

# Lands 20/20 Overview and Proposed Acquisition Grant Submittals for 2015 - 2017



# LANDS 20/20 PRESENTATION

## 20/20 Land Acquisition Overview

- Mission and Strategic goals
- Land acquisition history
- Land acquisition process

## 2015-17 Project Proposals

**Preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities**

**Goal #1: Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife.**

**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.**

# WDFW Conservation Tools

Regulatory

Species Augmentation

Land Use Planning Assistance

Private Lands Partnerships

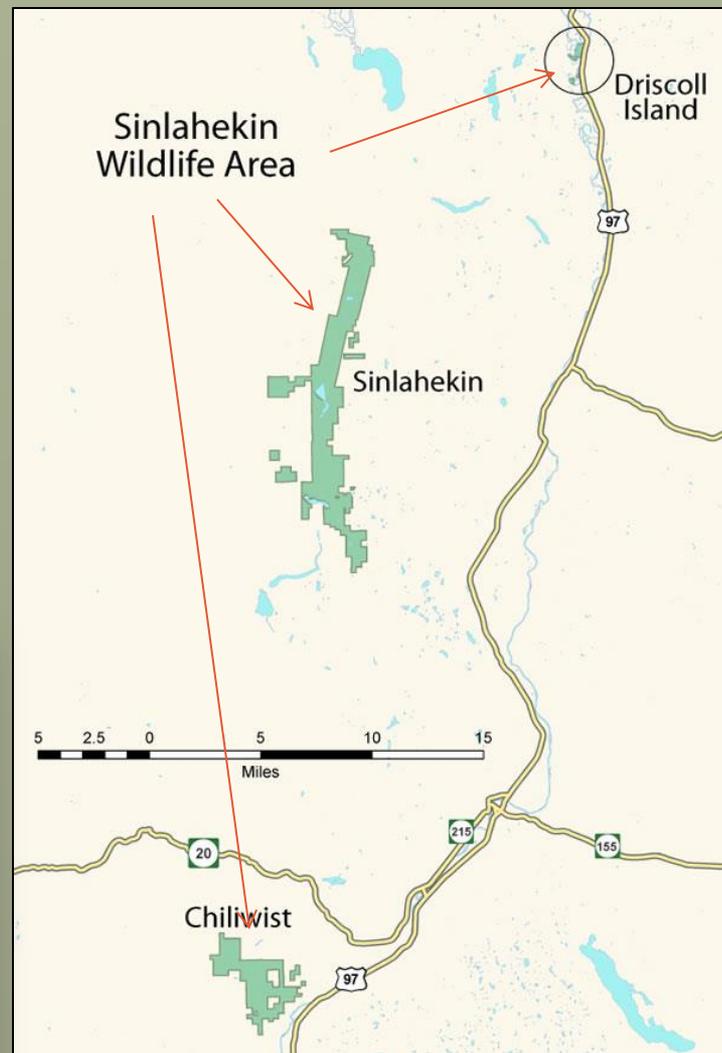
Real Property Management and  
Transactions





# Started with Sinlahekin in 1939

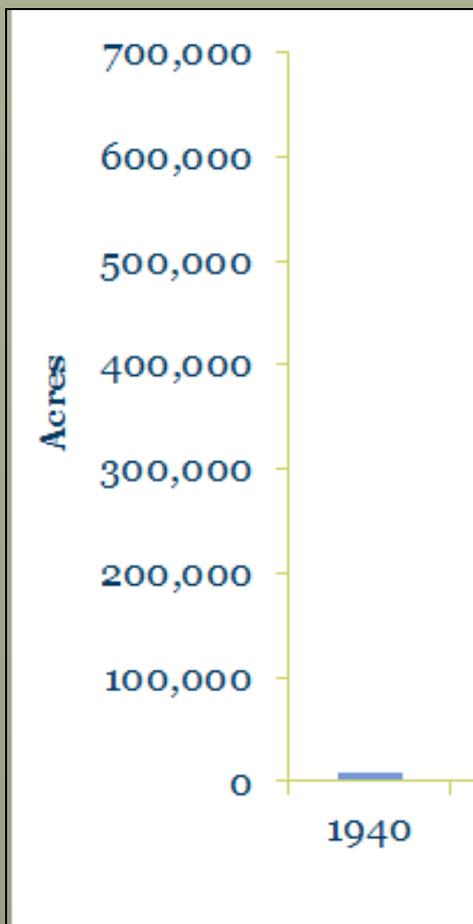
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014



Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
Lands Forum  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

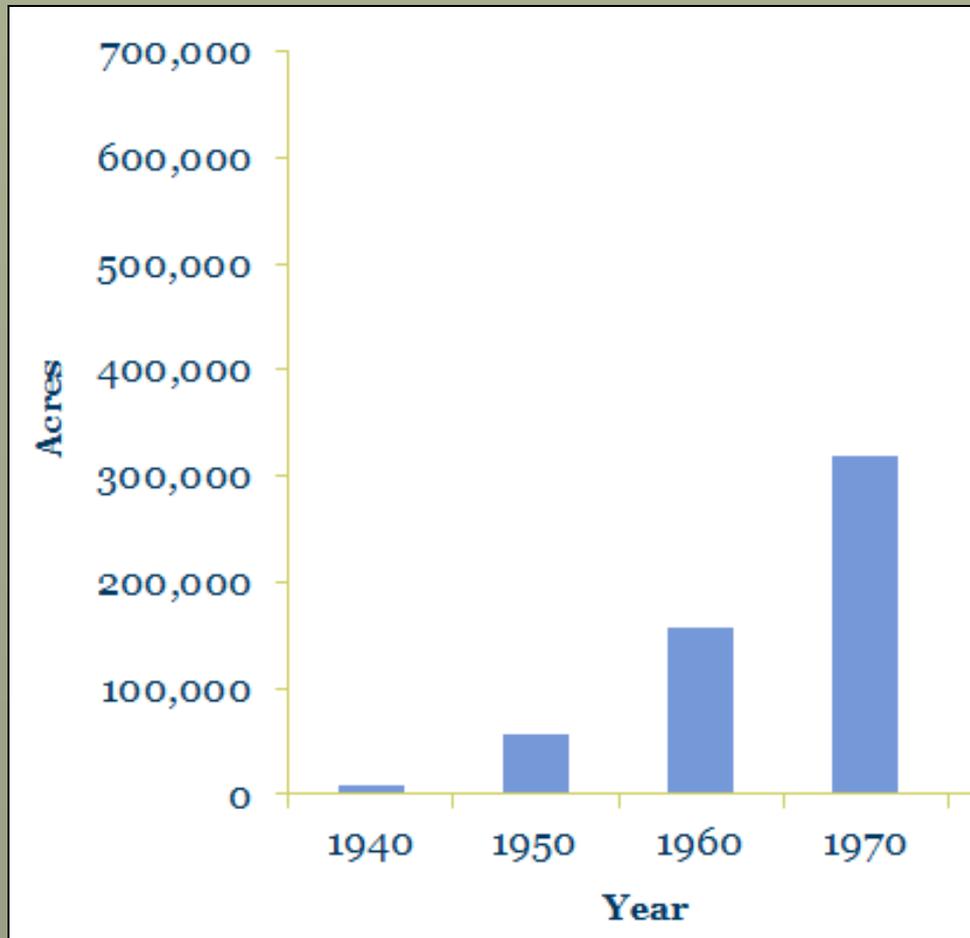
# Acquisition History

- 1933: Department of Game established
- 1939: First Acquisition - 80 acres of Mule Deer Winter Range – Sinlahekin



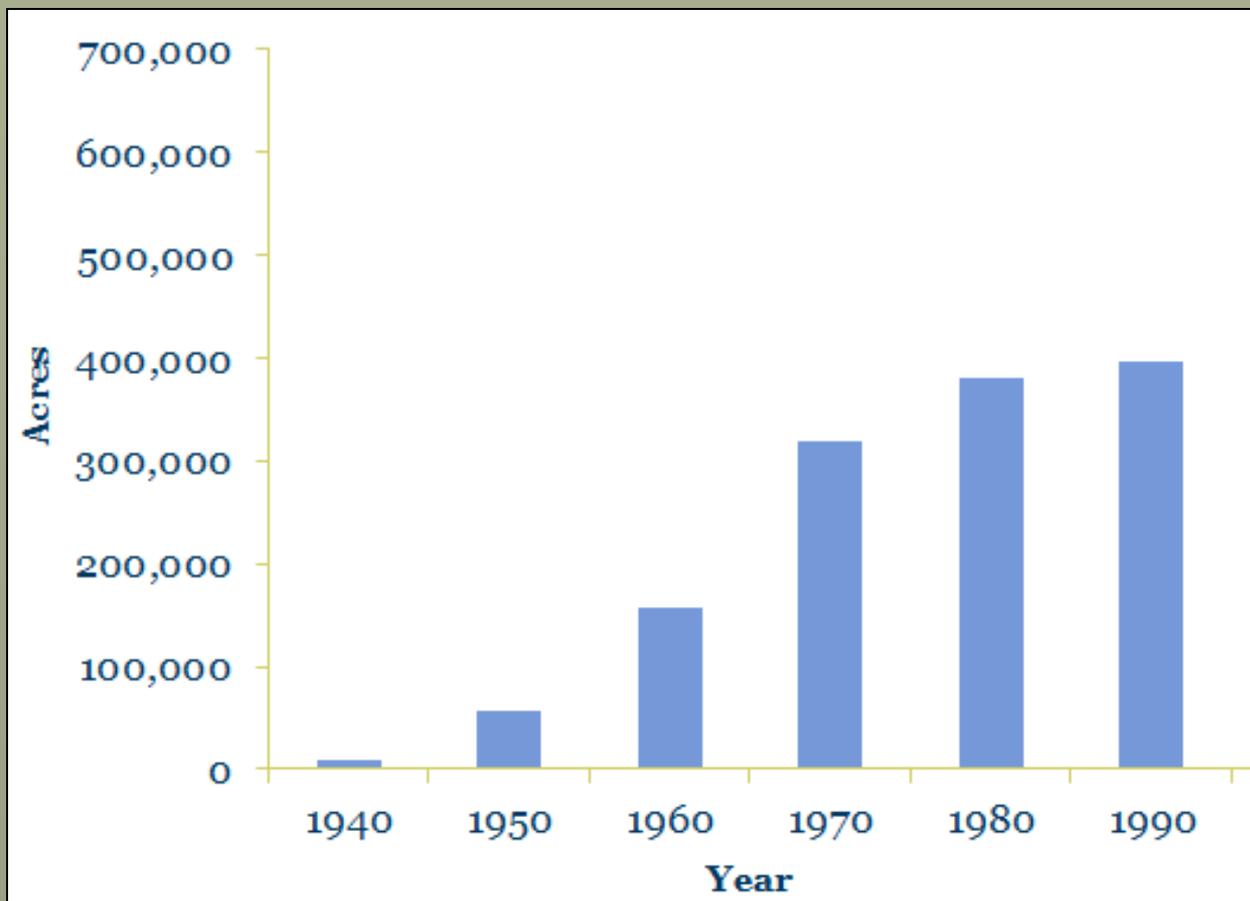
# Acquisition History

- 1940 to 1970: WDFW ownership grows to ~340,000 acres
- Federal Funding: Pittman Robertson (PR), Dingell Johnson (DJ), Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)



