

State Land Classification 2009-02

**Proposed State land classification and
reclassification action related to the Five Ponds and
Round Lake Wilderness Areas**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

July 13, 2009: Wanakena, NY – 11:00am

July 13, 2009: Long Lake, NY – 5:30pm

July 20, 2009: Albany, NY – 12:00pm



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Adirondack State Land Master Plan identifies and establishes a management direction for the Lows Lake and Hitchins Pond Areas:

“This area is an integral part of the Lows Lake - Bog River - Oswegatchie wilderness canoe route, and continues the water access to the western portion of the Five Ponds Wilderness Area which begins in the Hitchins Pond Primitive Area immediately downstream...”

“Preservation of the wild character of this canoe route without motorboat or airplane usage (and with only limited access by motor vehicles as noted below) is the primary management goal for this primitive area.”

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BOG RIVER COMPLEX AMENDMENT/FSEIS (4/17/09)

“ any unclassified lands on the southern shore of Lows Lake and the Lows Lake Primitive Area, along with the waters of Lows Lake will be considered for wilderness classification as additions to the Five Ponds Wilderness ”

“ mandatory direction regarding elimination of all public motorized uses on Lows Lake by December 31, 2011 will be proposed as part of an amendment to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan for the area description of the Five Ponds Wilderness Area ”

“ the aforesaid classification and Master Plan revisions are on the preliminary agenda for Agency determination to proceed to public hearing at its regular May meeting ”

State Land Classification Process

STEP 1: INITIATE PROCESS

- PREPARE LIST OF NEW ACQUISITIONS AND LOCATION MAPS
- ADD TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

STEP 2: CONSULTATION WITH DEC

- REVIEW LIST AND MAPS
- FORMULATE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

STEP 3: PRELIMINARY AGENCY REVIEW

- STAFF PRESENTATION
- AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARINGS

STEP 4: SEQR REVIEW

- PURSUANT TO PROGRAMMATIC EIS

STEP 5: PUBLIC HEARINGS

- AT LEAST 1 IN PARK AND 1 OUTSIDE OF PARK

STEP 6: CONSULTATION WITH DEC

- REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENT
- FORMULATE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

STEP 7: AGENCY ACTION

- AGENCY APPROVES A SET OF CLASSIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS
- TRANSMIT AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR

STEP 8: GOVERNOR APPROVAL

- FINAL APPROVAL

Guidance for the State Land Classification Process

- State Land Master Plan
 - Primitive Area Definition
 - Area Descriptions
- Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (1979)
 - Classification and Reclassification Guidelines
- SEQRA

State Land Classification 2009-02

- **Classification of 4,384 +/- acres to Wilderness:**
 - Lands acquired in 2006 and 2007 (1,532.5 +/- acres)
 - Bed and waters of Lows Lake, Hitchins Pond (2,851.8 +/- acres)
- **Reclassification of 8,161 +/- acres from Primitive to Wilderness:**
 - Lows Lake Primitive Area (6,267.8 +/- acres)
 - Hitchins Pond Primitive Area (1,887.4 +/- acres)
 - Tomar Pond Primitive Corridor (6.7 +/- acres)\
- **Deletion of Area Descriptions in the Master Plan:**
 - Lows Lake Primitive Area
 - Hitchins Pond Primitive Area
 - Tomar Pond Primitive Corridor
- **Creation of the Eastern Five Ponds Access Primitive Area**

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PIERCEFIELD

Existing

Lows Lake
Primitive Area

Horseshoe Lake
Wild Forest

Five Ponds
Wilderness

Lake Marian

Horseshoe
Lake

Hitchins Pond
Primitive Area

Hitchins Pond

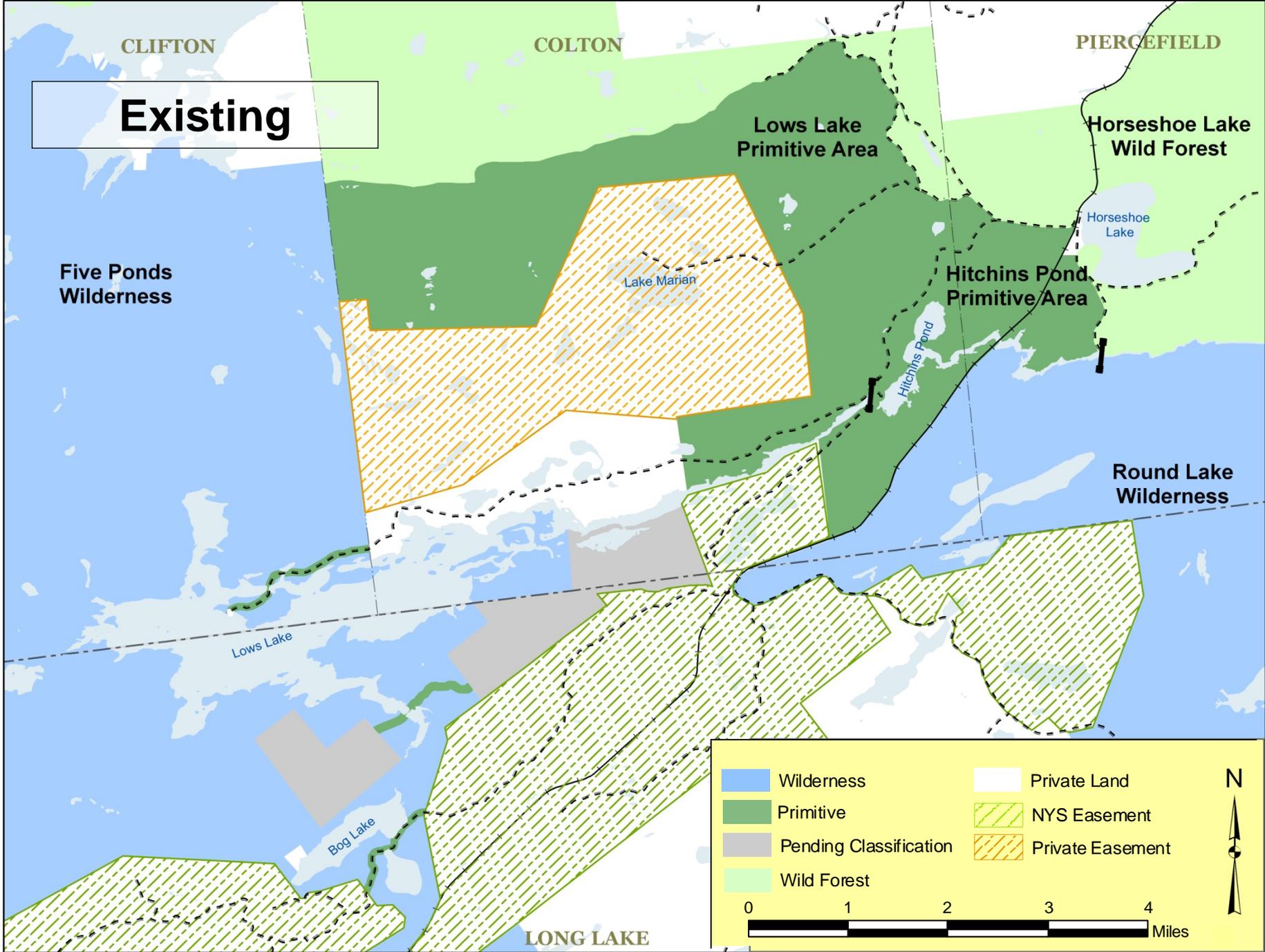
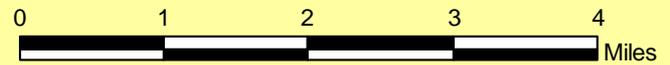
Round Lake
Wilderness

