

5. Lands 20/20 - Briefing

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Lands 20/20 Introduction

Lands 20/20: A Clear Vision for the Future
“Protecting our unique quality of life by maintaining a citizen-supported portfolio of lands to sustain Washington’s diverse fish and wildlife and their habitats into the next century.”

Today’s Agenda:

- 1. Why?**
- 2. How?**
- 3. What?**
- 4. Next Steps**



Why Does WDFW Buy Land?

Protecting Land and Water for Wildlife and People



In service to our Mission

RCW 79a.15 – Acquisition of Habitat Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Lands

*“It is therefore the **policy of the state to acquire as soon as possible the most significant lands for wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation purposes before they are converted to other uses**, and to develop existing public recreational land and facilities to meet the needs of present and future generations.”*

Specifically, to:

- Conserve and restore the diversity of Washington’s fish and wildlife species and habitats*
- Enhance sustainable fishing, hunting and other wildlife-related outdoor opportunities*
- Improve management of current WDFW Lands*
- Preserve opportunity for continued working lands for agriculture, forestry, and other sectors of the outdoor economy, when and where compatible*



Questions WDFW Asks (Lands 20/20 Application)

Protecting Land and Water for Wildlife and People



- *Willing seller*
- *Fee title/conservation easement*
- *Compelling goal, conservation value*
- *Threat/risk*
- *Climate change risk (infrastructure, species, habitat)*
- *Planning integration*
- *Strategic Acquisition Priorities*
- *Species/Habitat plans*
- *Recreation value*
- *Cost of Stewardship/Management*
- *Weed management needs*
- *Real Estate due diligence*
- *Known hazards/risks*
- *Water rights/fences/culverts, etc.*
- *Partnerships/local support/outreach*



Strategic Acquisition Priorities

Goal 1: Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife:

Aquatic Habitats

- *Freshwater wetlands*
- *Instream (stream and associated floodplains)*
- *Marine*
- *Instream flow/ Water Rights*



Strategic Acquisition Priorities

Goal 1: Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife:

Critical Habitat for Specific Species

- *Winter range for ungulates in eastern WA*
- *Priority habitat for ESA listed salmon, steelhead and bull trout*
- *Listed species: pygmy rabbit, sage and sharp-tailed grouse*
- *Columbian white-tailed deer, Western gray squirrels, nest sites for golden eagles or Ferruginous hawks*



Strategic Acquisition Priorities

Goal 1: Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife:

Terrestrial Habitats

- *Old-growth forests east Cascades/west, mature forests*
- *Eastside mature pine forest or oak/pine association and Oregon white oak woodlands*
- *Shrubsteppe, Eastside steppe, juniper savannah*
- *Herbaceous balds, Westside prairie*
- *Channeled scablands*
- *Connectivity*
- *Climate change resilience*



Strategic Acquisition Priorities

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

- Provide access to water and lands already held in public ownership*
- Secure private lands historically open to public recreation*
- Secure access to marine shorelines for fishing and shellfish harvest*
- Expand freshwater boat access (Lower Spokane, Lower Columbia)*
- Secure lands that provide quality hunting opportunities and wildlife watching opportunities.*



Strategic Acquisition Priorities

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 our workforce, improving business processes, and investing in technology

- Prevent or ameliorate wildlife damage or conflicts*
- Provide or maintain administrative access*
- Achieve shared goals with partners (open spaces as part of GMA/SMA, community character)*
- Secure private in-holdings to support management of existing WDFW-managed lands*
- Secure access to lands needed to maintain hatchery intake structure or other necessary hatchery infrastructure*



Acquisition Steps

Scoping
and Need

Lands 20/20

Funding

Land
Transaction

Integrating
Ownership



Acquisition Steps

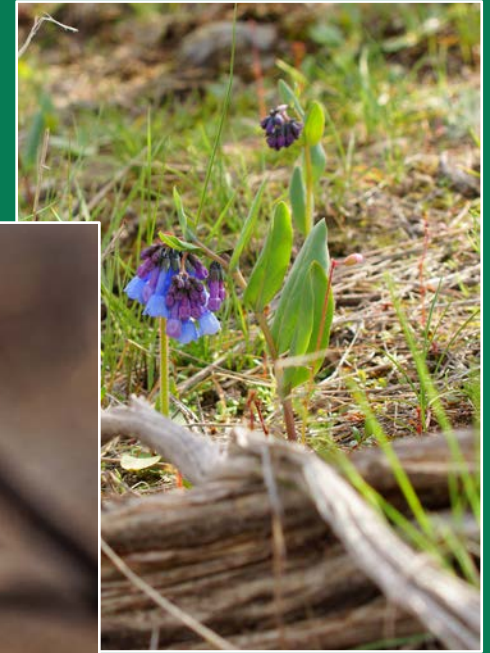
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Lands 20/20 Policy and Procedure

Policy 6010 Acquiring and Disposing of Real Property

- All acquisitions require Lands 20/20 assessment and approval
- Exempt vs Expedited Review



Lands 20/20 Standard Operating Procedure

- Statewide coordinator/ Lands agents in regions
- Standard application
- Cross-programmatic review in regions
- Statewide technical review
- EMT review
- Tribal preview and consultation
- Public review
- Commission briefing
- Director's decision
- Approval through the sixth year



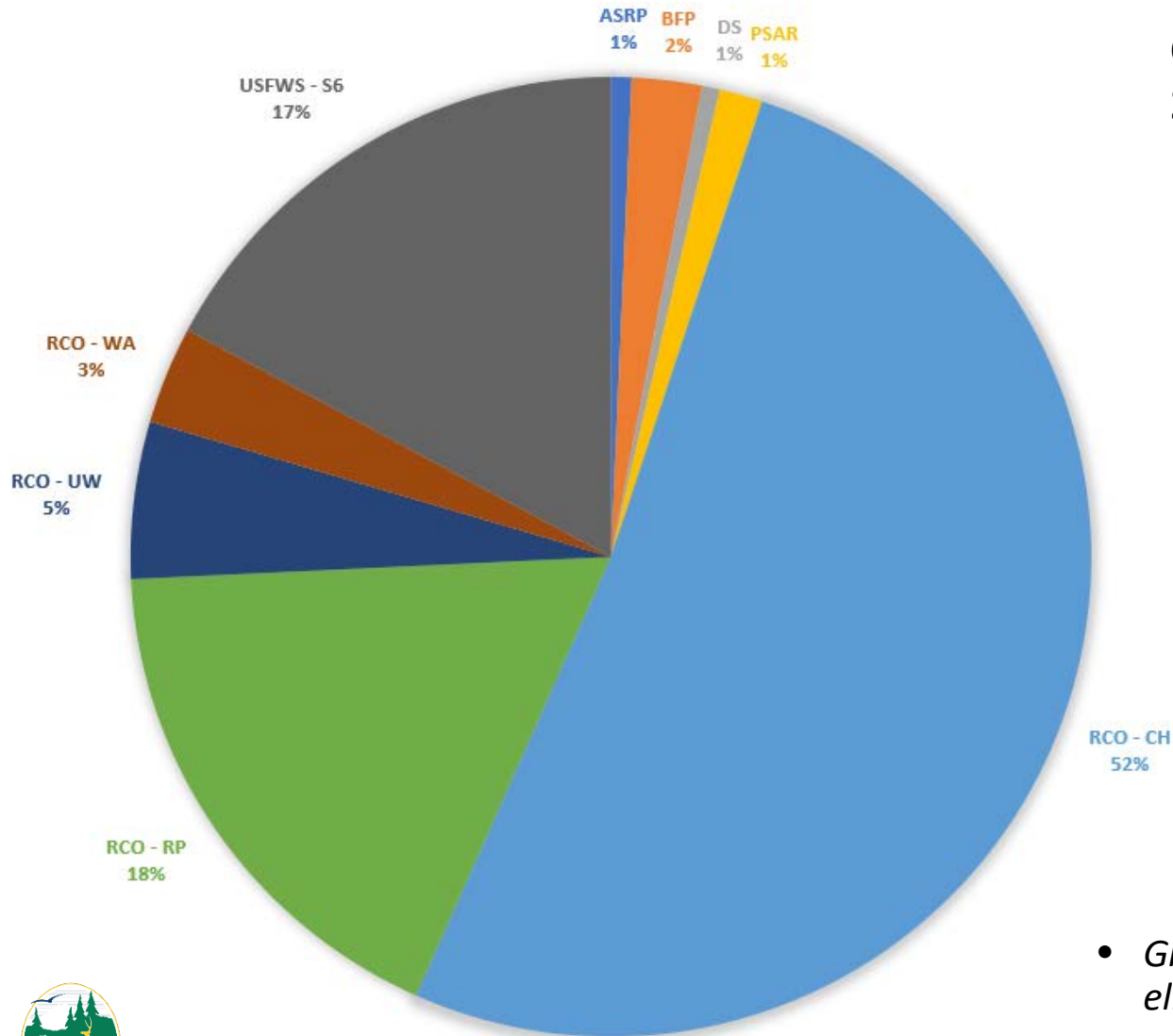
Lands 20/20 Key Components



- *Fish and Wildlife, Habitat conservation value*
- *Landscape connectivity and restoration value*
- *Recreation value*
- *Threat of conversion*
- *Understanding key elements of ownership (water rights, fish passage, other management challenges)*
- *Outreach to tribes, local community, and public interests and perspectives*



Acquisition Funding Sources



Current Funding Trend 2013 - 2023

RCO/BFP – 2%
RCO/WWRP RP – 18%
RCO/WWRP/CH – 52%
RCO/WWRP/UW – 5%
RCO/WWRP/WA – 3%
CB/ASRP – 1%
PSAR – 1%
USFWS/S6 – 17%
Duck Stamp - 1%

- *Grant sources each have their own eligibility criteria and restrictions*



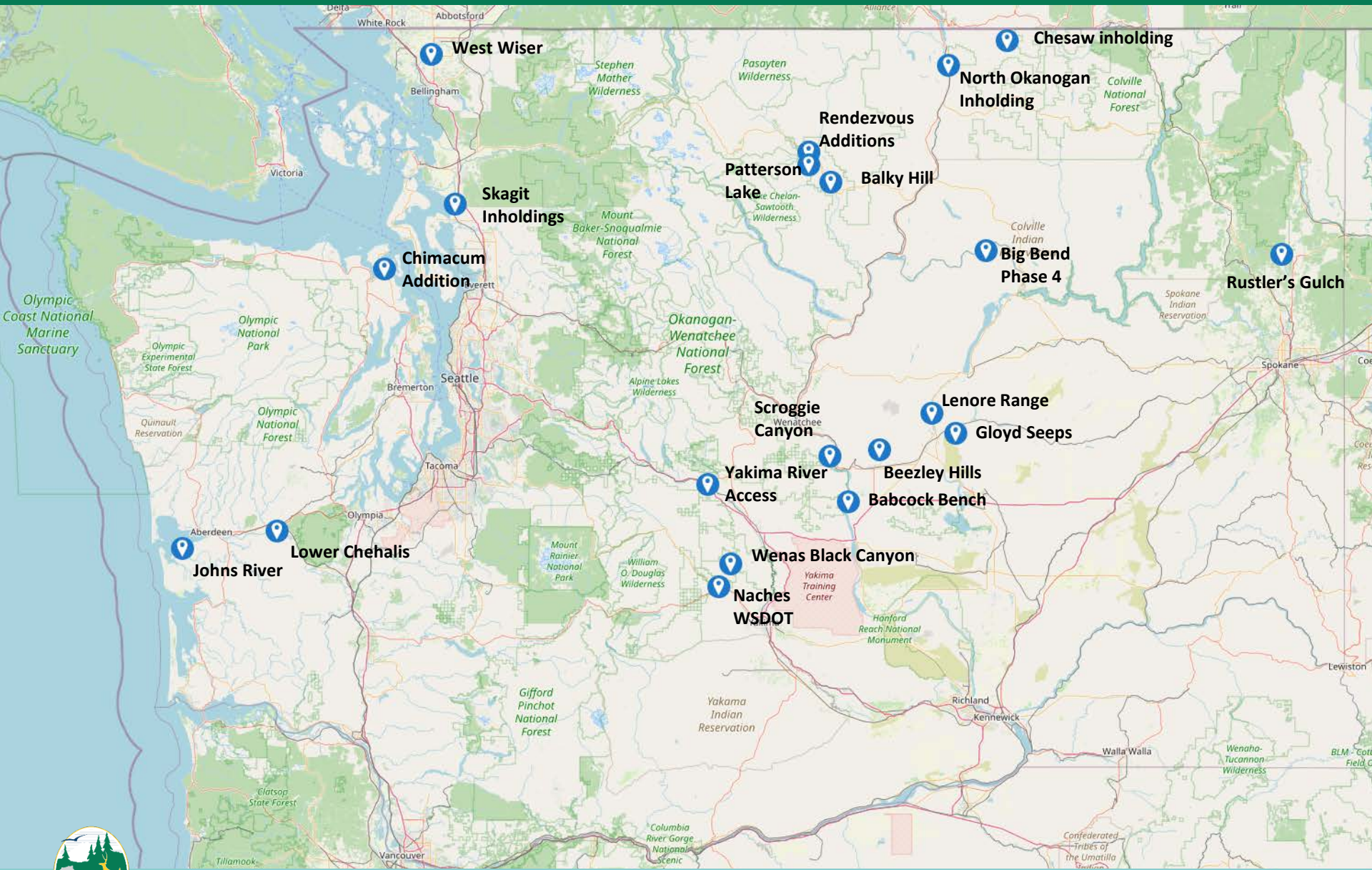
Lands Transaction Steps



- Letter of Intent
- Due Diligence:
 - Title review
 - Water rights review
 - Culvert review
 - RMAP review
 - Environmental site assessment
 - Baseline inventory
- Appraisal and Review Appraisal
 - Just compensation
- Offer/negotiation
- Tribal consultation
- Commission approval
- Open escrow/close
- Post-closing