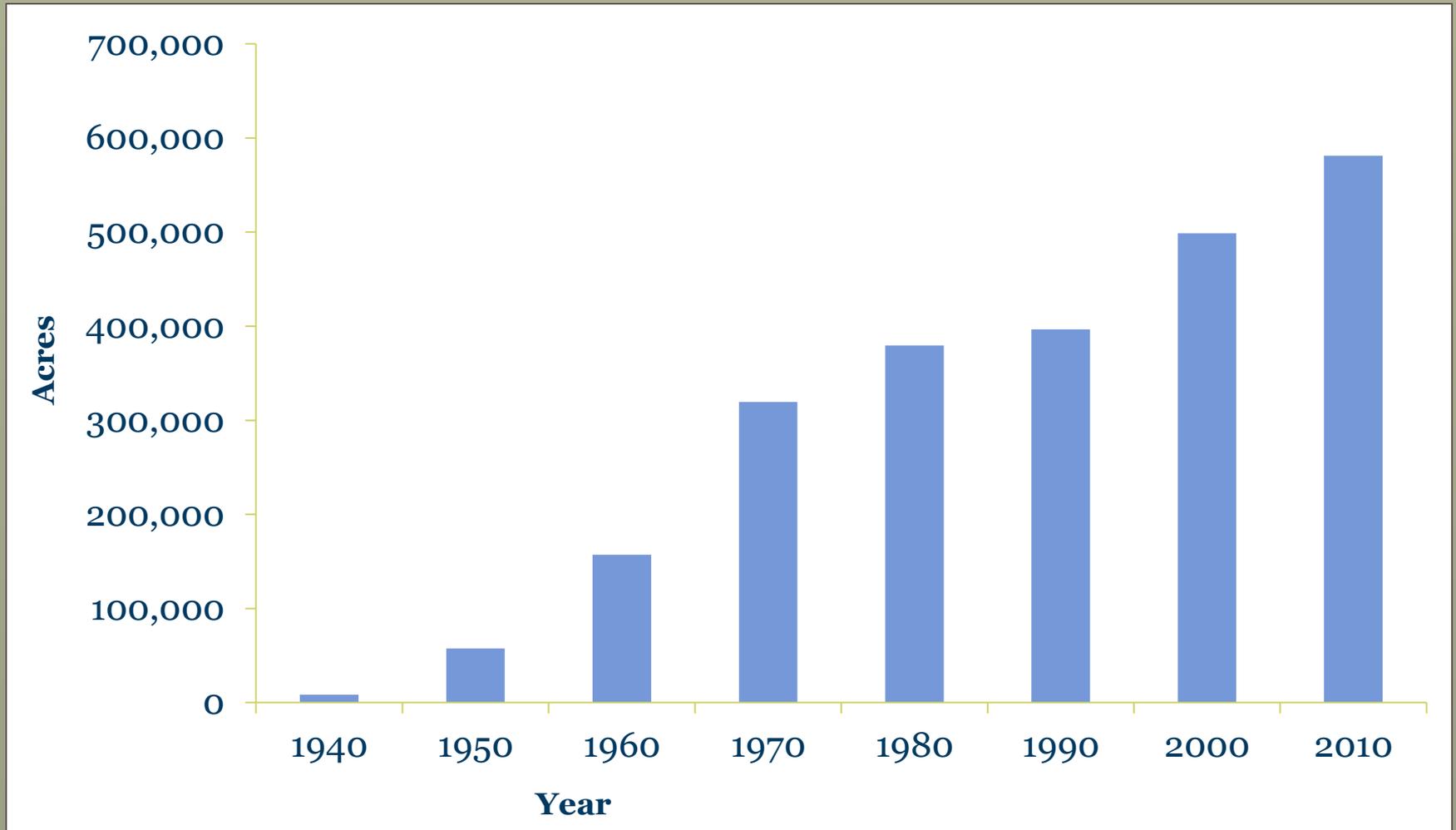
# Acquisition History

- 1970-1990: Smaller number of acres and acquisitions
- Mitigation Funding: Public Utilities Districts (PUD's), Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)



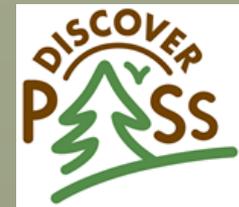
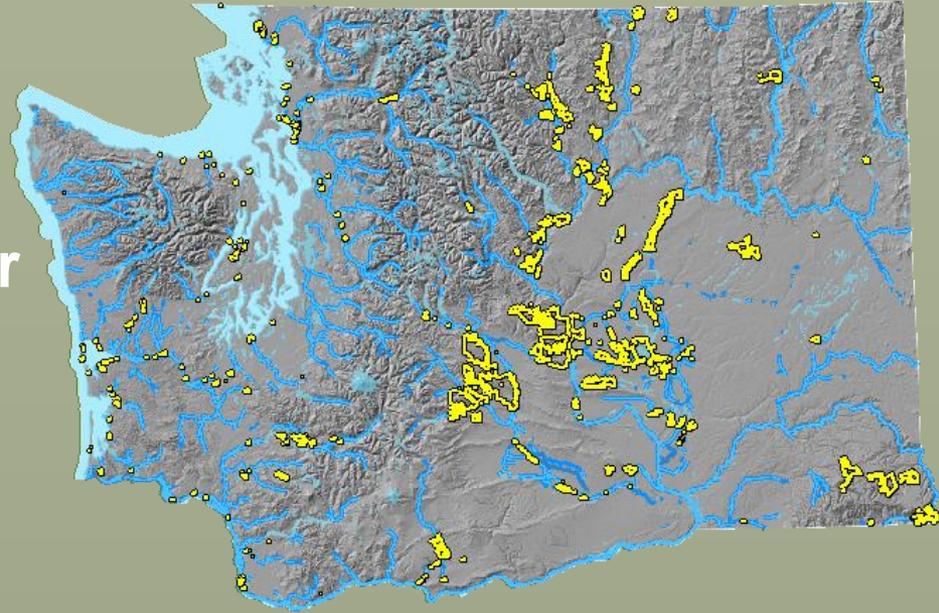
# Acquisition History

- 1990 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program established
- Ability to leverage federal Endangered Species Act acquisition funding (“Sec 6”)



# WDFW Lands

- Wildlife Areas = ~1,000,000 acres
  - Open 365 days/ year
  - Four million visitors/ year
- Boat launch/Water Access Sites = 700



# Acquisition Process

Scoping  
and Need

Evaluation and  
Prioritization

Land  
Transaction

Integrating  
Ownership

# WDFW Land Acquisition Priorities

## Aquatic Habitats



# WDFW Land Acquisition Priorities

## Critical Habitat for Specific Species



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## Terrestrial Habitats



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## Other Priorities for Acquisition



# WDFW Land Acquisition Principles

- Optimize, pursue, and use partnerships
- Evaluate whether acquisition is the best conservation alternative
- Pursue lands that provide long-term opportunities
- Pursue lands that will provide long-term ecological value
- Place a higher value on acquisitions that create blocks of ownership
- Pursue easements or other non-fee title options on smaller tracts
- Prioritize lands that are ecologically or socially important

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# WDFW Lands 20/20 Process Steps

- I. Identification of parcel(s) or areas of interest based on Statewide and Regional Priorities
- II. Regional Program Review
- III. Headquarters Review
- IV. Commission Review
- V. Director Approval to Solicit Grants (Funding)

# Grant Source Categories

- **Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (2015-17 )**  
*Critical Habitat, Riparian Habitat, Urban and Water Access*
- **Section 6 (FY 2014-15)**
- **Duck Stamp**
- **North American Wetland Conservation Act (FY 2014-16)**
- **Aquatic Land Enhancement Account (FY 2014-15)**

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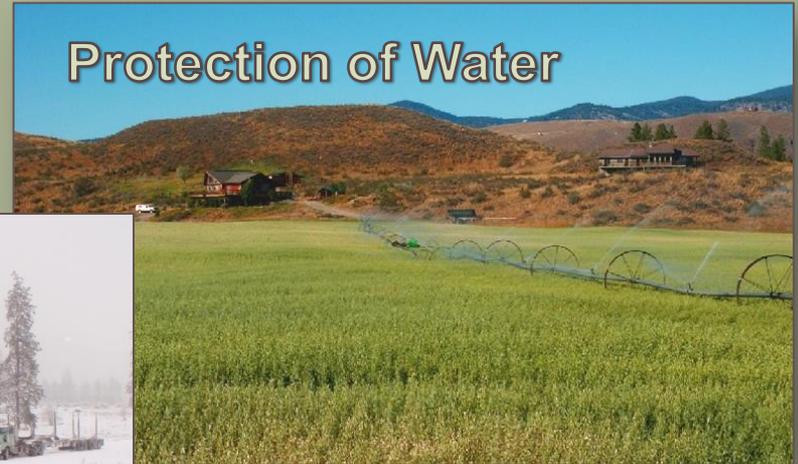
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Ownership

