PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS

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Summary

Meeting dates: August 2 & 3, 2013

Agenda item: PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS

Presenter(s): Dan Budd

Background summary:

The Department is recommending the following actions:

Item 1 – Proposed Acquisition of 119 acres in Pacific County

Item 2 – Proposed Acquisition of 191.36 acres in Pacific County

Item 3 - Proposed Acquisition of 116.15 acres in Okanogan County

Item 4 – Proposed Acquisition of 1.13 acres in Okanogan County

Item 5 – Proposed Conservation Easement on 66.39 acres in Okanogan County

Item 6 – Proposed Conservation Easement on 29.3 acres in Okanogan County

Item 7 - Proposed Acquisition of 100 acres in Okanogan County

Item 8 - Proposed Right of Way on 7.4 acres in Grant County

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

Protecting critical fish and wildlife habitat, improving fish passage, and providing public recreational opportunity.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Item 1 – This is a partnership project with Forterra NW, a non-profit conservation organization who has acquired the property for transfer to WDFW. This project was awarded funding through a national competition under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Additional private funds are being provided by Forterra NW.

Item 2 – This is a joint project with Bonneville Power Administration under the Columbia River Estuary Memorandum of Agreement. This transaction was previously reviewed by the Fish and Wildlife Commission where no public input was received.

Item 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 – The acquisitions in these projects are being funded by grants from the US Fish and Wildlife Service Section 6 Program which involves a national competition. These projects were approved through the Department's Lands 20/20 process and project information was shared with the Okanogan County Commission and county conservation organizations.

Item 8 – This is a renewal of an existing 50 year agreement. No public involvement has occurred or is anticipated.

Action requested:

Approval of the proposed land transactions as presented.

Draft motion language:

Move to approve the proposed land transactions as presented.

Justification for Commission action:

This action will provide protection for critical fish and wildlife habitat, improve fish passage, and provide public recreational opportunity.

Communications Plan:

WDFW will provide a press release informing the public of this action and proceed forward to closing these transactions.

Budget Detail for August 2 & 3, 2013 Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting Land Acquisition Agenda Item

Purchase		*Fund	Approp.	Approp.		Original	Pre Action	**Post Action		
Item	Acres	Price	Project Name	Source	Authority	Balance	(Grant Amount	Grant Balance	Grant Balance
Pickering	116.15	\$ 151,00	00 Okanogan Similkameen PH 2	USFWS	Q53	\$ -	\$	4,000,000.00	\$ 663,586.00	\$ 508,056.00
Heath (Bretton)	1.13	\$ 13,00	00 Methow Watershed PH 7	USFWS	Q53	\$ -	\$	4,500,000.00	\$ 2,340,581.00	\$ 2,327,191.00
G & R Port CE	66.39	\$ 298,00	00 Methow Watershed PH 7	USFWS	Q53	\$ -	\$	4,500,000.00	\$ 2,327,191.00	\$ 2,020,251.00
M & T Port CE	29.30	\$ 60,00	00 Methow Watershed PH 7	USFWS	Q53	\$ -	\$	4,500,000.00	\$ 2,020,251.00	\$ 1,958,451.00
Barker	100.00	\$ 600,00	00 Methow Watershed PH 7	USFWS	Q53	\$ -	\$	4,500,000.00	\$ 1,958,451.00	\$ 1,340,451.00

USFWS = US Fish & Wildlife Service Section 6 Habitat Conservation Plan

August 2, 2013

TO: Philip Anderson

Director

FROM: Dan Budd

Real Estate Manager

SUBJECT: ITEM 1: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE FORTERRA NW

PACIFIC COUNTY PROPERTIES, JOHNS RIVER WILDLIFE AREA,

PACIFIC COUNTY.

Forterra NW (Forterra), formerly known as Cascade Land Conservancy proposes to transfer 119 acres to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) under the Naselle River/Willapa Bay Project. This transfer is part of a larger project in Willapa Bay which was reviewed and approved through the Lands 20/20 process.

This property is located in Pacific County, approximately 5 miles northerly and westerly of Naselle, on the south side of Willapa Bay. The property adjoins existing WDFW ownership on the bay. The purpose of the project is to protect high quality wetlands including estuarine, emergent salt marsh, marsh scrub/shrub and freshwater forested wetlands. The value of this property to wildlife includes characteristics beneficial to Willapa Bay fish species, Marbled Murrelet, as well as other wildlife.

The property will be managed within the Wildlife Program as part of the Johns River Wildlife Area. Operation and maintenance costs are anticipated to be \$1,000 annually to address weed control and litter issues. Funding for operations will be provided from the existing wildlife area budget. This property was acquired by Forterra with funds provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under a National Coastal Wetland grant, and private funds provided by Forterra.

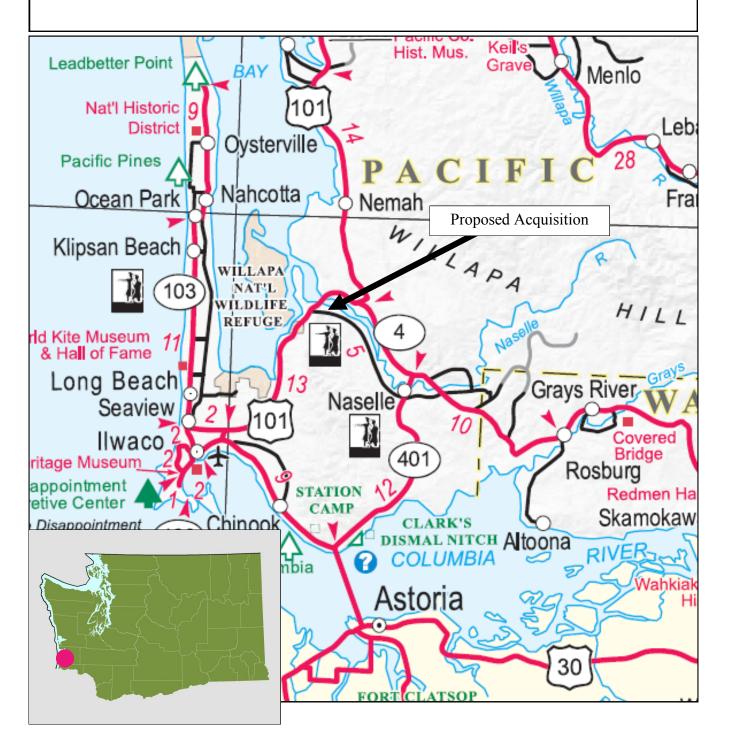
The Department recommends the Commission approve accepting the transfer of the 119 acres from Forterra.

ITEM 1: PROPOSED ACQUISITION

FORTERRA NW/EMENHISER PROPERTY

COUNTY: PACIFIC COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 11 N, RANGE 10 W, W.M.