Lows Lake

Bog Lake

LONG LAKE

- Wilderness
- Primitive
- Pending Classification
- Wild Forest
- Private Land
- NYS Easement
- Private Easement



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Existing

Lows Lake Primitive Area

Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest

Five Ponds Wilderness

Horseshoe Lake

Upper Dam

Hitchins Pond Primitive Area

Lake Marian

Hitchins Pond

Round Lake Wilderness

Lower Dam

Lows Lake

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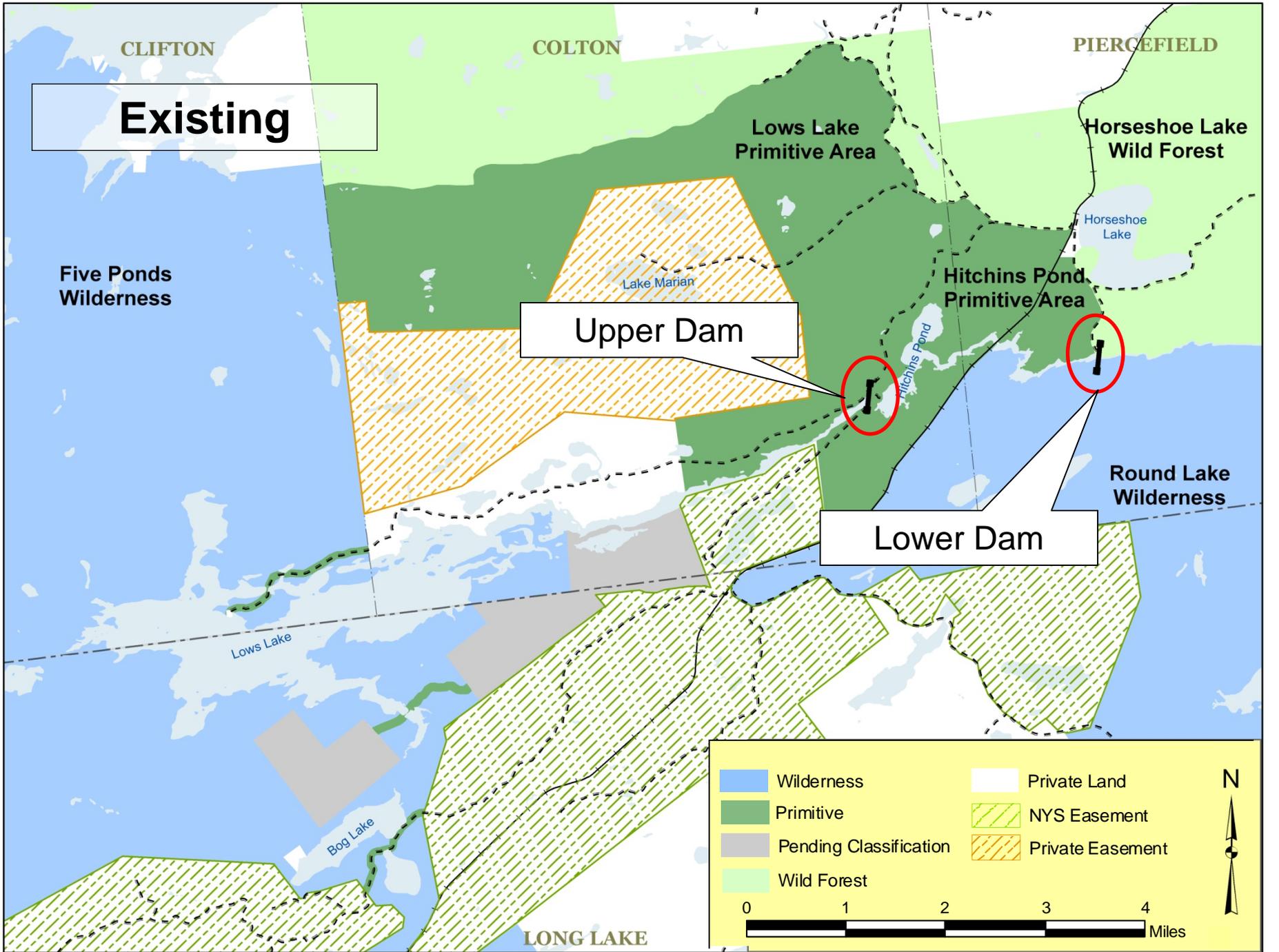
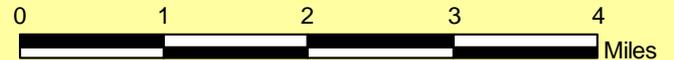
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Lows Lake Primitive Area

Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest

Five Ponds Wilderness

Lake Marian

Horseshoe Lake

Hitchins Pond Primitive Area

Hitchins Pond

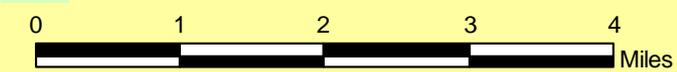
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Five Ponds
Wilderness

