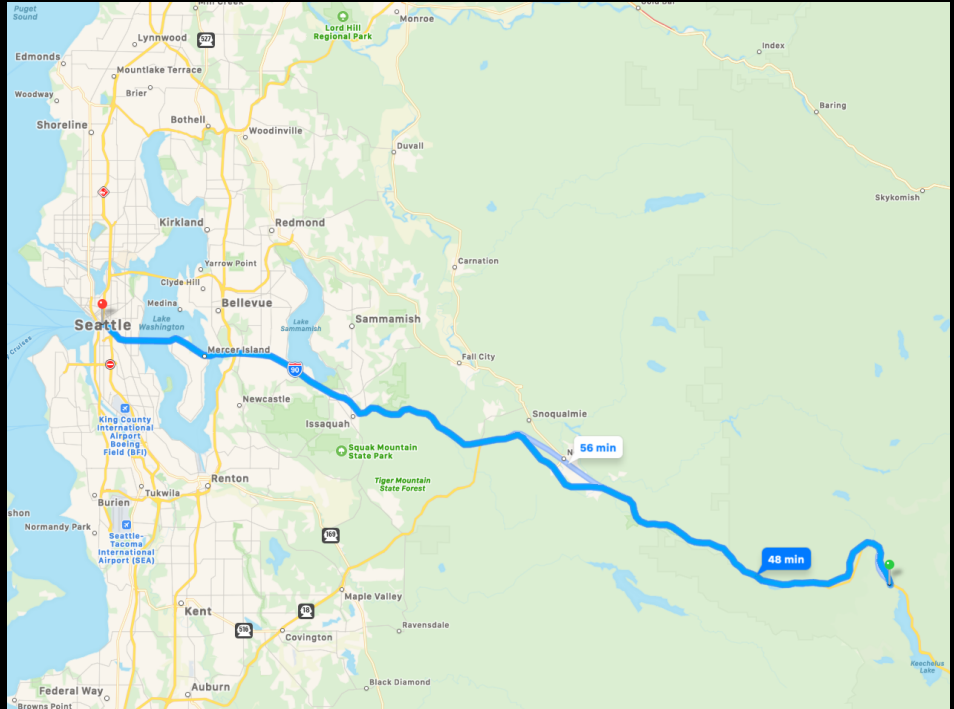
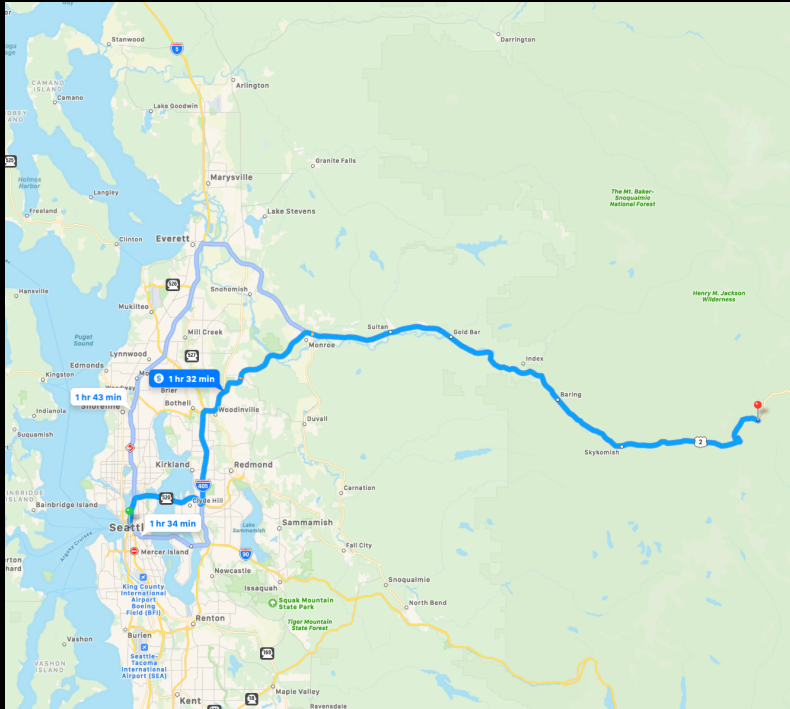
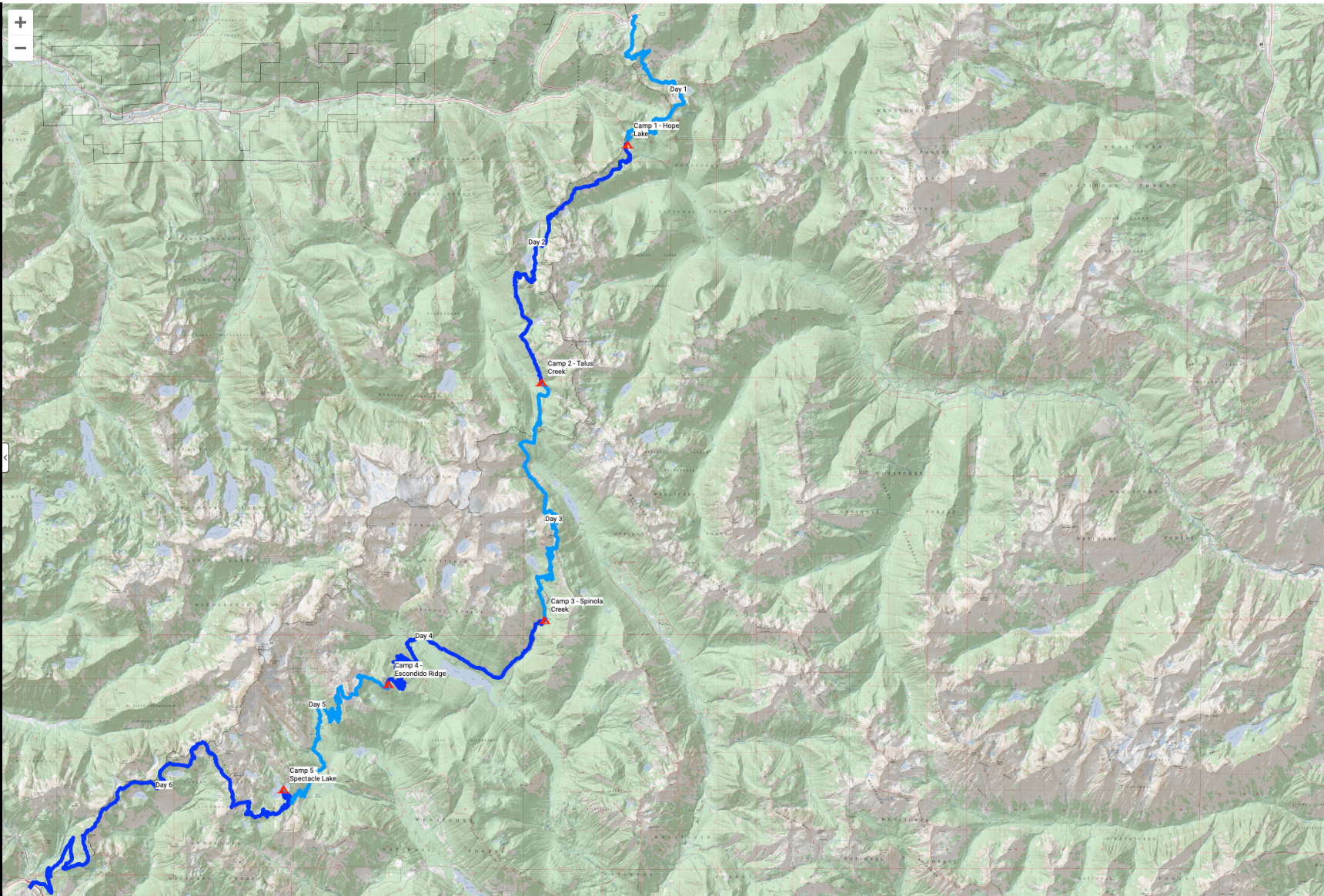