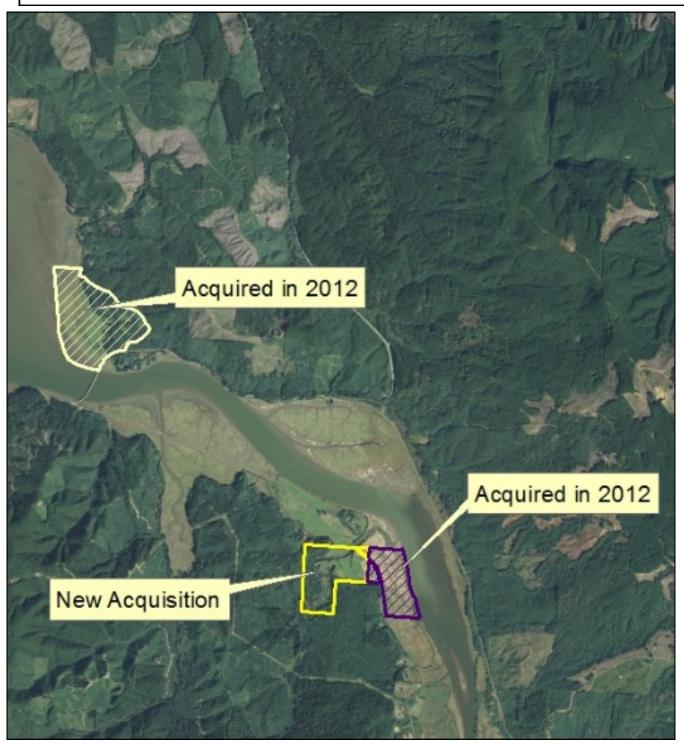


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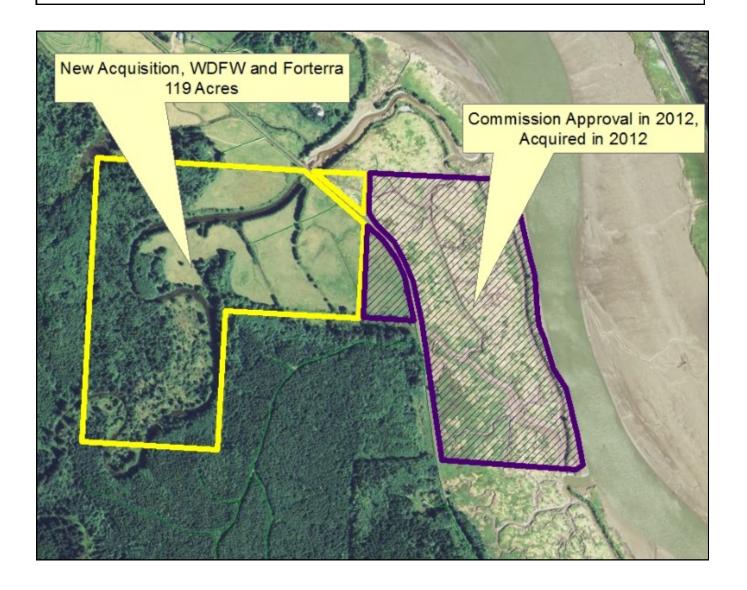


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LEGAL: SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 11 N, RANGE 10 W, W.M.



August 2, 2013

TO: Philip Anderson

Director

FROM: Dan Budd

Real Estate Manager

SUBJECT: ITEM 2: ADJUSTMENT TO THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE

MATTSON PROPERTY, CHINOOK RIVER ESTUARY, CHINOOK

UNIT, JOHNS RIVER WILDLIFE AREA, PACIFIC COUNTY.

The proposed purchase of the Mattson property in Pacific County was reviewed and approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission on March 1, 2013. Subsequent to the Commission's review and approval the proposed acquisition has been reconfigured which has resulted in a change of acreage and a change in price. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is now recommending approval of the reconfigured transaction.

This acquisition is part of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Chinook River Estuary project which was evaluated and approved through the Lands 20/20 process. The purpose of the project is to provide more lands for tidal inundation for increased salmon habitat and increase Survival Benefit Units of salmon. Authority for this acquisition is provided in the capital budget.

This property is located in Pacific County, approximately 3 miles southeast of Ilwaco, with significant frontage on Chinook Valley Road. The benefit of acquiring this property is increased tidelands for salmon habitat restoration and increased salmon habitat, through inundation of existing lowlands. Secondarily, it is adjacent to the WDFW-Chinook Unit of the Johns River Wildlife Area and will greatly improve public access to WDFW lands.

The property will be managed within the Wildlife Program by Kyle Guzlas as part of the Johns River Wildlife Area. Operation and maintenance costs are anticipated to be \$1,600 annually to address weed control and litter issues. Funding is anticipated to be provided by Bonneville Power Administration. The Department has secured an option to purchase this property at the reviewed and approved appraised value of:

191.36 acres for \$540,000

The Department recommends the Commission approve the acquisition of the 191.36-acre Mattson property for the appraised value of \$540,000.

ITEM 2: PROPOSED ACQUISITION

MATTSON PROPERTY

COUNTY: PACIFIC COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTIONS 31 & 32, TOWNSHIP 10 N, RANGE 10W, W.M.

ACRES: 191.36



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COUNTY: PACIFIC COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTIONS 31 & 32, TOWNSHIP 10 N, RANGE 10W, W.M.

ACRES: 191.36



August 2, 2013

TO: Philip Anderson

Director

FROM: Dan Budd

Real Estate Manager

SUBJECT: ITEM 3: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE PICKERING PROPERTY,

SINLAHEKIN WILDLIFE AREA, OKANOGAN COUNTY

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has secured an option to purchase the 116.15-acre Pickering property as part of the Okanogan – Similkameen watershed project. This Property has been approved for acquisition and funding by a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Authority for this acquisition is provided by the capital budget.

The property, located just 2.5 miles south of Loomis, expands the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area on the northeast boundary. The property is currently utilized by the Sinlahekin Bighorn sheep herd for foraging and travel habitat and by wintering mule and white-tailed deer. Preservation of this property would protect this habitat for Bighorn sheep and mule and white-tailed deer (both prey of rare carnivores). This property contributes to the internationally important north-south wildlife habitat connectivity. In addition, purchase of this "inholding" property will protect it from the potential of development with attendant issues that would likely create challenging management problems.

The property will be managed within the Wildlife Program by Dale Swedberg as part of the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area. Operation and maintenance costs are anticipated to be \$1,000 annually. Annual payments in lieu of taxes to Okanogan County are estimated at \$580. Funding will be provided from the existing wildlife area budget.

