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Richloam Clay Sink Rd.

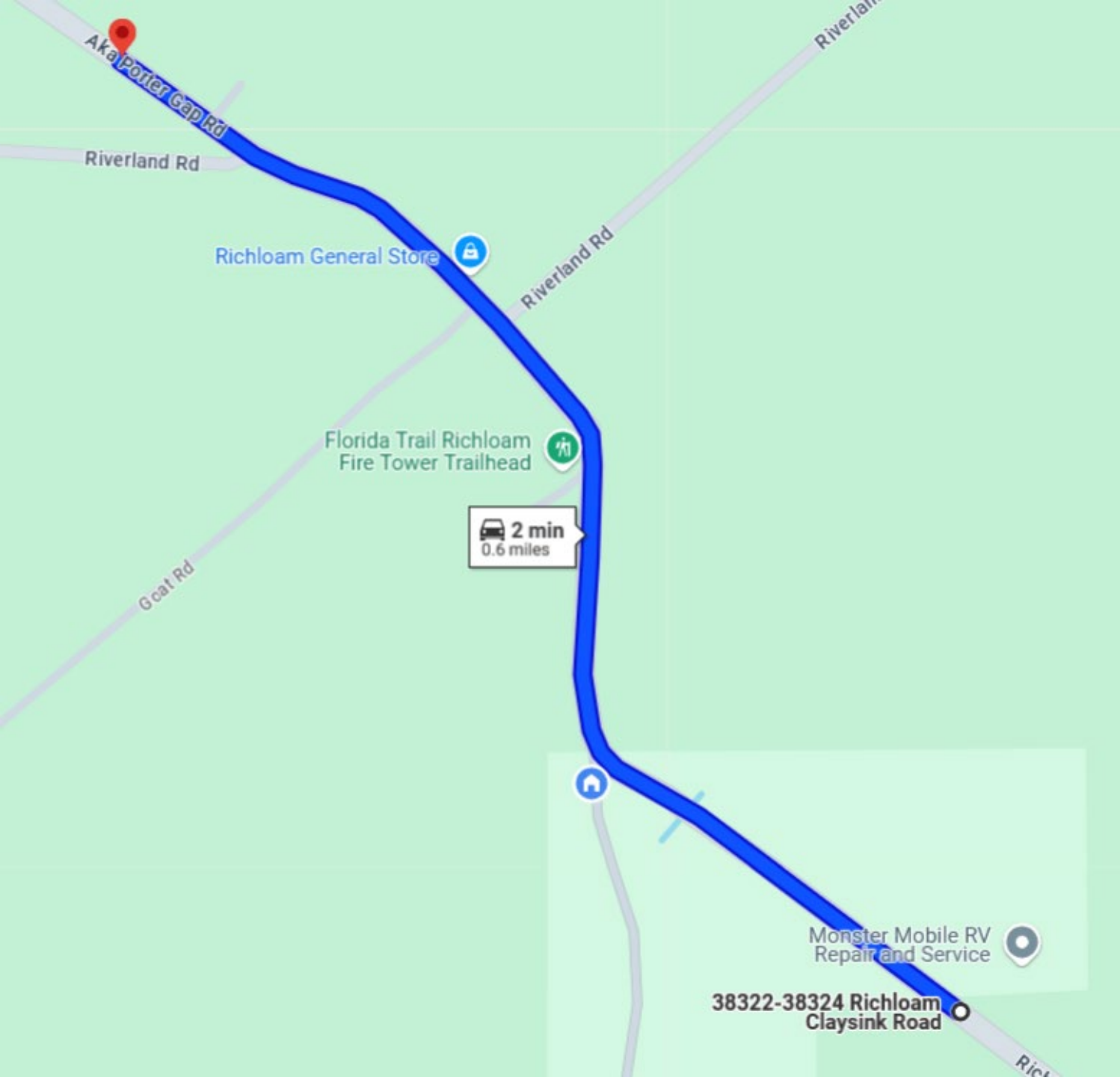
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# Richloam Clay Sink Rd.

The paved part Richloam Clay Sink Rd was constructed in the 1870's with flint rocks, stumps and other various materials on hand as the road base. The roads width and foundation was designed for Model T vehicles. In the 1920's oil was applied to the dirt surface to make the road more stable. In the 1950's asphalt was added over the oiled dirt. In the late 1990's a tar and pebble was added on top of the asphalt.

