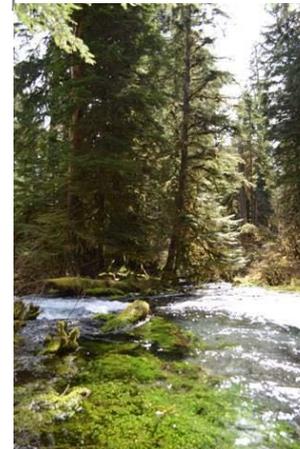
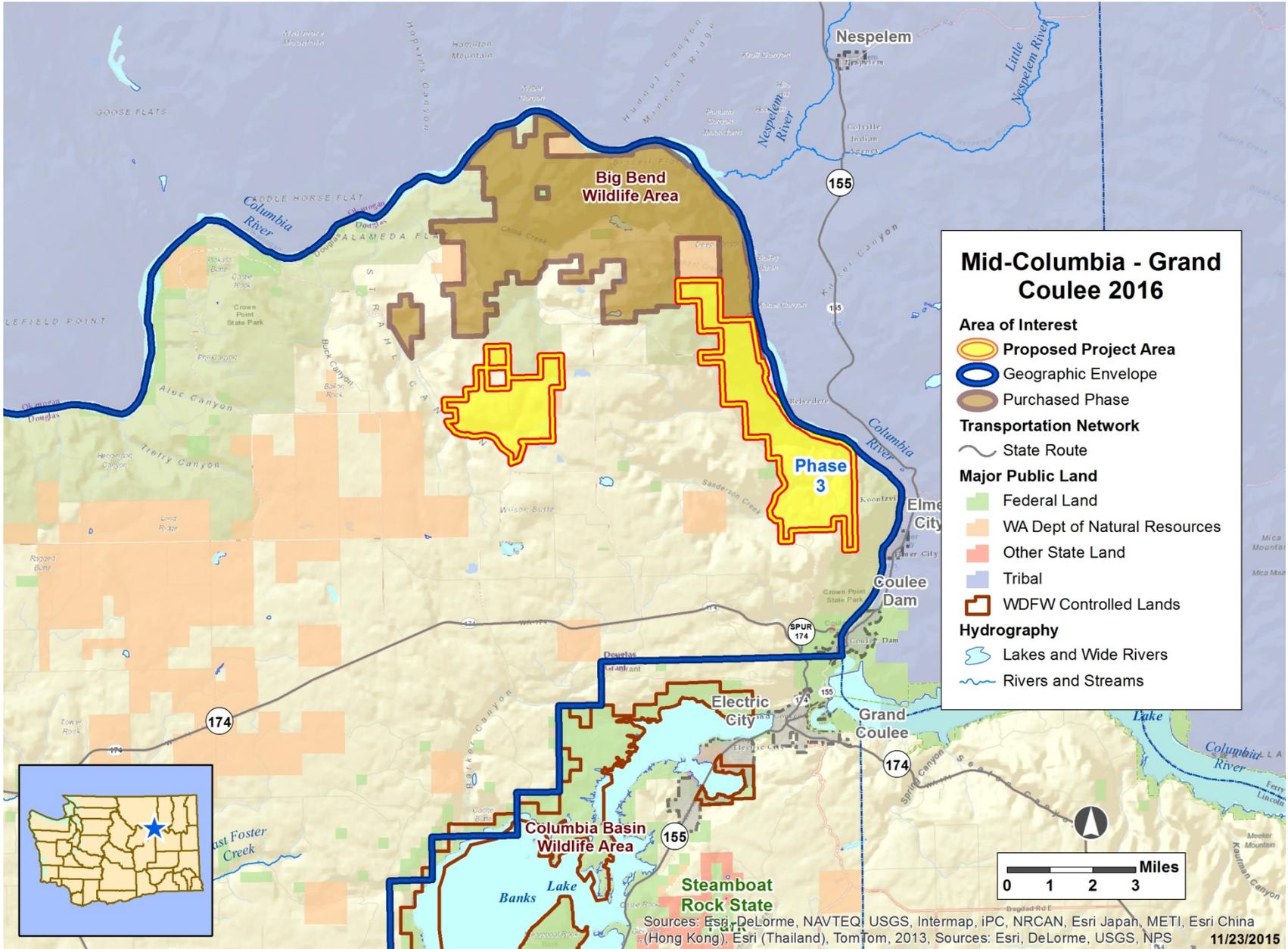


Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This acquisition would protect a unique diversity of habitats on the site including old growth and mature growth forests, lava beds, falls and lake shoreline. This area represents important transition to winter range habitat for elk and deer, and the unique habitats support bats and rare amphibians. Kalama River historically supported bull trout, current presence is unknown. Conservation of this site will assure habitat connectivity between Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mt St Helens National Volcanic Monument, Department of Natural Resources lands and PacifiCorp mitigation lands. Federally listed species include northern spotted owl, bull trout, steelhead and Chinook.
Current Use	Commercial timber production, hunting and fishing. Equestrian trails are present. This parcel is connected to Department of Natural Resources Natural Resource Conservation Area.
Location	Southwest of Mt. St. Helens
Legislative District	# 20
Planning Link	Will be incorporated into the Mount St Helens Wildlife Area, adjacent to DNR's Natural Resource Conservation Area , possible future boat launch. The property provides public access to a key catch and release trout lake and Kalama River for steelhead and salmon.
Project Outcomes	Provide new public access for diverse recreation; Manage overstocked young conifer stands to meet habitat needs; Habitat connectivity with public federal lands.

Proposed Acres	1,156
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP – Critical Habitat and Riparian Protection
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$4,300,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O & M - \$10,377 • PILT - \$13,652 • Possible future recreational boat ramp
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	Coordinated with the Rocky Mt Elk Foundation, Columbia Land Trust and WA DNR. Supporters include: Lower Columbia Fly Fishers, Clark/Skamanian Fly Fishers, Cowlitz County Commissioners, Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Cowlitz County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

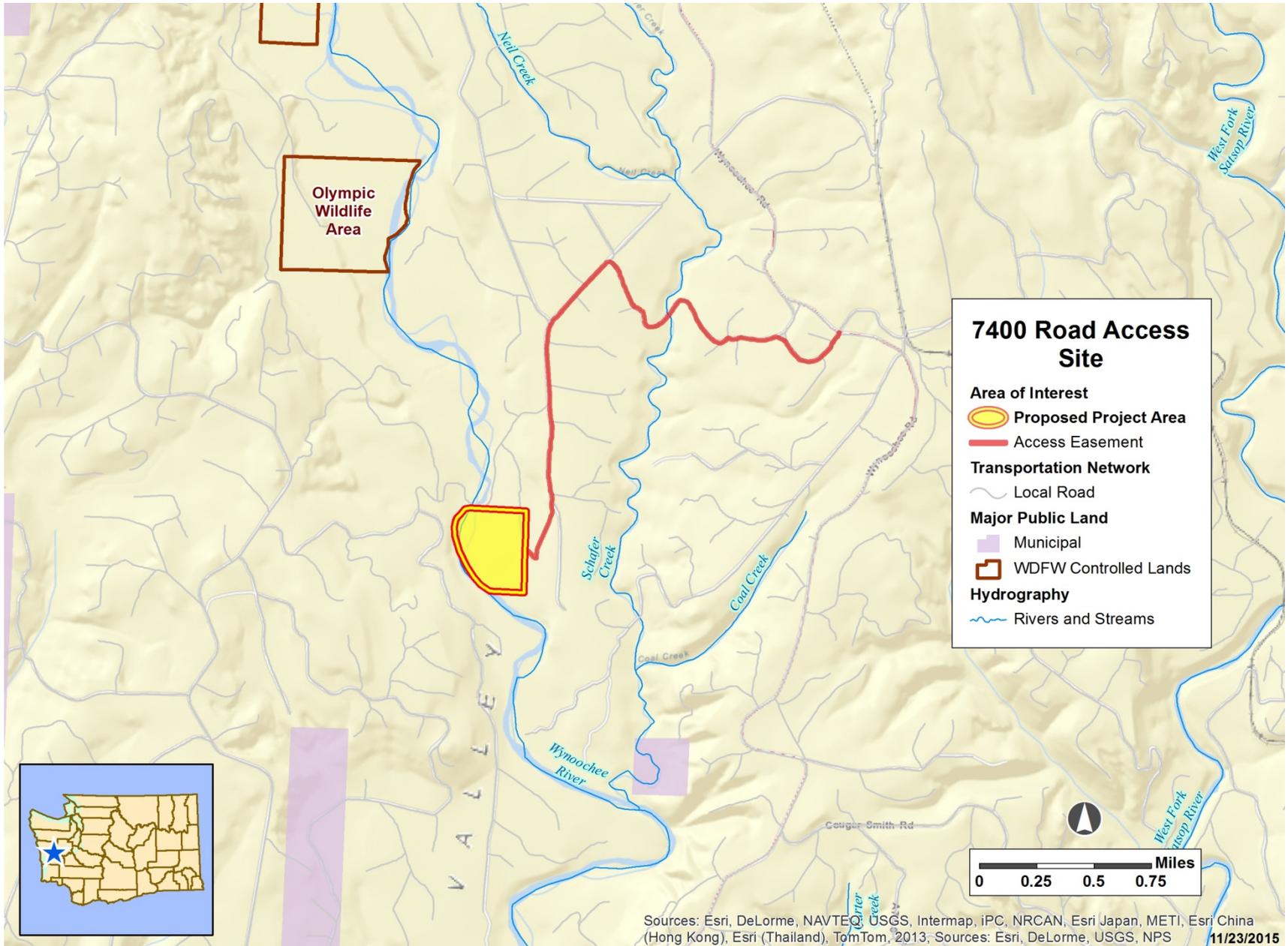




Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	WDFW's Mid-Columbia/Grand Coulee project property is an important connectivity link for sharp-tailed grouse populations in Douglas, Okanogan and Lincoln counties and a strategic component in WDFW's ongoing efforts to maintain and recover sharp-tailed grouse in these counties. A diversity of habitats are on the site: bunchgrass dominated expanses, riparian draws, stands of aspen and Ponderosa pine, seasonal wetlands, and pot-hole lakes. Other habitat features include basalt cliffs, caves, talus, and snags. The property supports a variety of Priority Species including Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, greater sage-grouse, sage thrasher, golden eagle and mule deer. Recreational use will provide an important regional community value.
Current Use	Cattle ranching, small scale irrigation, dry farming and deer hunting
Location	Northernmost Douglas County on the south shore of the Columbia River
Legislative District	# 13
Planning Link	Enhances existing Big Bend Wildlife Area in creating large contiguous areas of shrub steppe habitat, important connectivity for sharp-tailed and sage grouse.
Project Outcomes	Provides expanded habitat for sharp-tailed and sage grouse. Increases opportunity for public recreational activities such as deer hunting and wildlife viewing.