# Strengthen common, shared values

Open Spaces



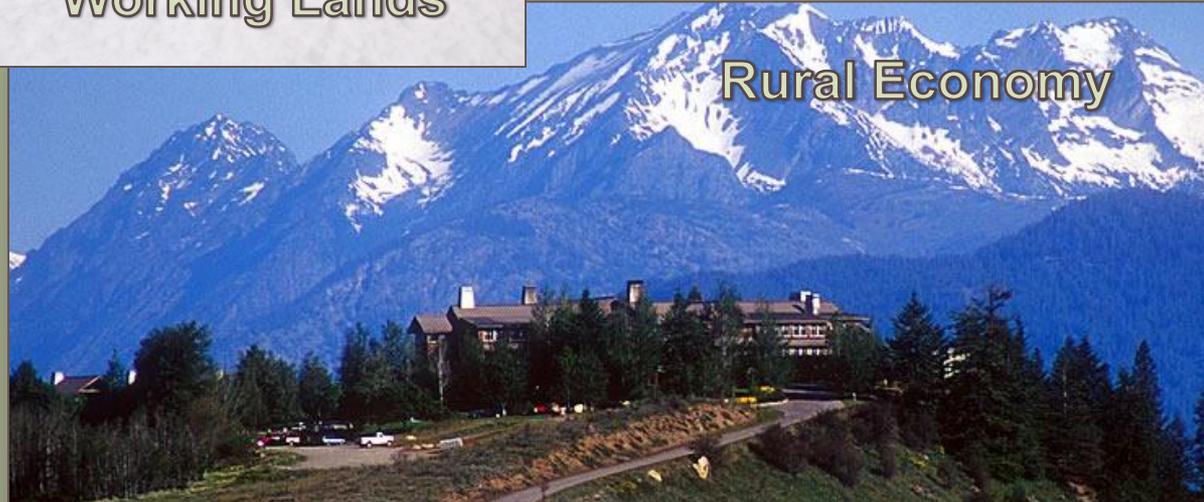
Protection of Water



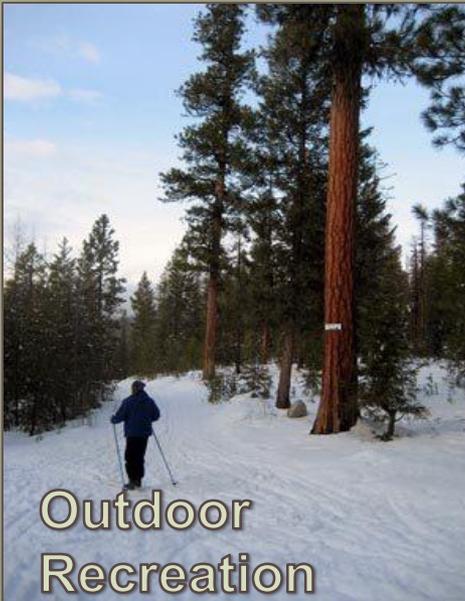
Working Lands



Rural Economy



Outdoor Recreation



# Conservation Partners

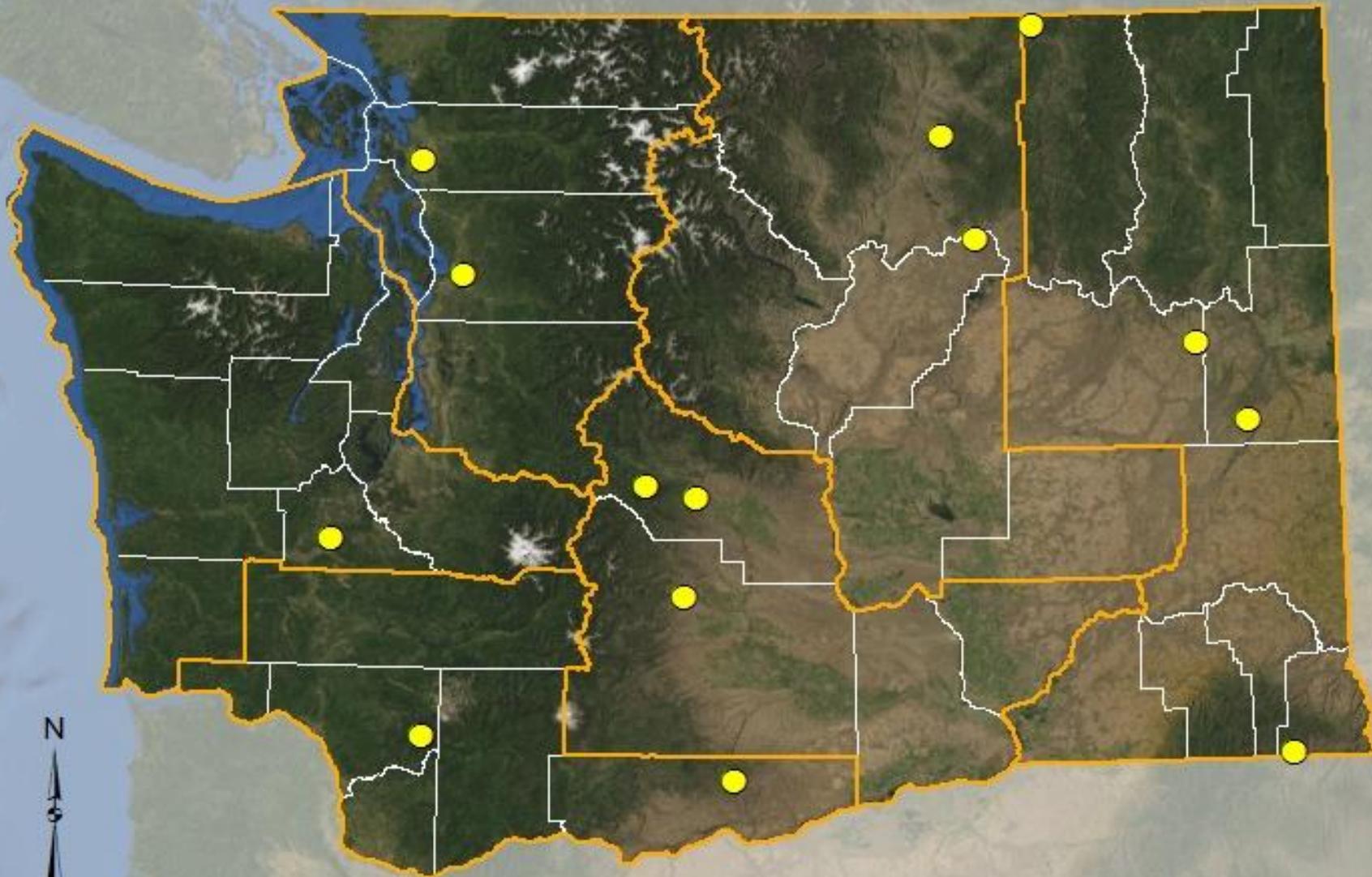
Recreation & Conservation Funding Board  
Trust for Public Lands  
Local Land Trusts  
Conservation Northwest  
The Nature Conservancy  
Mule Deer Foundation  
Duke Foundation  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
US Forest Service  
DNR  
State Parks  
BLM  
Private landowners.



# Land Acquisition Project Proposals – 2015 - 2017



# 2015-17 WDFW Land Acquisition Project Proposals



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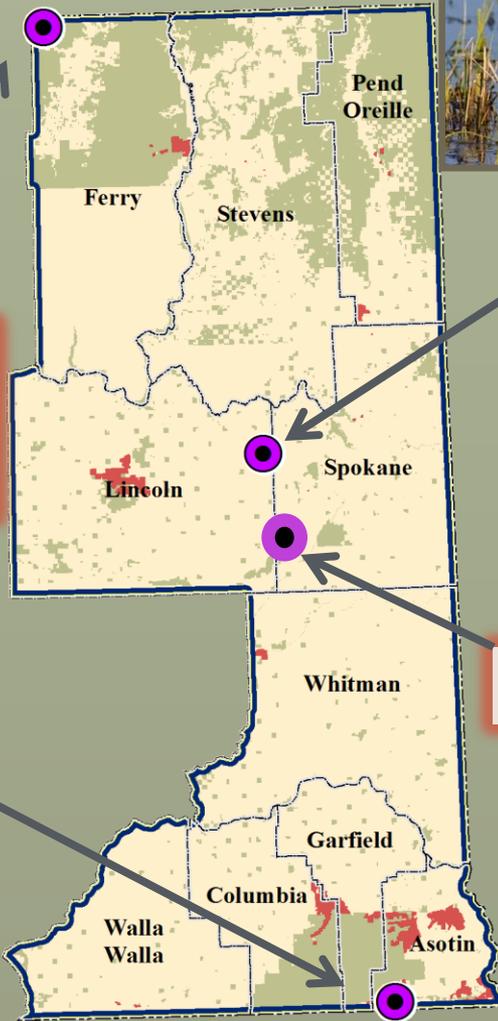
# WDFW - REGION ONE



