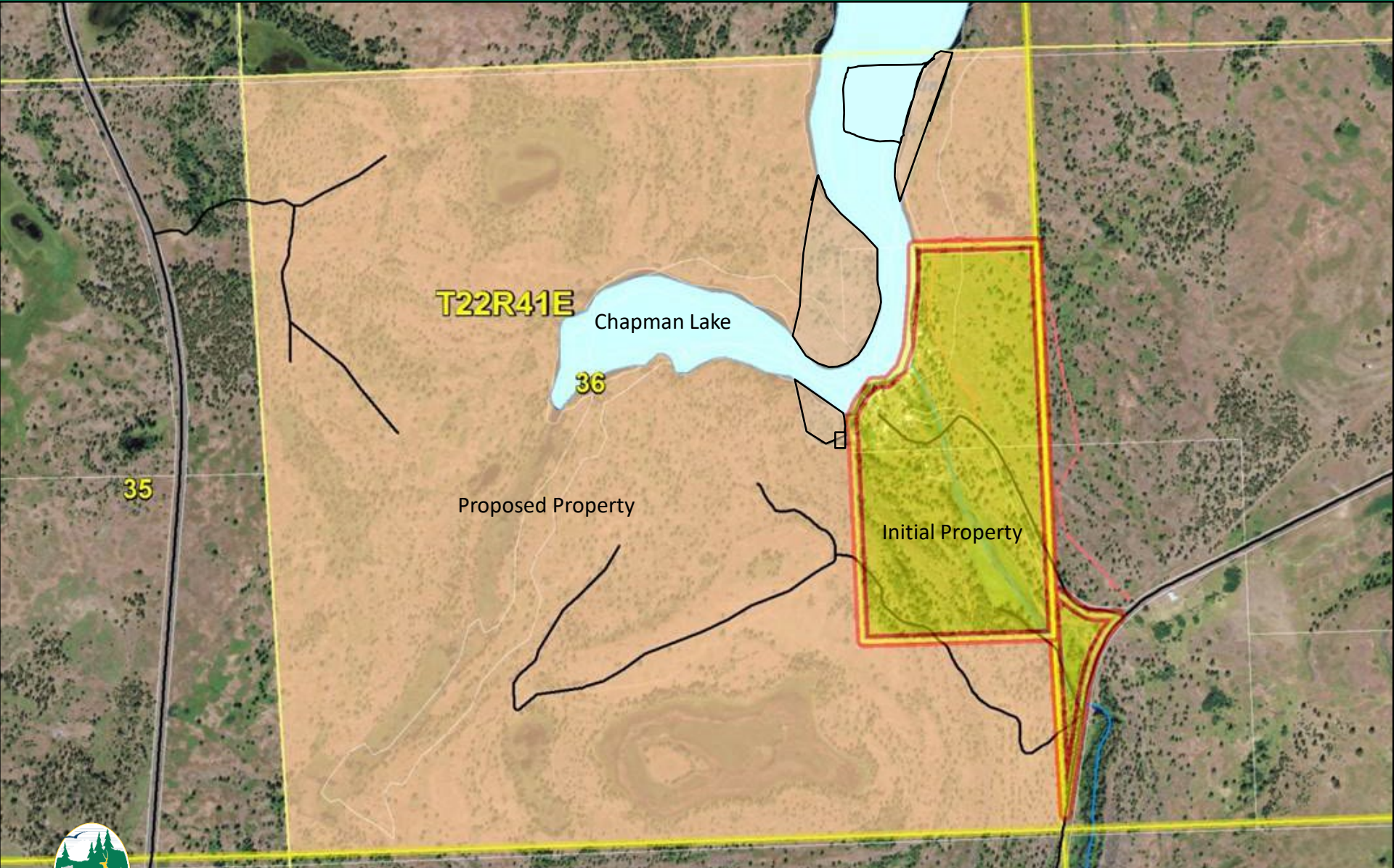


# Proposed Acquisition of 530(+/-) Acres, Spokane County, Region 1 Chapman Lake Trust Land Transfer







# Lands 20/20 Preview Habitat Committee Meeting December 14, 2023

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Lands Division Manager, Wildlife Program

Karen Edwards

Real Estate Services Manager, Wildlife Program





# 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*





# Strategic Acquisition Priorities

- **Goal 1: Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife**
  - *Aquatic Habitats, Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife*
  - *Critical Habitat for Specific Species, Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife*
  - *Terrestrial Habitats*
- **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 our workforce, improving business processes, and investing in technology**

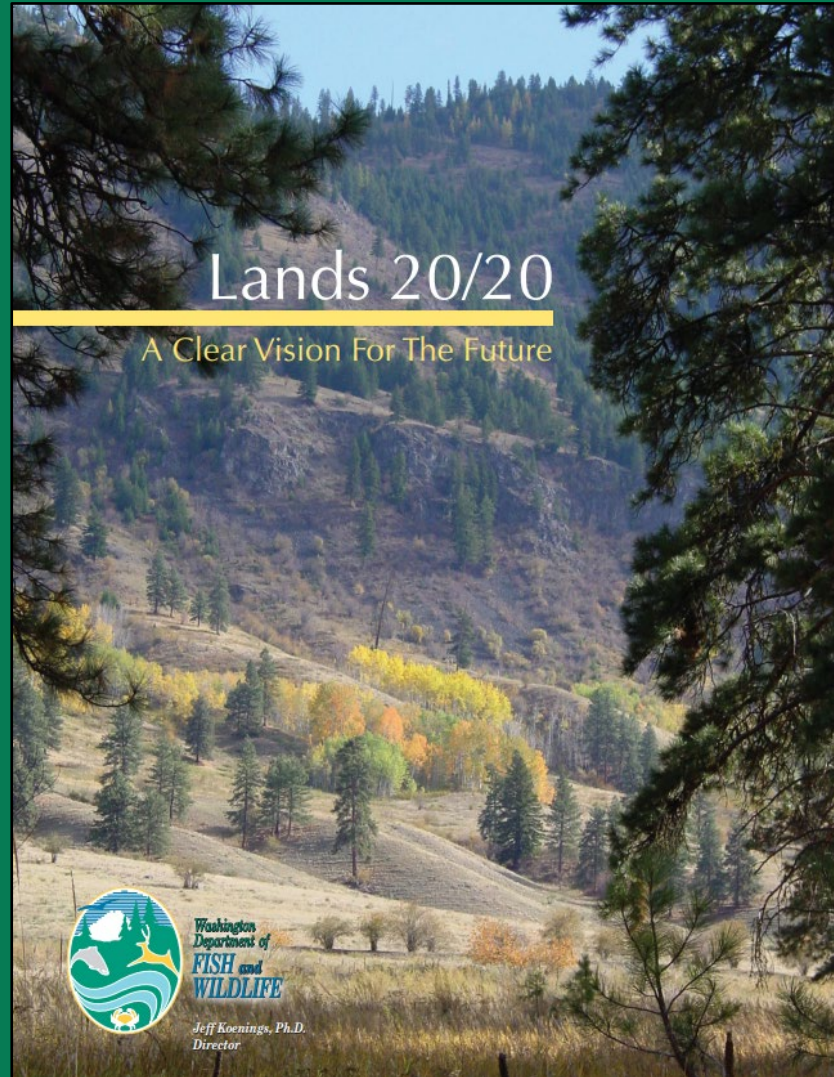


[WDFW Strategic Acquisition Priorities.pdf](#)



# Strategic Acquisition Priorities for Land Acquisitions

Designed to provide guidance on what land to buy and where to buy it in support of WDFW's Mission and mandate (RCW 77.04.012) to preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage fish and wildlife species of the state, and provide recreational opportunities. Prior to acquiring a parcel of land, a deliberate process is used to ensure fee-title acquisition is better than any other tools available: conservation easement, voluntary protection, regulatory protection, ownership by a local land trust, another state agency or local entity, incentives, or education of landowner. Outcome...



Lands 20/20: A Clear Vision For The Future



# *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*



# Acquisition Steps

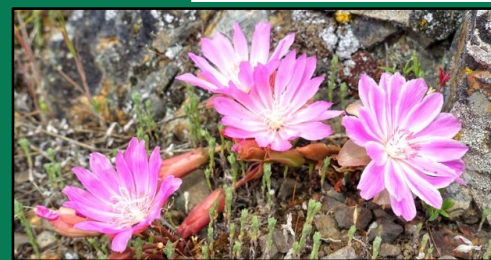
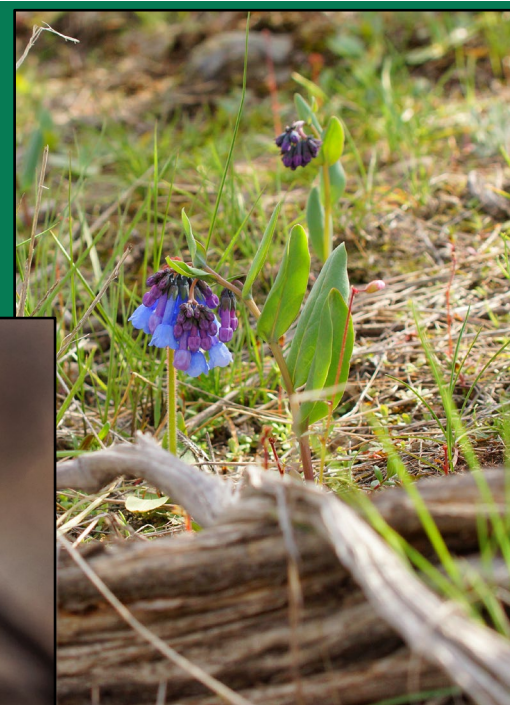
Scoping  
and Need

Lands 20/20

Funding

Land  
Transaction

Integrating  
Ownership





# Schedule 2023

*Regional Visits – April/May*

*Announcement – May 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Applications due – July 24<sup>th</sup>*

*31 applications received = 30,128 acres*

*Tech Team – Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Funding Team – Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>*

*EMT – Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Tribal Preview – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Tribal Consultation – Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>*

*Public Review – Oct. 30<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Commission Briefing – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>*

*Director Approval*

*20 advancing*

*13,558 acres*



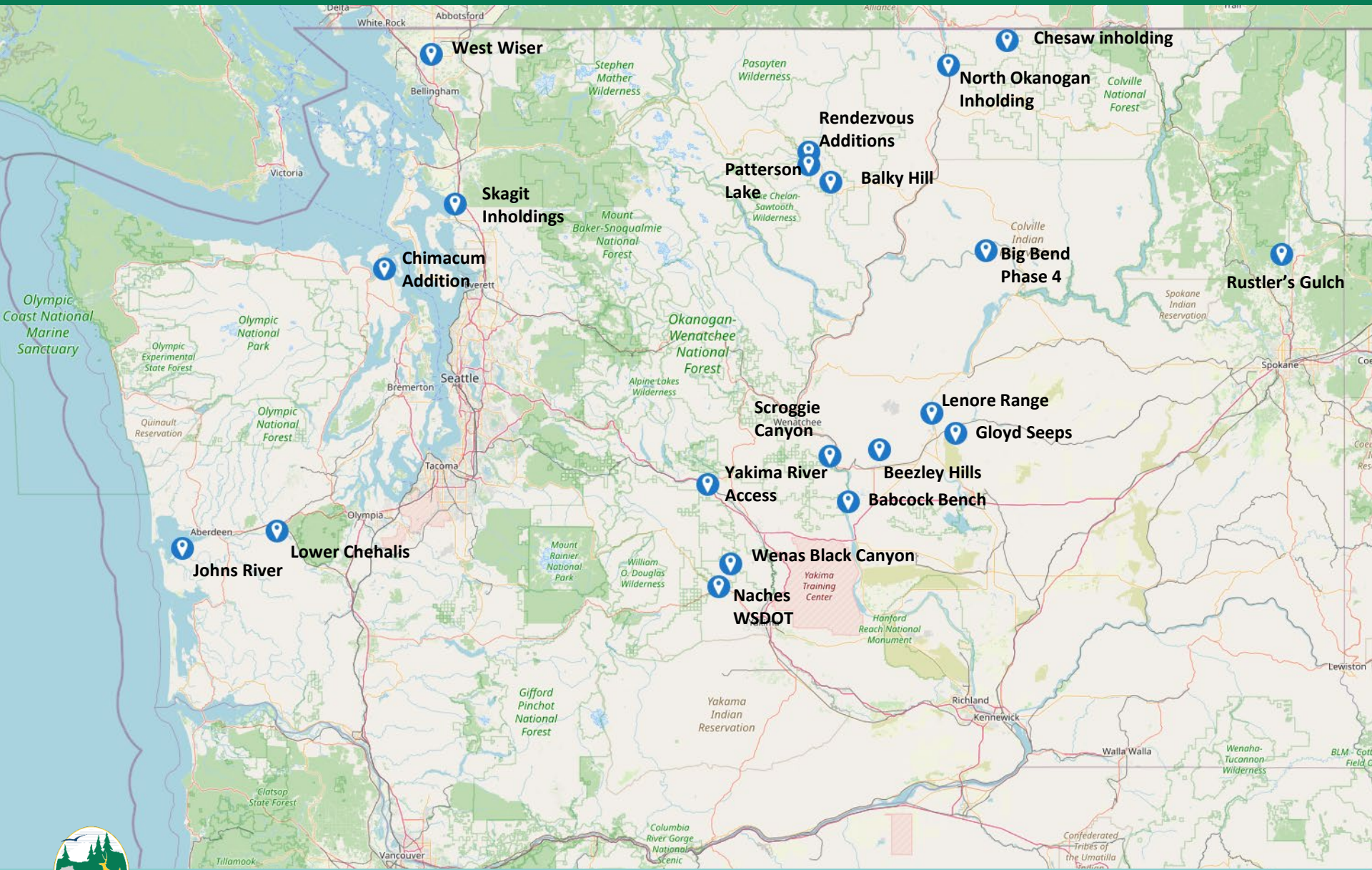
# Projects Not Advancing

- *11 Projects, 16,570 Acres*
  - *Complex management needing resolution*
  - *Property owner not ready (3)*
  - *More suitable owner (Yakama Nation)*
  - *Property sold*
  - *Price not achievable*
  - *More outreach needed*
  - *Does not connect to existing WDFW land. Is there a more suitable owner?*
  - *Access issues needing resolution*
  - *Needs more regional scoping and need discussion*