Proposed Acres	7,250
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP – Critical Habitat USFWS – Section 6
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$4,000,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$65,250 PILT - \$7,758 Future public fishing access
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	Douglas County Commissioners





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Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	WDFW plans to purchase a 15 acre easement and additional road easement for fishing access on the middle Wynochee River. This access has recently been lost due to landowner gating the road. Access once provided significant access to middle stretch of the river. WDFW's goal is to increase hatchery salmon and steelhead harvest.
Current Use	Commercial Forest
Location	North of Montesano
Legislative District	# 24
Planning Link	This water access site meets significant public demand for a water access put-in site on the Wynochee River as well as fly fishing.
Project Outcomes	Site will be developed as an unimproved launch site and gravel parking area.

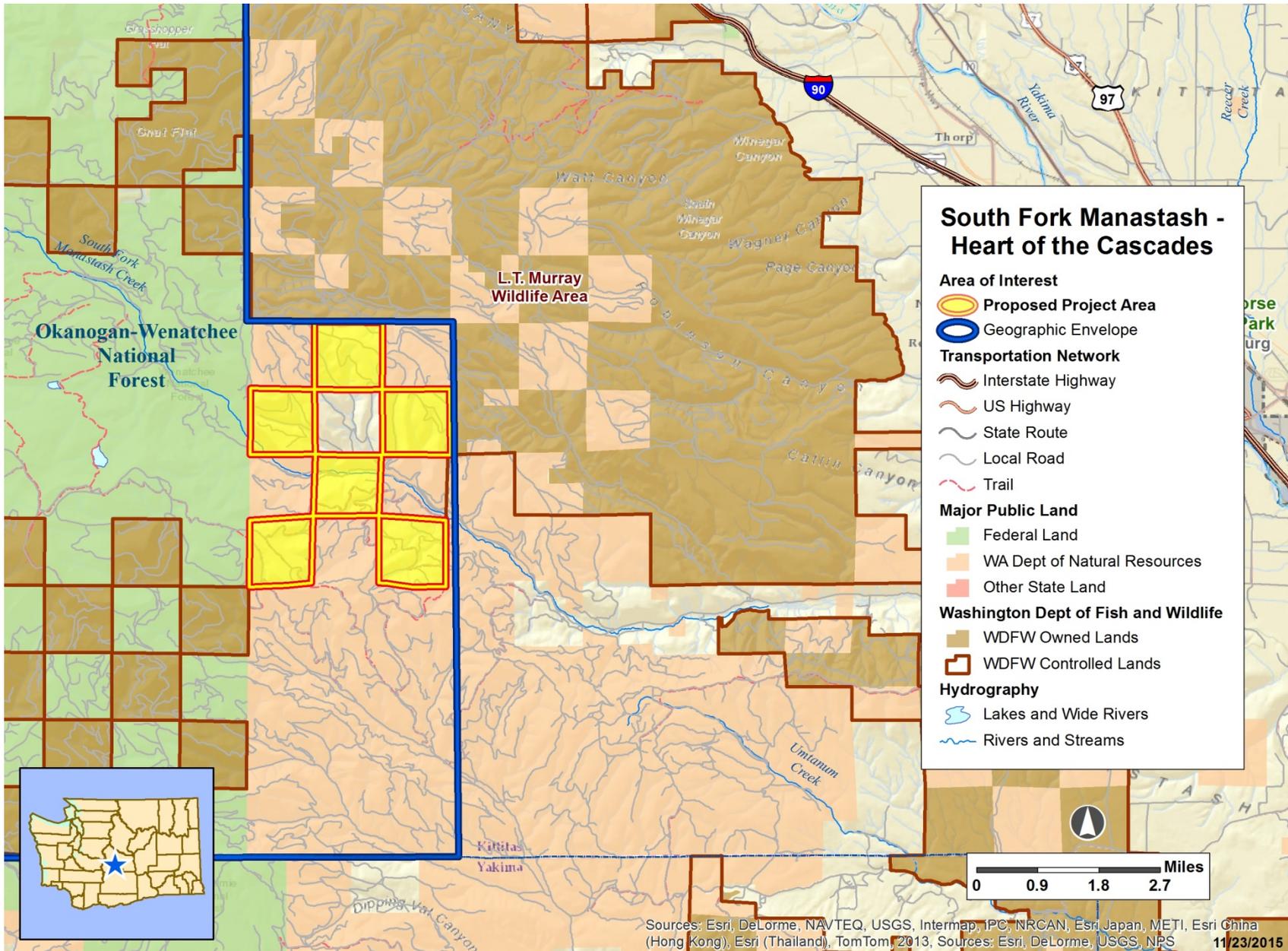
Proposed Acres	15
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP – Water Access
Type of Acquisition	Easement
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$400,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$2,000 Capital: gravel parking lot
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	Grays Harbor Poggie Club, Inc.



Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	WDFW will buy and protect 215-acres along the main stem Teaway River, 8 miles upriver from the confluence with the Yakima River. The purchase will protect ~0.6 mile of the main stem Teaway River, 2 fish-bearing tributaries, ~34 acres of floodplain, and 136 acres of mature conifer forests, wetlands and meadows. This reach of the Teaway River is used by Bull Trout, Middle Columbia River steelhead (spawning-rearing), both listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act, and is also used by Chinook Salmon (spawning-rearing), and Rainbow trout and Cutthroat trout. The uplands and floodplain are used by elk, deer, bear, beavers, cougars, gray wolves, northern spotted owls, and others.
Current Use	Agriculture, irrigated hay fields, logging, forest management, and water rights.
Location	Northeast of Cle Elum
Legislative District	# 14
Planning Link	This property is an inholding in the Teaway Community Forest which is owned by DNR and jointly managed with WDFW for recreation and habitat.
Project Outcomes	- Increased opportunity for public recreational activities such as hiking, hunting, fishing and birdwatching. -Future enhancement of floodplain and side channels.

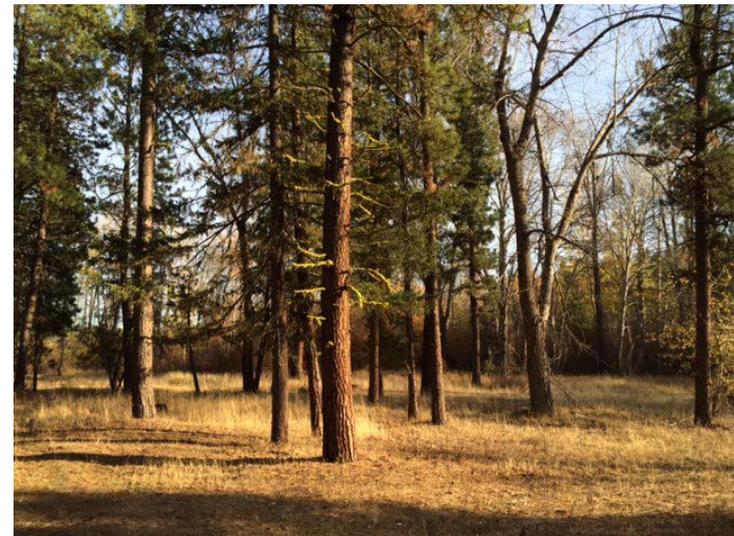
Proposed Acres	215
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP Riparian
Type of Acquisition	Fee Title
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$1,800,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$1,935 PILT - \$989
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	Trust for Public Lands, Dept. of Natural Resources, Kittitas Conservation Trust, Washington Water Trust