Kettle River /  
Kettle River  
Access



Reardan Audubon Lake

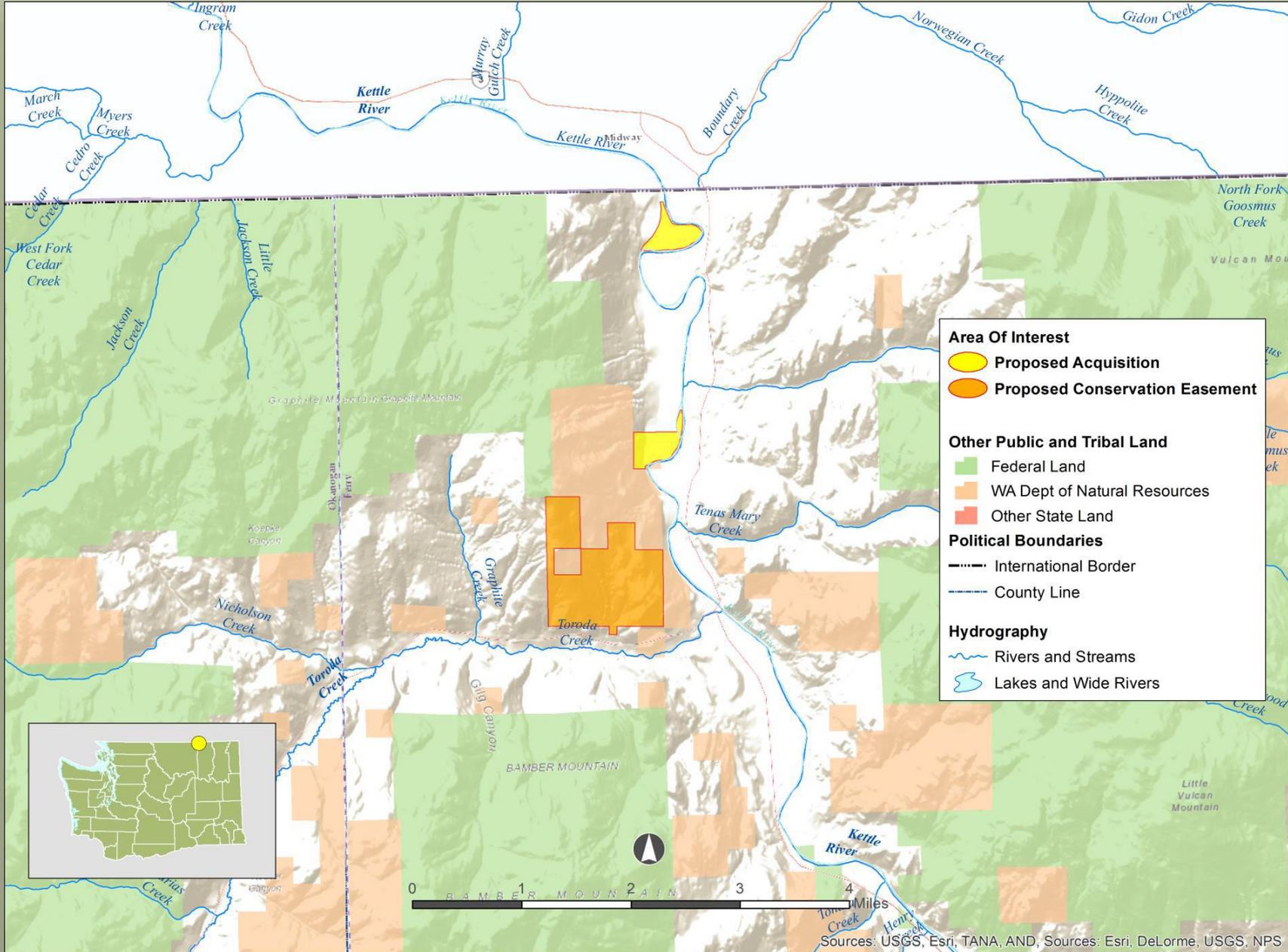


Chapman Lake Water Access



Mountain View





## Conservation Values

**Old growth forest, eastside steppe,  
aspen and riparian  
Redband trout habitat  
Golden eagle, northern goshawk,  
moose, white-headed woodpecker,  
mule deer and rare plants  
Connects existing public lands**

## Recreation Values

**River access  
Fishing  
Hunting  
Wildlife viewing**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

**WWRP: Critical Habitat - \$945,000  
WWRP: Water Access - \$745,000**

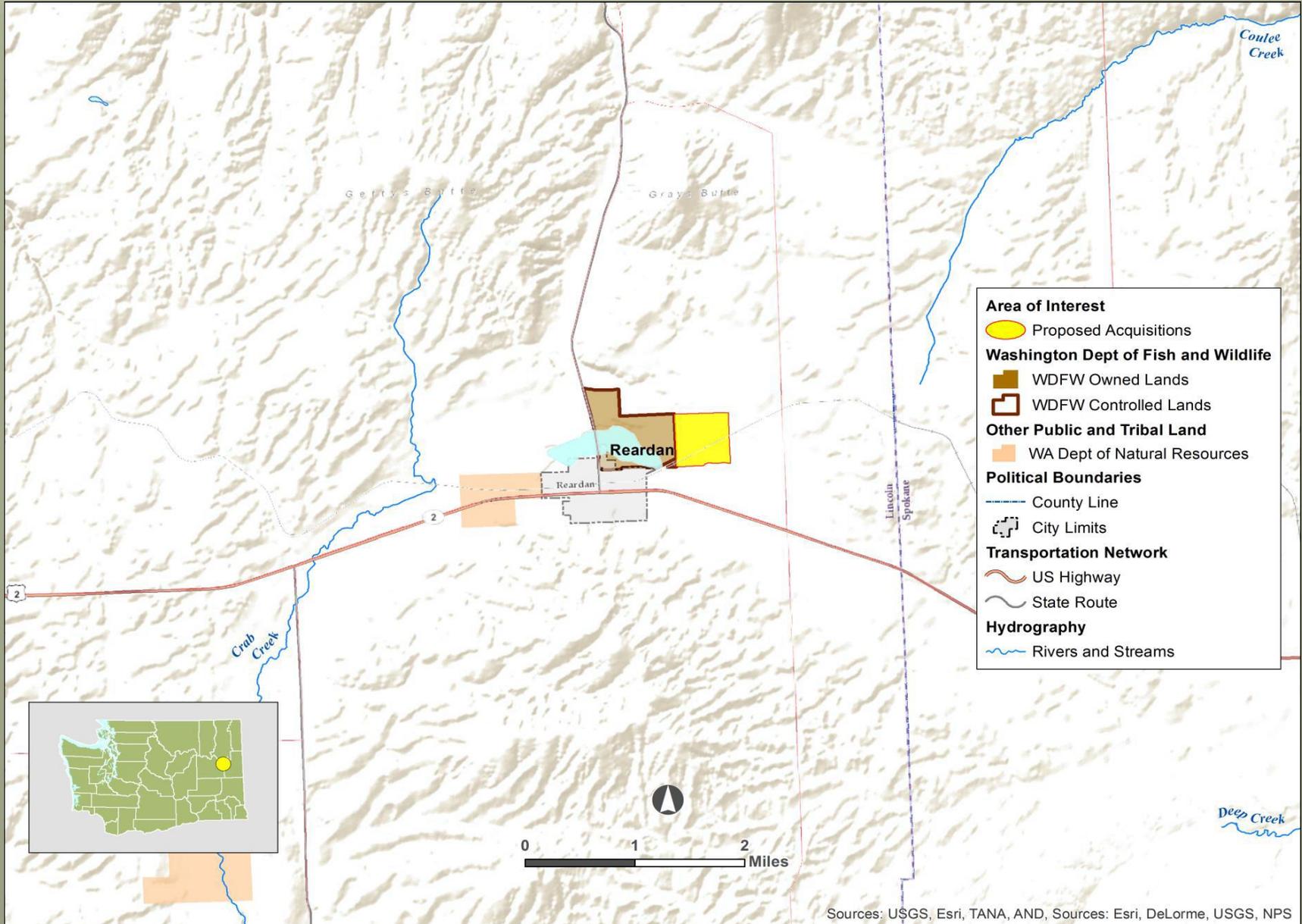
## O&M Estimates

**\$500 Annually**

## Partners

**Conservation Northwest,  
Pilchuck Audubon,  
Washington Department  
of Natural Resources**





Sources: USGS, Esri, TANA, AND, Sources: Esri, DeLorme, USGS, NPS

## Conservation Values

**Protects Palouse prairie grasslands, channeled scablands, wetlands and vernal pools**  
**Used by more than 100 species of birds**  
**Important site for migratory birds**  
**Connected to Department of Fish and Wildlife lands**

## Recreational Values

**Wildlife Viewing (Washington Birding Trail)**  
**Nature photography**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