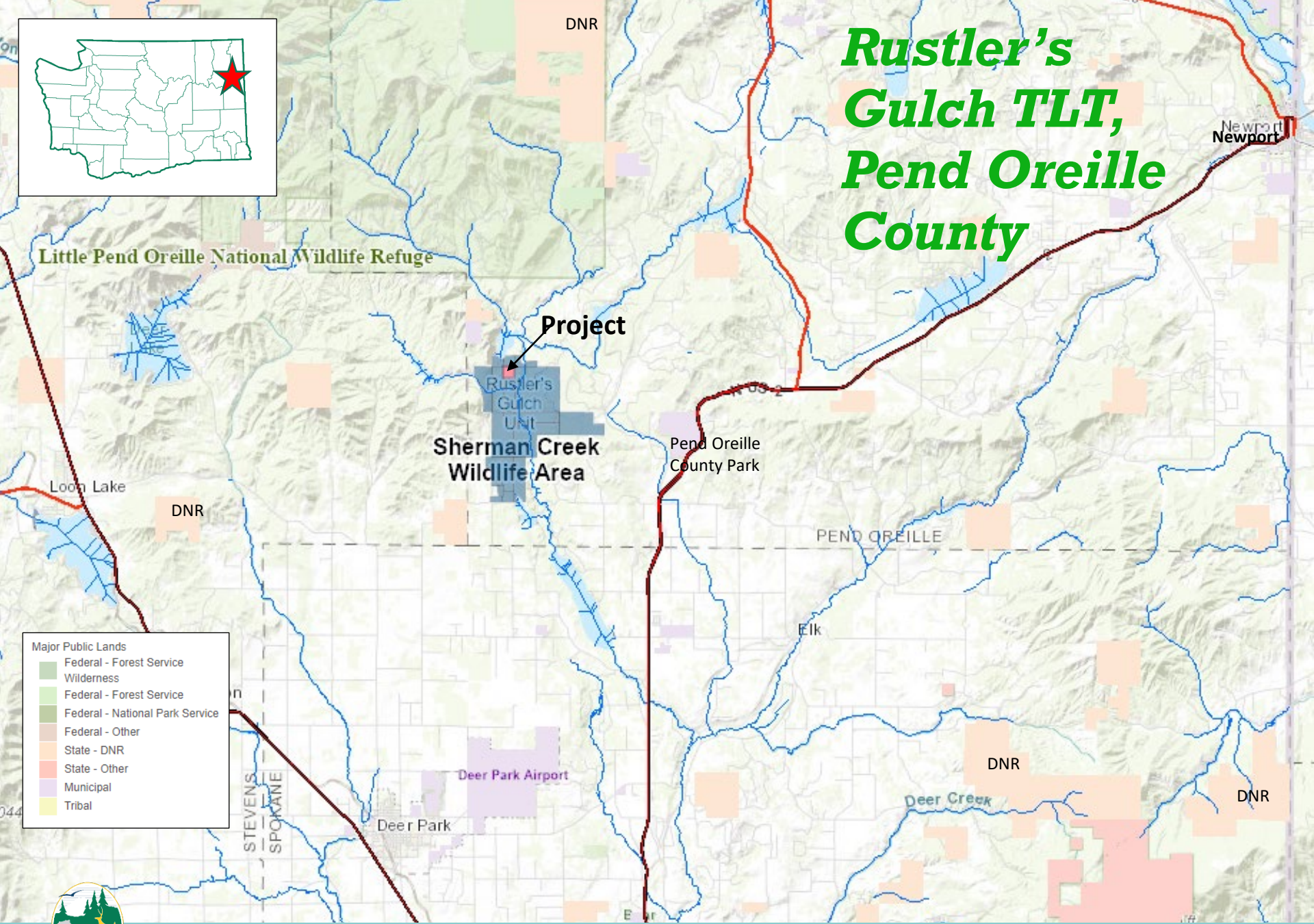
# 2023 Lands 20/20 Projects







# *Rustler's Gulch TLT, Pend Oreille County*



Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge

Project

Sherman Creek Wildlife Area

Pend Oreille County Park

PEND OREILLE

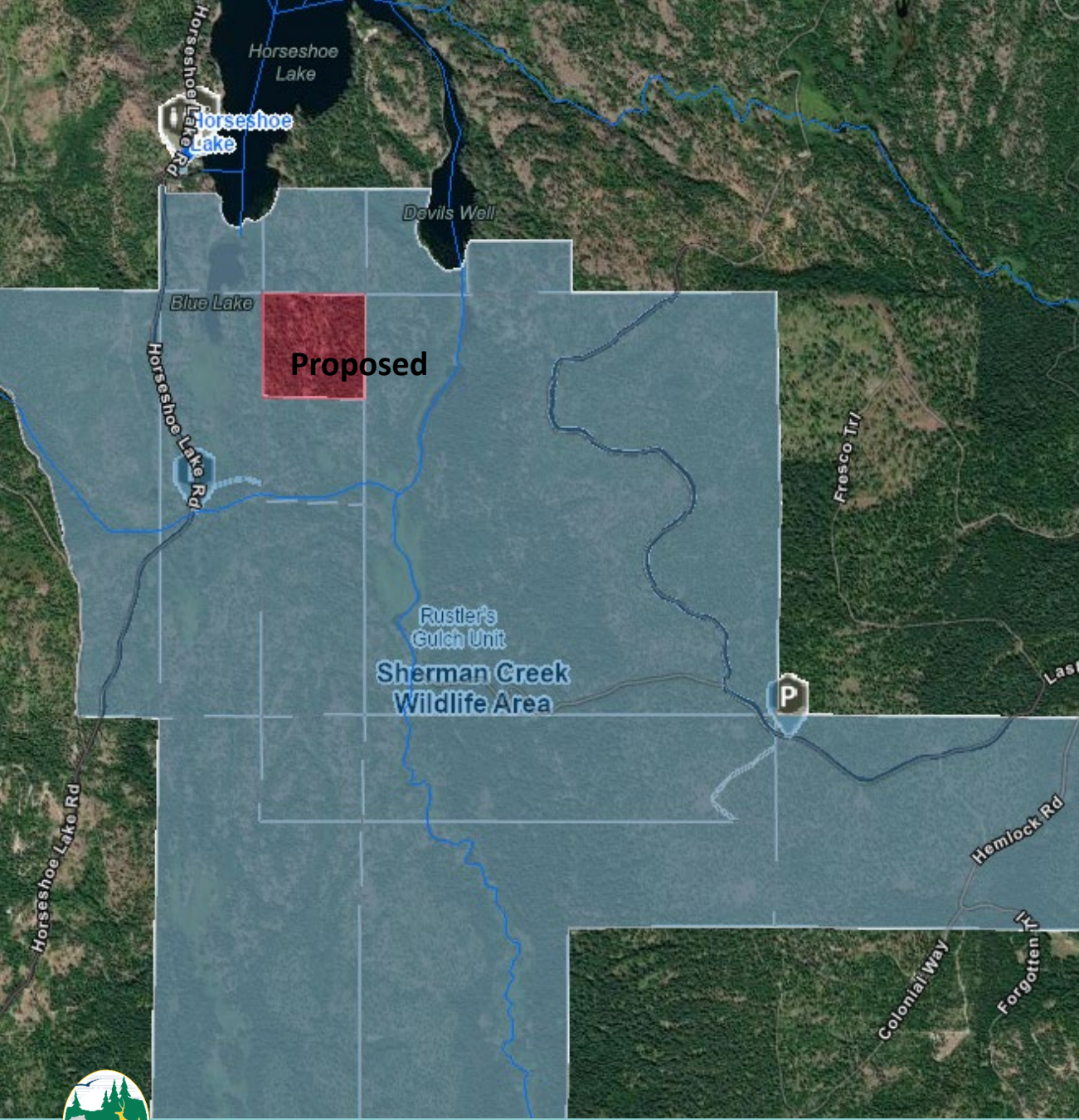
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# *Rustler's Gulch TLT, Pend Oreille County*

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





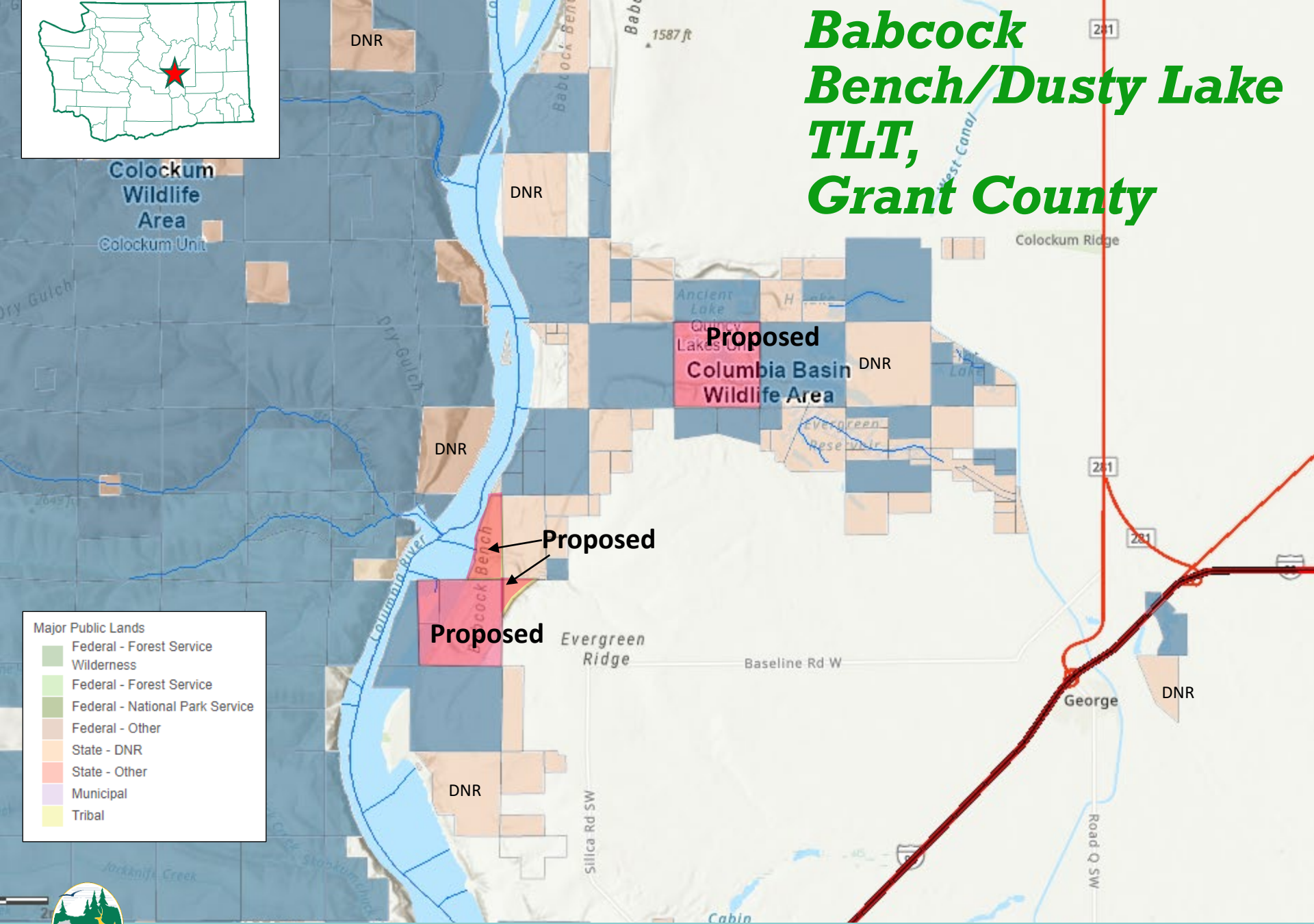
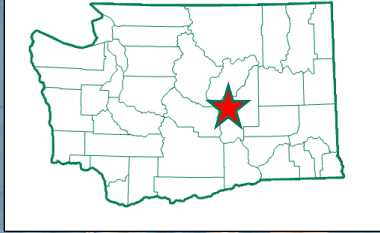
## ***Rustler's Gulch TLT, Pend Oreille County***

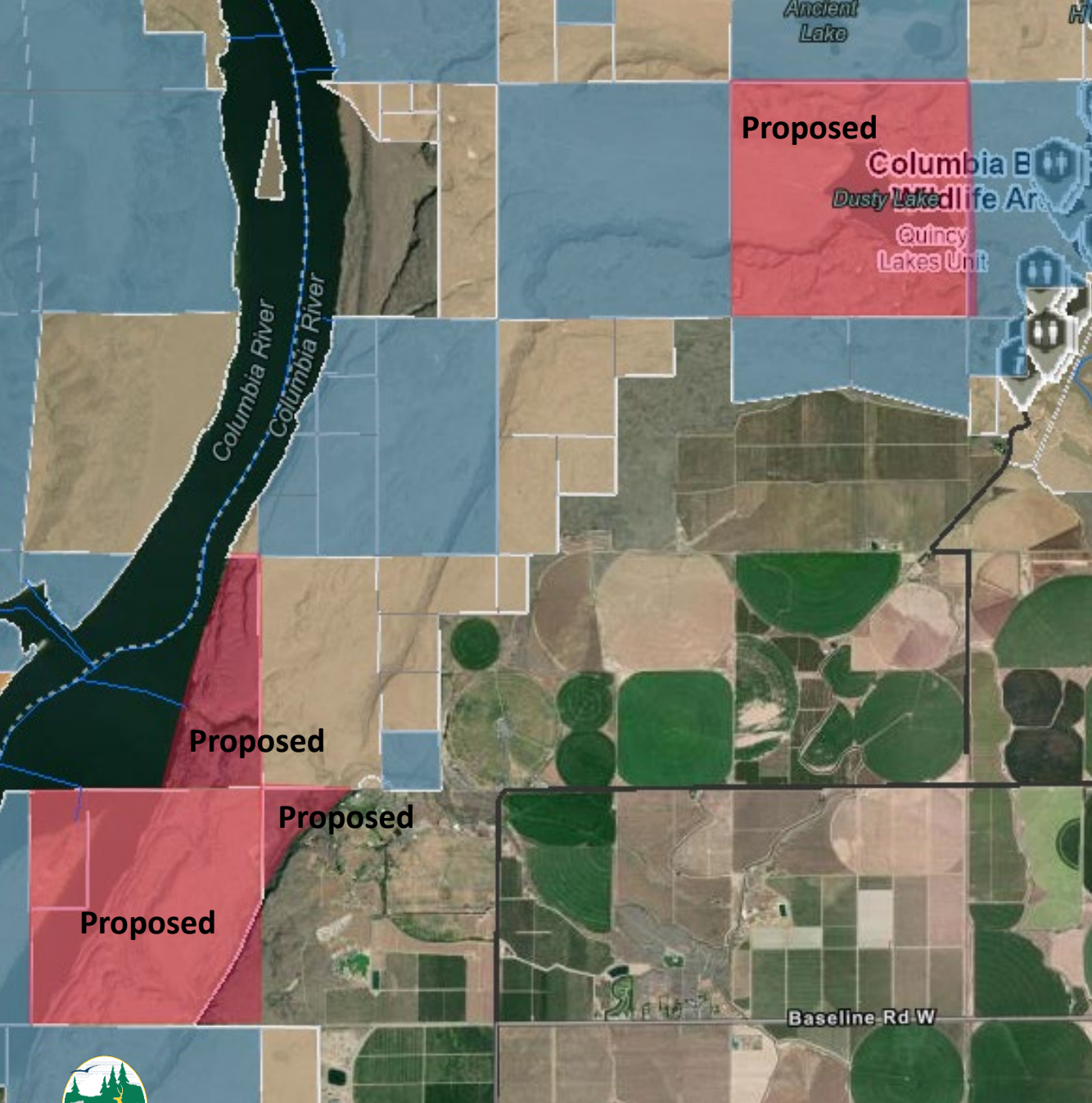
- Inholding to Rustlers Gulch Wildlife Area
- Went through the Lands 20/20 previously and was approved
- Habitat: natural forest & emergent wetland
- Species: Northern goshawk. Pileated woodpecker, Lewis' woodpecker, Columbia spotted frog, moose
- Recreation: hunting, hiking, biking, trail running





# Babcock Bench/Dusty Lake TLT, Grant County





# ***Babcock Bench/Dusty Lake TLT, Grant County***

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





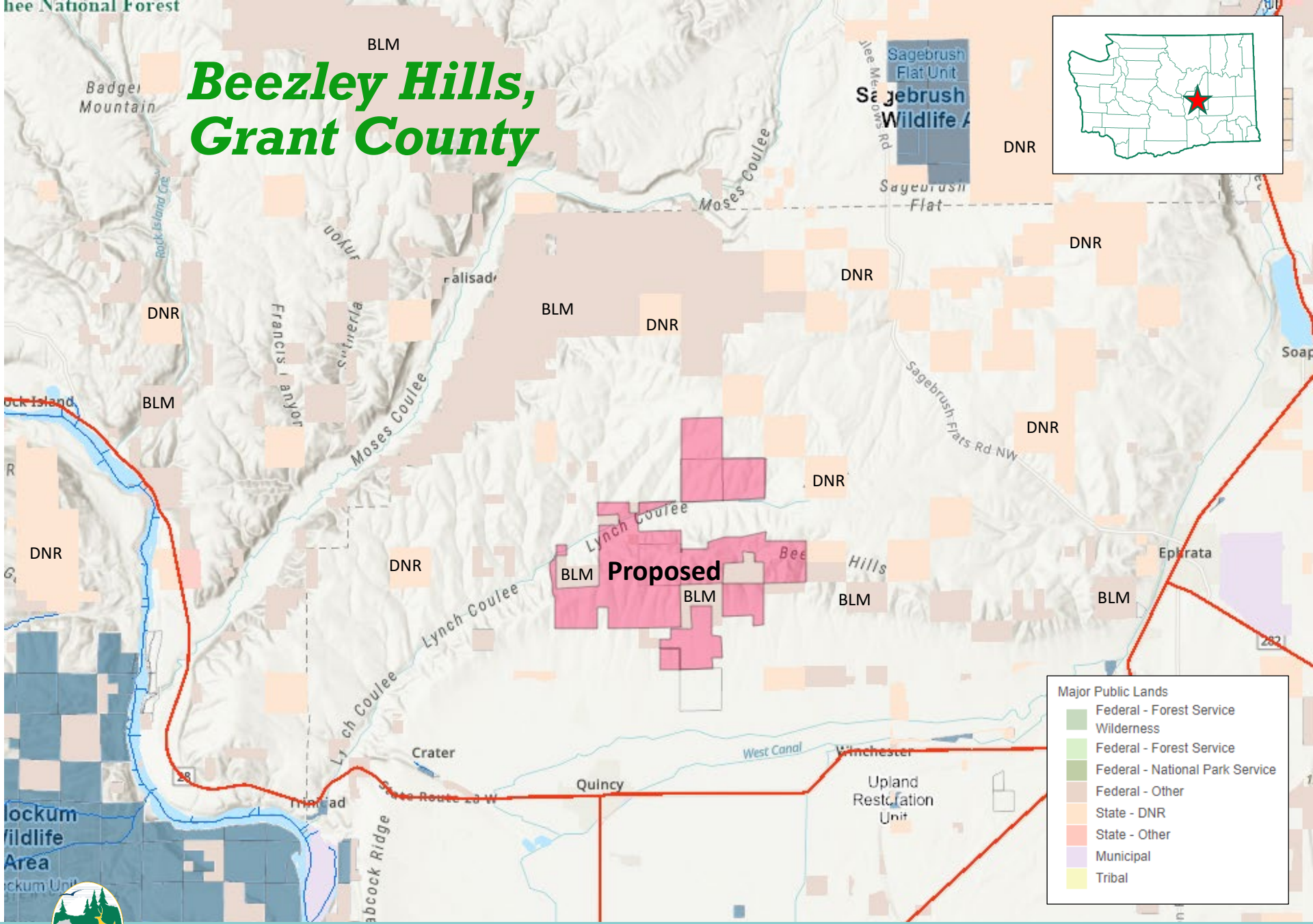
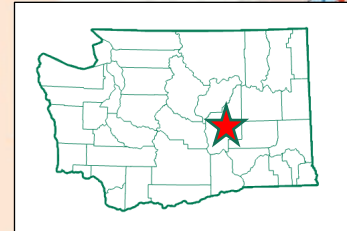
# ***Babcock Bench/Dusty Lake TLT, Grant County***

