



File Code: 2720
Date: August 14, 2025

Yvonne Clark
Township Supervisor
Watersmeet Township
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Dear Ms. Clark:

The Ottawa National Forest is proposing the 2025 WE Energies Cisco Lake Phase III Project on the Watersmeet Ranger Districts, for which I'm seeking your input. The proposed action would result in the issue of special use authorization for energy providers to construct and maintain Distribution Power Lines to provide safe and reliable electricity to the public.

They are proposing to construct and maintain six wooden power poles and electrical powerlines along Old US2, west of Watersmeet to their project goals. This project proposes the removal of approximately 275 trees. The project area is not located within Lac Vieux Desert -L'Anse Trail Corridor or the Wild and Scenic River Corridors. The project area is about 1,320 feet in length by 20 feet wide for approximately 0.60 acres in total.

I anticipate the preparation of a Decision Memo for the amendment to authorize this special use permit. The Decision Memo will document the required measures needed to implement the project, while also addressing any resource effects of the proposed activities. If you have comments about this proposed action, please submit them no later than October 1, 2025. Comments should be specific to the proposed project name "2025 WE Energies Cisco Lake Phase III Project Proposal" and if necessary, specify the portion of the project area. These comments will be reviewed by the Responsible Official and used to determine whether there are any unresolved conflicts with the proposed action. Comments may be addressed to: USDA Forest Service, Attn: Trevor Hahka, E23979 US-2 East, Watersmeet, MI 49969.

They may alternately be sent to trevor.hahka@usda.gov, or by fax to (906) 358-4000.



If you have any questions or would like more information about the project, please contact Shawn Brown, Realty Specialist, at (906) 358-4021 or shawn.brownl@usda.gov.

Sincerely,



TREVOR HAHKA

District Ranger

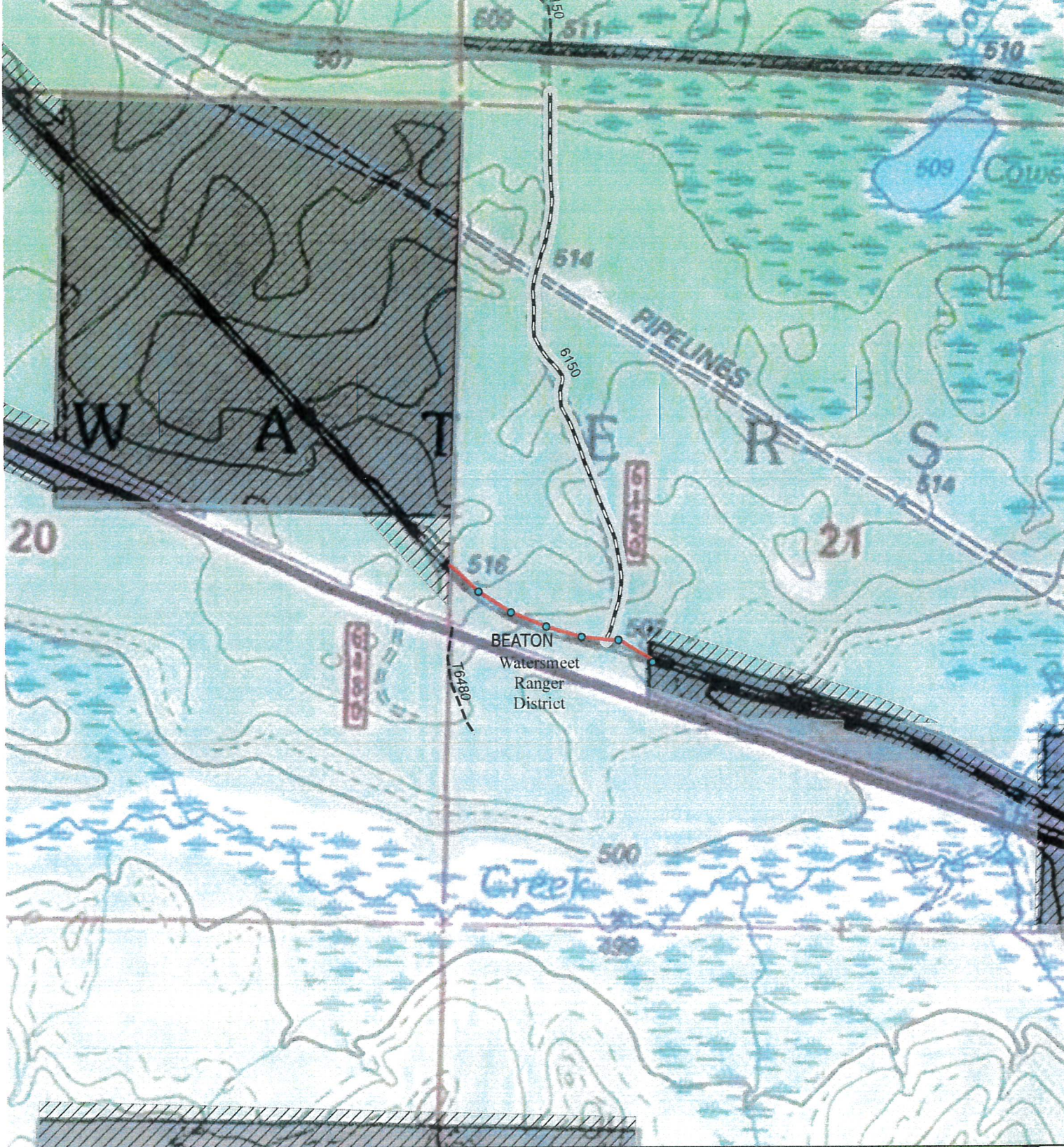
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Legend

- WE Ammend 10 - Cisco Lake Phase 3 - Line
- WE Ammend 10 - Cisco Lake Phase 3 Poles
- NON-FS
- USDA FOREST SERVICE

**WAT164 Amendment 10 - WE Energies
Special Use Permit - Cisco Lake Phase 3
T45N, R40W, Sec 21, Gogebic County, Michigan**

Watersmeet Ranger District

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