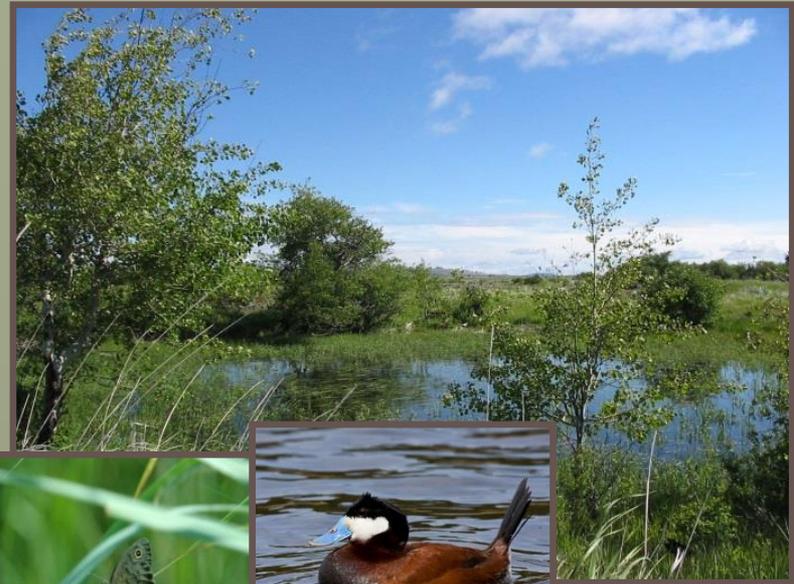
**WWRP: Riparian - \$600,000**

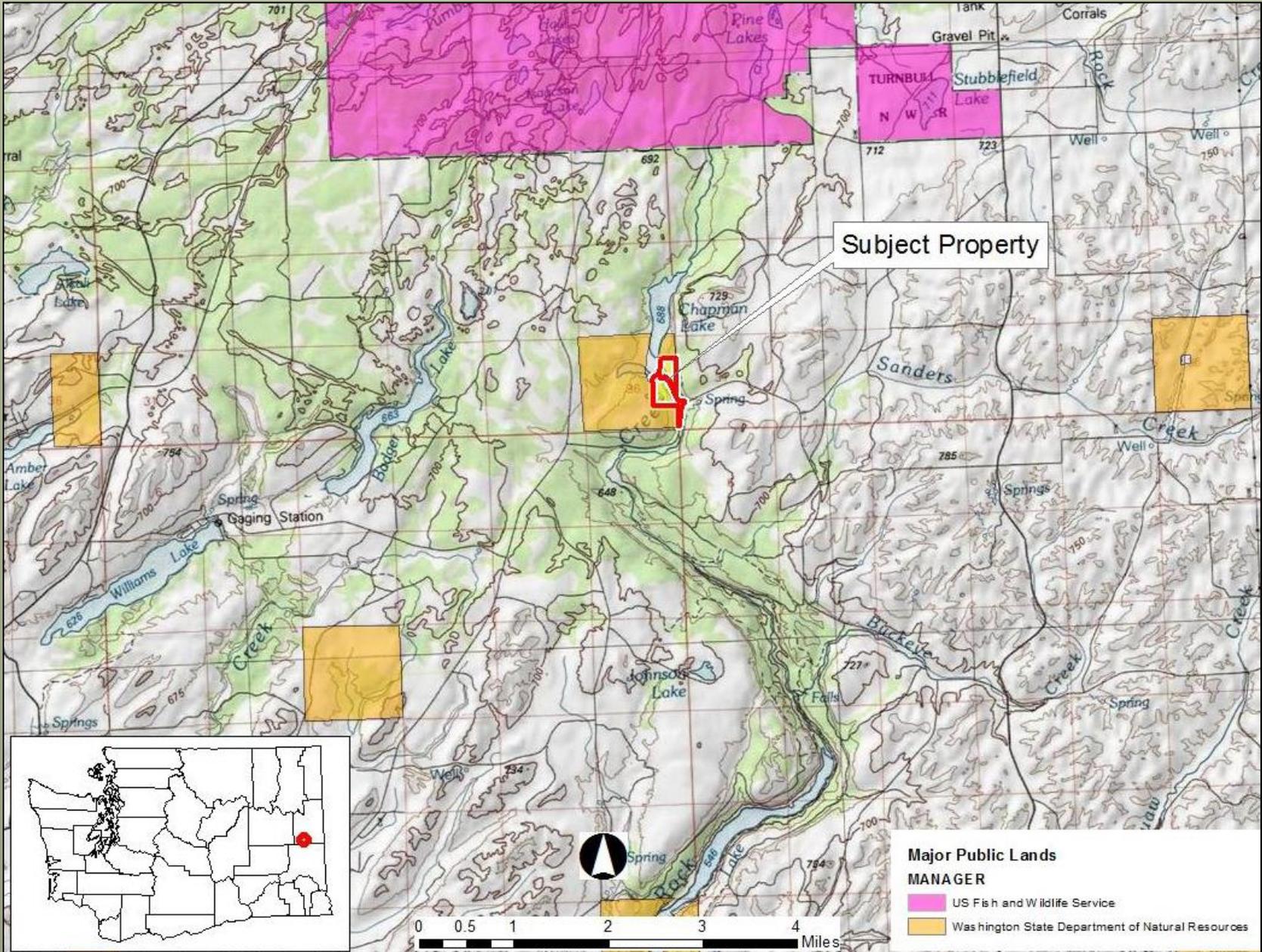
## O&M Estimates

**\$1,200 Annually**

## Partners

**City of Reardan, Reardan Chamber of Commerce, Reardan Public Development Authority, Elk's Club, Audubon, Inland Northwest Land Trust, Eastern Washington University, Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, Ducks Unlimited, Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge**





**Conservation Values**

**Future management of kokanee,  
trout and other fish species**  
**Connects existing public lands**  
**Ponderosa pine forest and**  
**riparian habitat**  
**Big game and waterfowl**

**Recreational Values**

**Public lake access**  
**Fishing**  
**Hunting**  
**Wildlife viewing**

**Source of Funding (estimates)**

**Boating Facilities Program -**  
**\$750,000**

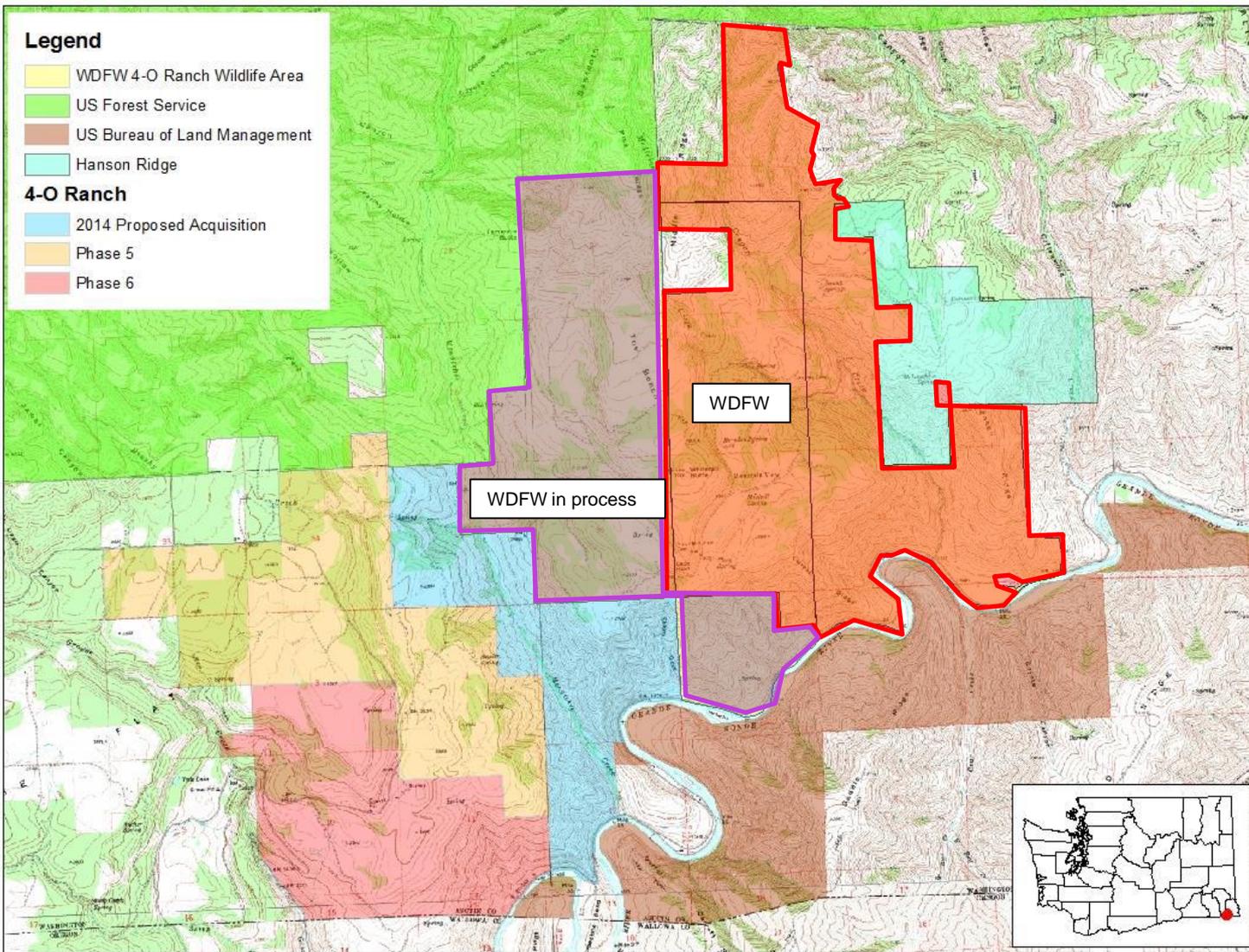
**O&M Estimate**

**\$1,000 Annually**

**Partners**

**Local Fishing Clubs**





## Conservation Values

**Ponderosa pine, interior grasslands  
and riparian habitat  
ESA listed steelhead  
Diverse fish and wildlife species  
Adjoins BLM and Forest Service lands  
Preserves working land partnerships**

## Recreation Values

**Big/small game and upland bird  
Hunting  
Fishing  
Wildlife viewing**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

