

# Agenda Item 8

## Forest Restoration Projects: Scatter Creek Wildlife Area

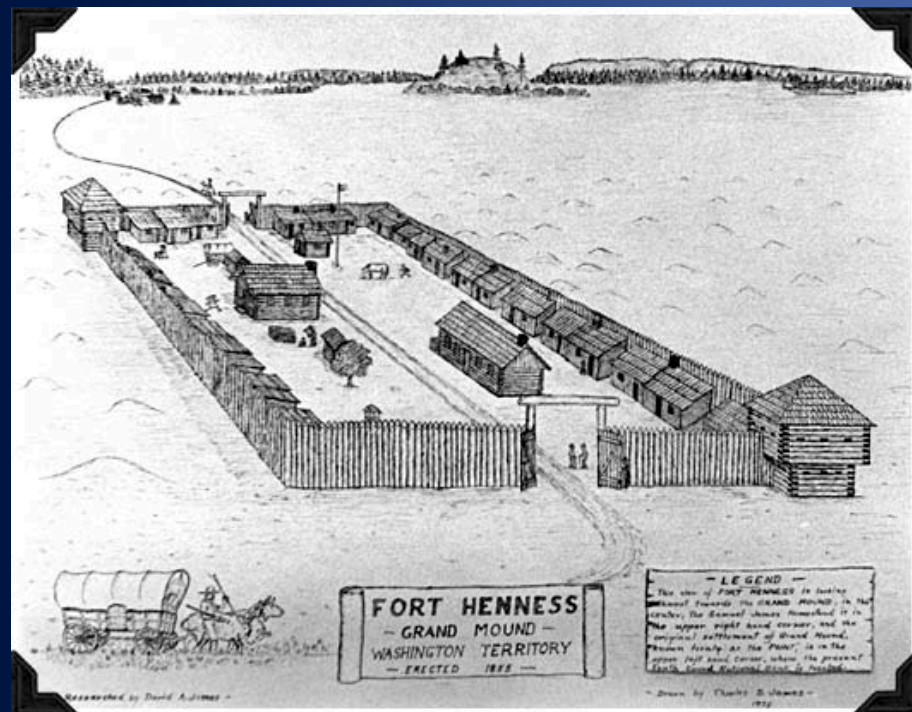


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# Tremendous Change Since 1855 (Fort Henness site on the Wildlife Area)





# Atypical: Intact Oak Transition Zone



# Oak Zone Overtaken by Douglas Fir





# Douglas Fir Shading Out Oak





# Prairie Loss

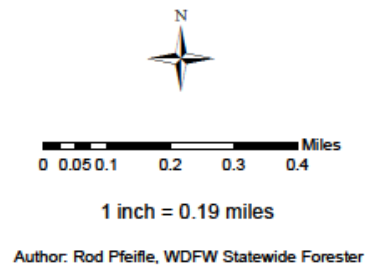
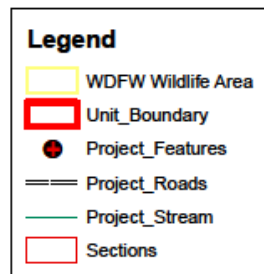
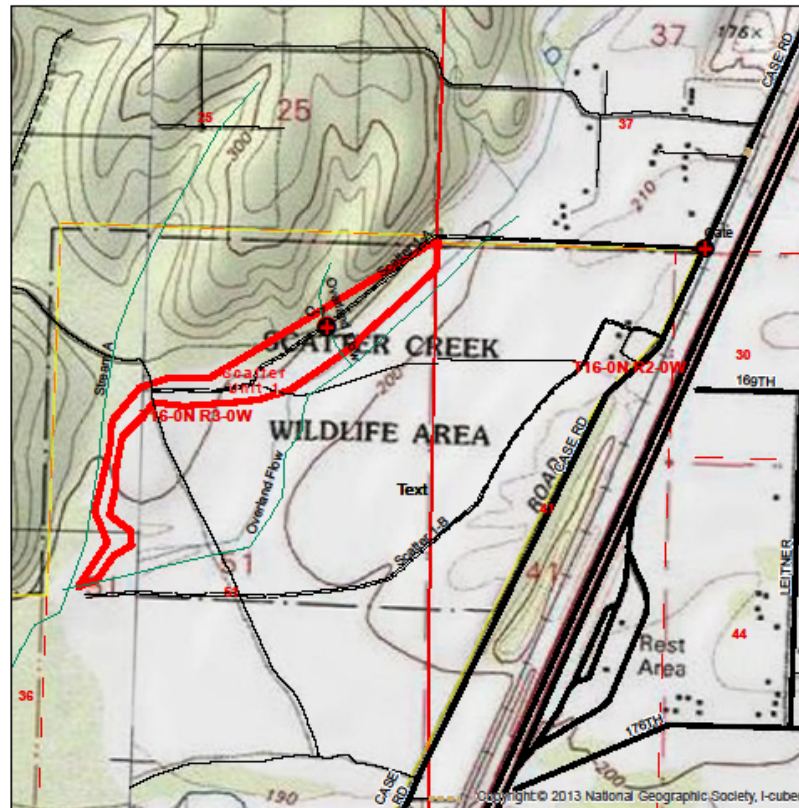
## The Left Side Used To Be Prairie