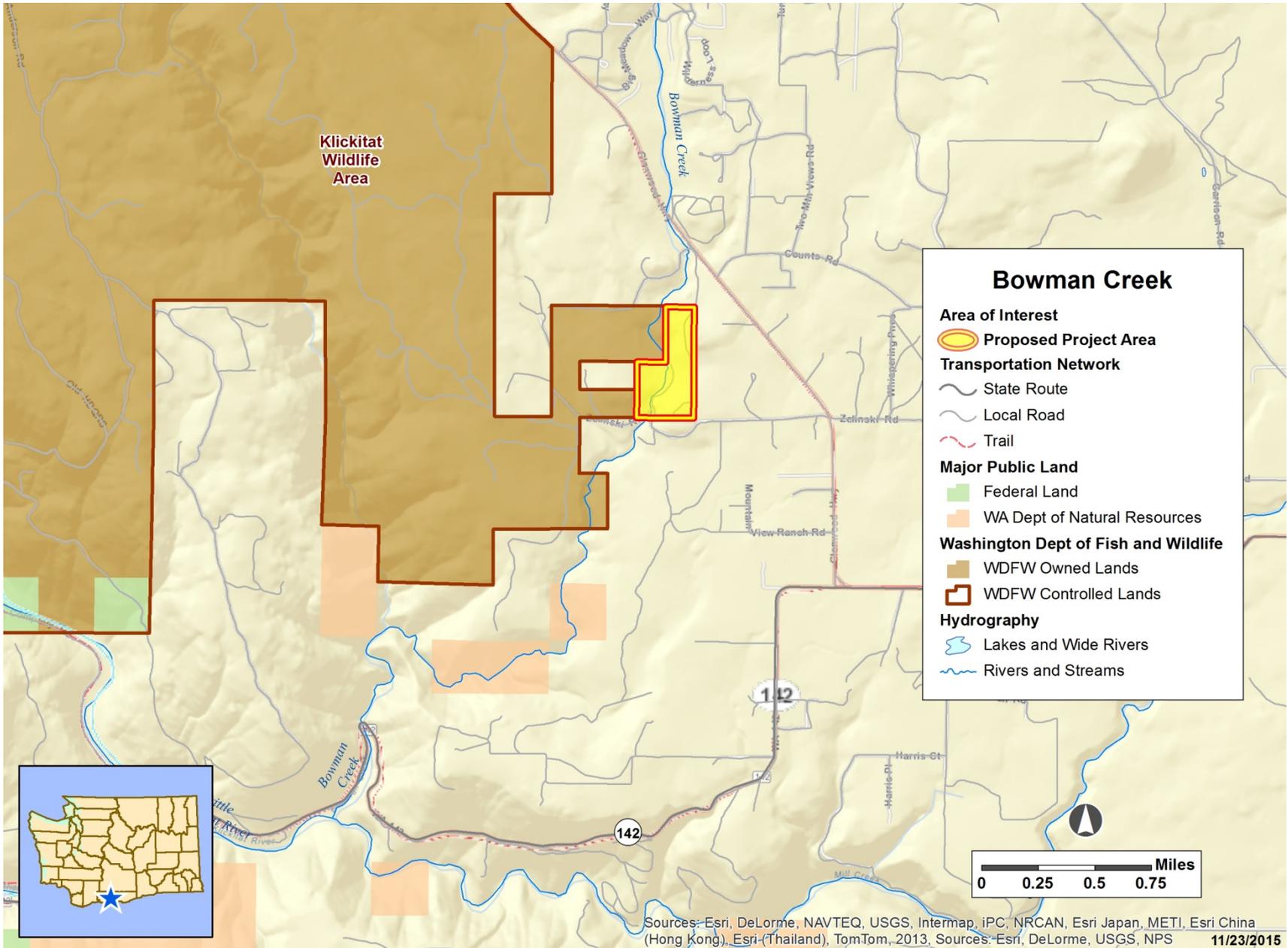




Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	WDFW has targeted the acquisition of up to 3,328 acres near the south fork of Manastash river. The acquisitions will provide critical connectivity within the central Cascades landscape, providing breeding and foraging habitat for northern spotted owls and supporting large ungulate herds, which in turn support several large carnivore species. The primary habitats that will be protected include the remaining mixed conifer forests and a variety of aquatic habitat. The primary species supported by these habitats include a diverse list of terrestrial and aquatic fish and wildlife species, including federally and state listed species, species of concern or PHS species including; northern spotted owl, northern goshawks, mule deer, elk, gray wolves, tailed frogs, western toads, long-toed salamanders, steelhead, rainbow trout, bull trout and west slope cutthroat.
Current Use	Commercial Forest
Location	Northern and Central Kittitas County
Legislative District	# 14
Planning Link	Property provides significant connectivity within the existing L.T. Murray Wildlife Areas and the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest to the west.
Project Outcomes	Increases opportunity for public recreational activities such as hiking, hunting, fishing .

Proposed Acres	3,328
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP Critical Habitat
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$1,000,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$30,000 PILT - \$15,300
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	WDFW continues to collaborate with DNR, TNC, USFS, WDNR, Kittitas Conservation Trust (KCT), Trust for Public Lands (TPL), Kittitas County commissioners, and Washington Water Trust (WWT).



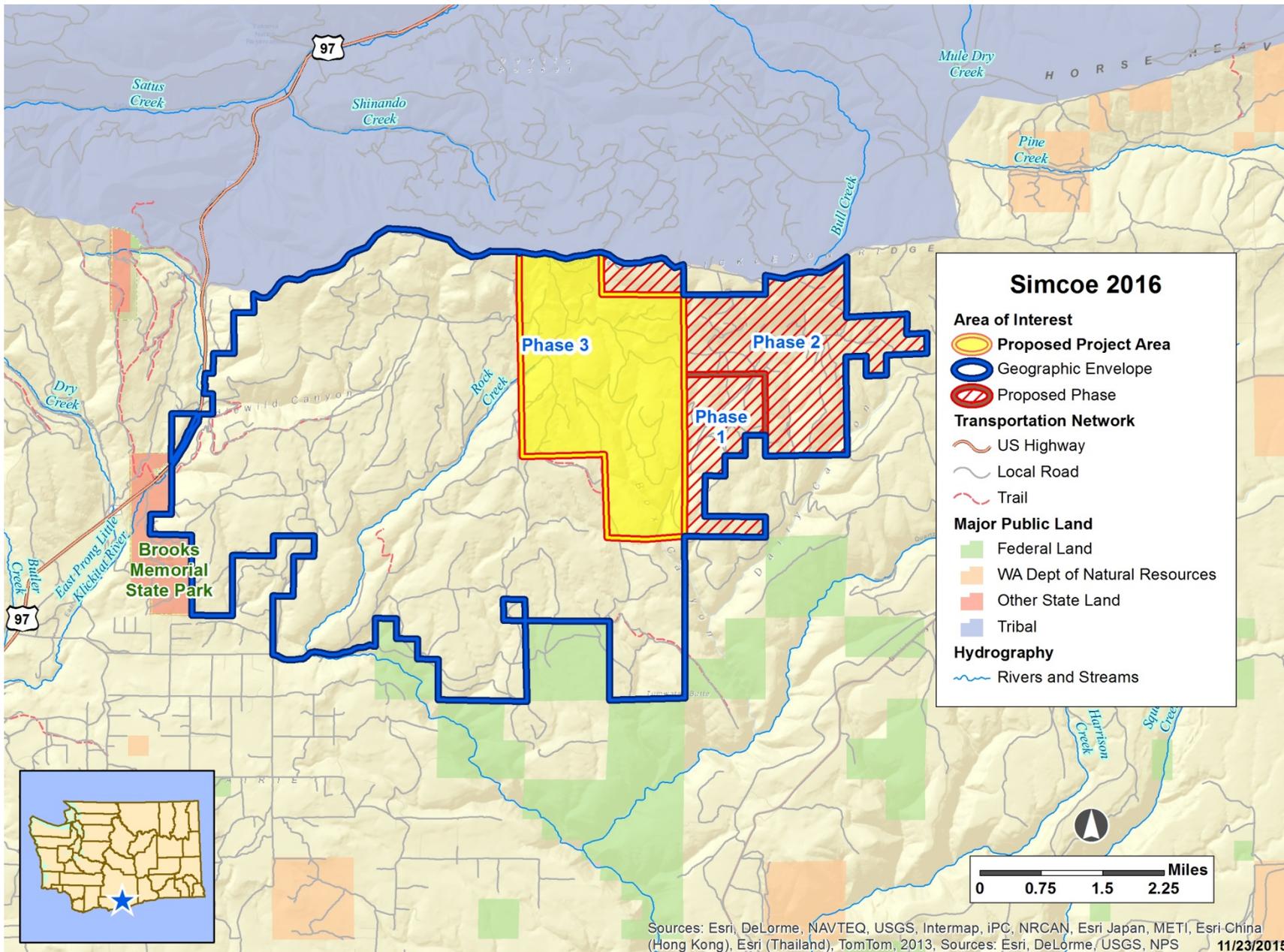


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Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	The project is to purchase 60 acres of undeveloped land, in one block, to secure permanent protection for a perennial fish-bearing stream with associated riparian habitat, pine-oak habitat occupied by western gray squirrels, and steppe habitat that is in good to moderately good condition. All upland habitat is occupied by black-tailed deer and wild turkeys, both of which are priority species for management on the Klickitat Wildlife Area. This purchase would improve WDFW's ability to manage existing ownership by making a more contiguous block of parcels, and improve access for public recreation by acquiring another parking spot for vehicles in a better location than is presently available for that area.
Current Use	Conservation
Location	Description of location
Legislative District	# 14
Planning Link	Property is an edge holding to the Soda Springs Unit of the Klickitat Wildlife Area. This acquisition enhances public access to the southeast portion of the unit and preserves additional habitat for black-tailed deer, wild turkeys and pine-oak habitat for Western gray squirrels.
Project Outcomes	Increases opportunity for public recreational activities such as hiking, hunting, fishing . Provides improved access by gaining another parking area in a better location than presently available.