The Department has secured an option to purchase this property at the reviewed and approved appraised value of:

161.15 acres- for \$151,000

The Department recommends the Commission approve the acquisition of the 116.15-acre Pickering property for the reviewed and approved appraised value of \$151,000.

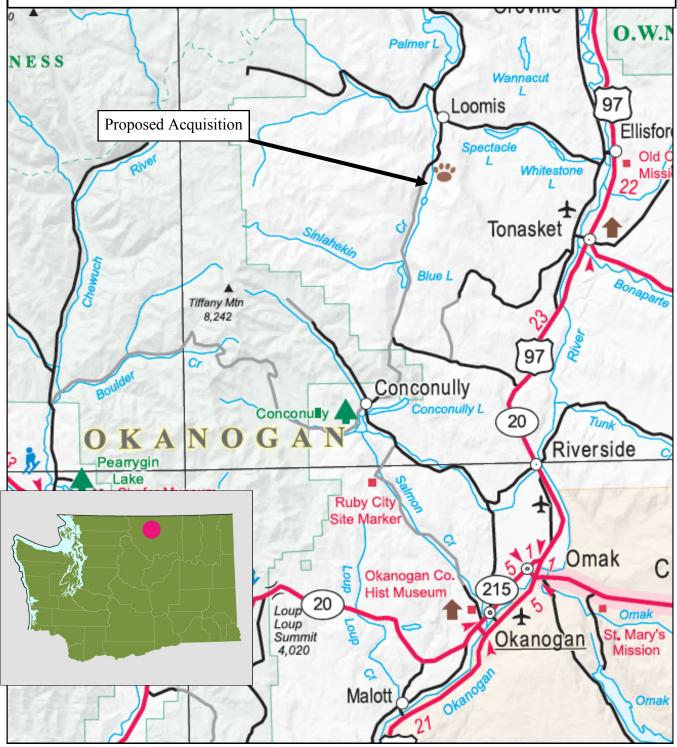
ITEM 3: PROPOSED ACQUISITION

PICKERING PROPERTY

COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 38 N, RANGE 25E, W.M.

ACRES: 116.15



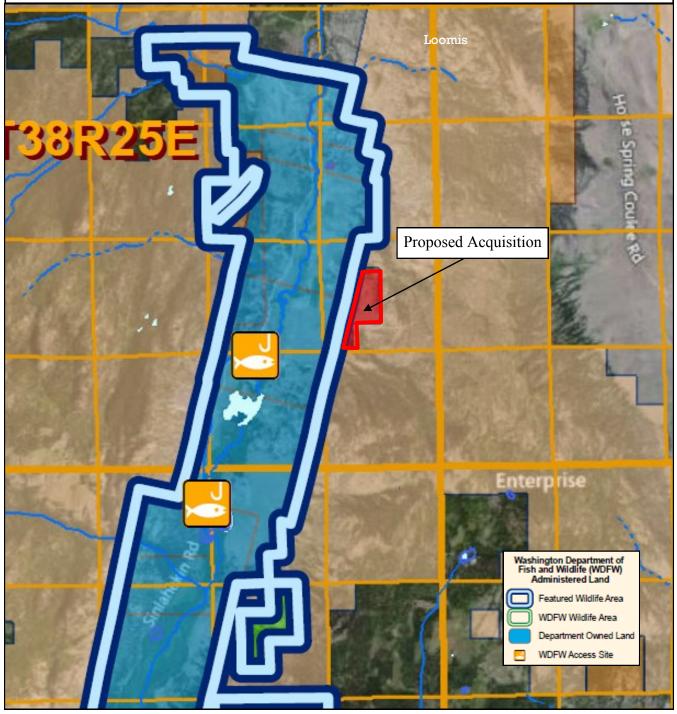
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COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 38 N, RANGE 25E, W.M.

ACRES: 116.15



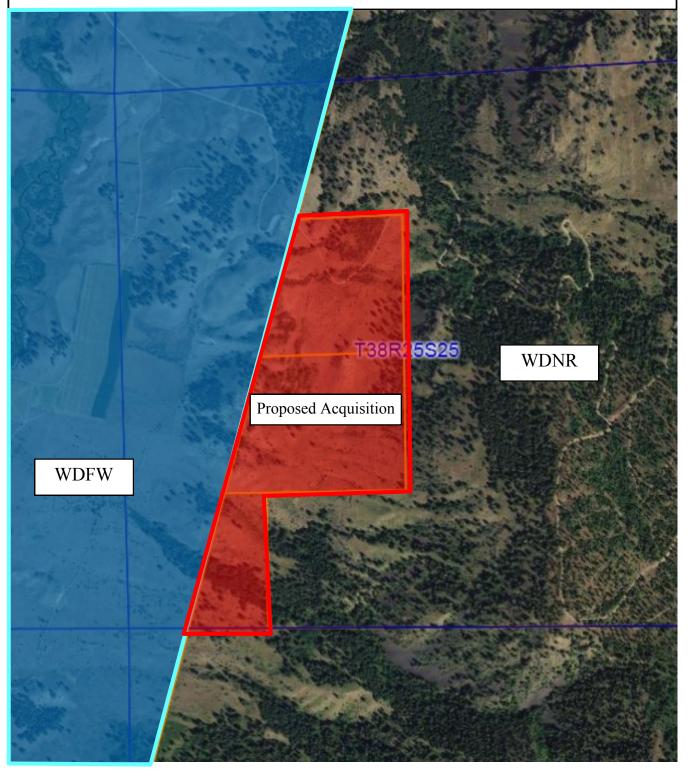
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PICKERING PROPERTY

COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 38 N, RANGE 25E, W.M.

ACRES: 116.15



August 2, 2013

TO: Philip Anderson

Director

FROM: Dan Budd

Real Estate Manager

SUBJECT: ITEM 4: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE HEATH PROPERTY, BIG

VALLEY UNIT, METHOW WILDLIFE AREA, OKANOGAN COUNTY

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has secured an option to purchase 1.31 acres from Bretton Heath in Okanogan County. This acquisition is part of the Methow Watershed project which was evaluated and approved through the Lands 20/20 process. The purpose of the project is to protect riparian habitat, big game habitat, cross-valley migration corridor, and enhance management opportunities with adjacent WDFW-owned lands. This project is being funded by a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund. Authority for this acquisition is provided in the capital budget.

This property is located on the Methow River in Okanogan County, approximately 7 miles northwest of Winthrop and is adjacent to the existing 1,164-acre WDFW Big Valley Wildlife Area which is strategically located to connect existing conservation lands, link critical riparian components to protected uplands, and maintain important wildlife movement corridors. Acquisition of the Heath property addresses the objectives of WDFW's Strategic Plan, Okanogan Ecoregional Assessment, Methow Subbasin plan, several salmon recovery documents, and would benefit the most critical habitats and species including spring Chinook, steelhead, bull trout, and rare carnivores. The property will also provide habitat for waterfowl, small game, songbirds and amphibians.

