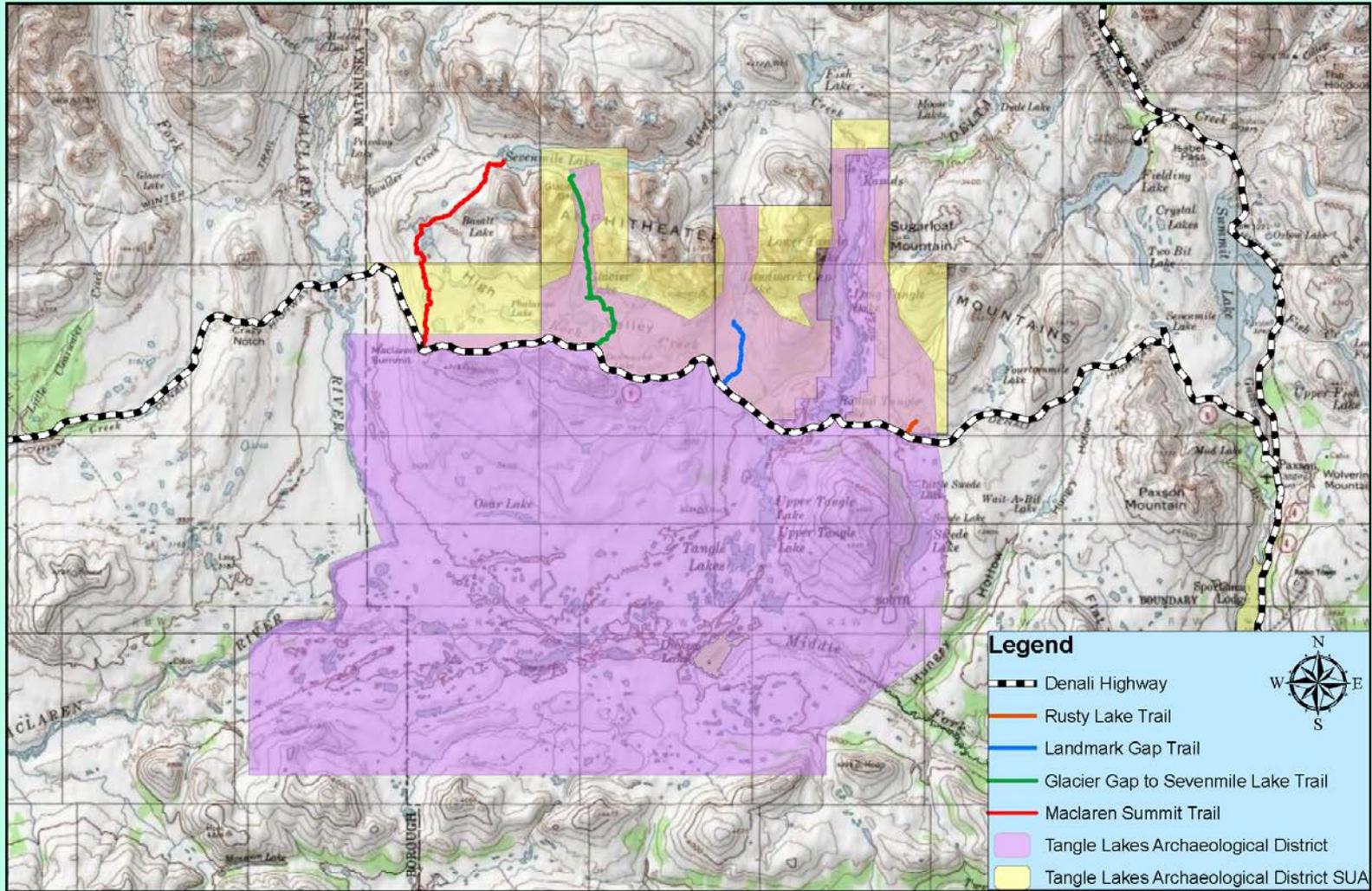
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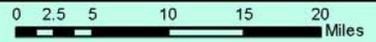
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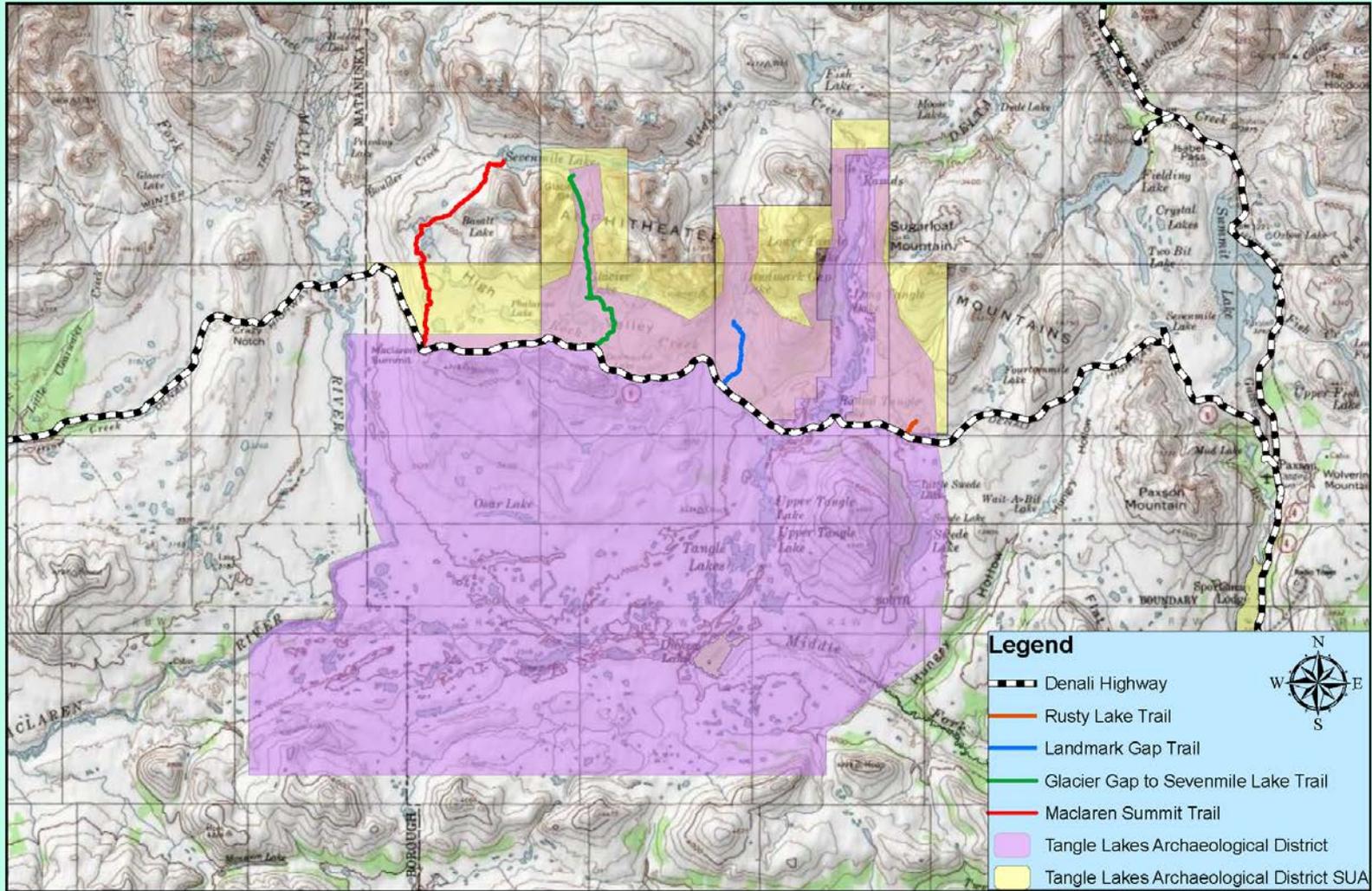