**WWRP: Critical Habitat - \$4 million  
Federal Section 6 - \$2 million**

## O&M / PILT Estimates

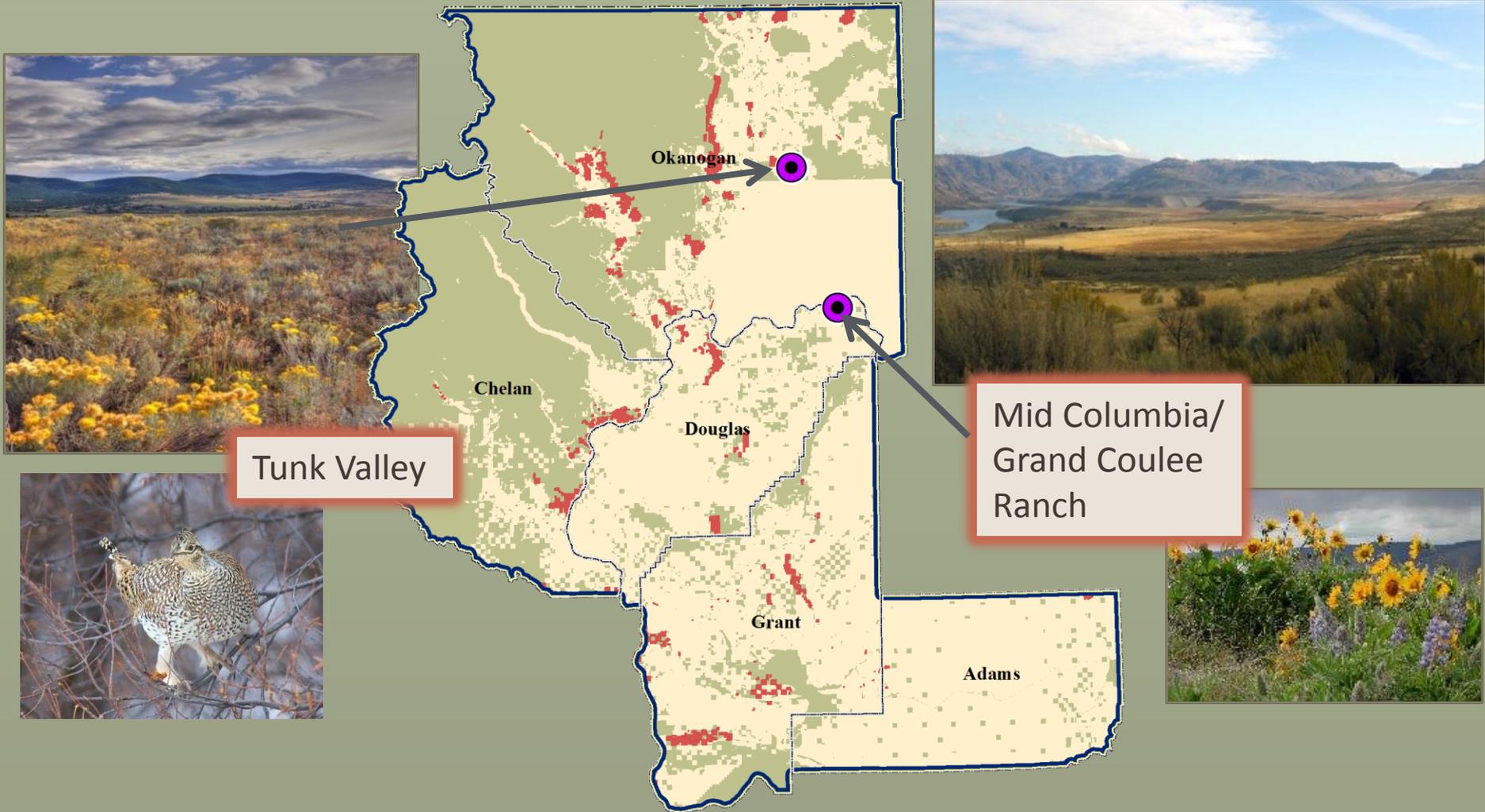
**\$16,800 / \$4,200 Annually**

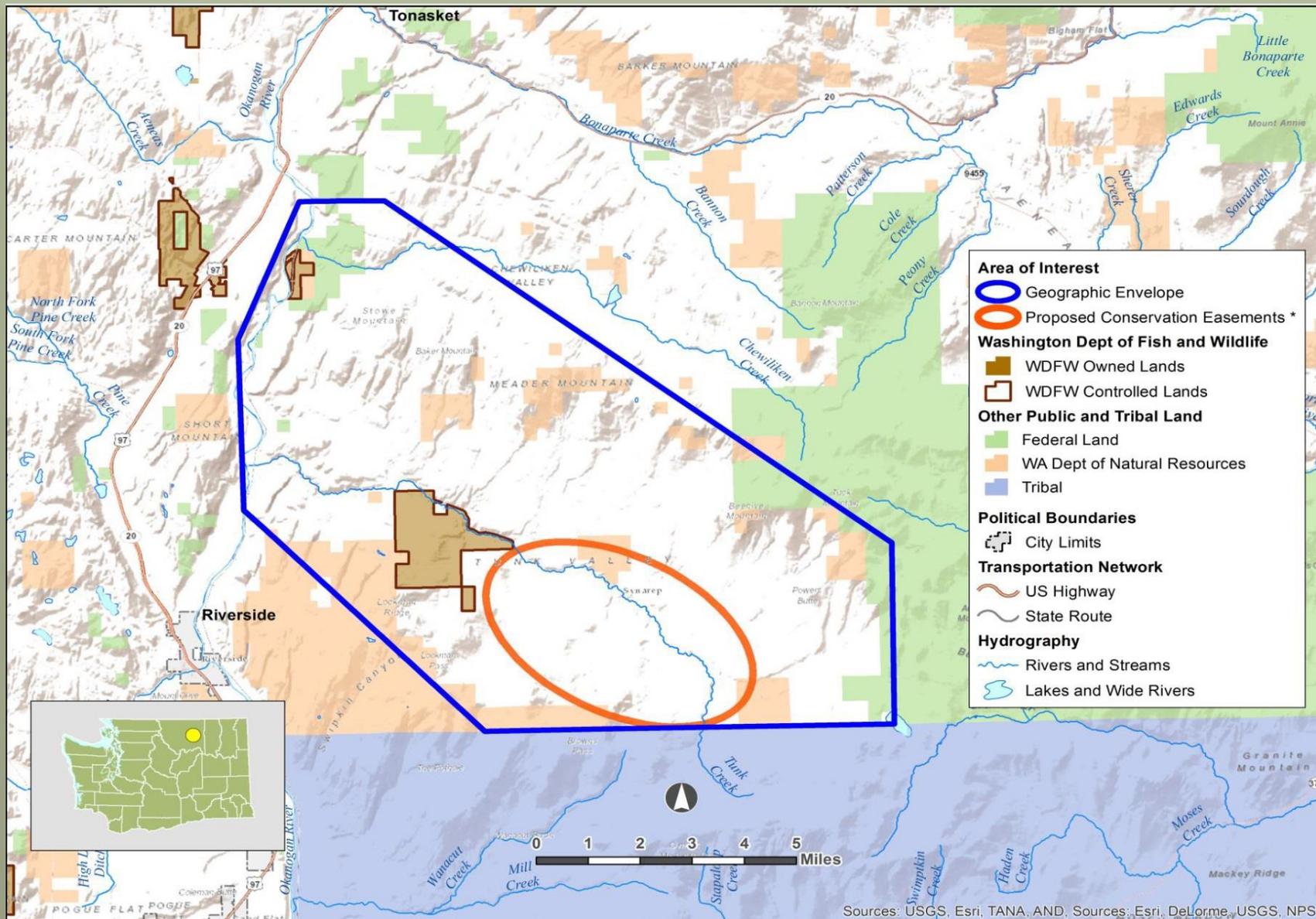
## Partners

**Rocky Mt Elk Foundation,  
Tri-State Steelheaders, Blue  
Mountains Land Trust,  
Canyon Birders, Wild Sheep  
Foundation, Nez Perce Tribe,  
Inland Northwest Wildlife  
Council, Audubon**



# WDFW - REGION TWO





## Conservation Values

**Critical habitat for sharp-tail grouse**  
**One of the last remaining blocks of contiguous shrub steppe habitat in north central Washington**  
**Adjoins USFS, WDFW and DNR lands**  
**Provides important east-west linkages for wide ranging wildlife species**

## Recreation Values

**Wildlife viewing**  
**Hunting**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

**WWRP: Critical Habitat - \$2 million**

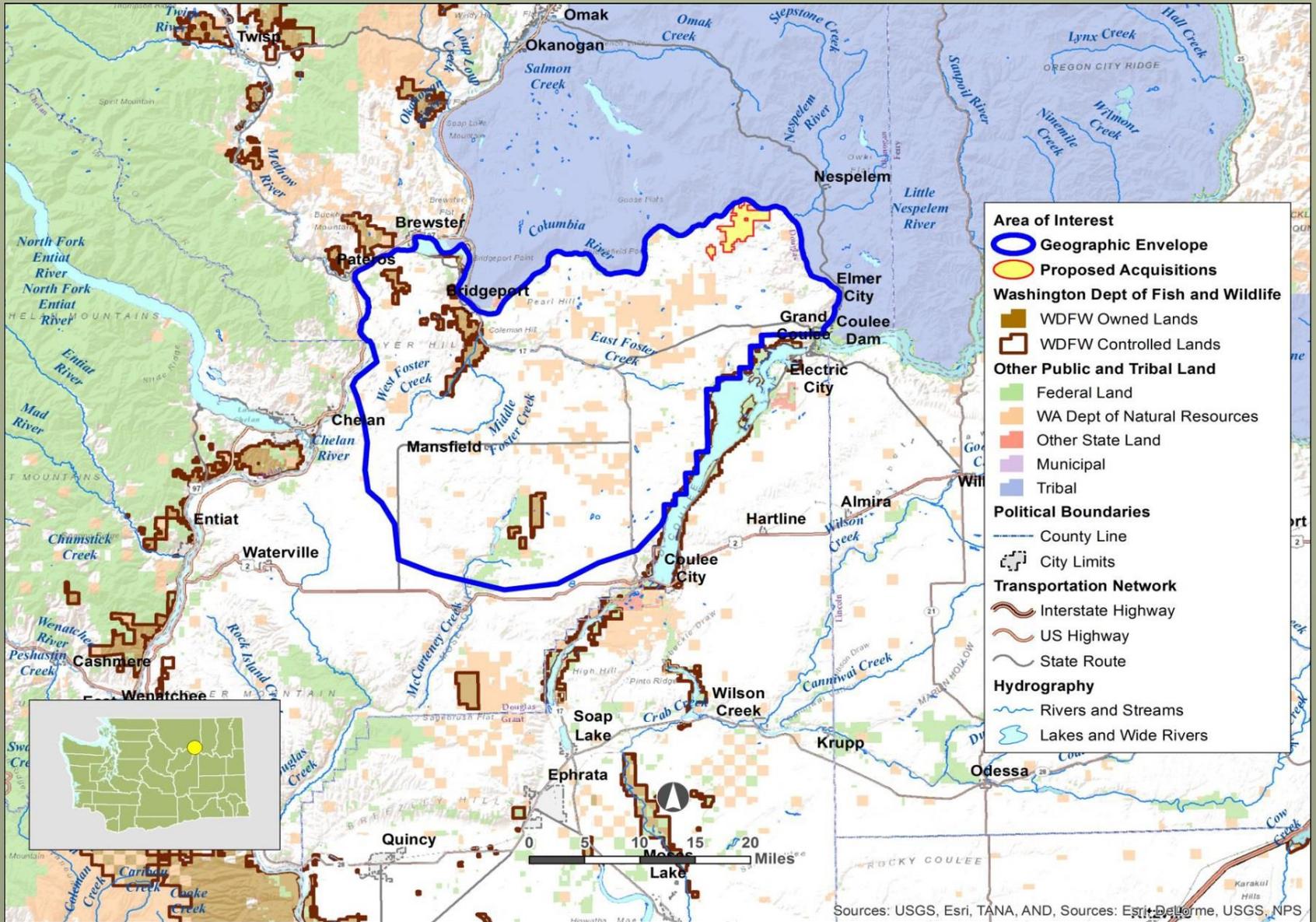
## O&M Estimate

**\$500 Annually**

## Partners

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, U.S. Forest Service, Colville Tribe, Okanogan Land Trust, Trust for Public Lands, Washington State Dept. of Transportation, Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources, Conservation Northwest**





## Conservation Values

**Large contiguous areas of shrub steppe habitat**

**Core area for grouse**

**Important connectivity link for sharp-tail and sage grouse**

**More than 30 focal species and habitats**

## Recreation Values

**Wildlife viewing**

**Deer hunting**

**Potential public fishing and boating access on the Columbia River**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

