

**REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

Name of Undertaking: Amendment to Zone 03 – FMD 05 2022-2026 Five Year Operating Plan.

Proponent: (i) **Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture**
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The Undertaking: (i) **Nature of Undertaking**
Amendment to Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 5, managed by District Ecosystem Manager Mr. Francis Skeard.

(ii) **Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking**
As described in the EA-approved 2022-2026 Five Year Operating Plan for Zone 03, the harvest strategy for the District is consistent with strategies and philosophies

implemented by FFA. This requires a focus on the harvest of old and decadent stands before they pass the point of commercial viability. This amendment is required to provide access to such an area in District 5 by the creation of Harvest Block CC05004 – Benton Pond West. It will provide access to an additional 49 ha of forested land and 4800 m³ of harvestable timber.

The proposed amendment will not mean an increase in Forest Management District 05's harvest level. The districts sustainable harvest level will not be exceeded and will be balanced by reduced harvesting elsewhere in the District.

It should be noted that no further primary access road construction is anticipated to facilitate this harvesting.

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 05 (FMD5) is a portion of Planning Zone 3 known as the Bonavista North Management District. It's located on the North side of Bonavista Bay. Its boundaries include the Gander River to the west of Gander Lake, Gambo Pond, and Terra Nova Lake to the South. To the east, the district is marked by Bonavista Bay and Terra Nova National Park. To the north, it ends at the Atlantic Ocean. The district also includes Fogo Island.

Harvesting Block CC05004 will be located on Crown Land approximately 1 kms West of the town of Benton. Access to the general area is via an existing forest access Trails. The proposed harvest area is located South of approved operating area CC05017-Turkey Farm. The attached map identifies the geographic location of the proposed amendment.

(ii) Operation

Harvesting

As noted above the proposed Harvest Block CC05004 will provide access to an additional 4,800m³ of harvestable timber West of Benton. All timber will be harvested to utilize the maximum amount of fiber. The timber will be felled mechanically and forwarded to roadside by conventional means.

(iii) Occupations

These operations will create approximately hundreds of person weeks of employment over the life of the planning period, as well as help sustain approximately 20 year-round jobs in the timber harvesting/sawmilling/ firewood industries.

(iv) Project Related Documents

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management Zone 3 Five-Year Operating Plan, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026.

Approval of the Undertaking: (i) Commercial harvesting permits from the District 5 (Gambo) Forest Management Office.

Schedule:

The Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Service requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment and Conservation receives the completed registration form.

June 12th, 2024
Date

Byan Durr
Director FFA



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5 Year Plan 2022-2026
Commercial Harvest
Amendment Map