The Heath property will be managed within the Wildlife Program by Tom McCoy as part of the Methow Wildlife Area. Operation and maintenance costs are anticipated to be \$250 annually to address weed control and litter issues. Payments in lieu of property tax are estimated at \$10. Funding will be provided from the existing wildlife area budget. The Department has been successful in negotiating the purchase of this property at the reviewed and approved appraised value of:

\$13,000.00 for 1.31 acres

The Department recommends the Commission approve the acquisition of the 1.31-acre Heath property for the appraised value of \$13,000.00.

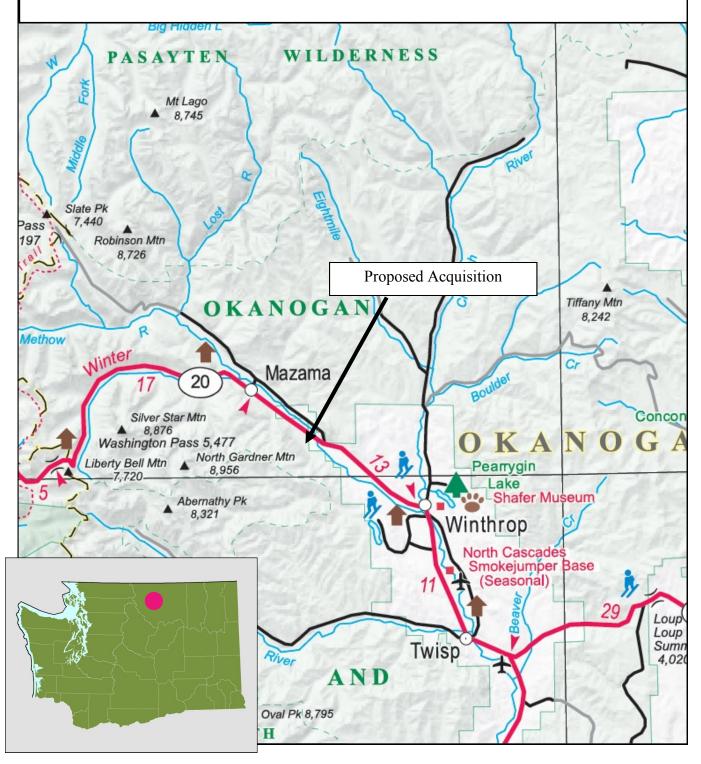
ITEM 4: PROPOSED ACQUISITION

HEATH PROPERTY

COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 35 N, RANGE 20E, W.M.

ACRES: 1.31



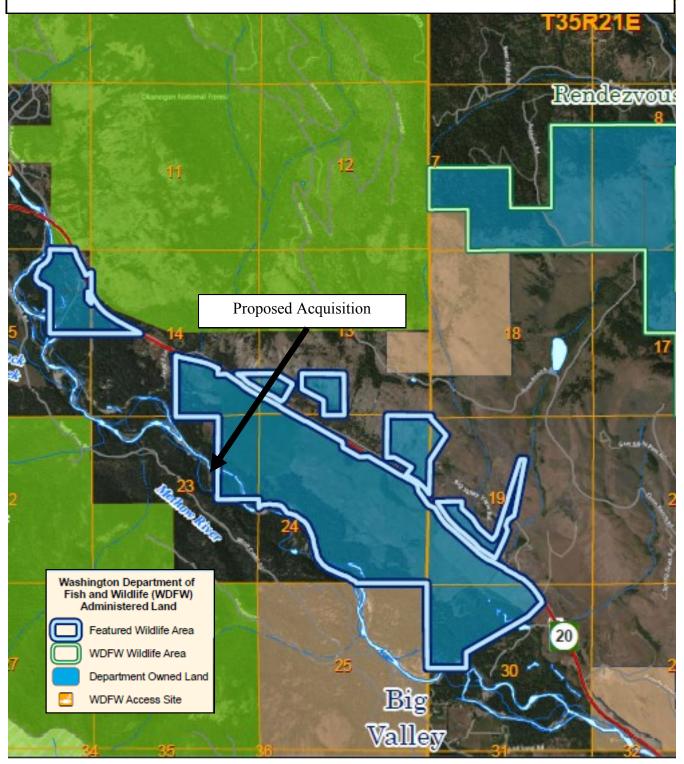
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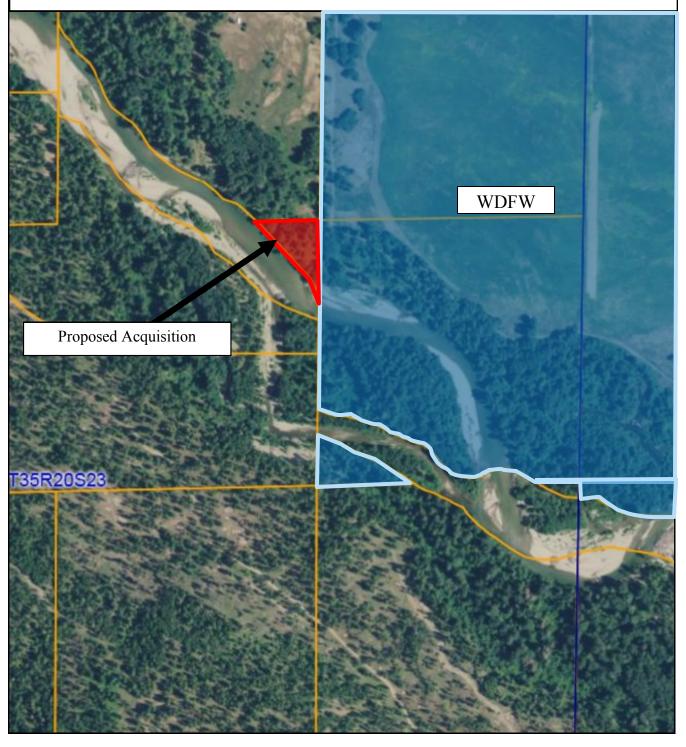
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COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

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ACRES: 1.31



August 2, 2013

TO: Philip Anderson

Director

FROM: Dan Budd

Real Estate Manager

SUBJECT: ITEM 5: PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITION ON

THE GREGORY & ROCHELLE PORT PROPERTY, METHOW

WILDLIFE AREA, OKANOGAN COUNTY.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has secured an Option to purchase a conservation easement on 66.39 acres of the Gregory and Rochelle Port property, in Okanogan County. This project will be funded by a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Section 6 grant. Authority for this acquisition is provided by the capital budget.