**WWRP: Critical Habitat - \$4 million**

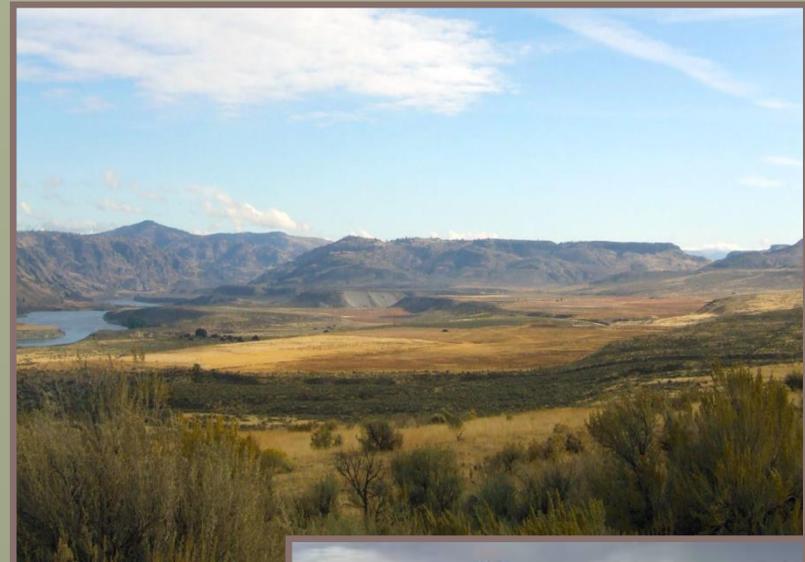
**Federal Section 6 - \$2 million**

## O&M / PILT Estimates

**\$32,000 Annually**

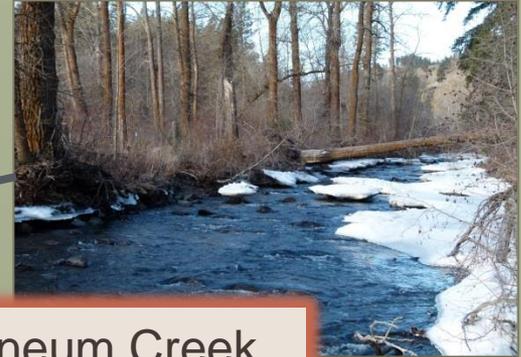
## Partners

**Douglas County**

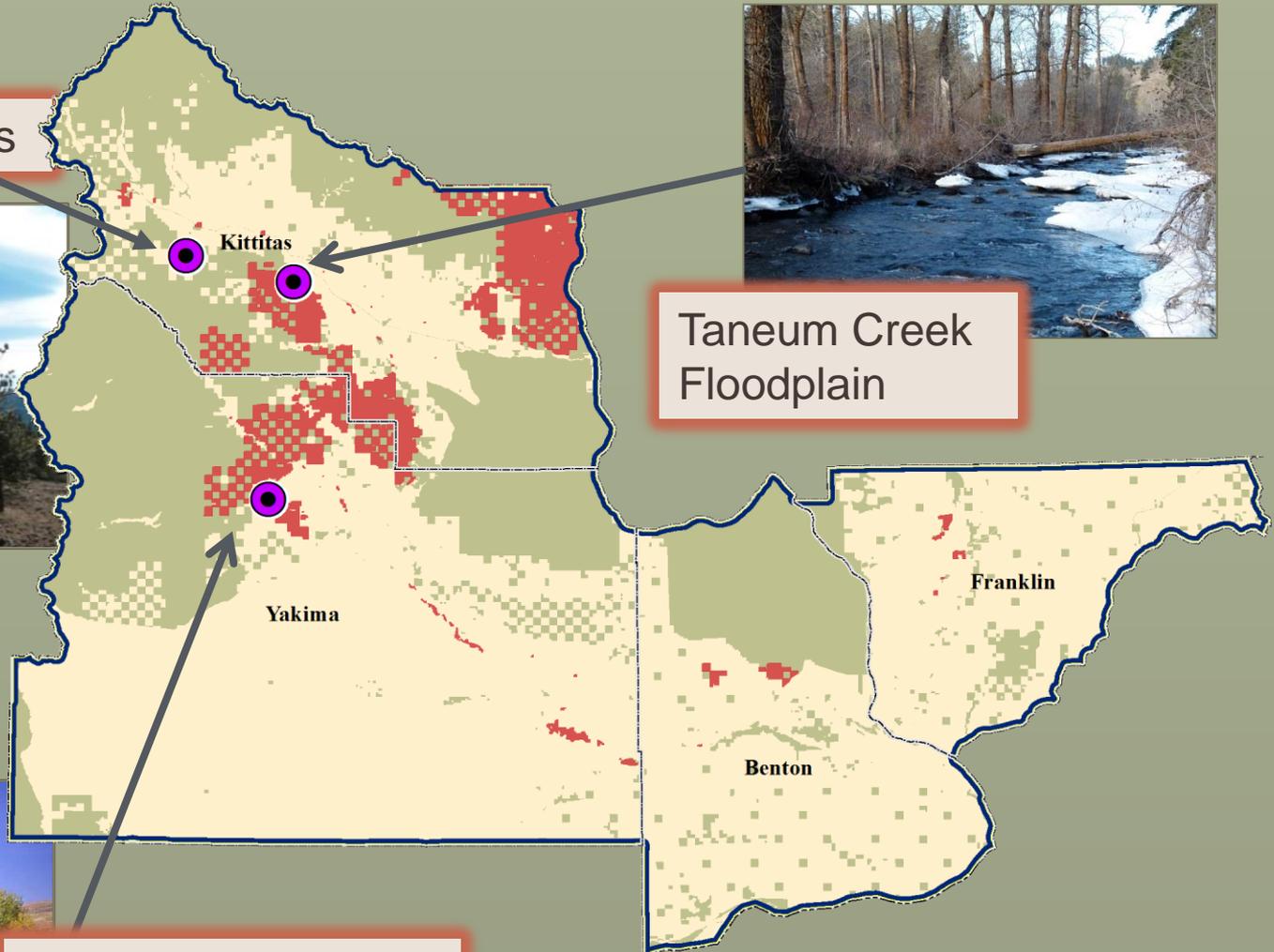


# WDFW - REGION THREE

Heart of the Cascades

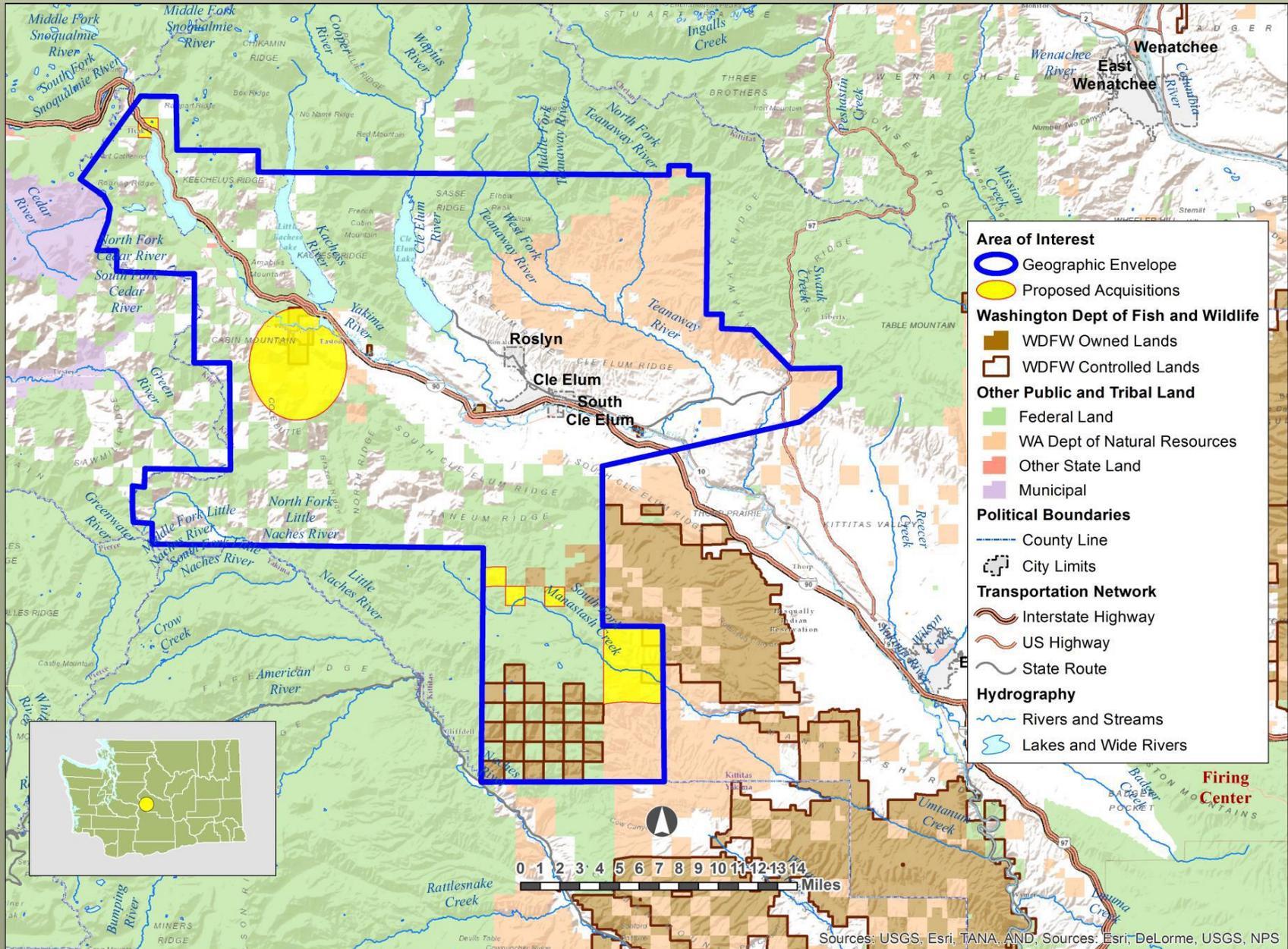


Taneum Creek  
Floodplain



Cowiche Watershed





## Conservation Values

**Protects ~23 miles of headwaters and mainstem streams**

**Ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir mixed conifer and riparian habitat**

**Critical habitat for spotted owl, wolverine, large carnivores, bull trout, steelhead**

**Connects existing public lands**

## Recreation Values

**Preserves public access**

**Provides hunting opportunities**

**Fishing access**

**Wildlife viewing**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

**WWRP: Critical Habitat - \$4 million**

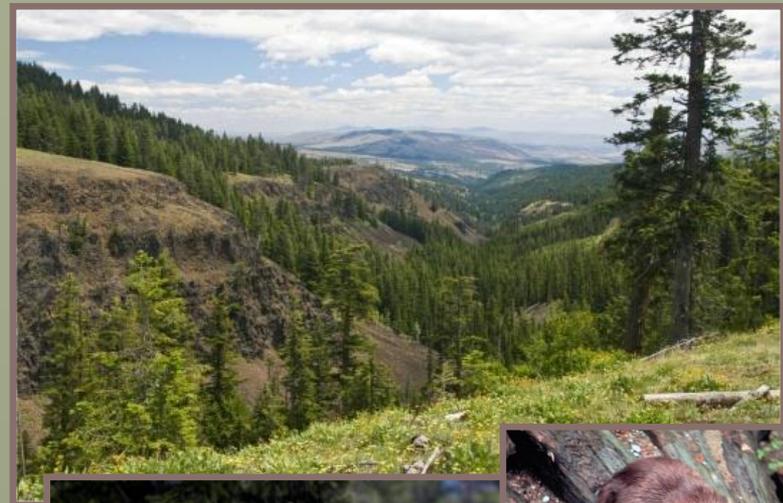
**Federal Section 6 - \$2 million**

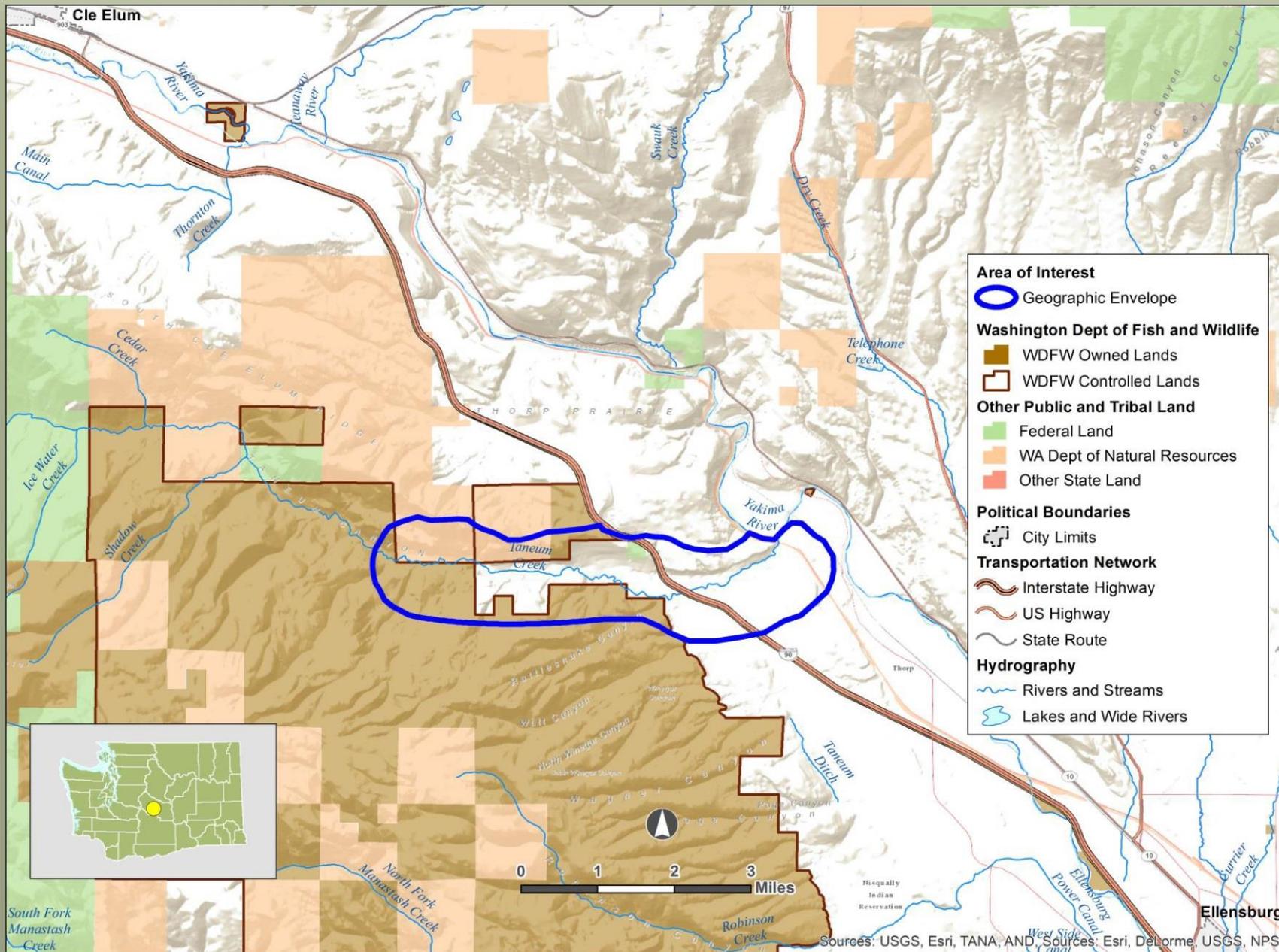
## O&M / PILT Estimates

**\$25,400 / \$6,400 Annually**

## Partners

**The Nature Conservancy, Forterra, Yakama Nation, US Forest Service, Audubon, Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation, Kittitas Field & Stream**





**Conservation Values**

**ESA listed steelhead; Chinook, coho and cutthroat  
Riparian floodplain and aquatic habitat; low and mid elevation mature mixed coniferous forest  