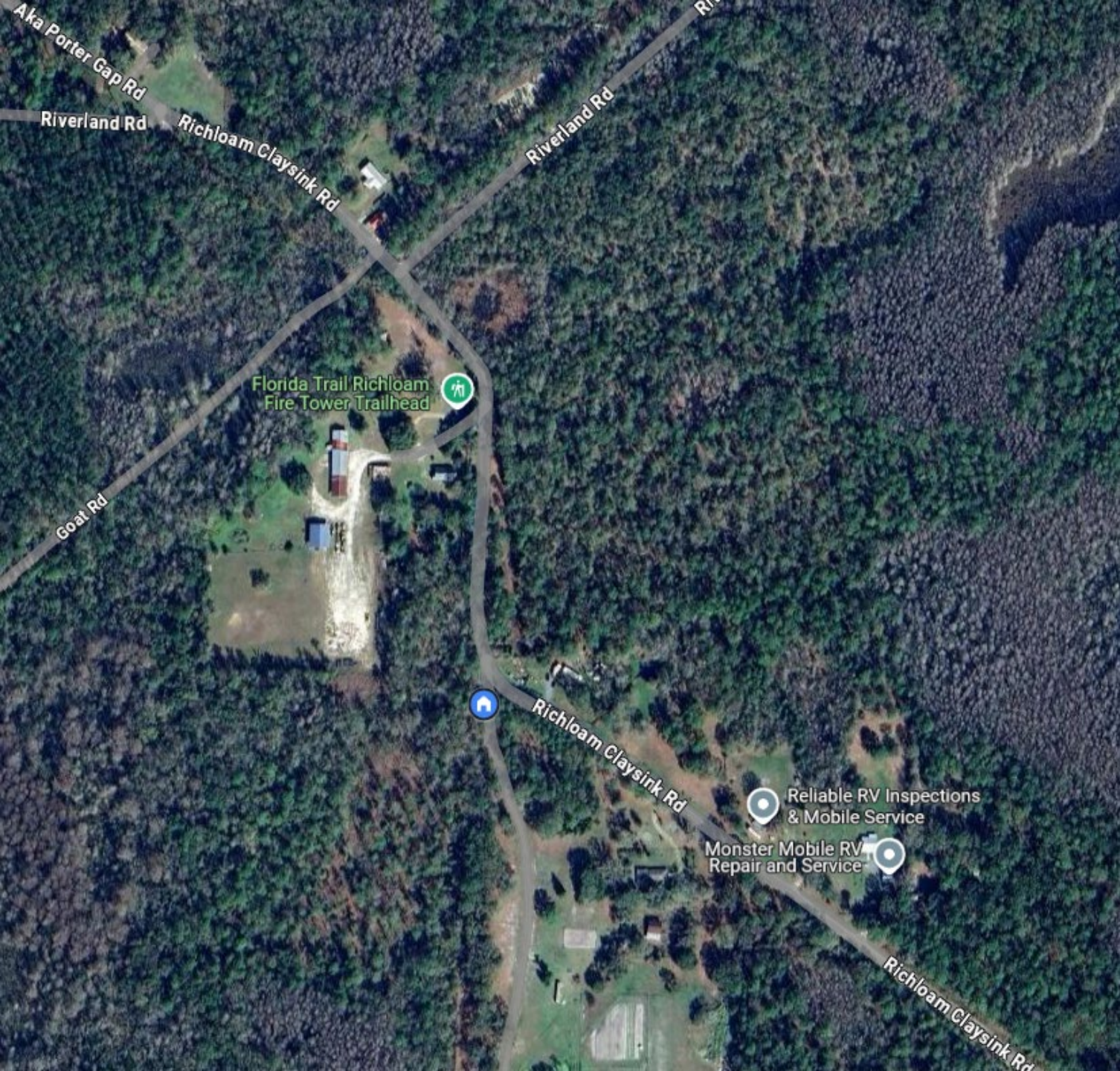


Richloam Clay Sink Rd. is approximately 4 miles long.