This property is located in the Methow Valley approximately 5 miles east of the town of Twisp, off Highway 20, on the Upper Beaver Creek Road. The property is currently used for seasonal livestock grazing but it has a high potential for conversion to subdivision and residential development. The owners desire WDFW to acquire a conservation easement on the property forever protecting the wildlife habitat benefits, which include migration corridors for large mammals, significant winter range for mule deer, and sensitive shrub steppe habitat.

The conservation easement will be managed within the Wildlife Program by Tom McCoy as part of the Methow Wildlife Area. Because this is a conservation easement, there is no operation and maintenance costs. However, monitoring costs are estimated at \$750 annually. Funding will be provided from the existing wildlife area budget.

The Department has secured an option to purchase this conservation easement at the reviewed and approved appraised value of:

66.39 acres for \$298,000

The Department recommends the Commission approve the acquisition of the 66.39-acre Gregory and Rochelle Port conservation easement for the appraised value of \$298,000.

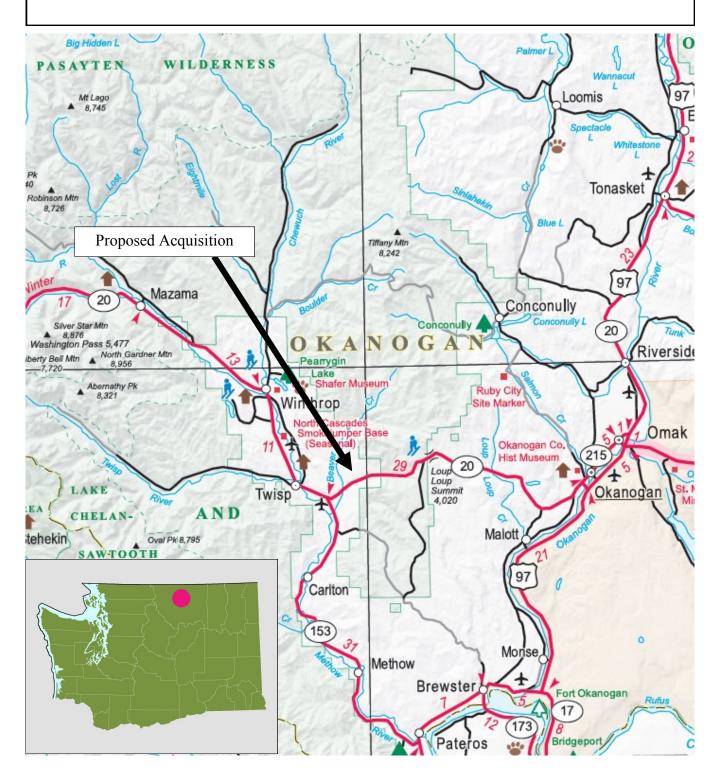
ITEM 5: PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT

G & R PORT PROPERTY

COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTIONS 12 & 13, TOWNSHIP 33 N, RANGE 22 E, W.M.

ACRES: 66.39



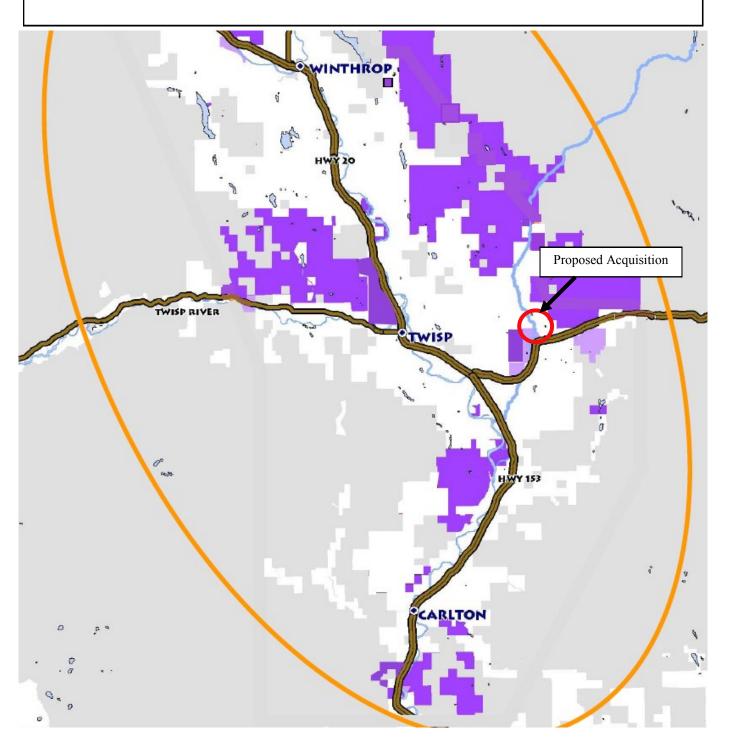
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ACRES: 66.39



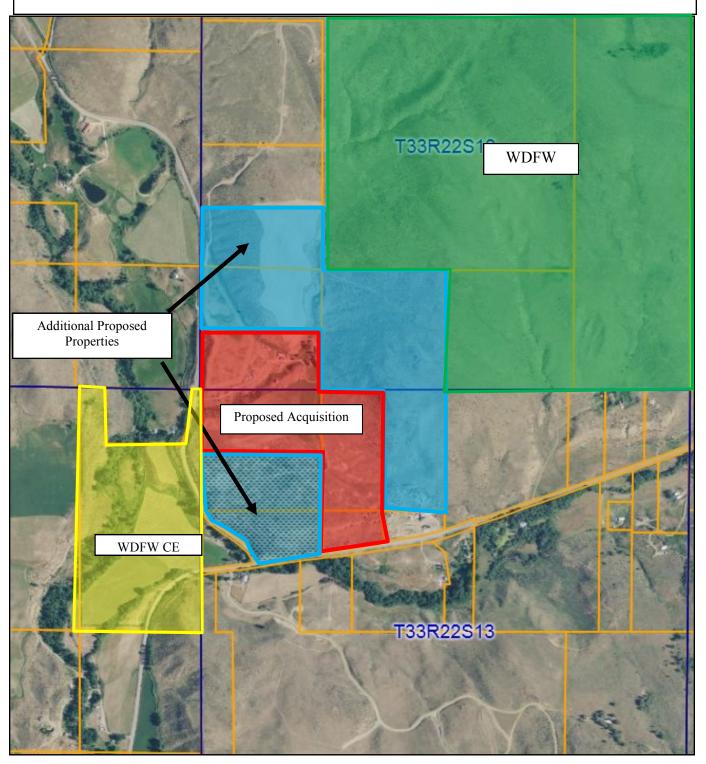
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G & R PORT PROPERTY

COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTIONS 12 & 13, TOWNSHIP 33 N, RANGE 22 E, W.M.

