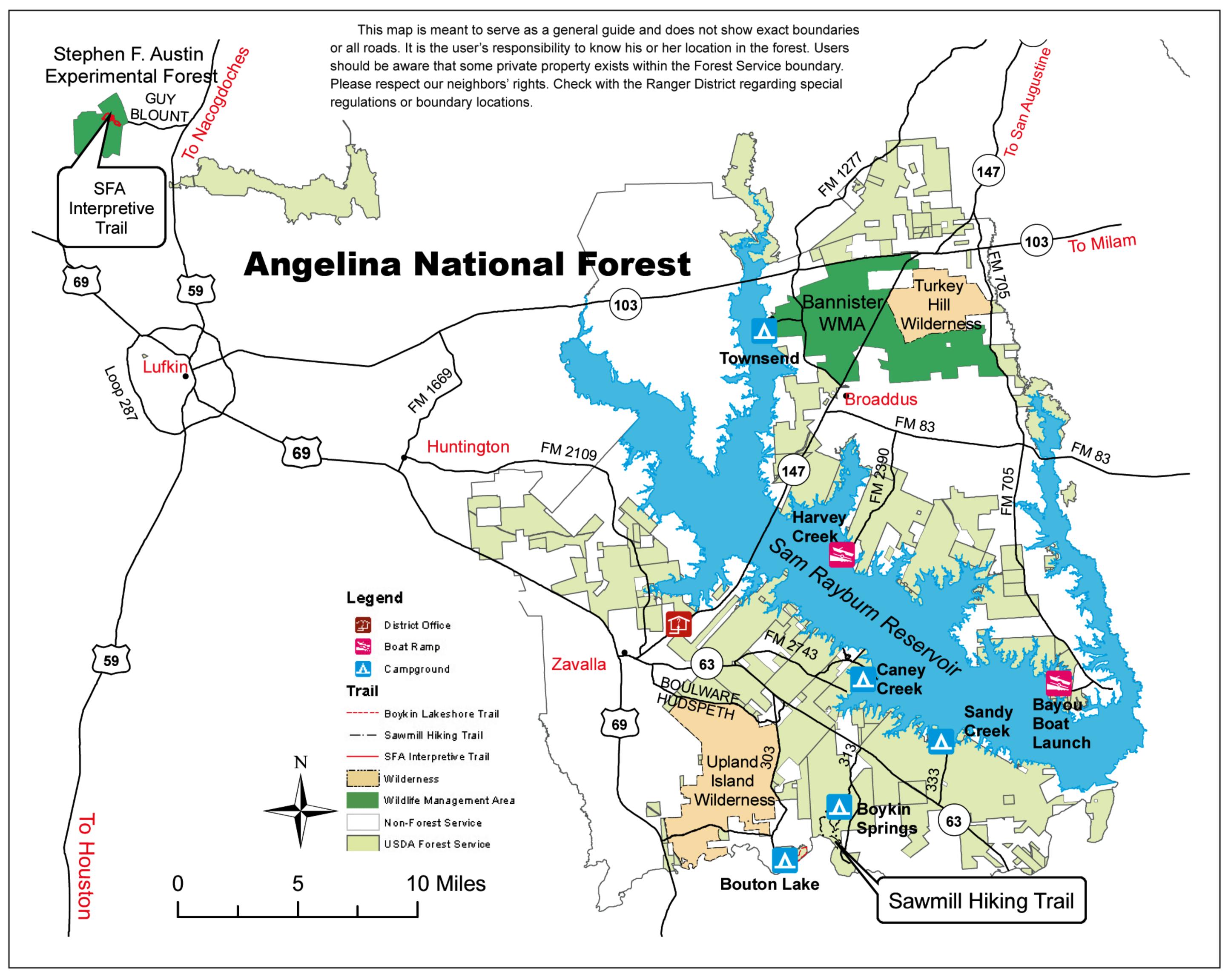
Wilderness

There are six wilderness areas within the state of Texas. It is unlikely that a funded project would ever be located within one of these areas. By being designated a wilderness, no development is allowed. It is feasible that a project could be located adjacent to a wilderness area, especially in East Texas. Projects funded near these areas could have the potential to impact the air or water quality of a wilderness area, so it is important to know where these areas are located.