- 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

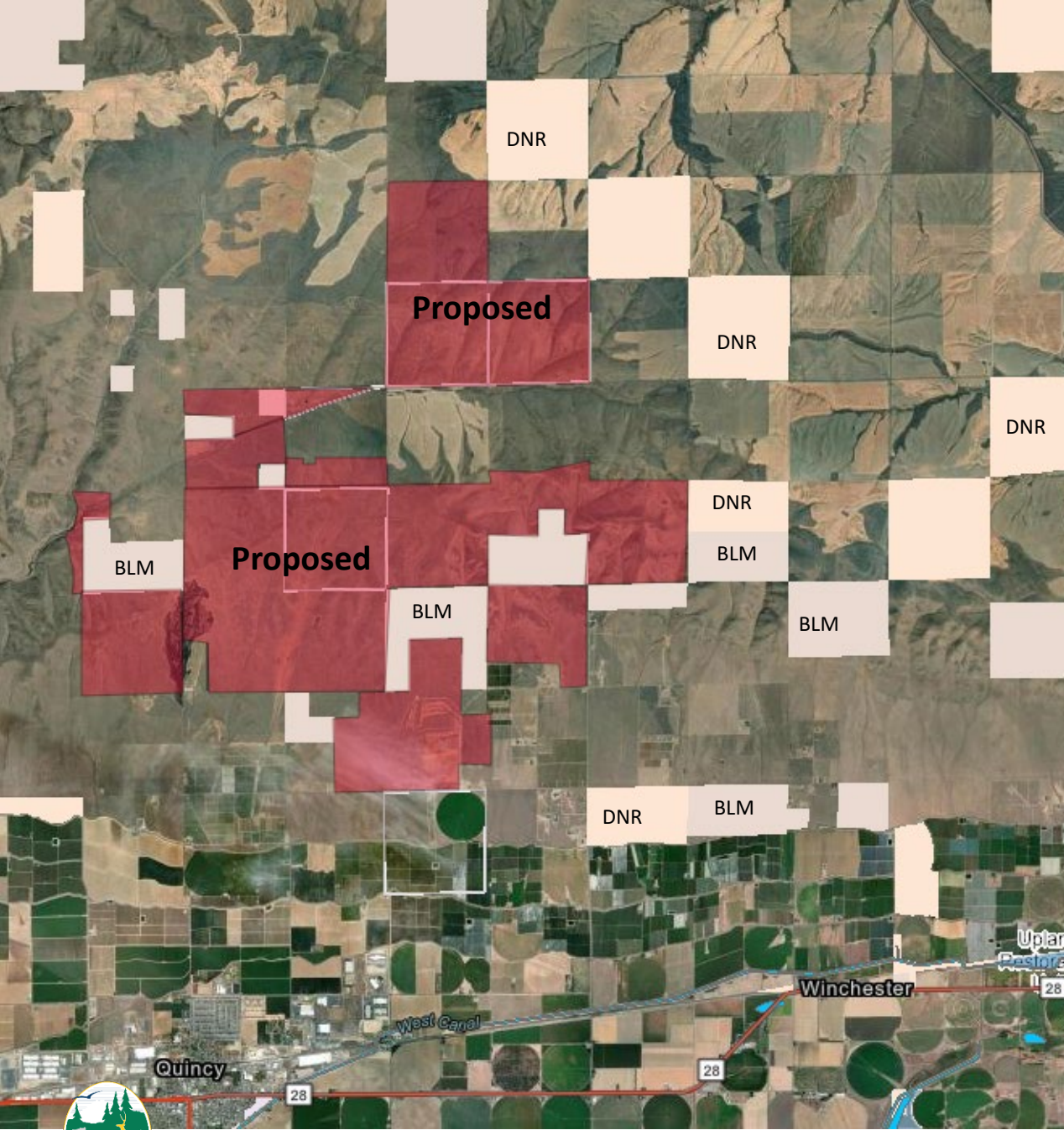


**Major Public Lands**

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Light Green	Federal - Forest Service
Dark Green	Federal - National Park Service
Tan	Federal - Other
Light Orange	State - DNR
Red	State - Other
Purple	Municipal
Yellow	Tribal







## ***Beezley Hills, Grant County***

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





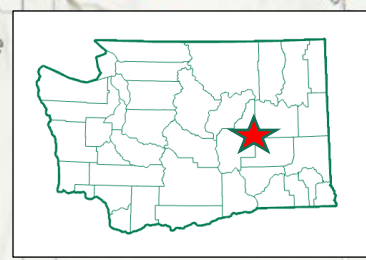
# ***Beezley Hills, Grant County***

- 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



- Major Public Lands
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  - Municipal
  - Tribal

Proposed

DNR

Gloyd Seeps Unit

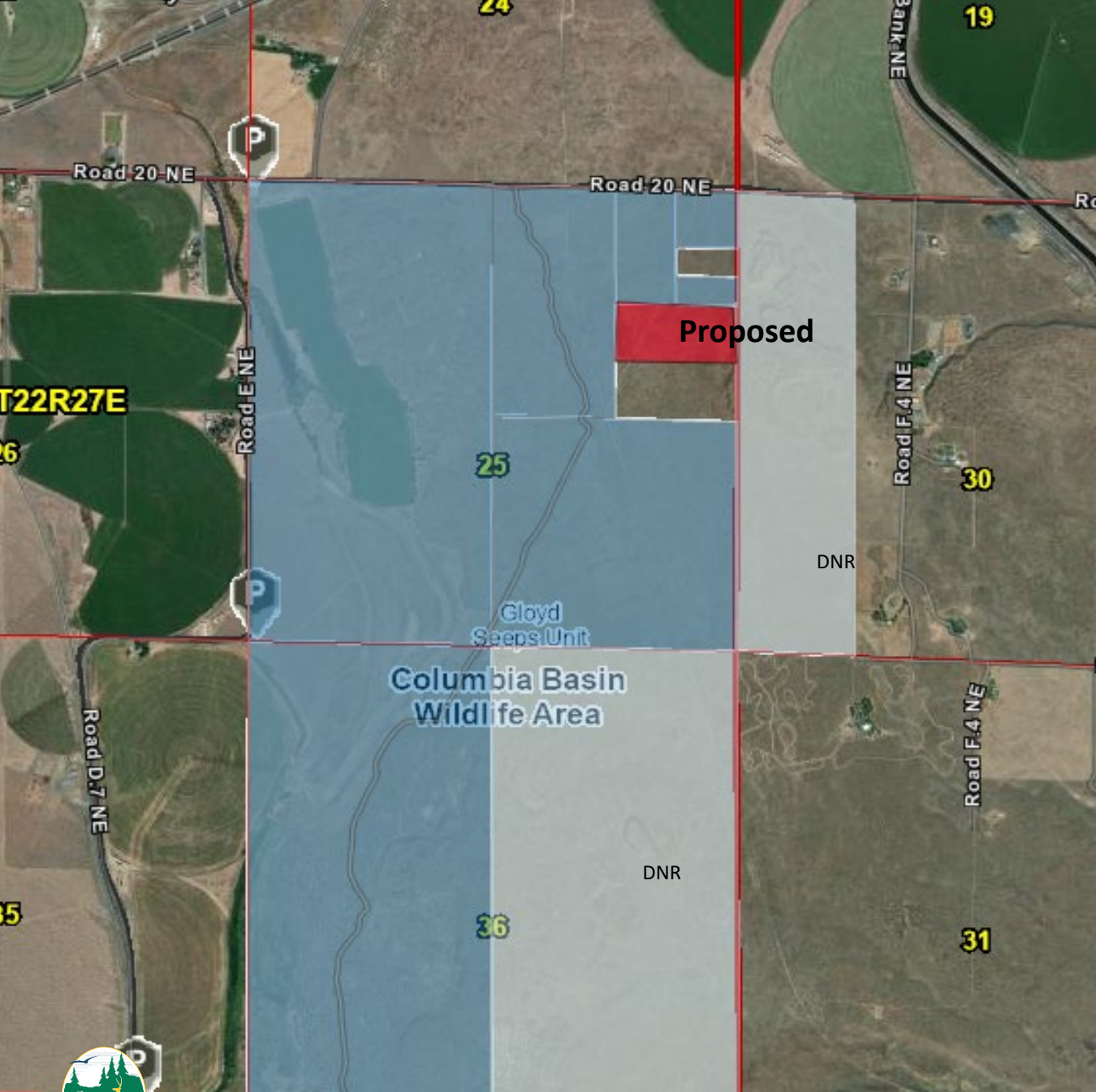
Columbia Basin Wildlife Area

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# *Gloyd Seeps Inholding, Grant County*

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







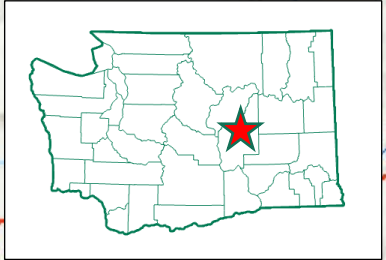
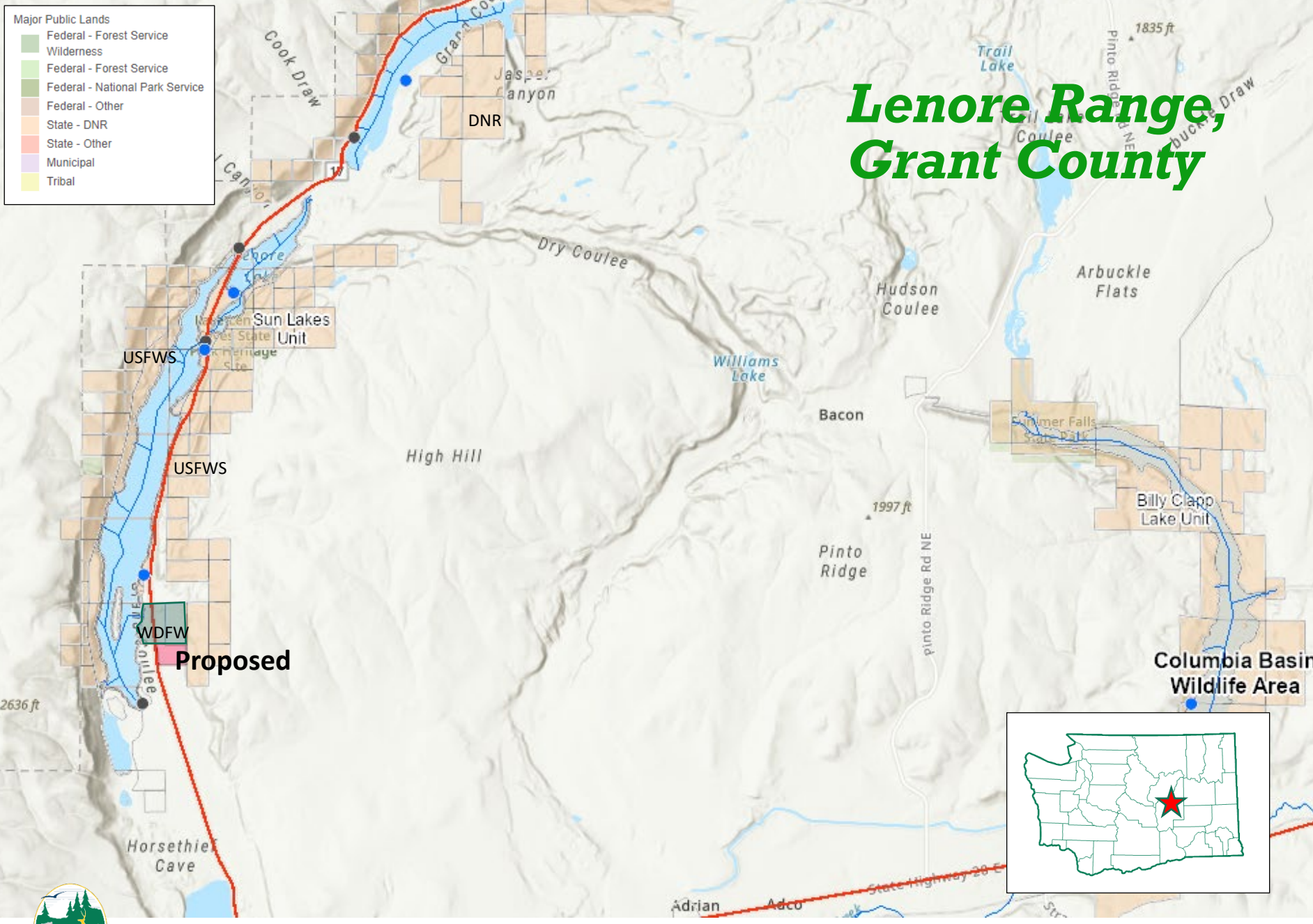
# ***Gloyd Seeps Inholding, Grant County***

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



# Lenore Range, Grant County

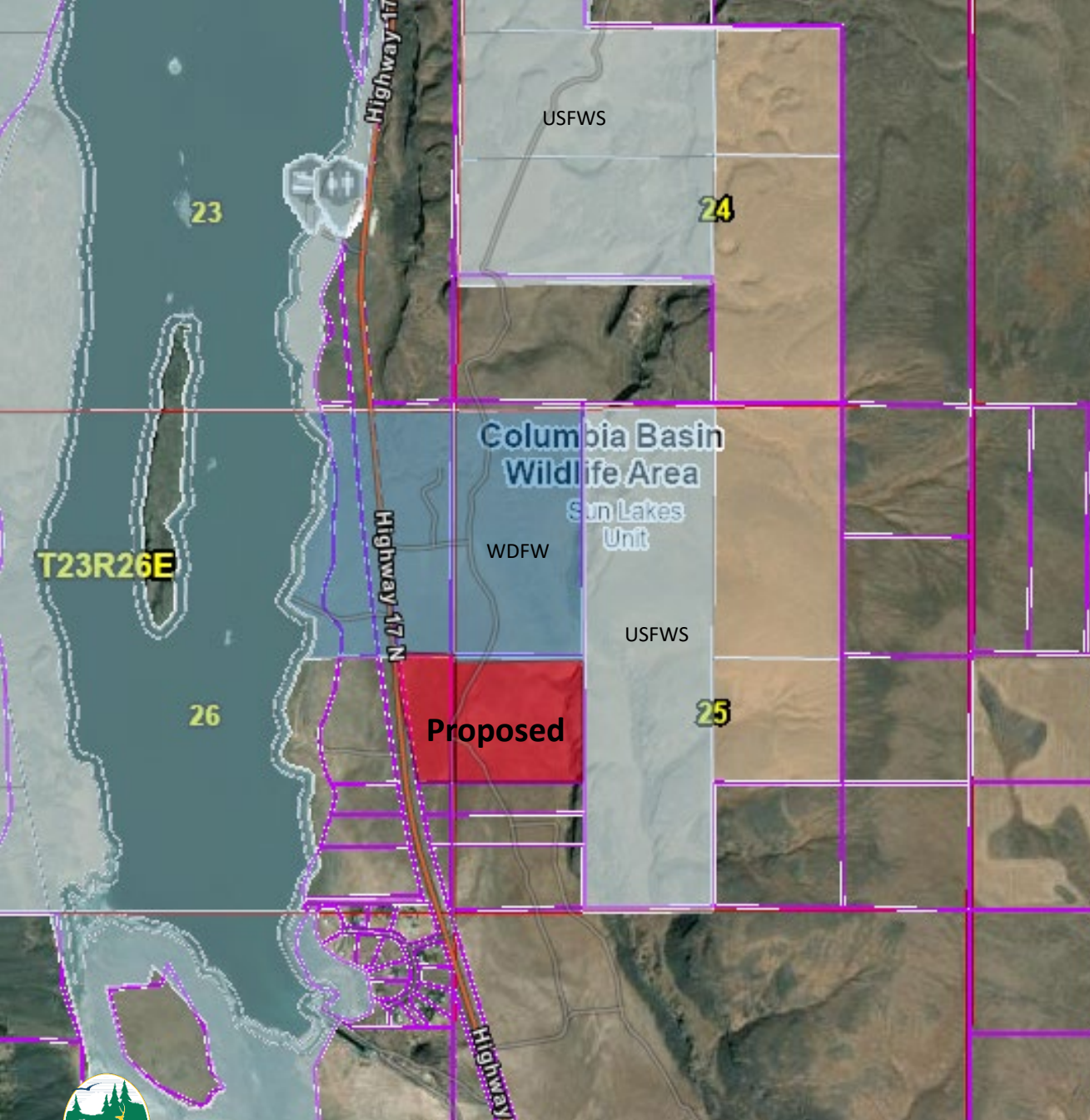
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# *Lenore Range, Grant County*

