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Subject: SEABA map changes

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To: Haines Borough Heliski Map committee

From SEABA LLC

Proposed areas for change: (Town Zone, with airport take-off and landings, Pyramid Valley, Haska Creek, Kicking Horse Valley , Emmerich.)

These areas have numerous navigation problems held over from the original Heliski map that was adopted from DNR Forestry's failed legislation 2005.

the industry suggest that boundary lines in the Pyramid Valley be adjusted to lower elevations to allow for safe pick up on 12 year ski runs. This area has several straight line mid slope boundary lines that were never adjusted. This is also true for areas in the Kicking Horse Valley on Mt. Emmerich.

Lines should be adjusted for timbered terrain that has historical use on the Mt. Emmerich massif on the north side down to approximately 1400 ft.

Haska Creek needs to be put back into the areas of use as it is 3.5 miles from the nearest residence, and is close the busiest approved flight path from the airport. An existing Heli boundary seen in the 33 mile map, that was modified in 2012 is 2.3 miles from 38 mile residences. (no complaints were generated from this)

To not allow boundary lines with a greater distance than existing non-combative boundaries is hypocritical stance from a management perspective, but it also neglects Haska Creeks importance as a safe entry and exit into the Kickinghorse Zone. Historically less than 1% of the community has raised issue with this area.

18 mile zone: Tahkin Ridge, Johnathan Ward

This area has stable wildlife populations, its has historic h

Heliski use under the BLM, and the future use is supported by nearby year round Chilkat Lake residents. It is a remote part of the borough and is under common flight path from 18 mile heliport. More usable acreage in this area can contribute to safe choices for operators and their guides, given unstable snow conditions in other areas. It also serves as a close ski option on marginal days when weather is a factor.

Also the current dates in this areas should be expanded to April 14th to allow for sustainable use.

33 Mile zone: Cottonwood and Nugget Cr, Porcupine Creek, Summit Creek, Little Jarvis Gl. and Walker Lake area:

All of these suggested changes are to simply round out the functional use of the 33 mile zone. Most of these adjustments are less than a 1/4 mile. Some allow for accurate ridge top landings, giving access to the full run, and others allow for historic pick up and drop off zones to be put into the map.

Four Winds:

The areas near Four Winds peak and the north east facing slopes heading down to the 1500 foot elevation were not put into the map in the 2011 adjustments. This area is remote with no quantifiable user conflicts and should be allowed. Some area within this unit can be removed from the map.

I look forward to working with the committee on behalf of all current operators.