Lake Marian

Horseshoe
Lake

Hitchins Pond
Primitive Area

Hitchins Pond

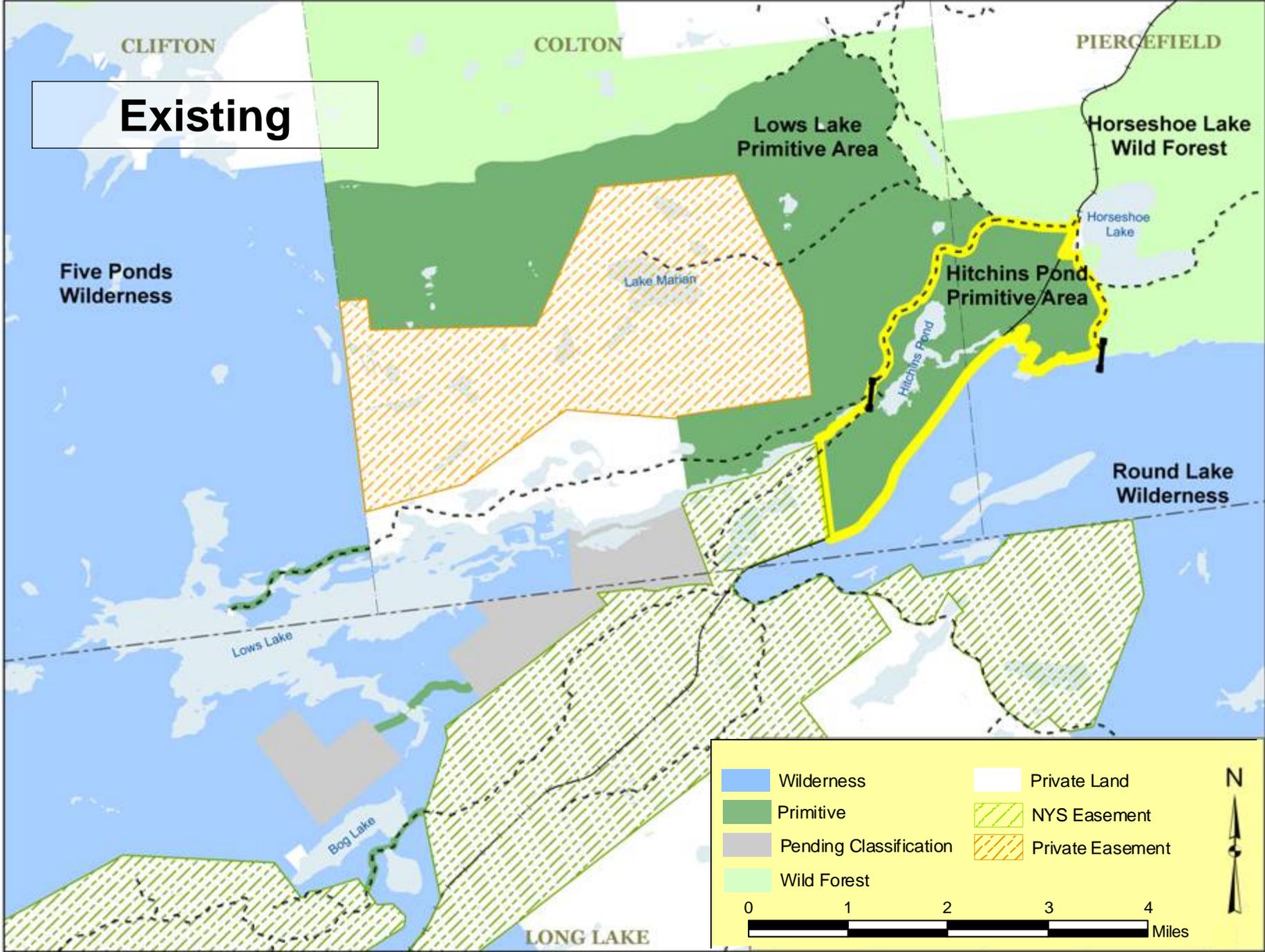
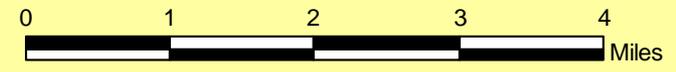
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Horseshoe Lake
Wild Forest

Five Ponds
Wilderness

Horseshoe
Lake

Hitchins Pond
Primitive Area

Lake Marian

Hitchins Pond

Parker Parcel
Primitive Corridor

Tomar Pond
Primitive Corridor

Round Lake
Wilderness

Bog Lake / Lake Clear
Primitive Corridor

Lows Lake

Bog Lake

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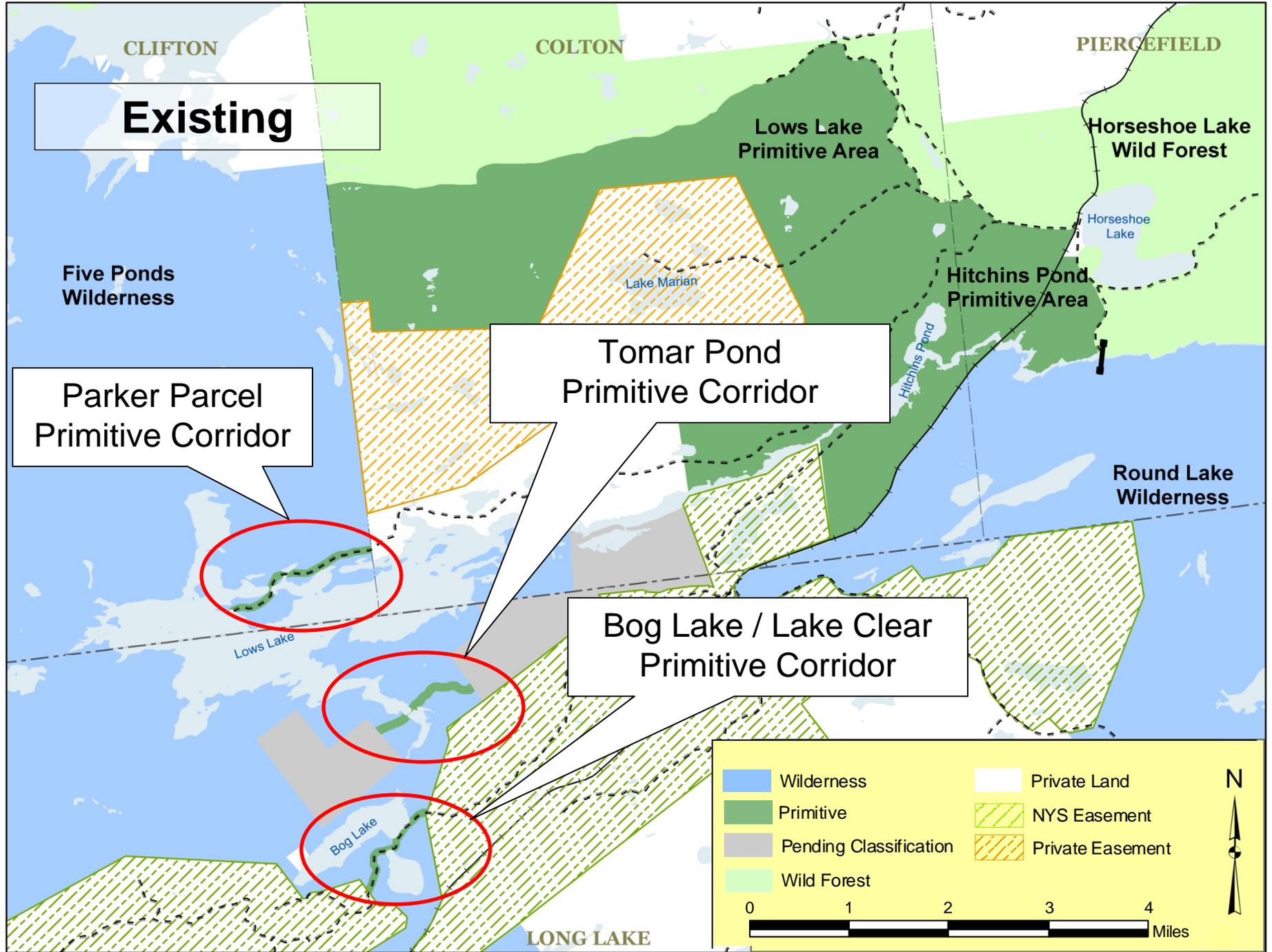
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Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest

Five Ponds Wilderness

Hitchins Pond Primitive Area

Lake Marian

Horseshoe Lake

Hitchins Pond

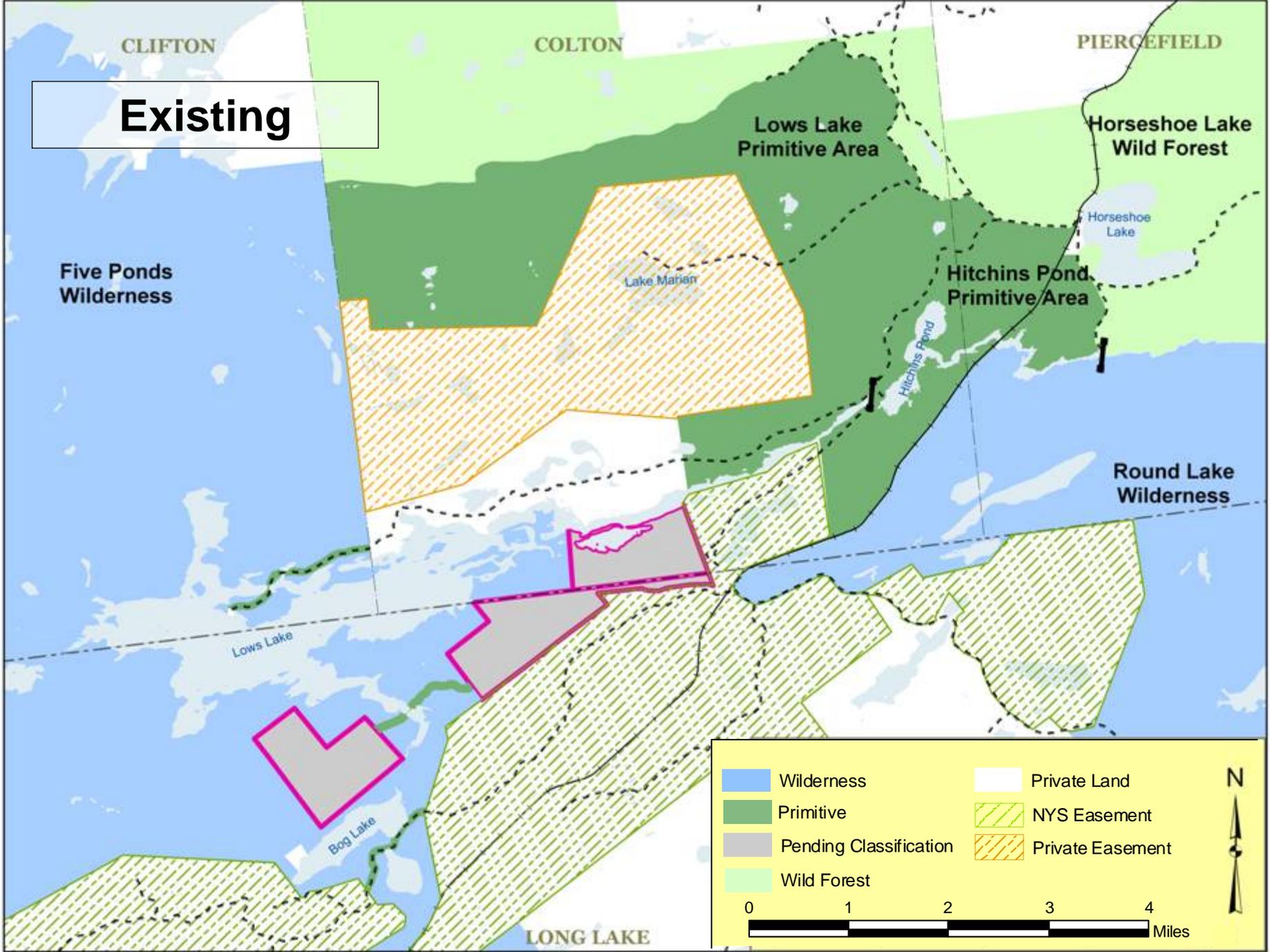
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Lows Lake Primitive Area

Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest

Five Ponds Wilderness

Boy Scouts of America

Horseshoe Lake

Hitchins Pond Primitive Area

Parker Parcel

Sabattis Land Co.