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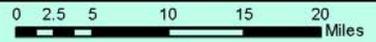
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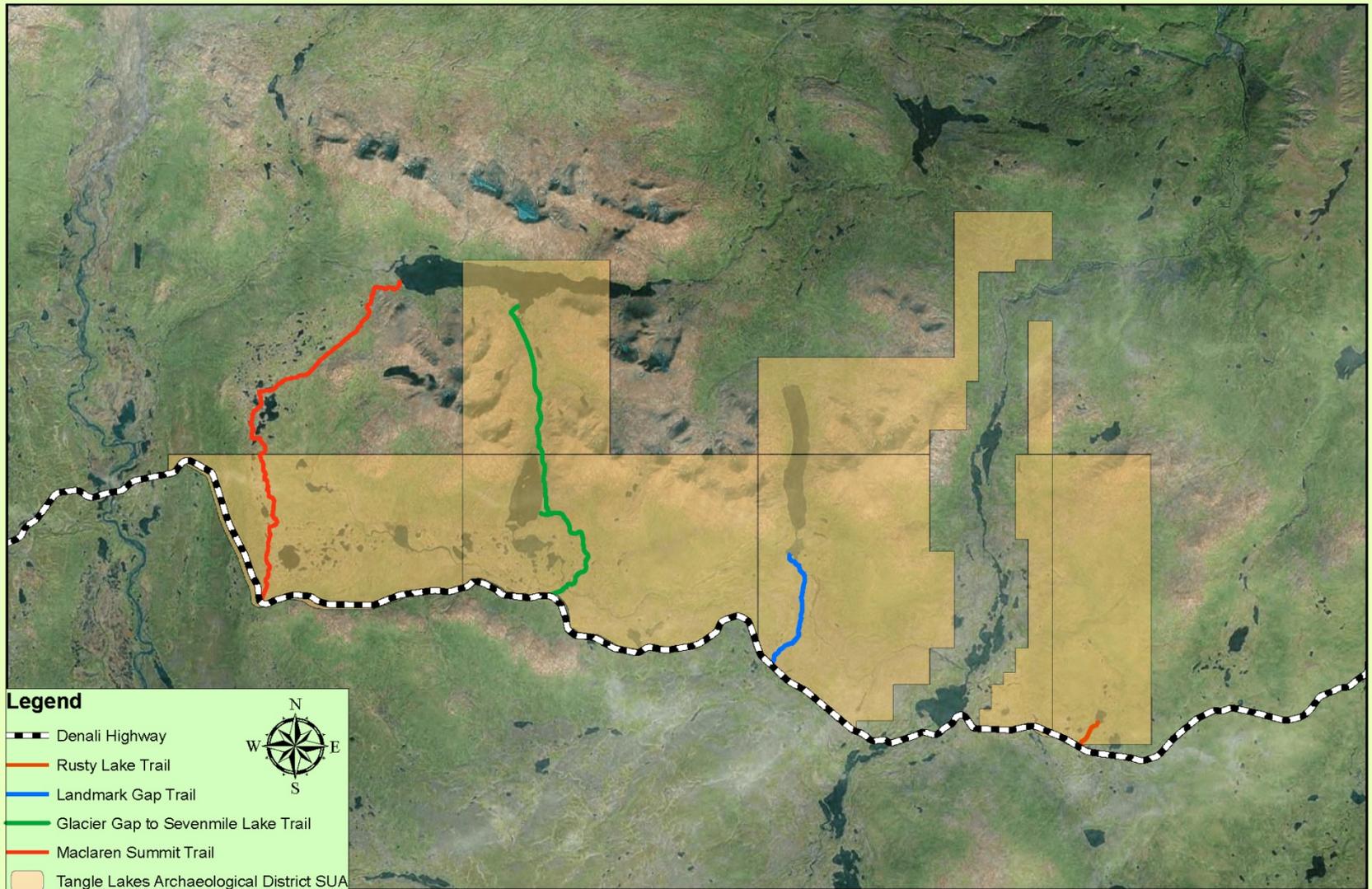
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0 1.5 3 6 9 12 Miles