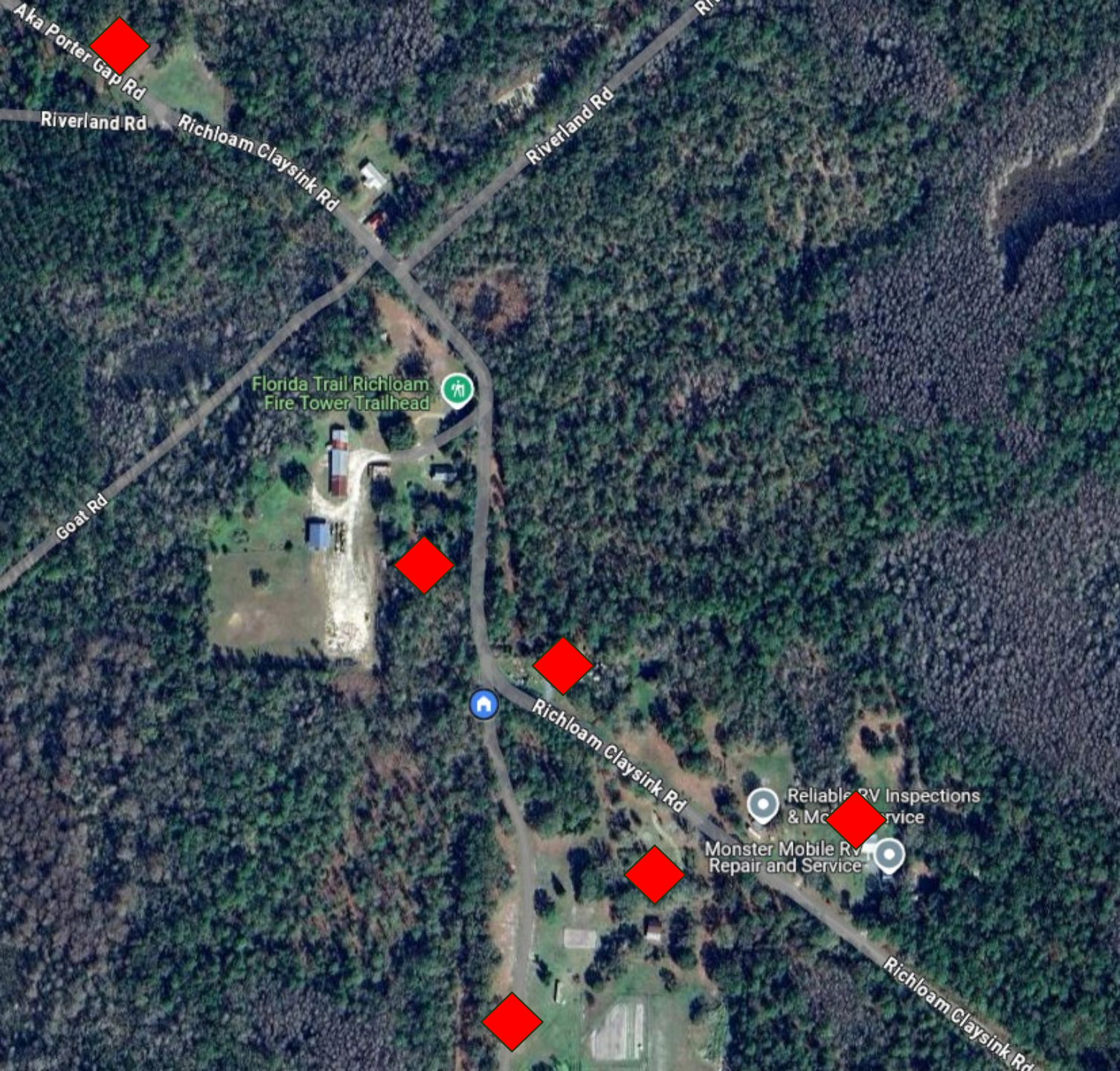
The area of concern is 0.6 miles long.





