

Open Forum BOS 4/2/2024

April 2, 2024

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

330 Fair Lane

Placerville, CA 95667

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Supervisor Turnboo has publicly stated several times (Mountain Democrat 2/14/24, 3/8/24 and the Post Office Grand Opening Ceremony 2/23/24) that “we are going to have a Biomass Facility in Grizzly Flats”.

An informational meeting was held in Supervisor Turnboo’s Office on 3/14/24 where we were informed of the plans to have a Biomass Facility, a small sawmill, a fire resiliency building and a nursery on the U.S. Forest Service property located at 4400 String Canyon Road, Grizzly Flats (APN 041-040-052). His office has been working on this for almost a year, without any community engagement or involvement.

The proposed development would be located on 17 acres on the northern half of the Forest Service property, *immediately adjacent* to the proposed Walt Tyler School location (to the east) and the proposed community center (to the north).

There are inherent health hazards associated with biomass facilities, regardless of how clean they burn the product (<https://www.nrdc.org/bio/sasha-stashwick/health-groups-congress-burning-biomass-bad-health>, <https://www.lung.org/blog/dangers-wildfire-known-biomass>).

Besides the potential health hazards, there will also be noise pollution, light pollution, dust and truck traffic (that would further deteriorate our already stressed roads) associated with the proposed facility.

The County’s proposed location for this biomass facility *is in the heart of a residential neighborhood*, adjacent small residential lots and is not appropriate for our community. This facility should be located in an area that is already zoned for industrial use and away from residential neighborhoods. The negative aspects far outweigh any potential benefits.

The signers of the attached petition respectfully request that you immediately abandon the planning and implementation of any biomass facility in Grizzly Flats.

Respectfully,



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cc: Kim Dawson, Clerk of the Board

Tiffany Schmid, Chief Administrative Officer, County of El Dorado

Karen L. Garner, Director, El Dorado County Planning & Building  
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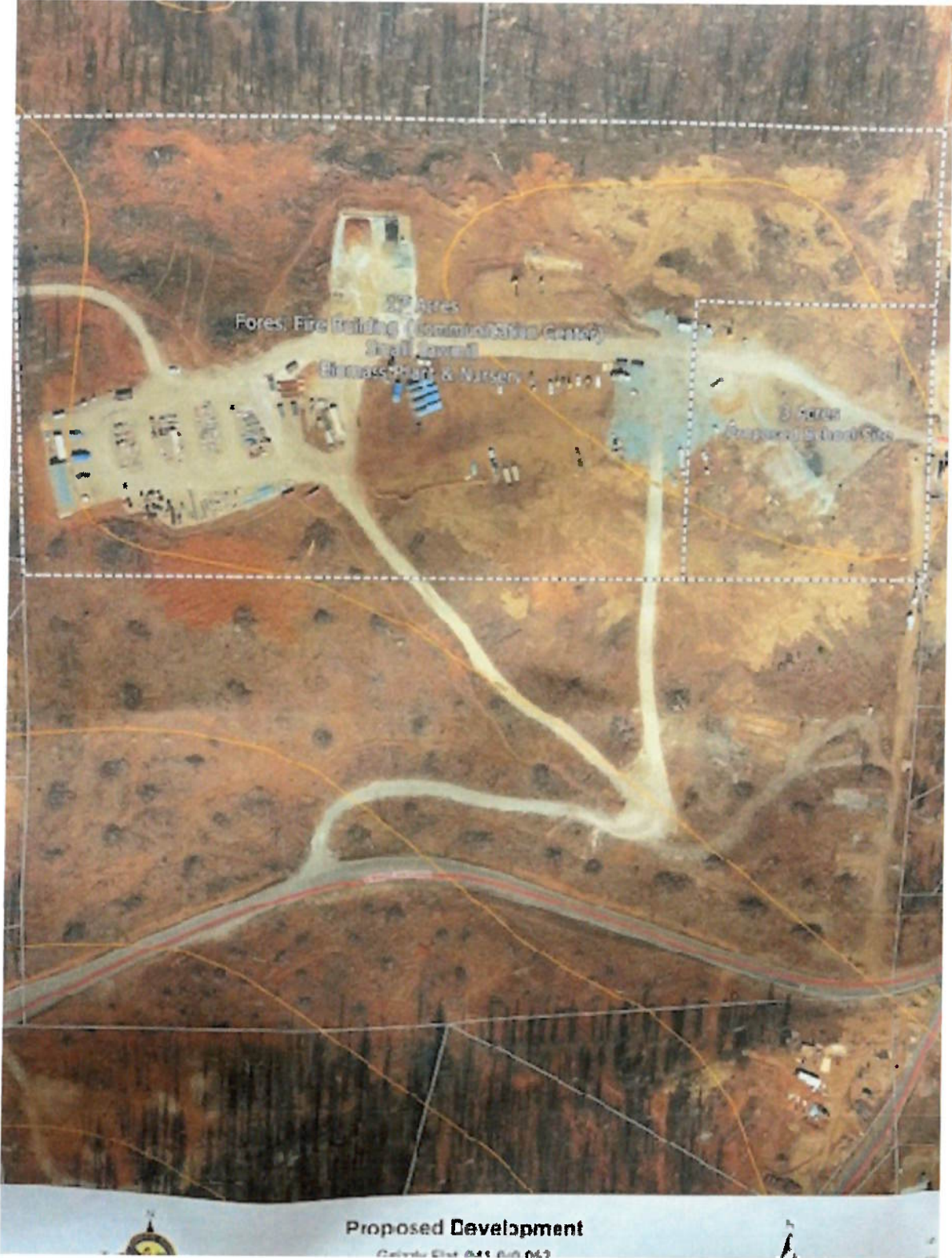
Joe Stout, Forest Supervisor, U.S. Forest Service