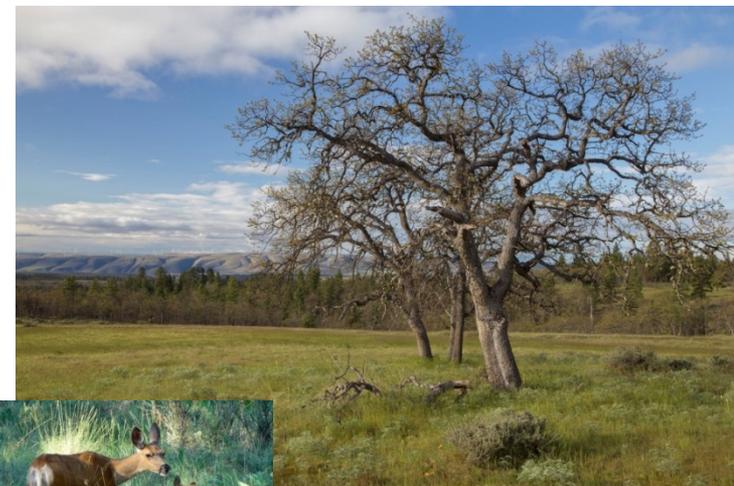
Proposed Acres	60
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP - Riparian
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$500,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$540 PILT - \$460
Revenue Generation	Discover
Partnerships	Columbia Land Trust

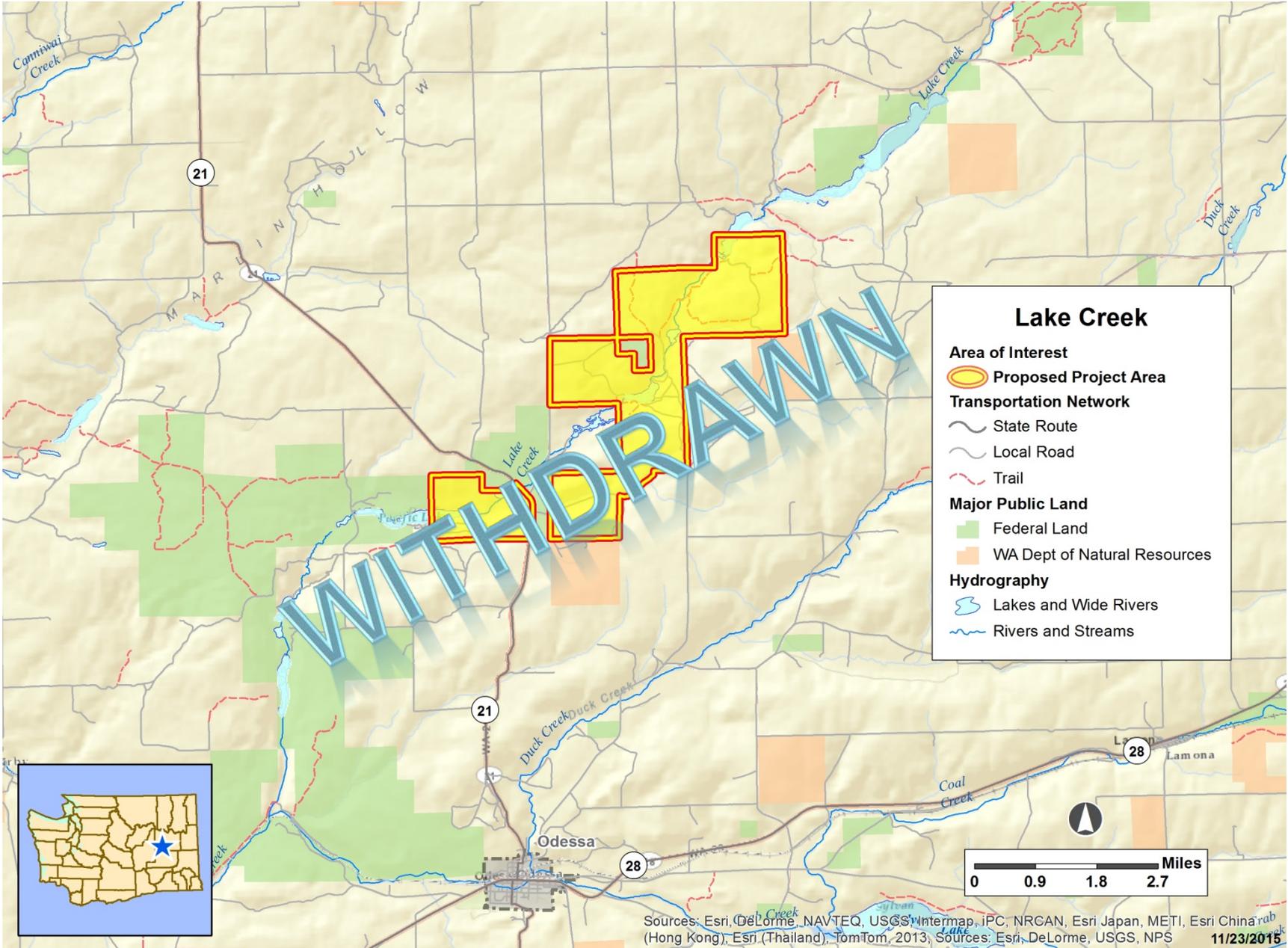




Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This Project is a unique landscape that includes primarily Ponderosa Pine, Oregon white oak, white alder, shrub steppe, grasslands, cliffs, and 10 miles of riparian habitat that includes the upper Rock Creek . Priority species that would be protected include federally listed steelhead, Chinook salmon, state threatened western gray squirrel, burrowing owl, and western toad. Acquisition of this land would provide quality public recreation (hiking, fishing, and hunting) currently unavailable in this area. Restoration would focus on managing riparian and upland habitats for critical species longevity. Local economy would continue to benefit from compatible grazing and forest management to reduce wildfire risk.
Current Use	Commercial forest and rangeland
Location	Simcoe Mountains east of Hwy. 97
Legislative District	# 14
Planning Link	Property will become a new Wildlife Area in eastern Klickitat County. Acquisition provides connectivity from the Columbia River to the Cascade Mountains for protection of fish and wildlife habitat
Project Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides expanded winter habitat for the Klickitat deer herd. - Aides in the recovery of threatened western gray squirrel. - Increases opportunity for public recreation - Provides continued working lands with grazing and forest management compatible with habitat preservation.

Proposed Acres	3,500
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP Critical Habitat
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$3,000,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$31,500 PILT - \$26,800
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass, managed forestry and grazing
Partnerships	Eastern and Central Klickitat Conservation Districts, WA State Conservation Commission

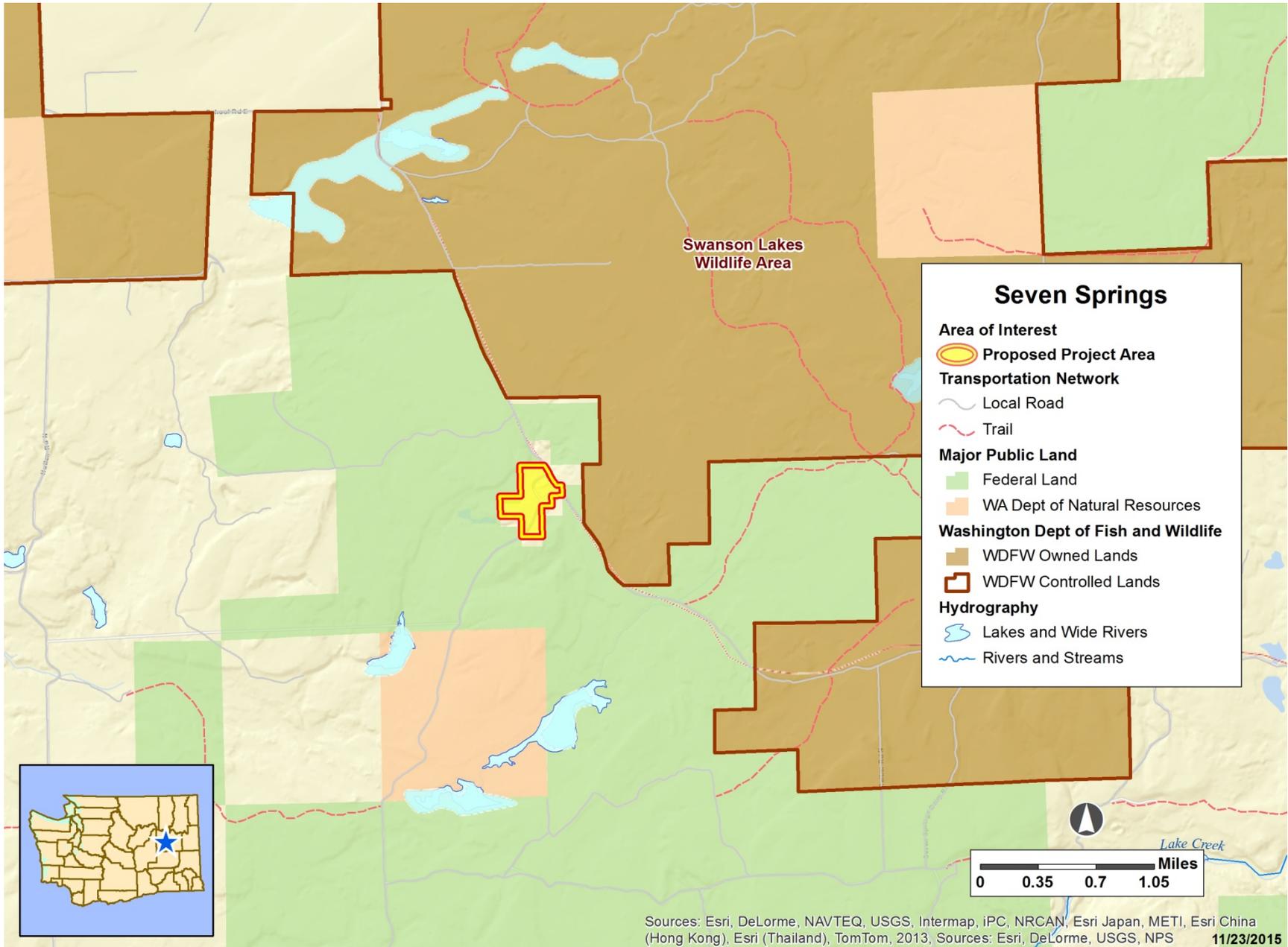




Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	WDFW is proposing 5,542 acres of intact shrub steppe habitat located in the Lake Creek drainage in central Lincoln County. The Lake Creek drainage has been routinely identified in landscape and species conservation analyses as an area of high importance for wildlife connectivity, landscape integrity, and possessing priority habitats critical to species of concern. Additionally the property has great recreation potential for: deer hunting (lies within the core of the local mule deer herd), fishing (contains the southern half Deer Lake, a trout lake stocked regularly by WDFW), and upland game bird hunting. Though no current Sharp-tailed or Sage Grouse lek is known of on the property, radio marked individuals of each species have been documented using the property
Current Use	Once an active cattle ranch, cows have been removed for over three years. This ranch has been on the market for over five years
Location	Central Lincoln County, just north of Odessa
Legislative District	# 13
Project Outcomes	Expansion of sharp-tailed and sage grouse populations. Recreation opportunities include mule deer and waterfowl hunting, and fishing at Deer Lake. This area would become part of the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area