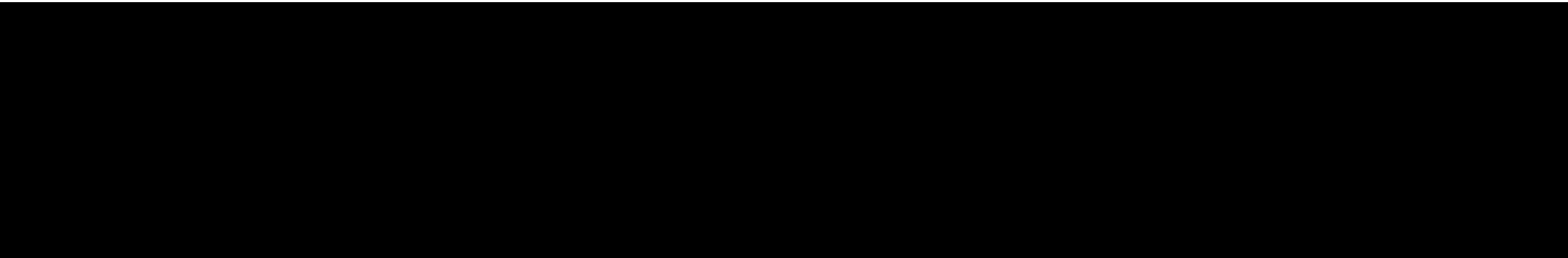
PCT Section J - Southbound
Stevens Pass to Snoqualmie Pass
August 4-9, 2019

Distance: ~ 71 Miles
Elevation Gain: ~ 15,000 ft.
Elevation Loss: ~ 16,000 ft.

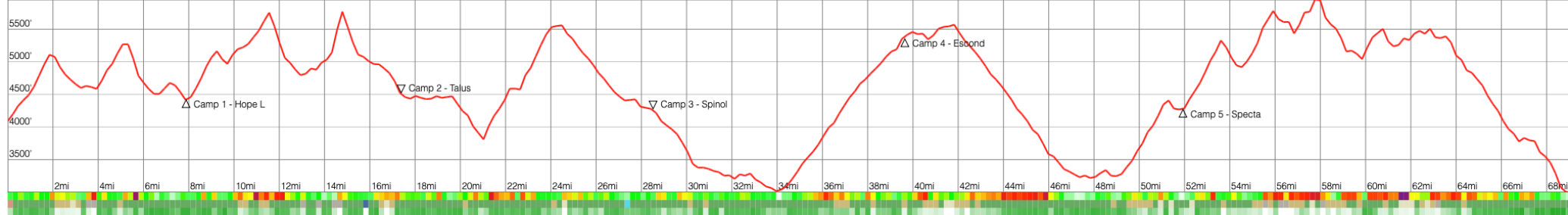




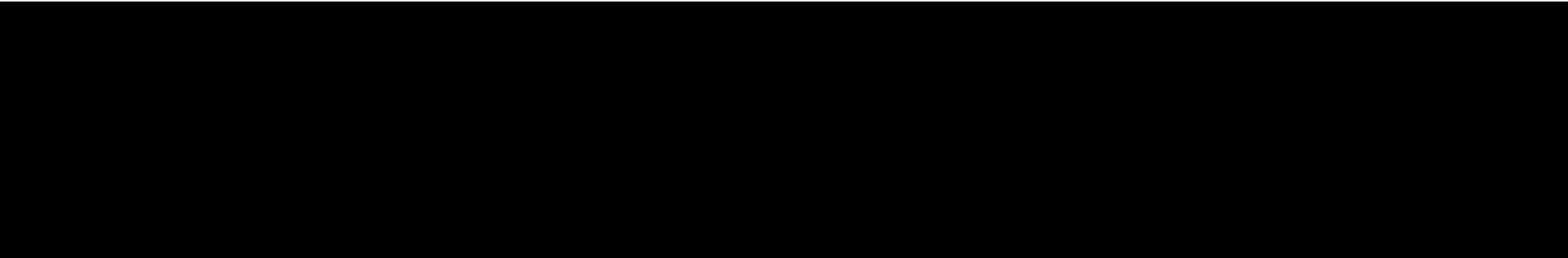
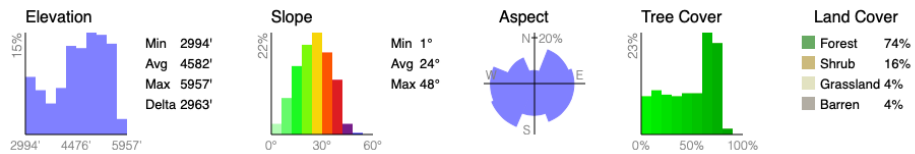