1 in = 6 miles

A Glaciated, Upland, Shrub-Tundra Plateau



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With Low, Rugged Mountains and Many Glacial Lakes



But Scenery Alone Doesn't Create the High Visitor-ship



And this has been true for at least 12,000
years

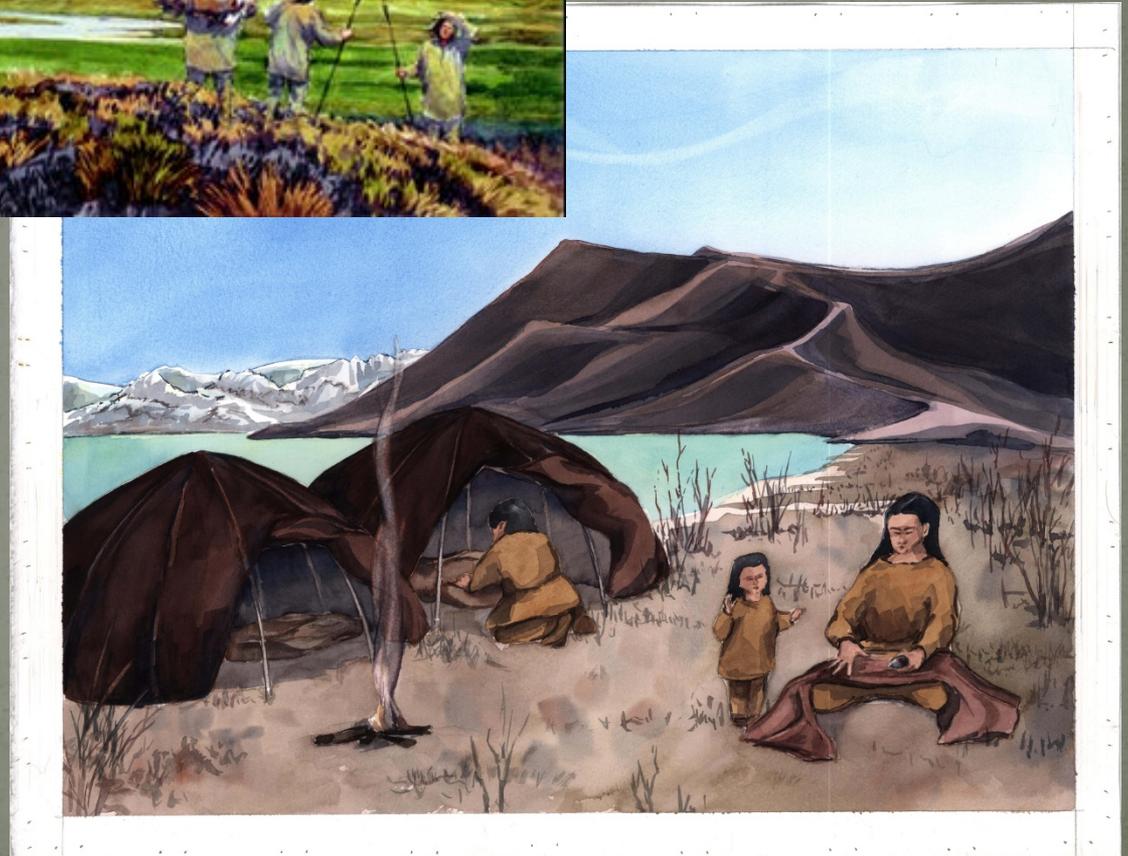


Hunters then...