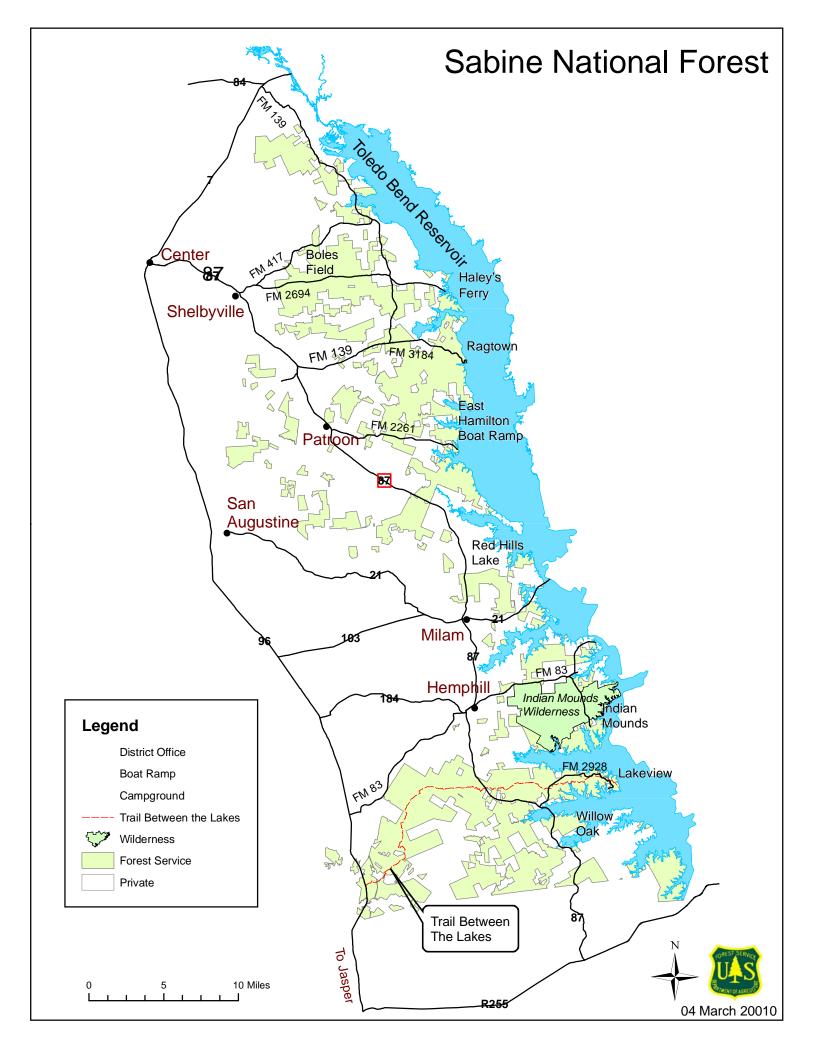
Maps have been included to show the locations of these six areas. The **Turkey Hill Wilderness** and the **Upland Island Wilderness** are located on either side of Lake Sam Rayburn adjacent to the Angelina National Forest. The **Big Slough Wilderness** is located in Houston County north of the Davy Crockett National Forest. **Indian Mounds Wilderness** is adjacent to Lake Toledo Bend surrounded by the Sabine National Forest. The **Little Lake Creek Wilderness** is near Lake Conroe within the Sam Houston National Forest. The only wilderness located outside of East Texas is **Guadalupe Mountains Wilderness** in Culberson County within the Guadalupe National Park.