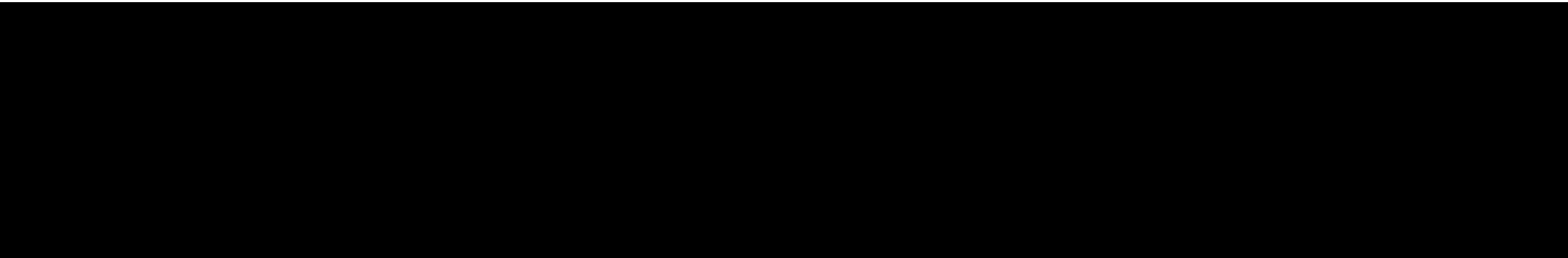
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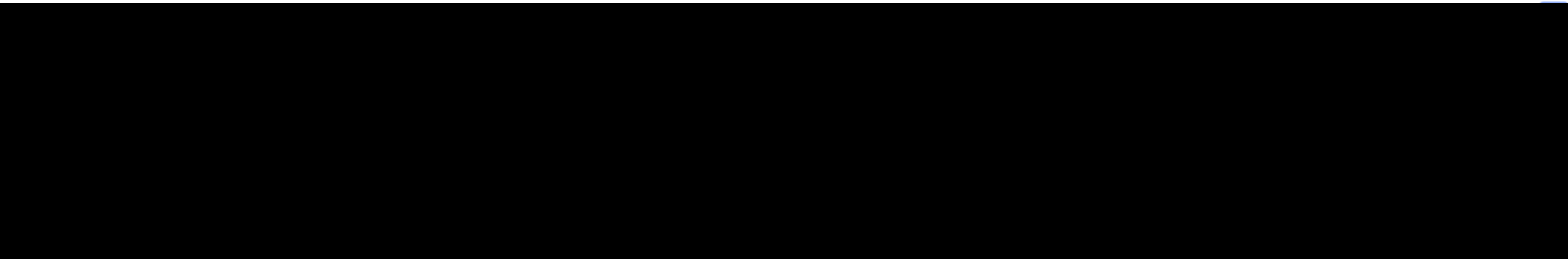
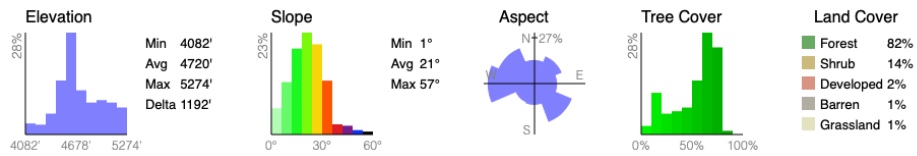
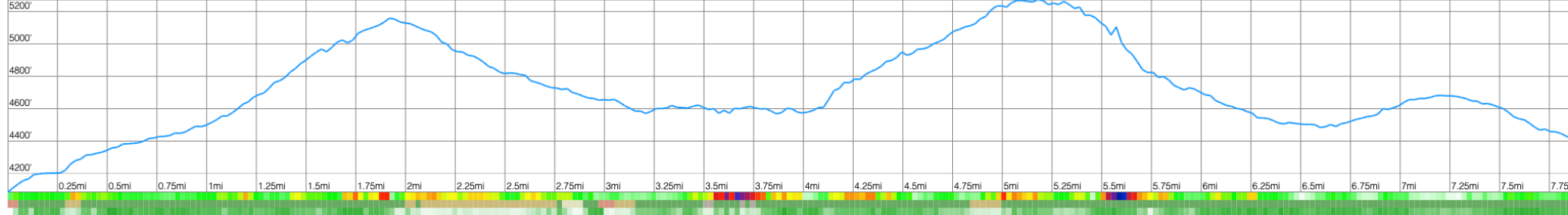
Slope Angle (top), Land Cover (middle), Tree Cover (bottom)







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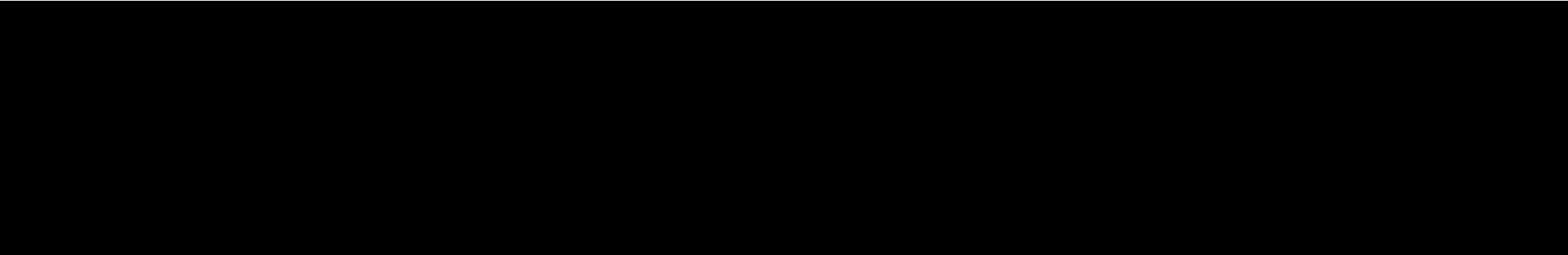




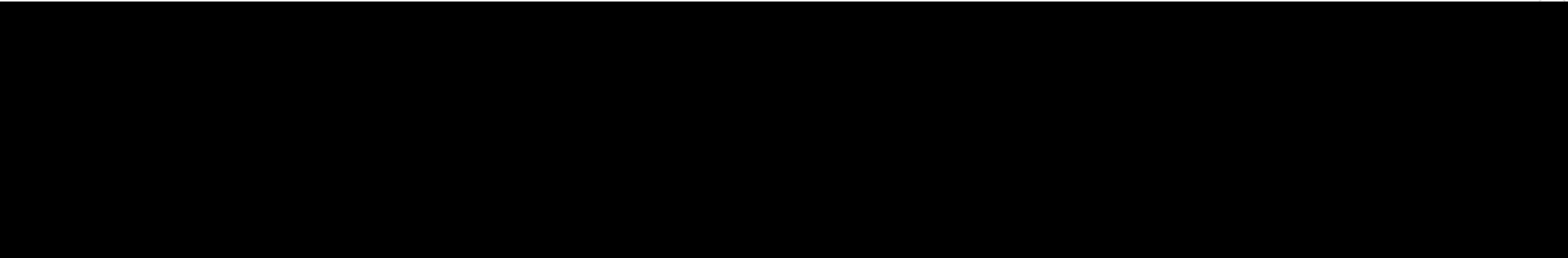
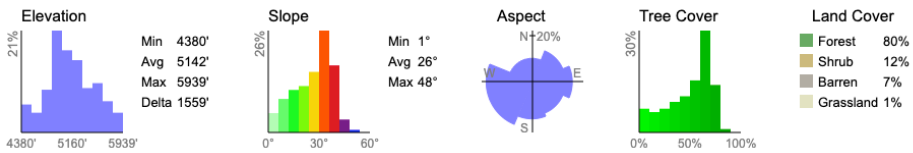
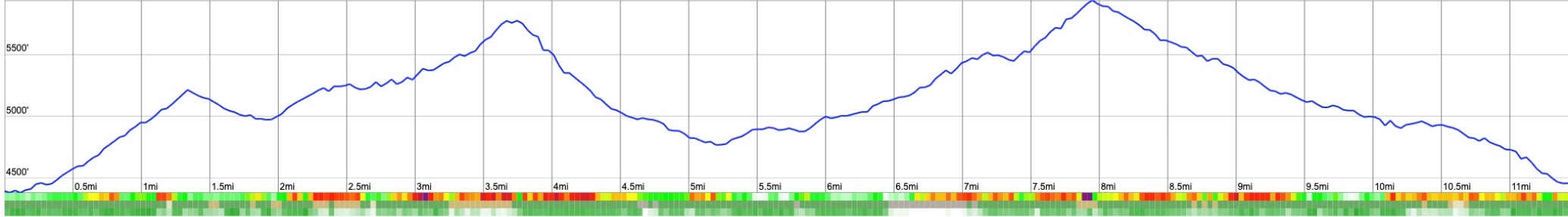