# North Unit

- Planned before the 2017 fire and none of it burned
  - Fully permitted and ready to go
- 23 acres of oak release
- Volume 250,000 board feet
- Tried to treat in 2017 but no loggers bid on the project because it was too small

Scatter Creek Oak Release  
 Section 51, Township 16 North, Range 3 West WM  
 Scatter Creek Wildlife Area  
 Thurston County, WA

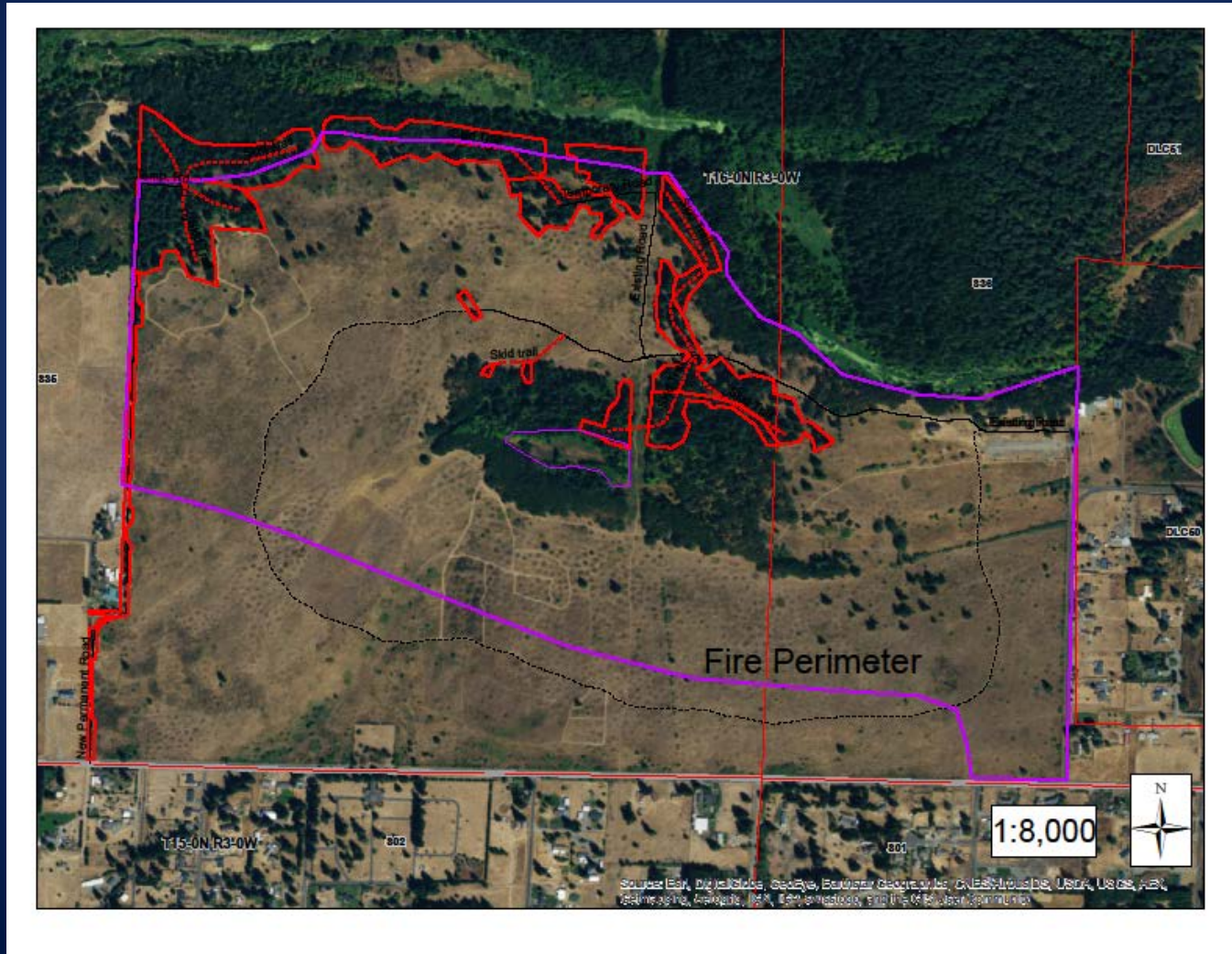




# South Unit

- Preliminary planning only before fire
- Fire burned 64 acres of forest
  - 22.4 Oak (79%)
  - 22.4 Douglas fir (65%)
  - 17.2 Oak-Douglas fir mix (58%)
- Planned project
  - Remove logs cut by BPA to protect power lines
  - 12.4 acres of oak release (72% burned)
  - 25.7 acres of prairie release (74% burned)
- Volume 750,000-950,000 board feet – still cruising

# Scatter Creek South





# Replace 188 WDFW-Planted Trees on West Property Line With a Fire Break (Road)



# Prairie Restoration Area





# Oak Release Area





# We Will Encourage Large Firs When Releasing Oak

## Most leave trees >32" in Diameter





# Questions?