Round Lake Wilderness

Lows Lake

Bog Lake

Knox Parcel

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Wilderness

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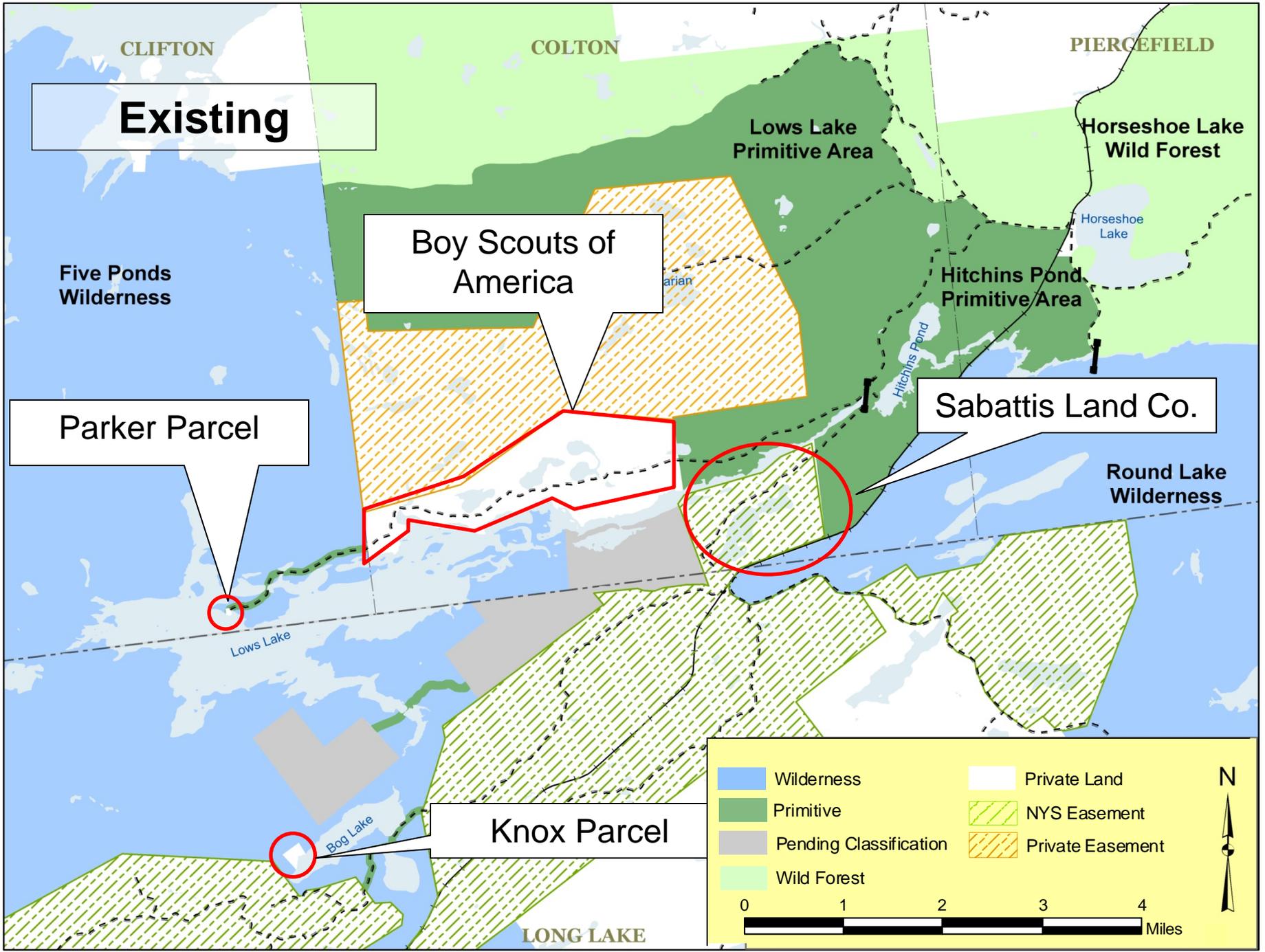
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Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest

Five Ponds Wilderness

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Horseshoe Lake

Hitchins Pond Primitive Area

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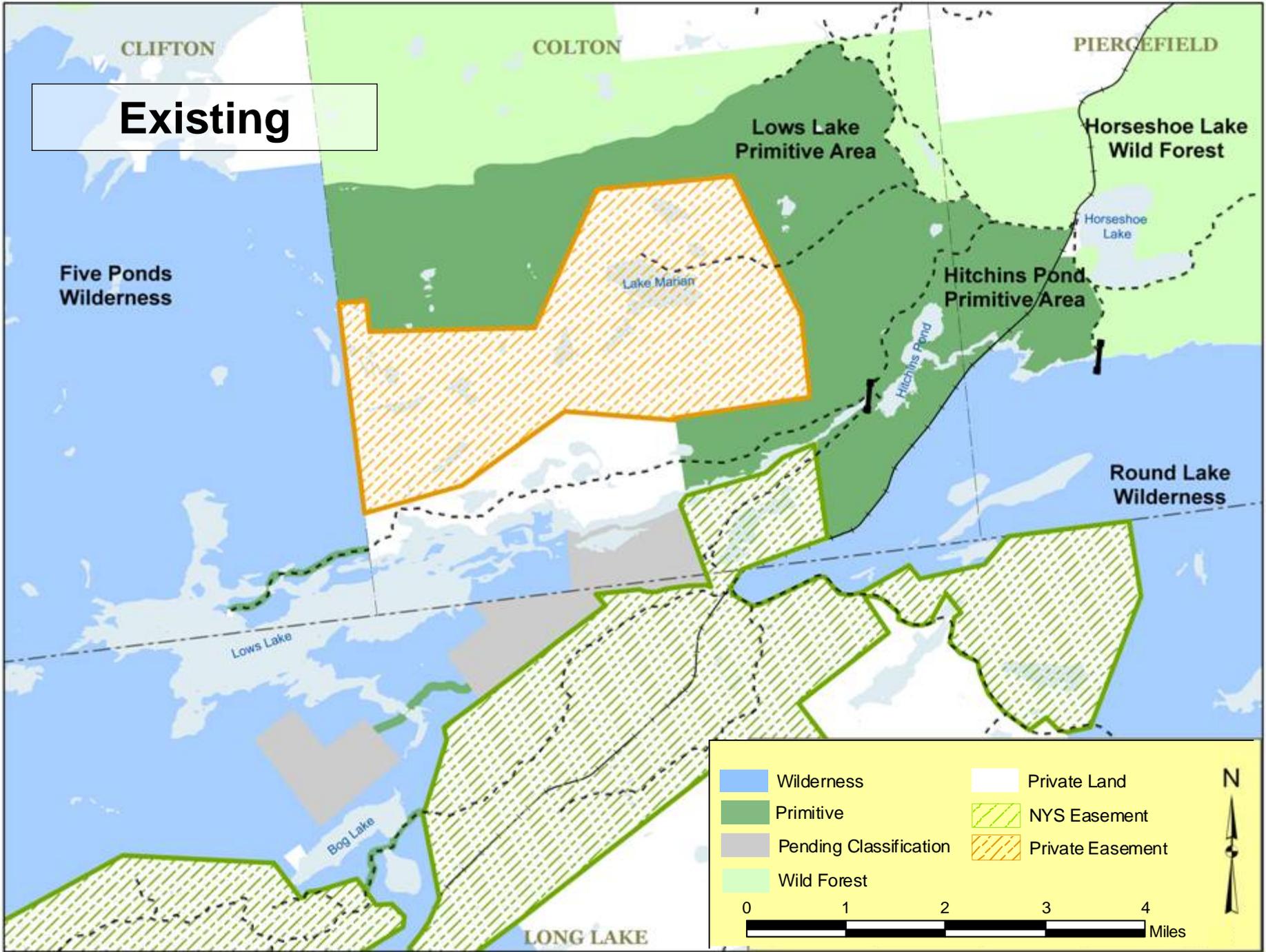
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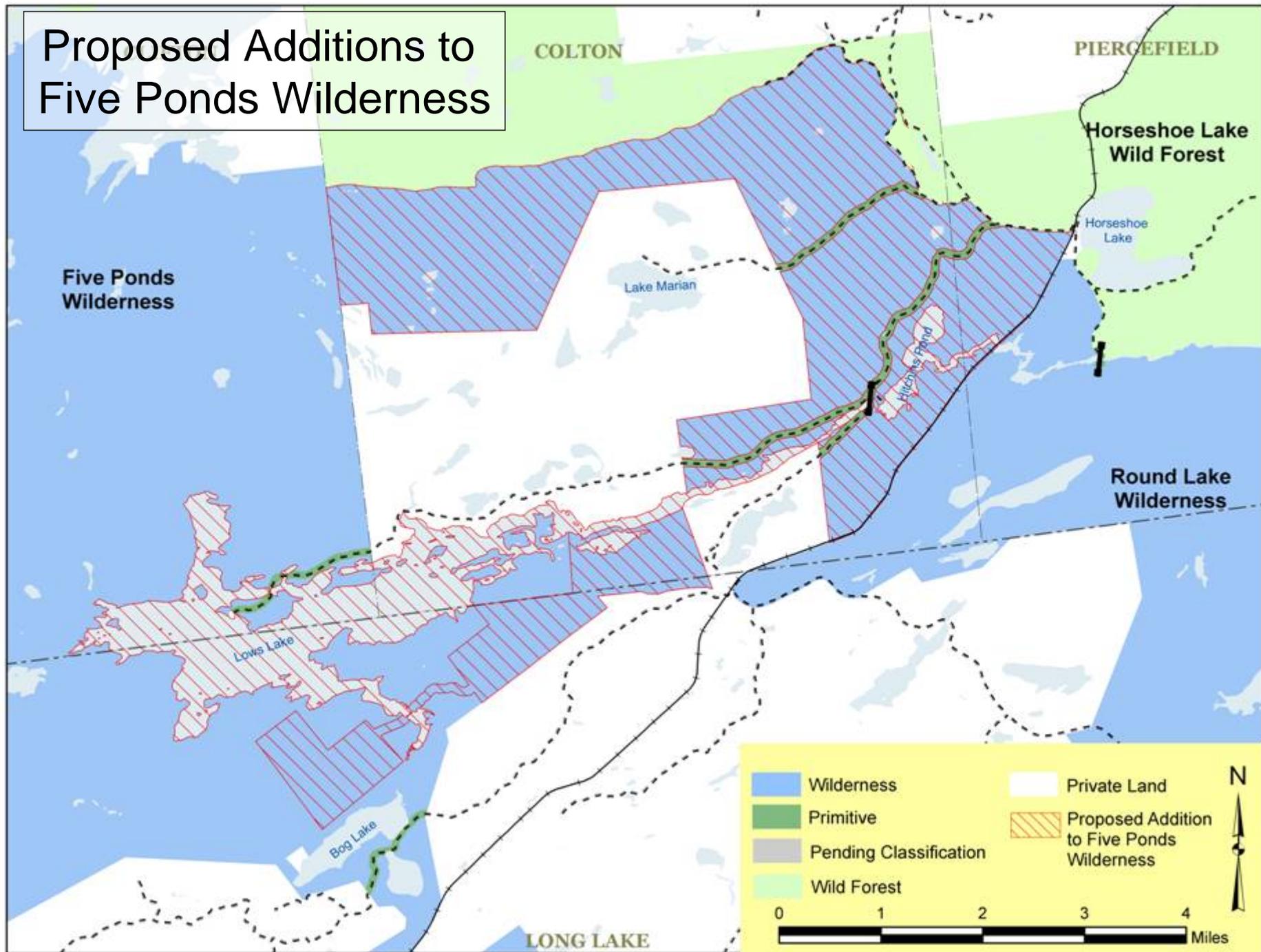
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Proposed Additions to the Five Ponds Wilderness

- Classification:
 - Recently acquired lands on south shore of Lows Lake
 - Recently acquired lands north of Bog Lake
 - Lake bed and water of Lows Lake and Bog River impounded by the upper dam
 - Lake bed and water of Hitchins Pond and Bog River, impounded by Lower dam and west of Remsen-Placid Railroad
- Reclassification:
 - Lows Lake Primitive Area
 - Excluding: Roads to Lake Marian and Boy Scout Property
 - Hitchins Pond Primitive Area west of Remsen-Placid Railroad
 - Excluding: Roads to upper dam and Sabattis Land Co.
 - Tomar Pond Primitive Corridor

