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**CONSULTATION PROCESS IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT,  
2003 (ACT 57 OF 2003 AS AMENDED);**

**INTENTION TO DECLARE THE UPPER WILGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT**

Notice is hereby given by the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Economic and Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs for the Free State Province, the Honourable Mr M Mohale, in terms of section 33 (1)(a)(i) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (Act 57 of 2003) (as amended) of the intention to declare a Protected Environment, in terms of section 28 (1) (a) (i) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (Act 57 of 2003) (as amended), by name the **UPPER WILGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT**.

- **Name of the Protected Area** (section 28 (1) (b) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (Act 57 of 2003) (as amended)): **UPPER WILGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT**.
- **Purpose of the Declaration:**
  - to allow for the formation of a core conservation area which will act as a catalyst for encouraging conservation principles and management in the broader ecological area;
  - to conserve an area with a high educational and scientific research value, in particular the ecological, paleontological and archaeological components;
  - to act as a catalyst for social development within the local communities thereby contributing to sustainable livelihoods in the district;
  - to provide a destination for eco-cultural tourism that contributes to social economic development in the surrounding communities;
  - to provide for the protection of extensive grassland and wetland habitats as well the maintenance of the escarpment forest connectivity along the escarpment corridor;
  - to provide for the protection of the unique indigenous biodiversity associated with the **UPPER WILGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT** and the region in general; and
  - to ensure that the provision of the ecosystems services deriving from the area, such as water purification, carbon sequestration and natural resources, is sustained.

**SCHEDULE: Description of the properties:**

The properties presented in the schedule below are **INTENDED** to be declared as the **UPPER WILGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT**;

**SCHEDULE**

- 1) Remainder of the Farm **GREYWELL "A"**, No. 889, in extent 509.87 hectares, held under Title Deeds T21812/1907 and T13753/2008;
- 2) Subdivision 1 of the Farm **GEGUND**, No. 532, in extent 643.60 hectares, held under Title Deeds T9467/1904 and T2282/1977;
- 3) Remainder of the Farm **GEGUND**, No. 532, in extent 400.80 hectares, held under Title Deeds T9467/1904 and T2282/1977;
- 4) Remainder of the Farm **PLESSISRUST**, No. 1608, in extent 261.35 hectares, held under Title Deed 3205/1929;
- 5) Subdivision 3 of the Farm **OBAN**, No. 964, in extent 100.98 hectares, held under Title Deeds 6267/1953 and T2991/1975;
- 6) Subdivision 1 of the Farm **OBAN**, No. 964, in extent 5.86 hectares, held under Title Deeds 5785/1947 and T2991/1975;
- 7) Remainder of the Farm **OAKLANDS**, No. 1132, in extent 115.68 hectares, held under Title Deeds T4634/1926 and T6034/1987;
- 8) Remainder of the Farm **WASCH KLIP "C"**, No. 883, in extent 581.59 hectares, held under Title Deeds T21812/190 and T26186/2003;
- 9) Subdivision 6 of the Farm **WASCH KLIP**, No. 1840, in extent 608.78 hectares, held under Title Deed T21219/1992;