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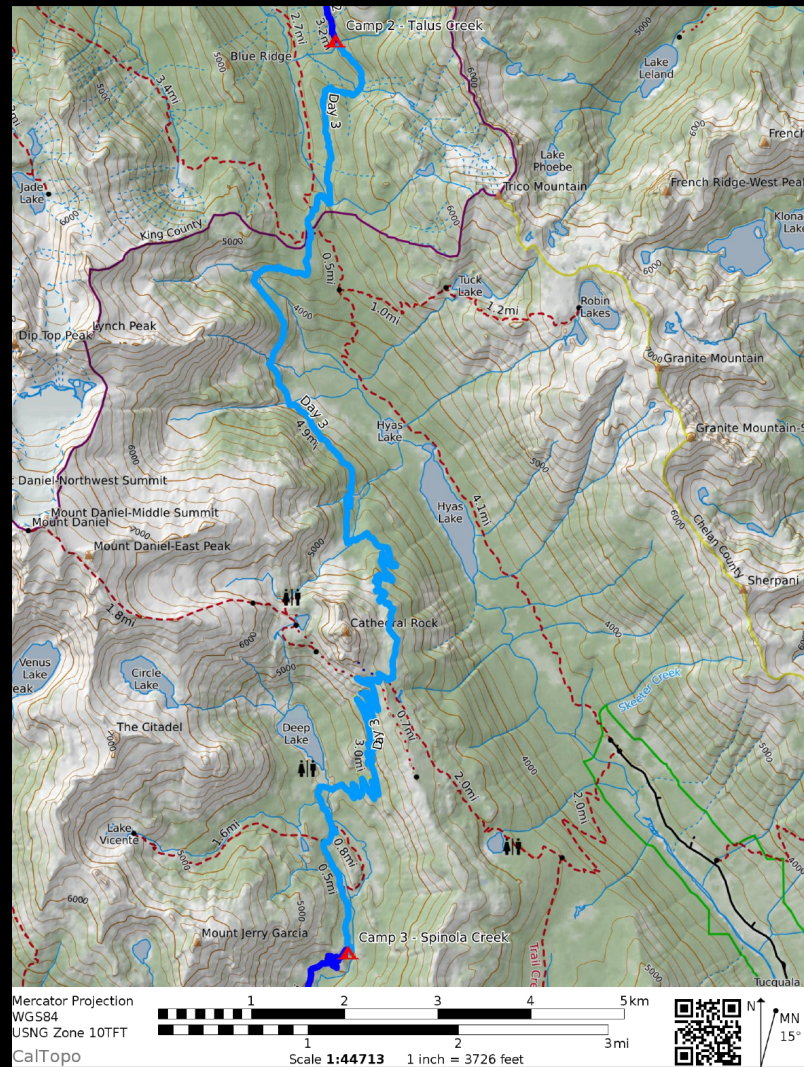


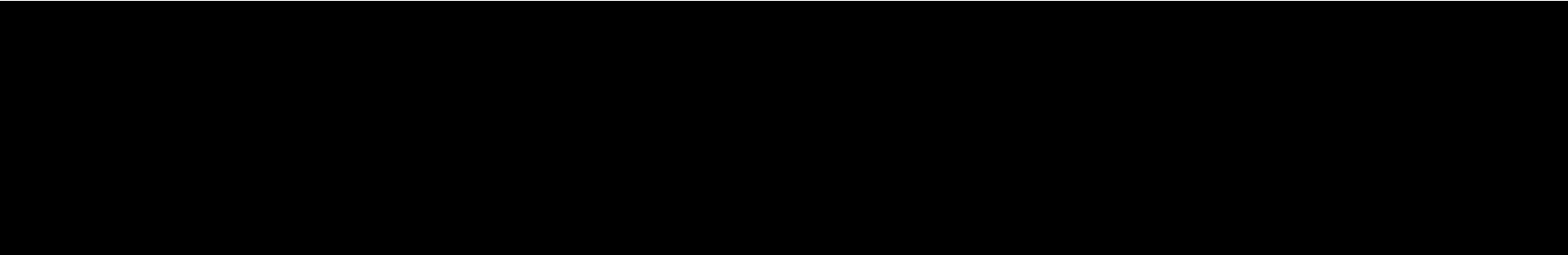




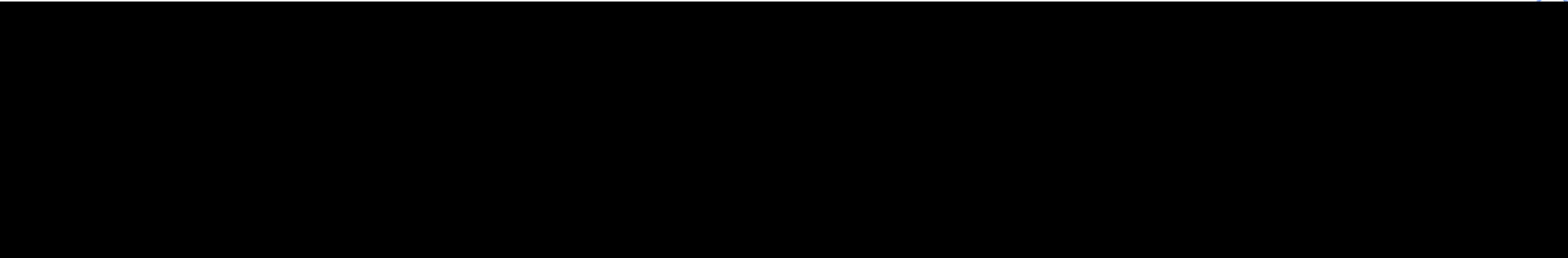
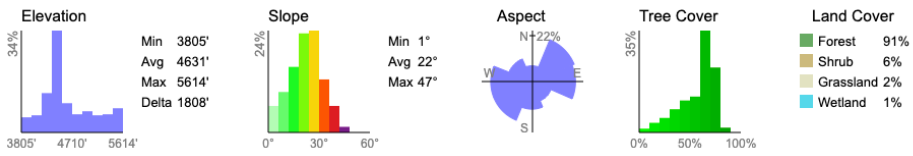
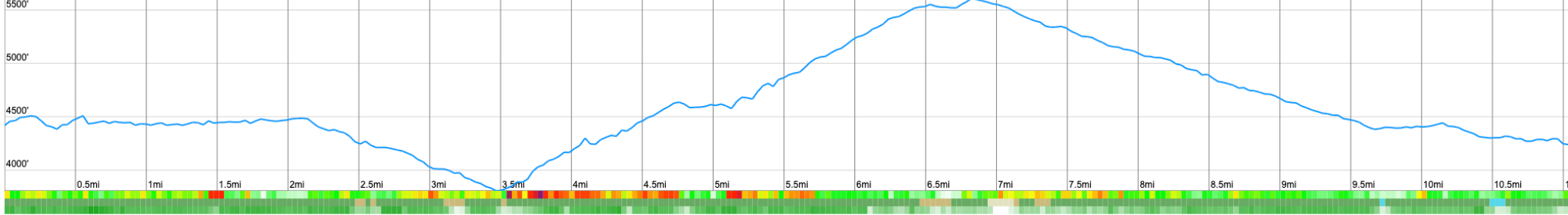