Thank You

Scott Sundberg

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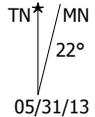
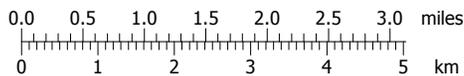
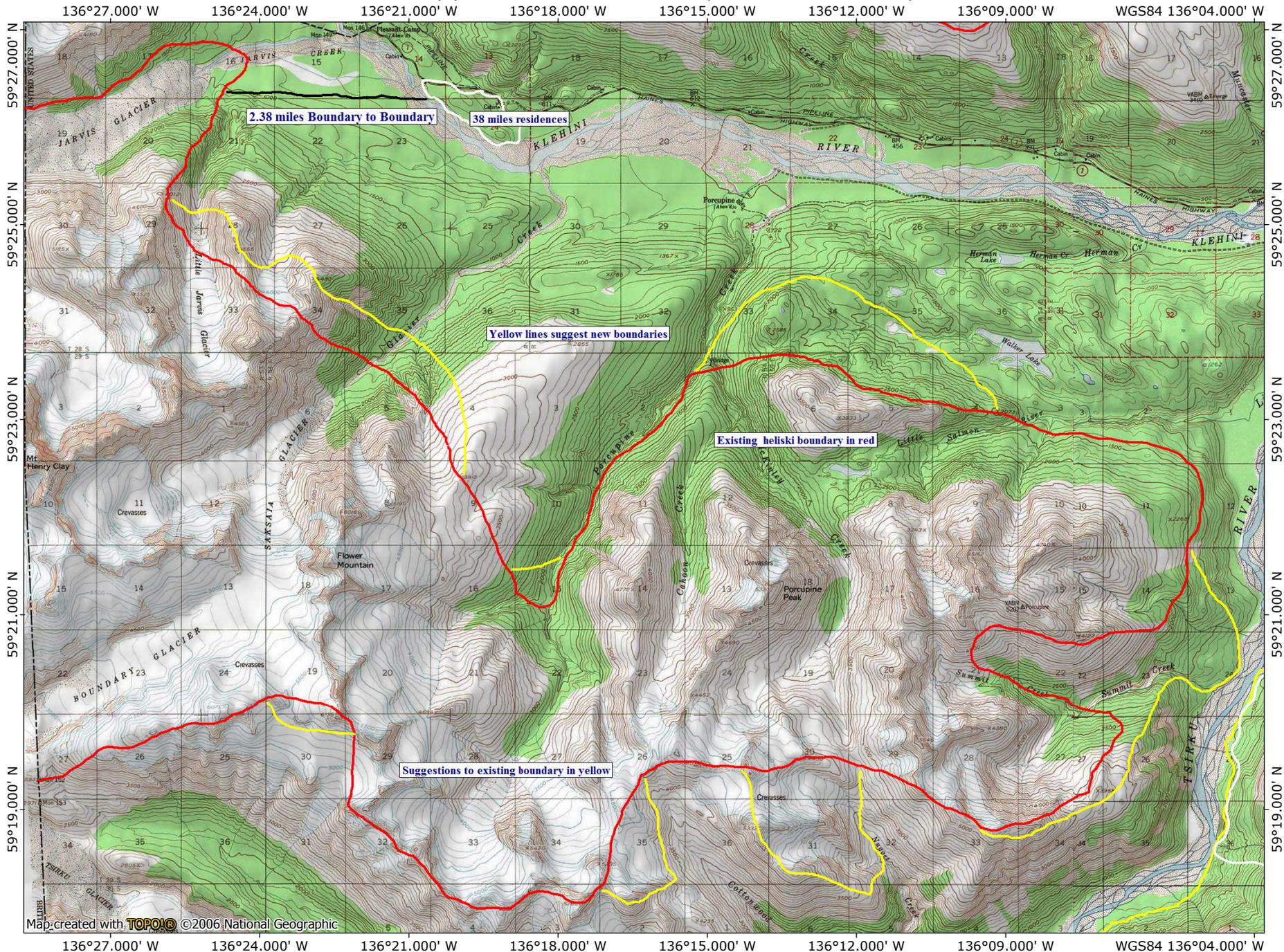
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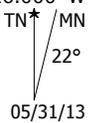