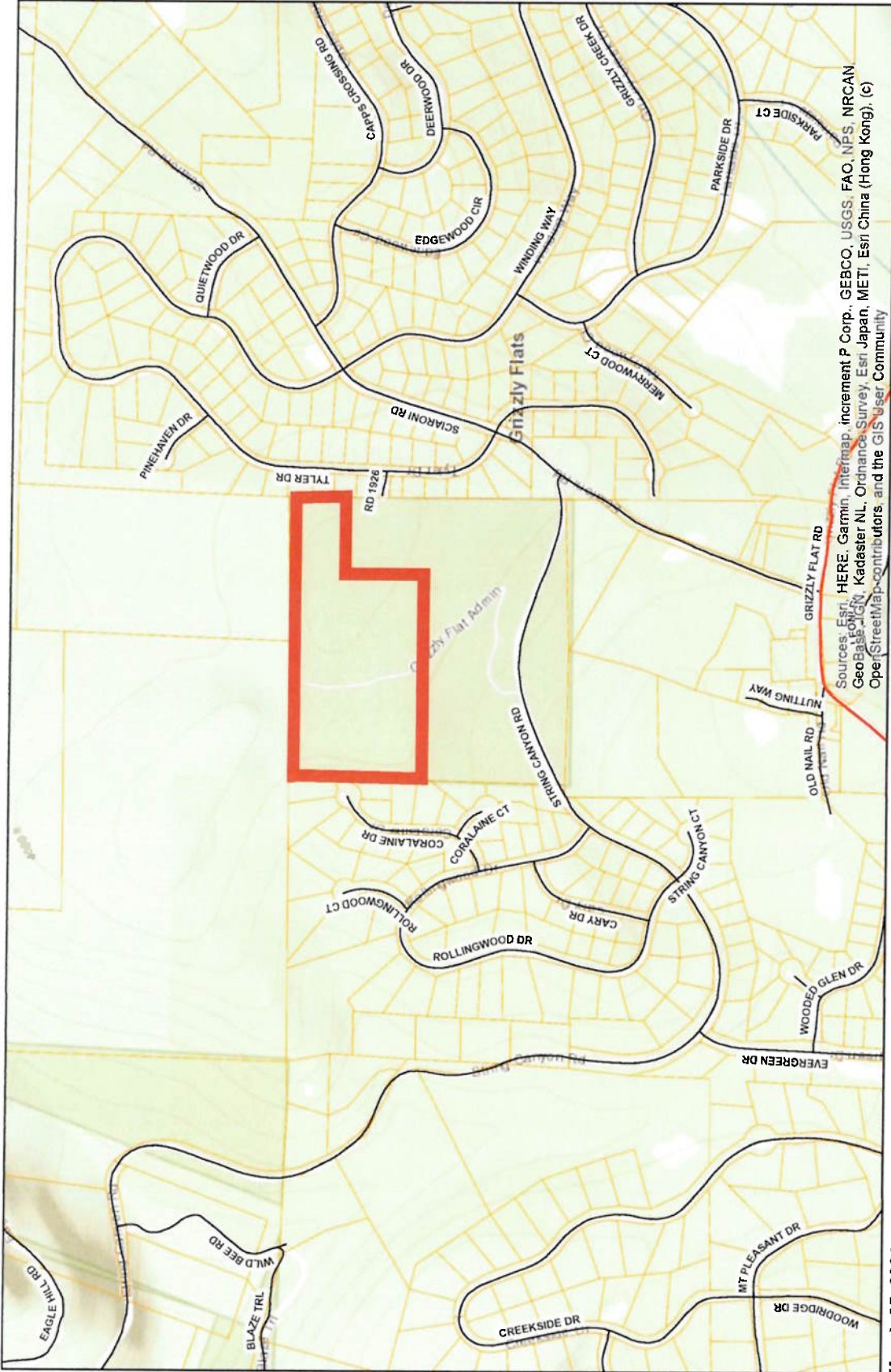
Andrew Mishler, Placerville District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service

