



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

FIELD REGIONS
253 Snyder Road
Reading, PA 19605
August 31, 2018

REQUEST FOR BIDS
CONTROLLED BURN FIRE BREAKS
STATE GAME LAND # 106
BERKS & SCHUYLKILL COUNTIES

Prospective Service Contractors:

The Southeast Region of the Pennsylvania Game Commission is soliciting bids for construction of fire breaks on State Game Land No. 106, Albany and Windsor Townships, Berks County and West Burnswick Township, Schuylkill County. This project will involve the construction of 20,589 feet of fire breaks to build and 722 feet of fire break to improve on this Game Lands. The location of the project is defined on the attached maps. Specific fire break specifications are detailed in the Supplement Pages of the bid packet.

Bids are to be submitted electronically thru the Commonwealth's "PA Supplier Portal" system by **2 PM September 26, 2018**. If you have not registered as a vendor with the state, you must do this first at www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us before submitting an electronic bid. Any questions regarding this may be directed to Michelle Briel at 610-926-3136 x 6020 mbriel@pa.gov.

Quote should be by a Unit Price (feet) as well as the total bid price for the project. Payment will be dispersed based on the number of feet completed to the required as per the required specifications.

The work may begin anytime provided all other contract items are provided and the work must be completed by November 16, 2018. No extension of time will be awarded.

The PGC will provide an optional tour of the site on September 11, 2018 at 9 AM. Meeting location is shown on attached map.

The attached Quote Prospectus provides all necessary specifications, instructions, contact information, map, etc.

Thank you.

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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

I. SCOPE OF WORK:

The Pennsylvania Game Commission, Southeast Region, requires the construction of trails to serve as fire breaks for controlled burn habitat management activities. Services shall include, but not be limited to, the furnishing of all labor, superintendence, tools and equipment for the grading, grubbing, erosion controls and seeding as per attached Attachment 1 Prescribed Fire Break Specifications. **All quotes require the contractor to provide the equipment, labor, insurance, and all miscellaneous expenses to complete the operation.**

Any questions concerning the technical aspects of this bid should be directed to the Forester:

Curtis Noll
PGC, Southeast Region
253 Snyder Road
Reading PA 19605-9254
Cell Phone: 610-413-1706
Email address cunoll@pa.gov

II. CONTRACT TASKS:

A. Project Location:

- a. State Game Lands No. 106, in Albany and Windsor Townships, Berks County and West Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County. Construction of 20,589 feet of new fire breaks and 722 of improved firebreaks, as defined on the attached maps.
- b. Maps of the work location are included in the bid packet.

Contractor must comply with Attachment 1, Controlled Burn Fire Break Specifications.

III. SITE INSPECTION AND ASSISTANCE:

The PGC will conduct an optional one-time-only tour of the work sites for prospective bidders on September 11, 2018 at 9 AM. Meeting location is at the PGC parking lot at the Weiser State Forest fire tower, west of Port Clinton and is shown on attached map.

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IV. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS:

- A. All work must be completed by the termination date: **November 16, 2018.**
- B. No contract extensions will be approved.
- C. The contractor agrees to comply with all attachments.
- D. Failure to comply with any of the terms or conditions of the Contract may result in cancellation of the agreement and claim may be made against the surety or the security for all or part of the damages sustained by such noncompliance.
- E. Any extension of time under the Contract, or forbearance of cancellation and claim against the surety will not result in a release of the surety or the Principal from their obligations under the Contract and the surety.
- F. As a further guarantee of faithful performance of the conditions set forth in this Contract, the Successful bidder hereby agrees to furnish the Commission with Cashiers or Treasurers Check, Letter of Credit, or Insurance Bond payable to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, in the amount of **\$2,000.00** by October 8, 2018 or before start of work, whichever comes first.

V. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. The contractor will provide Workmen’s Compensation insurance sufficient to cover all of the employees of contractor working to fulfill this contract.
- B. Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, including bodily injury and property damage insurance, to protect the Commonwealth and the contractor from claims arising out of the performance of the contract. The amount of Bodily Injury Insurance shall not be less than \$300,000.00 for injury to or death of persons per occurrence. The amount of Property Damage Insurance shall not be less than \$300,000.00 per occurrence.

Such policies shall name the Commonwealth as an additional insured. Prior to the commencement of work under this contract, the contractor must provide the Commonwealth with current Certificates of Insurance. These Certificates shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policy shall not be canceled or changed until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the Commonwealth.

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HOLD HARMLESS:

The contractor shall be responsible for and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth from and against damages to property or injuries (including death) to any persons and other losses, damages, expenses, claims, demands, suits, and actions by any party against the Commonwealth in connection with the work performed by the contractor.

VI. DAMAGE TO COMMONWEALTH PROPERTY:

The Contractor shall be responsible for any damage to Commonwealth property resulting from the improper use of equipment for this habitat project. The Contractor will be given one (1) written warning that damage is becoming excessive and if the action continues damages will be assessed.

- A. **TIMBER DAMAGES** – When, in the opinion of the Officer in Charge, damage to the residual stand becomes excessive the Contractor shall pay the Commission a fair base current value determined by the Officer in Charge/Regional Forester per unit of volume. If this value for damage due to Contractor’s carelessness or negligence is less than \$10.00 per tree then a minimum charge of \$10.00 per tree will be made whether the tree is commercial, non-commercial, merchantable or non-merchantable.
- B. **COMMISSION FACILITIES** - Contractor shall immediately repair, in a manner that meets with the approval of the Officer in Charge, any damage to Game Land roads and other facilities, including access roads, resulting from their use for this spray operation, general wear and tear excepted. Officer in Charge may notify the Contractor in writing to temporarily discontinue use of any of the above whenever, in their opinion, such action is necessary to prevent serious damage.

VII. AWARD:

Service quote on the firebreak construction should include the Unit Price (\$/foot) as well as total for 21,311 feet. Payment will be by Unit (foot) completed to the specifications of Attachment 1.

Bid will be awarded to the lowest total amount.

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ALL VENDORS WHO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION MUST HAVE A VENDOR NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THEM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH.

Vendors may access the website www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us or phone (877) 435-7363 or (717) 346-2676 or email ra-srmhelp@state.pa.us for assistance to register as a new vendor or, if you are an existing vendor, to change a name or remit to address. This is a Dept of General services (DGS) website so you need to contact them directly if you have any problems with the website.

The unit price (acre) shall include all labor, equipment, tools, insurance and all items necessary for the completion of the project.

VIII CONTRACT TERM:

The contract term shall commence upon receipt of the performance bond and field work may begin at that time, and terminate **November 16, 2018**. No contract extensions will be approved.

IX. PAYMENT TERMS:

The contractor shall be paid at the unit price bid for ACTUAL feet constructed as per the specifications of Attachment 1. The numbers of feet constructed per the specifications will be measured by a PGC forestry representative.

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ATTACHMENT 1.
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION FOR NEW CONTROLLED FIRE BREAKS
STATE GAME LAND 106 BERKS & SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Controlled Burn Fire Break Specifications

3.1 -SCOPE

This work involves the clearing and grubbing of prescribed fire breaks at designated locations on State Game Land # 106. The location of the fire break is designated by orange paint slashes which marks the approximate center line of the break. Trees and brush need to be pushed to the outside edge of the burn unit. Brush and debris should not be placed inside the planned burn unit area. These terms and conditions will apply to all locations where practical except when adjacent to the property boundary. Brush must be placed in rows with numerous breaks in the row of brush. Piling of the brush is not acceptable. The contractor is expected to maneuver around the larger trees. The location of each project is detailed on the attached maps.