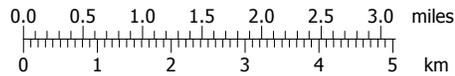
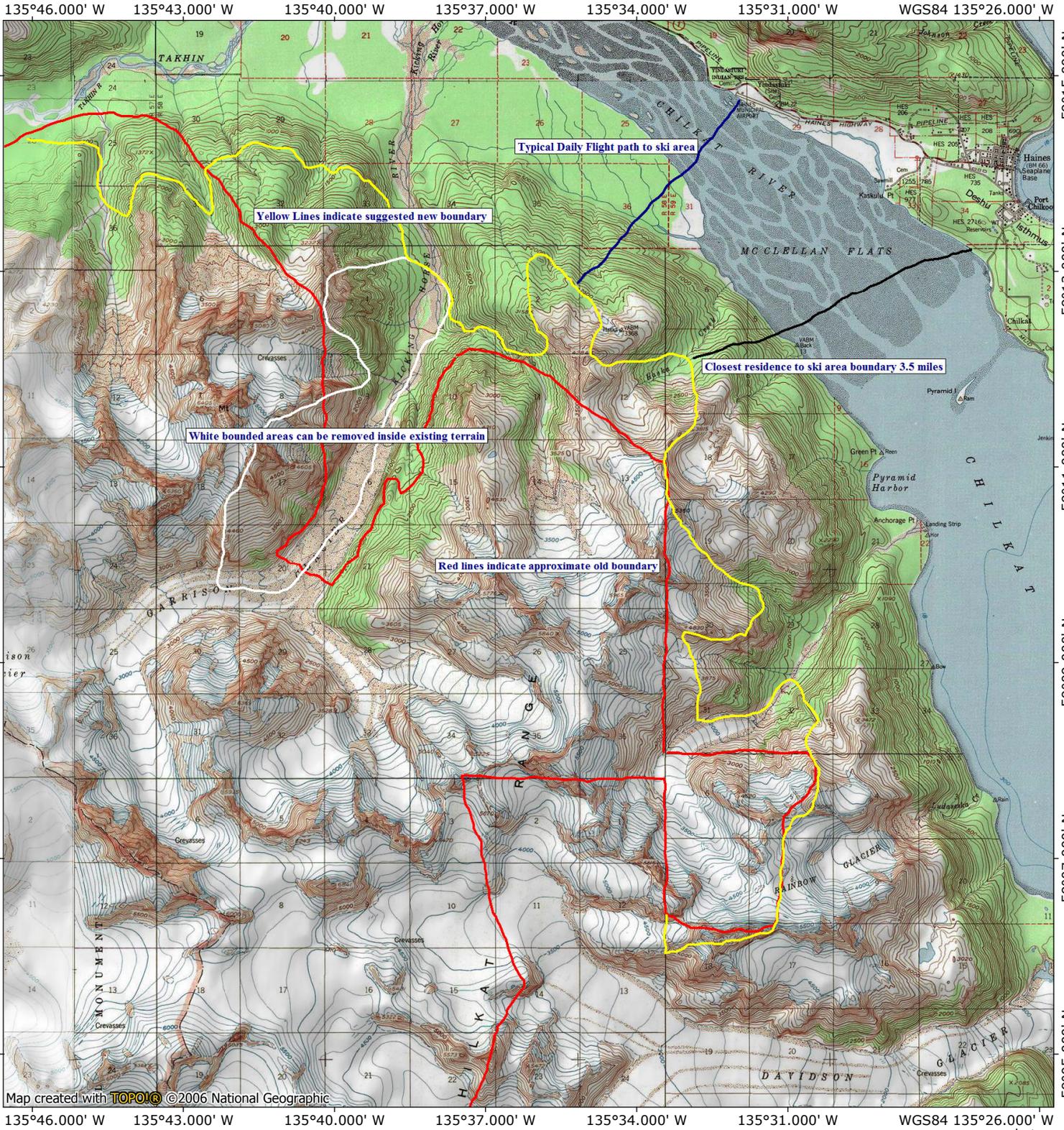
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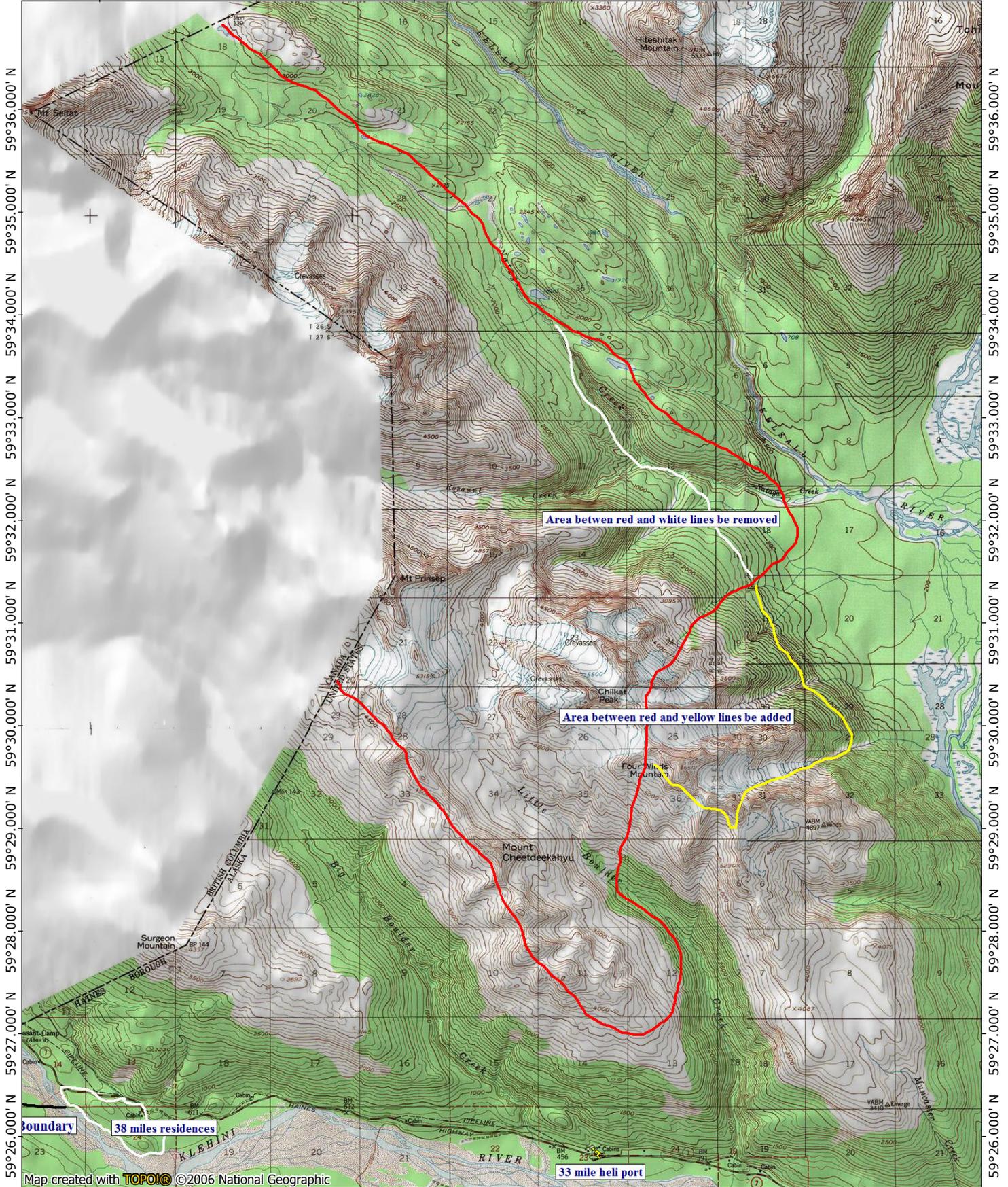
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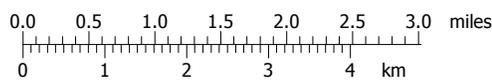