Kevin Kiley, Congressman, California Representative 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Marie Alvarado-Gil, Senator, California Senate District 4

Aerial photo of proposed Biomass Facility Development displayed on Supervisor Turnboo's office wall. Photo taken 3/14/2024 prior to informational meeting.

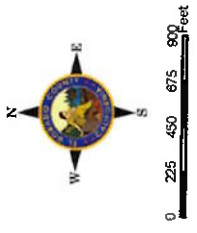




March 25, 2024

## Proposed Biomass Facility Location

- County Outline
- Major Roads
- Highway Labels
- Highways
- Minor Roads
- Cities



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

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## D2 candidates *Continued from A1*

Q&A portion of the candidate forum for this article. The complete candidate forum can be viewed on the League of Women Voters' Youtube channel at youtube.com/@leagueofwomensvotersofeldor7159.

**What is your position regarding changing the General Plan to build hotels, a conference center and housing developments at the Bass Lake exit of Highway 50?**

**Cockrell:** "If you talk to some of these land use attorneys that get involved with developers, they'll tell you (they) need to engage them months, if not years early, to work these projects into the General Plan. We're not living up to our housing numbers. We have had large business developments in the last couple of years that just all of a sudden popped up that we haven't had necessarily proper notice for. Knowing a little bit about the project, I don't know that it's a good fit."

**McCarty:** "I believe that if we're going to significantly deviate from (the General Plan) that a project of that magnitude should go back to the voters who are otherwise spending years considering this project, going through the environmental review phase. Then let's put it on the ballot every two years and make sure that this actually aligns with voters and their concerns. If the project developer can sell the community and say, 'Here's the benefits, here's the cost and this is why we believe that that's worth your time and to go forward with this,' then let's all work together as a community to either approve or deny that process."

**Turnbo:** "We need to follow the General Plan, which was put in place for a reason. There have been a lot of opportunities that have come to our board that I voted 'no' on, especially when they are talking about the J-6 application. When the J-6 application comes in, it is able to change the zoning going from agriculture to residential. No, I'm not supportive of this at all."

**In a county with many small fire districts that are struggling financially, how do you see the county helping with the situation?**

**McCarty:** "We have a hodgepodge of fire districts in this county, some of which are very well funded and supply others (that) are in a perpetual deficit. Luckily we have a lot of incredible citizens who serve as volunteer firefighters. We need to have a system that is more consolidated. If we had a wildfire at the periphery, then it threatens even these suburban communities of Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills. I'm in favor of looking at avenues to potentially consolidate the administrative aspects. Some of these things, such as what Diamond Springs is doing with county fire right now. I think there's no point spending the same money over and over again for simple things (like) payroll administrative aspects that still allow the individual discretion for individual districts."

**Turnbo:** "We are working with Sen. Marie Alvarado-Gil right now, trying to solve these problems, especially with the small fire districts

problem."