Very Low Impact

Just foot trails and
biodegradable
camps

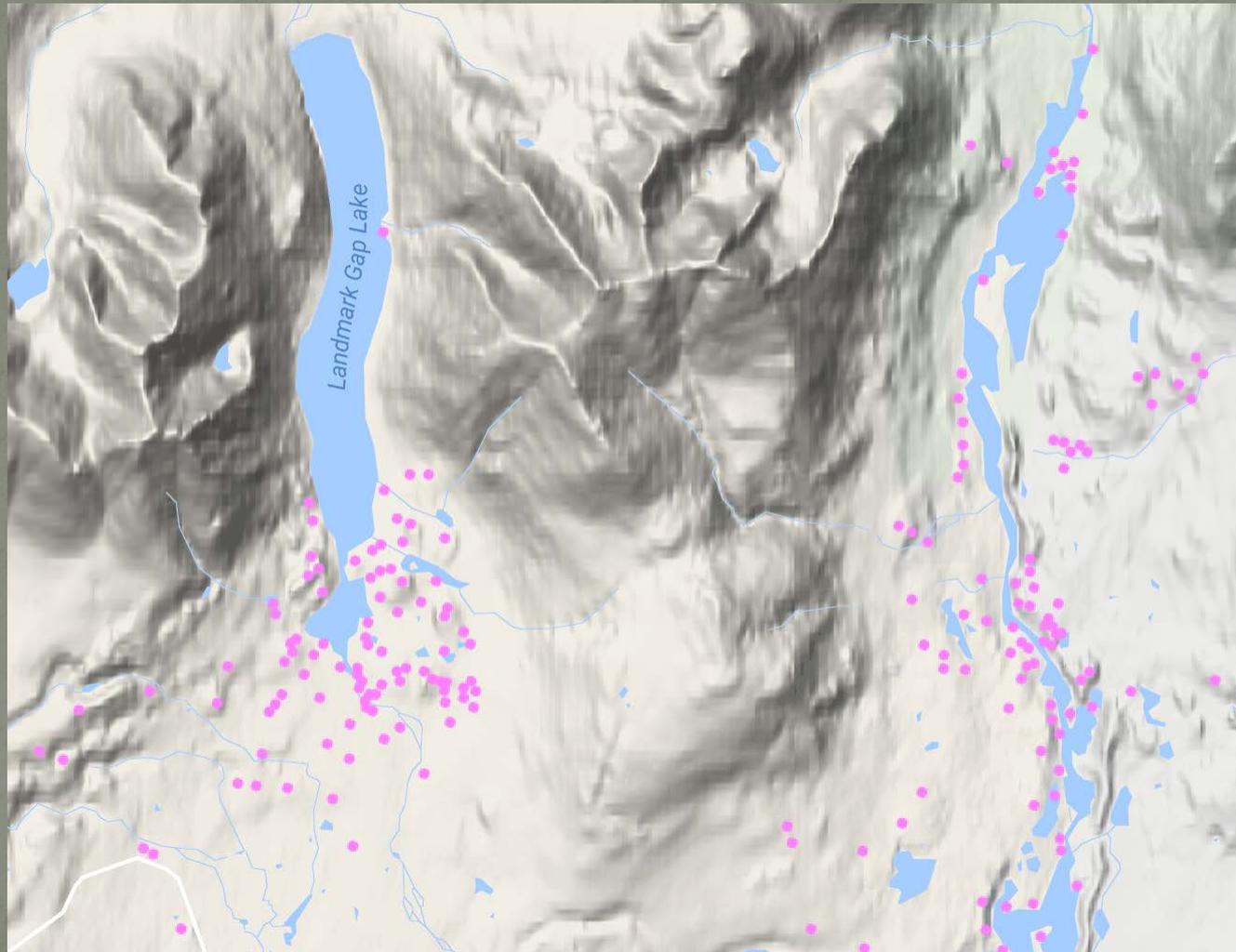


Hunters now – a different story...