ACRES: 66.39



August 2, 2013

TO: Philip Anderson

Director

FROM: Dan Budd

Real Estate Manager

SUBJECT: ITEM 6: PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITION ON

THE MATHEW & TRAVIS PORT PROPERTY, METHOW WILDLIFE

AREA, OKANOGAN COUNTY.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has secured an Option to purchase a conservation easement on 29.30 acres of the Mathew and Travis Port property, in Okanogan County. This project will be funded by a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Section 6 grant. Authority for this acquisition is provided by the capital budget.

This property is located in the Methow Valley approximately 5 miles east of the town of Twisp, off Highway 20, on the Upper Beaver Creek Road. The property is currently used for seasonal livestock grazing but it has a high potential for conversion to subdivision and residential development. The owners desire WDFW to acquire a conservation easement on the property forever protecting the wildlife habitat benefits, which include migration corridors for large mammals, significant winter range for mule deer, and sensitive shrub steppe habitat.

The conservation easement will be managed within the Wildlife Program by Tom McCoy as part of the Methow Wildlife Area. Because this is a conservation easement, there is no operation and maintenance costs. However, monitoring costs are estimated at \$750 annually. Funding will be provided from the existing wildlife area budget.

The Department has secured an option to purchase this conservation easement at the reviewed and approved appraised value of:

29.30 acres for \$60,000

The Department recommends the Commission approve the acquisition of the 29.30-acre Mathew and Travis Port conservation easement for the appraised value of \$60,000.

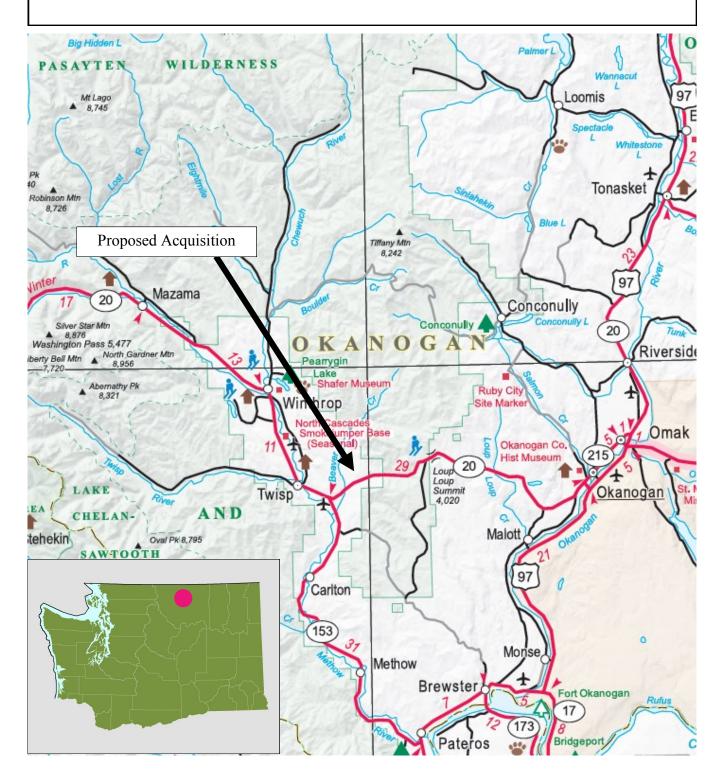
ITEM 6: PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT

M & T PORT PROPERTY

COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 33 N, RANGE 22 E, W.M.

ACRES: 29.3



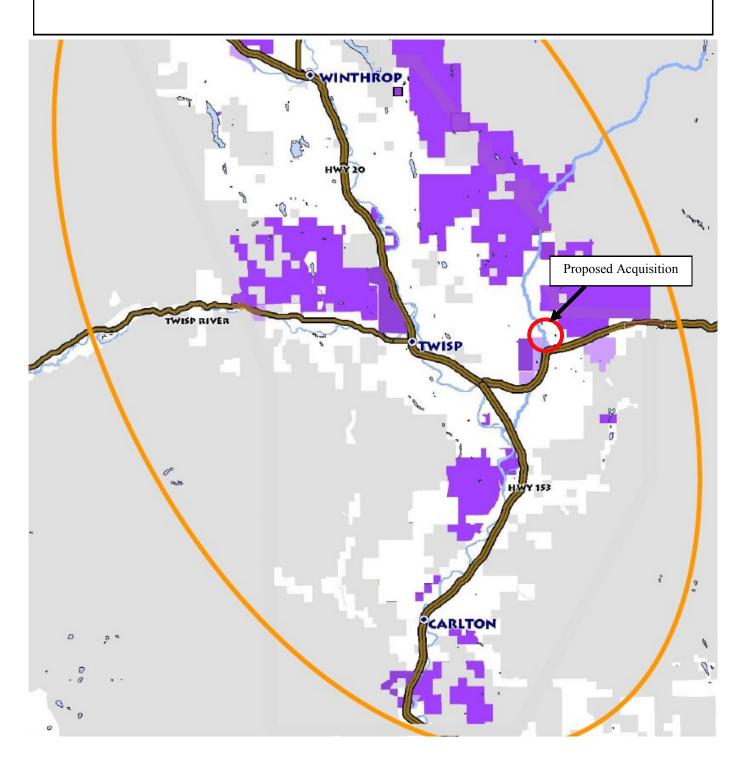
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COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 33 N, RANGE 22 E, W.M.

ACRES: 29.3



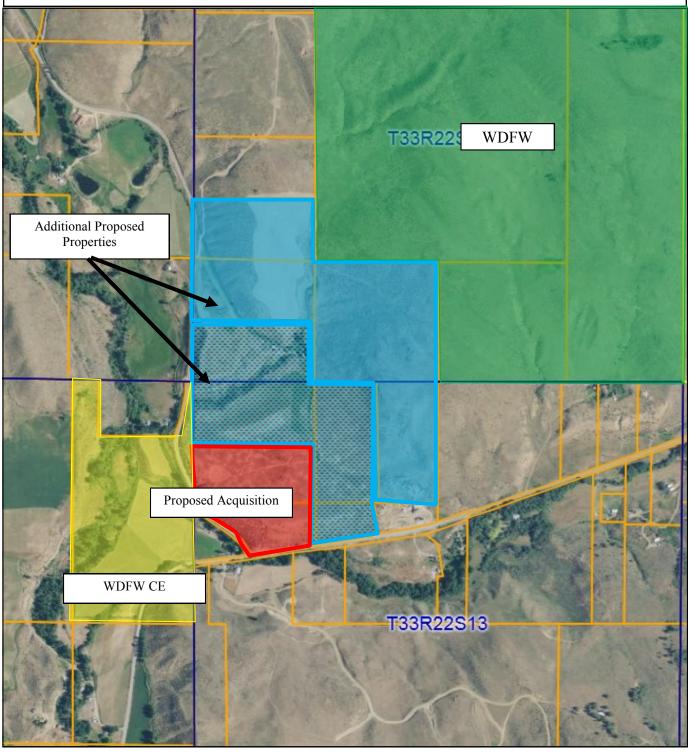
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M & T PORT PROPERTY

COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 33 N, RANGE 22 E, W.M.

