

PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS

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Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: June 12-13, 2020 Commission Meeting
Agenda item: Proposed Land Transaction
Presenter(s): Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Services Manager

Background summary:

Item 1: The Taneum Creek acquisition proposal is to purchase 318 (+/-) acres in Kittitas County located at the northern end of the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area. The property includes one mile of the mainstem Taneum Creek and includes critical habitat for the Mid-Columbia steelhead. This also is a focal stream for Coho reintroduction in the upper Yakima Basin.

The appraised value of this property is \$1,850,000 and funding is being provided through a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant administered by the Recreation and Conservation Office. Initial operations and maintenance (O/M) costs for necessary survey, fencing and weed control will be covered by grant funding used for this acquisition. Agency budget requests now include longer term O/M costs which are anticipated to be \$52/acre.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend approval of this transaction.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Protecting critical fish and wildlife habitat and providing public recreational opportunities.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

See Operations and Maintenance costs above.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

This project was approved through the agency's Lands 20/20 Process.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Approval of the Land Transaction as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to approve the transaction as presented by staff.

Is there a "second"?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

Post decision communications plan:

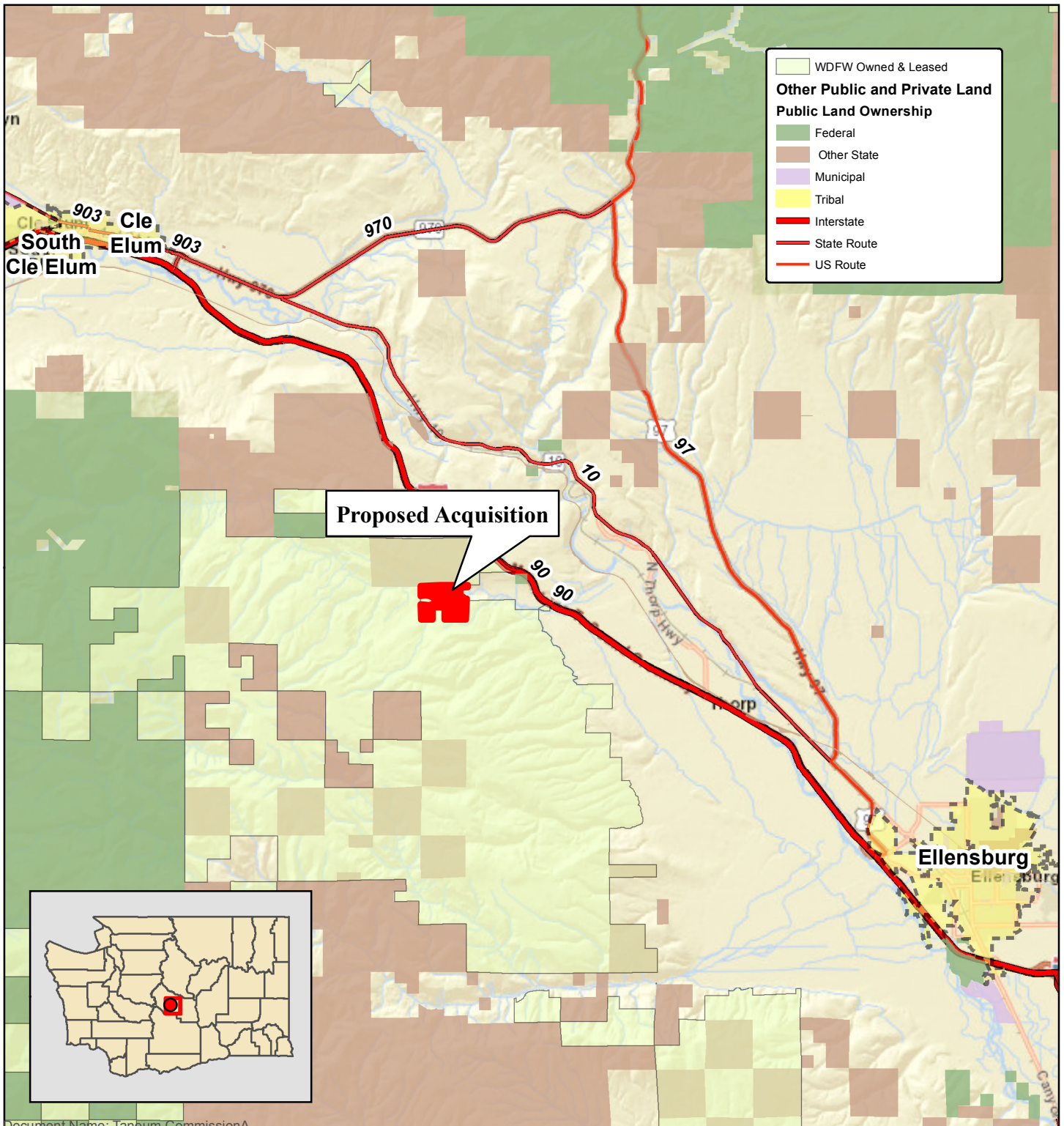
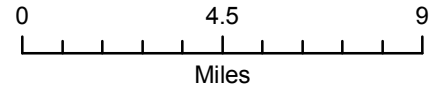
WDFW will distribute a press release informing the public of this action.

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