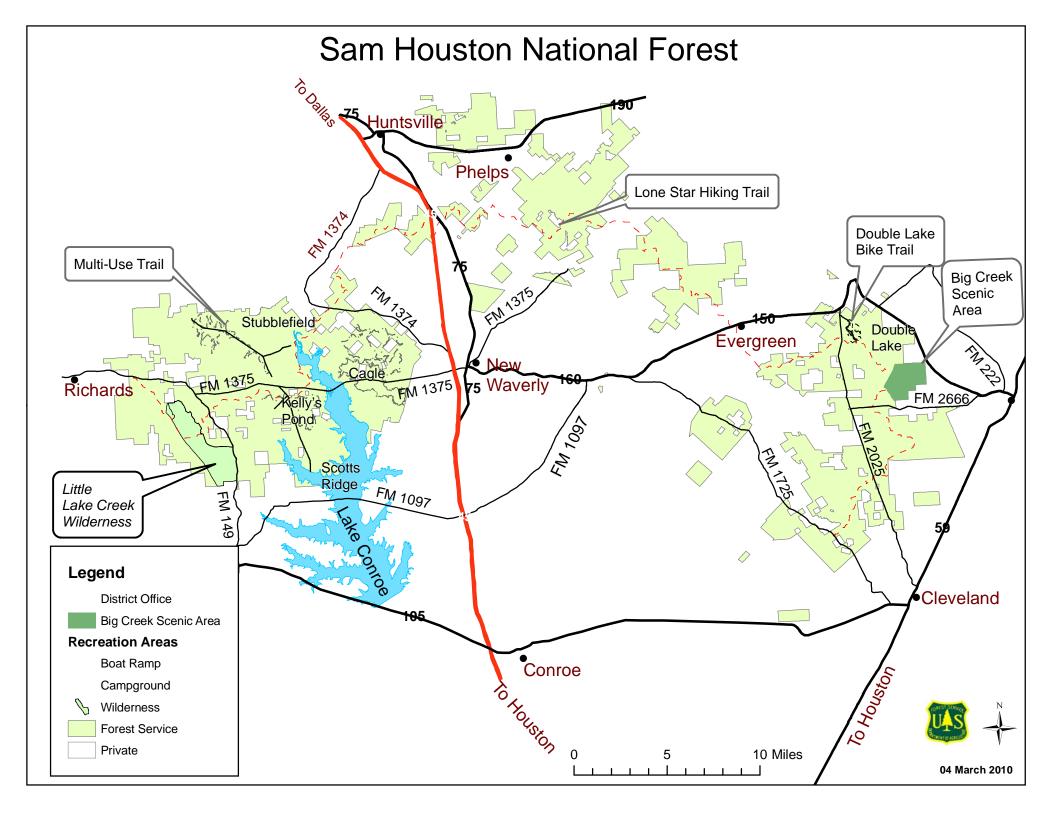
If a proposed project is located near a wilderness and there is some potential impact, contact the appropriate administrator for comments. Besides air or water impact, traffic increase could be a potential impact to an area designated as wilderness. Most of the projects funded through the Agency are small and traffic is normally absorbed by the existing infrastructure. A large factory or hospital could generate a volume of traffic noise which may require mitigation.

Every project is different and would need to be analyzed separately and independently. On rare occasions, but often enough to consider the impact, land adjacent to wilderness areas are obtained to increase the size of the wilderness area. Typically, wilderness areas within Texas do not require much in the way of environmental review, but consideration should be given in those isolated cases.

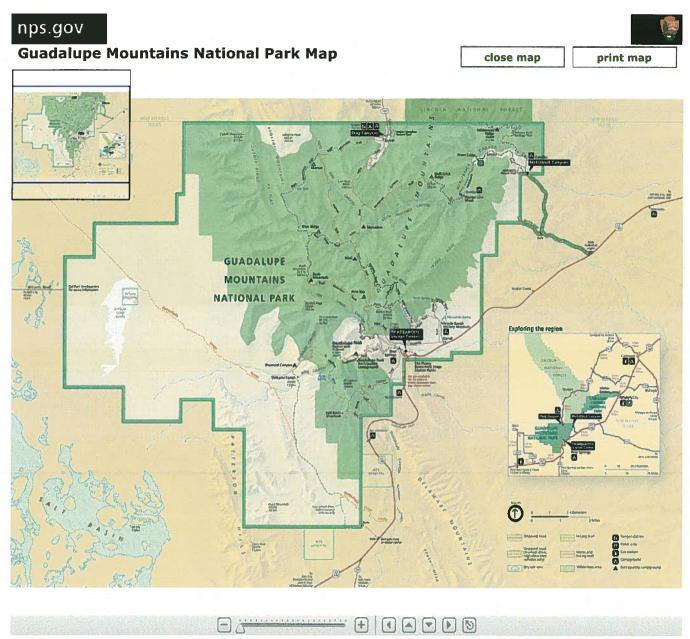


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