3.2 – PROCEDURE & TERMS

1. The contractor is required to use a D-4 or larger dozer with a six way blade or bucket to clear the brush, small trees and soil humus from the site. The finished width of the fire break is to be 8'. All fire breaks are intended to be used as access fire breaks/access trails and as such they must be drivable with a 6 wheel UTV. 300 feet of new firebreak on the south firebreak must be truck accessible. A total of 20,589 feet of new fire breaks and 722 feet of firebreak to improve will be constructed. On three areas where the firebreak crosses the springs, the operator can drive across but is required to lift the blade and not disturb the soil. These areas are marked in the field with lift written in orange paint. There are also several marked turn arounds, in these areas an area approximately 10 feet by 10 feet must be cleared to allow space for a UTV to turn around. These areas are marked with an a orange TA.

2. Erosion control will be obtained by placing water bars or intercept dips at the recommended spacing based on the slope of the site. The contractor is responsible for installation of the water bars as well as seeding of all the trails with the designated seed mixture. The Regional Forester will be available to designate locations of all water control devices.

3. Seeding Mixture:
200lbs of 10-10-10 Fertilizer per acre applied prior to seeding
25 lbs or red clover/acre
60 lbs or one bushel of wheat per acre
Seeding must be applied between at conclusion of project.

4. Damage any plants or trees, natural growth, or other objects outside the areas to be cleared and grubbed is not acceptable. Payment for damages will be determined if deemed necessary by the Officer in Charge. The rate of damage will be \$25.00 per tree for damage caused by the neglect of the contractor.

5. Damage to existing infrastructure (roads, trails, food plots) will be the repaired by the contractor

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6. All merchantable pulpwood/logs are property of the Commonwealth and cannot be removed from the site. Burning is not permitted at the site.

7. Pennsylvania Game Commission will coordinate fire break construction by making a PA 1 call. The contractor must provide at least 72 hours of advance notice prior to the commencing of work on the project. Failure to provide adequate lead time will delay the start of the project.

8. The contractor will remove all trash and garbage generated from the completion of this contract. This is to include all materials related to the support of felling tools and equipment, as well as items generated through personal use by the contractor's employees.

9. Access gates to the area will remain closed at all times.

10. Clean all equipment and vehicles thoroughly (especially the undercarriage and wheels) before they are brought on site, this will remove invasive plant seeds from the equipment and undercarriages of the vehicles that may have been picked up at other sites.

11. The contractor will notify the PGC forestry representative four days prior to beginning the project. The contractor may work at times other than the schedule of the PGC forestry representative. Inspection of the project will occur during normal working hours.

12. No in woods operations will be permitted on the following days for the period of this contract:

1. All Saturdays in October and November.

14. Final inspection of the habitat project will be conducted by the Regional Forester. The contractor may be present at the final inspection. Upon successful completion of the required work, payment will be released to the contractor.

3.3 - MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Linear feet of fire break are the unit of bidding and payment will be based on the amount of work completed to the specifications.