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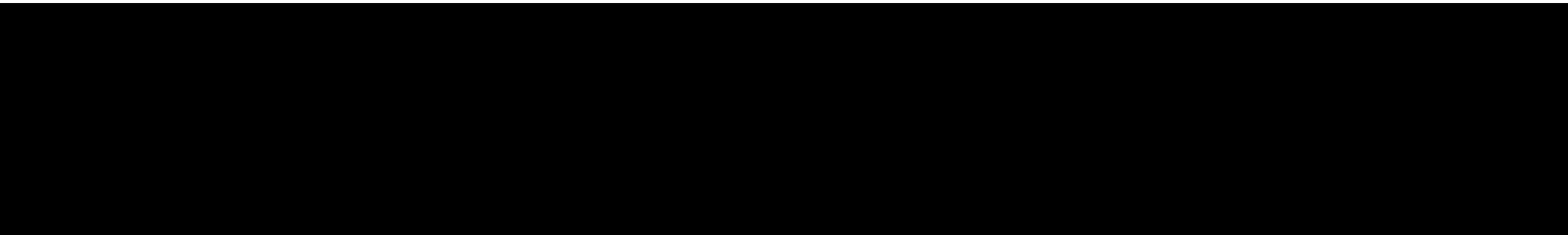






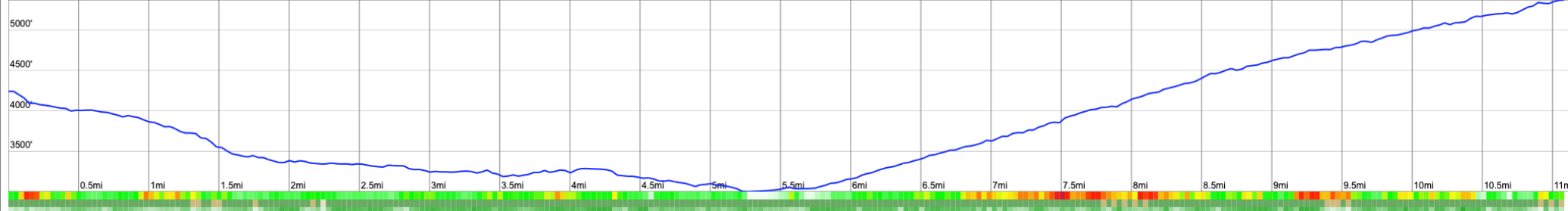
Questions so far?



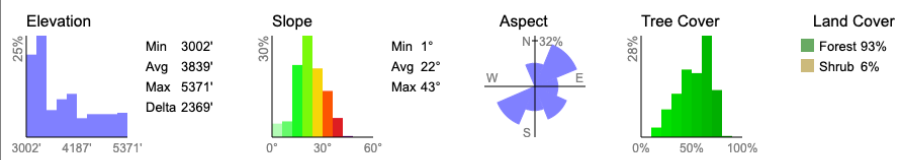


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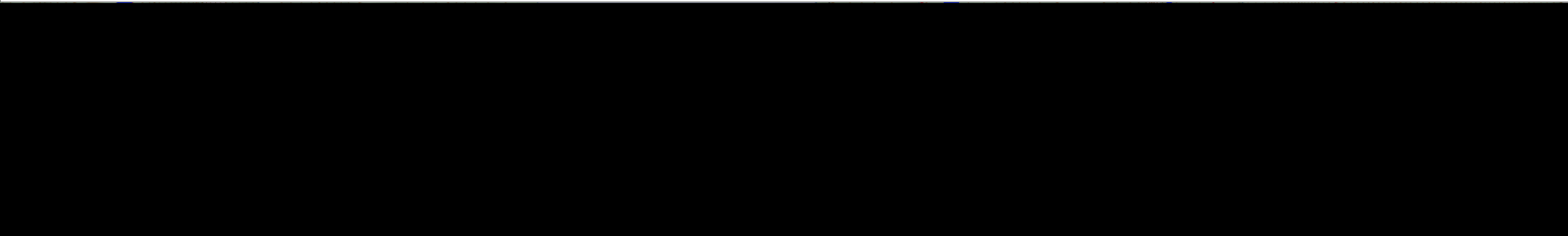
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Slope Angle (top), Land Cover (middle), Tree Cover (bottom)