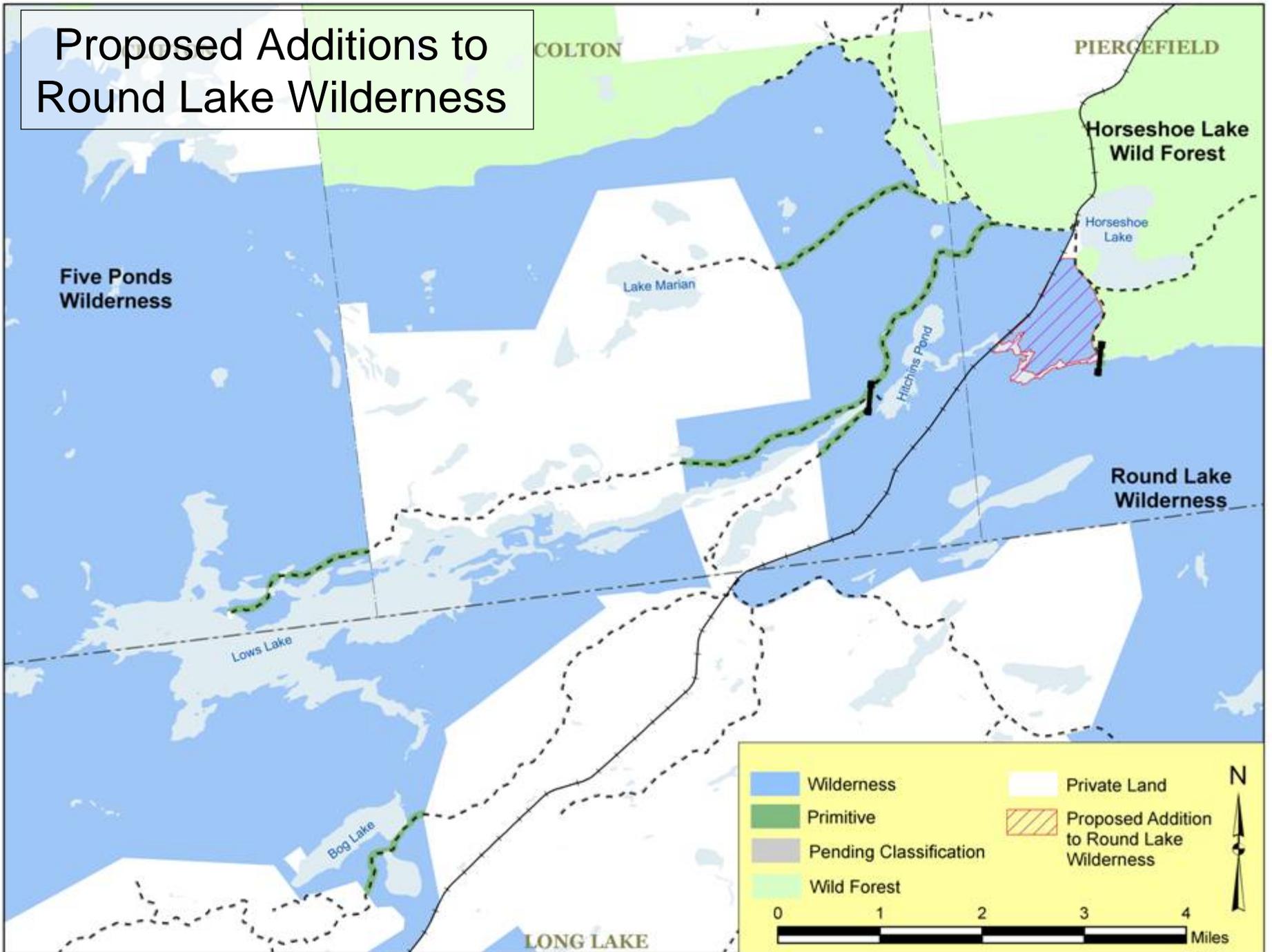
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Additions to the Round Lake Wilderness

- Classification:
 - Lake bed and water of Bog River, impounded by lower dam and east of Remsen-Placid Railroad
- Reclassification
 - Hitchins Pond Primitive Area east of Remsen-Placid Railroad

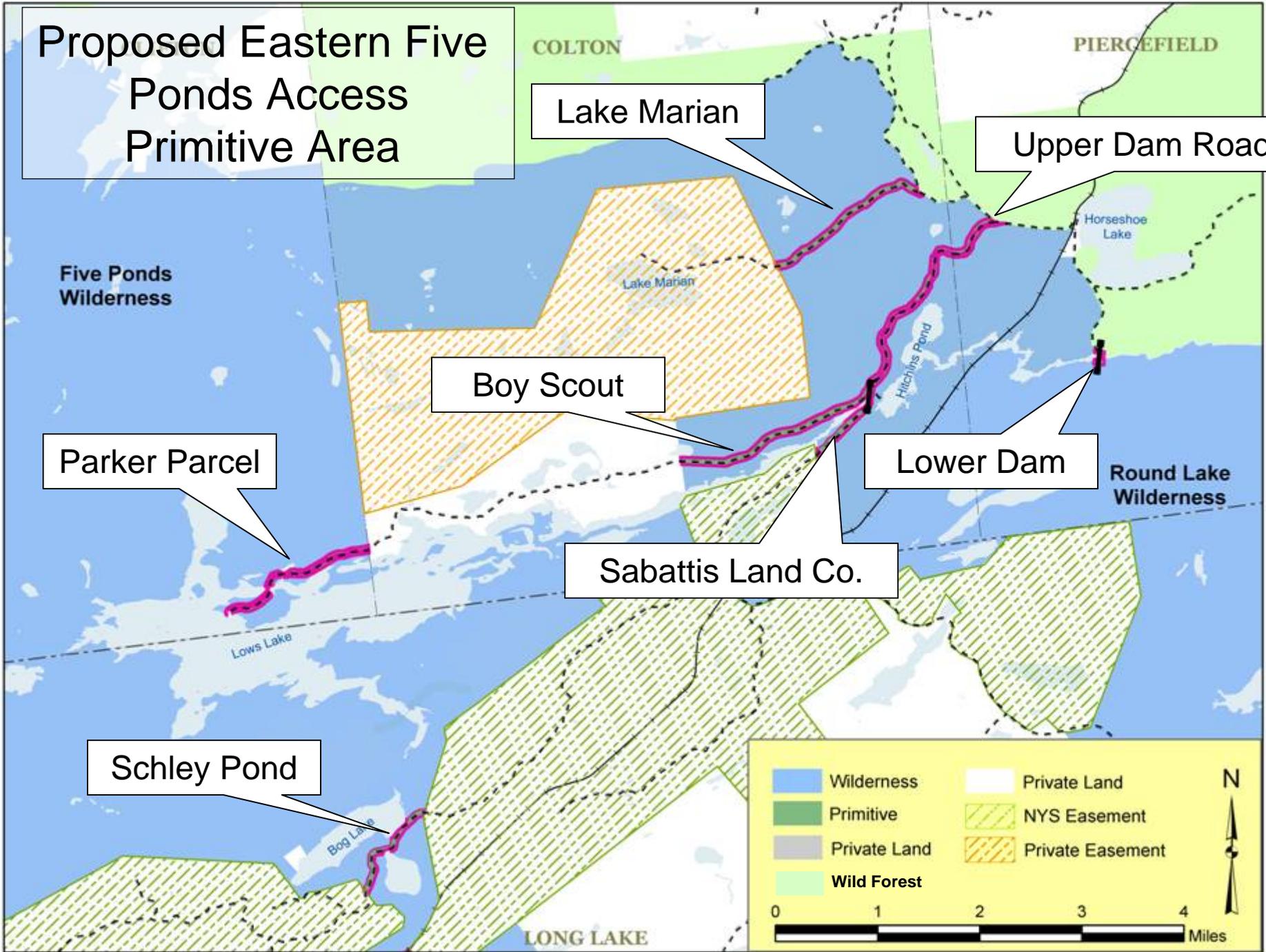
Proposed Additions to Round Lake Wilderness