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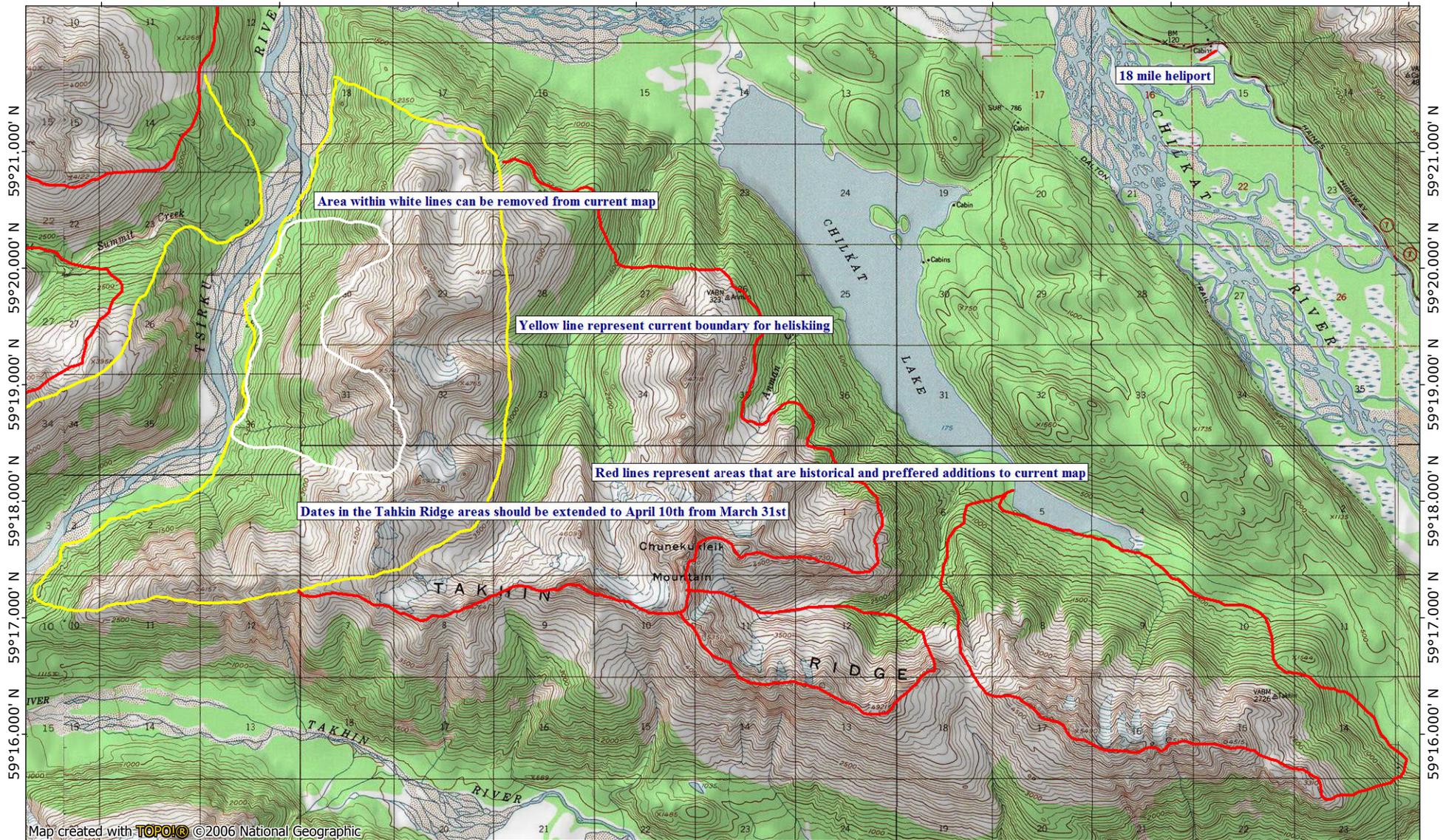


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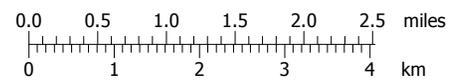


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