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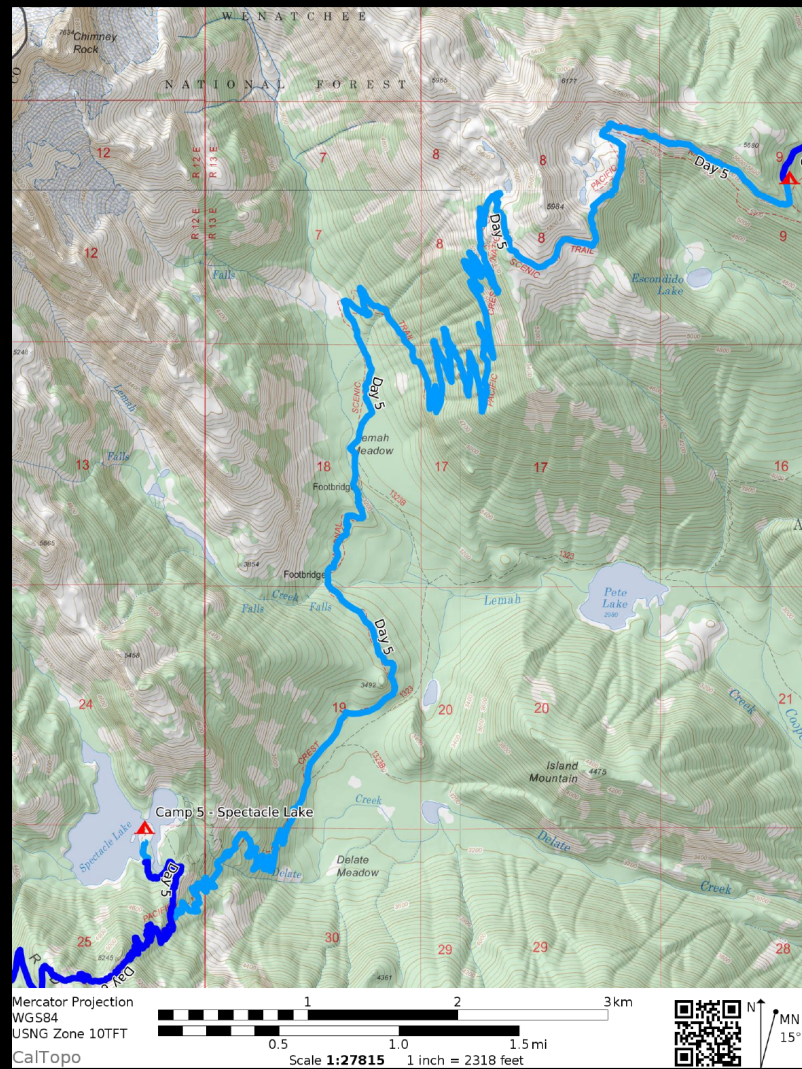


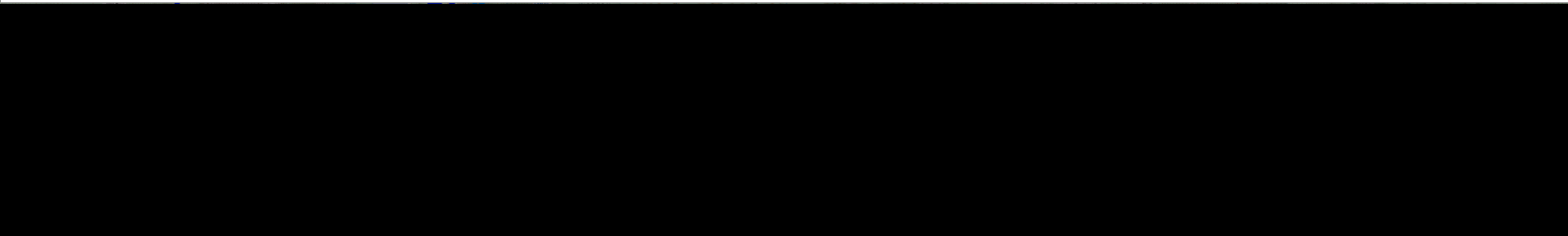
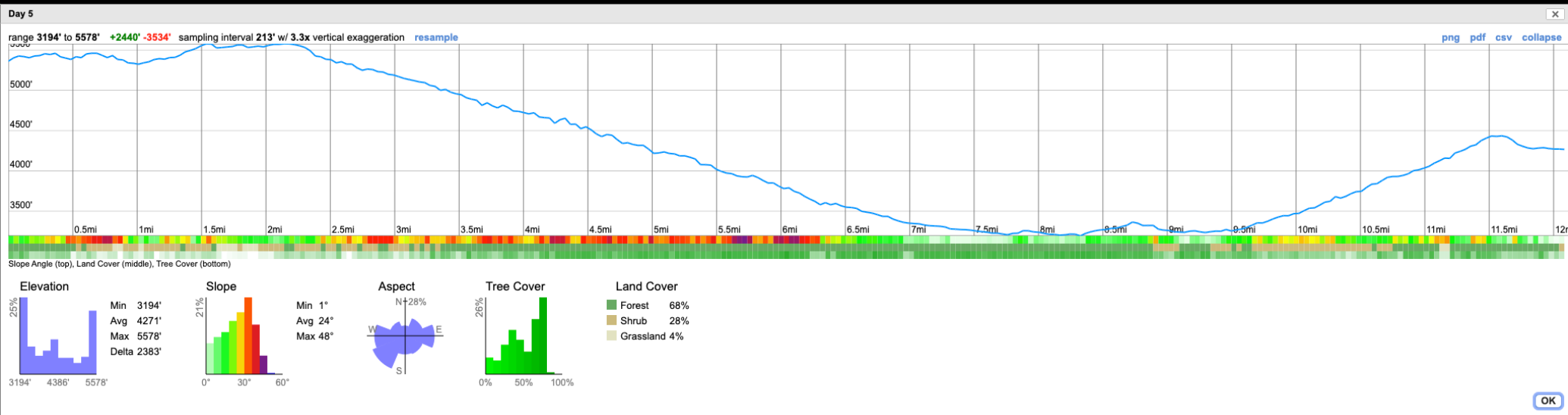
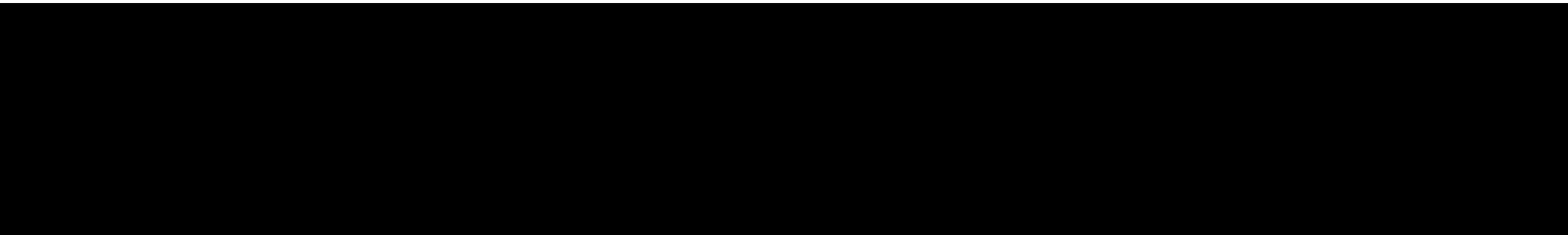




















