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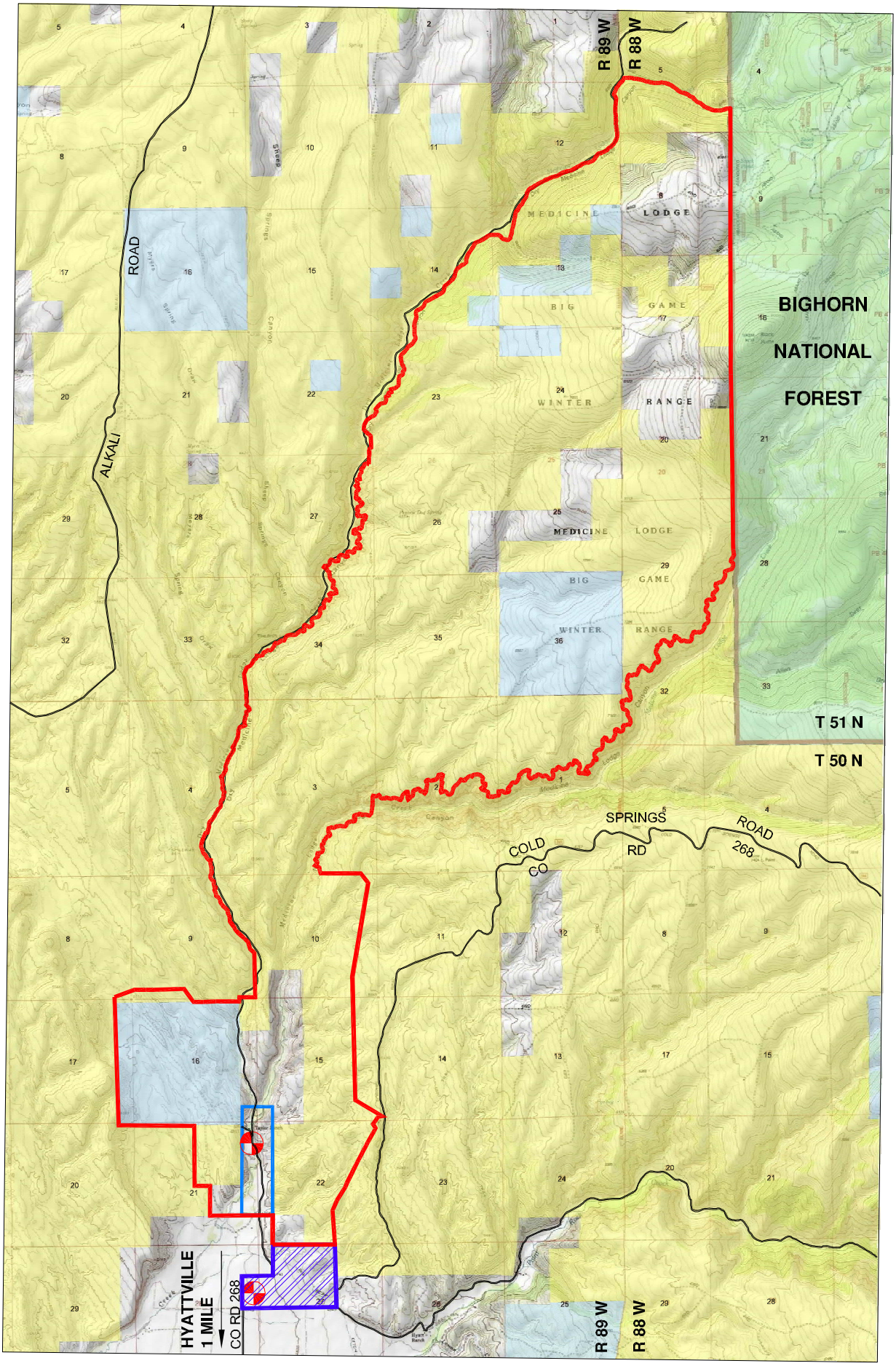

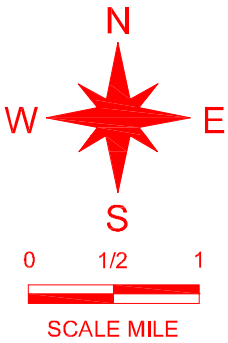

LEGEND

- WHMA BOUNDARY
- ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE
- BLM
- OFFICE OF STATE LANDS
- FOREST
- PRIVATE
- PARKING AREA
- CONSERVATION EASEMENT (PUBLIC ACCESS ALLOWED)

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Medicine Lodge Wildlife Habitat Management Area is five miles northwest of Hyattville and was established in 1972 to provide crucial winter forage for elk. A cooperative management agreement with the Wyoming Game & Fish Commission, State Land and Farm Loan Office and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management was instituted to maintain the 12,700 acres.

Elevations vary from 4,000 feet to almost 9,000 feet with canyons and steep walls along West and Dry Medicine Lodge creeks. A wide variety of plant communities exist here. Irrigated meadows surrounding the campgrounds give way to deciduous trees and shrubs in the canyons. As you climb higher, you will find junipers until you reach the large sagebrush grasslands covering the high, rocky benches. Douglas fir and pine trees dominate the highest elevations.

More than 500 elk and 300 mule deer winter on these lands and provide excellent hunting opportunities in the fall. You will also find sage and blue grouse, chukars, Hungarian partridge, rabbits and squirrels. The angler in your family can find rainbow, brown, brook and cutthroat trout in the Wet Medicine Lodge Creek.

If you want to watch wildlife, there are more than 40 species of birds, small mammals, lizards and snakes living here. A nature trail and guide will enhance your experience at Medicine Lodge. Learn about ancient cultures and local wildlife at the visitor's center. A campground operated by the Wyoming State Parks and Historic Sites provides visitors with camping sites, picnic tables, restrooms and playground equipment.

Medicine Lodge above the campground and archaeological site operated by the Wyoming State Parks and Historic Sites is closed each year from December 26 through June 30 to motorized vehicles for wintering wildlife; however, Medicine Lodge Creek is open all year to foot access for fishing.