

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
Southeast Area Office
Vallenar Bay Road Traffic Restriction

Road Owner/ Manager: Alaska Department of Natural Resources/ Division of Forestry (DOF)

Principle Current User:

Alcan Timber Incorporated (Alcan)
(State timber purchaser and University of Alaska (UA) timber purchaser)

Authority: AS 35.05.035 (a)(02) and (07)

Purpose:

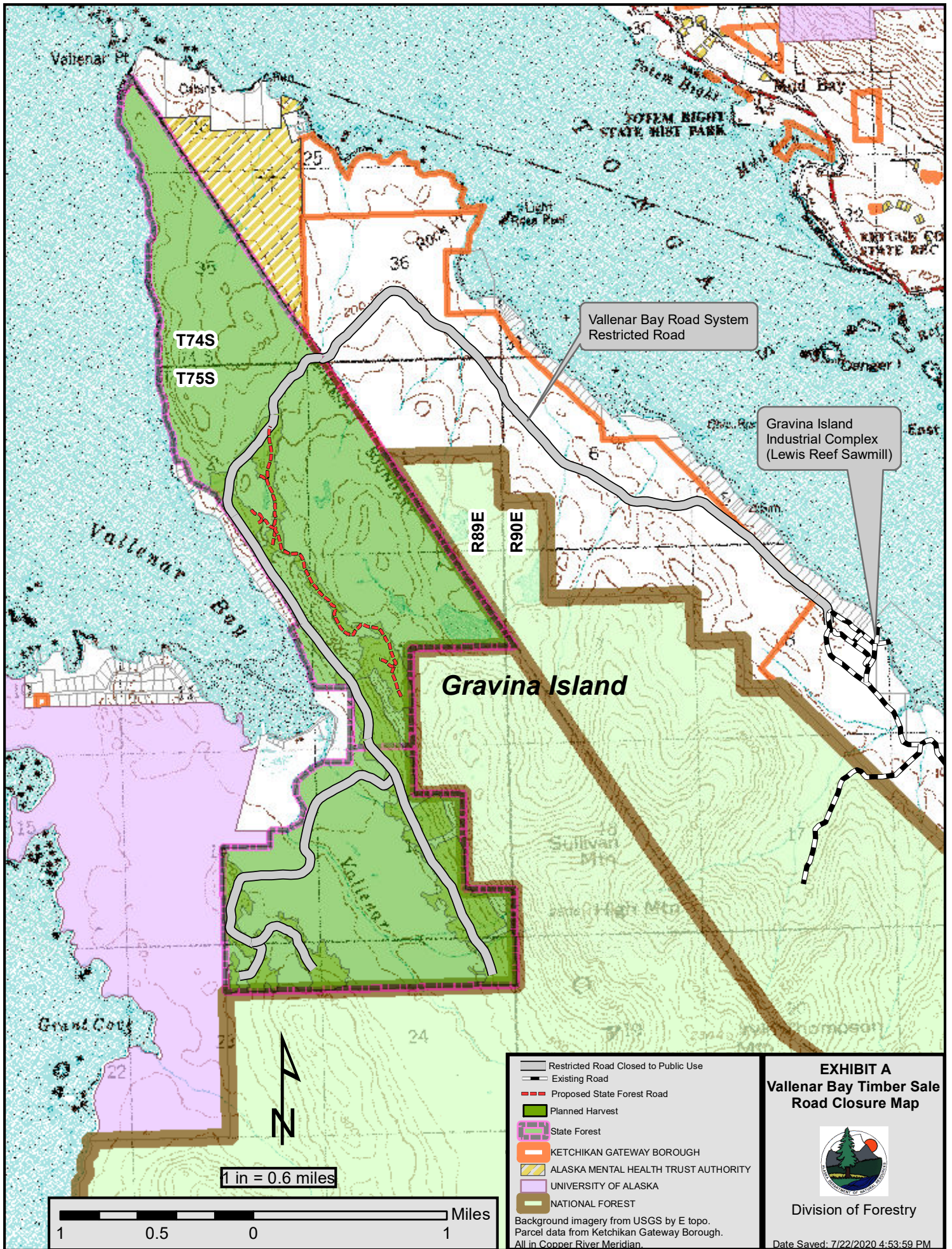
The purpose of this restriction is to protect life, safety, and property per AS. 38.04.058 and AS 38.04.200(3).

Background:

The DNR/ DOF has a perpetual road easement across Ketchikan Gateway Borough Lot 2-B-2 of ASLS 95-12 to access State Forest land (ADL NO. 108338). The DOF constructed the Vallenar Bay Road between 20016 and 2018 across the easement and accessed State Forest land on Gravina Island for the purpose of forest management (i.e.- timber harvest, etc.) in the Vallenar Bay area. The road is a single lane forest road designed for coordinated commercial forest traffic. The State authorized by permit (LAS 32780) one private user to connect to the road (Pryor, ASLS 85-86, Block 6, Lot 9) in 2019. The DOF sold state and federal timber accessed by the road to Alcan in February of 2019. In 2020 the UA also sold timber to Alcan tributary to the road system. Alcan is currently constructing forest road on UA and DOF managed lands and preparing for timber harvest. Alcan requested restriction of public traffic in June of 2020 based on public safety and risk concerns. The DOF will also be upgrading portions of the road in the fall of 2020 in a public works contract

Order:

1. The Vallenar Bay Road is restricted to commercial and administrative traffic associated with State and UA timber harvest operations. Public use of the road is discouraged during periods of road construction, log hauling, cutting, or logging occurring on or adjacent to the road to protect public safety, equipment, and the value of the timber resource.
2. Vehicle use of the road system by the public is not authorized. Local business traffic shall coordinate with DOF and Alcan prior to the use of the road. Private landowners located adjacent to the road are encouraged to use alternate means of access. Pedestrian use of the road is not restricted.



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







Gravina Island

Vallenar Bay Road System
Restricted Road

Gravina Island
Industrial Complex
(Lewis Reef Sawmill)

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-  Restricted Road Closed to Public Use
-  Existing Road
-  Proposed State Forest Road
-  Planned Harvest
-  State Forest
-  KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH
-  ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
-  UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA
-  NATIONAL FOREST

Background imagery from USGS by E topo.
Parcel data from Ketchikan Gateway Borough.
All in Copper River Meridian.

EXHIBIT A
Vallenar Bay Timber Sale
Road Closure Map



Division of Forestry

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1 in = 0.6 miles