**Cockrell:** "The root cause of our forest fires is poorly maintaining our forest. That's a coordinated effort that needs to take place between the county, the U.S. Forest Service and the state of California. We can reduce cost if we can reduce the exposure to fire. We've lost insurance carriers in the last several years that will probably never come back. In Cameron Park you would think the risk of fire is less than others in the county but the carriers that are here elevated those costs. We need to find different funding resources to help with different districts and provide better staffing and/or ultimately build a more robust force."

**What will you do to promote affordable housing in El Dorado County?**

**McCarty:** "As a government entity, we are failing as a county and I believe that is something we cannot tolerate. This is something that I feel that I have the ability to help with in my background with land use, ordinance (and) project management. We can bring our permitting system into the 21st century, we can learn from our peer jurisdictions and we can make it simple for individual landowners to have a streamlined process to build ADUs and secondary dwellings and not have to be over a barrel with these large developers. If we don't fulfill our affordable housing mandates, there will come a time when the county does not approve a build permit; the state will approve it and that will not be great, I promise you."

**Turnbo:** "One of the big issues I pushed was Title 25 for the residents of Grizzly Flat, which is an owner/builder regulation so they can build their own houses that are small units 1,250-square-foot or less. (I also pushed) with the county (the use of) ADUs. We have a set of plans now (where) you can go in and pick out a plan on where you want to build these ADUs and it's no cost for these plans. Also, I (helped waive) all the building permits during the Caldor Fire for all the residents of Grizzly Flat. We (also) need good workforce housing. I'm working on a particular project in Grizzly Flat right now; we're going to bring a biomass facility, a saw mill, a nursery and we're going to have a pallet mill. And we're going to have a fire resiliency building, especially to help the residents out, and Grizzly Flat will have that workforce housing there."

**Cockrell:** "I think ADUs are a solution. I think there needs to be an even better opportunity for people to put an ADU on their property. That said, I hear the state doesn't want anymore houses here. They don't want any extra-low-income houses. We're already 2,500 units behind on the extra-low side. We need some apartments. It goes into that uncomfortable area of discussion (if we should change the General Plan.) The General Plan allows us to do it but we have to mitigate the impacts that these larger dwelling developments have on the surrounding communities. Right here at Country Club is one of them. It could have impacts on fire on Cambridge. We have to get together and get the community involved and get the

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# Turnboo garners 54% of District 2 vote

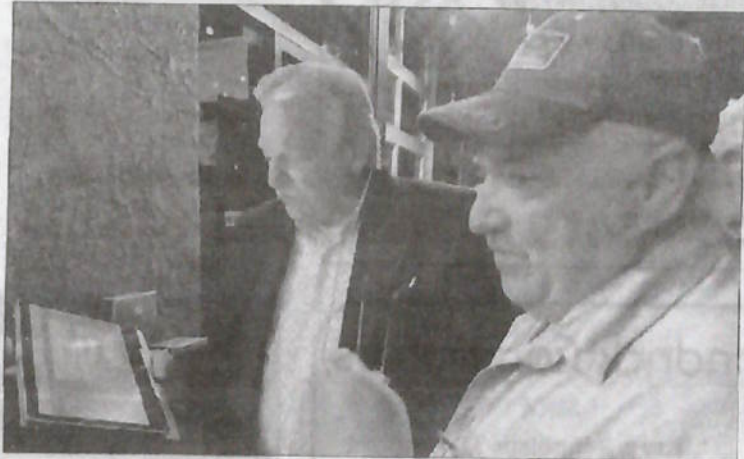
**Eric Jaramishian**  
Staff writer

On election night District 2 Supervisor George Turnboo found himself with a notable lead in his campaign to retain his seat.

As the El Dorado County Elections Department rolled out its first ballot tally of the March primary, Turnboo had 54.84% of the district's votes cast.

The Elections Department continues to process ballots and as of press time his lead held. Out of the 8,270 ballots cast Turnboo grabbed 4,511 votes, followed by Kevin McCarty with 2,259 and Chris

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District 2 Supervisor incumbent George Turnboo views election results at his election party at Wally's Pizza Bar in Cameron Park.

Mountain Democrat photo by Eric Jaramishian

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Cockrell 1,500.