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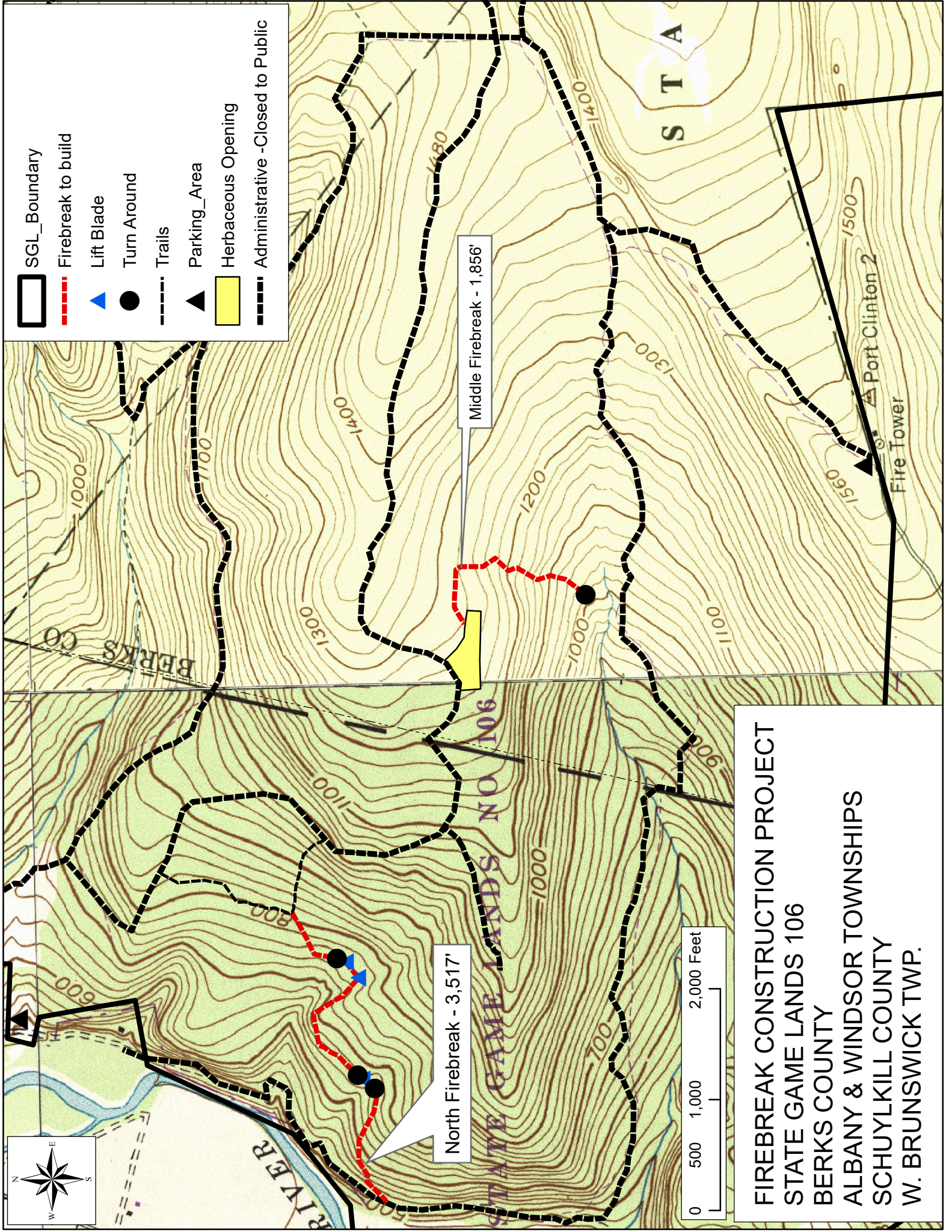
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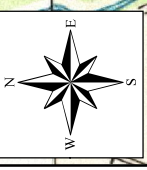
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- Firebreak to build
- Lift Blade
- Turn Around
- Trails
- Parking_Area
- Herbaceous Opening
- Administrative -Closed to Public

North Firebreak - 3,517'

Middle Firebreak - 1,856'



FIREBREAK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
STATE GAME LANDS 106
BERKS COUNTY
ALBANY & WINDSOR TOWNSHIPS
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
W. BRUNSWICK TWP.