- 10) Remainder of the Farm **WASCH BANK**, No. 1533, in extent 26.89 hectares, held under Title Deeds T3472/1928 and T26186/2003;
- 11) Remainder of the Farm **NELSON'S KOP**, No. 250, in extent 541.00 hectares, held under Title Deeds 81/1904 and T3839/1965 and T3840/1965;
- 12) Remainder of the Farm **TRAFALGAR**, No. 839, in extent 405.89 hectares, held under Title Deeds T181/1906 and T3839/1965 and T3840/1965;
- 13) Remainder of the Farm **THE NILE**, No. 840, in extent 180.33 hectares, held under Title Deeds T181/1906 and T3839/1965 and T3840/1965;
- 14) Remainder of the Farm **ALIDA**, No. 1660, in extent 49.24 hectares, held under Title Deeds T2504/1930 and T16410/95;
- 15) Subdivision 1 of the Farm **NELSON'S HOEK**, No. 229, in extent 49.10 hectares, held under Title Deeds T5312/1962 and 740/1962;
- 16) Remainder of the Farm **TORONTO**, No. 368, in extent 2183.86 hectares, held under Title Deed 4349/1944;
- 17) Remainder of the Farm **TYGERSKLOOF**, No.529, in extent 865.25 hectares, held under Title Deeds T9465/1944 and T3815/1957;
- 18) Remainder of the Farm **MERINO "A"**, No. 1606, in extent 177.05 hectares, held under Title Deeds T3204/1929 and T3815/1957;
- 19) Remainder of the Farm **MERINO "B"**, No. 1607, in extent 84.26 hectares, held under Title Deeds T3204/1929 and T3815/1957;
- 20) Subdivision 1 of the Farm **SCHREINERS CLAIM**, No. 477, in extent 725.57 hectares, held under Title Deed 6955/1947;
- 21) Subdivision 1 of the Farm **GEWAAG**, No. 1627, in extent 201.47 hectares, held under Title Deeds 4954/1929 and 6955/1947;
- 22) Remainder of the Farm **BLESBOKDAM**, No.1530, in extent 907.09 hectares, held under Title Deeds T2001/1928 and T4216/1993;
- 23) Subdivision 3 of the Farm **VLAK PLAATZ**, No. 1821, in extent 653.71 hectares, held under Title Deed T26458/2002;
- 24) Remainder of the Farm **HAPPY LAND**, No. 364, in extent 753.02 hectares, held under Title Deeds T4322/1945 and T24310/2002;
- 25) Subdivision 2 of the Farm **HAPPY LAND**, No. 364, in extent 513.92 hectares, held under Title Deeds G00/1854 and T24310/2002;
- 26) Subdivision 1 of the Farm **BEULAH LAND**, No. 799, in extent 503.14 hectares, held under Title Deeds T1321/1933 and T24309/2002;
- 27) Subdivision 3 of the Farm **MEIJER'S GELUK**, No. 531, in extent 161.27 hectares, held under Title Deeds T3995/1947 and T15691/1993;
- 28) Subdivision 2 of the Farm **MEIJER'S GELUK**, No. 531, in extent 161.27 hectares, held under Title Deeds T3994/1947 and T15799/1999;
- 29) Remainder of the Farm **WIJDGELEGEN**, No. 185, in extent 196.85 hectares, held under Title Deeds T1741/1913 and T15693/1993;
- 30) Remainder of the Farm **ROOIKRAAL**, No. 1090, in extent 446.99 hectares, held under Title Deeds T2279/1916 and T1753/2002;
- 31) Remainder of the Farm **SCHAAPDRIFT**, No. 951, in extent 407.26 hectares, held under Title Deeds T33780/1911 and T12110/1996;
- 32) Remainder of the Farm **SCHAAPDRIFT**, No. 1634, in extent 14.47 hectares, held under Title Deeds T160/1930 and T8328/2014;
- 33) Remainder of the Farm **GREYWELL**, No. 1820, in extent 346.87 hectares, held under Title Deeds T407/1967 and T7994/2004;
- 34) Subdivision 2 of the Farm **GREYWELL**, No. 1820, in extent 880.97 hectares, held under Title Deeds T3917/1994 and T2765/2018;
- 35) Remainder of the Farm **ALBERTS RUST**, No. 1282, in extent 386.18 hectares, held under Title Deed T5534/1981;
- 36) Subdivision 2 of the Farm **BACHELORS HOME**, No. 800, in extent 171.31 hectares, held under Title Deeds T4629/1949 and T13415/1991;
- 37) Remainder of the Farm **BACHELORS HOME**, No. 800, in extent 442.25 hectares, held under Title Deeds T13416/1991 and T14630/1905;
- 38) Subdivision 4 of the Farm **VLAK PLAATZ**, No. 1821, in extent 518.59 hectares, held under Title Deeds T2498/1966 and T293/1986;