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





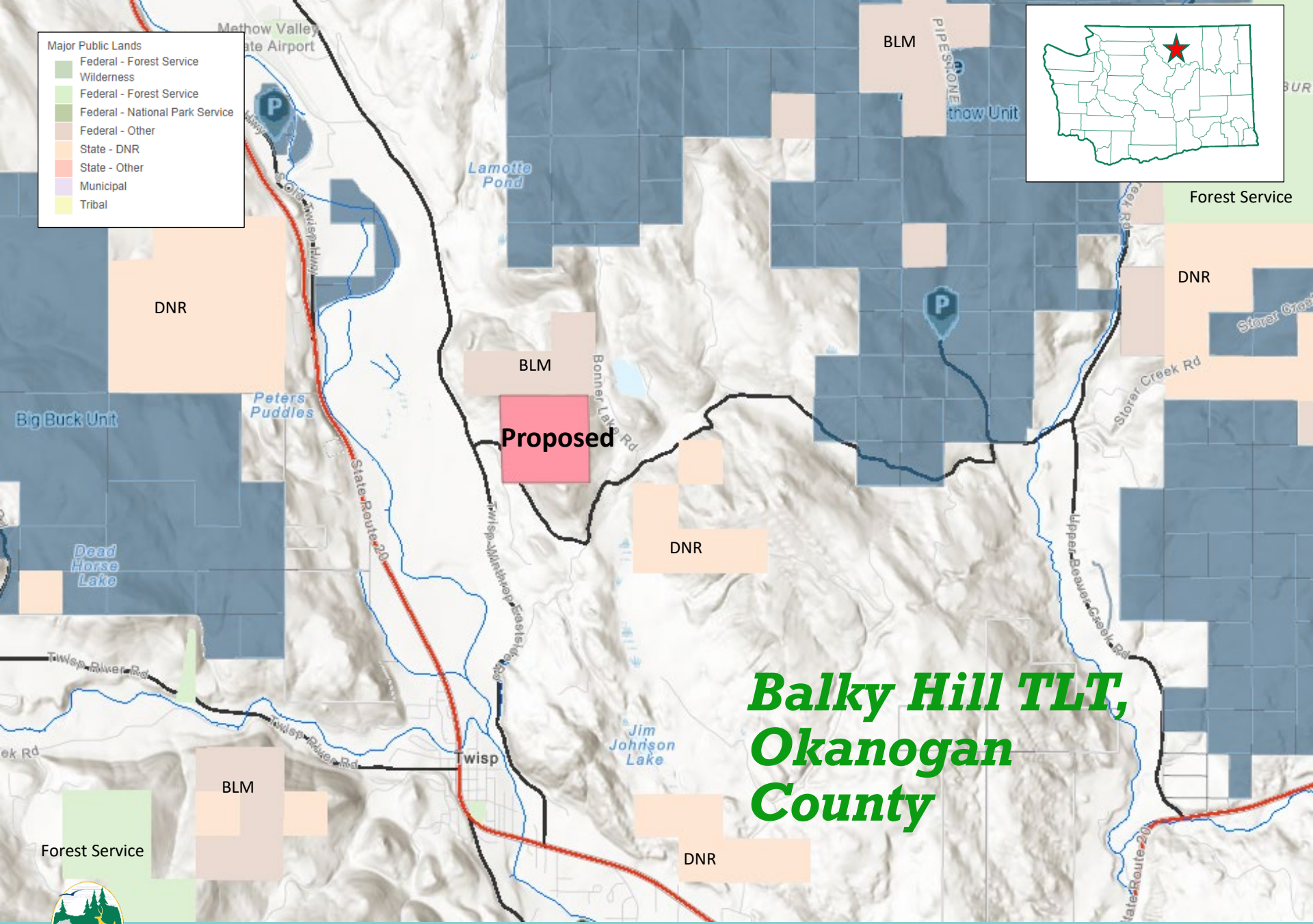
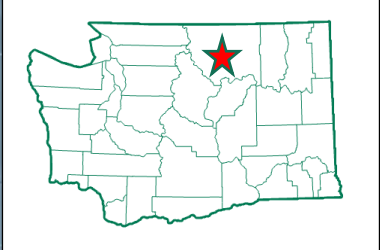
# ***Lenore Range, Grant County***

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





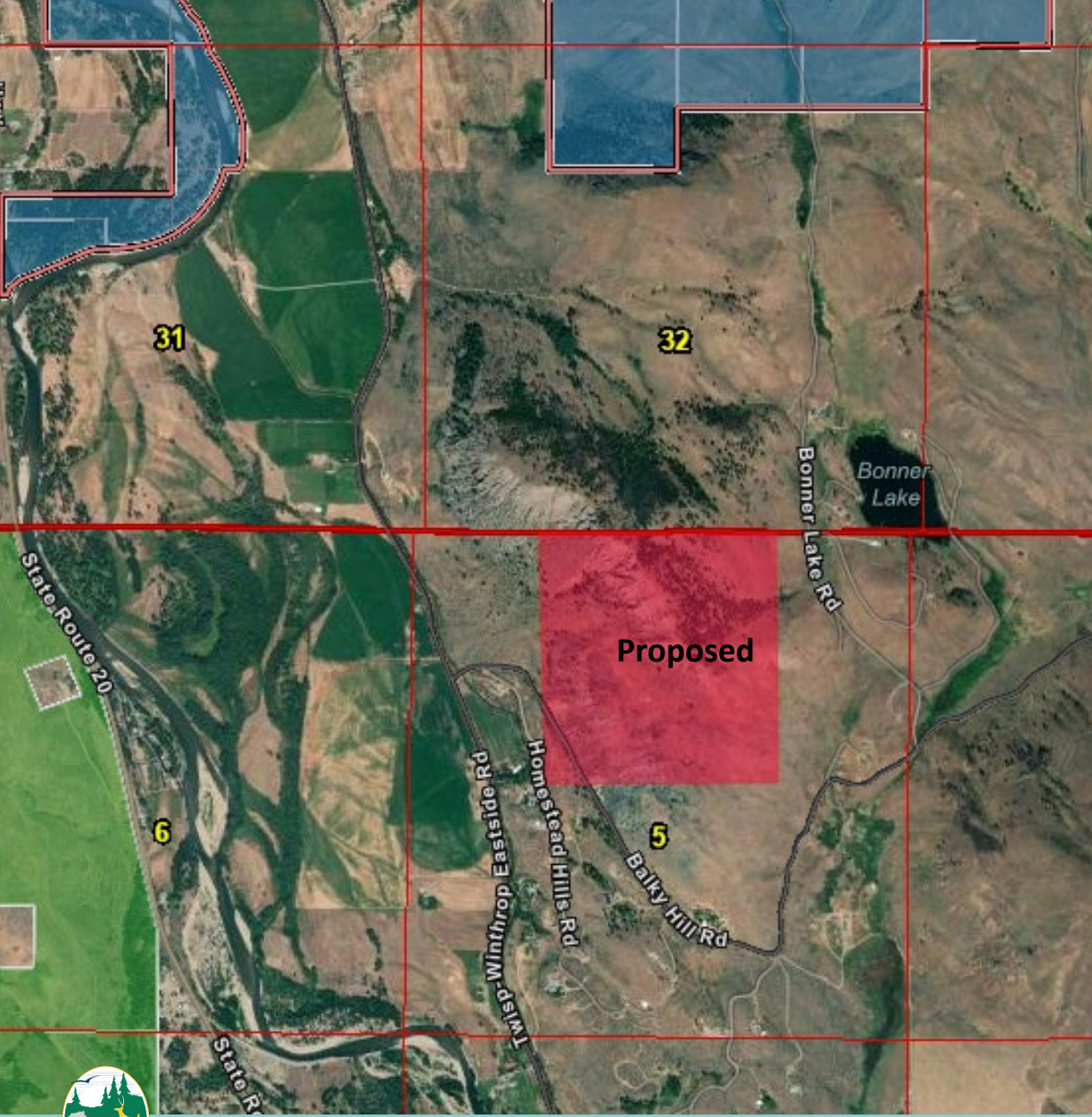
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***Balky Hill TLT,  
Okanogan  
County***







# ***Balky Hill TLT, Okanogan County***

- 160 acres
- Methow Unit
- Methow Wildlife Area





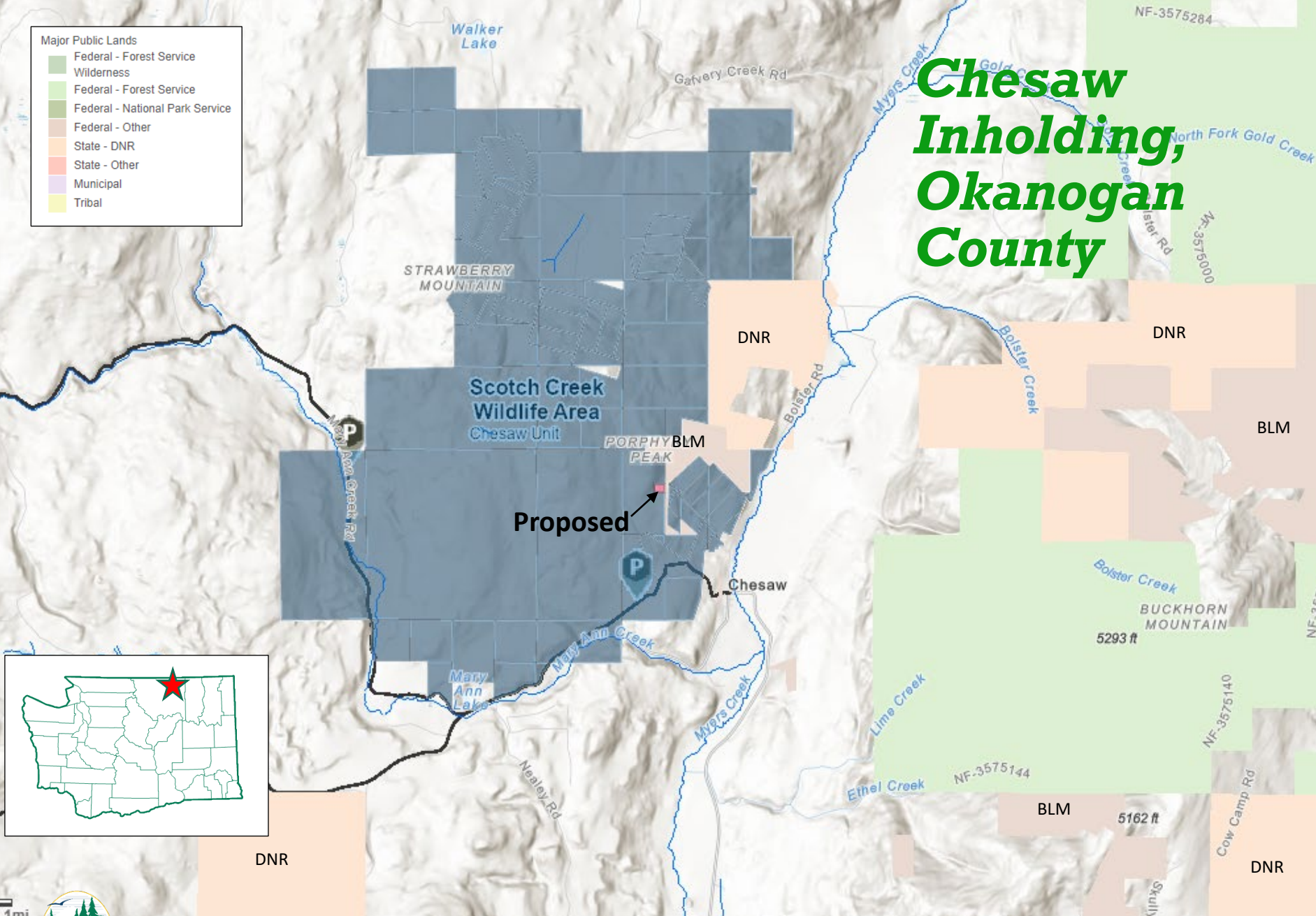
# ***Balky Hill TLT, Okanogan County***

- 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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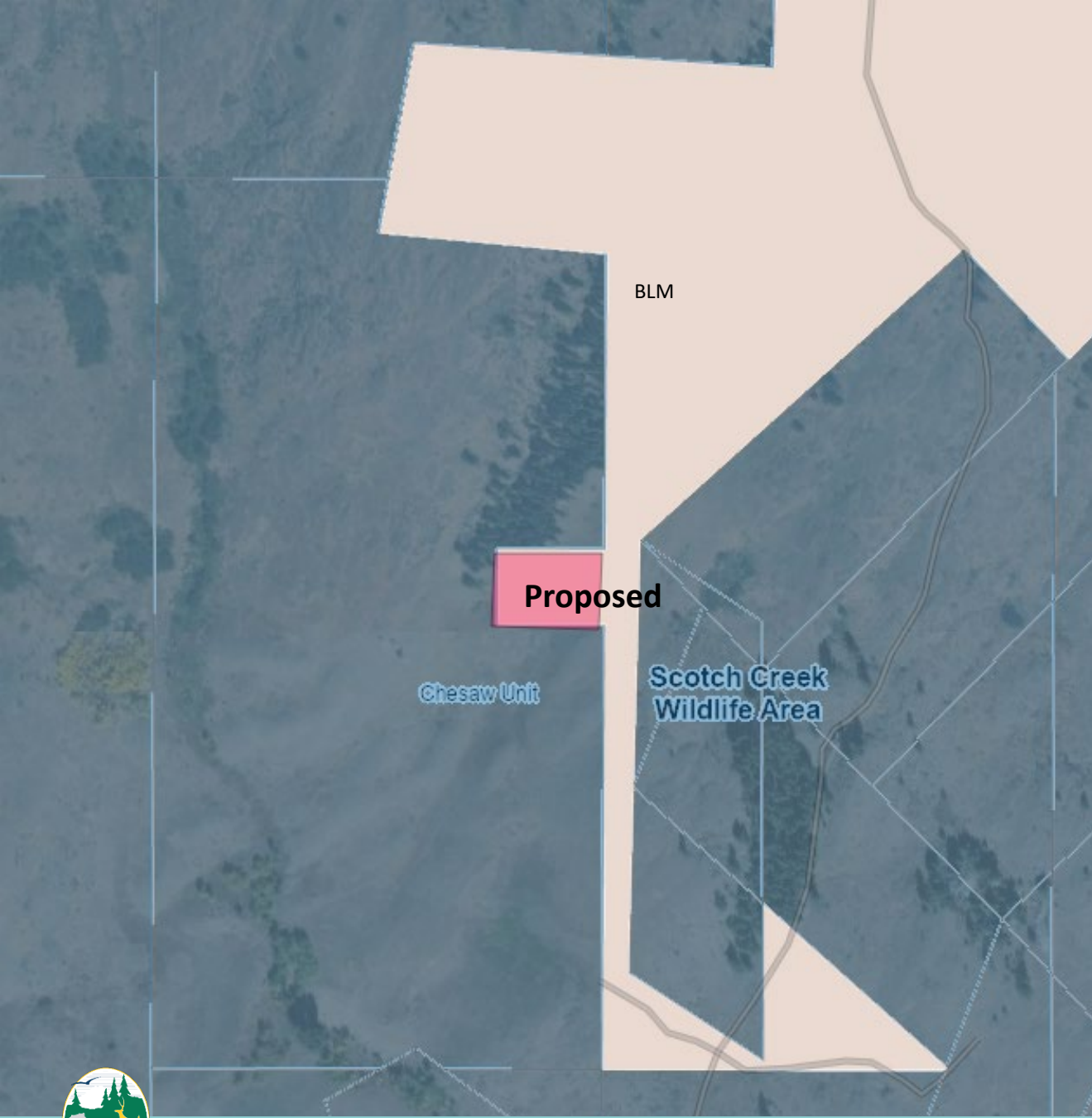
# Chesaw Inholding, Okanogan County





# *Chesaw Inholding, Okanogan County*

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

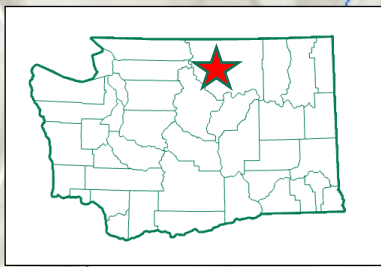


# ***Chesaw Inholding, Okanogan County***

- 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

**Proposed**

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	Federal - Forest Service
	Federal - National Park Service
	Federal - Other
	State - DNR
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	Municipal
	Tribal



# ***Patterson Lake Easement, Okanogan County***

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



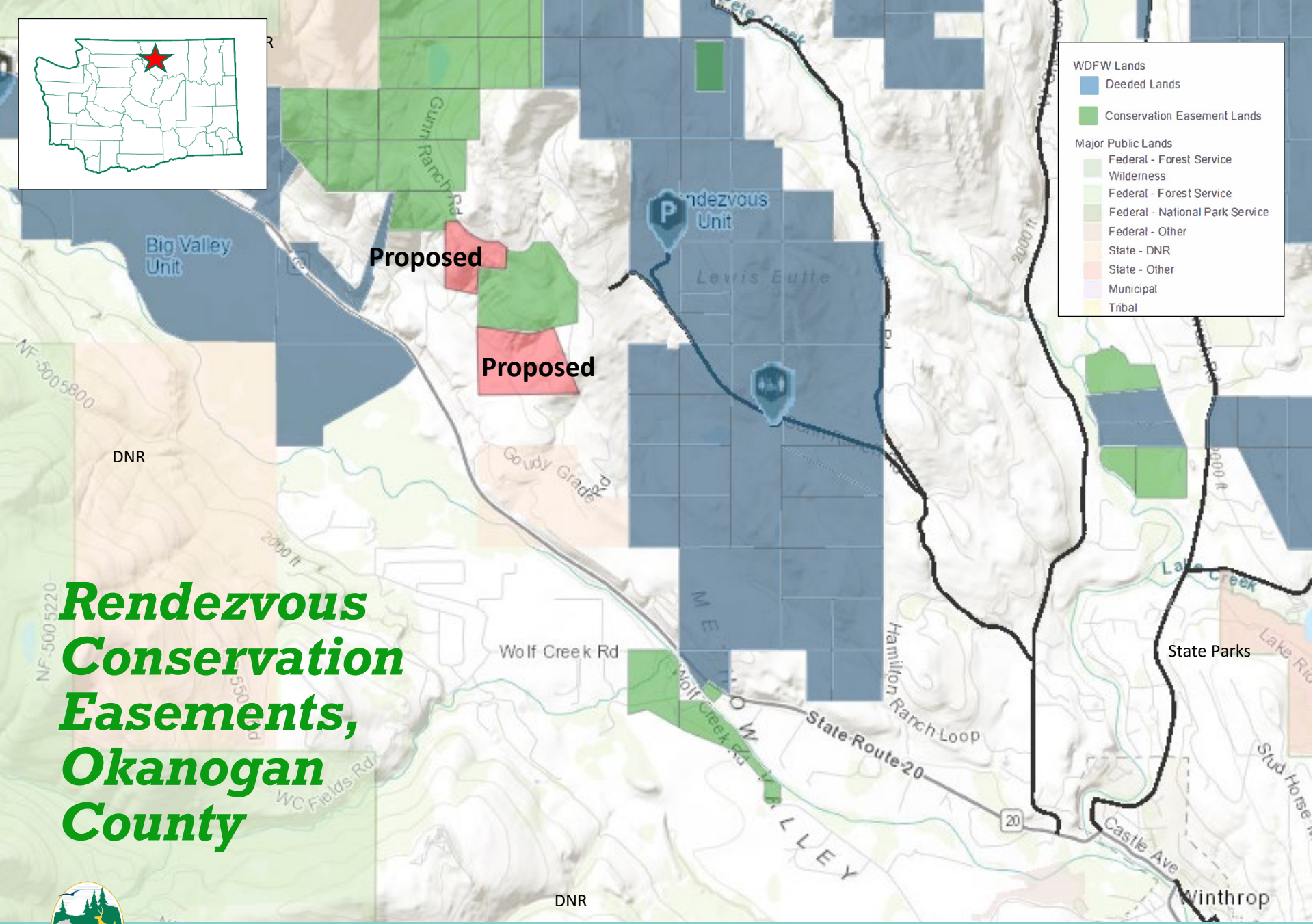
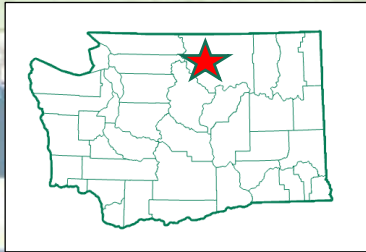