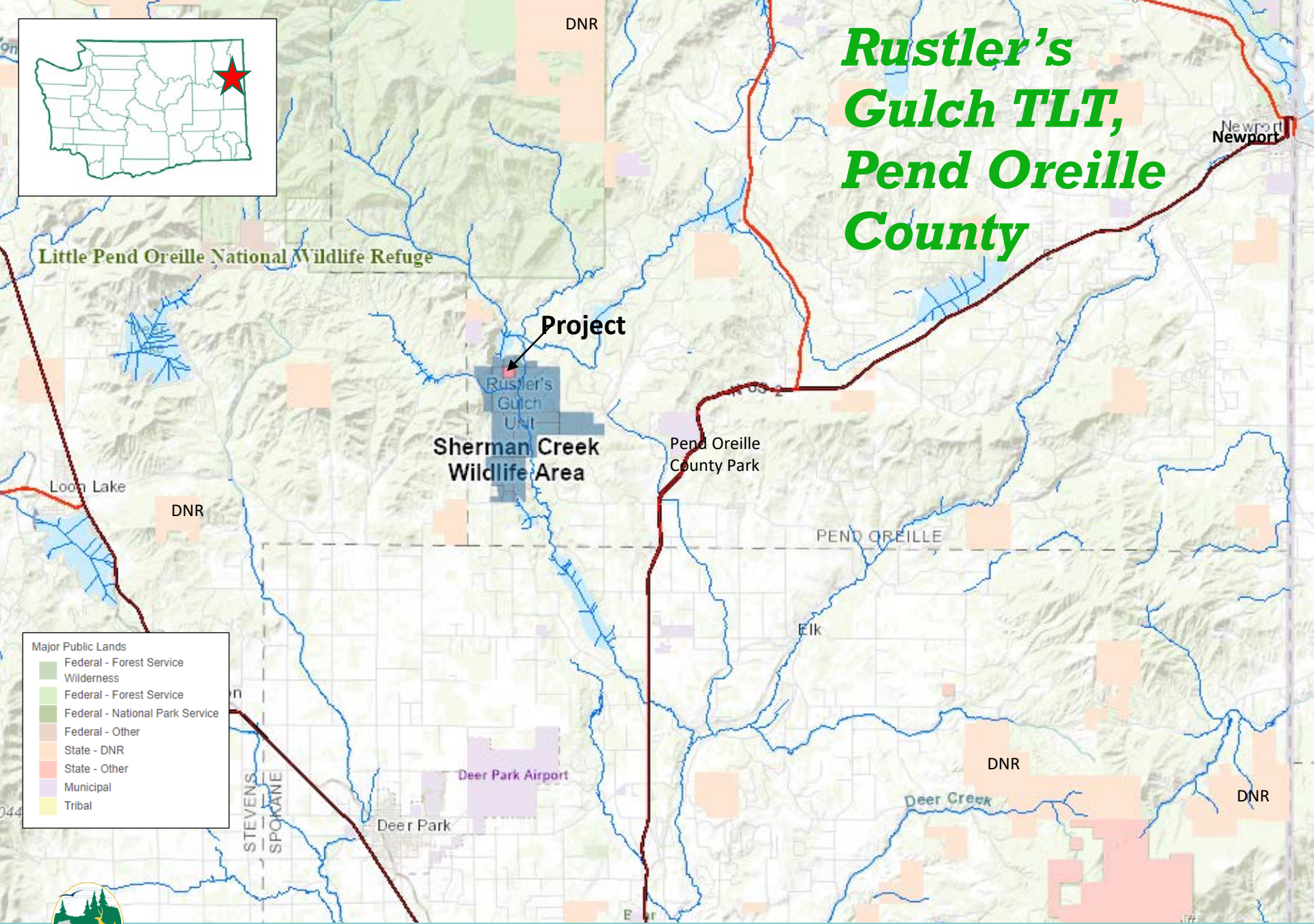


2023 Lands 20/20 Projects





Rustler's Gulch TLT, Pend Oreille County

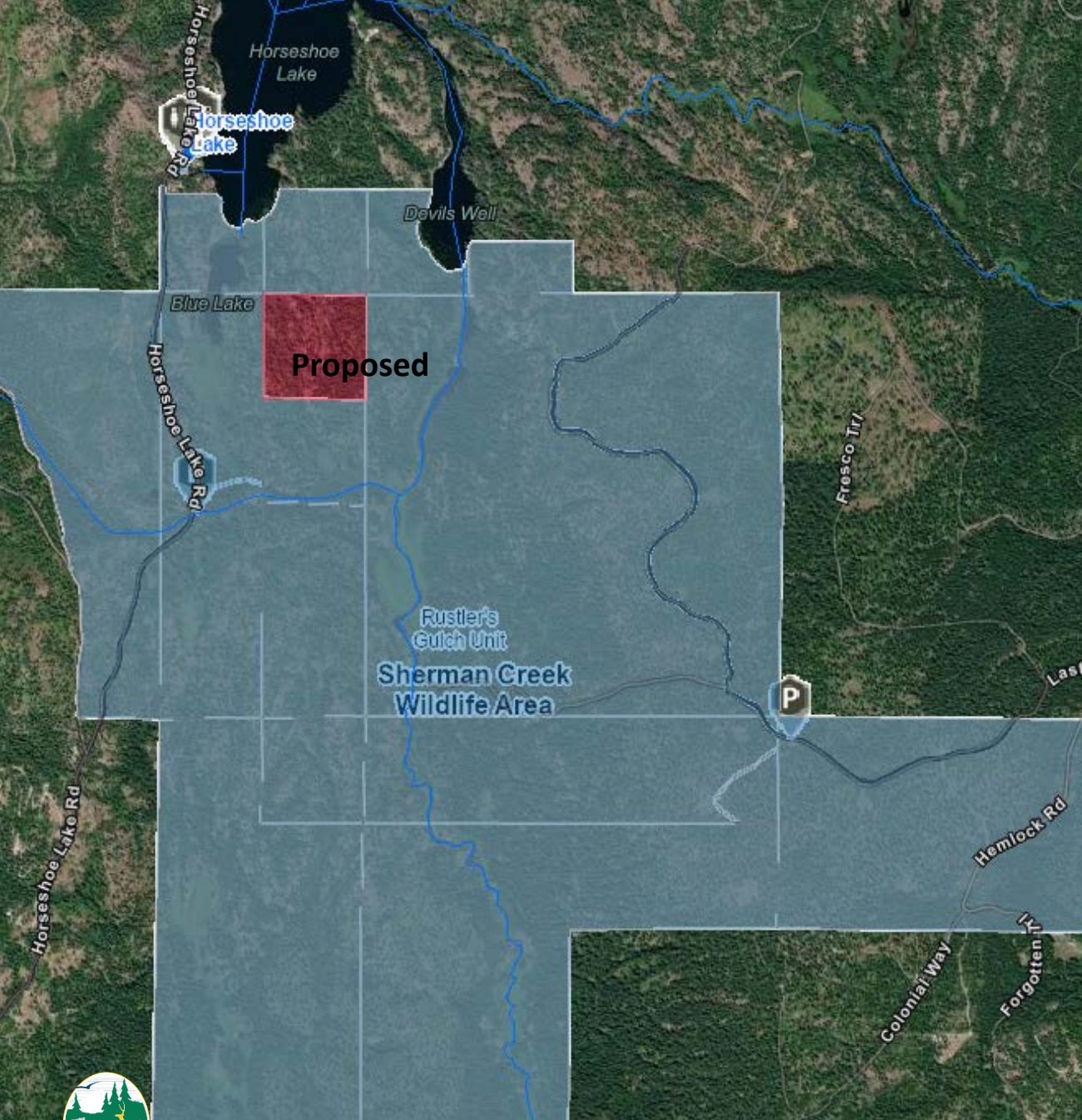


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Rustler's Gulch TLT, Pend Oreille County

- 40 acres
- Rustlers Gulch Unit
- Sherman Creek Wildlife Area



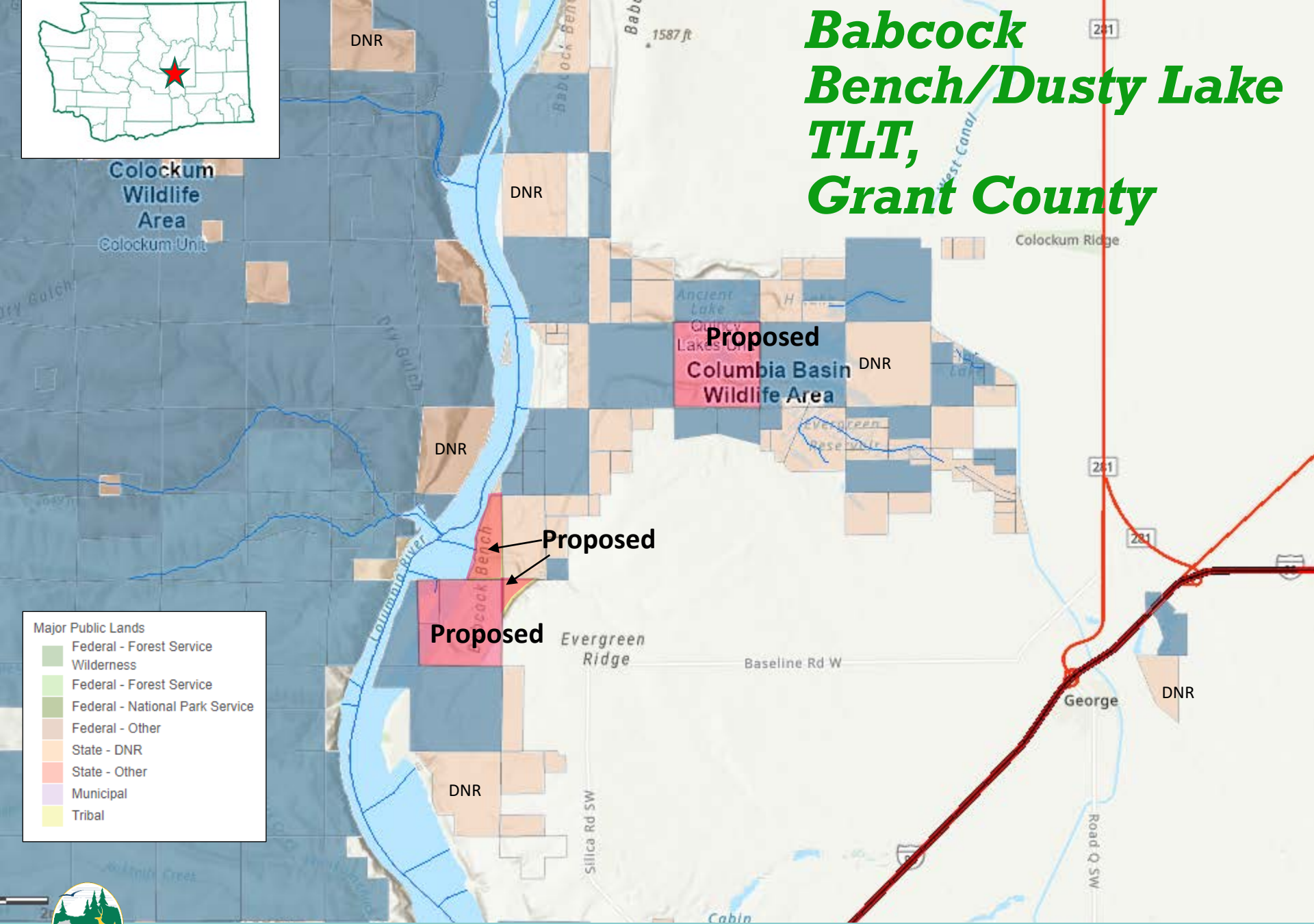


Rustler's Gulch TLT, Pend Oreille County

- Inholding to Rustlers Gulch Wildlife Area
- Went through the Lands 20/20 previously and was approved
- Habitat: natural forest & emergent wetland
- Species: Northern goshawk, pileated woodpecker, Lewis' woodpecker, Columbia spotted frog, moose
- Recreation: hunting, hiking, biking, trail running



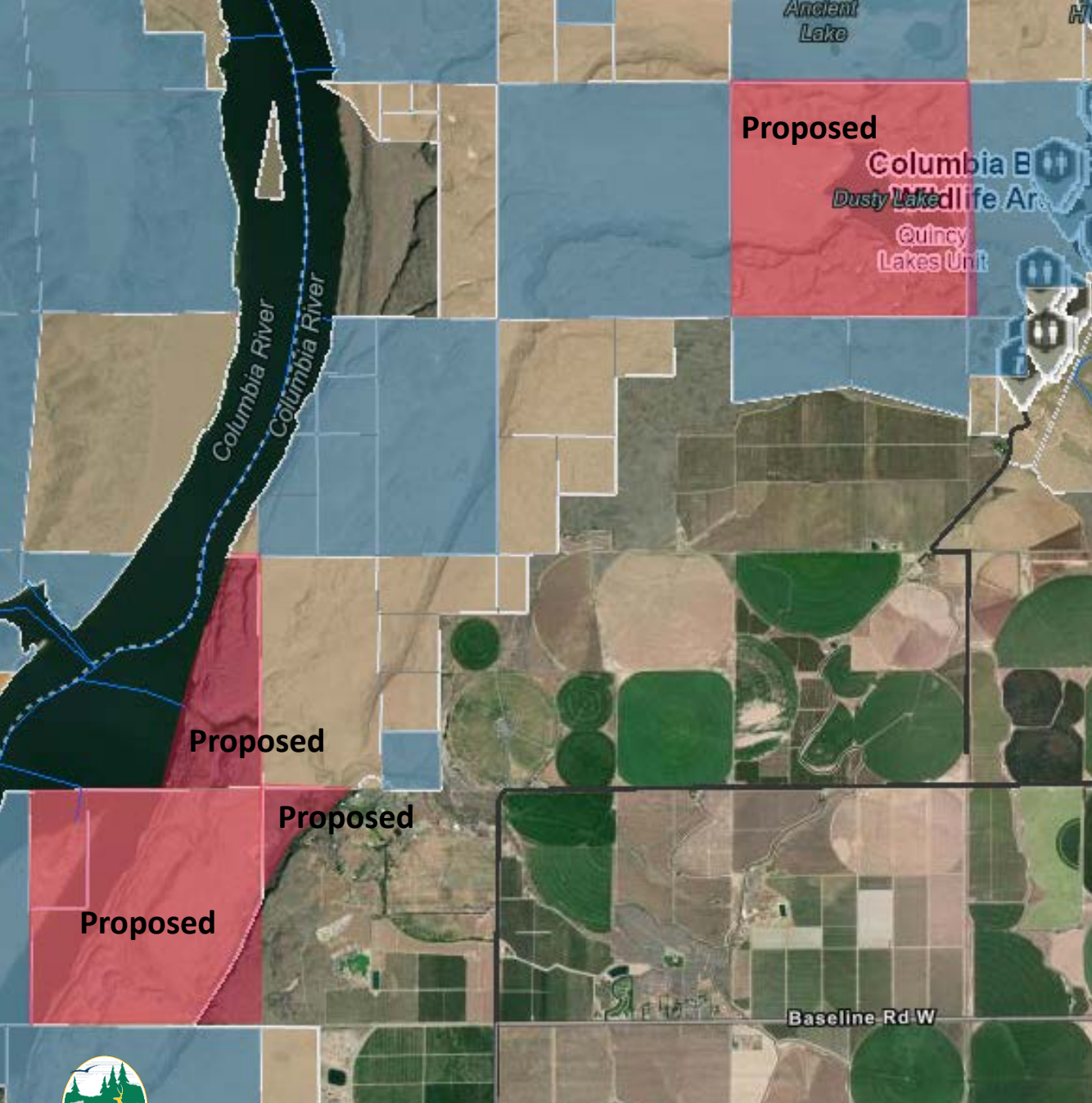
Babcock Bench/Dusty Lake TLT, Grant County



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Babcock Bench/Dusty Lake TLT, Grant County

- Up to 1,485 Acres
- Surrounded by the Quincy Lakes Unit, Columbia Basin Wildlife Area

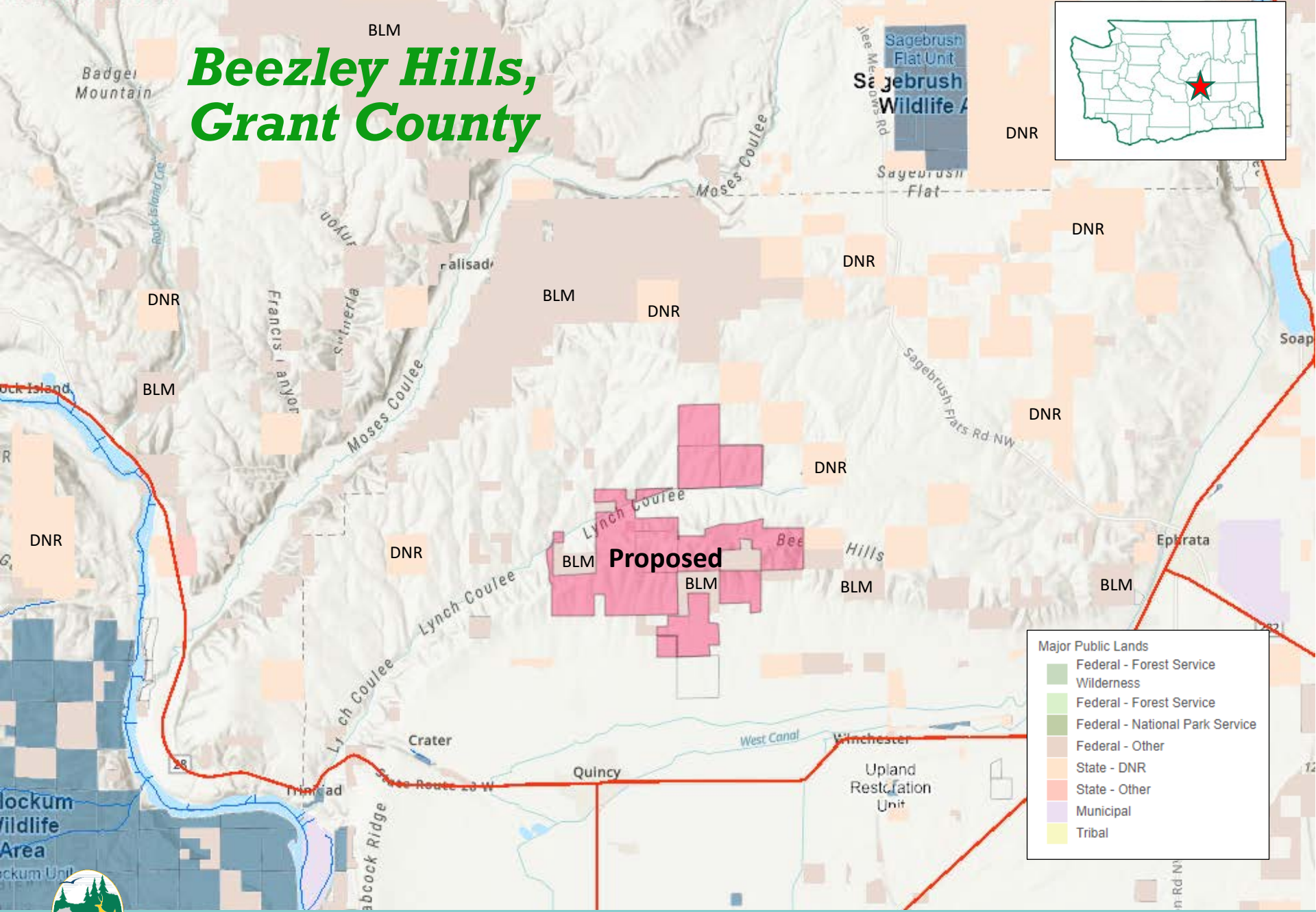


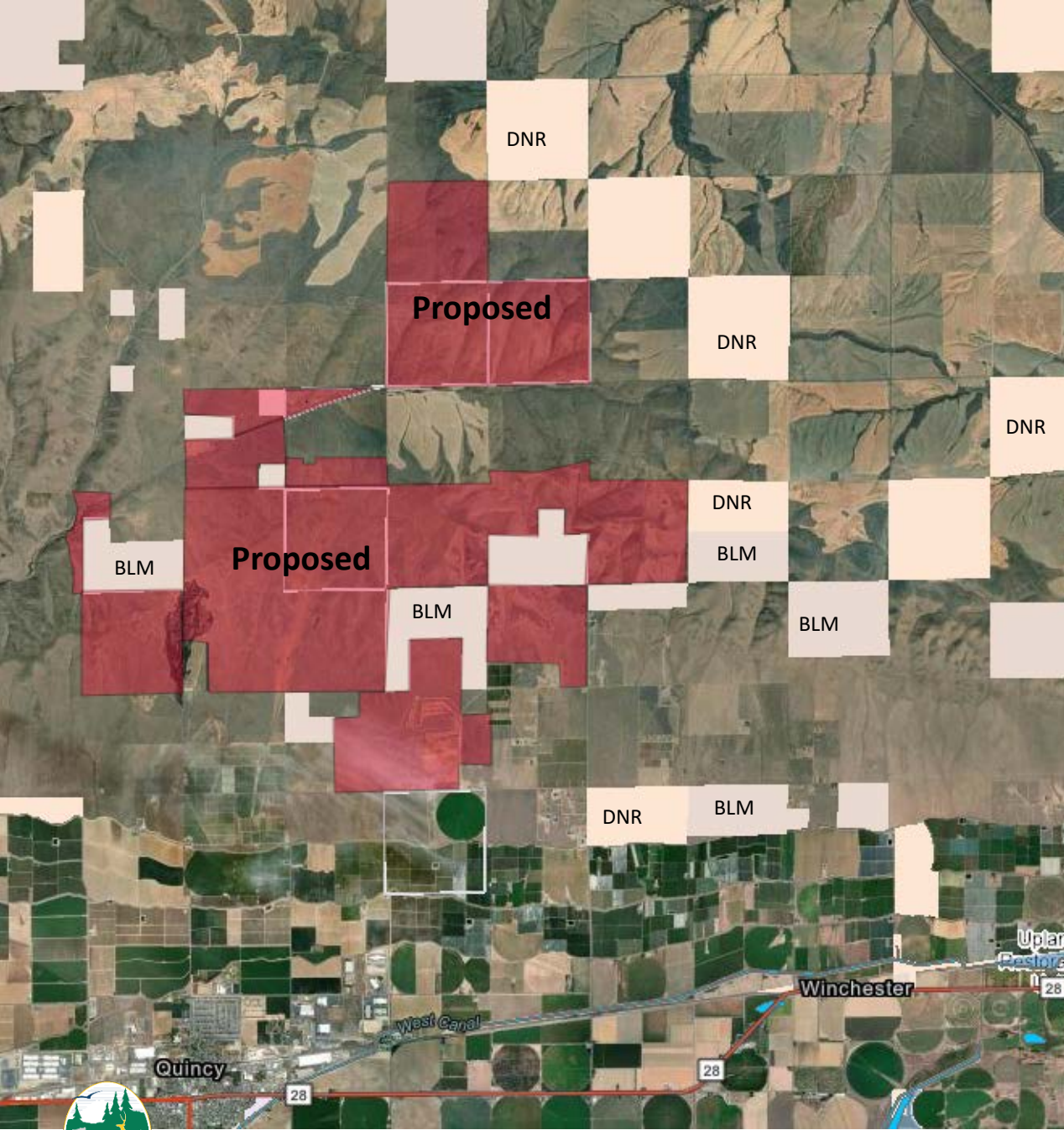
Babcock Bench/Dusty Lake TLT, Grant County