ACRES: 29.3



August 2, 2013

TO: Philip Anderson

Director

FROM: Dan Budd

Real Estate Manager

SUBJECT: ITEM 7: PROPOSED FEE ACQUISITION OF THE ELDRED BARKER

PROPERTY, METHOW WILDLIFE AREA, OKANOGAN COUNTY.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has secured an Option to purchase 100 acres of the Eldred Barker property, in Okanogan County. This project will be funded by a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Section 6 grant. This project has been approved through the Lands 20/20 evaluation process. Authority for this acquisition is provided by the capital budget.

This property is located in the Methow Valley approximately 5 miles east of the town of Twisp, off Highway 20, on the Upper Beaver Creek Road. The property adjoins the existing Methow Wildlife Area. It is currently used for seasonal livestock grazing but has a high potential for conversion to subdivision and residential development. Mr. Barker desires WDFW acquire the property for the wildlife habitat benefits, which include migration corridors for large mammals, significant winter range for mule deer, and sensitive shrub steppe habitat.

The property will be managed within the Wildlife Program by Tom McCoy as part of the Methow Wildlife Area. Operation and maintenance costs are anticipated to be \$800 annually to address weed control and litter issues. Annual Payments in-lieu of property tax is estimated at \$200. Funding will be provided from the existing wildlife area budget.

The Department has secured an option to purchase this property at the reviewed and approved appraised value of:

100 acres for \$600,000

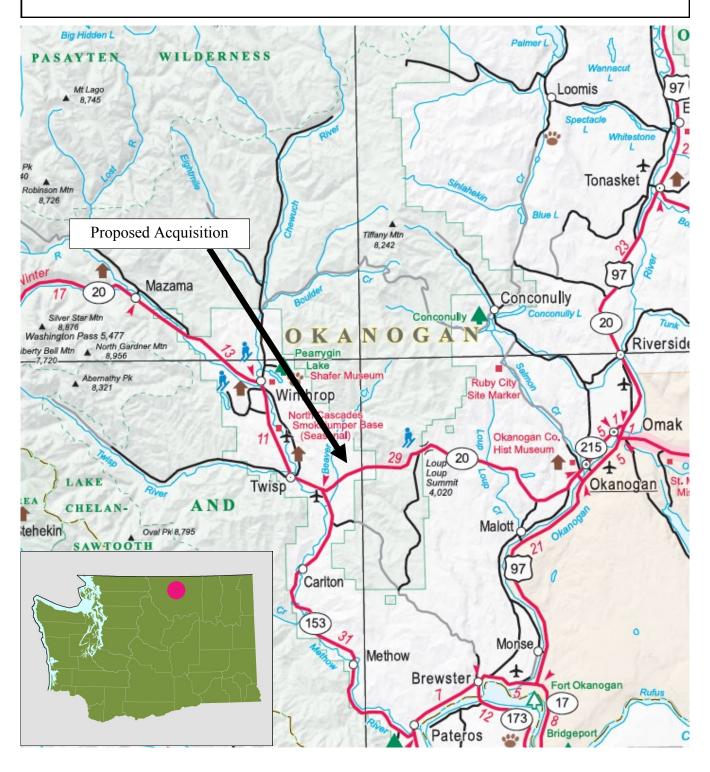
The Department recommends the Commission approve the acquisition of the 100-acre Eldred Barker property for the appraised value of \$600,000.

ITEM 7: PROPOSED ACQUISITION

BARKER PROPERTY

COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTIONS 12 & 13, TOWNSHIP 33 N, RANGE 22 E, W.M.

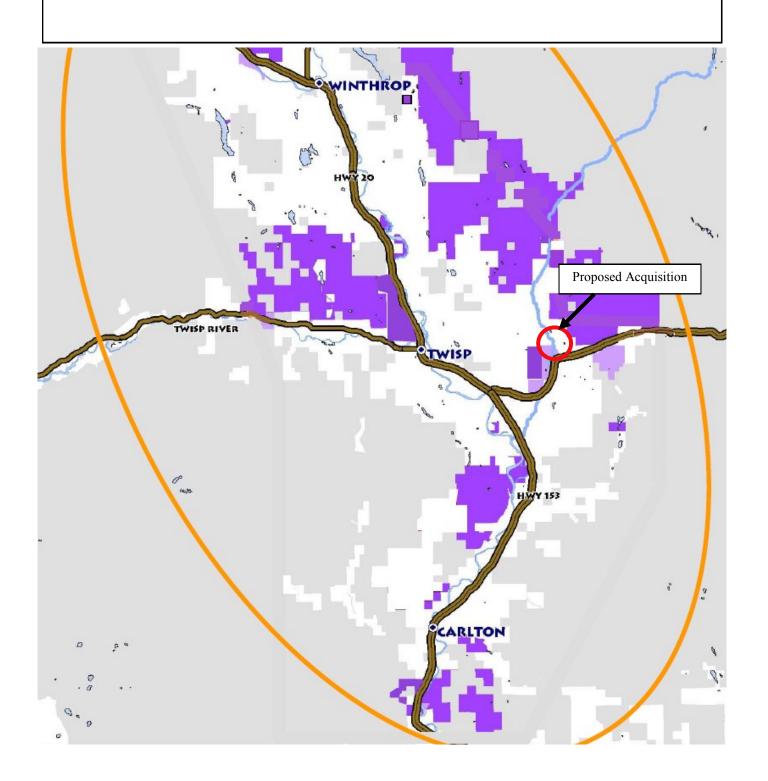


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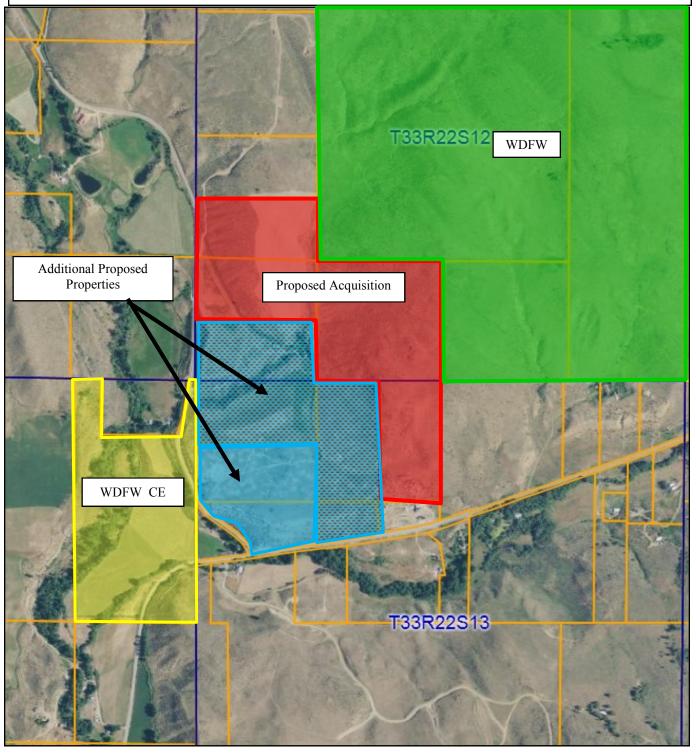