# ***Patterson Lake Easement, Okanogan County***

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







**WDFW Lands**

- Deeded Lands
- Conservation Easement Lands

**Major Public Lands**

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- Wilderness
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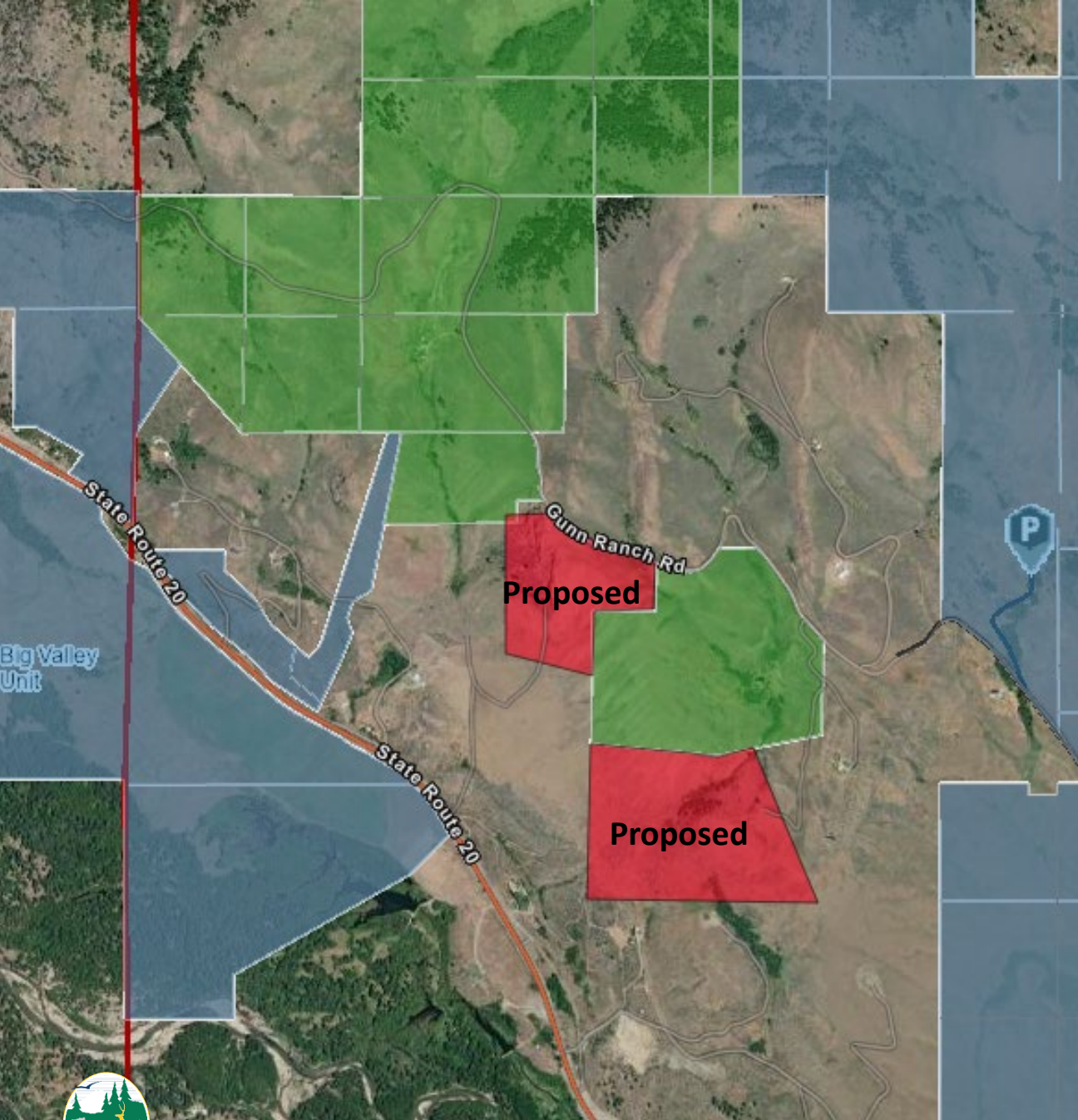
# ***Rendezvous Conservation Easements, Okanogan County***





# ***Rendezvous Conservation Easements, Okanogon County***

- 148 acres
- Rendezvous Unit
- Methow Wildlife Area



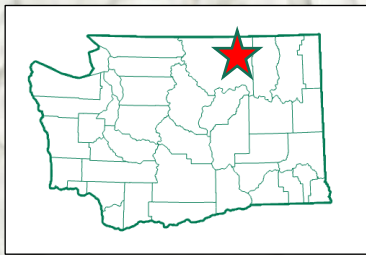


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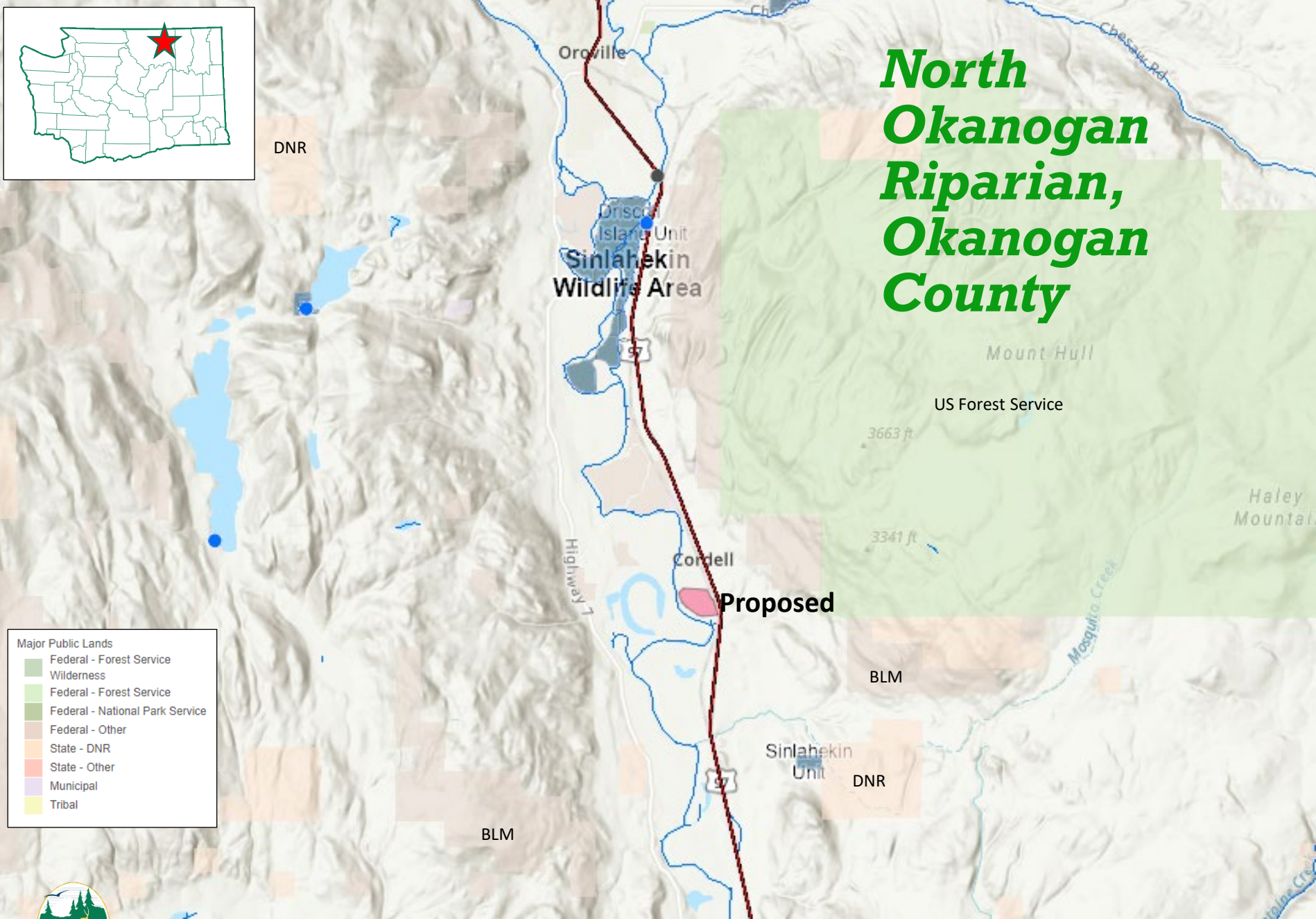
- Habitat: Inter- Mountain Basins Big Sagebrush Steppe, high quality shrubsteppe, meadow
- Species: mule deer, songbirds
- Crucial mule deer migration corridor
- Recreation: hunting, wildlife viewing opportunities







# North Okanogan Riparian, Okanogan County



DNR

Oroville

Driscoll Island Unit  
Sinlahekin  
Wildlife Area

97

Mount Hull

US Forest Service

3663 ft

3341 ft

Haley Mountain

Cordell

Proposed

Highway 1

BLM

Sinlahekin  
Unit

DNR

BLM

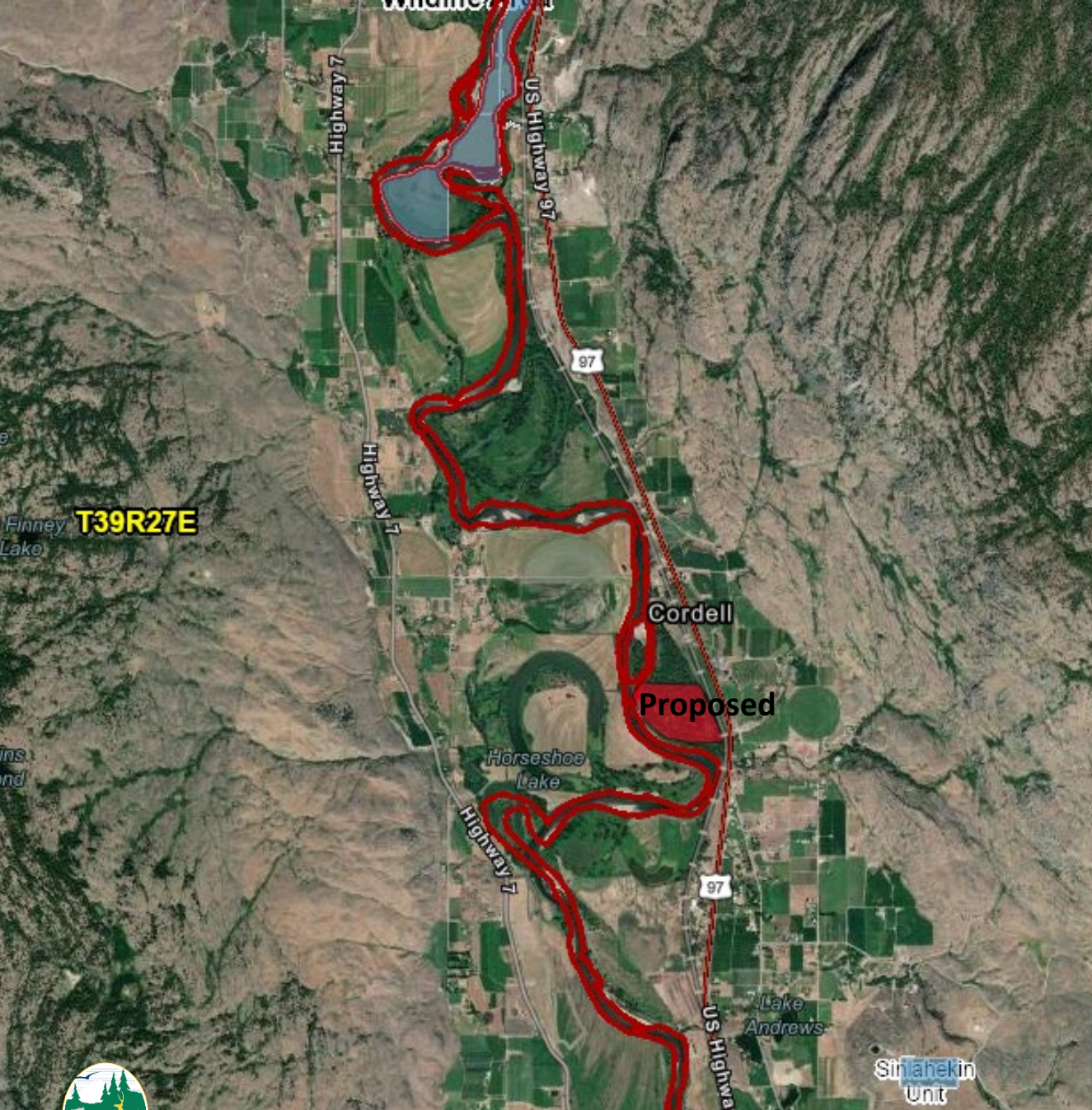
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# *North Okanogan Riparian, Okanogan County*

- 37 acres
- Driscoll Island Unit
- Sinlahekin Wildlife Area





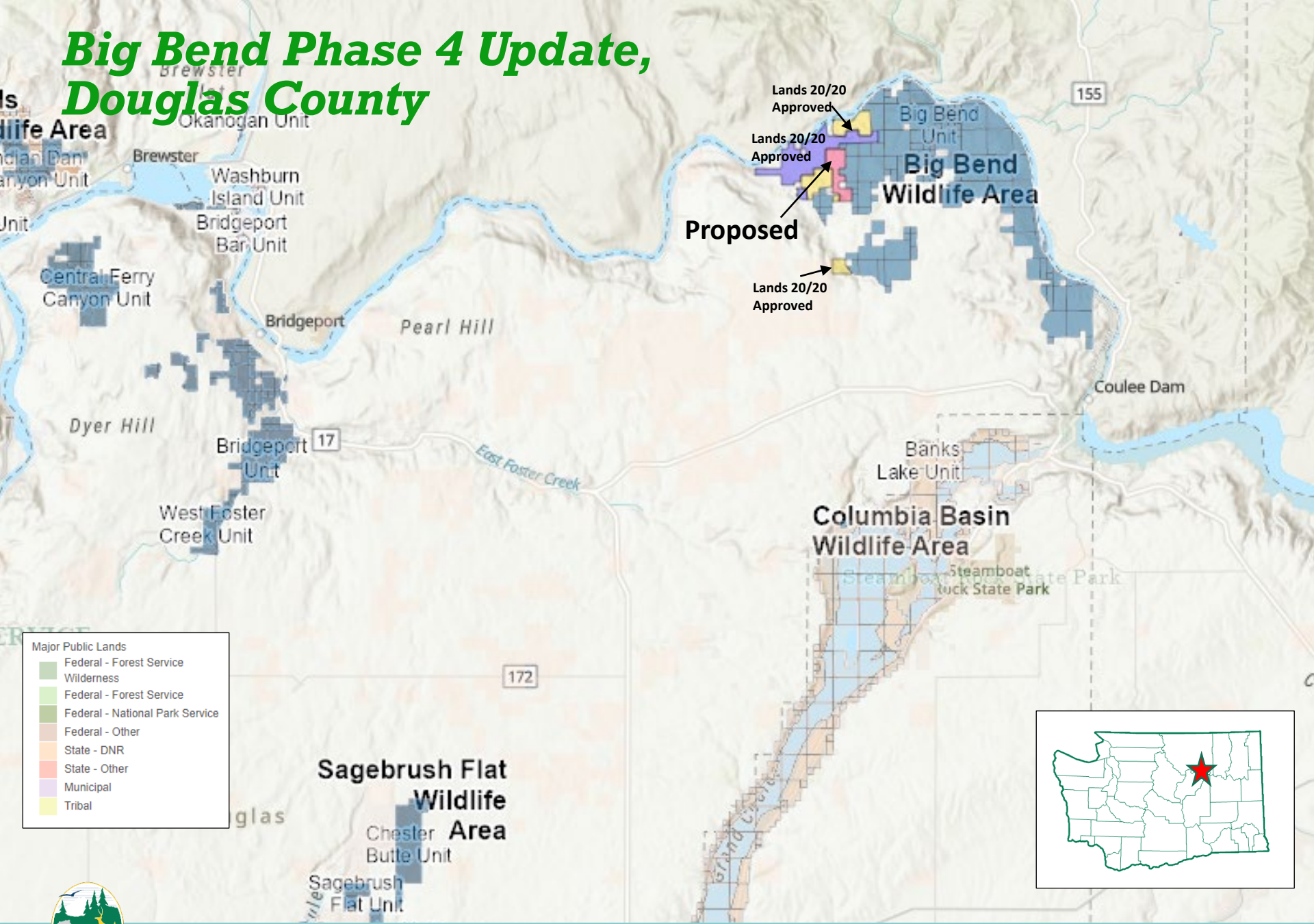
# ***North Okanogan Riparian, Okanogan County***