- Habitat: basalt cliffs, isolated mesas, stair stepped benches
- Species: Sagebrush sparrow, sagebrush obligates, golden eagle
- Recreation: hunting opportunities, hiking, biking, trail running



Beezley Hills, Grant County





Beezley Hills, Grant County

- Up to 9,297 acres
- Beezley Hills Unit
- Columbia Basin Wildlife Area

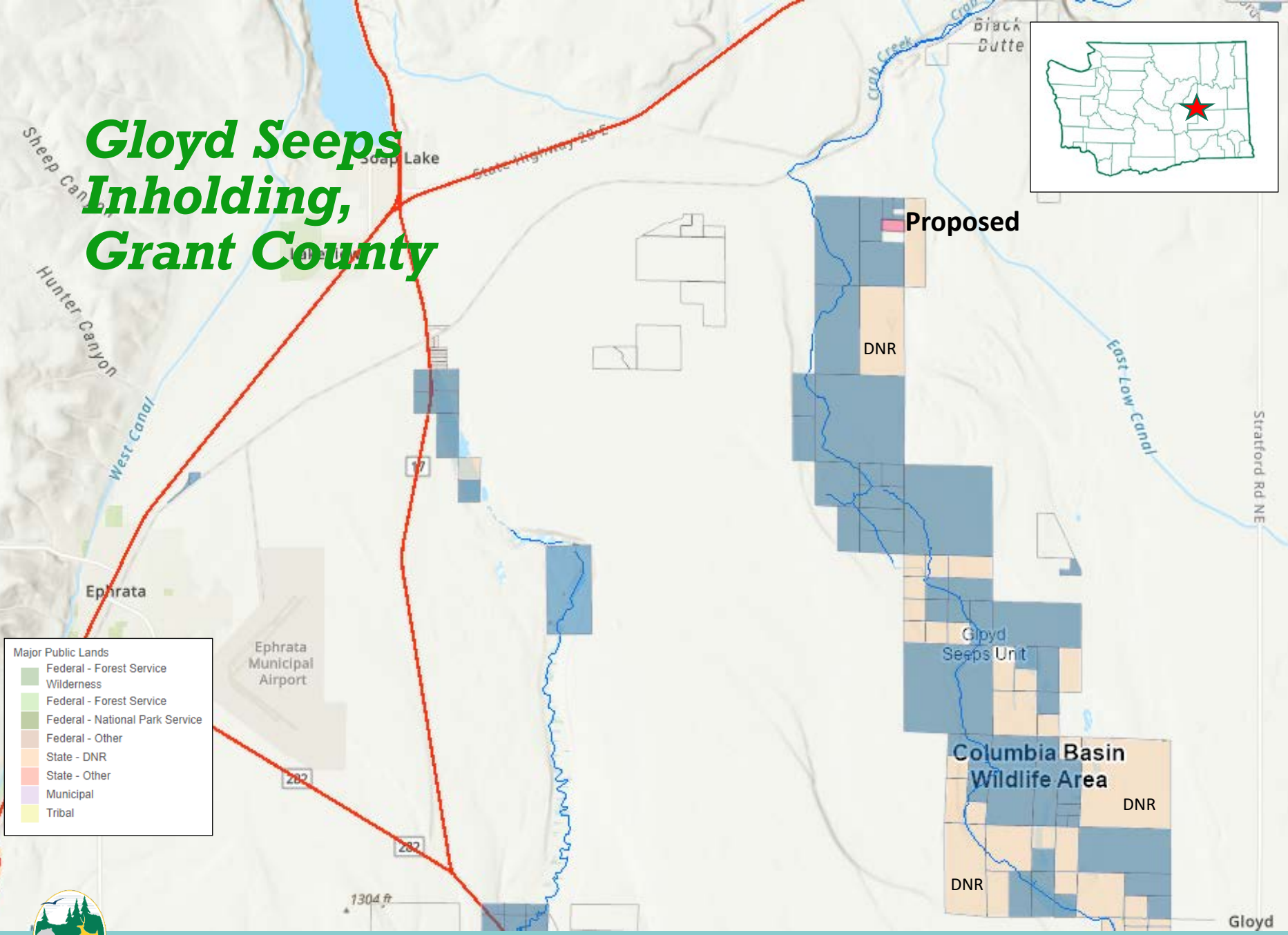


Beezley Hills, Grant County

- Habitat: Shrub steppe, basalt scablands
- Species: Pygmy rabbit, greater sage grouse, Washington ground squirrel
- Recreation: mule deer hunting, upland bird hunting, wildlife viewing



Gloyd Seeps Inholding, Grant County



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Gloyd Seeps Inholding, Grant County

- 20 acres
- Gloyd Seeps Unit
- Columbia Basin Wildlife Area





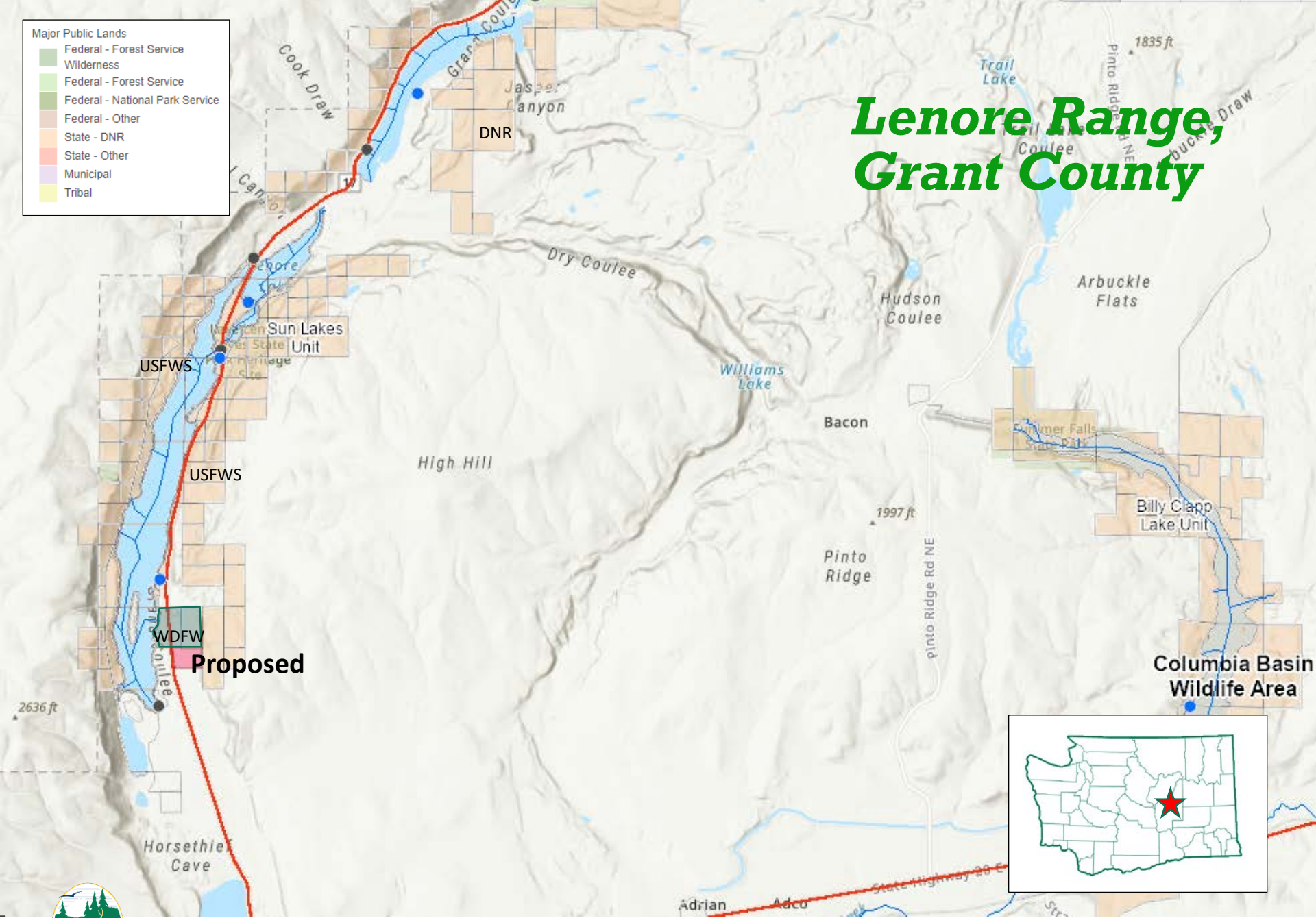
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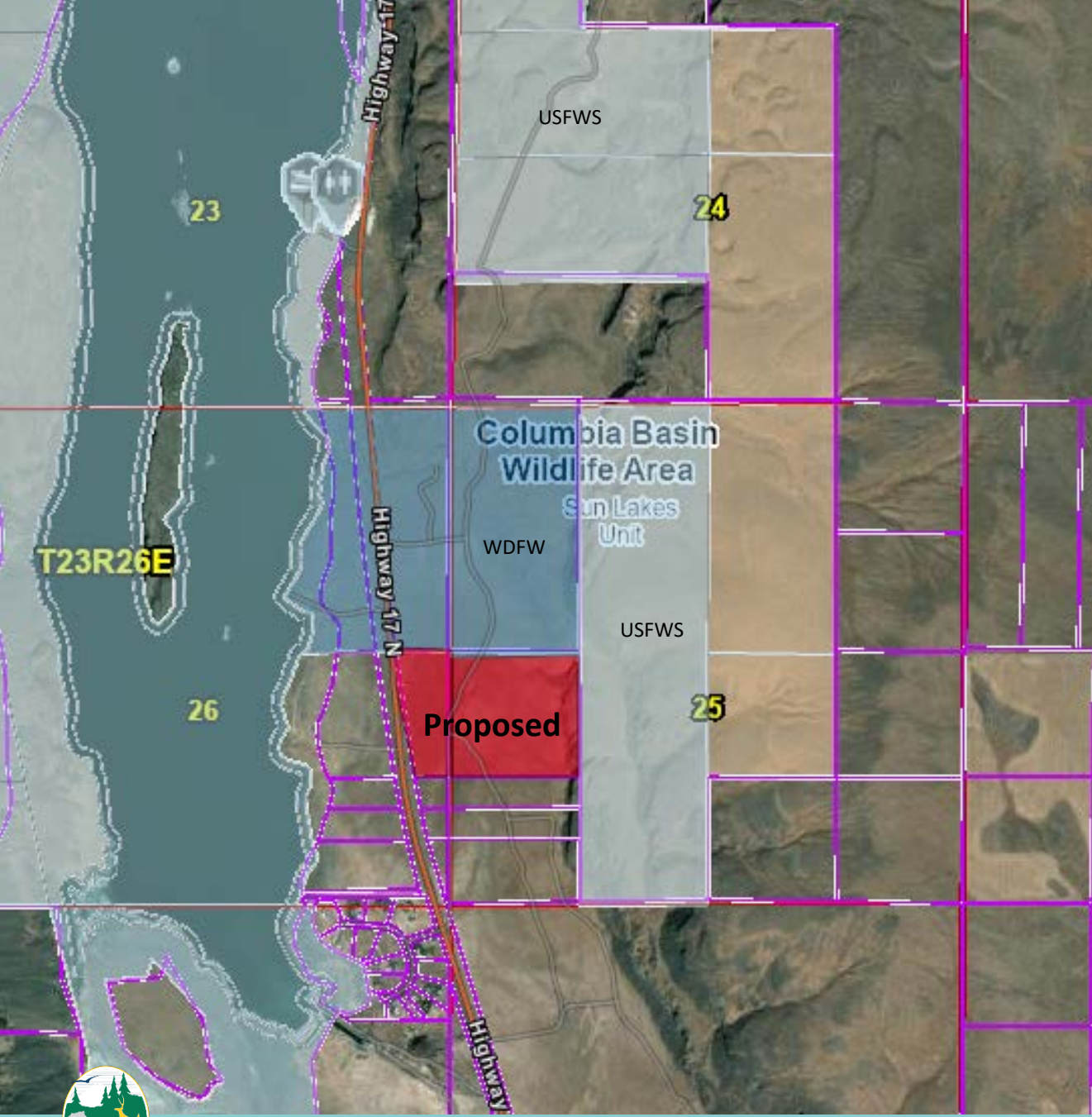
- Habitat: Intact shrub steppe, basalt scablands
- Species: Washington ground squirrel
- Recreation: upland bird hunting, mule deer hunting



Lenore Range, Grant County

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Lenore Range, Grant County

- 56 acres
- Two parcels
- Columbia Basin Wildlife Area
- Adjacent to the current Lenore Shooting Range

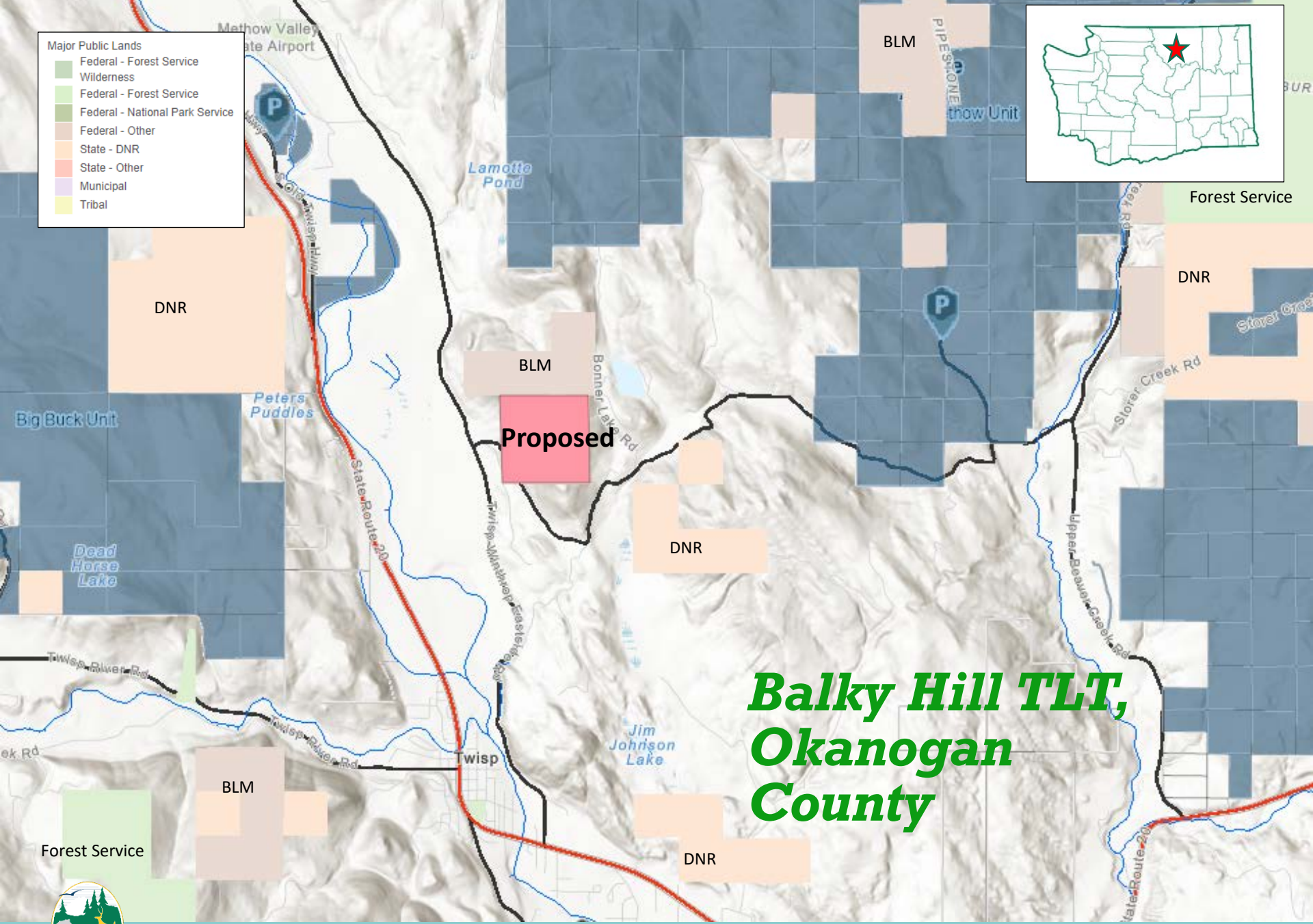


Lenore Range, Grant County

- Buffer of the current shooting range
- Habitat: basalt cliffs, stair stepped benches, box canyons
- Species: chukar, golden eagles, sage thrashers
- Recreation: hunting, wildlife viewing