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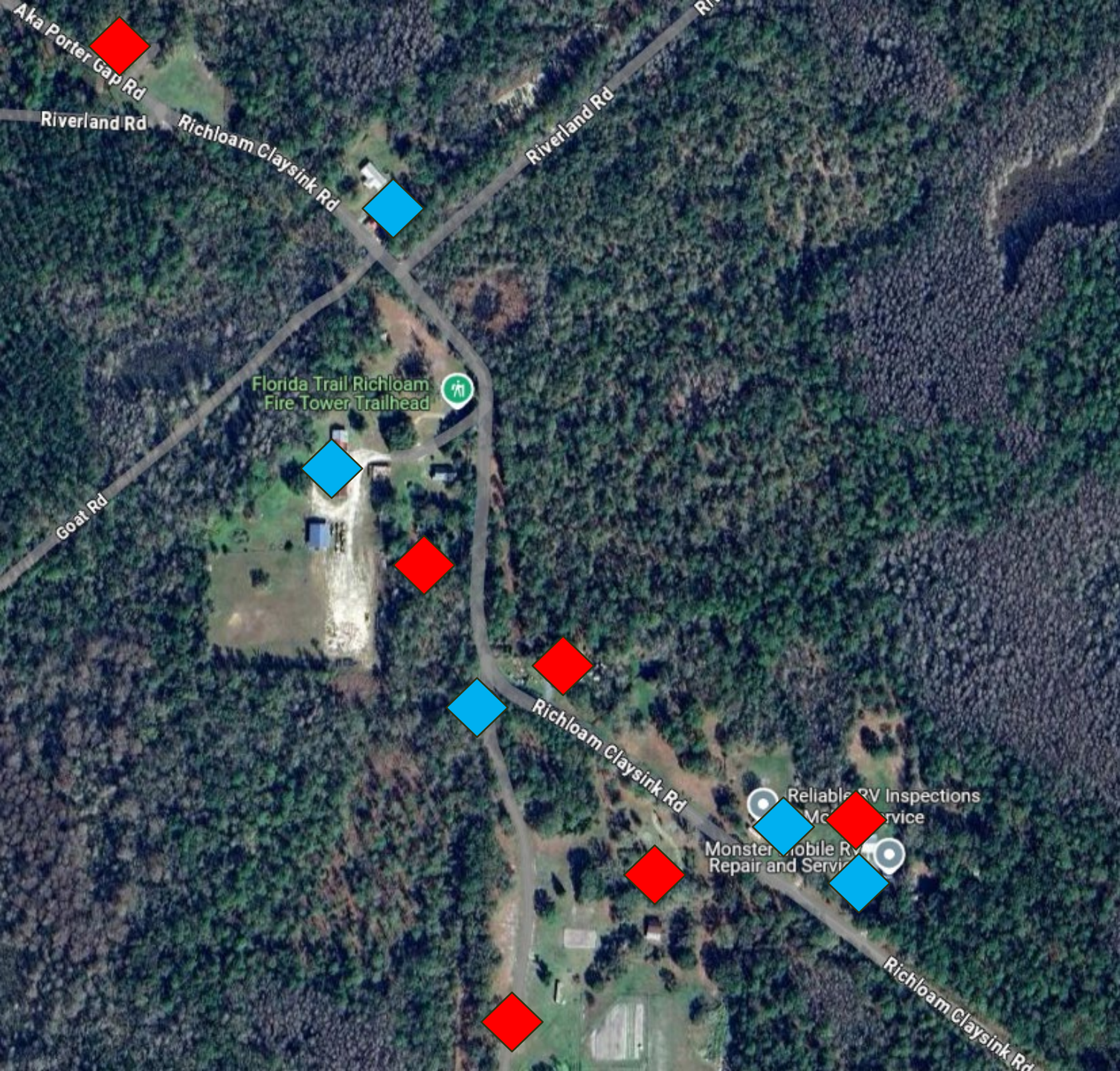




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1 – Trail Head





Also, within that 0.6 miles of road there are:

4 - Curves

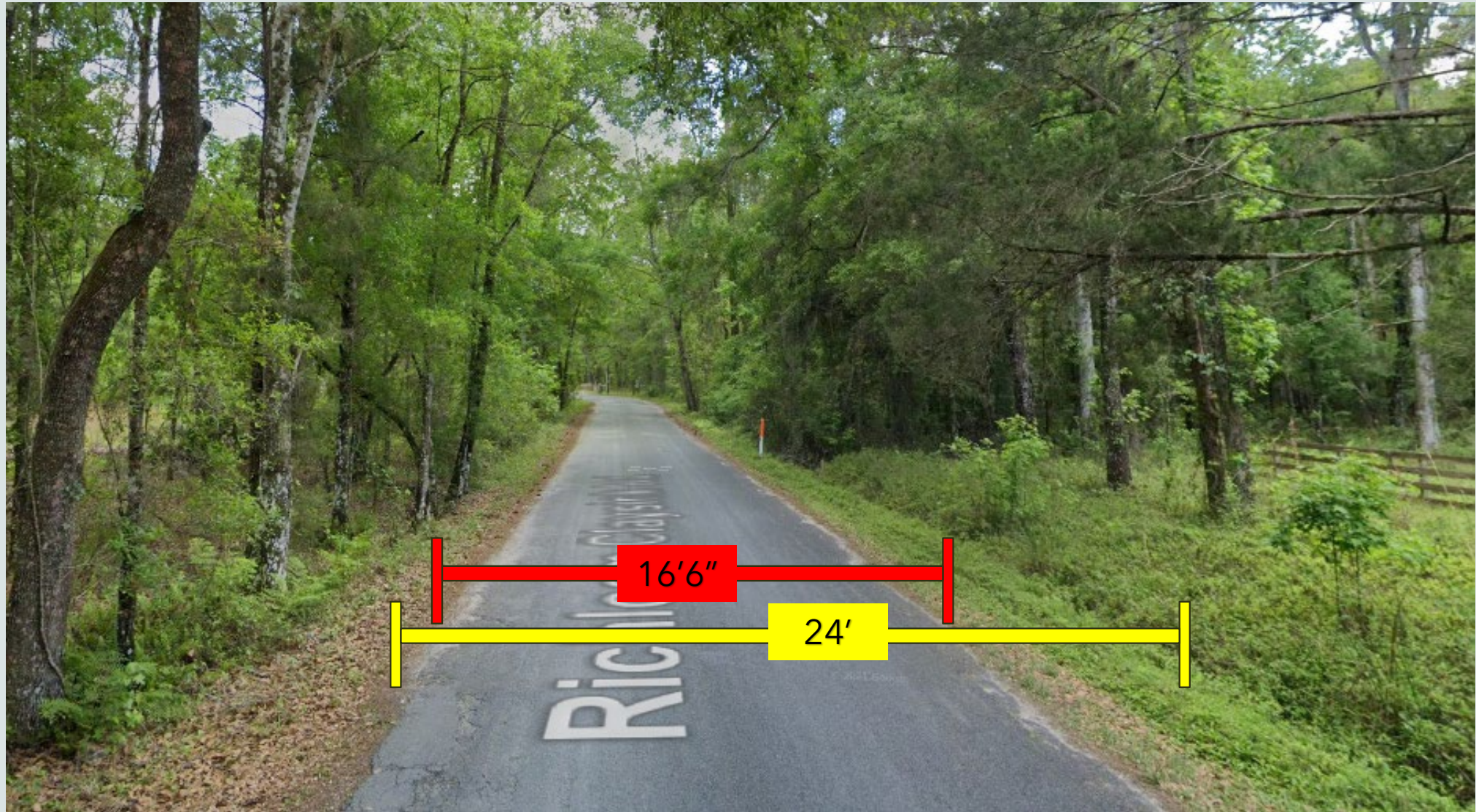
One Curve is fully obstructed





The average two lane road in the state of Florida is 24 feet wide.

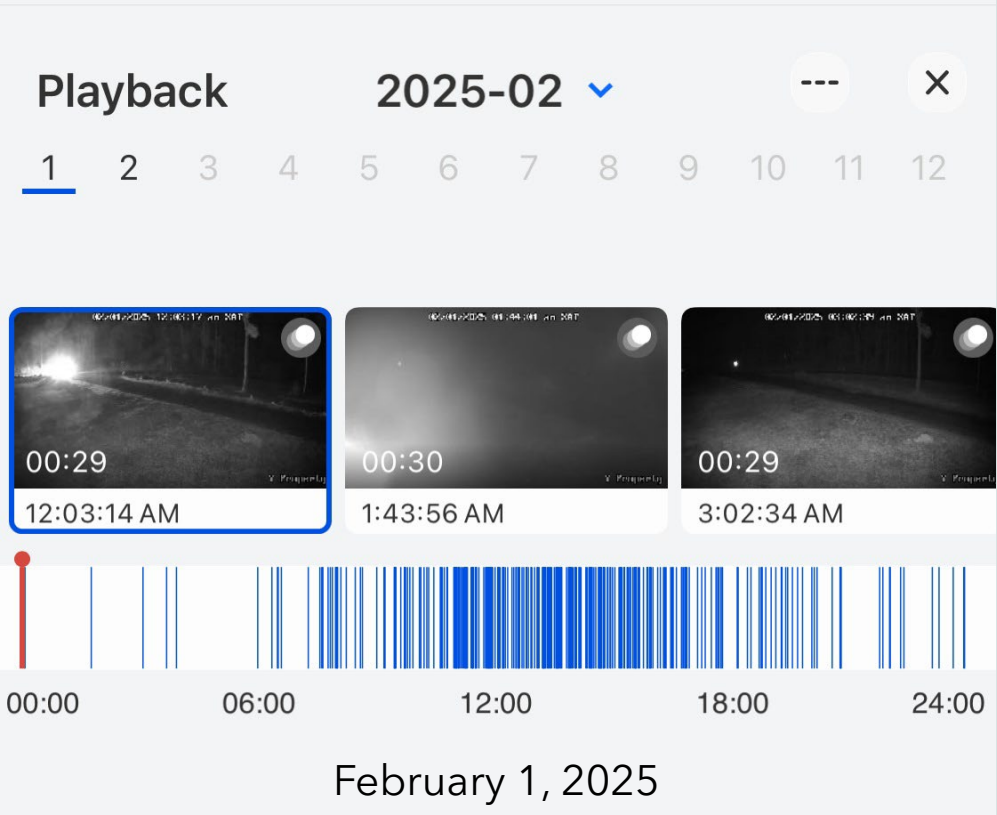




Richloam Clay Sink Rd is 16 feet and 6 inches wide



The community of Richloam has approximately 300 vehicles traverse it on an average weekend day



(Each blue line indicates a vehicle passing by the camera)



(Richloam Trail Head)

The community of Richloam has become a popular spot for outdoor enthusiasts. Not only does the community see over 300 cars on a weekend day, but it is also visited by hikers, bicyclists and dirt bike riders.





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The current “unposted” speed limit for Richloam Clay Sink Rd is 25 mph.

With my 16 years of Law Enforcement experience and a lifelong (47-year) resident of the Community of Richloam, I believe this speed to be too fast for the conditions of the road and the area.