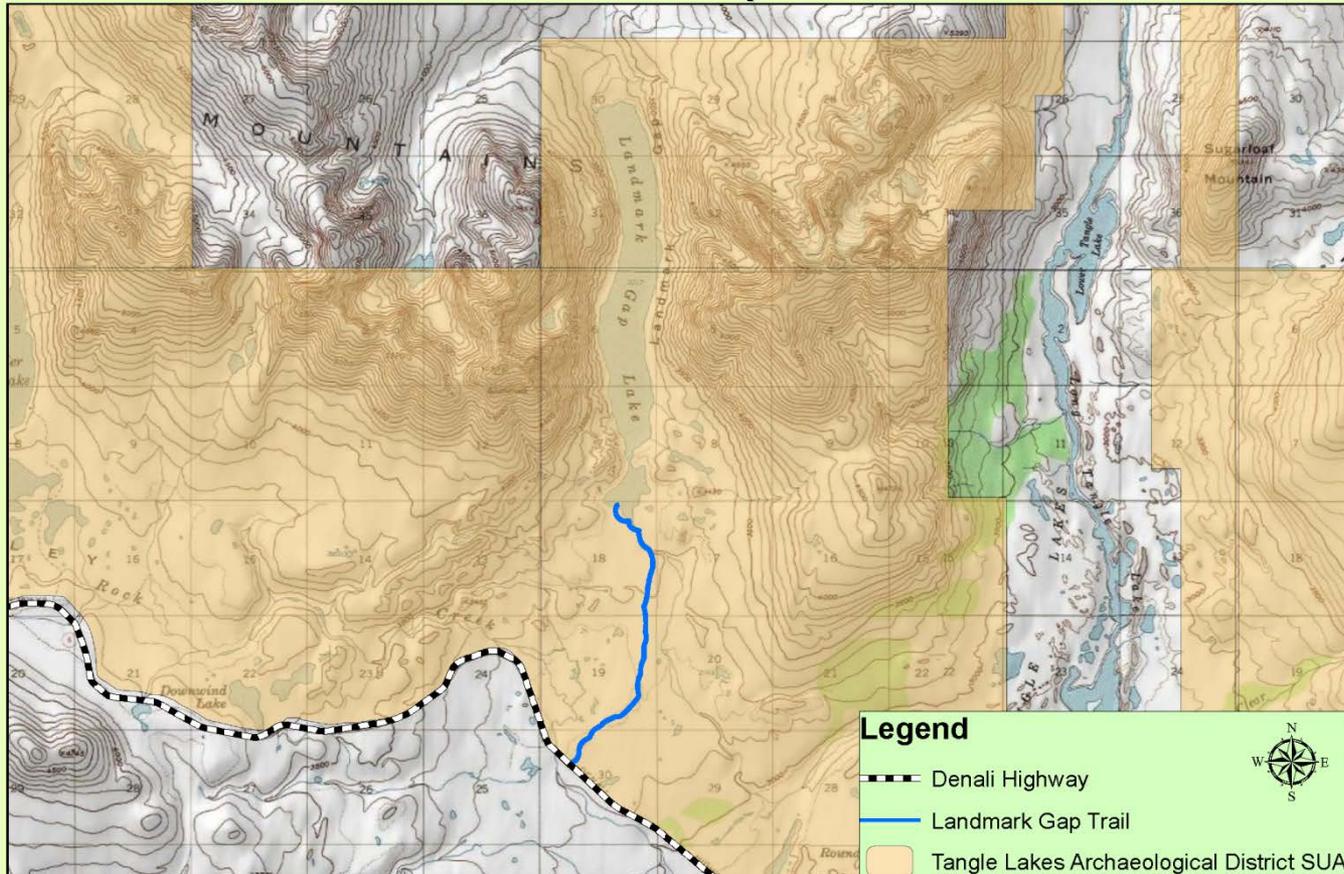
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Oh – Oh... Not Okay!



The solution seemed simple...

Tangle Lakes Archaeological District Special Use Area Landmark Gap Trail



0 0.5 1 2 3 4
Miles
1 in = 2 miles

Designate some routes, put up a few signs and problem solved?



Nope, the Devil is in the Details...



Problem 1: trails proliferate...



Far and wide...



Problem 2. Trails erode naturally...



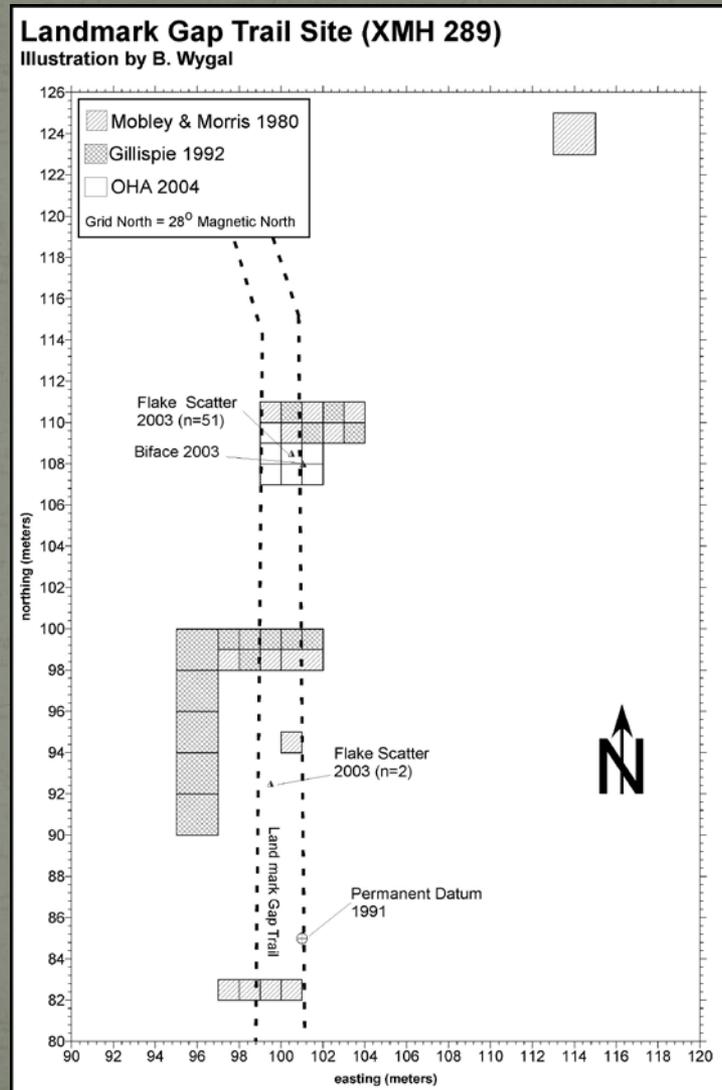
With Unpleasant Results



Oops...