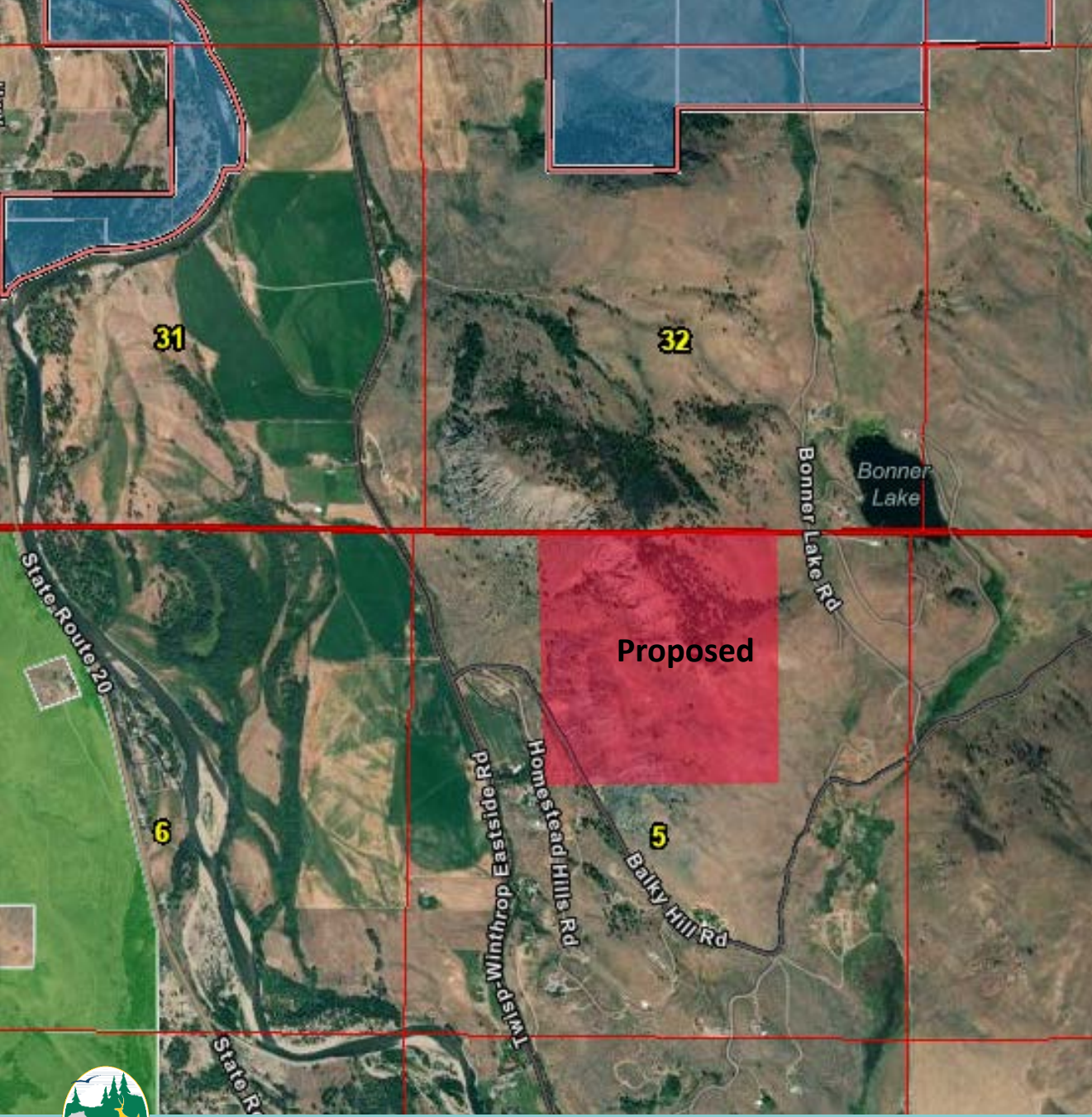


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Balky Hill TLT, Okanogan County





Balky Hill TLT, Okanogan County

- 160 acres
- Methow Unit
- Methow Wildlife Area





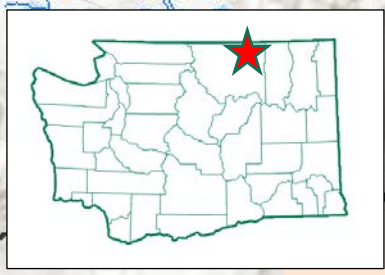
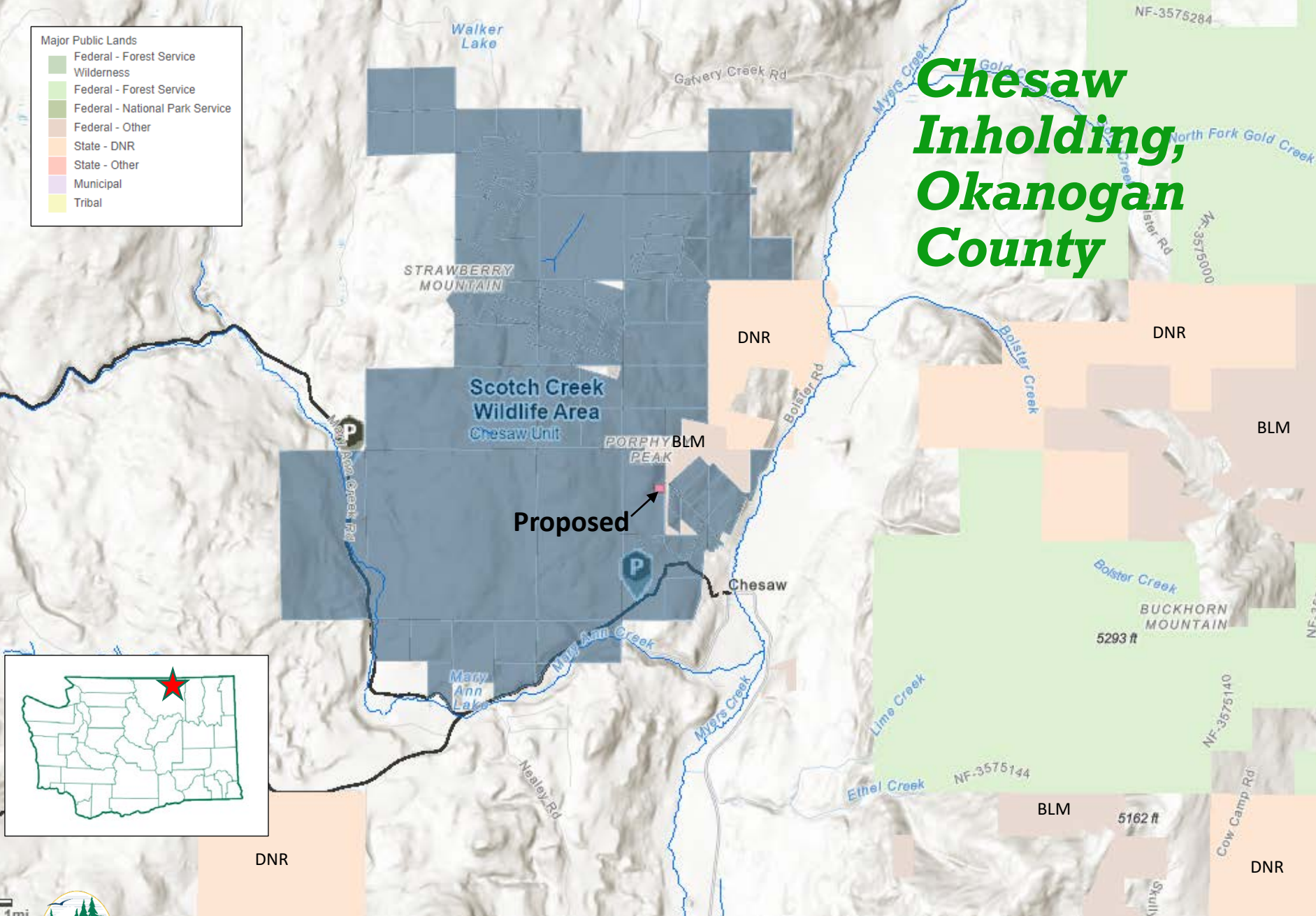
Balky Hill TLT, Okanogan County

- Habitat: critical shrubsteppe, dry coniferous pine
- Species: Golden eagle, mule deer
- Wildlife movement corridors
- Recreation: fishing, big game hunting, upland bird hunting



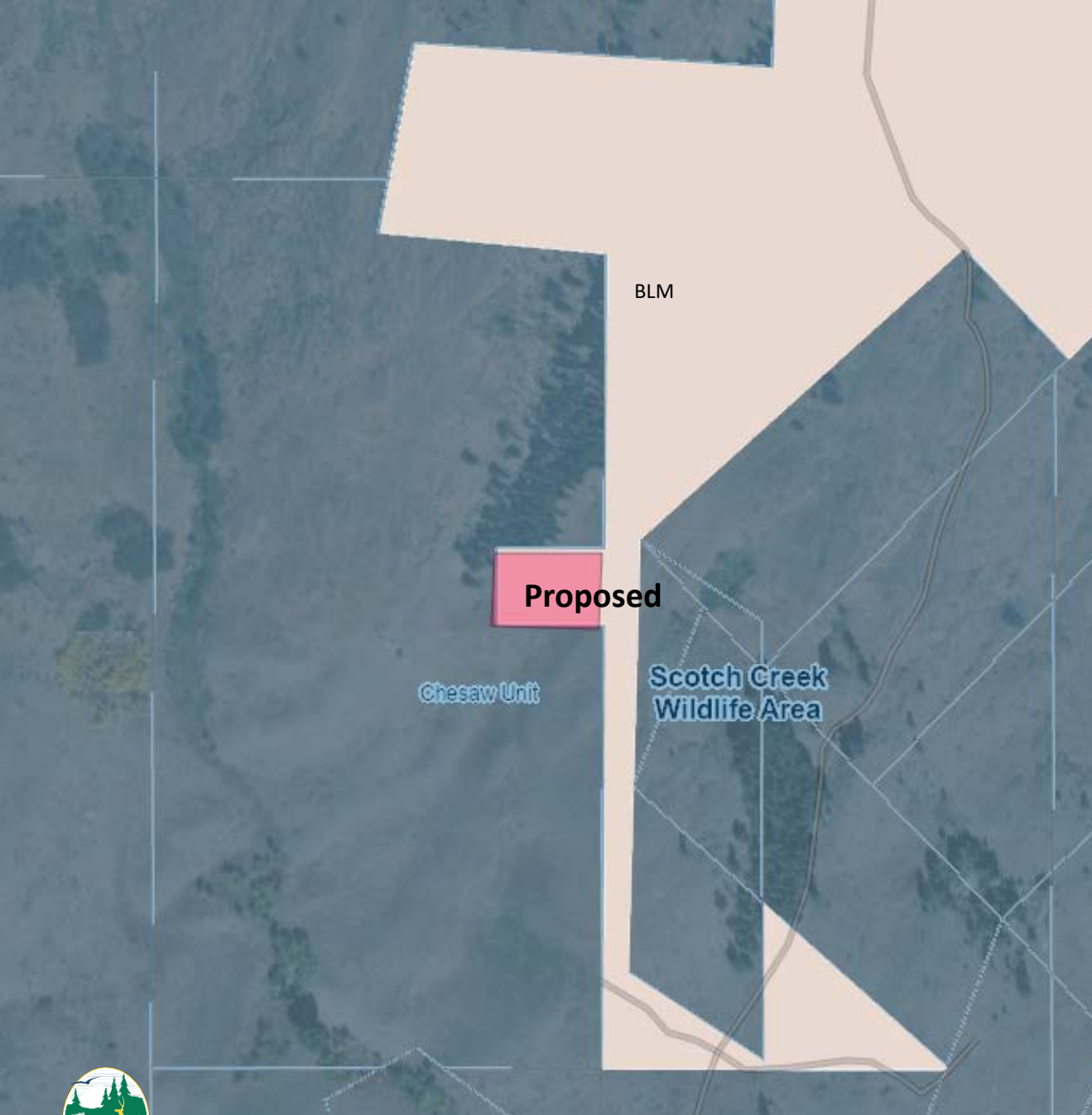
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Chesaw Inholding, Okanogan County



Chesaw Inholding, Okanogan County

- Two-acre inholding
- Chesaw Unit
- Scotch Creek Wildlife Area

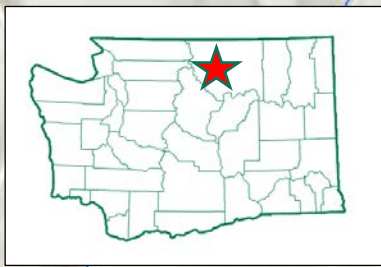




Chesaw Inholding, Okanogan County

- Habitat: riparian, conifer, high quality shrubsteppe
- Species: mule deer, elk, small mammal populations, wolves, golden eagles
- Sharp-tailed grouse lek sites
- Recreation: hunting, wildlife viewing opportunities





Patterson Lake Easement, Okanogan County

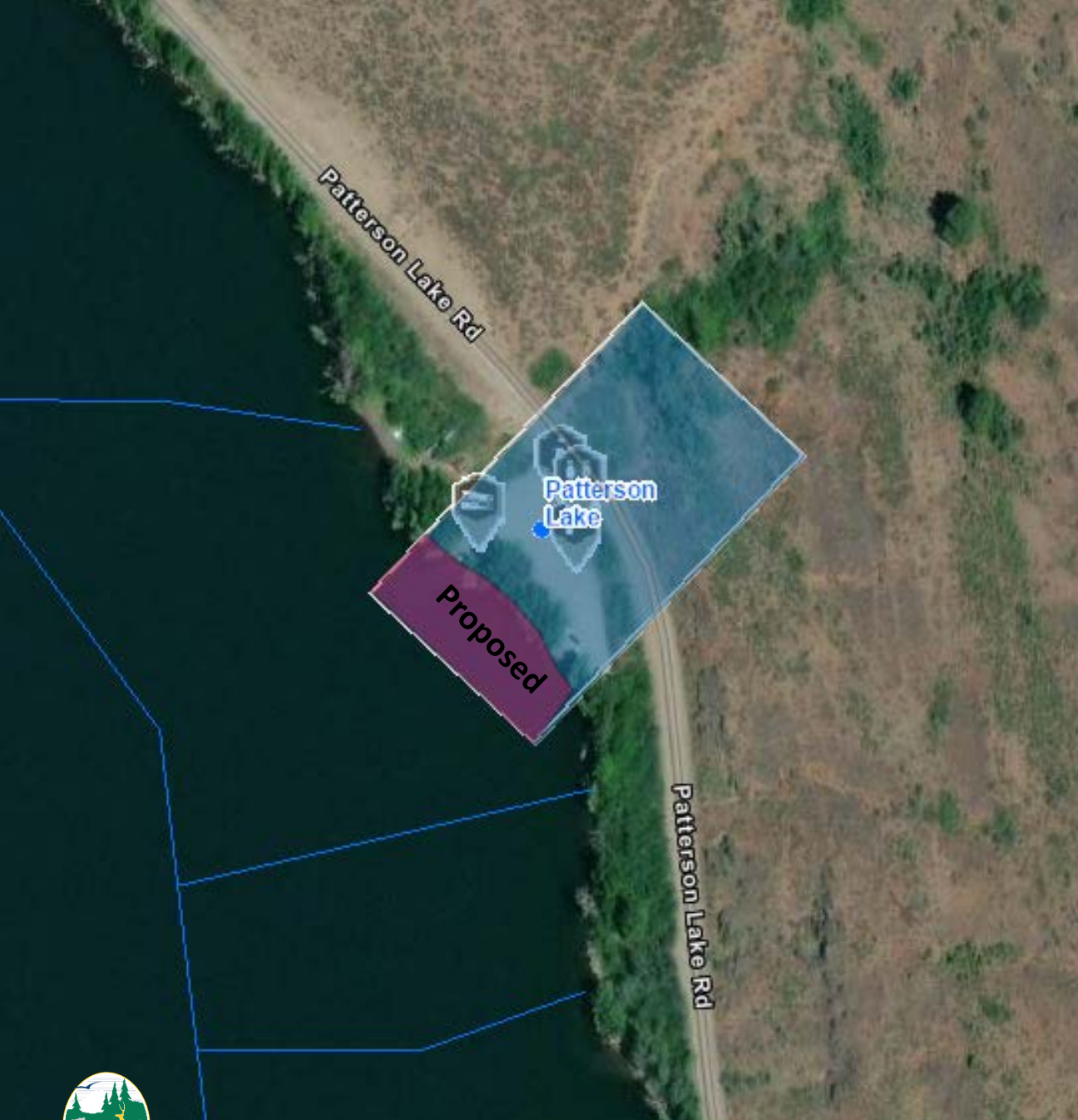
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Light Green	Federal - Forest Service
Medium Green	Federal - National Park Service
Light Brown	Federal - Other
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Purple	Municipal
Yellow	Tribal



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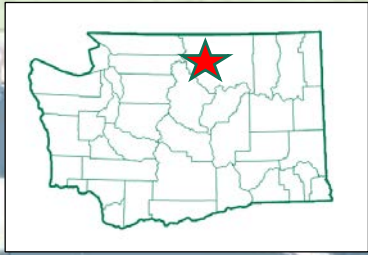
- Less than one acre
- Easement
- Patterson Lake Water Access



Patterson Lake Easement, Okanogan County

- Small public easement
- Recreation: fishing, boating, kayaking, swimming, wildlife viewing