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





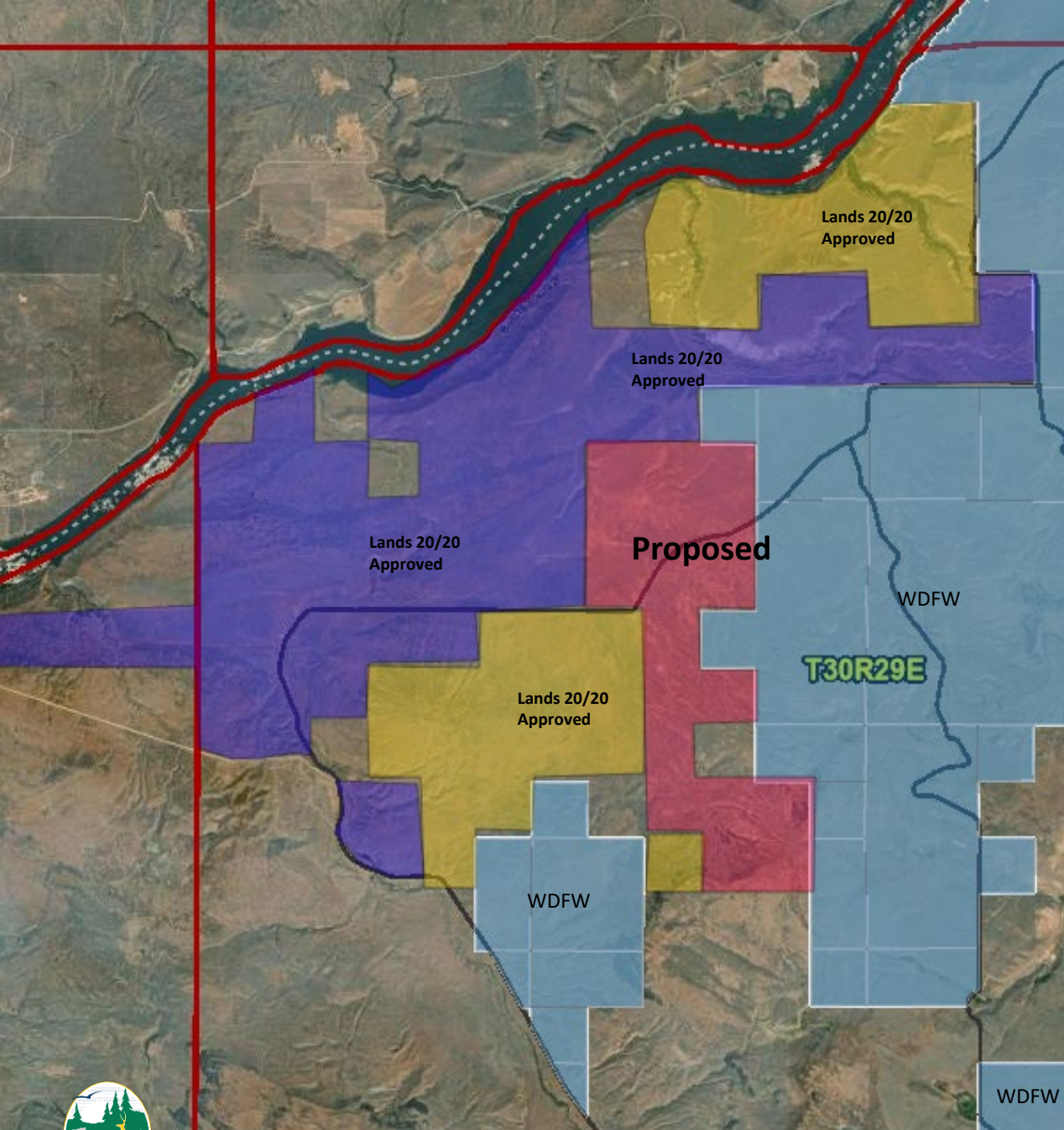
# Big Bend Phase 4 Update, Douglas County





# ***Big Bend Phase 4 Update, Douglas County***

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



# ***Big Bend Phase 4 Update, Douglas County***

- 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



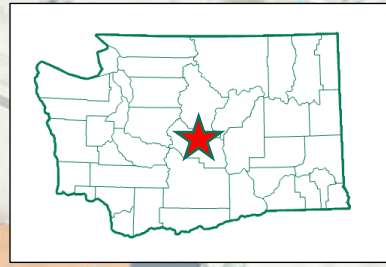
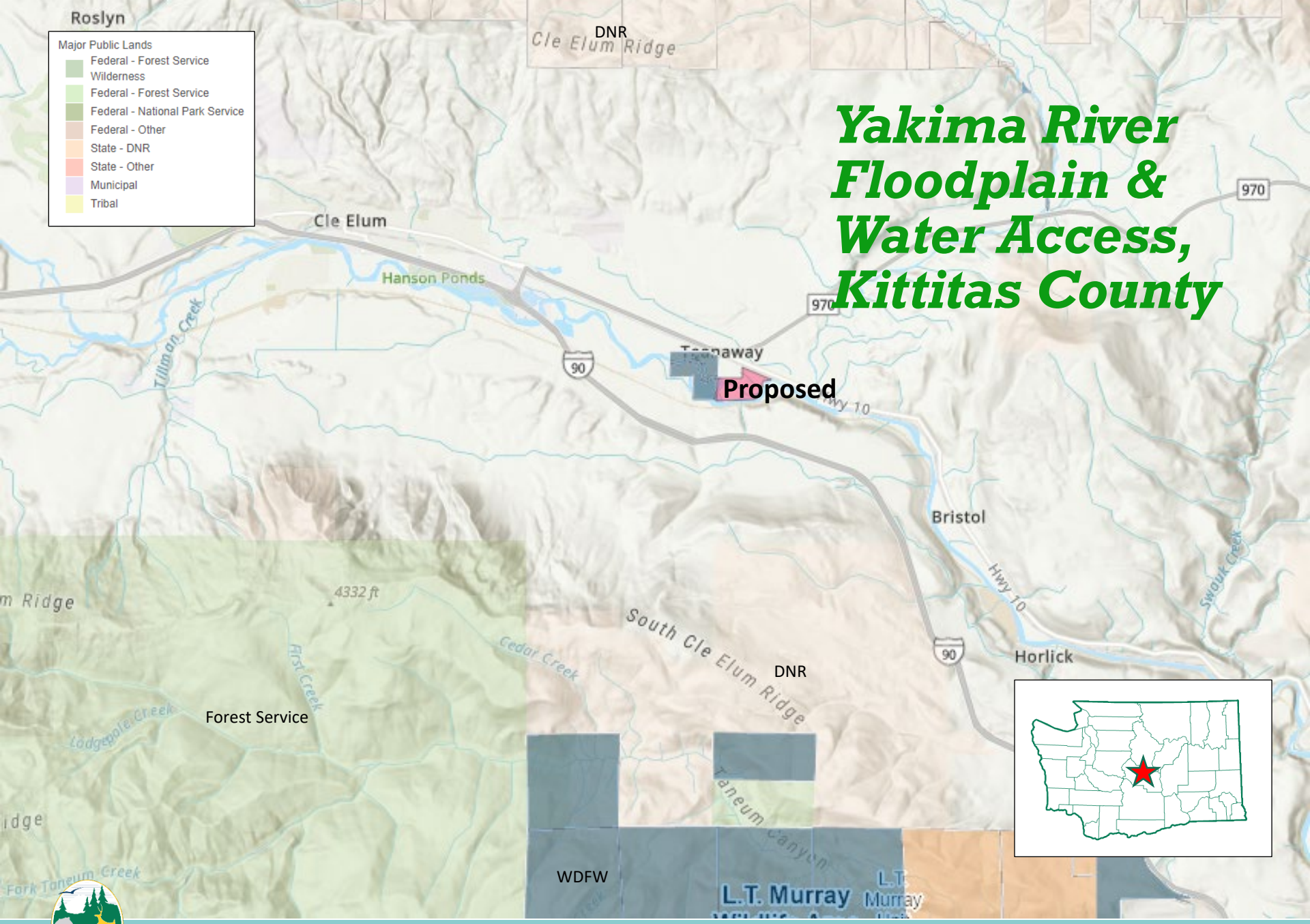


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DNR  
Cle Elum Ridge

# ***Yakima River Floodplain & Water Access, Kittitas County***







## ***Yakima River Floodplain & Water Access, Kittitas County***

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





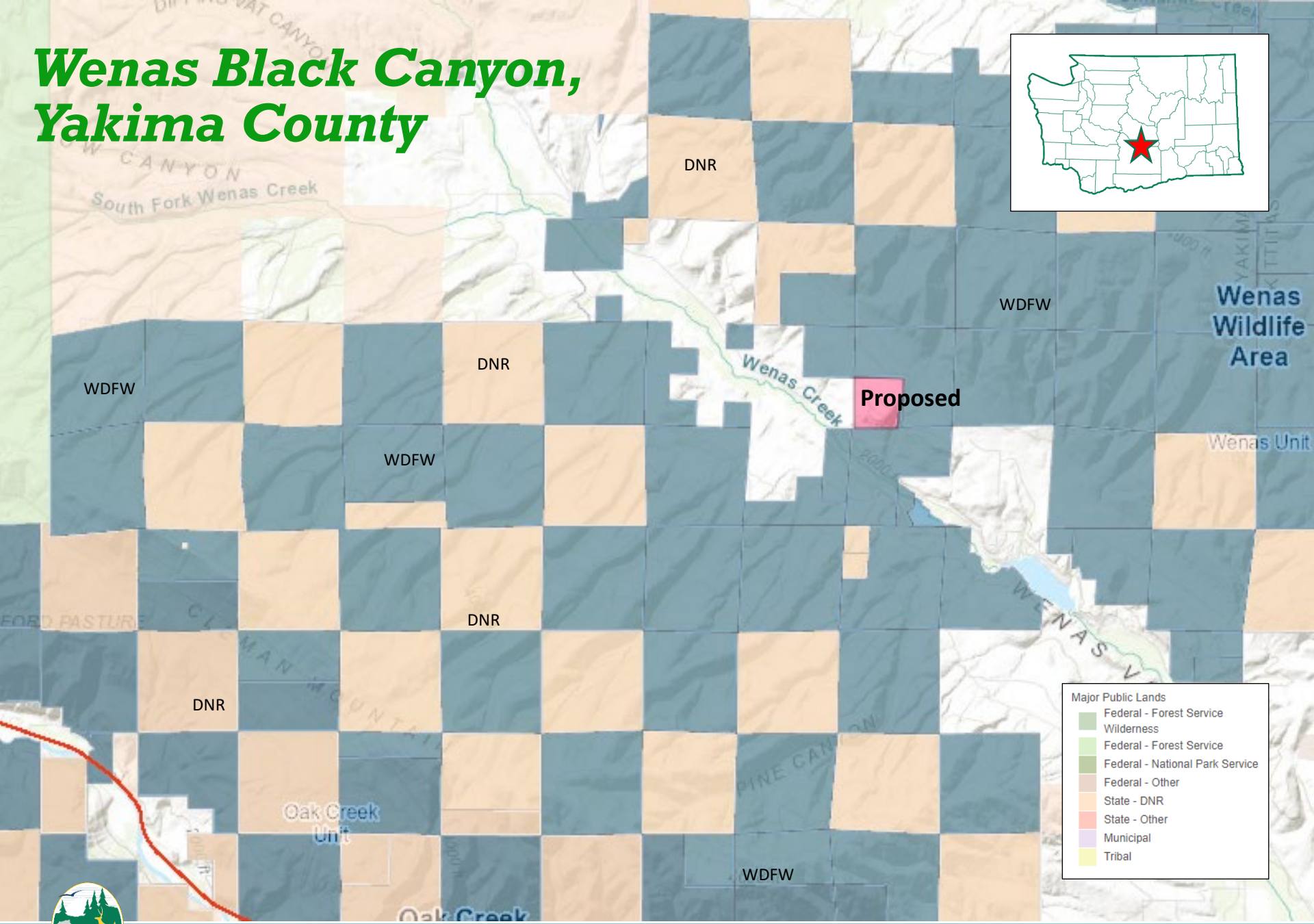
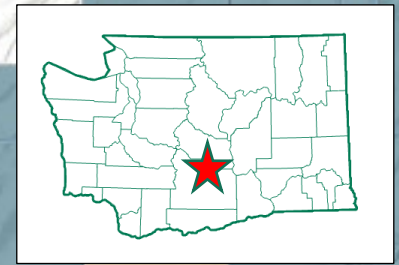


# ***Yakima River Floodplain & Water Access, Kittitas County***

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



# Wenas Black Canyon, Yakima County



Major Public Lands

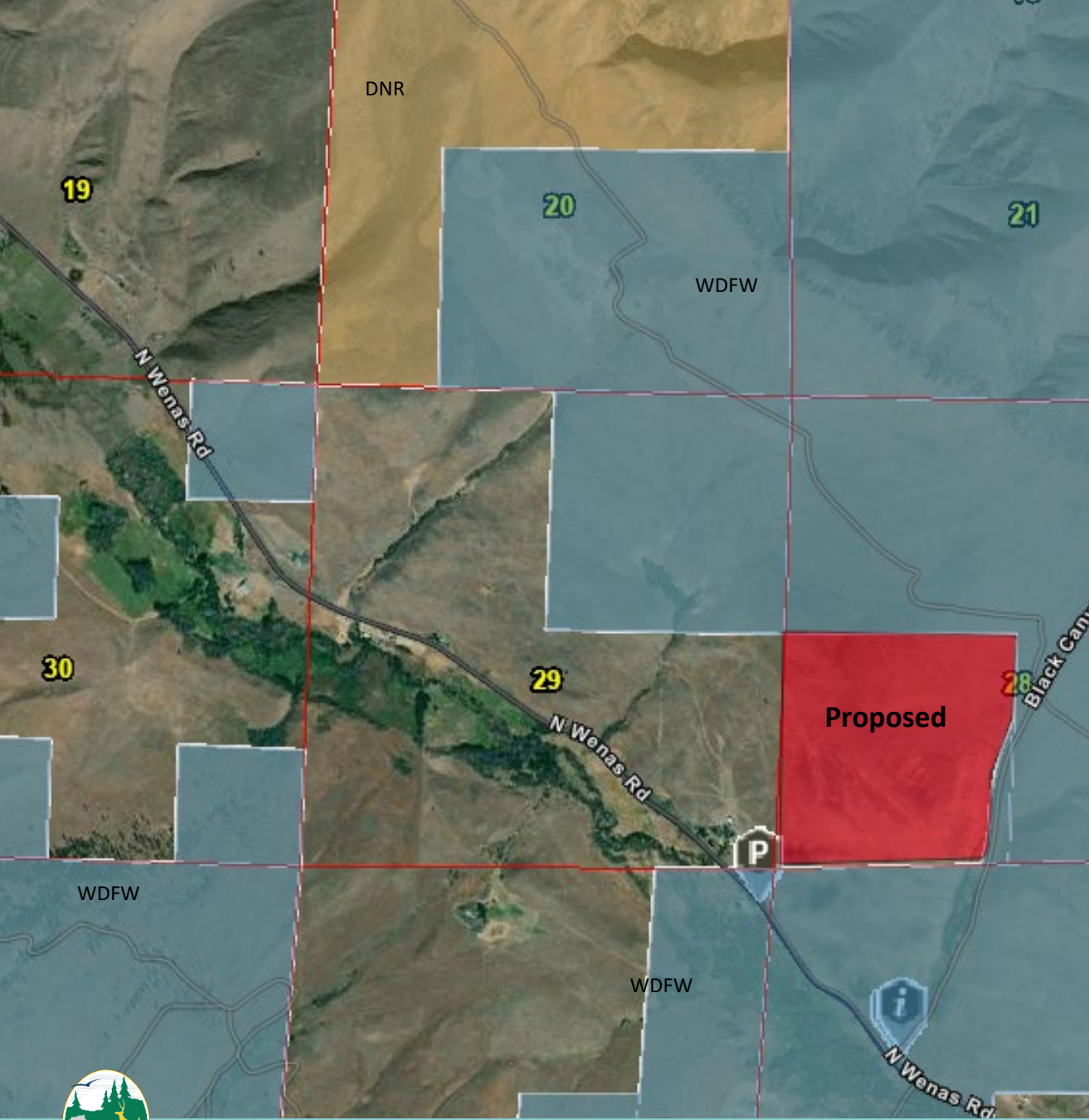
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# Wenas Black Canyon, Yakima County

