Hunting Map

Timber Sale and
Deer Fence Locations

Blue Hole

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Forbes State Forest

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The Bureau of Forestry manages the timber on state forestland on a sustainable basis. It is sometimes necessary to put in clearcuts and shelterwood cuts in order to regenerate hardwood forests.

Clearcuts remove almost all of the trees in a stand, while Shelterwood cuts remove most of the poor quality trees in a stand, leaving the biggest, best trees to drop seed.

Both of these cuts are designed to let sunlight to the forest floor in order to stimulate the growth of species that thrive in sunlight, like oak, ash, cherry, and poplar. Within a few years, both of these cuts produce excellent wildlife habitat. When mature, these tree species are extremely valuable to wildlife.

Estimated height growth of new trees:

0-10 yr old cut → 0-10 ft tall trees

11-20 yr old cut → 11-20 ft tall trees

21-30 yr old cut → 21-30 ft tall trees

13 yr old clearcut

Please be advised that some of our newer clearcuts and shelterwood cuts have been fenced in order to keep deer from eating the new flush of tree seedling growth.

Hunting is permitted and encouraged inside these fences. Entry gates are located on all of the fences for access.

All of the Forbes State Forest is open to public hunting, except designated State Forest Picnic Areas and any other areas posted closed to hunting.

Please hunt safely and abide by all the current Pennsylvania Game Laws. Enjoy hunting on the Forbes State Forest.

For additional information or maps of the Forbes State Forest, please contact:

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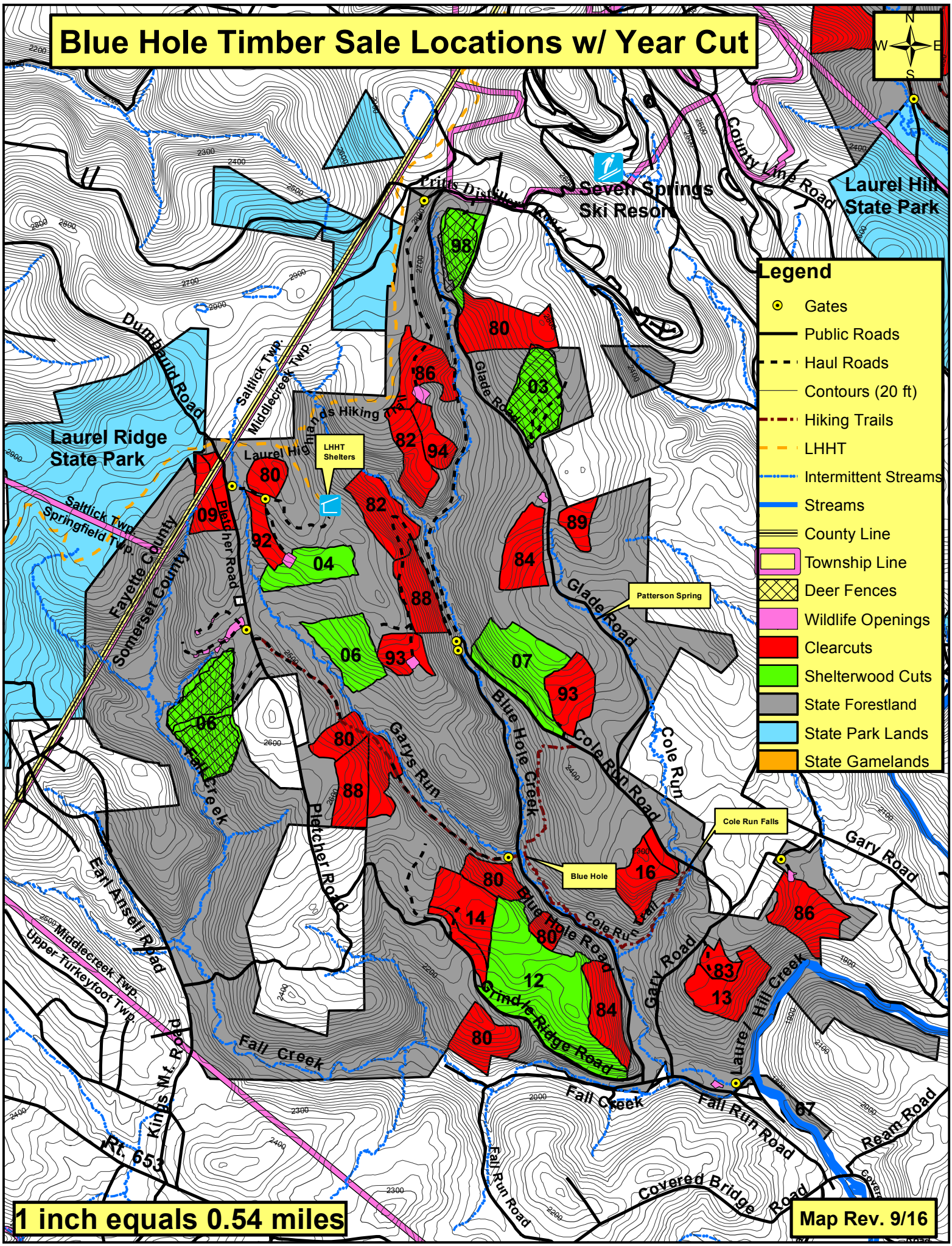
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