- 39) Remainder of the Farm **BLOEM HOEK**, No. 227, in extent 1470.07 hectares, held under Title Deed T1847/2016;
- 40) Subdivision 3 of the Farm **SCHEUR KLIP**, No 462, in extent 185.93 hectares, held under Title Deeds T6212/1945 and T15555/2000;
- 41) Subdivision 4 of the Farm **SCHEUR KLIP**, No. 462, in extent 613.21 hectares, held under Title Deeds T6213/1945 and T15555/2000;
- 42) Subdivision 2 of the Farm **SCHEUR KLIP**, No. 462, in extent 129.95 hectares, held under Title Deeds T6211/1945 and T15555/2000;
- 43) Subdivision 1 of the Farm **SCHEUR KLIP**, No. 462, in extent 652.49 hectares, held under Title Deeds T1114/1937 and T15555/2000;
- 44) Remainder of the Farm **SCHEUR KLIP**, No. 462, in extent 1581.59 hectares, held under Title Deeds T29494/2001 and T31315/2001;
- 45) Remainder of the Farm **MULLER'S HOEK**, No. 228, in extent 170.45 hectares, held under Title Deed T31315/2001;
- 46) Remainder of the Farm **KRANSHOEK**, No. 1661, in extent 306.46 hectares, held under Title Deeds T2505/1930 and T8852/1980;
- 47) Subdivision 2 of the Farm **ALIDA**, No. 1660, in extent 171.33 hectares, held under Title Deed T10919/2008;
- 48) Remainder of the Farm **LANGSPRUIT**, No. 448, in extent 306.27 hectares, held under Title Deeds T28969/1883 and T15800/1999;
- 49) Remainder of the Farm **GEDULD**, NO. 1657, in extent 306.39 hectares, held under Title Deeds T2501/1930 and T10919/2008;
- 50) Subdivision 5 of the Farm **WATERFALL**, No. 1157, in extent 294.07 hectares, held under Title Deeds T8/1954 and T11228/1983;
- 51) Subdivision 8 of the Farm **WATERFALL**, No. 1157, in extent 303.84 hectares, held under Title Deeds T8/1954 and T11228/1983;
- 52) Remainder of the Farm **VERDEUX**, No. 1091, in extent 446.37 hectares, held under Title Deeds 2000/1916 and T14828/2013;
- 53) Remainder of the Farm **UYSHOEK**, No. 1092, in extent 446.45 hectares, held under Title Deeds 2281/1961 and T14828/2013;
- 54) Remainder of the Farm **BESTERWENS**, No. 1460, in extent 187.37 hectares, held under Title Deeds T1523/1925 and T21920/1993;
- 55) Subdivision 4 of the Farm **MEIJER'S GELUK**, No. 531, in extent 161.29 hectares, held under Title Deeds T3996/1947 and T1409/1995; and
- 56) Subdivision 1 of the Farm **MEIJER'S GELUK**, No. 531, in extent 161.27 hectares, held under Title Deeds T3993/1947 and T7963/1973.

all within the **District Harrismith, Free State Province**, located near the town of Harrismith within the Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality and the Phumelela Local Municipality of the Free State Province.

The total area to which this **INTENTION TO DECLARE NOTICE** applies, per the **SCHEDULE** presented above, is **24078.38 hectares**.

The relative location of the Upper Wilge Protected Environment in the Free State Province is presented in Figure 1 hereunder.

The intended boundaries of the Upper Wilge Protected Environment are indicated on the map presented as Figure 2 hereunder.

Members of the public are hereby invited to submit written representation on, and or objections to, the proposed notice of the intention to declare the Upper Wilge Protected Environment. Such representations and/or objections must be submitted within **60 days** of the publication of the intention to declare notice in the *Provincial Gazette*.

Provision can be made for verbal representations, please contact the official listed as "Enquiries" herein under.