- 150 acres
- Wenas Unit
- Wenas Wildlife Area

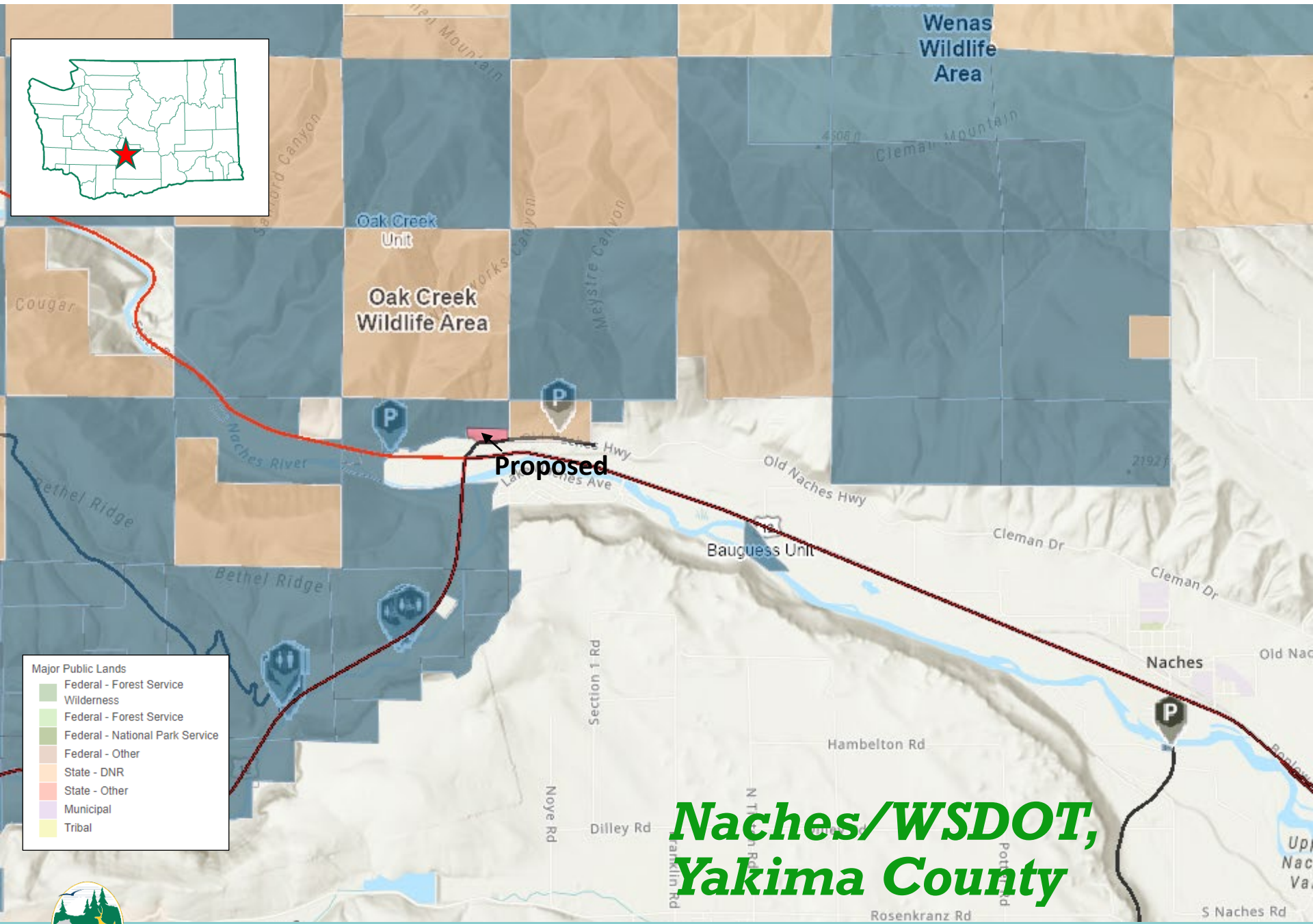
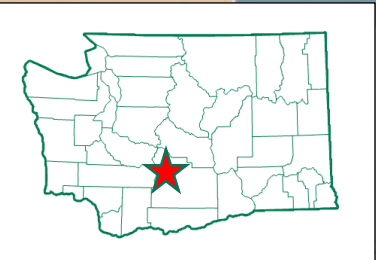


# *Wenas Black Canyon, Yakima County*

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







**Proposed**

# ***Naches/WSDOT, Yakima County***

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# *Naches/ WSDOT, Yakima County*



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



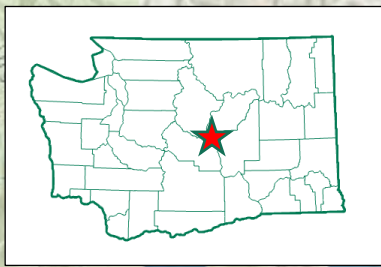


# *Naches/ WSDOT, Yakima County*

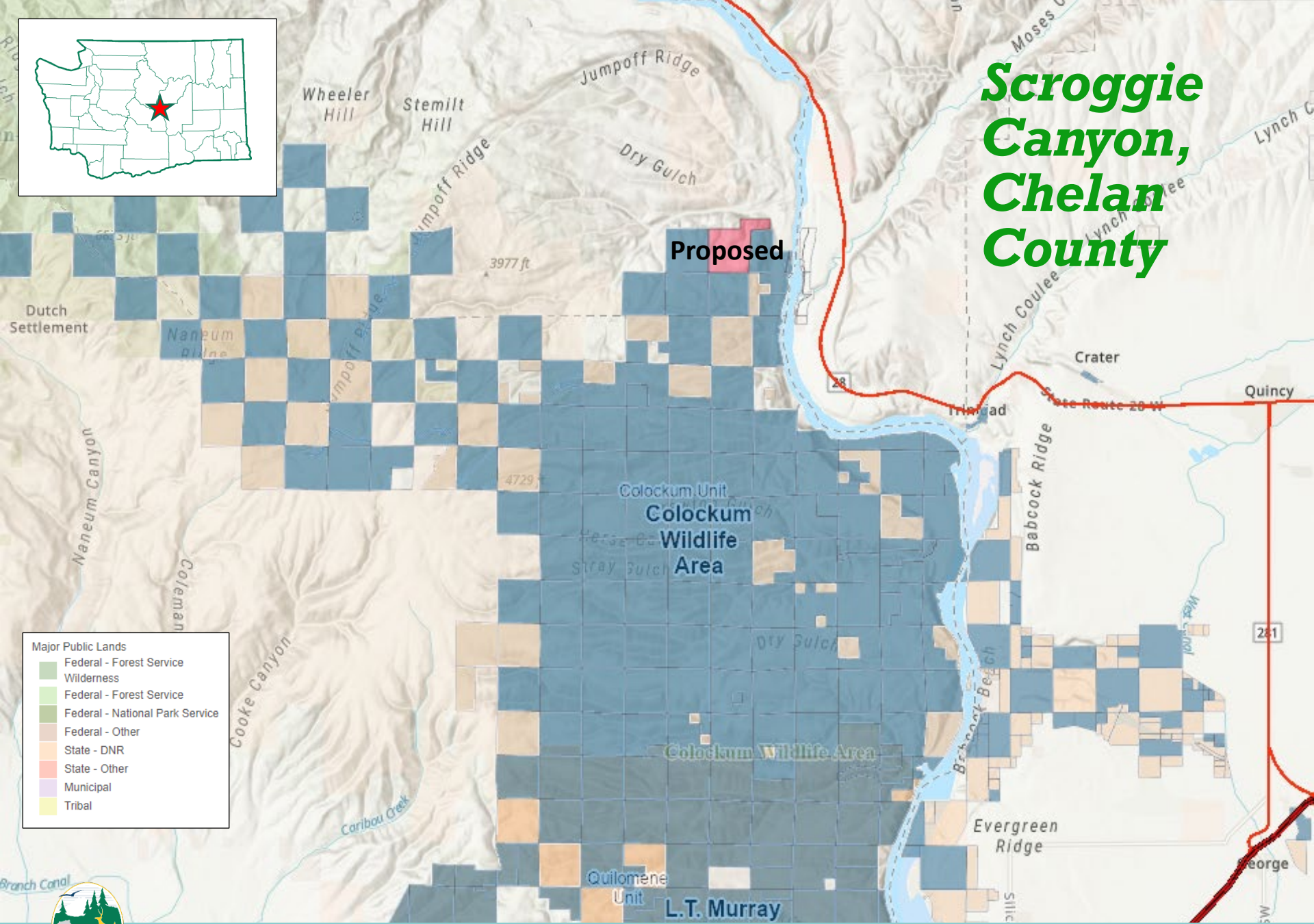
- Habitat: Inter Mountain Basin Big Sagebrush Steppe
- Species: bighorn sheep, Columbian spotted frog, elk
- Recreation: hunting, wildlife viewing
- Elk fence area







# Scroggie Canyon, Chelan County



- Major Public Lands**
- Federal - Forest Service Wilderness
  - Federal - Forest Service
  - Federal - National Park Service
  - Federal - Other
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  - Tribal





# Scroggie Canyon, Chelan County

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



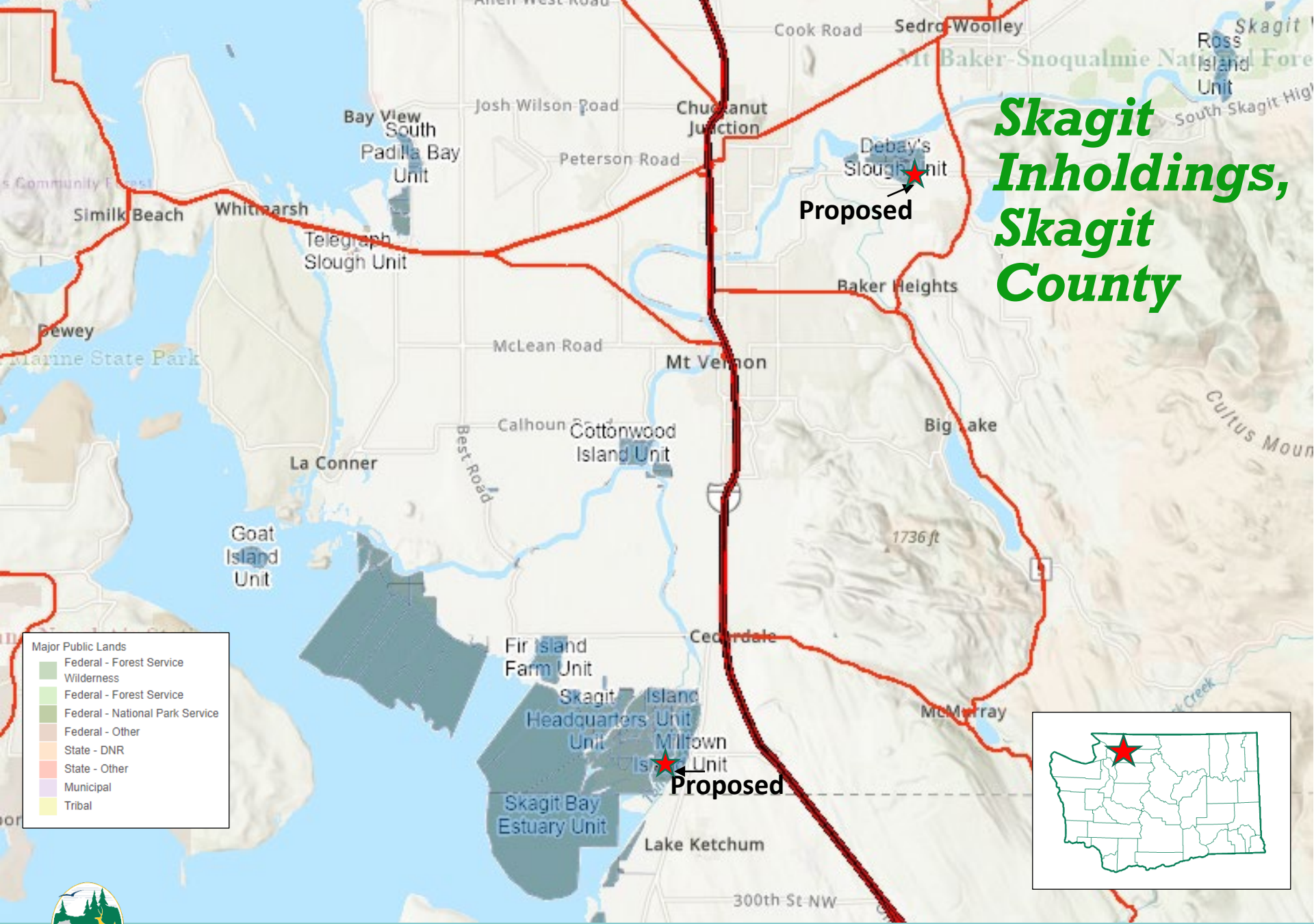
# *Scroggie Canyon, Chelan County*

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





# Skagit Inholdings, Skagit County





# Skagit Inholdings, Skagit County

- Approx. 20 acres two project areas
- Milltown Unit – 15 acres
- DeBay Slough Unit – 5 acres
- Skagit Wildlife Area