Countywide, Elections Department staff estimated there were 12,000-15,000 ballots to be counted.














If the voting momentum remains the same, it is likely Turnboo will keep his seat on the board another four years. Candidates need more than 50% of the vote to avoid a runoff election in November.

Turnboo doubled up with District 3 Supervisor candidate Brian Veerkamp for an election party at Wally's Pizza Bar in Cameron Park, surrounded by supporters for both the incumbent and the former supervisor. Turnboo's assistant Mark Treat provided the party with a laptop to check election results. Turnboo was cautiously optimistic of the early count.

"I'm not sure how it is going to go," Turnboo said. "I feel like I have a lot of support but we will wait and see when more results come in."

If reelected, the former owner of George's Pit Stop in El Dorado said he still has work to do. As the current District 2 supervisor, he is working on getting a biomass campus approved for the Grizzly Flat area, working through the process of helping develop an emergency resource center, adjacent to the Food Bank of El Dorado County and getting the county approved for a lumber mill.

"This is not a part-time job," Turnboo commented at his election party. "I've been putting in a lot of hours and a lot of time and I care about my constituents and I'm doing everything I can for them."

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17 Doug MacDonald

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32 Jeffrey Walker



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47 FRAN CHIGAZOLA



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48 Michele Page



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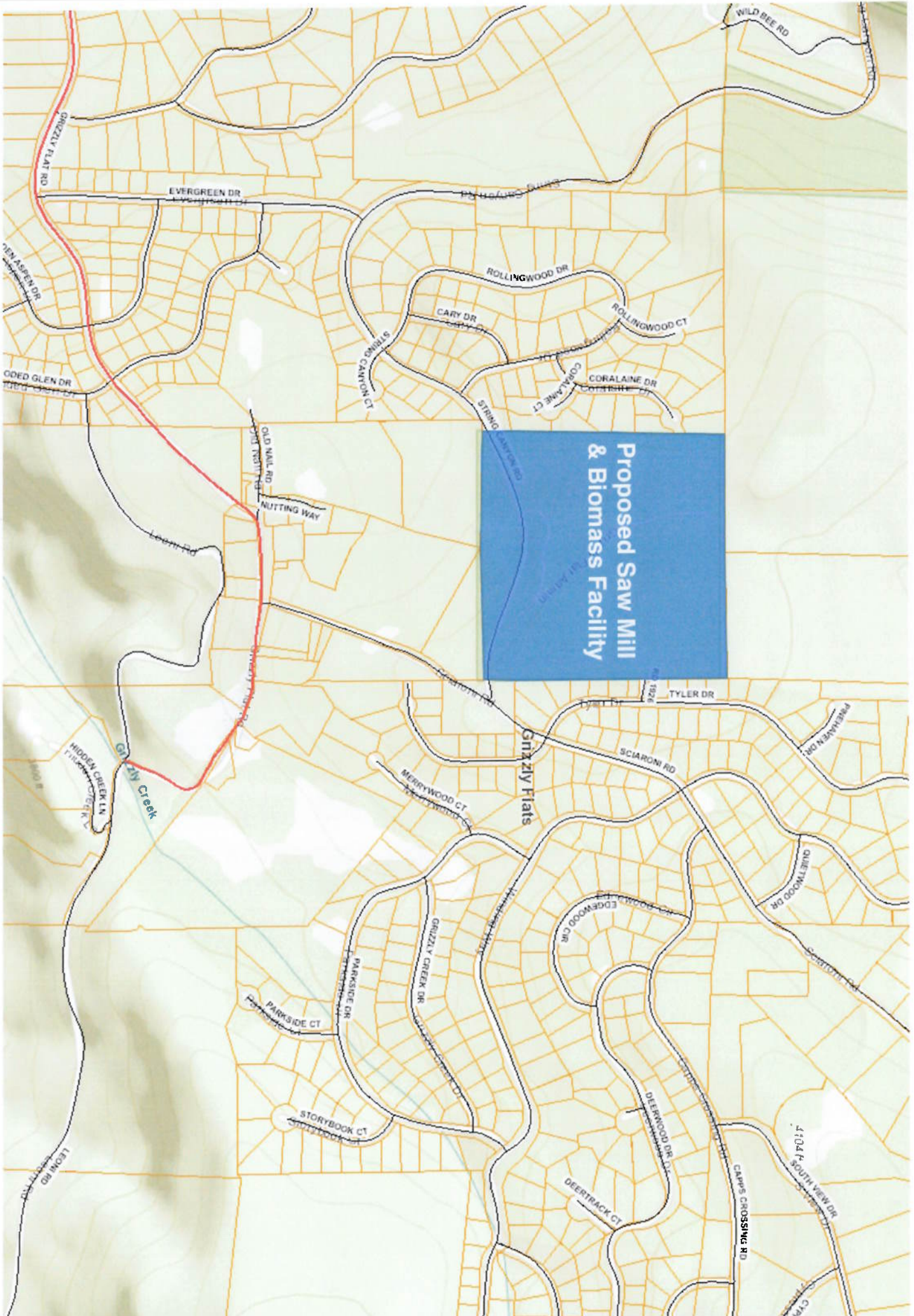
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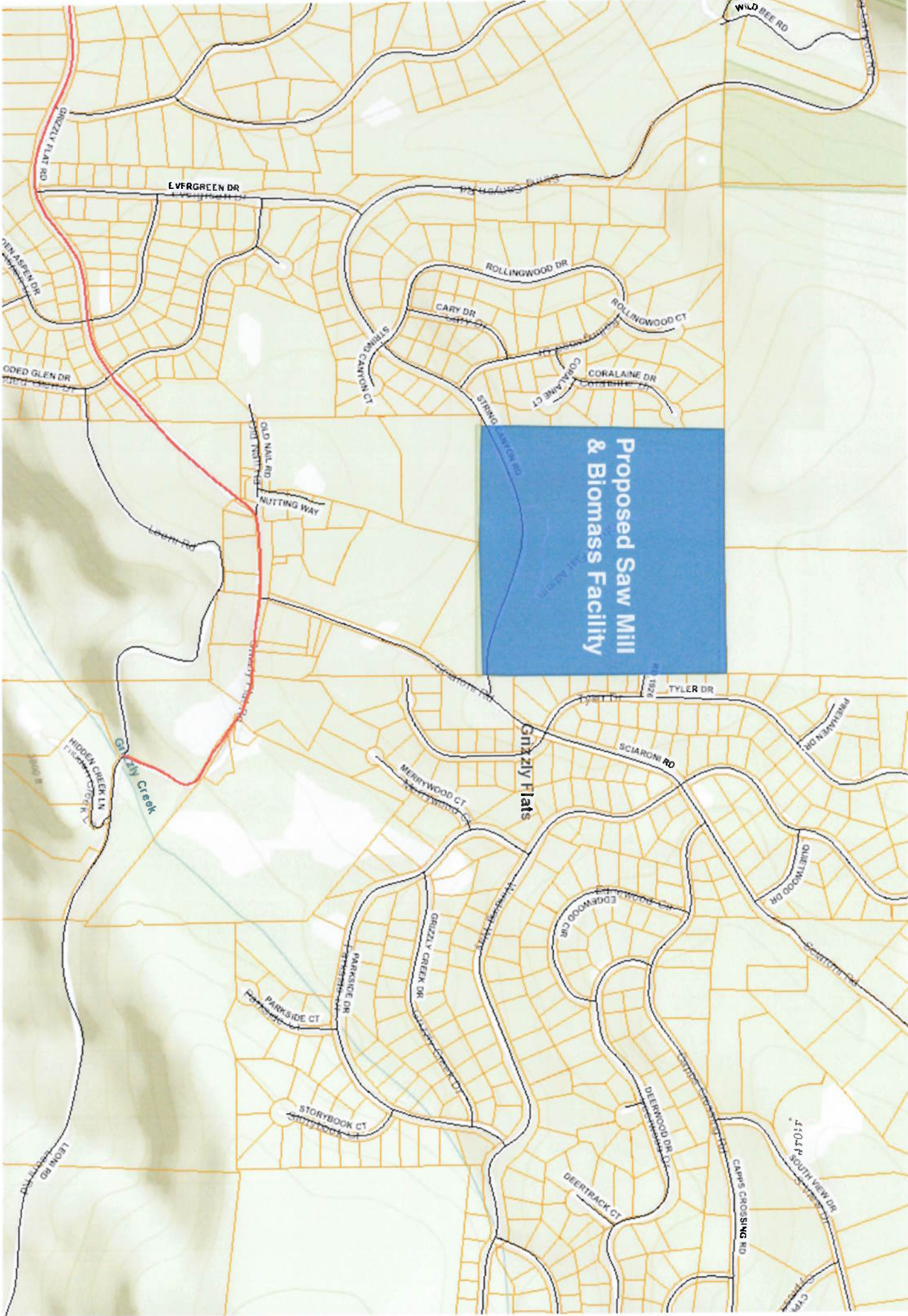
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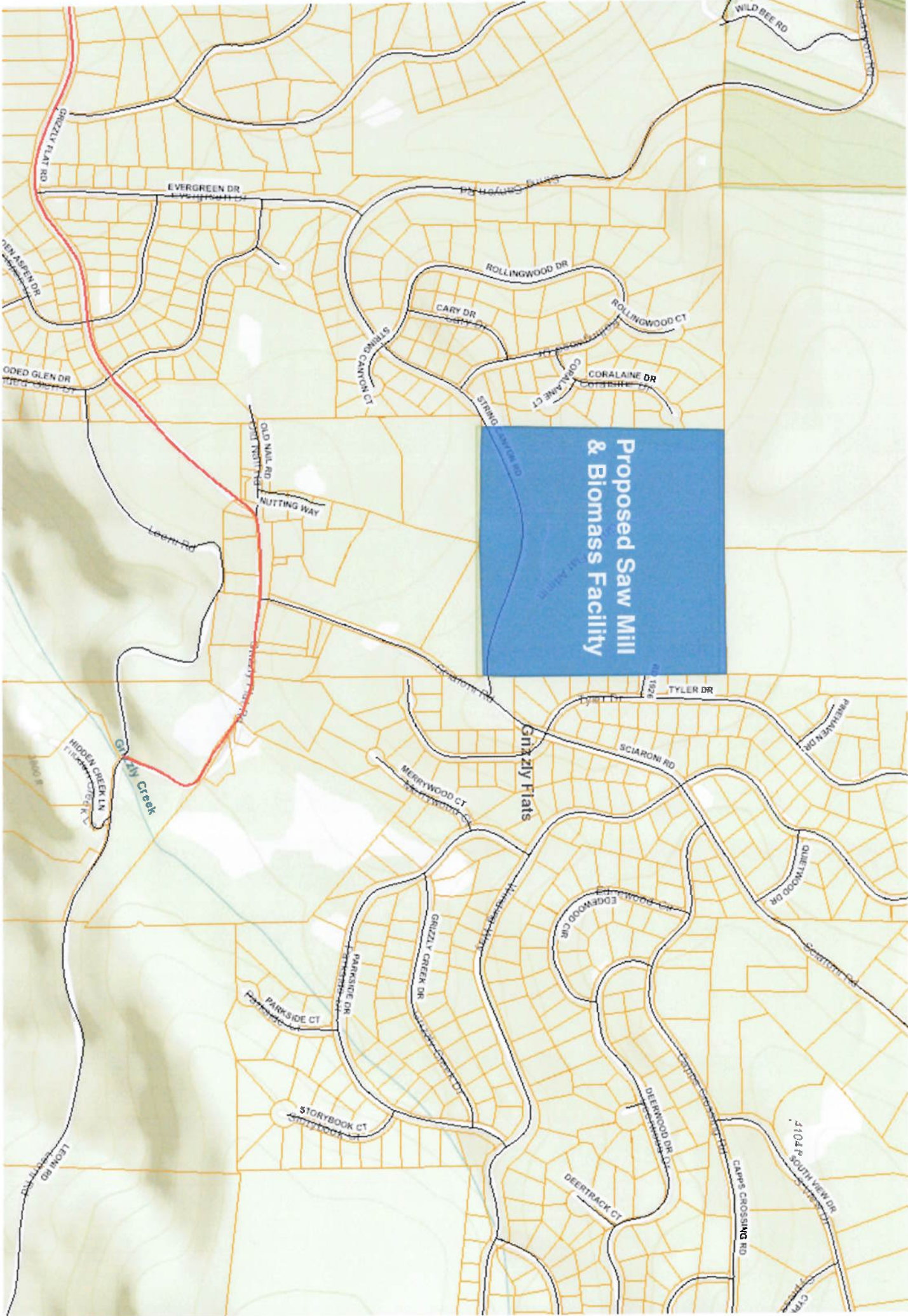