WDFW Lands

- Deeded Lands
- Conservation Easement Lands

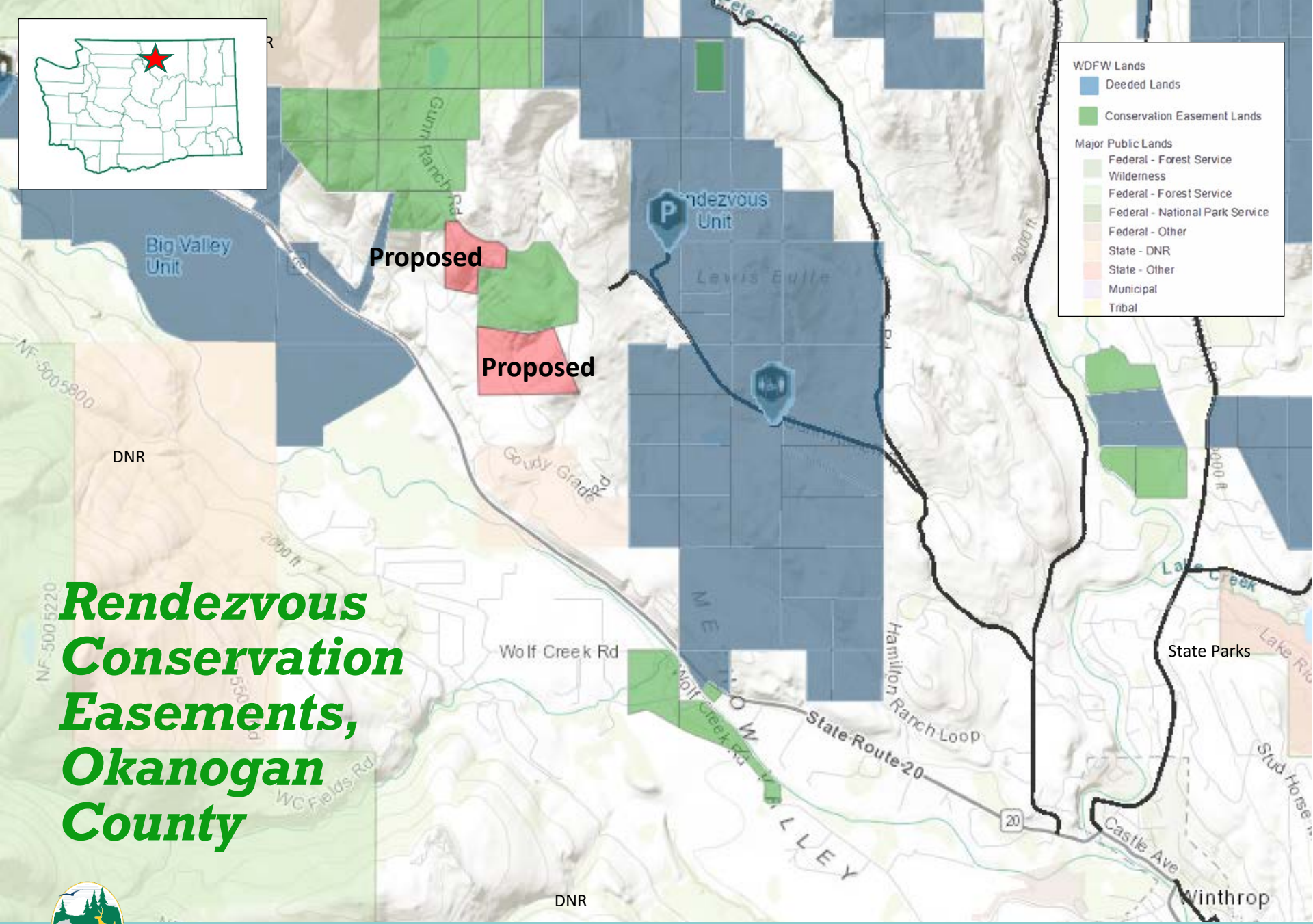
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Rendezvous Conservation Easements, Okanogan County

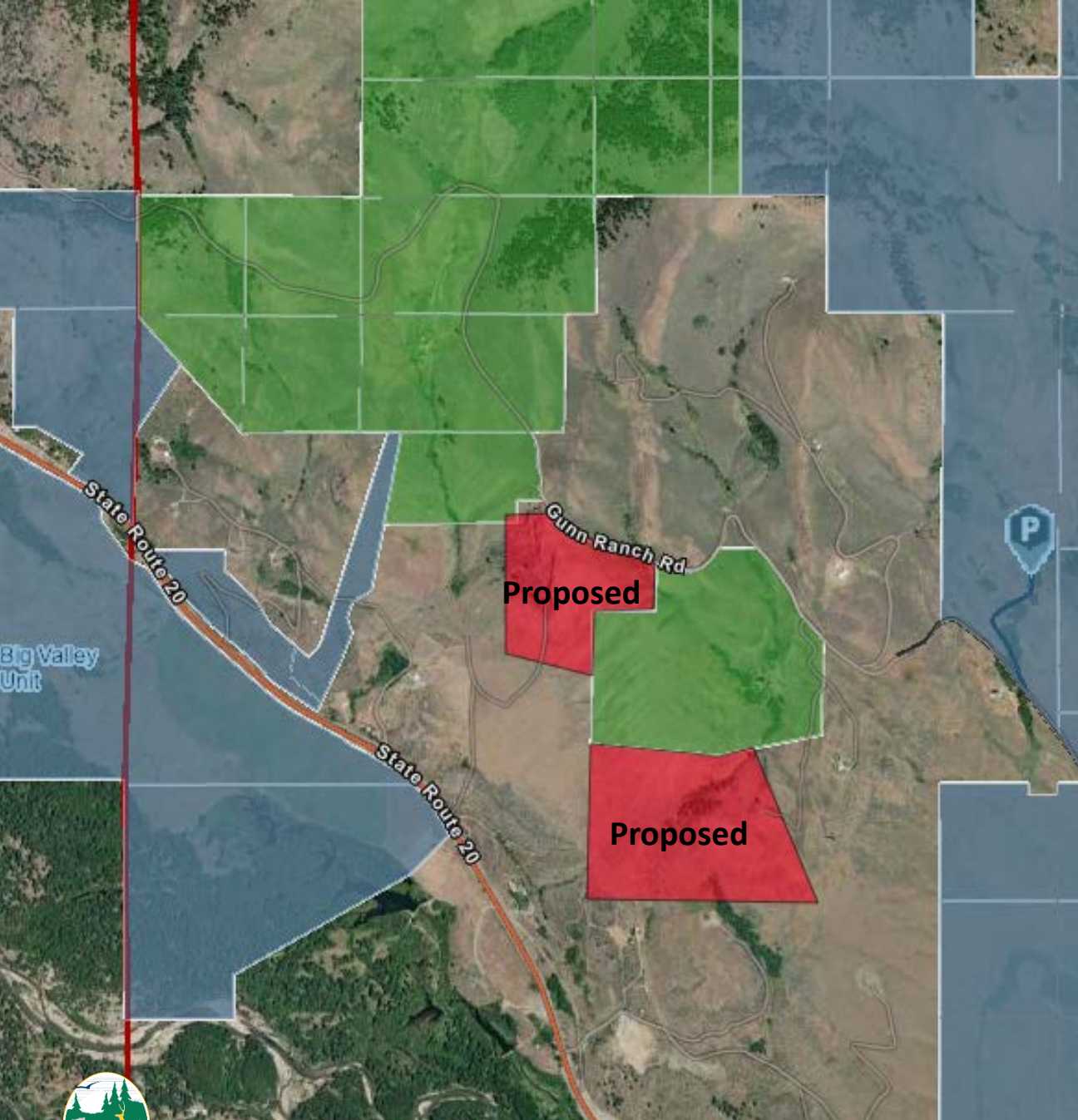
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Rendezvous Conservation Easements, Okanogan County

- 148 acres
- Rendezvous Unit
- Methow Wildlife Area



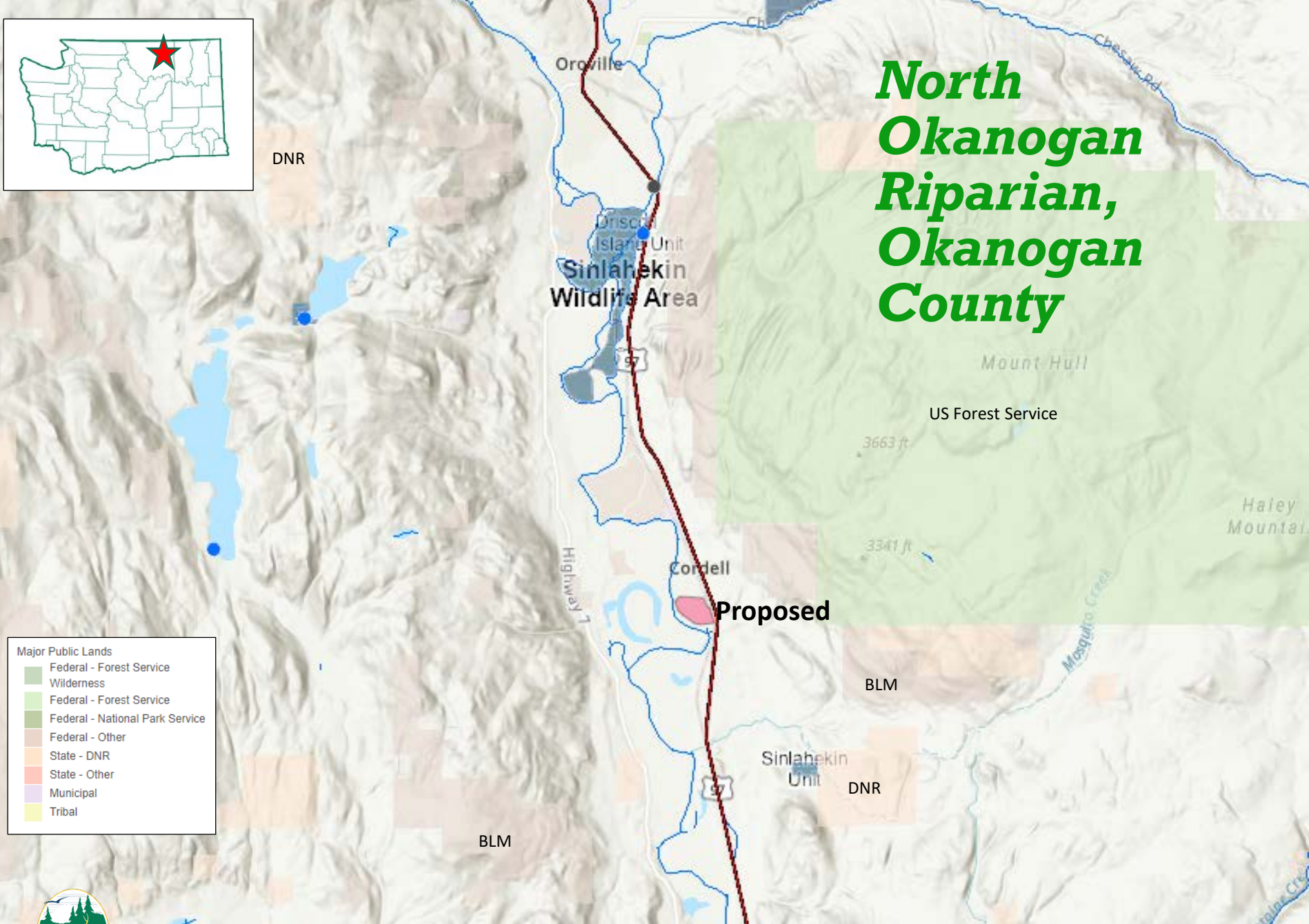
Rendezvous Conservation Easements, Okanogan County

- Habitat: Inter- mountain basins big sagebrush steppe, high quality shrubsteppe, meadow
- Species: mule deer, songbirds
- Crucial mule deer migration corridor
- Recreation: hunting, wildlife viewing opportunities





North Okanogan Riparian, Okanogan County



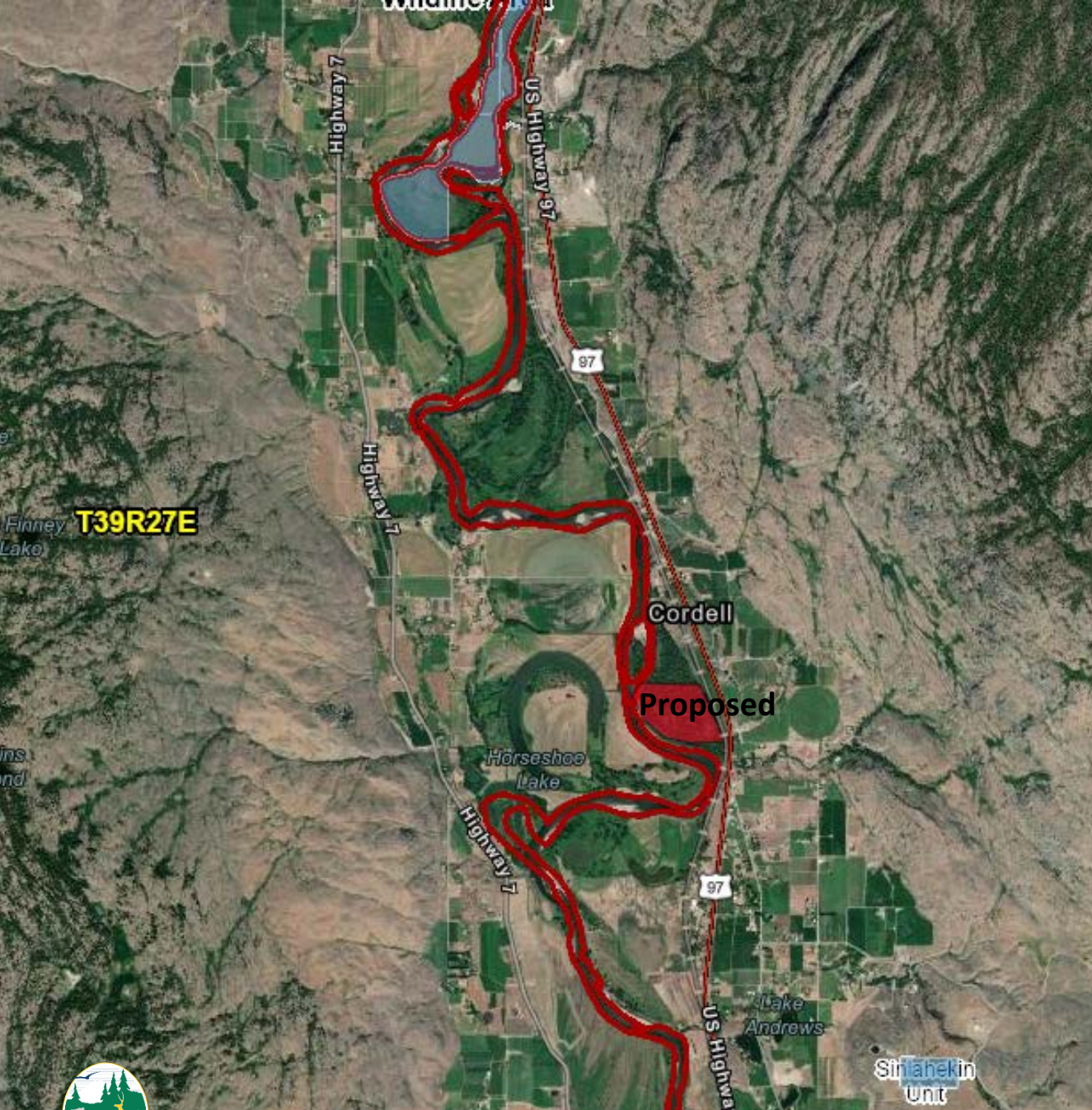
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North Okanogan Riparian, Okanogan County

- 37 acres
- Driscoll Island Unit
- Sinlahekin Wildlife Area



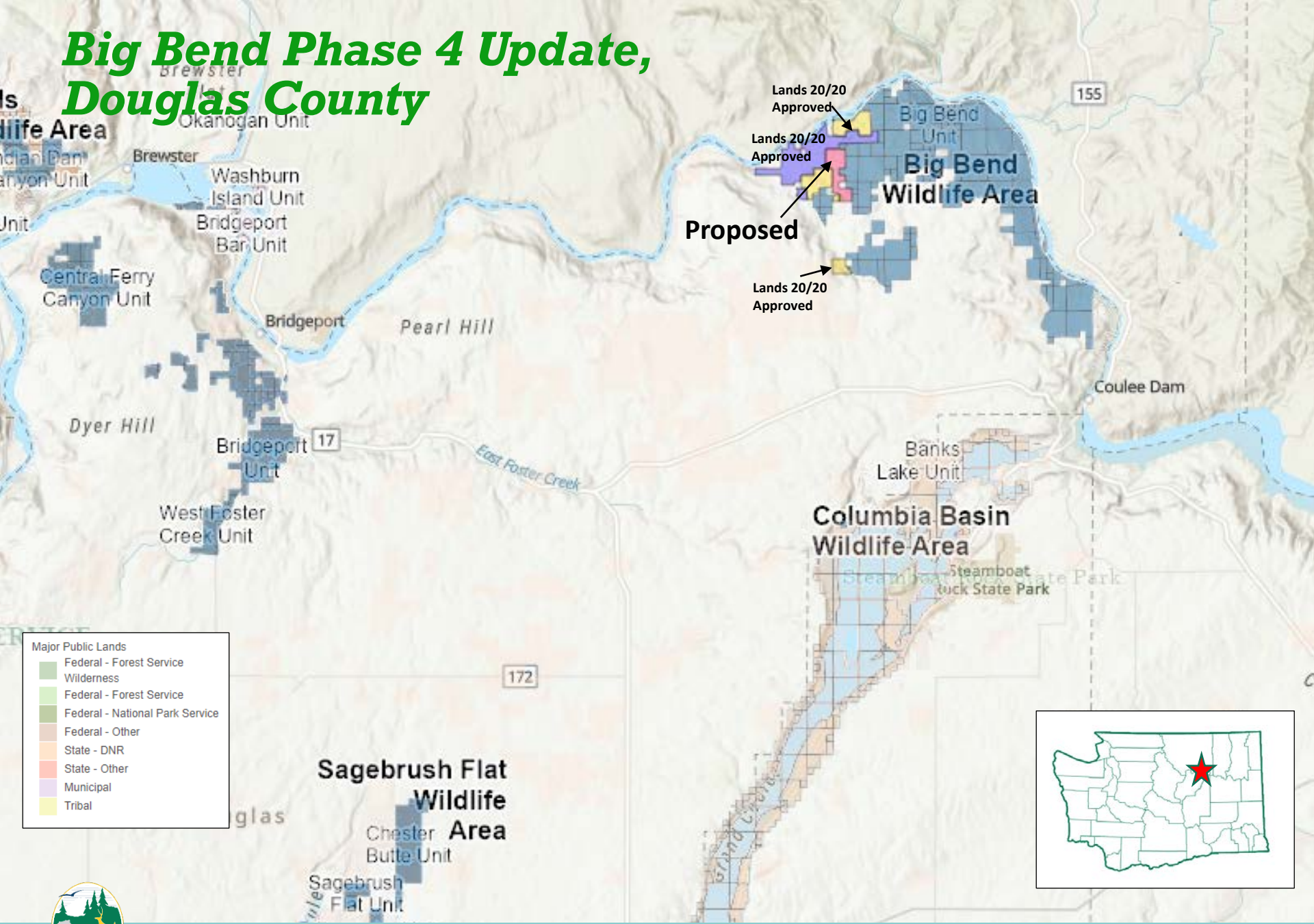


North Okanogan Riparian, Okanogan County

- Habitat: critical riparian
- Species: Upper Columbia steelhead, mule deer
- Recreation: hunting, wildlife viewing