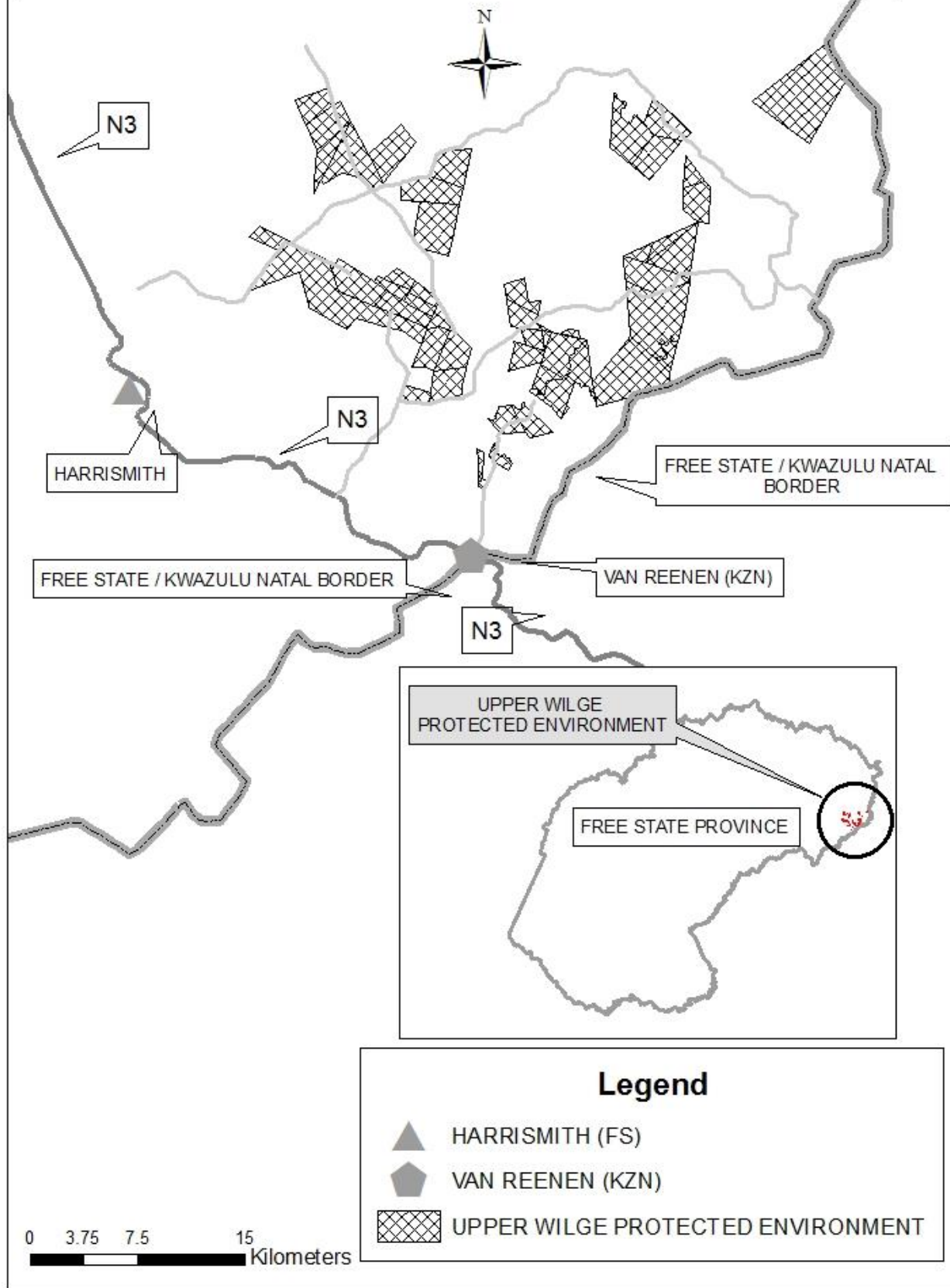
Written representations must be addressed to:

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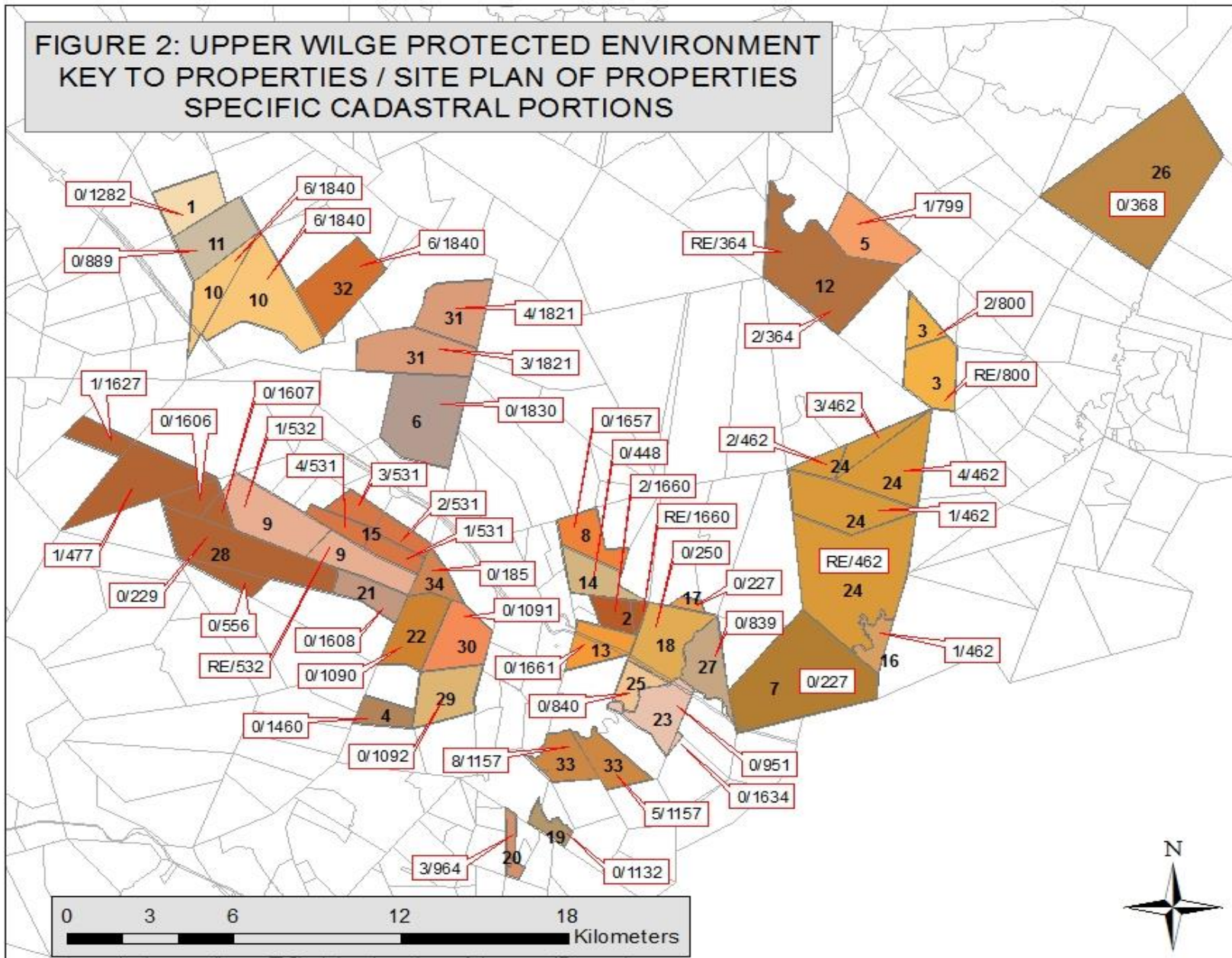
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FIGURE 1: UPPER WILGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT  
SPECIFIC LOCATION: FREE STATE PROVINCE



**FIGURE 2: UPPER WILGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT  
KEY TO PROPERTIES / SITE PLAN OF PROPERTIES  
SPECIFIC CADASTRAL PORTIONS**



**Legend**

**FARM NAME**

1. ALBERTS RUST
2. ALIDA
3. BACHELORS HOME
4. BESTERSWENS
5. BEULAH LAND
6. BLESBOKDAM
7. BLOEM HOEK
8. GEDULD
9. GEGUND
10. GREYWELL
11. GREYWELL "A"
12. HAPPY LAND
13. KRANSHOEK
14. LANGSPRUIT
15. MEIJER'S GELUK
16. MULLER'S HOEK
17. NELSON'S HOEK
18. NELSON'S KOP
19. OAKLANDS
20. OBAN
21. PLESSISRUST
22. ROOKRAAL
23. SCHAAPDRIFT
24. SCHEUR KLIP
25. THE NILE
26. TORONTO
27. TRAFALGAR
28. TYGERSKLOOF
29. UYSHOEK
30. VERDEUX
31. VLAK PLAATZ
32. WASCH KLIP
33. WATERFALL
34. WIJDGELEGEN