Planning Zone : 3
FMD: 05

Operating Area No.: 05017
Name: Soulis Pond

Plan Features

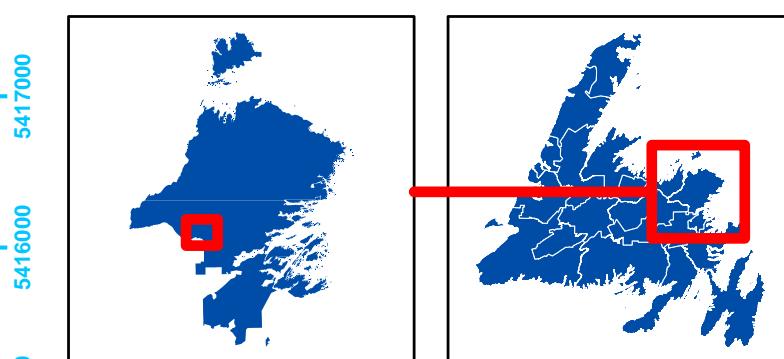
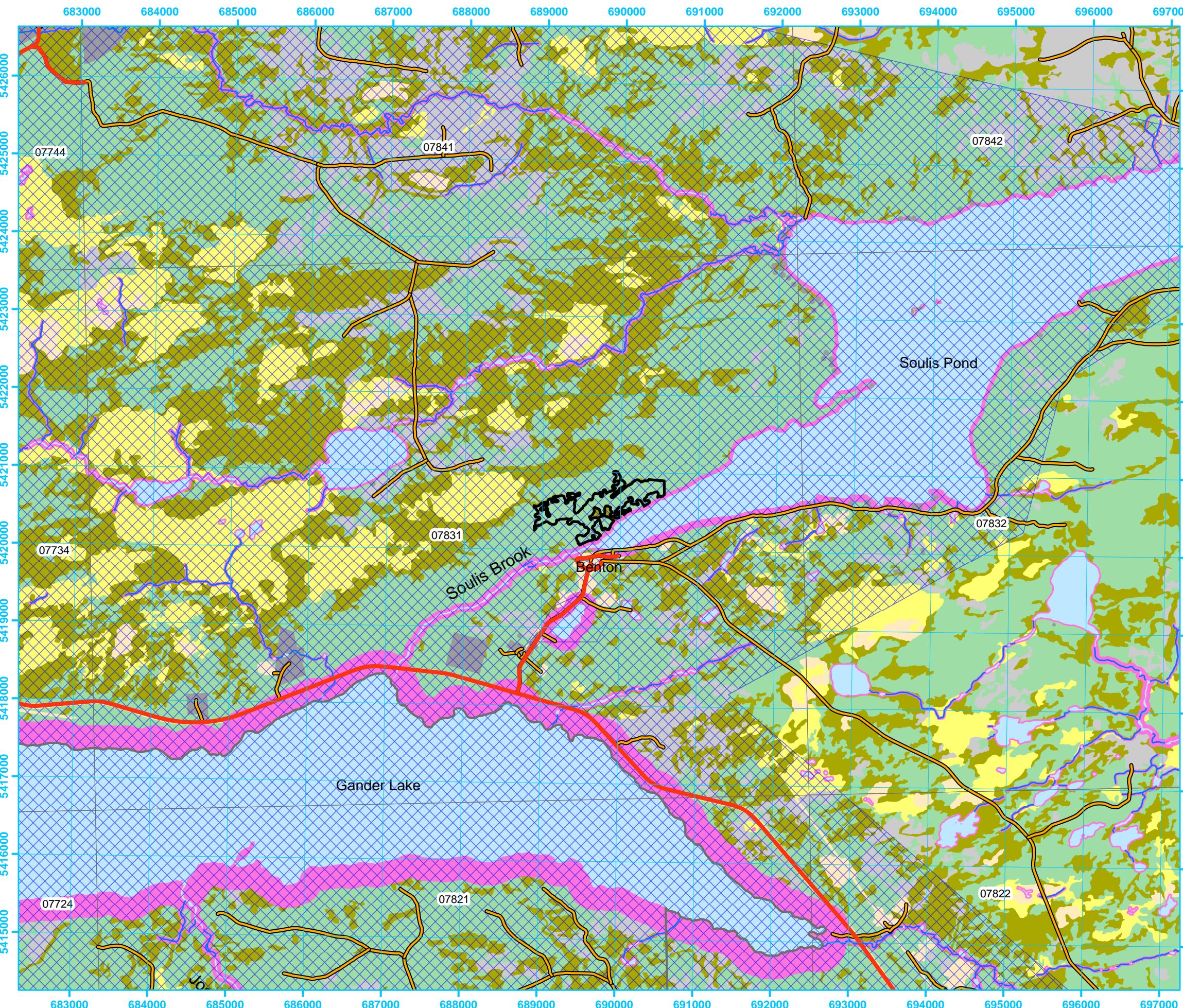
- 5 Year Plan Amendment Area
- Proposed Silviculture
- Recent Cut

Basemap Features

- Bridge
- Culvert
- Open Arch
- Public Road
- Resource Road
- Stream
- Water Body
- Productive Forest
- Bog
- Scrub
- Other Non-forest

Restrictions

- Protected Water Supply
- Regulatory
- No Cut Buffer



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5 Year Plan 2022-2026 Commercial Harvest Amendment Map