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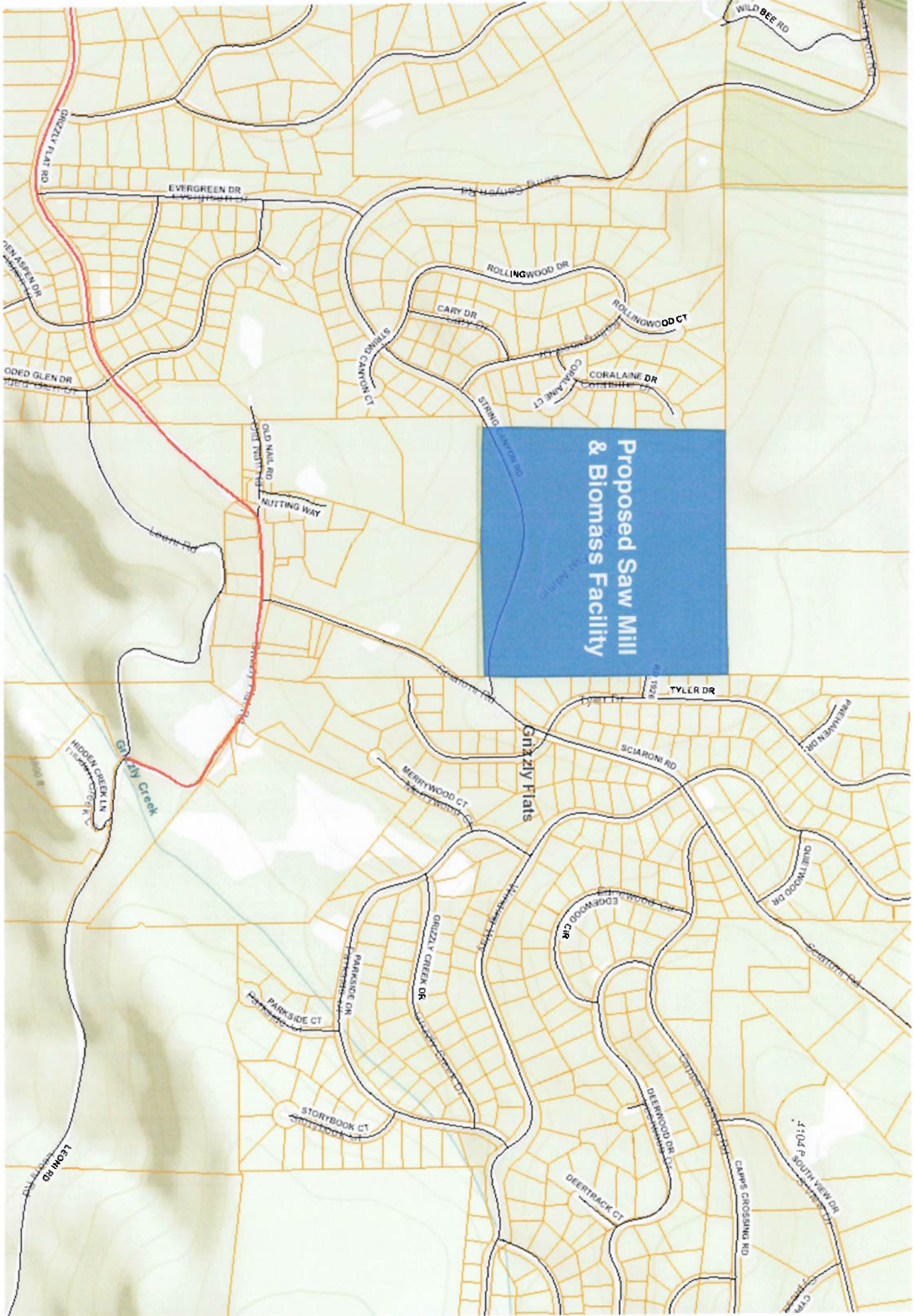
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