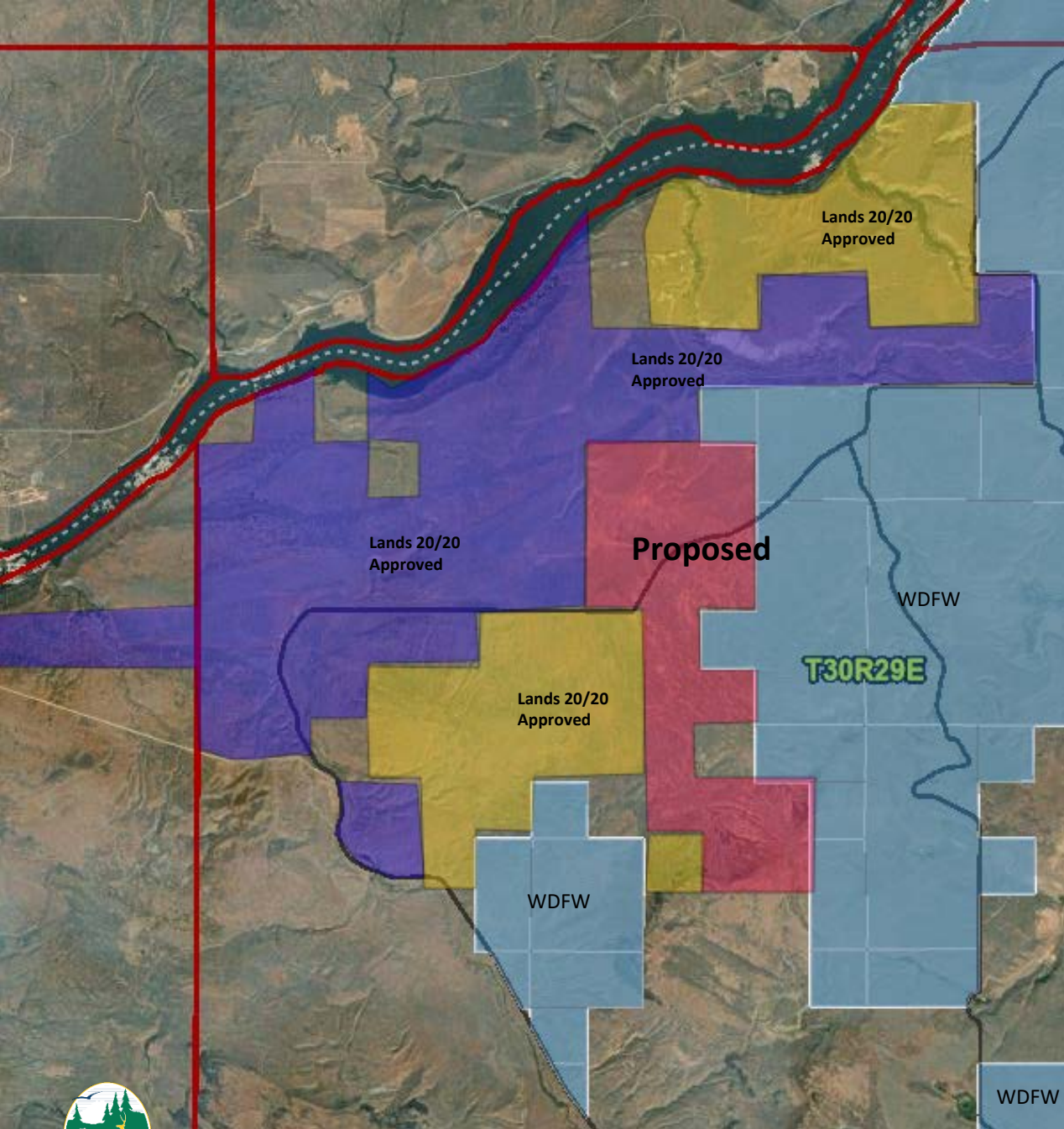


Big Bend Phase 4 Update, Douglas County



Big Bend Phase 4 Update, Douglas County

- Approved in the 2022 annual Lands 20/20, adds acreage
- Additional 716 acres
- Big Bend Wildlife Area



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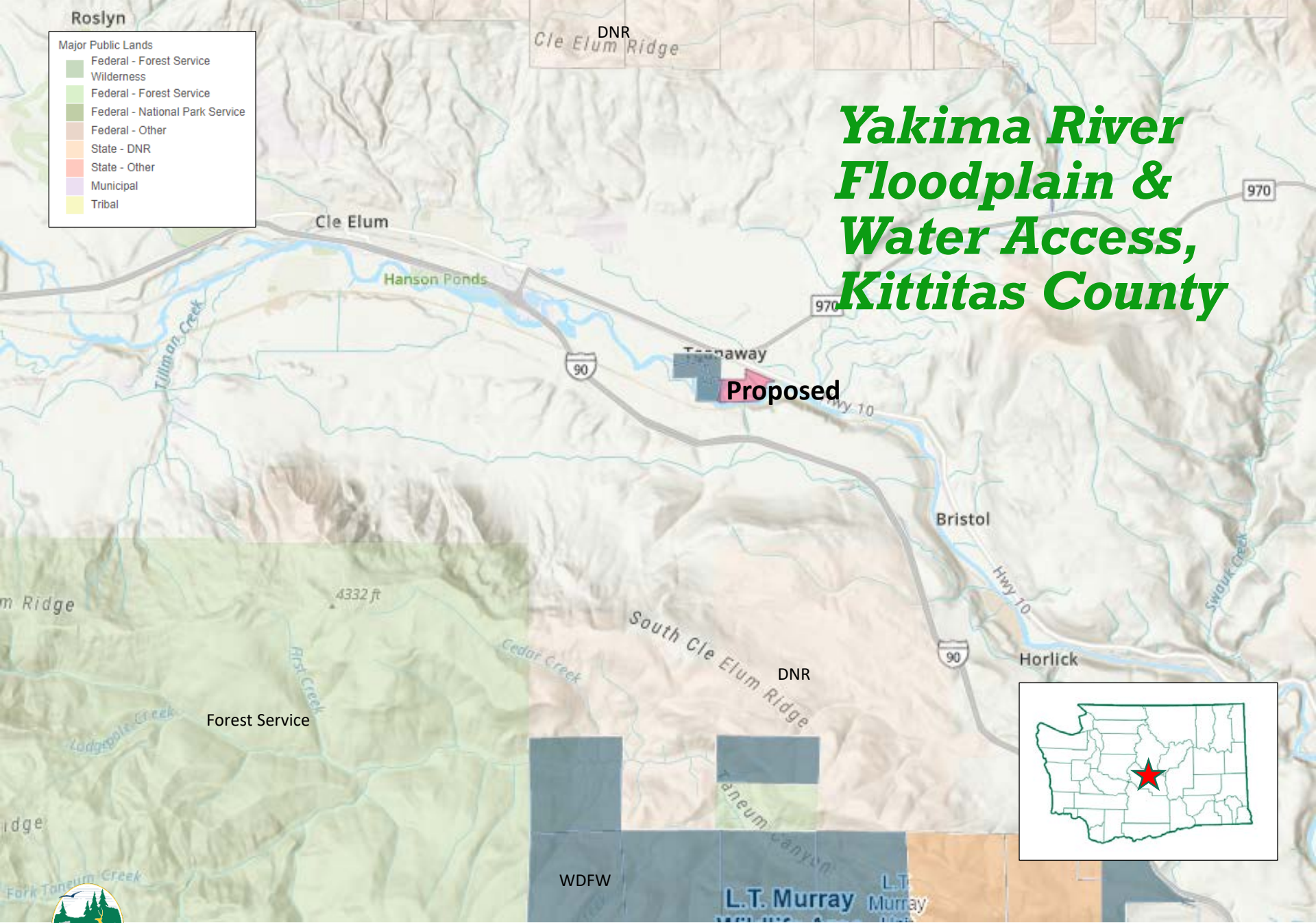
- Habitat: shrubs steppe, riparian, 2.6 miles of Columbia River waterfront.
- Species: Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, mule deer, turkey, waterfowl
- Recreation: hunting, fishing, boating, Wildlife viewing



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Yakima River Floodplain & Water Access, Kittitas County



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- 89 Acres
- Yakima River Unit
- LT Murray Wildlife Area
- Two owners
- Kittitas County partnership

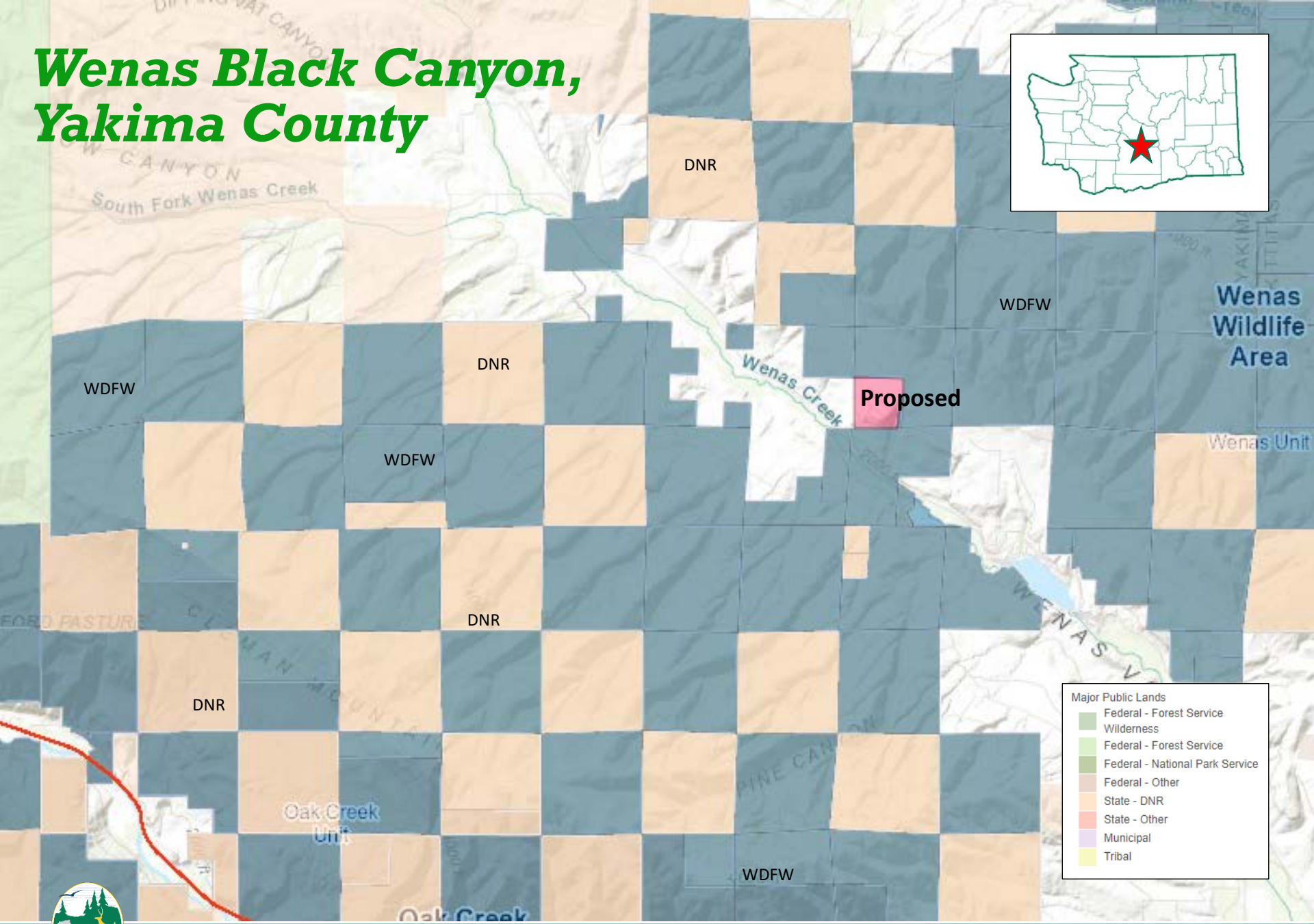


Yakima River Floodplain & Water Access, Kittitas County

- Habitat: riparian, conifer forest
- Species: black bear, cougar, elk
- Recreation: River access, fishing, wildlife viewing
- Possible new boat launch

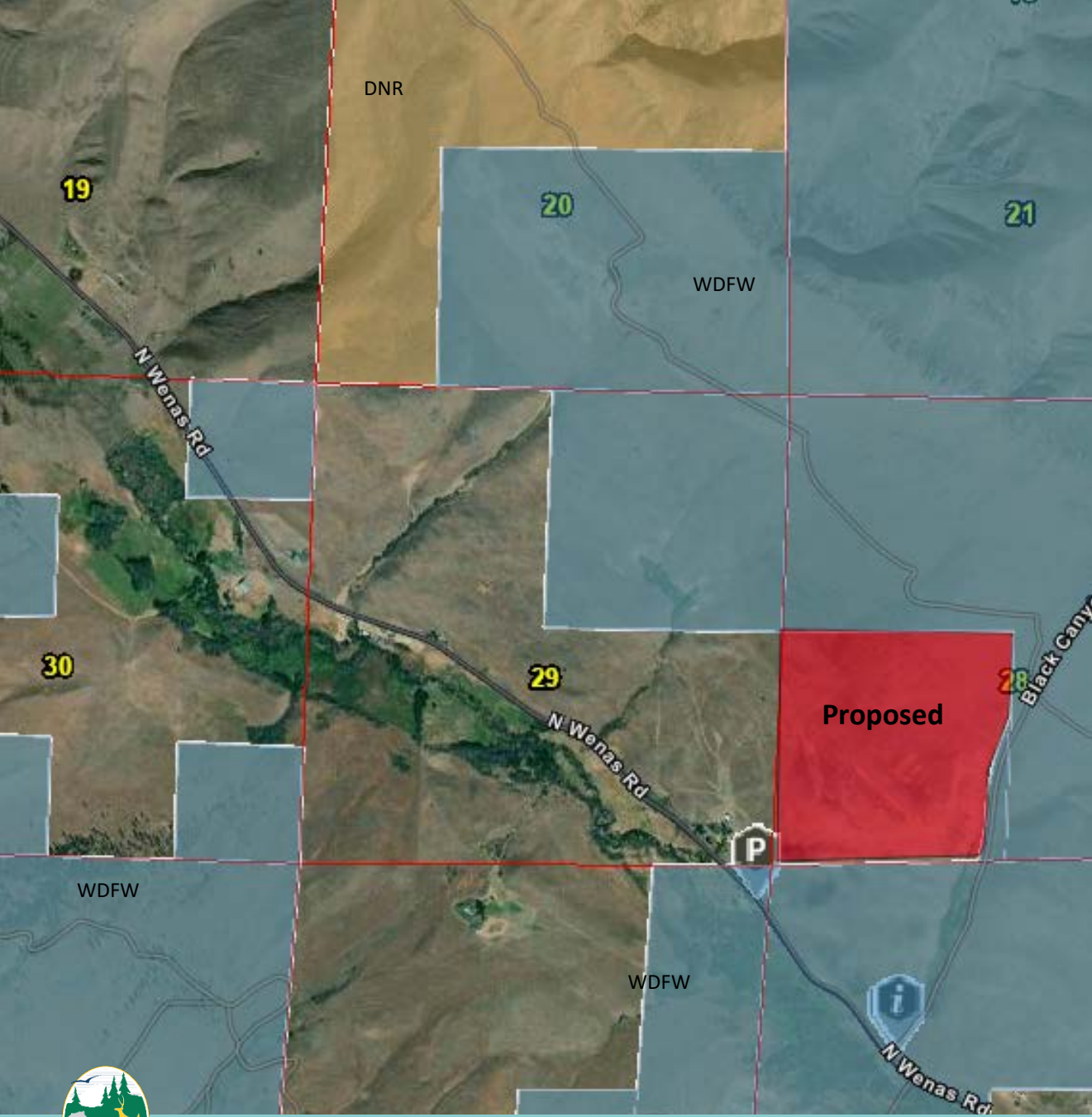


Wenas Black Canyon, Yakima County



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Wenas Black Canyon, Yakima County