Richloam Clay Sink Rd also has issues with heavy vehicles traveling it on a daily basis





(Photos taken over the period of one day)

Some of the heavy traffic is trucks using Richloam Clay Sink Rd as a short cut to Lakeland



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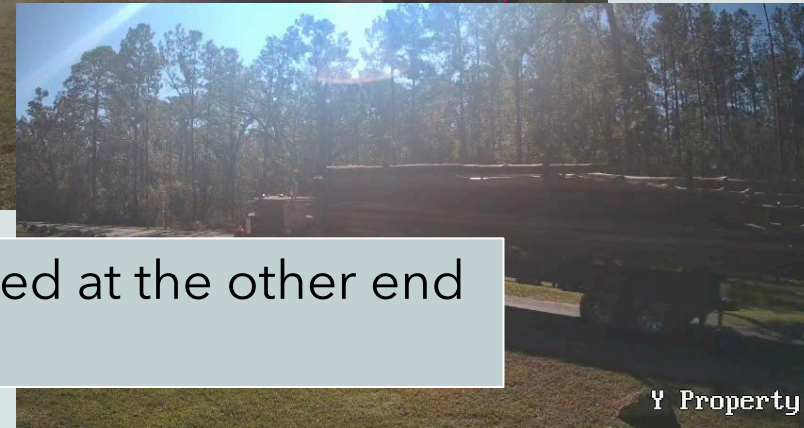


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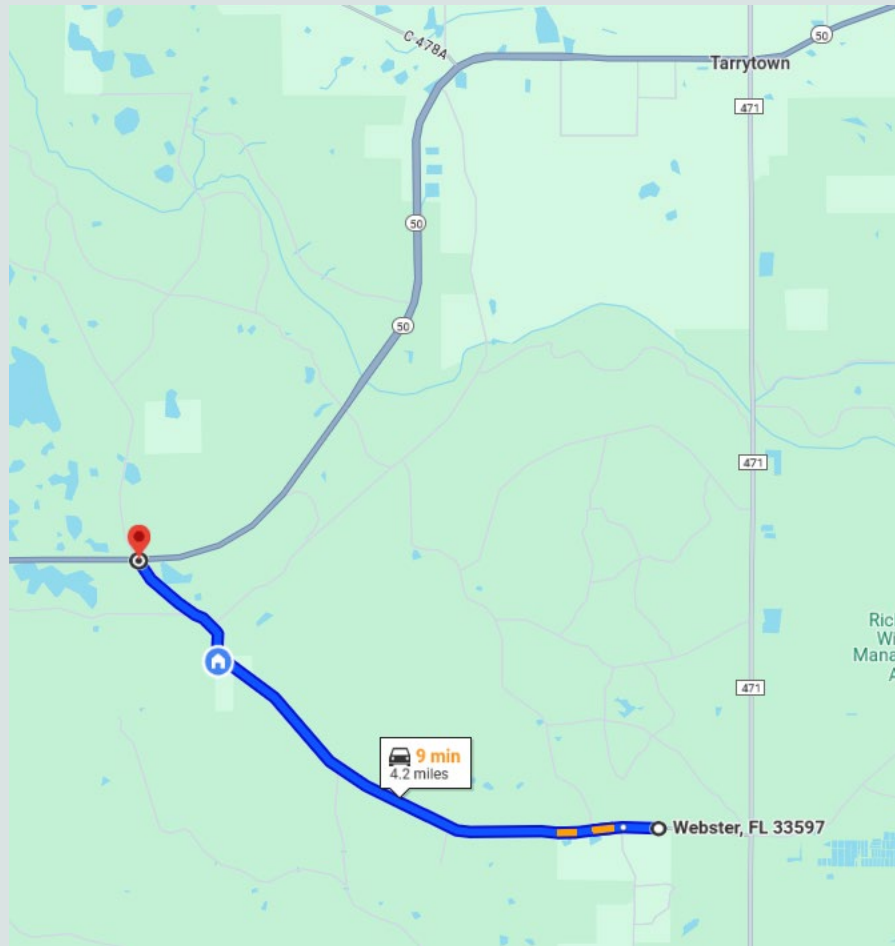
But most of the heavy traffic is traveling to a mulch yard located at the other end of Richloam Clay Sink Rd.