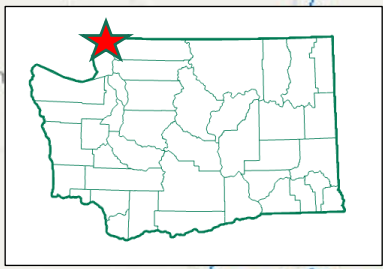




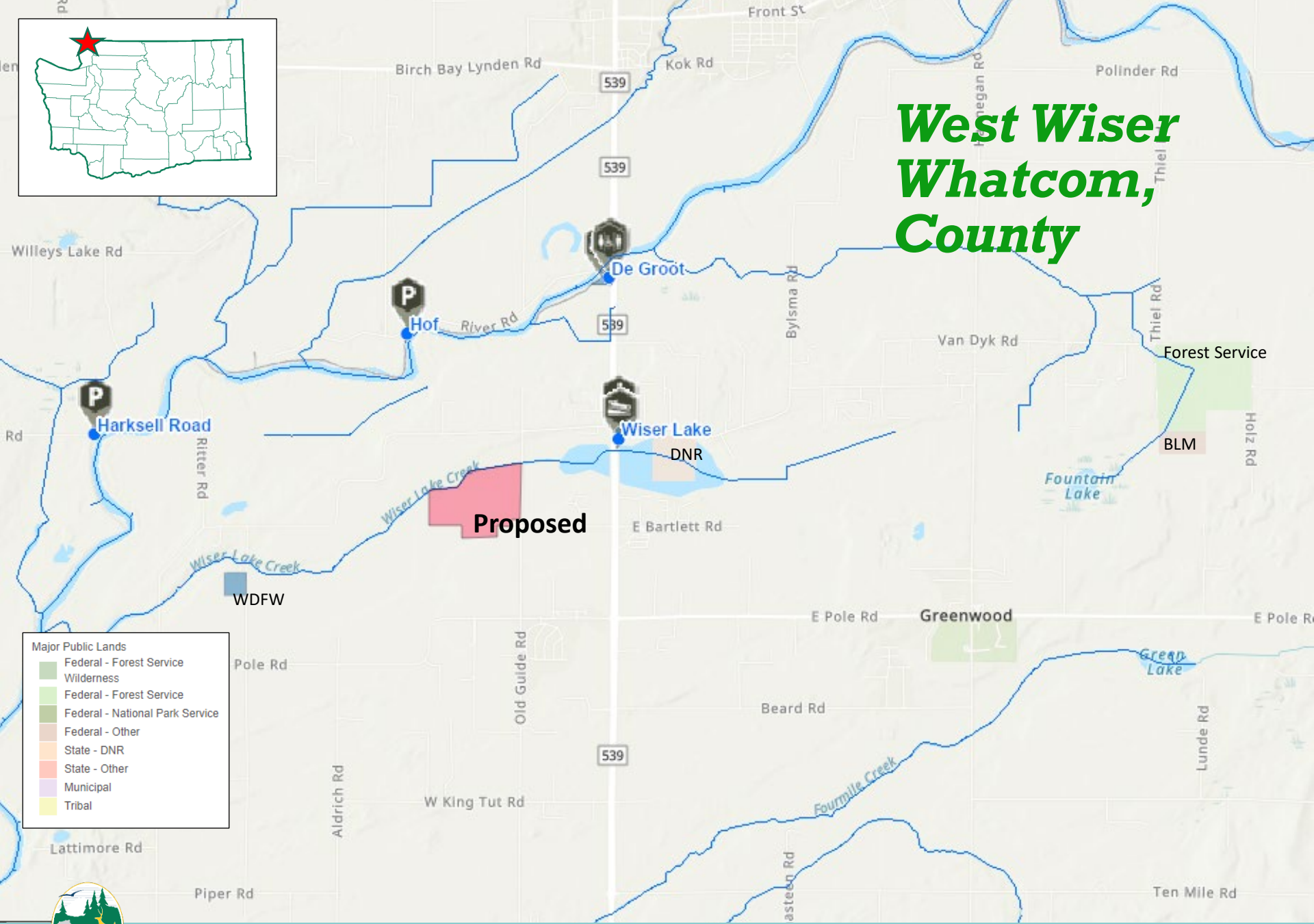
# *Skagit Inholdings, Skagit County*

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

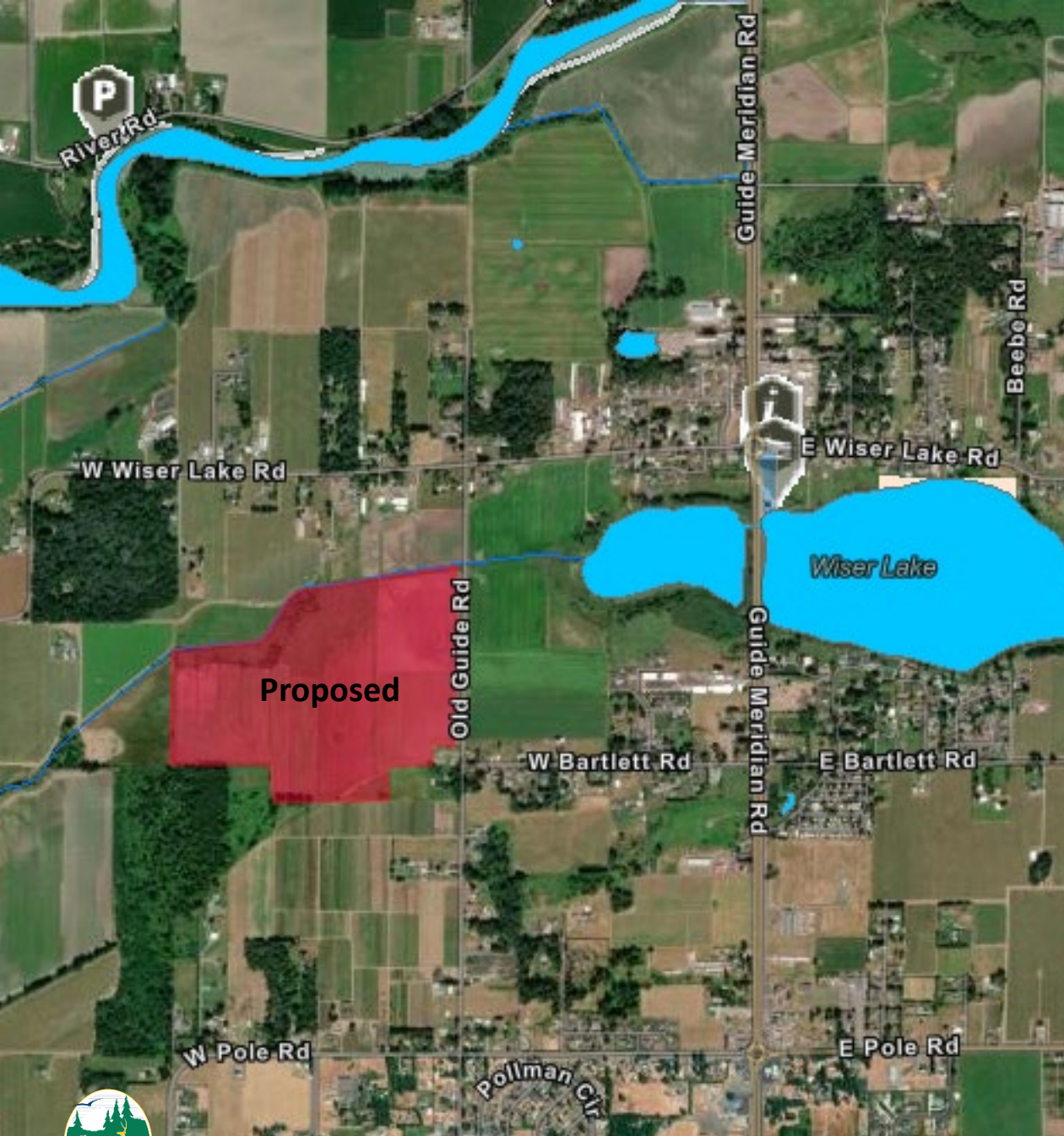




# West Wiser Whatcom, County







## *West Wiser Whatcom, County*

- 117 Acres
- Whatcom Wildlife Area
- Restore previous farmland





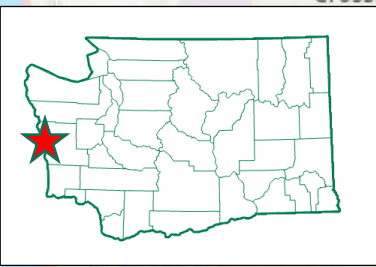
# ***West Wiser Whatcom, County***

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



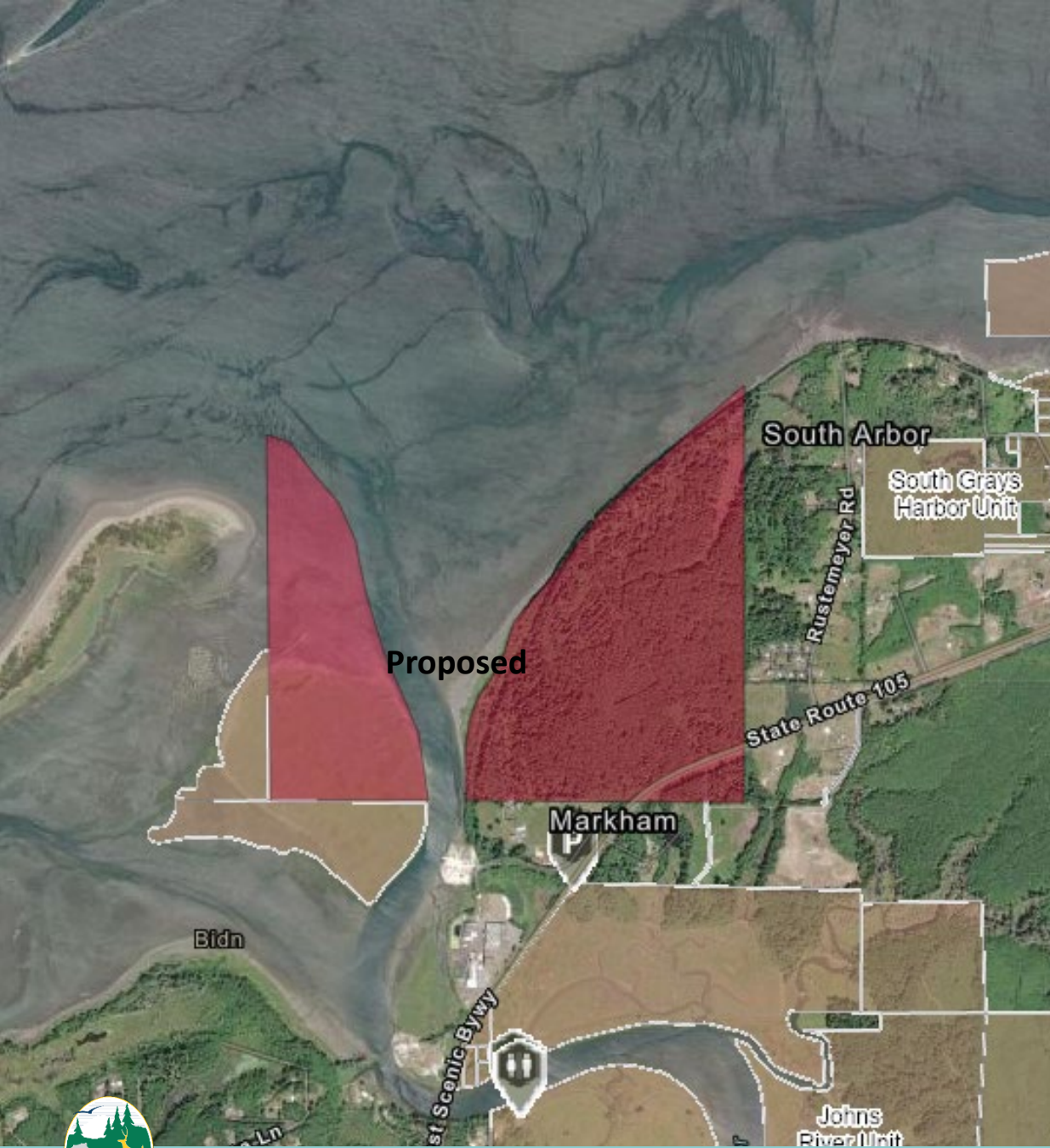


# Johns River WLA Addition TLT, Grays Harbor County



# *Johns River WLA Addition TLT, Grays Harbor County*

- 235 acres
- DNR property
- Johns River Wildlife Area



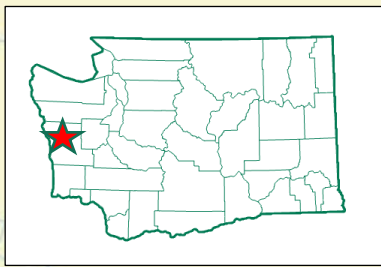


# ***Johns River WLA Addition TLT, Grays Harbor County***

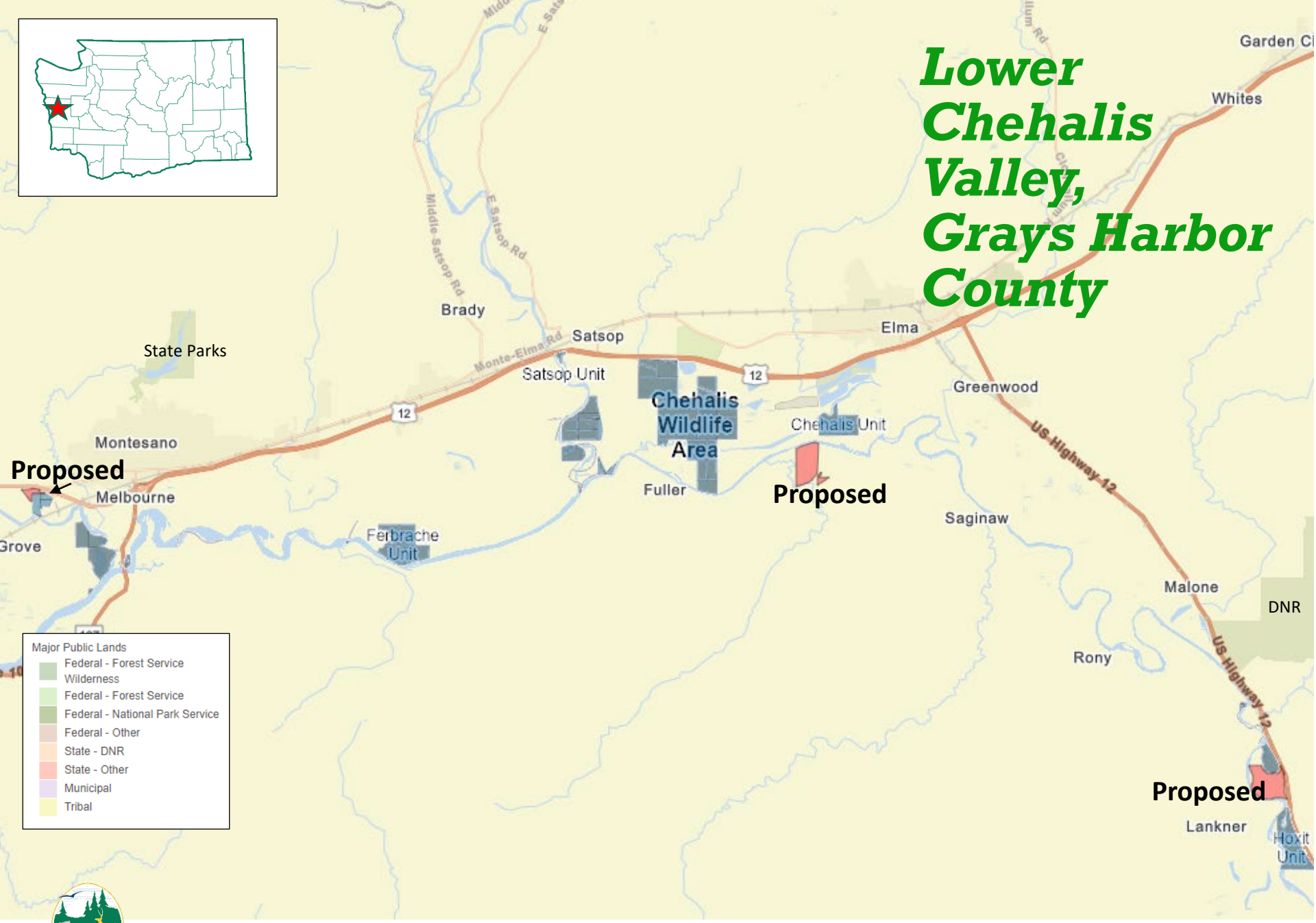
- Habitat: Tideland, riparian, over two miles of Grays Harbor Bay shoreline
- Maintain Grays Harbor water quality & aquaculture
- Species: marbled murrelet waterfowl, bull trout, songbirds and others
- Recreation: tideland access, waterfowl hunting, surf fishing, bird watching







# Lower Chehalis Valley, Grays Harbor County







# 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





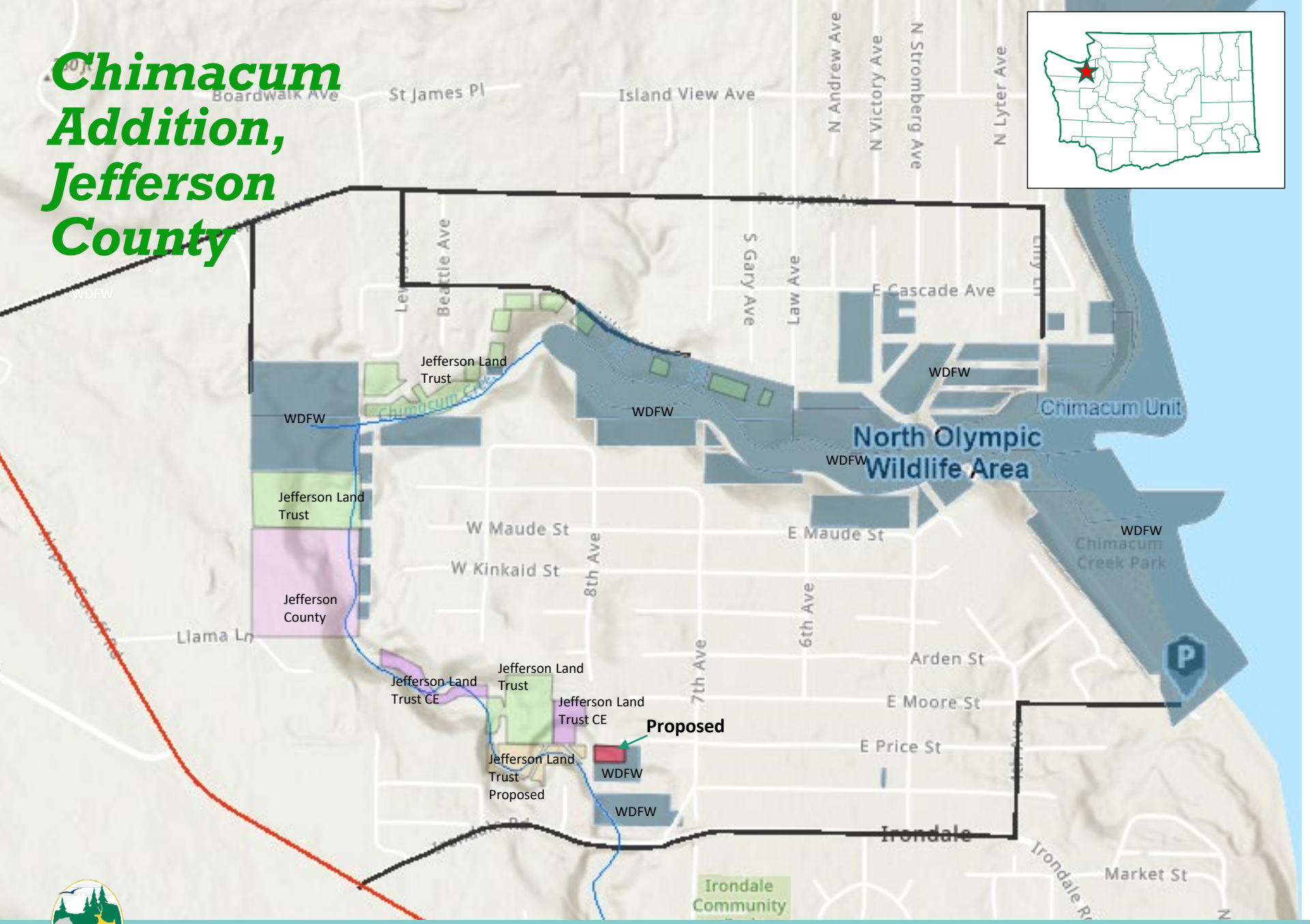
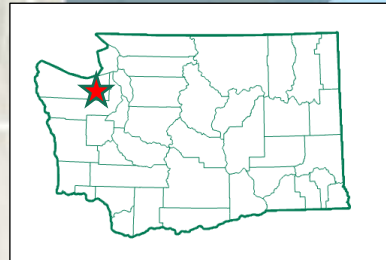
# ***Lower Chehalis Valley, Grays Harbor County***

- Habitat: aquatic habitat, floodplains, riparian, wetland
- Adjacent to WDFW ownership
- Species: salmonid, waterfowl
- Recreation: wildlife viewing, hunting, up to 2 miles of bank fishing





# Chimacum Addition, Jefferson County





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Chimacum Unit  
North Olympic  
Wildlife Area

# *Chimacum Addition, Jefferson County*

- .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

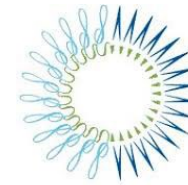
- **28 comments received**
- 18 positive, 5 negative comments
- 1 with a breakdown of projects ( 3 strongly support, 8 support, 2 neutral, 7 not support)
- 4 with general questions or suggestions of properties to include

### 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:

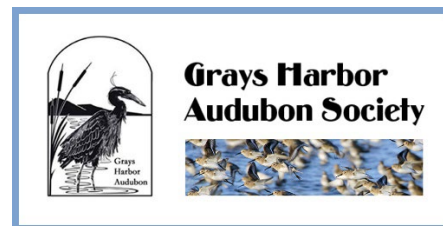
- Grant County Commissioners



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Keeping the Northwest Wild