Proposed Acres	5,542
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP – Critical Habitat
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$3,000,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$ 49,900 PILT - \$7,700
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	Inland Northwest Land Conservancy, Spokane Audubon, Mule Deer Foundation, BLM, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited

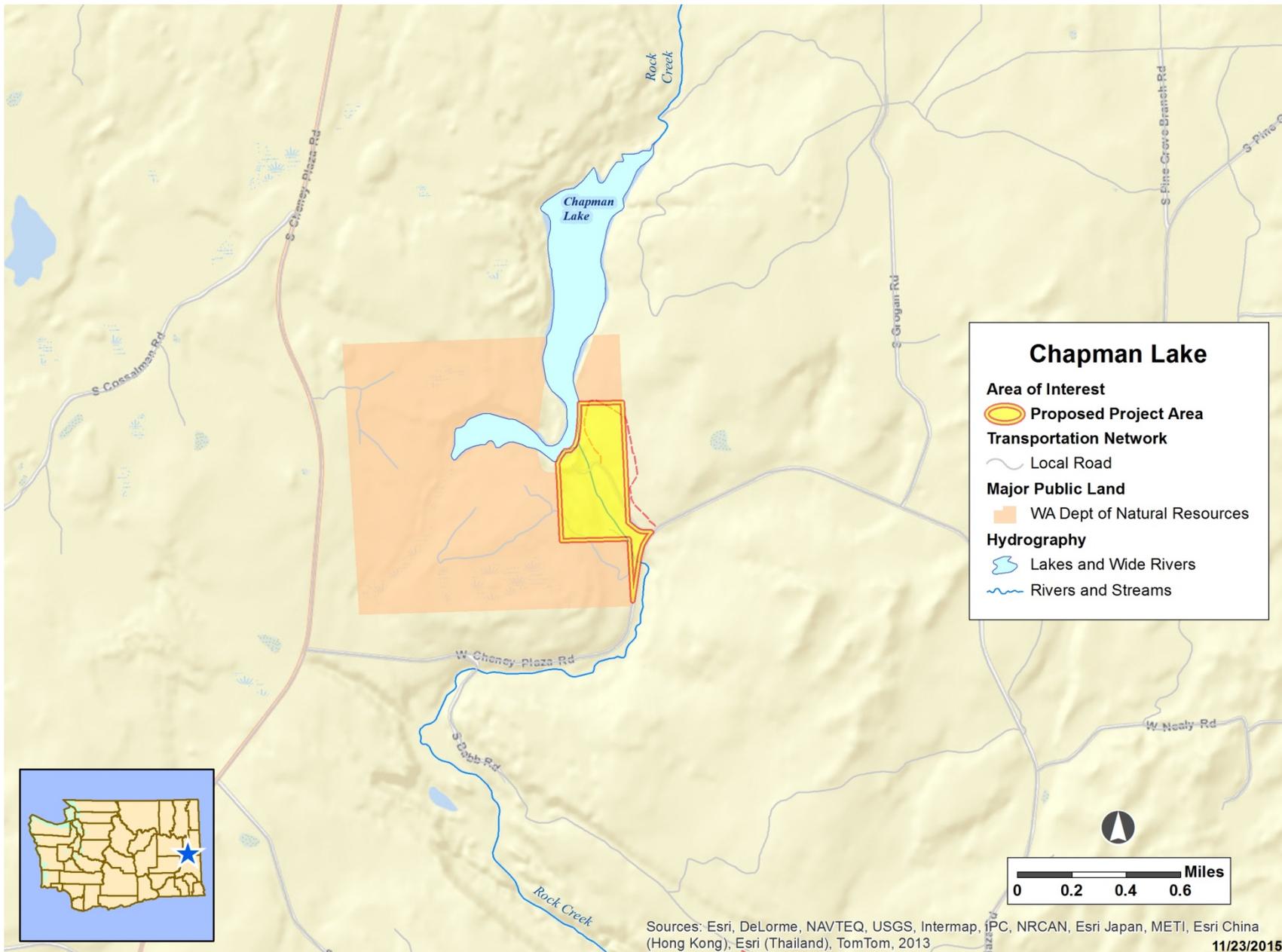




Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This 59- acre parcel includes a large single-story house, garage, shop, and barn on about 2 acres. The other 57 acres consist of shrub-steppe, grassland, and two small aspen groves. This habitat is valuable for prairie grouse (Greater sage grouse and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse) habitat. The only sage grouse lek in Lincoln County is located within one mile of this property. The property is an inholding, located between WDFW- and BLM-owned properties. The residence would replace the current Swanson Lakes WLA headquarters, which is too small for the staff working there and has substandard septic and well systems. This property is also located on a county road, at a location often used as a headquarters for fighting range fires that occur regularly in the vicinity
Current Use	Private residence with a large single-story house, garage, shop and large barn on 2 acres. History of livestock grazing.
Location	Central Lincoln County
Legislative District	# 13
Planning Link	Adjacent to the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area.
Project Outcomes	Replaces Swanson Wildlife Area Headquarters office, station for fire crews and coordinating fire response, recreation and sage grouse habitat.

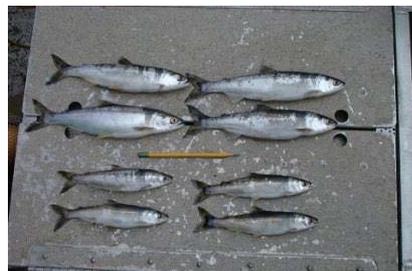
Proposed Acres	59
Proposed Funding Source	Capital Funding
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$400,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$531 PILT - \$ 82.00
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	Bureau of Land Management, Lincoln Conservation District, Spokane Chapter of Audubon Society, Inland NW Land Conservancy