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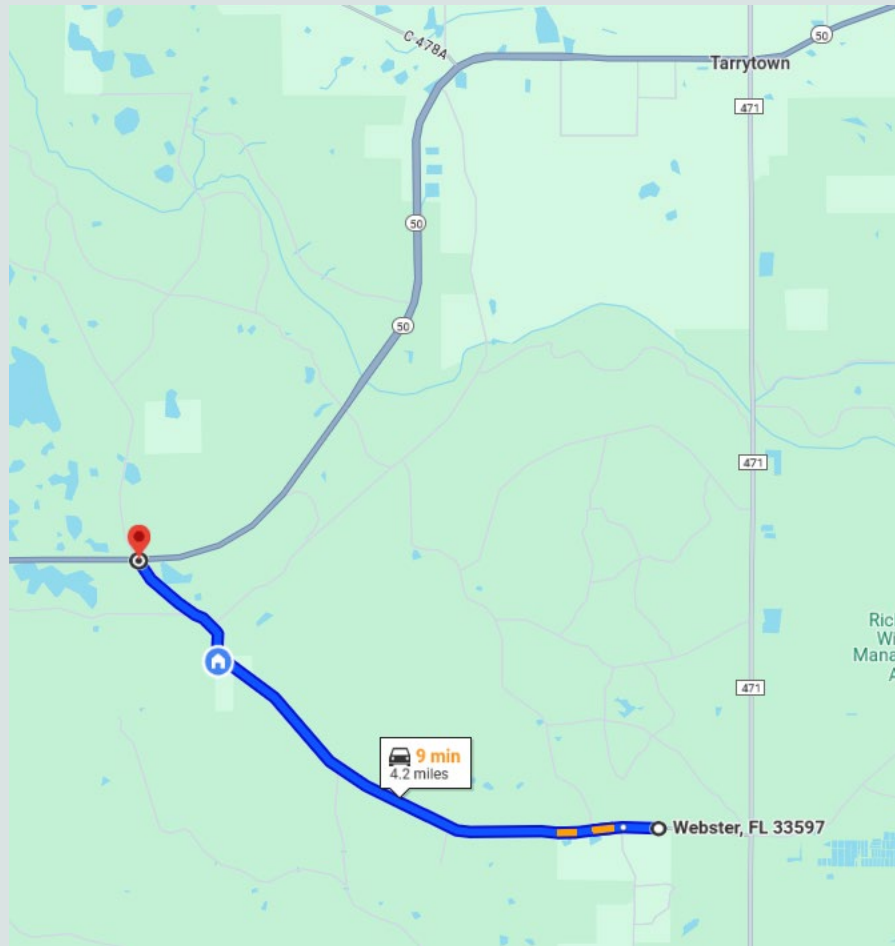


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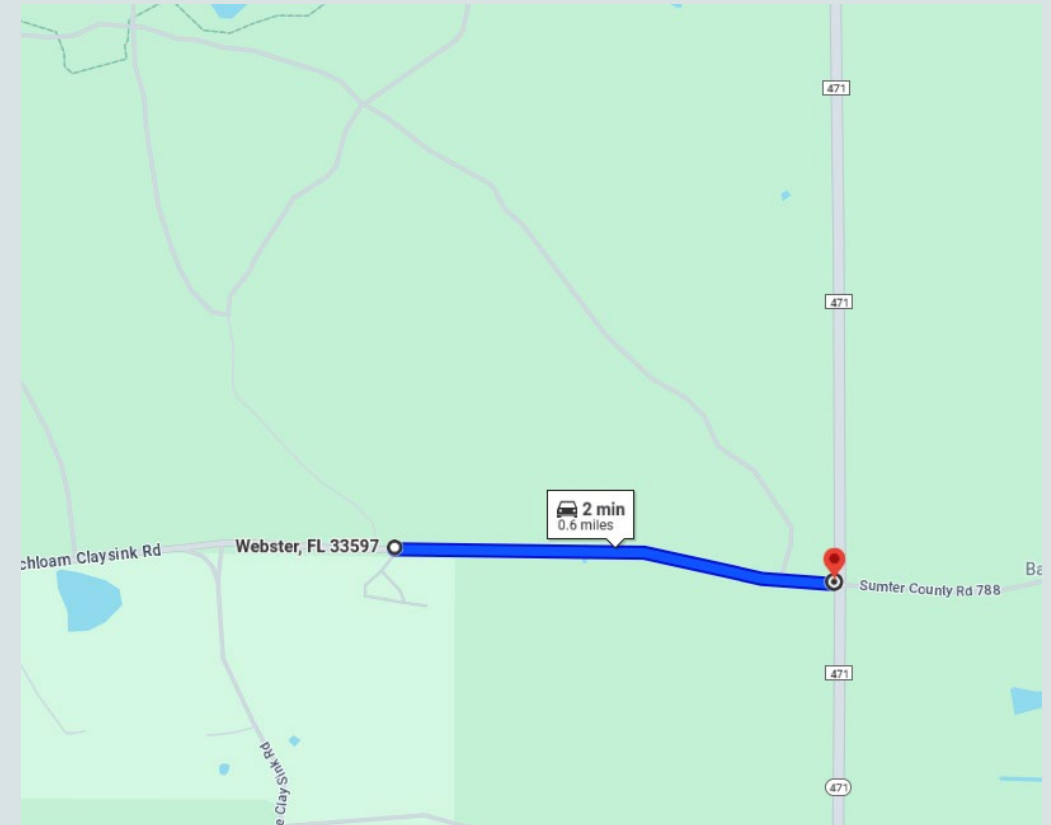




