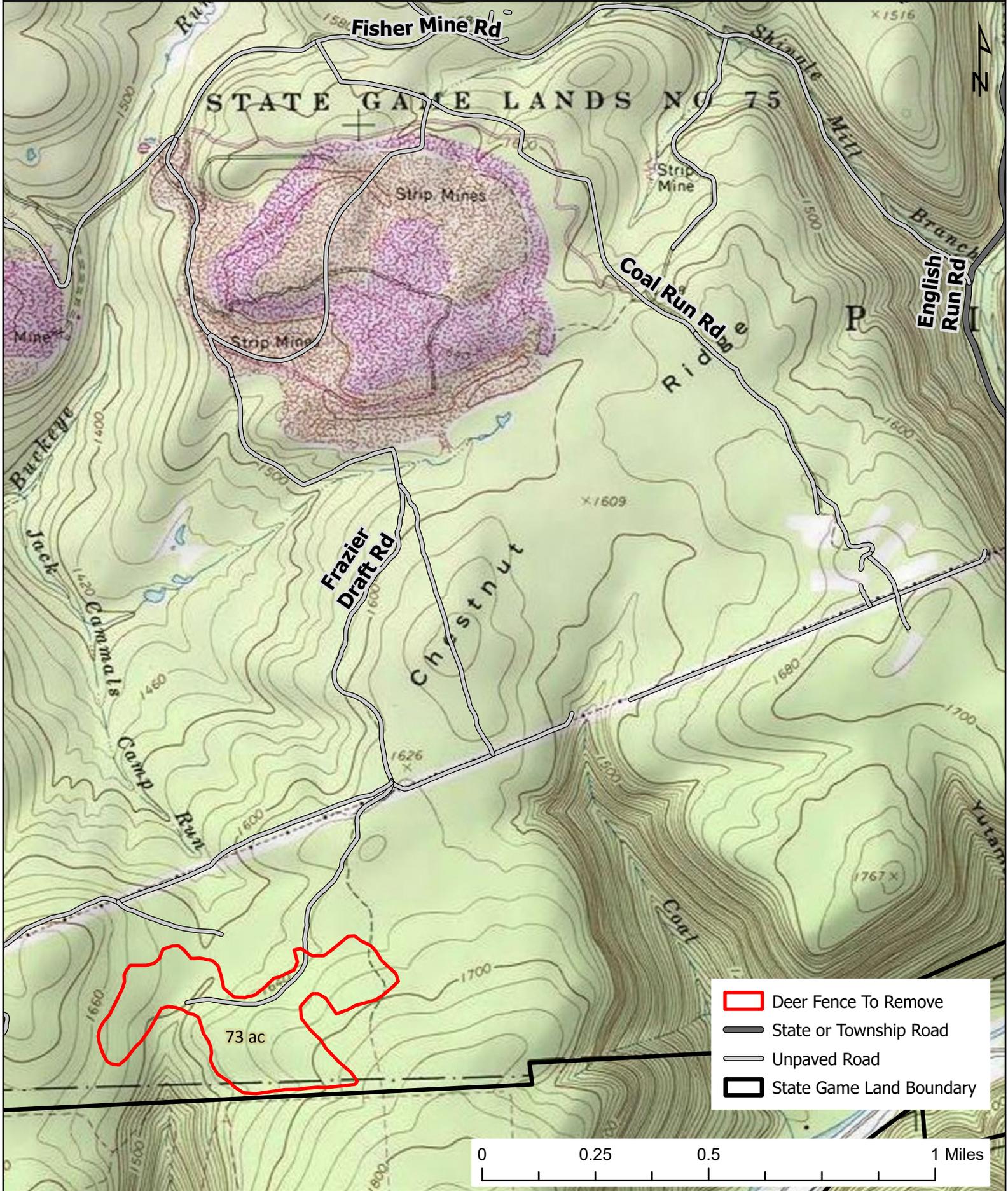




Layton Draft Fence Removal

State Game Land 075, Lycoming County, Pine Township

Block 1: 73 acres, 11,930' Perimeter
Remove all Man & Vehicle Gates



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Habitat Enhancement Project
Lycoming County
Pine Township
SGL 075
Compartment 4
Forester: Chris Wood**

3/17/2023

I would like to request the removal of 1 deer enclosure fence on State Game Lands 075 in Pine Township of Lycoming County. The fence is located south of the Fisher Mine and is accessed by the Frazier Draft Road.

The enclosure has an 11,930 feet perimeter that encompasses 73 acres. The fenced area has been through a series of harvesting treatments and has reached a point where it has adequate amounts of desirable regeneration established above the deer browse line. The stand was originally treated through the Layton Draft Clearcut (#075-82-1-5-C) that was harvested in 1984. The area was then fenced in 2014 and slated for another clearcut with reserves treatment as the Osborne Aspen project. The primary goal of this project was to promote aspen growth and expansion over the course of several winters by the Lycoming habitat crew. Felling took place during the 2016, 2017, & 2018 dormant seasons. It is my professional opinion that this fenced area is set up for regeneration success with most stems above 6 feet in height. The stand should continue to develop into a mosaic of aspen, mixed hardwood, oak, white pine, and native shrubs. I am recommending that we remove the fence and allow this cohort to mature. The stand will be visually monitored as it grows and will be kept in consideration for future crop tree release treatments.

I recommend scheduling the removal of this fence structure for the upcoming state contract. All materials, including the man gates and truck gate, can be removed from the site by the successfully bidding contractor.