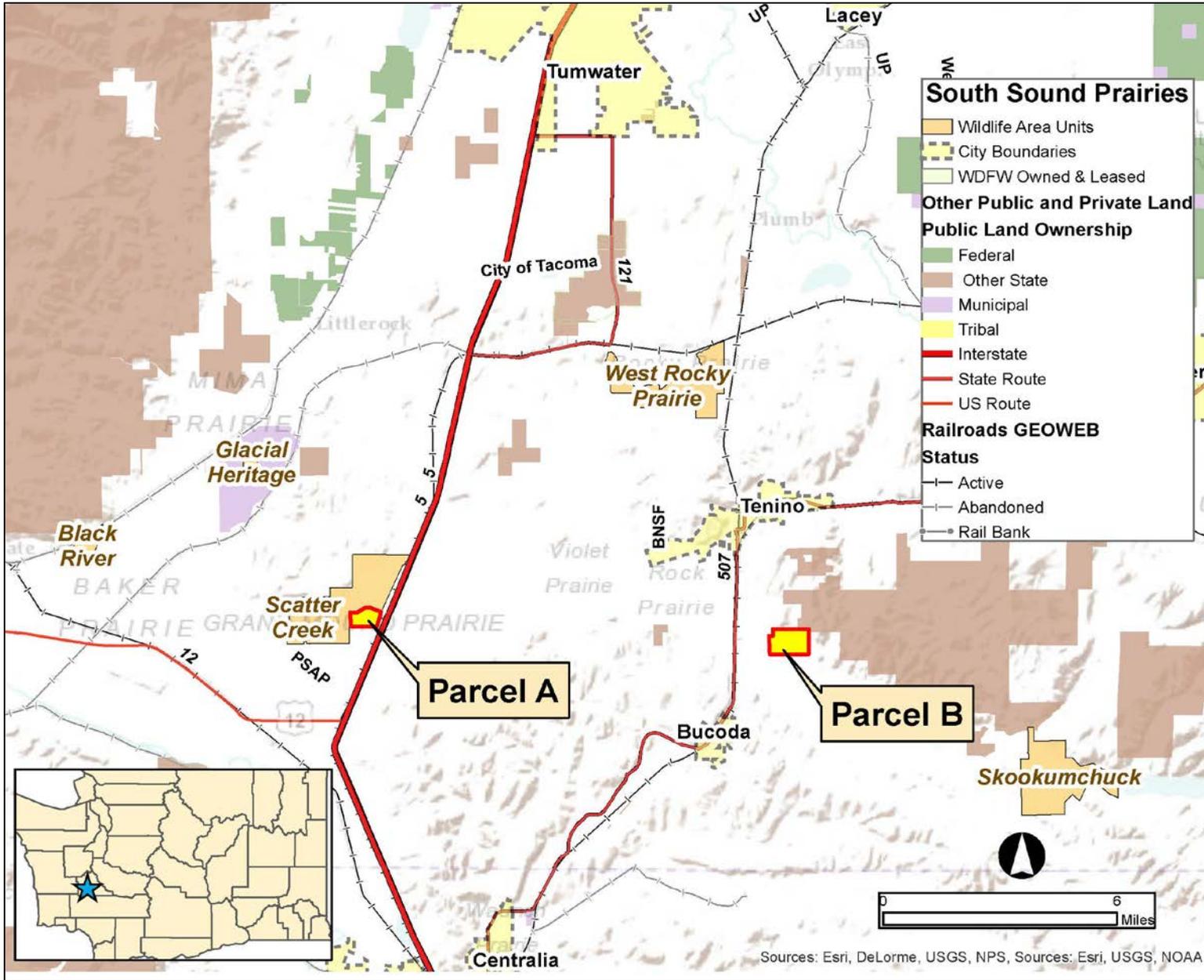




Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This proposal will complete the acquisition and development of 75 acres on the south bank of Chapman Lake; includes ponderosa pine forest and approximately 1,400 feet of riparian habitat . The property is surrounded on three sides by DNR land. This acquisition will connect existing sections of public land and restore public boater access to Chapman Lake. This land includes an older boat launch which, until the resort closed, was the sole source for public boating access to Chapman Lake.
Current Use	Private Property
Location	35 miles from Spokane in southern Spokane County
Legislative District	# 9
Planning Link	This boating water access site meets significant public demand for a water access to Chapman Lake with the only Kokanee fishery in the district. Connects to existing public lands.
Project Outcomes	Develop public lake access, boat launch, restroom facilities

Proposed Acres	80
Proposed Funding Source	RCO - Boating Facilities Program (acquisition /development)
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	Acquisition and Development of this site is expected to be approx. \$1,100,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$2,000 PILT - \$12,400
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	Spokane County

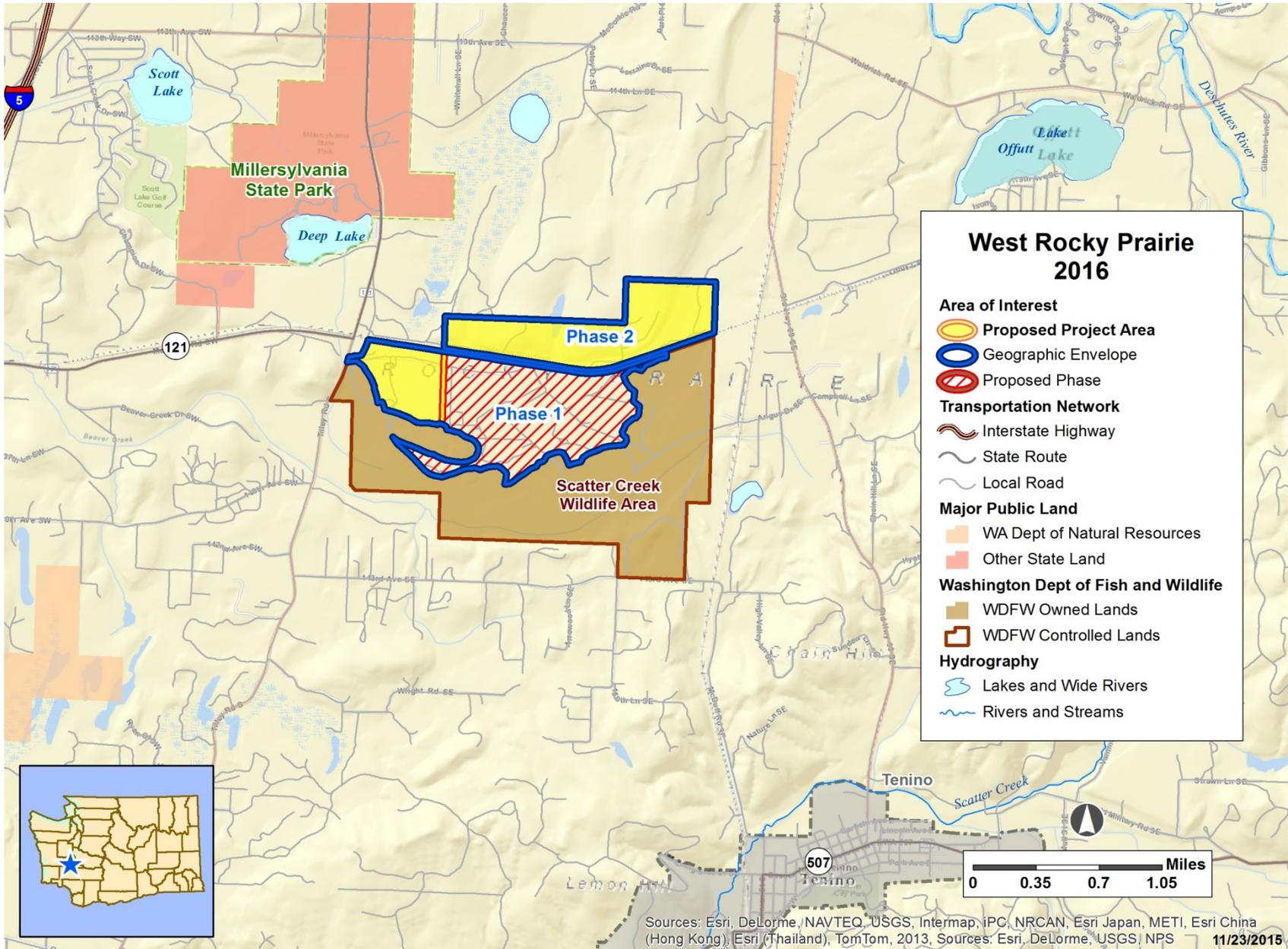




Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This proposal is to acquire either fee title or a conservation easement for two properties focused on the conservation of the South Puget Sound Prairies. Species conservation focuses on the Mazama pocket gopher. Acquisition of the properties will enhance opportunities for habitat maintenance and restoration.
Current Use	Private property, Agricultural fields
Location	Description of location
Legislative District	# 20
Planning Link	Adjacent to or in vicinity of Scatter Creek Wildlife Area ; managed for prairie and oak habitat, freshwater wetlands and riparian habitats including critical habitat for Mazama Pocket Gopher, Taylor’s checkerspot and Mardon skipper butterfly species.
Project Outcomes	Provides expanded prairie habitat for Mazama pocket gopher and butterfly species; Increases opportunity for public recreation including wildlife viewing and low impact trails.

Proposed Acres	240
Proposed Funding Source	Parcel A: WWRP – Urban Wildlife Parcel B: USFWS – Section 6
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple and/or Conservation Easement
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$1,600,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$2,160 PILT - \$6,400
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	Sentinel Lands Working Group (USDA-NRCS, USFWS, USDOD, Ctr for Natural Land Management, Capital Land Trust, Nisqually Land Trust, Thurston County