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BARKER PROPERTY

COUNTY: OKANOGAN COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTIONS 12 & 13, TOWNSHIP 33 N, RANGE 22 E, W.M.



August 2, 2013

TO: Philip Anderson

Director

FROM: Dan Budd

Real Estate Manager

SUBJECT: ITEM 8: PROPOSED RENEWAL OF PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY,

YELLOWSTONE PIPELINE COMPANY, COLUMBIA BASIN FISH

HATCHERY, GRANT COUNTY

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has received a request from the Yellowstone Pipe Line Company to renew its long-standing right of way across the Columbia Basin Fish Hatchery property in Grant County. This pipeline has been in place since 1962 under a right of way granted by the Department of Game. Similarly, the proposed renewal will be for fifty years and will be limited to operation, maintenance and repair of a pipeline for gas and oil. In addition, this renewal incorporates the cathodic protection area amended into the right of way in 1972 and adds new liability and commercial general liability insurance requirements (\$5M per occurrence/\$10M aggregate).

The 100-foot-wide right-of-way, which amounts to approximately 7.4 acres, is situated on WDFW's 160-acre hatchery property on Road K NE in Moses Lake. The pipeline is underground and runs east-west along the county road at the northern boundary of the property. The underground cathodic protection cables run 590 feet southeasterly into the property.

Yellowstone has offered the appraised value of \$12,300 for the renewal. Department staff has evaluated the request and recommends its approval.

The Department recommends the Commission approve the renewal of the Yellowstone Pipe Line Right of Way for the appraised value of \$12,300.

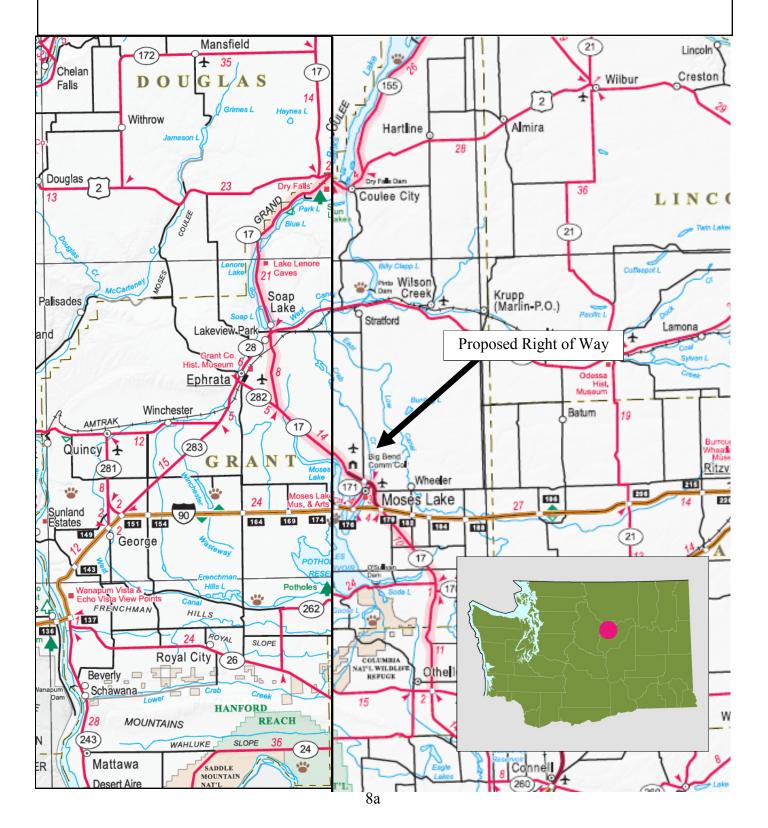
ITEM 8: PROPOSED RENEWAL OF RIGHT OF WAY

YELLOWSTONE PIPELINE

COUNTY: GRANT COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 20 N, RANGE 28 E, W.M.

ACRES: 7.4



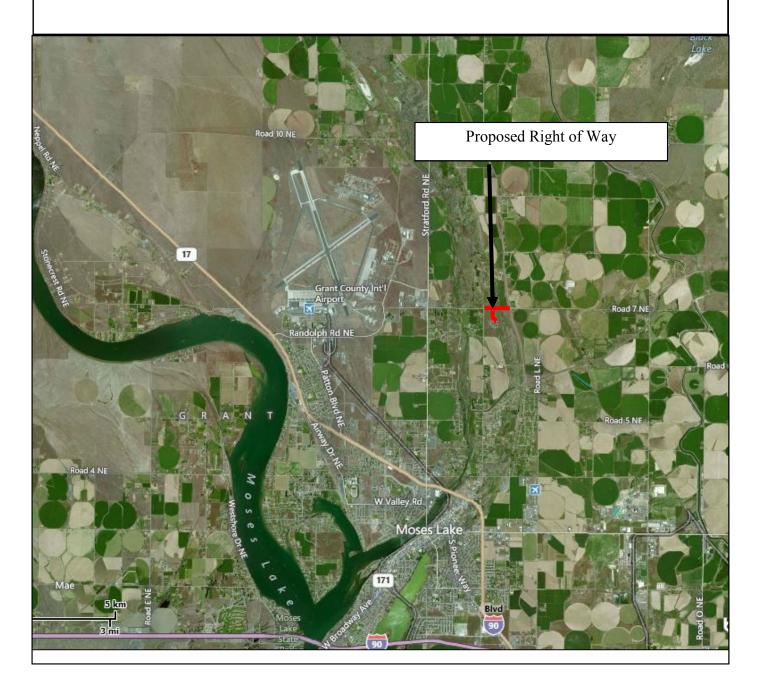
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COUNTY: GRANT COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 20 N, RANGE 28 E, W.M.

ACRES: 7.4



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COUNTY: GRANT COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 20 N, RANGE 28 E, W.M.

ACRES: 7.4