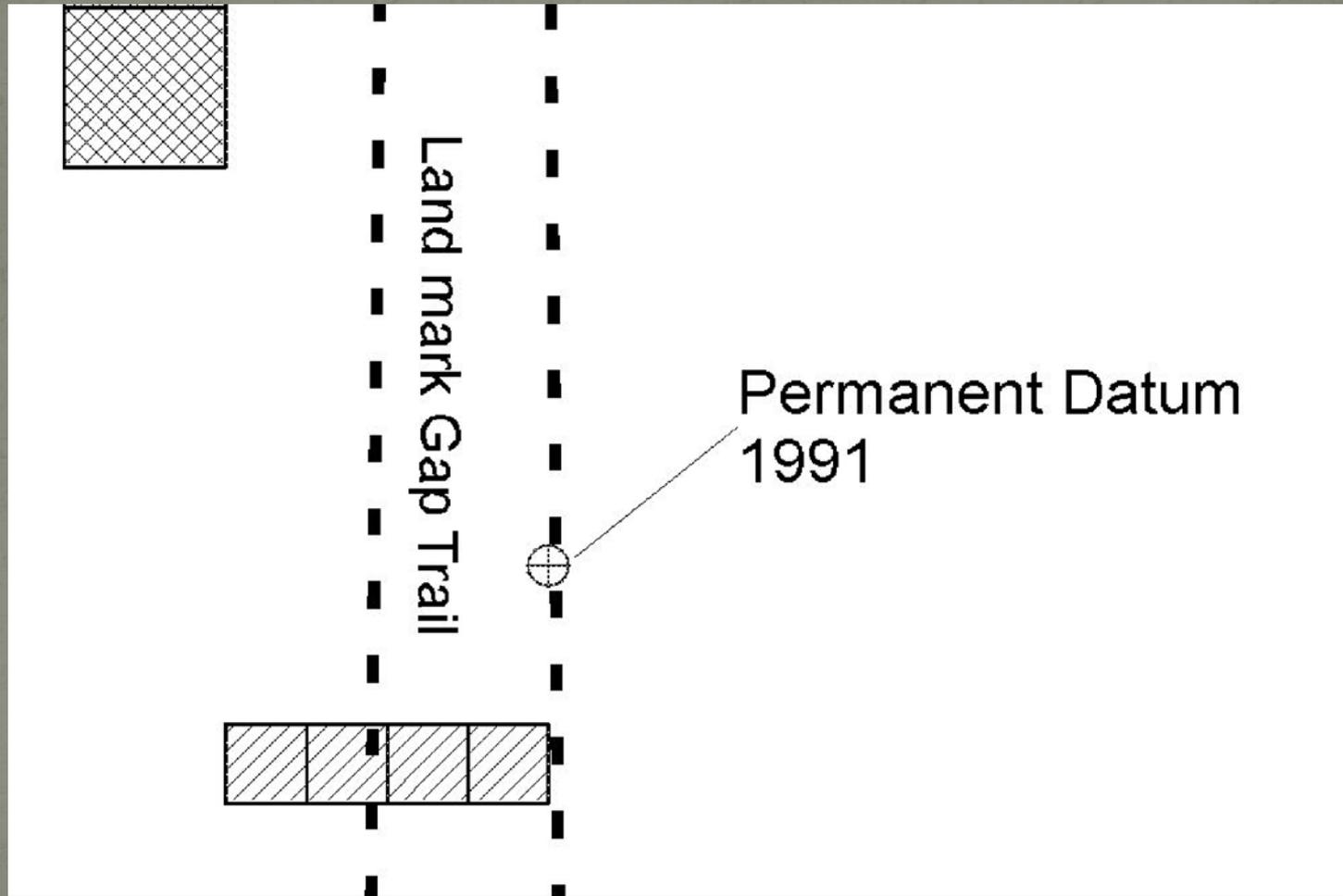
Problem 3: Even authorized ATV traffic erodes sites...



Mitigated twice under BLM management



And the trail re-opened, but...



Oops again...