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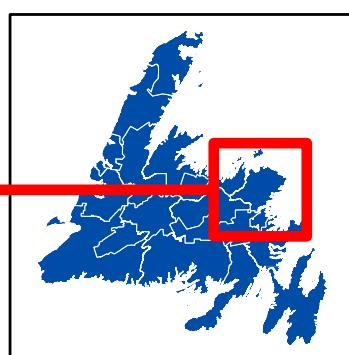
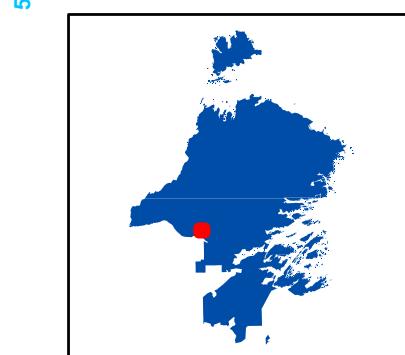
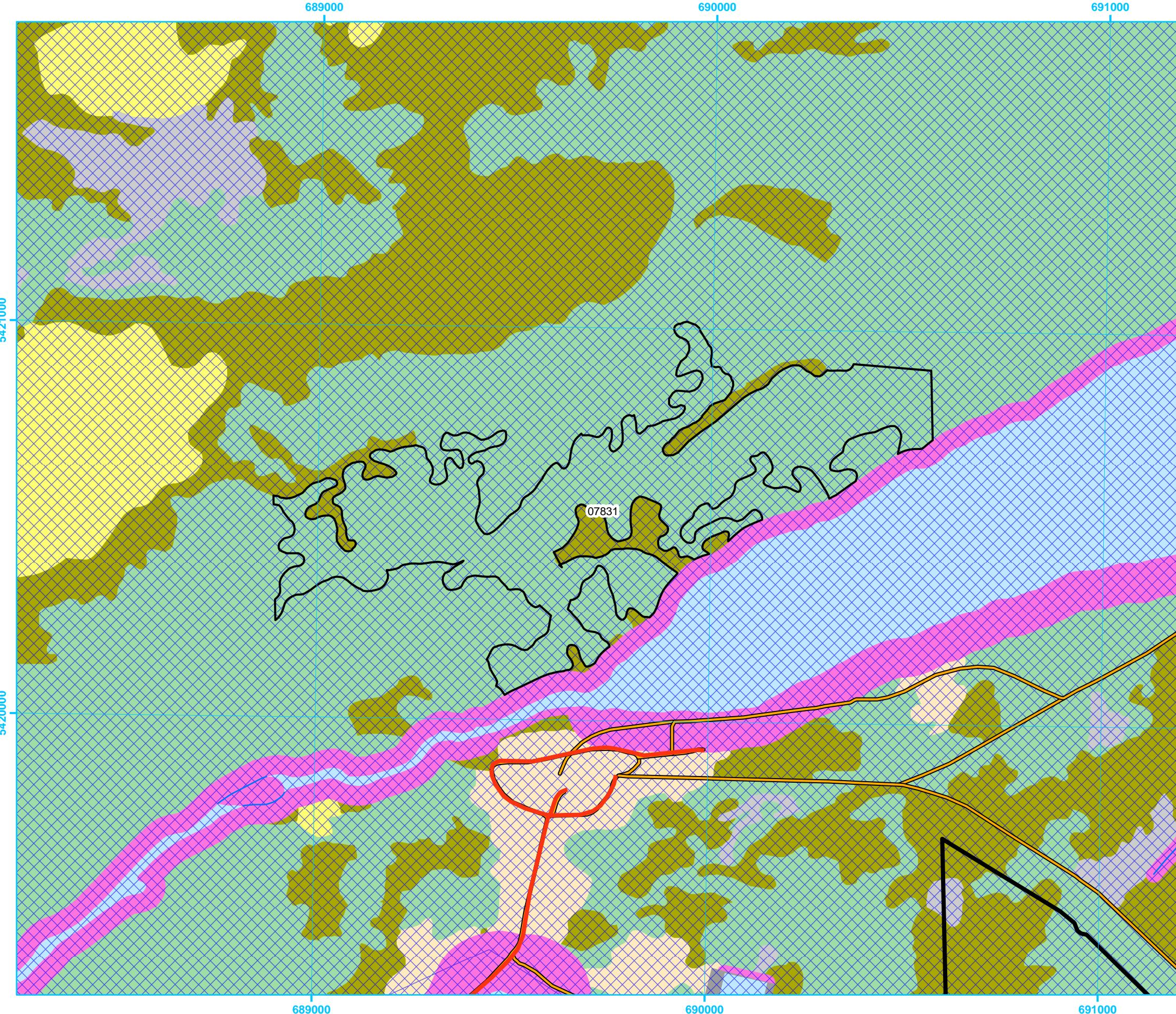
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