

# **PROPOSAL – Reardan's Audubon Lake 2014**

## **150 Acres**

### **Conservation Values**

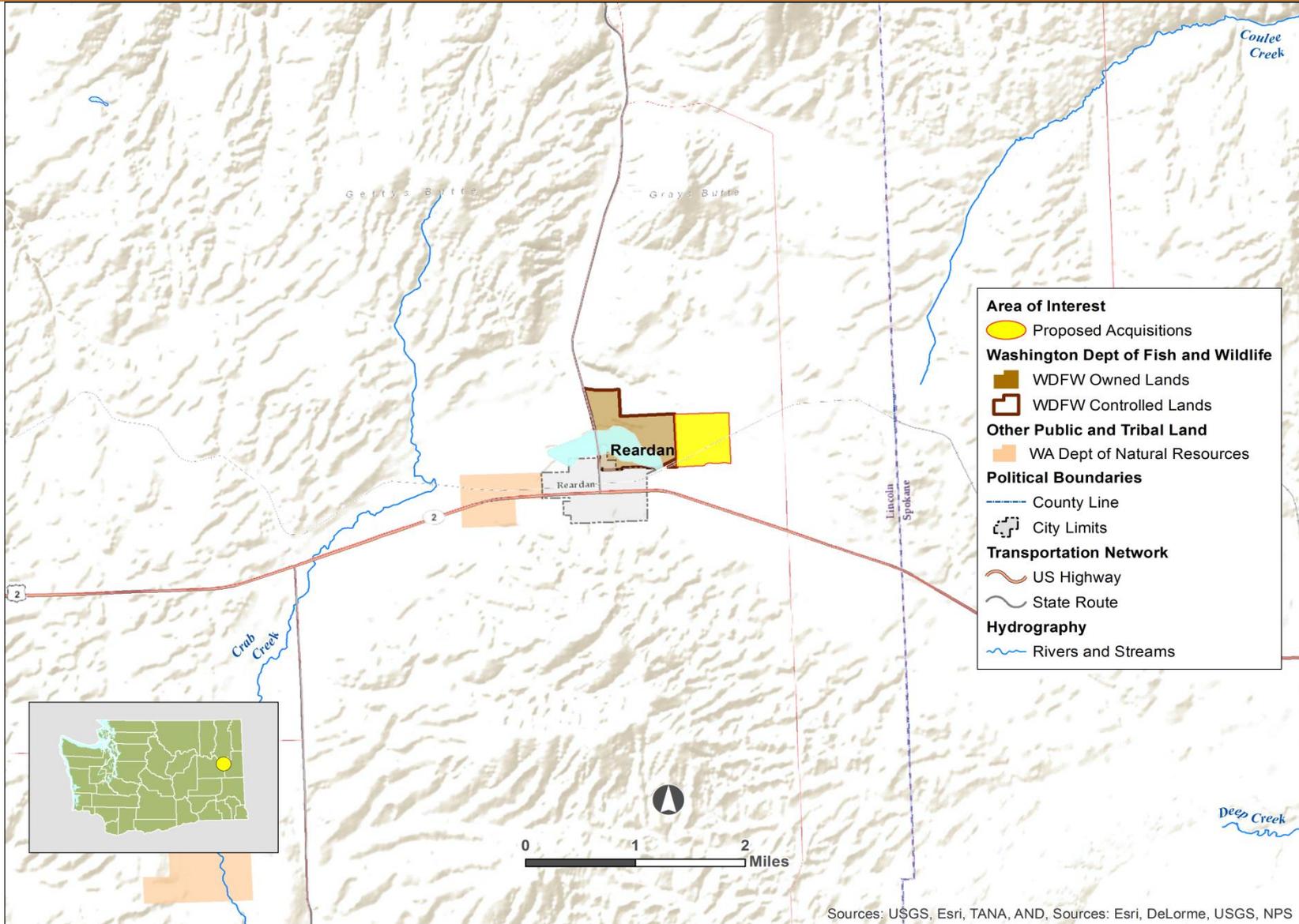
- **Protects Palouse prairie grasslands, channeled scablands, wetlands and vernal pools**
- **Used by more than 100 species of birds**
- **Important site for migratory birds**
- **Connected to Department of Fish and Wildlife lands**

### **Recreational Values**

- **Wildlife Viewing (Washington Birding Trail)**
- **Nature photography**

Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Estimated Acres	150
Existing Uses	Low intensity grazing in the past
Threats	Development
Intended Uses	This acquisition would be under the management of the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area and would provide opportunities for increased wildlife viewing.
Project Description	This acquisition provides critical habitat for wetland-associated species since it lies at the western edge of the Spokane Plateau, north of the Palouse hills, and east of the channelized scablands. This area provide habitat for more than 100 birds and other wildlife species, with many of them depending on the area for spring and fall migration, and as breeding grounds in the summer. There are six conservation target species associated with this area: Columbia spotted frog, western toad, bald eagle, western grebe, sage thrasher and Townsend's big-eared bat. This acquisition provides important critical habitat; providing aquatic, wetland, riparian and lakeshore habitats interspersed with shrub steppe and steppe habitats. It would be included as part of the Audubon Washington Important Bird Area nomination and would be a valuable addition to the Reardan Lakes stop on the Northeast Washington Birding "Palouse to Pines" trail.
Partners/Supporters	City of Reardan, Reardan Chamber of Commerce, Reardan Public Development Authority, Elk's Club, Audubon, Inland Northwest Land Trust, Eastern Washington University, Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, Ducks Unlimited, Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge





Sources: USGS, Esri, TANA, AND, Sources: Esri, DeLorme, USGS, NPS