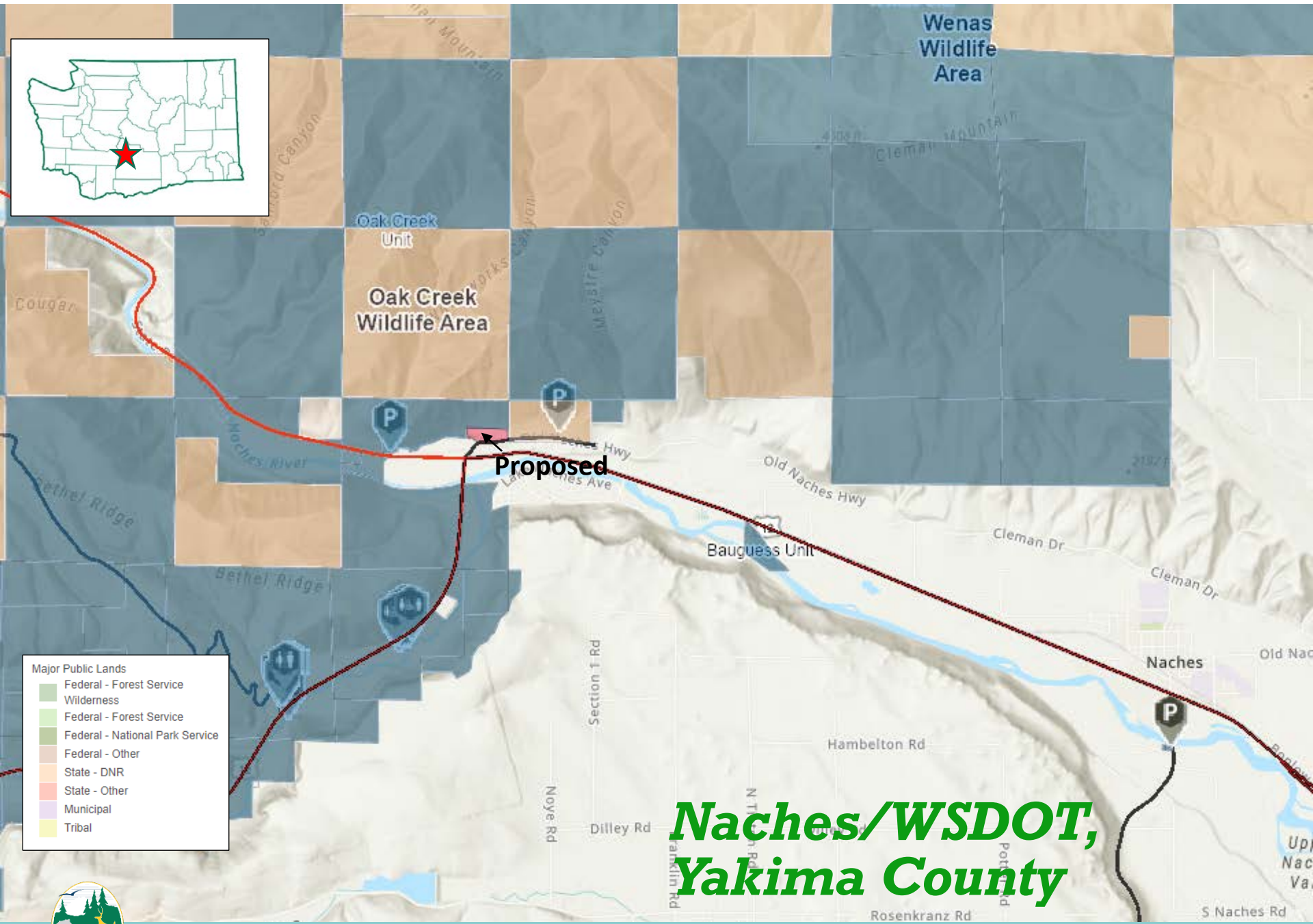
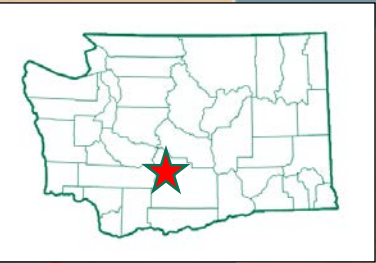
- 150 acres
- Wenas Unit
- Wenas Wildlife Area



Wenas Black Canyon, Yakima County

- Habitat: intact shrubsteppe
- Species: mule deer, white headed woodpecker, loggerhead shrike
- Recreation: hiking, hunting, bird watching





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Naches/WSDOT, Yakima County



Naches/ WSDOT, Yakima County



- 11 Acres
- Oak Creek Unit
- Oak Creek Wildlife Area



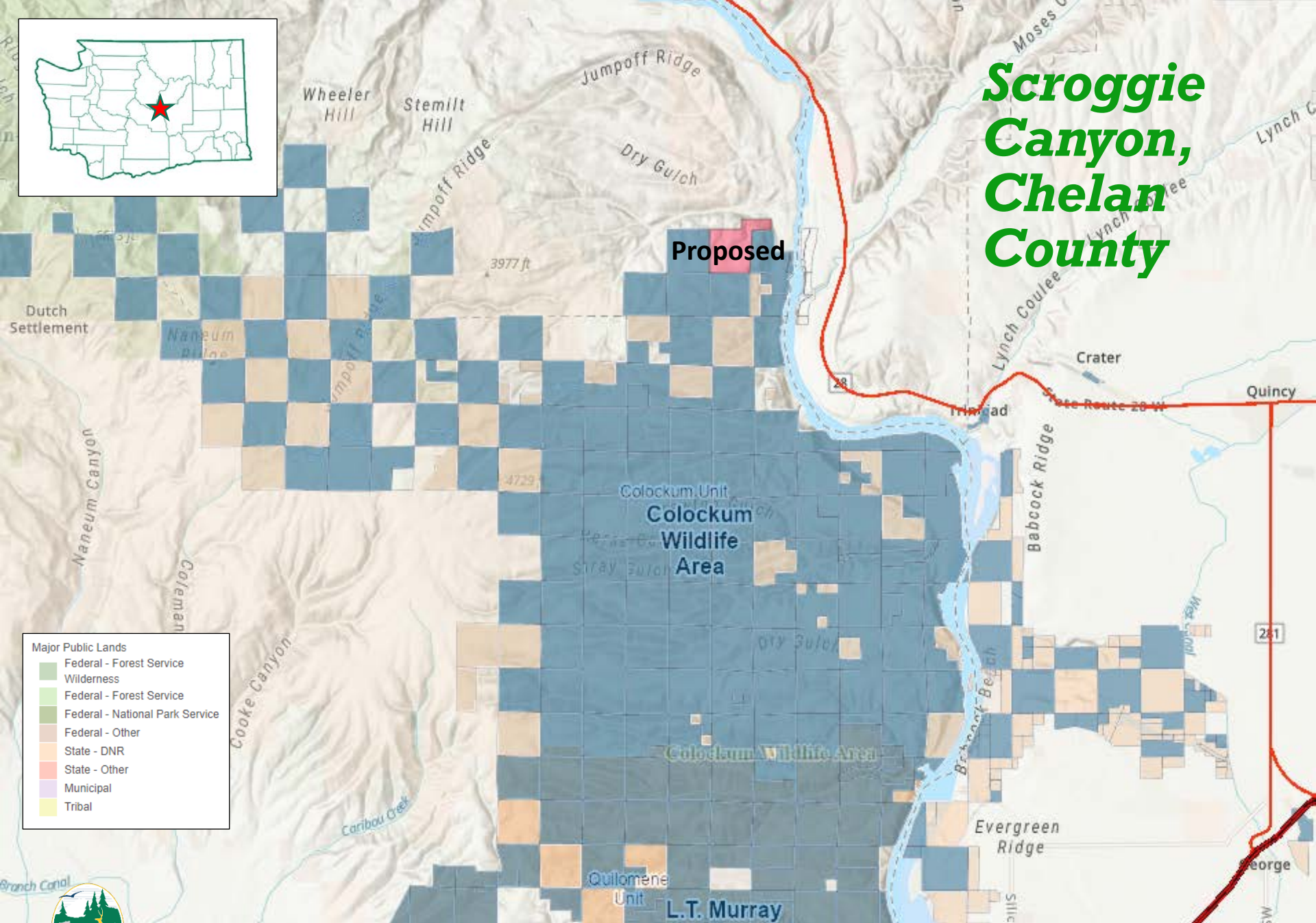
Naches/ WSDOT, Yakima County

- Habitat: Inter-mountain basin big sagebrush steppe
- Species: bighorn sheep, Columbian spotted frog, elk
- Recreation: hunting, wildlife viewing
- Elk fence area





Scroggie Canyon, Chelan County



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Scroggie Canyon, Chelan County

- 742 acres
- Colockum unit
- Colockum Wildlife Area
- Inholding

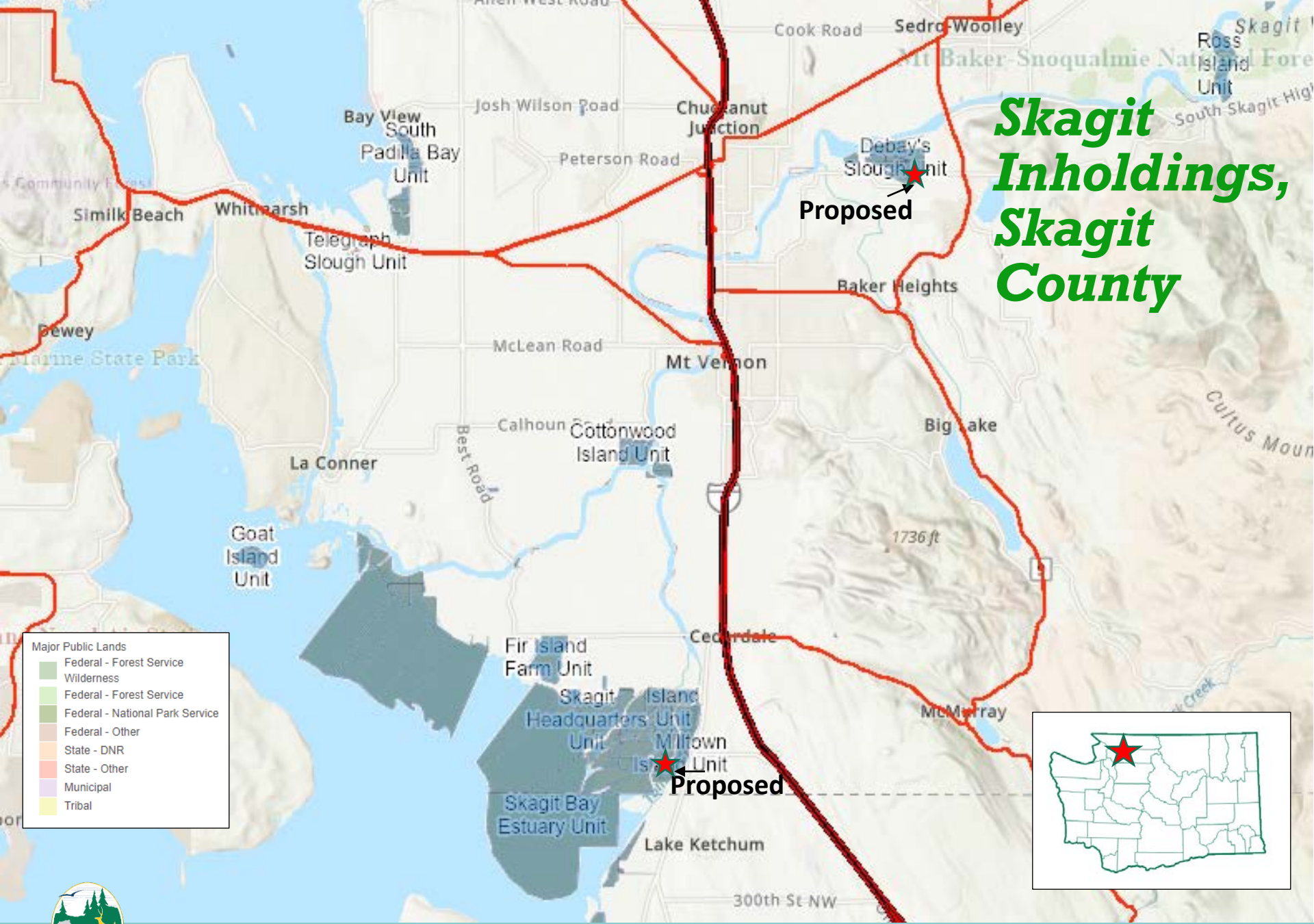


Scroggie Canyon, Chelan County

- Habitat: shrub steppe, perennial streams
- Species: mule deer, trout
- Recreation: hunting, hiking, wildlife viewing



Skagit Inholdings, Skagit County





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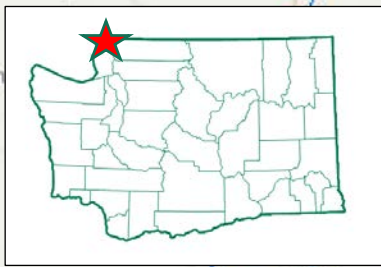
- Approx. 20 acres two project areas
- Milltown Unit – 15 acres
- DeBay Slough Unit – five acres
- Skagit Wildlife Area



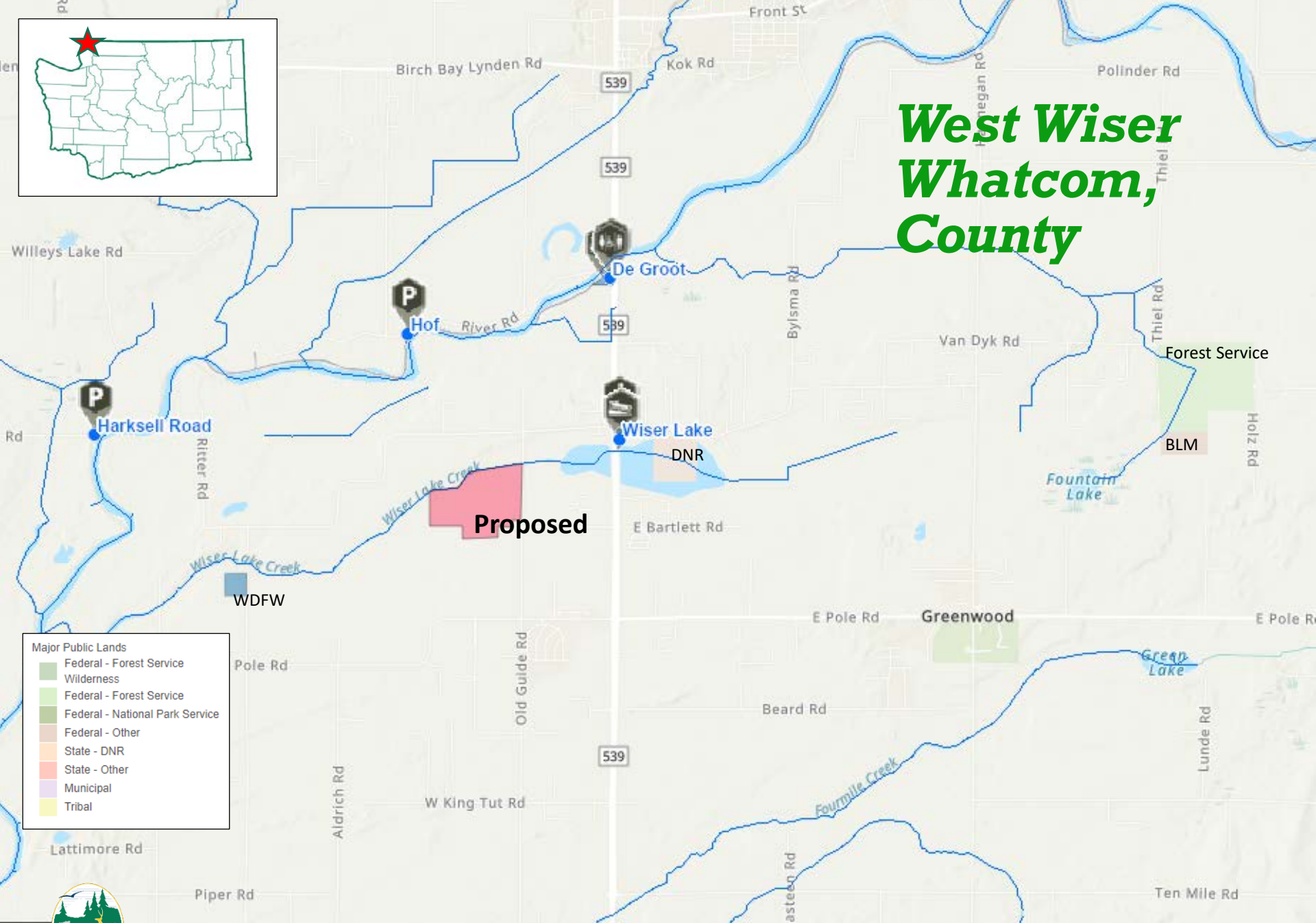
Skagit Inholdings, Skagit County

- Habitat: island with marsh & estuary
- Species: Chinook salmon, shorebirds, waterfowl
- Recreation: hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing



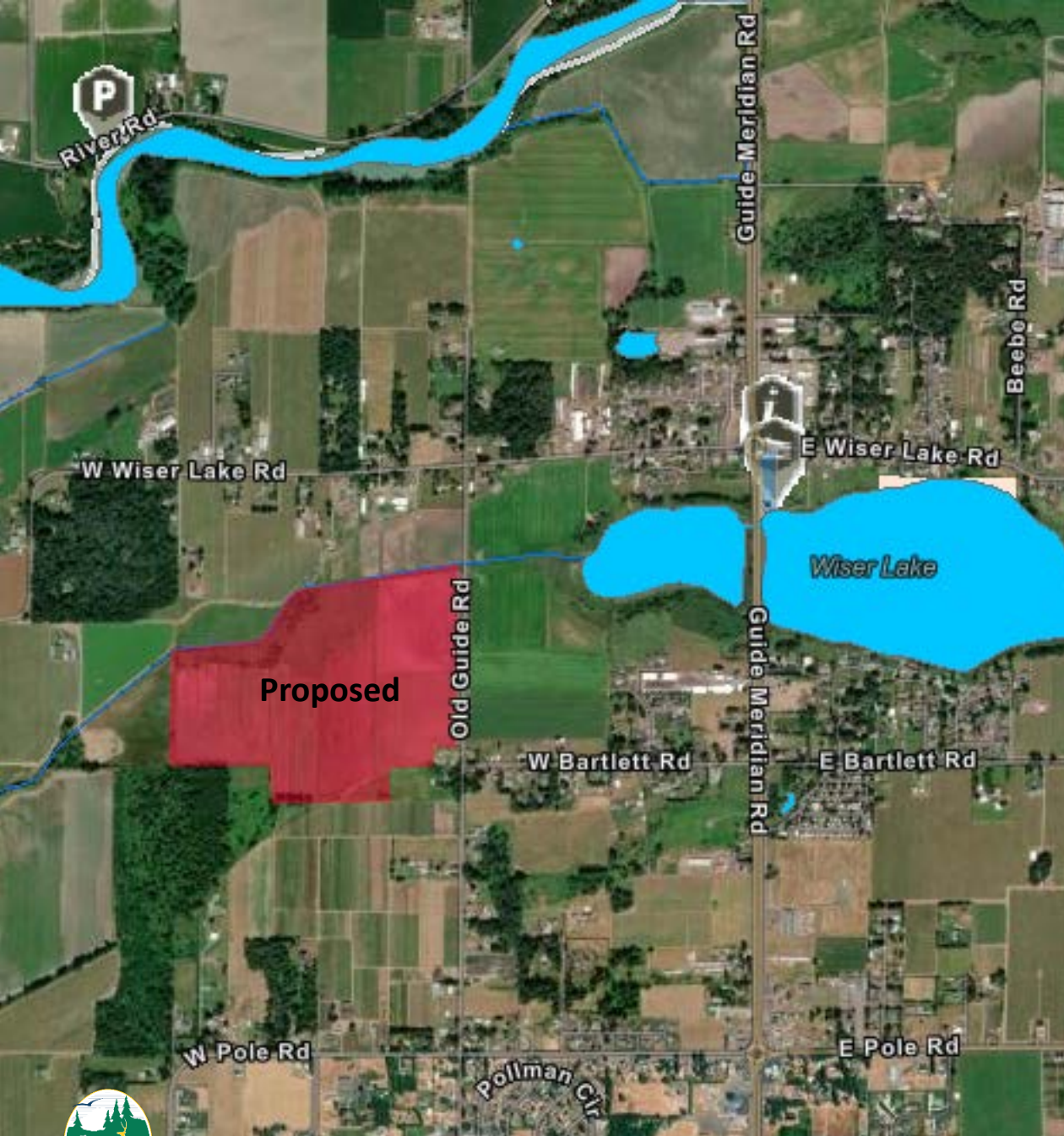


West Wiser Whatcom, County



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West Wiser Whatcom, County

- 117 Acres
- Whatcom Wildlife Area
- Restore previous farmland

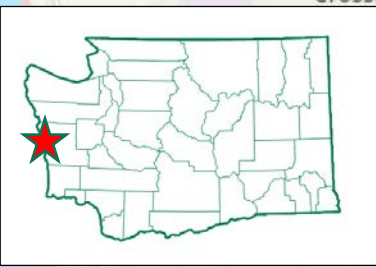


West Wiser Whatcom, County

- Habitat: riparian, marsh, grassland
- Species: waterfowl
- Recreation: waterfowl Hunting, waterfowl viewing
- Wintering migratory bird forage

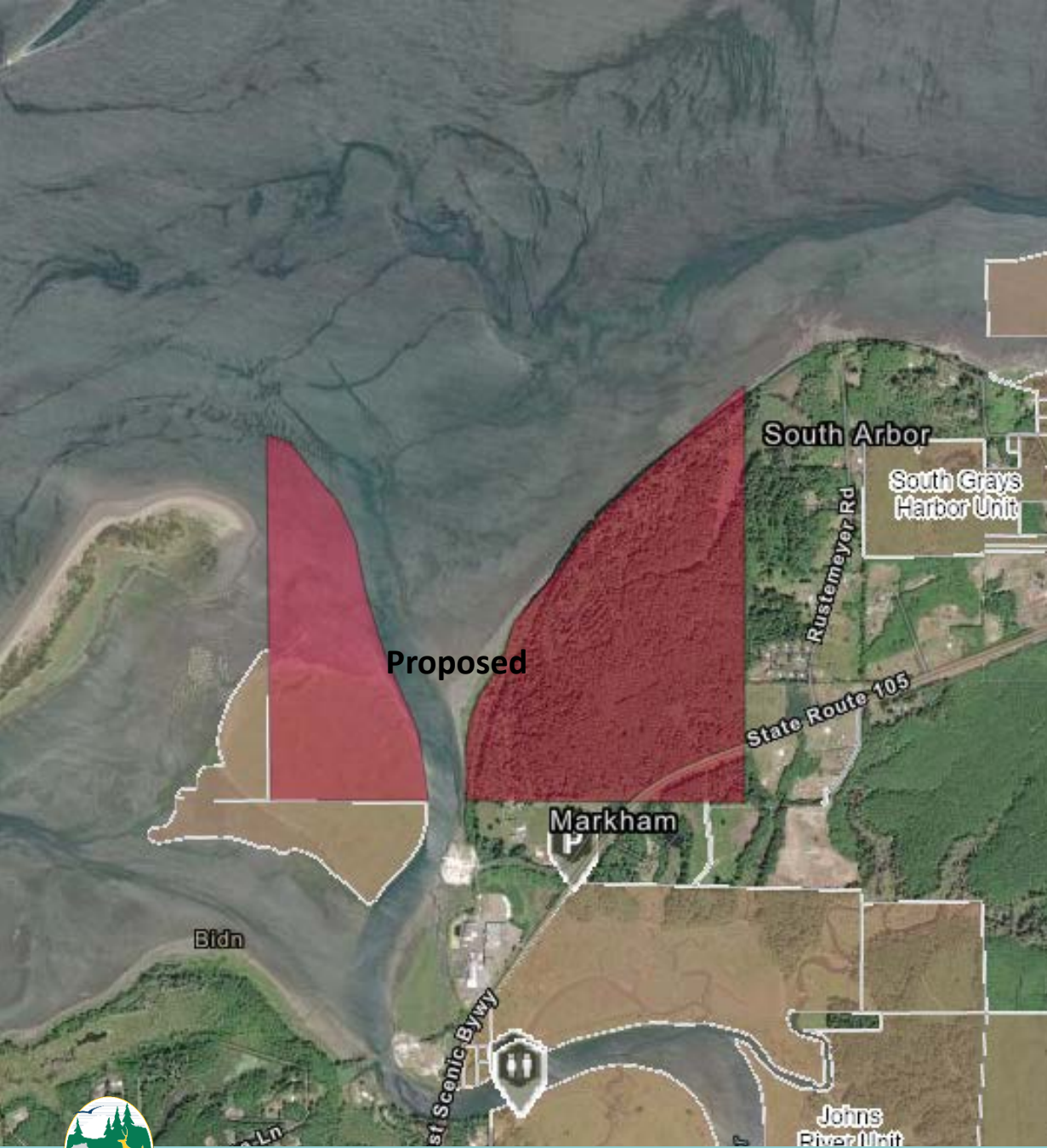


Johns River WLA Addition TLT, Grays Harbor County



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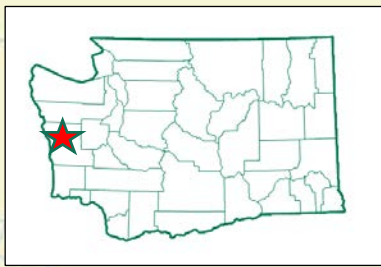
- 235 acres
- DNR property
- Johns River Wildlife Area



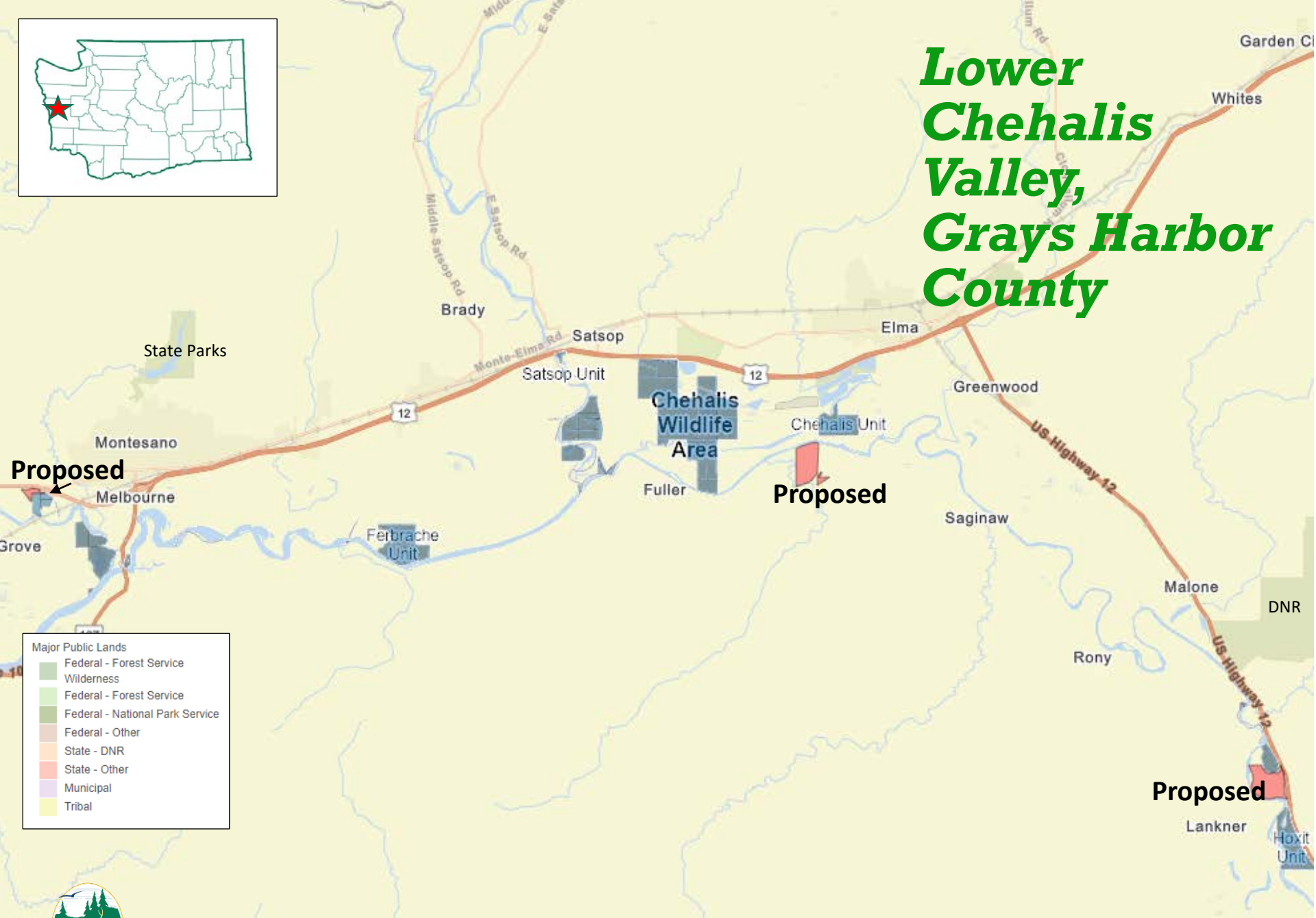
Johns River WLA Addition TLT, Grays Harbor County

- Habitat: Tideland, riparian, over two miles of Grays Harbor Bay shoreline
- Maintain Grays Harbor water quality & aquaculture
- Species: marbled murrelet waterfowl, bull trout, songbirds and others
- Recreation: tideland access, waterfowl hunting, surf fishing, bird watching



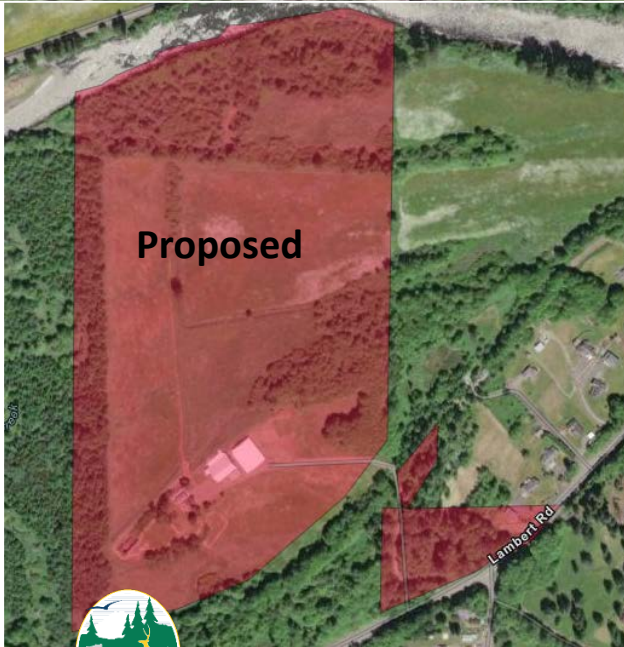


Lower Chehalis Valley, Grays Harbor County



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Lower Chehalis Valley, Grays Harbor County

- Approx. 185 acres in three WLA units
- Chehalis unit, Hoxit Unit, adjacent to the Montesano Regional Office
- Chehalis Wildlife Area

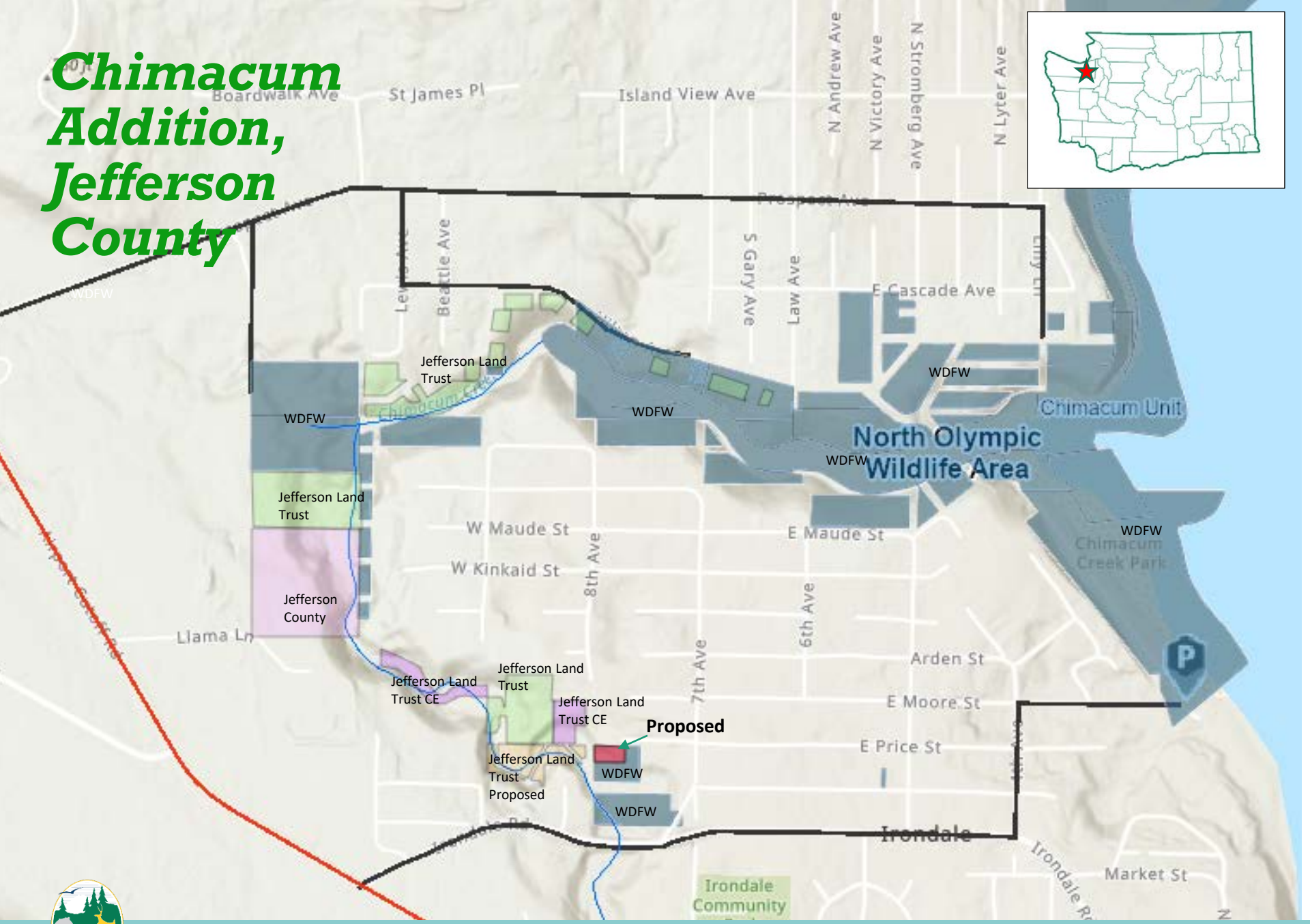


Lower Chehalis Valley, Grays Harbor County

- Habitat: aquatic habitat, floodplains, riparian, wetland
- Adjacent to WDFW ownership
- Species: salmonid, waterfowl
- Recreation: wildlife viewing, hunting, up to two miles of bank fishing



Chimacum Addition, Jefferson County





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- .34 acres
- Chimacum Unit
- North Olympic Wildlife Area





Chimacum Addition, Jefferson County

- Habitat, stream, riparian, forest
- Protection of Chimacum Creek
- Species: Puget Sound winter steelhead, summer chum, coho



PUBLIC REVIEW

Comments

11/06/2023 – 12/07/2023

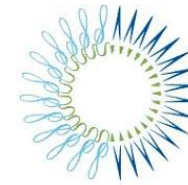
- **28 comments received**
- 18 positive, five negative comments
- One with a breakdown of projects (3 strongly support, 8 support, 2 neutral, 7 not support)
- Four with general questions or suggestions of properties to include

Support from organizations:

- Pew Charitable Trust
- Yakama Nation – Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project
- Jefferson County Commission
- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
- Jefferson County Conservation District
- North Olympic Salmon Coalition
- Washington Waterfowl
- Mt. Baker Beekeepers Association
- Wenatchee Outdoors
- Colville Confederate Tribes
- Grays Harbor Audubon Society
- Conservation Northwest
- Wild Fish Conservancy

Opposition from organizations:

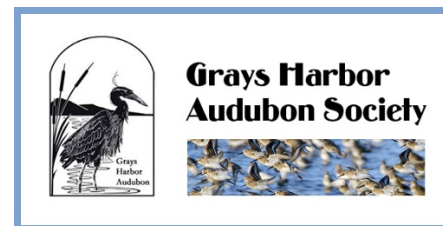
- Grant County Commissioners



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