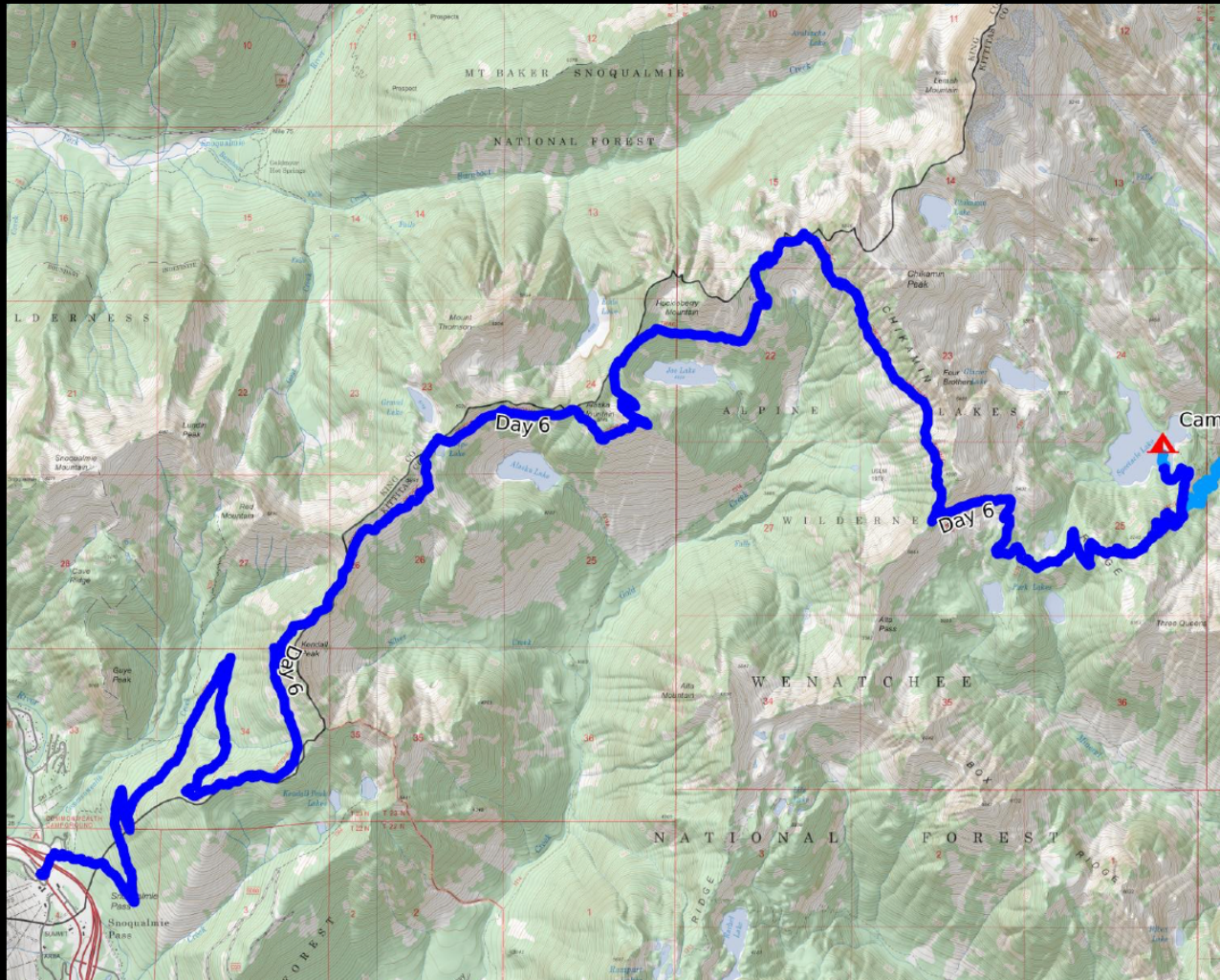


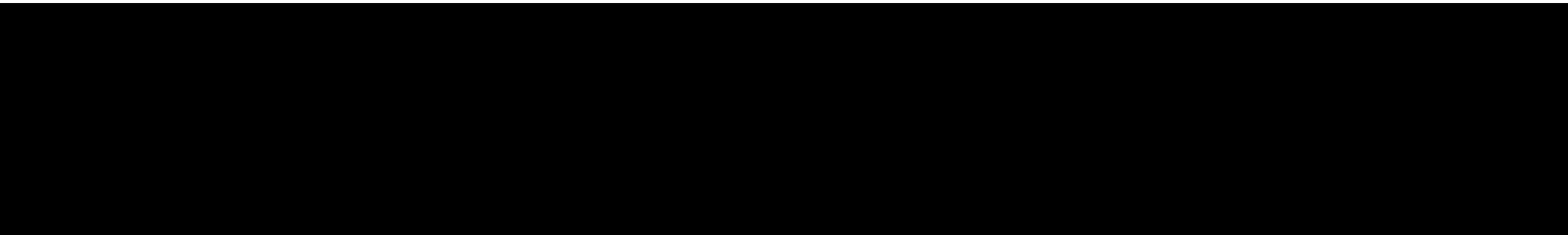






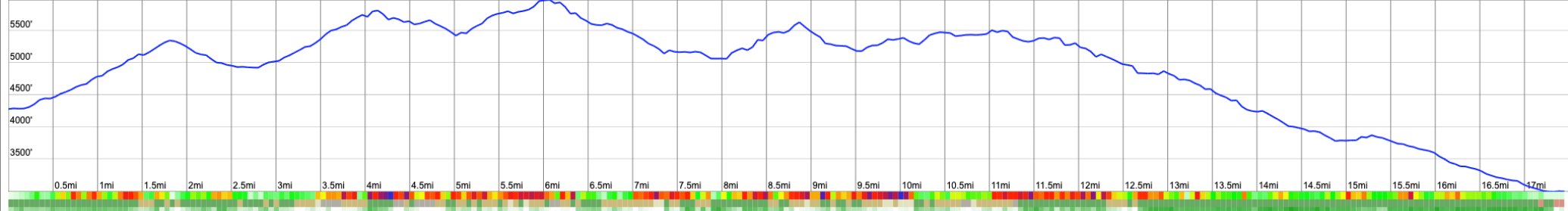




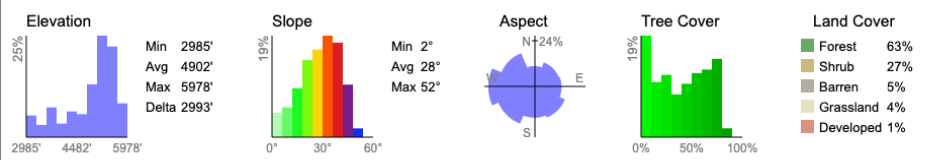


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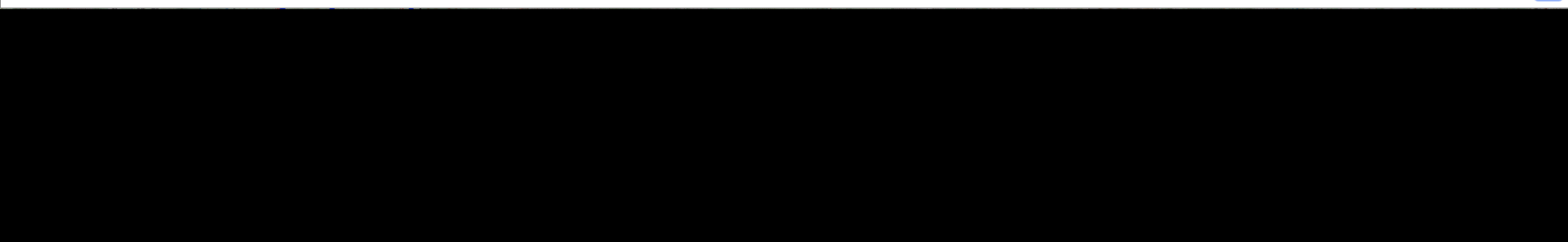
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Slope Angle (top), Land Cover (middle), Tree Cover (bottom)



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A weathered wooden sign is nailed to the trunk of a large evergreen tree. The sign has three lines of text carved into it. The background shows the dense foliage of the forest and the rough bark of the tree.

