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Subject: [T4A] Hunters Road

Good Morning,

My first mail.

Before going to Botswana in June I bought T4A Map Pro Botswana 7.02.

Having "done" Hunters Road 2 years ago (just pre Patricia Glynn) and having been sworn to secrecy about it I was interested to see it clearly shown in the new map.

Set off bravely, nearly got wrecked by a large chunk of concrete which missed all vital organs (would have wrecked a lesser vehicle ie the Isuzu bakkie which was following me), got to Kidney Pan and put up the tents.

Kidney Pan is clearly marked on Bots 7.02 as being inside Sibuyu Forest Reserve where it is presumably safe to camp and well outside the hunting concession.

Shortly afterwards hear gunfire and shortly after that are approached by a Land Cruiser equipped for hunting. The occupants claim we are in their hunting concession and would we move immediately. Diplomacy won the day and we stayed there for the night.

But this begs the question of where Sibuyu starts. If you look at Veronica Roodt's map you will see it extends to S19.00.00 and I think this is probably correct.

We were therefore some way inside the concession. Perhaps the details on T4A Bots need tidying up here.

This also begs another. question. What are the rules about driving on tracks which are clearly marked as official roads on many maps of Botswana . I refer to Cattle Trek route from Panda to Nxai.

Incidentally we lost our nerve re. Hunters Road and hunters generally, turned right at Panda and had the whole of Hwange and Zambezi National Parks to ourselves for 10 days, with all the traditional welcome from the Zim. parks staff that we had not expected. Plenty of game at a fraction of the cost.

Don't know if any of the above is the slightest of interest to anyone.

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