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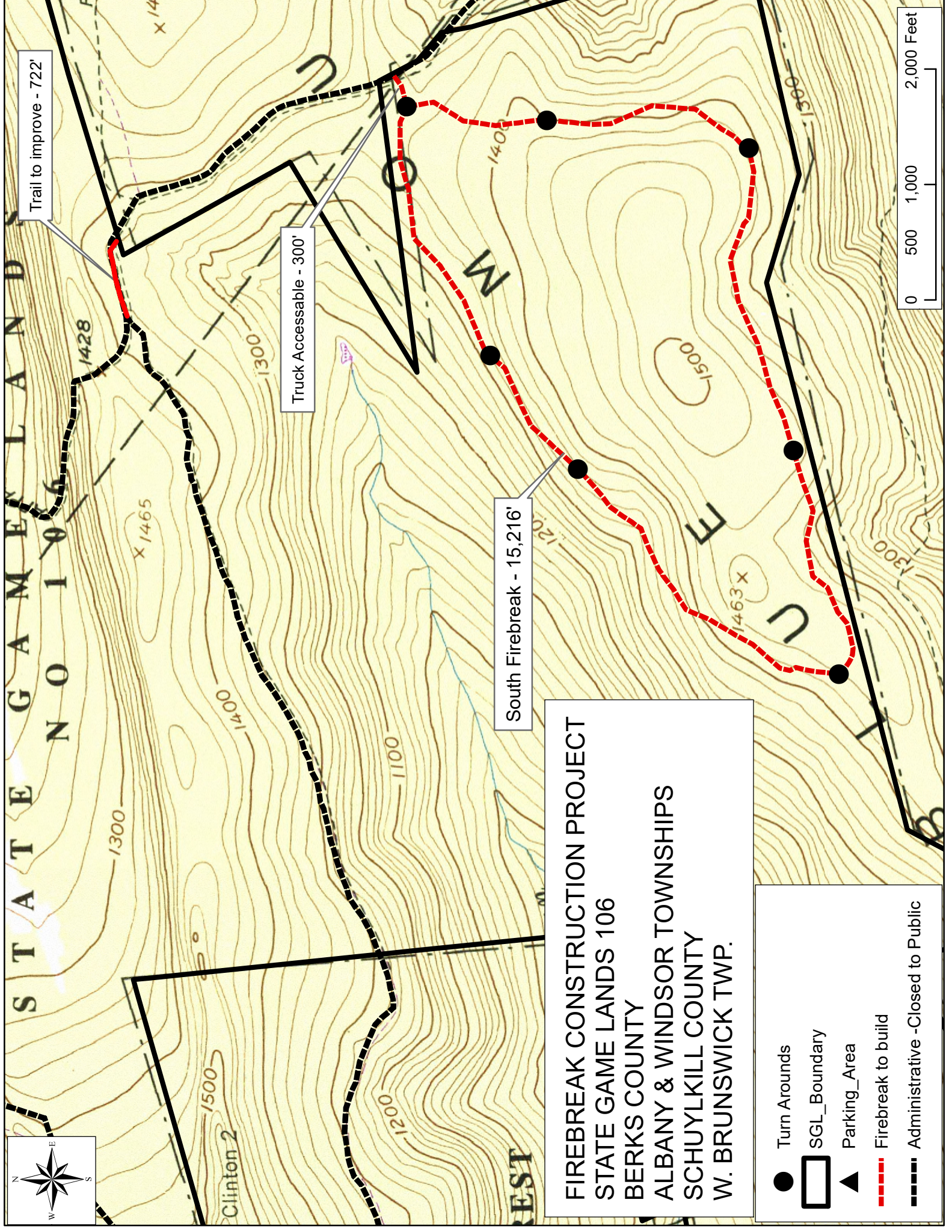
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Fire Tower

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STATE GAME LANDS NO 106

RIVER



Trail to improve - 722

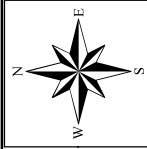
Truck Accessible - 300'

South Firebreak - 15,216'

FIREBREAK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
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 SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
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- Turn Arounds
- ▭ SGL_Boundary
- ▲ Parking_Area
- Firebreak to build
- Administrative -Closed to Public





FIREBREAK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
STATE GAME LANDS 106
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SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Hawk Mountain Road

BERKS COUNTY

RT 895

North Firebreak

Middle Firebreak

PGC PARKING LOT
TOUR MEETS HERE
40.604038, -75.992575

South Firebreak

RT 61

Weiser State Forest Access Road

PORT
CLINTON

Legend

- SGL_Boundary
- Parking_Area
- Firebreak to build
- Administrative - Closed to Public
- Public - Other Government