Proposed Eastern Five Ponds Access Primitive Area

- Boy Scout (Large inholding on north shore of Lows Lake) 2.2 Miles
- Lake Marian 1.7 Miles
- Parker Parcel (Small inholding of north shore of Lows Lake) 1.6 Miles
- Schley Pond 1.1 Miles
- Sabattis Land Co. (Large inholding on south shore of Lows Lake) 0.7 Miles
- Upper Dam 1.6 Miles
- Lower Dam
- Riparian access rights – Lows Lake

Proposed Eastern Five Ponds Access Primitive Area



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Lake Marian

Upper Dam Road

Five Ponds Wilderness

Lake Marian

Horseshoe Lake

Boy Scout

Lower Dam

Round Lake Wilderness

Parker Parcel

Hitchens Pond

Sabattis Land Co.

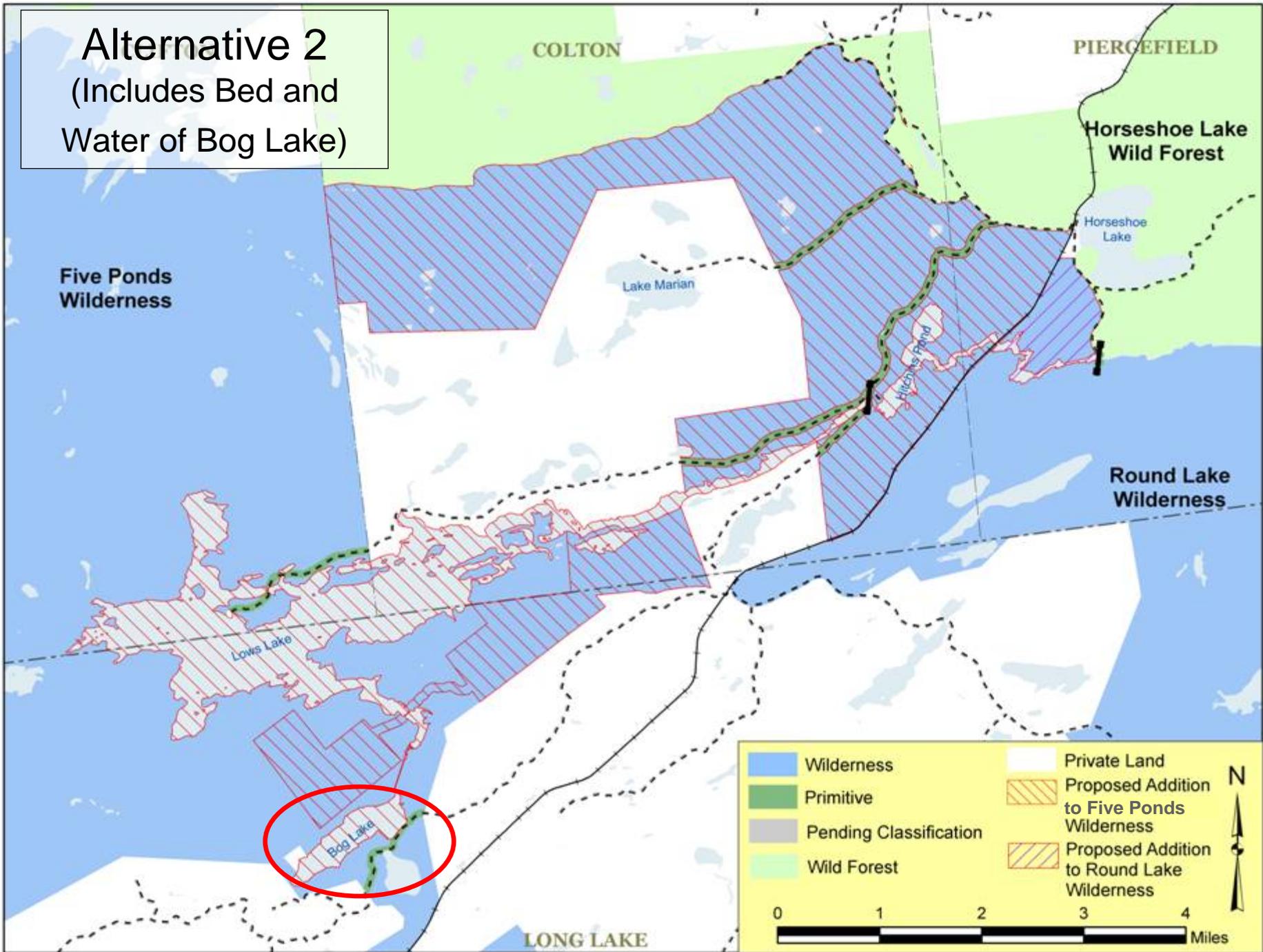
Schley Pond

Lows Lake

Bog Lake

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Alternative 2
(Includes Bed and
Water of Bog Lake)



On May 15, 2009, Adirondack Park Agency Authorized the Executive Director to:

Conduct a series of public hearings both inside and outside the Park

July 13, 2009: Wanakena, NY – 11:00am

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Conduct the necessary environmental assessment and determination of significance according to SEQRA

Negative Declaration of Significance issued on June 24, 2009

Prepare hearing record and a revised or updated proposal as may be necessary for future Agency consideration and approval.

Hearing Record will be open until August 28, 2009

Written comments may be submitted to:

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