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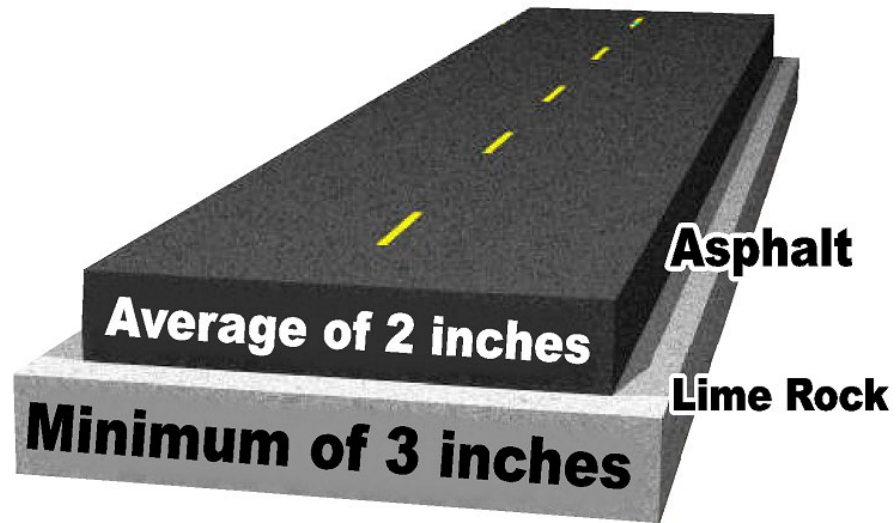
If the log trucks were to access the mulch yard from SR 471, they would only travel 0.6 miles across a forestry-maintained road.





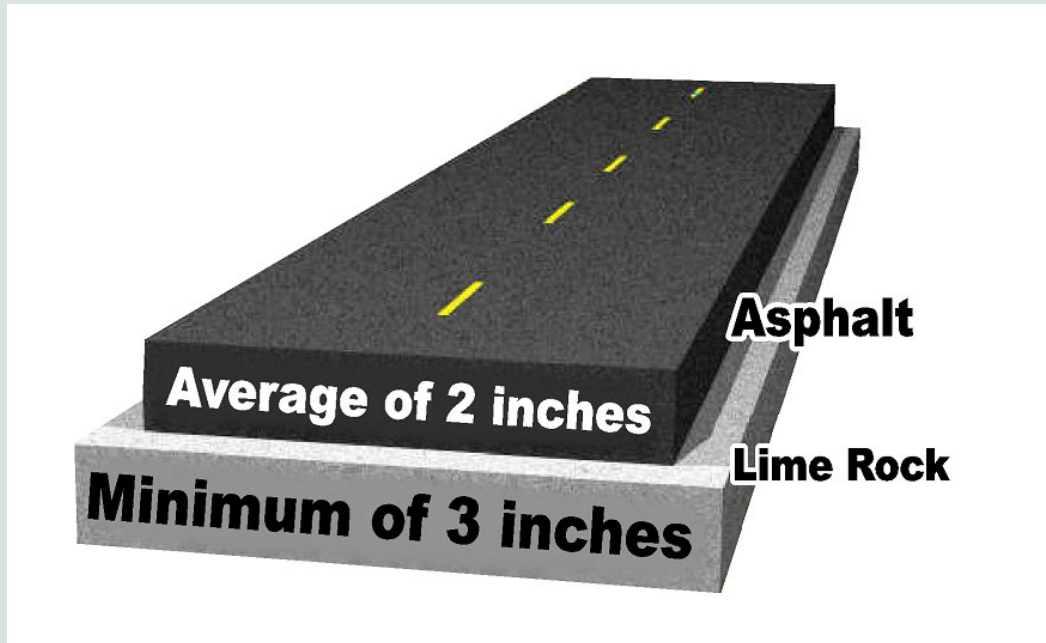
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The construction of Richloam Clay Sink Rd.





In the 47 years of living in the community I have seen the road deteriorate more in the years the mulch yard has been opened, then all the other years combined.

(Photo taken April 2021)



(Photo taken February 2025)



(same spot in the road 4 years difference)



(Sid Brinson standing in Richloam Clay Sink Rd. 1936)

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Richloam Clay Sink Rd is a historical part of our community, and we are saddened to see the road continue to deteriorate. We enjoy the small winding road through our historical community. We love the charm that only a road like this can offer. We do not want to see the road improved we just want to see it stay as it is and not to be further destroyed.