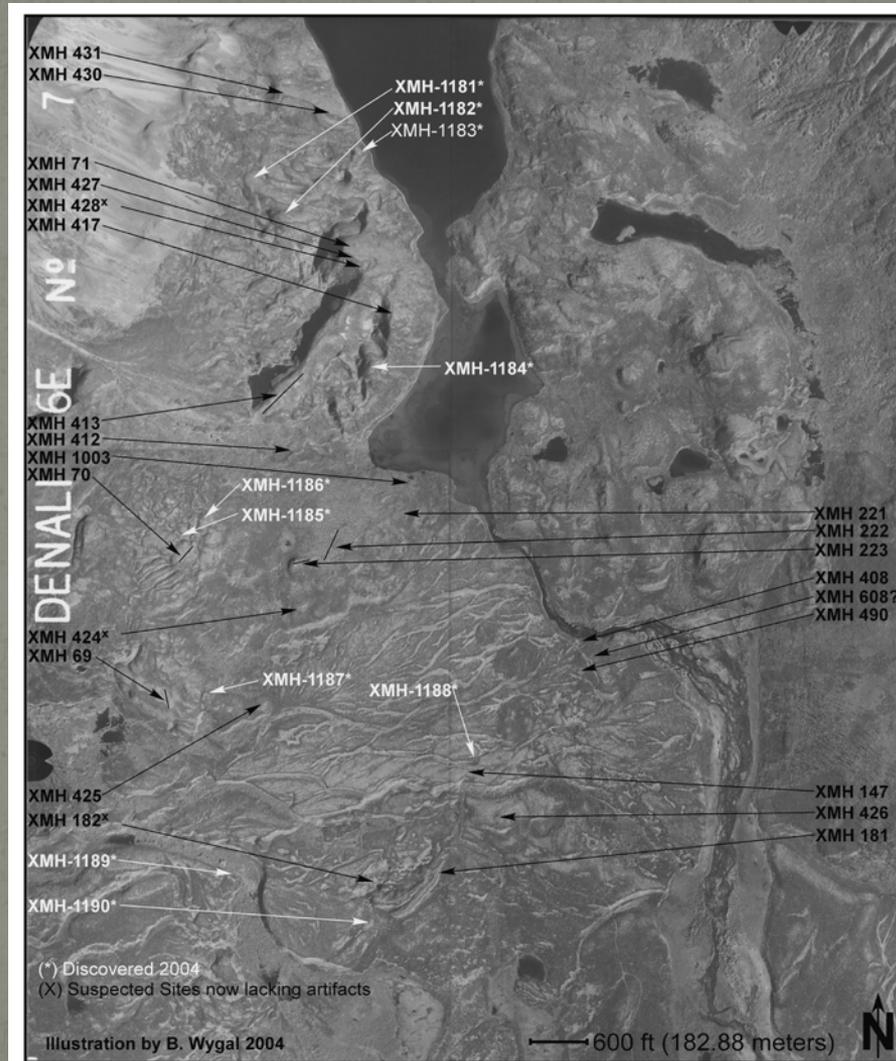
What to Do?



Monitoring



Site Registration



Signage and Barriers



Public Education

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Maclaren Summit Trailhead

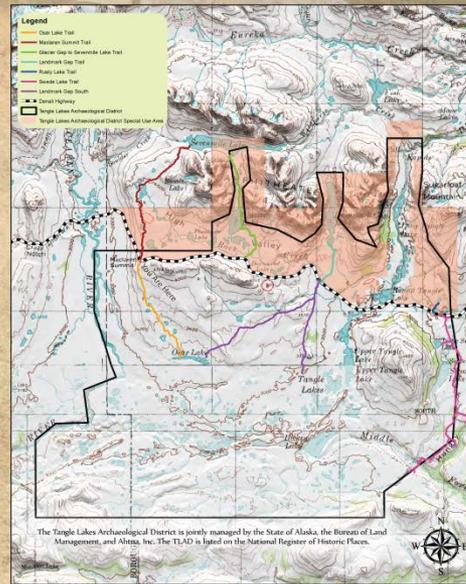
People have been using this area for over 10,000 years for many of the same reasons we do today. What brings you here?

Maclaren Summit Trail

This 3 mile trail provides access across the tundra at Maclaren Summit, opening up fantastic views. Since it is within the Department of Fish and Game's Controlled Use Area, hunting with motorized vehicles is prohibited. Please do not take your OHV past the end of the trail as you are still in the TLAD Special Use Area.

Osar Lake Trail

The trail leaves Maclaren Summit and travels south approximately 8 miles to the northwest shore of Osar Lake. It crosses glacial eskers and is fairly dry trail.



The Tangle Lakes Archaeological District is jointly managed by the State of Alaska, the Bureau of Land Management, and Athna, Inc. The TLAD is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Please Ride Responsibly



• Do not collect or disturb artifacts

• Stay on designated trails

• No pioneering new trails



Timeline of Tangle Lakes

Ahtna Athabaskan People

The Athna Athabaskan people are a living culture that is tied to the late prehistoric populations of the Copper River Basin and the Tangle Lakes. About 1,500 years ago, the Athabaskan people replaced the aiutai and dart with the bow and arrow for hunting moose and caribou. These people caught and stored the famous Copper River salmon, but also used the high country depending on the season. Many hunters and recreationalists keep these traditions alive in the Tangle Lakes region.