CAUTION STOCKMEN
NO TURNOUTS NEXT 4 MI.
PACKTRAINS CANNOT PASS













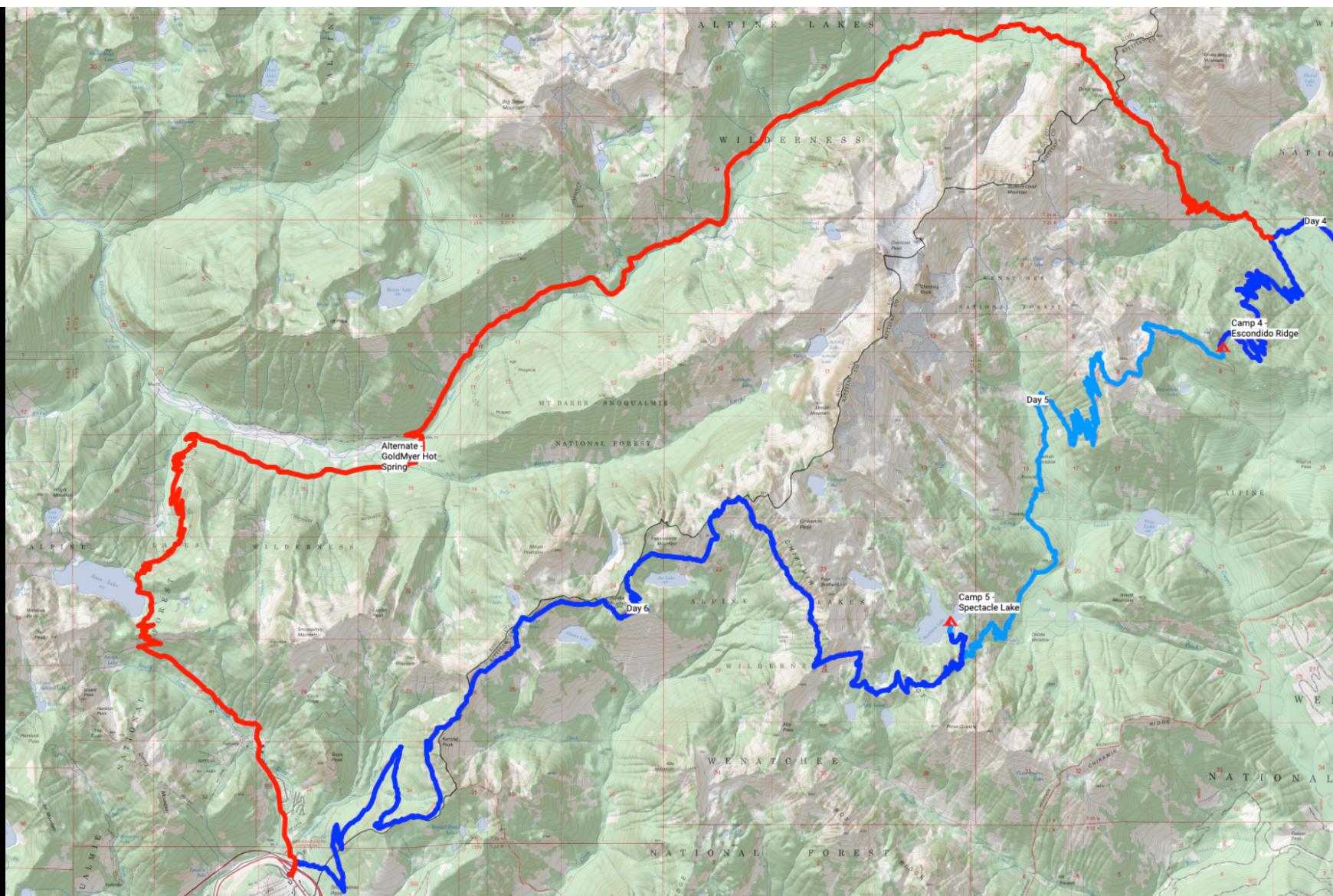












Section J Logistics

When to go:

Late July to late September. Some spots in the section from Snoqualmie Pass to Spectacle Lake could be hazardous with even a little snow on them. Being caught mid-hike in a heavy, early season, snowstorm could be dangerous.

Maps:

USFS PCT Map #10 Northern Washington
Green Trails #207, #208, #176
National Geographic PCT: Washington North Map

Guide Books:

Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail Washington (Tami Asars)

Apps:

Guthook Guides PCT: <https://atlasguides.com/pacific-crest-trail/>

Bear canisters:

Not required. Consider bringing an Ursack to defend against critters (unless you like hanging bear bags). No permanent bear wires that we saw.

Water:

Generally well watered, but there can be stretches of up to 11 miles without accessible water in dry seasons. Some dry camps may be necessary. We didn't bring filters, the water was all crystal clear and free of sediment. We did treat with chlorine oxide tablets.



Passes and Permits:

NW Forest Pass to park at Snoqualmie Pass and Stevens Pass
Free, self-issue wilderness travel permit at the trailheads

Camping and Campfire Restrictions:

Camping only at designated campsites near Ridge and Gravel Lakes.
No camping near the Escondido Tarns

No campfires within 0.5 miles of most lakes.

No campfires above 4000 ft. on the west side of the Cascade Crest (Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest).

No campfires above 5000 ft. on the east side of the Cascade Crest (Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest).

There usually seems to be signage to remind you of campfire regulations if you are in doubt.



Is this a good trip for you?

Pros:

- Spectacular scenery
- Well maintained trail
- No permits or advanced registration needed!
- Adaptable to a variety of hiking styles. Do it in four days if you are an ultralight, let's get this done, no foolin' around type. Do it in ten days if you like a relaxed pace or maybe a lot of side trips, but don't mind a heavy pack.

Cons:

- Can be crowded during through hiker season. Be prepared to share your idyllic campsite!

Thanks for attending! Questions?