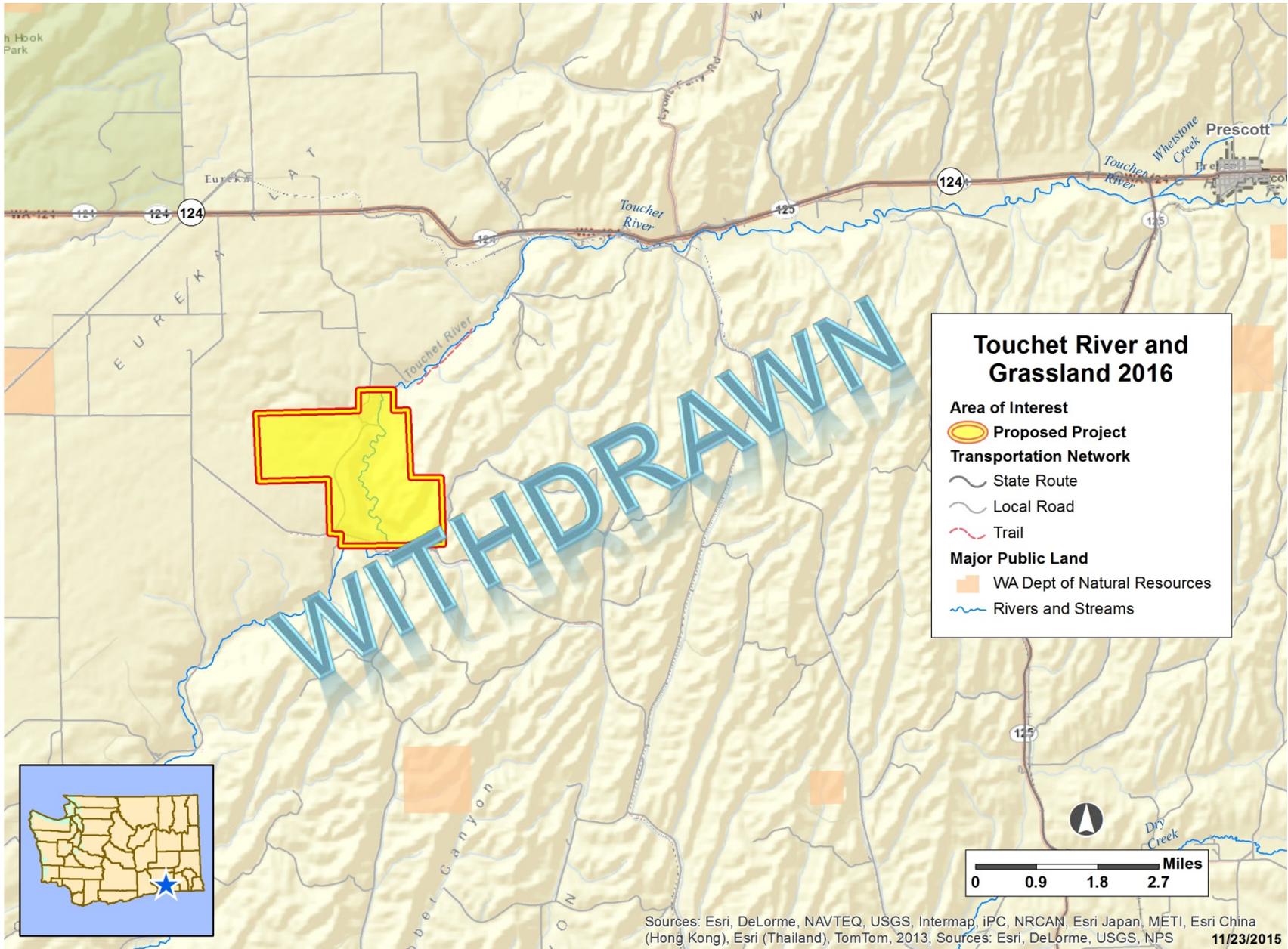


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Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This proposal continues the protection of the largest available tract of unique prairie-oak-wetland habitat mosaic in South Puget Sound. Protects habitat for reintroduction of golden paintbrush, streaked horn lark , Oregon spotted frog, Mardon skipper butterfly and Mazama pocket gopher . This acquisition would expand the existing wildlife area by improving the viability of species, core habitats and buffers. Recreation activities include: wildlife viewing, hunting (big game and upland bird) and hiking.
Current Use	Undeveloped land/gravel mine
Location	South Thurston County
Legislative District	# 20
Planning Link	Adds to the West Rocky Prairie unit of Scatter Creek Wildlife Area. Primary habitat management focus is restoration and maintenance of prairie habitats using prescribed fire, exotic plant control and re-establishment of native species.
Project Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protects unique prairie/oak/wetland habitat ; - Provides site for reintroduction of prairie species. - Increases opportunity for public recreation including wildlife viewing .

Proposed Acres	745
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP – Urban Wildlife
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$5,000,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$6,700 PILT - \$32,000
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	Joint Base Lewis McChord, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Puget Prairies, Center for Natural Lands Management, Forterra

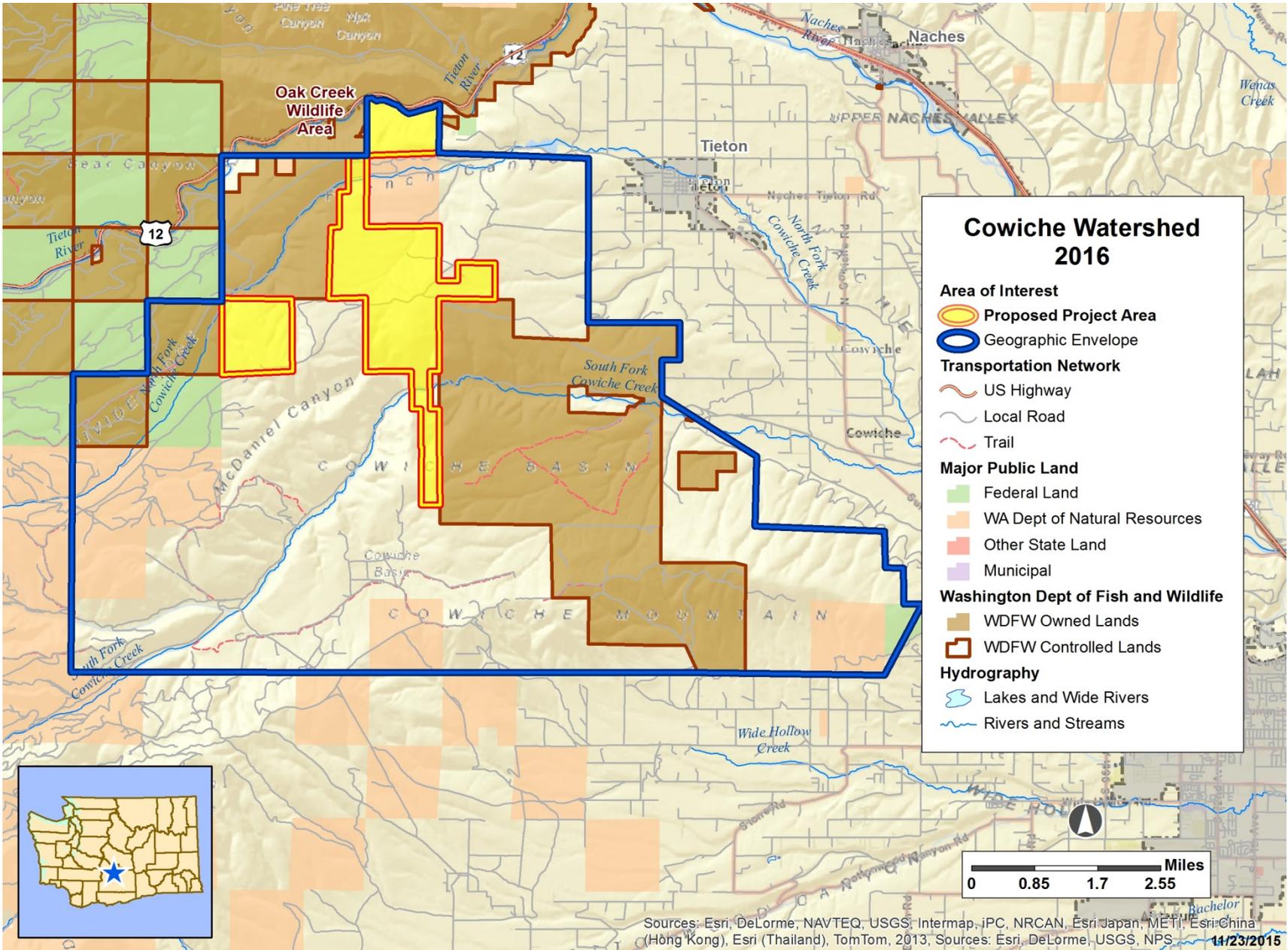




Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	The Touchet Riparian Project proposal includes acquisition of approximately 2560 acres, including 3.5 miles of the Touchet River that supports critical riparian habitat. Acquiring the property provides the opportunity to integrate grassland and riparian zone protection and management, which will help WFDW meet strategic plan goals to preserve and protect fish and wildlife resources. The riparian zone is approximately 185 acres, which includes 60 acres of mature cottonwood habitat and 125 acres that were recently enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).
Current Use	Enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – 125 acres riparian restoration; and 1,529 acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. Past agriculture use.
Location	West of Prescott
Legislative District	# 16
Planning Link	Fish and wildlife conservation and recreation; part of the Blue Mountain Wildlife Area Complex.
Project Outcomes	Increases opportunity for public recreational activities such as hiking, hunting, fishing .

Proposed Acres	2,560
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP - Riparian
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$2,500,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$ 23,000 PILT - \$10,000
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partners	Pheasants Forever, Tri-State Steelheaders, Richland Rod and Gun Club are groups supportive of this purchase. We had approval from the Walla Walla County Commissioners in 2008 when we sought funding through WWRP and the current status of County support is being pursued by the Regional Director.