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Mitigation

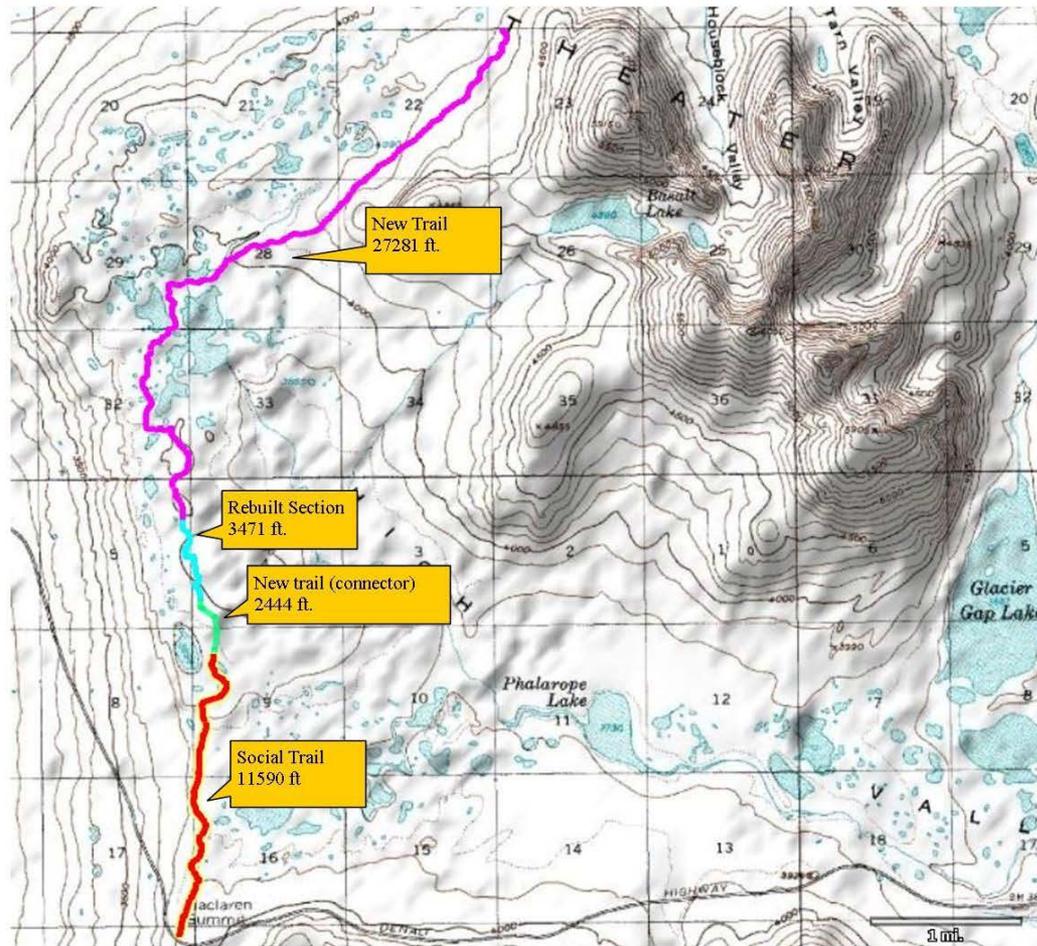


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Trail Building



Coordination and Planning

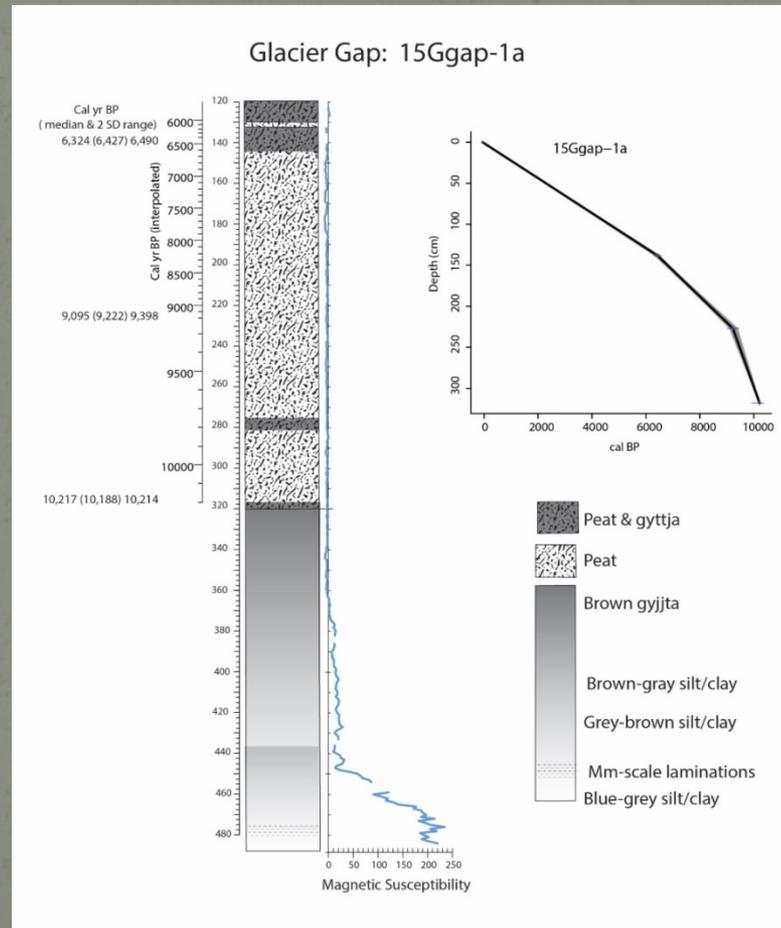


Maclaren Summit Trail
As-built

September 10, 2015

Happy Trails, Inc.

Increase Knowledge Base and Refine Historic Themes



Networking