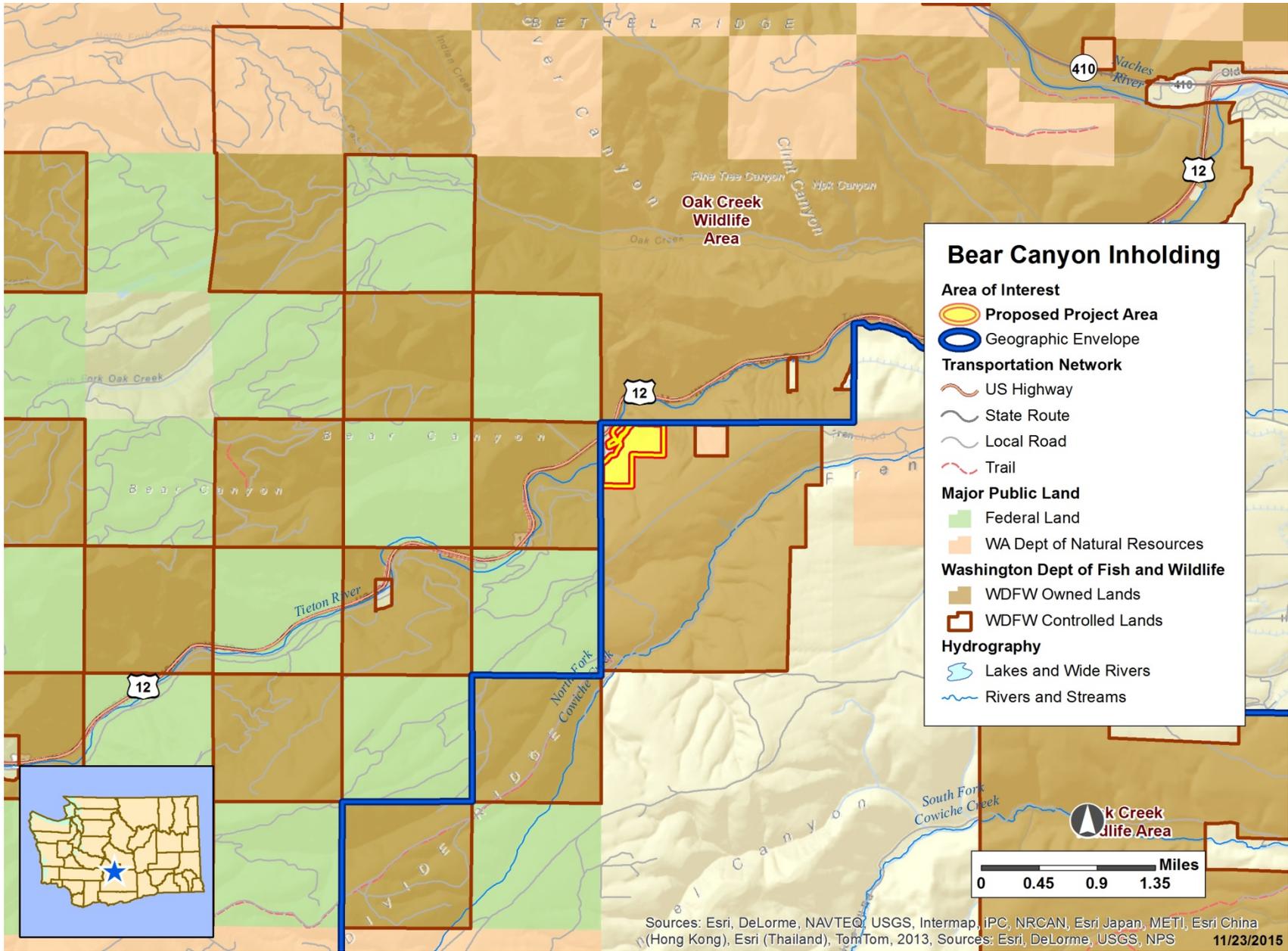




Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	The Cowiche project is a key location on the landscape between two existing WDFW wildlife area units (Cowiche and Oak Creek) and is adjacent to other public lands. The area contains large parcels of valuable habitats found in the shrub steppe/forest transitional zone including: shrub steppe, stream, aspen, oak woodlands and big game winter range. Currently these priority habitats meet the needs of the target species including: raptors, bats, woodpeckers, Mid-Columbia steelhead, mule deer and elk. The area also supports a strong public recreation component of hunting, wildlife viewing, camping, hiking and mountain biking.
Current Use	Grazing, forest management and recreation
Location	Northwest of Yakima
Legislative District	# 14
Planning Link	Connects two Wildlife Units, will be managed as part of the Cowiche Wildlife Area as a vital migration corridor for big game.
Project Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased opportunity for public recreational activities such as hiking and hunting . - Enhances habitat for big game winter range.

Proposed Acres	3,292
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP Critical Habitat
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$2,300,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$29,500 PILT - \$15,500
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	Cowiche Canyon Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Lands, Rocky Mt Elk Foundation, the Yakama Nation, Bureau of Land Management, Yakima County and U.S. Forest Service





Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	The property is an inholding to the Oak Creek Wildlife Area in the Bear Canyon Area. Located along the Tieton River and US Hwy 12 the property has easy access from the highway and is located on both sides of the river and an island. The current landowner has goats, llamas and other livestock that are located in the range of the Tieton bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to purchase the property from a willing seller to remove the potential negative interaction between domestic livestock and bighorn sheep, and to provide additional opportunities for steelhead habitat restoration.
Current Use	Grazing, privately owned
Location	Northwest of Yakima
Legislative District	# 14
Planning Link	Inholding to Oak Creek Wildlife Area;
Project Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased opportunity for public recreational activities such as hiking and fishing ; - Restoration of riparian habitat to improve steelhead opportunities;

Proposed Acres	92
Proposed Funding Source	WWRP - Riparian
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Proposed Acquisition Cost	\$750,000
Anticipated Future Costs - Annual	O & M - \$900 PILT - \$450
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass
Partnerships	The project has support from Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Wild Sheep Foundation, Yakama Nation Fisheries and Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group.



This section describes the habitat and recreation land acquisition missions and processes of the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and State Parks and Recreation Commission.

State agency acquisition goals are based on recreation and conservation needs expressed by the public, and on state and federal legal requirements to provide recreational opportunities and protect threatened and endangered fish, wildlife and plants. Each agency has distinct missions directed by legislation designed to meet those needs. Agency acquisition plans establish criteria for identifying priority purchases that will best fulfill the agency mission, and processes for pursuing the priorities.

Department of Natural Resources	Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Parks and Recreation Commission
<p>Mission: Set aside, preserve, and protect natural areas for present and future generations (Revised Code of Washington 79.70)</p>	<p>Mission: Preserve, protect, and perpetuate fish and wildlife species; maximize the public recreational game fishing and hunting opportunities; (Revised Code of Washington 77.04)</p>	<p>Missions: Increase access to free or low cost recreational opportunities (Revised Code of Washington 79A.05)</p> <p>Acquire and manage state park lands to maintain and enhance ecological, aesthetic, and recreational purposes (Revised Code of Washington 79A.05)</p>
<p>Statewide Plan: Natural Heritage Plan (2011)</p>	<p>Statewide Plan: Lands 20/20 Vision (2005)</p>	<p>Statewide Plan: Centennial 2013 Plan (2003)</p>
<p>Statewide Objectives: Identify priority ecosystems and species for conservation.</p> <p>Build and maintain a database for priority ecosystems and species.</p> <p>Share and use the information to ensure potential public and private acquisitions have high conservation value.</p>	<p>Statewide Objectives: Provide benefits for fish and wildlife (identify and prioritize crucial habitats for priority species and habitats as identified in department plans).</p> <p>Provide benefits for the public (available and accessible fish and wildlife related recreation and educational opportunities; local or state economic benefits).</p> <p>Operational Excellence (habitat values maintained, wildlife area management plans updated, operation and maintenance support ensured, partnerships and citizen involvement utilized.)</p>	<p>Statewide Objectives: Fix what we have.</p> <p>Upgrade existing parks, trails, and services.</p> <p>Add new parks, trails, and services and work towards opening new parks.</p>

Mission

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has a dual mandate to preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities. The agency is charged with sustaining all wildlife species other than plants, including invertebrates, fish and marine invertebrates, amphibians and reptiles, and birds and mammals.

The Department's Strategic Plan for 2015-17 applies conservation principles to the following Goals:

Goal 1: conserve and protect native fish and wildlife

Goal 2: Provide sustainable fishing, hunting, and other wildlife-related recreational and commercial experiences

Goal 3: Promote a healthy economy, protect community character, maintain an overall high quality of life, and deliver high-quality customer service

Goal 4: Build an effective and efficient organization by supporting the workforce, improving business processes, and investing in technology.

Plan

The Department's "Lands 20/20: A Clear Vision for the Future" guides decisions on the agency's land portfolio.

- Provide benefits to fish and wildlife
- Provide benefits for the public
- Ensure operational excellence

The "2016-2021 Department of Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Recreation Lands RCO Grant Eligibility Plan" qualifies the Department to participate in certain RCO grant programs that have a planning requirement.

Land acquisition is an essential tool used by the Department to meet its legislative mandate. Our land acquisition work is aimed at maintaining a citizen-supported portfolio of lands that will sustain Washington's diverse fish and wildlife and their habitats into the next century.

Land Acquisition Process

The department assesses species and landscape conservation needs using species recovery and management plans, habitat conservation plans, biodiversity conservation framework, habitat connectivity analyses, and other data.

Department staff and conservation partners identify potential habitat and recreation lands using the Lands 20/20 framework. Internal policy and the Lands Evaluation Tool screen projects for grant categories.

The agency evaluates compatibility with statewide and regional conservation initiatives including the Governor's priorities, multi-state, federal, city, county and non-government organizations initiatives.

Staff applies for federal and state grants and when awarded, work with willing sellers to acquire either conservation easements or fee interest.

State Agency Habitat and Recreation Land Acquisition Priorities

Department of Natural Resources	Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Parks and Recreation Commission
<p>Natural Area Preserves Representative examples of highest quality native ecosystems</p> <p>Rare or diminishing plant or animal populations</p>	<p>Natural Area Preserves Representative examples of highest quality native ecosystems</p> <p>Populations of endangered, threatened, sensitive, rare, or diminishing animal species</p>	<p>Natural Area Preserves Representative examples of highest quality native ecosystems</p>
<p>Natural Resources Conservation Areas Objective: Areas with high priority for conservation, natural systems, wildlife, and low-impact public use values</p> <p>Criteria: Flora, fauna, geological, archaeological, scenic or similar features; native ecological communities; connectivity between protected areas; protection of Natural Area Preserves core area; and opportunities for low impact public use</p>	<p>Wildlife Areas Objective: Focus on lands that are necessary to recover, maintain, or enhance the integrity of priority species, habitats, and ecosystems.</p> <p>Criteria: Priority species, habitat values, biodiversity, appropriate and accessible recreation, research and education, economics, fiscal accountability, stewardship, partnership and citizen involvement.</p>	<p>Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) Includes: Natural Area Preserves, Natural/Natural Forest Areas, Resource Recreation Areas, Recreation Areas, and Heritage Areas.</p> <p>Objective: Protect a view shed or for stewardship of natural and cultural resources.</p> <p>Criteria: Significance, popularity, experiences, uniqueness, flora and fauna, scenery size, condition, and revenue.</p>
<p>Recreation Lands Objective: The Department of Natural Resources does not buy land primarily for recreation purposes.</p>	<p>Recreation Lands Objective: Acquire property to provide fish and wildlife-related recreational opportunities for the public and for department administrative support.</p> <p>Criteria: Need, site suitability and design, diversity and compatibility, performance measures, public benefit ,and population proximity.</p>	<p>Recreation Lands Objective: Acquire parkland for outdoor recreational opportunities for the public</p> <p>Criteria: Significance, popularity, experiences, uniqueness, flora and fauna, scenery size, condition, and revenue</p>