Elk and mule deer winter range**

**Recreation Values**

**Hunting  
Fishing access  
Wildlife viewing**

**Source of Funding (estimates)**

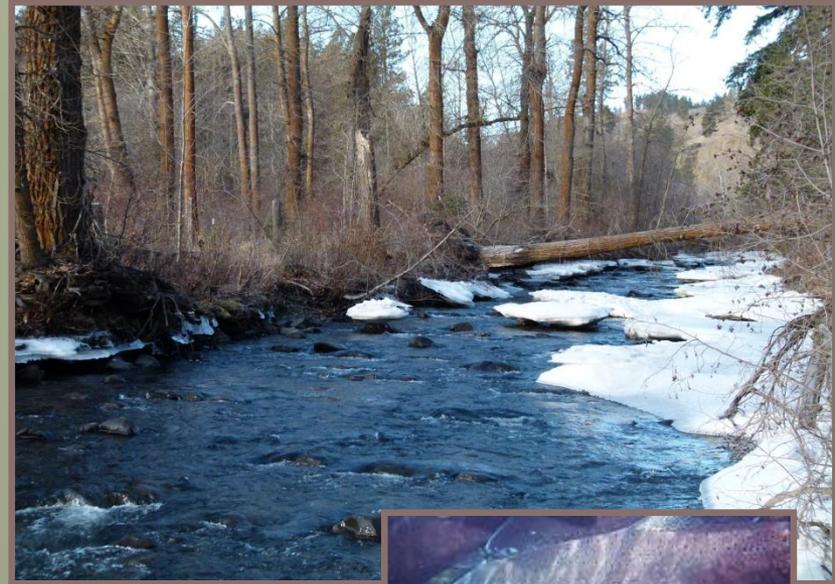
**WWRP: Riparian - \$1 million**

**O&M / PILT Estimates**

**\$3,200 / \$800 Annually**

**Partners**

**Forterra, Yakama Nation, Bonneville Power Administration, Kittitas Field & Stream**





## Conservation Values

**Migration corridor for wintering elk and sage grouse**  
**Diverse habitats including oak woodlands, shrub steppe, riparian and wetlands**  
**Connects to other public lands**  
**Protects critical salmonid habitat and associated uplands**

## Recreation Values

**Hunting**  
**Fishing**  
**Wildlife viewing**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

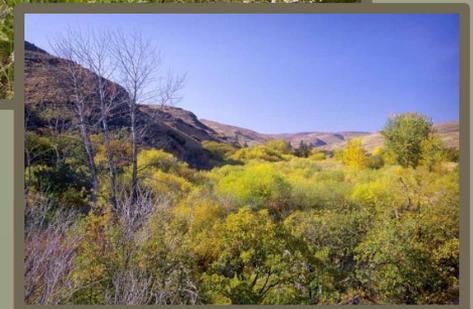
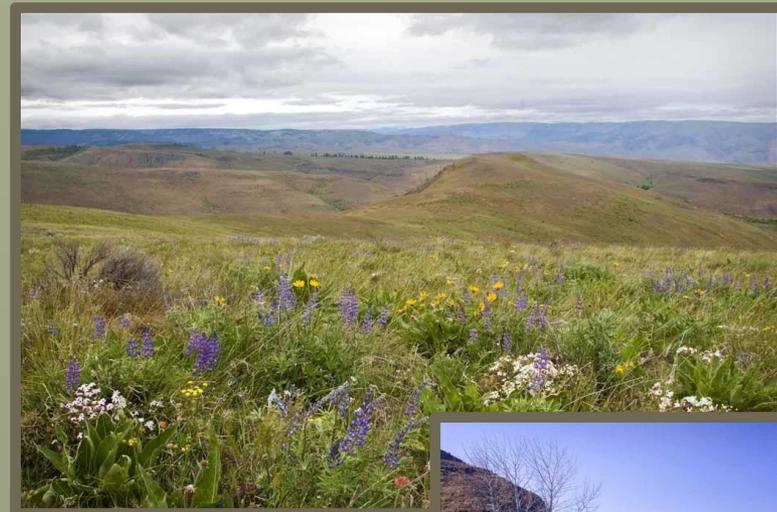
**WWRP: Critical Habitat – \$2.2 million**

## O&M / PILT Estimates

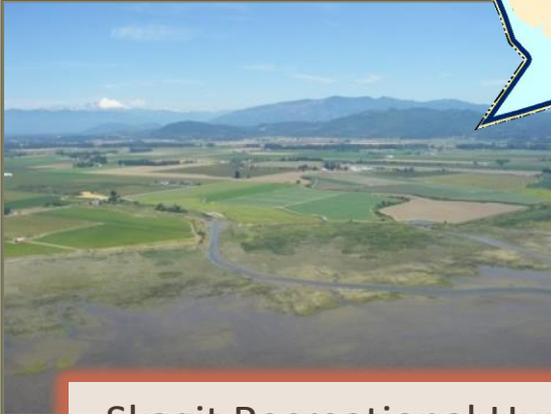
**\$26,300 / \$6,500 Annually**

## Partners

**Cowiche Canyon Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Lands, Rocky Mt Elk Foundation, the Yakama Nation, Bureau of Land Management, Yakima County and U.S. Forest Service**



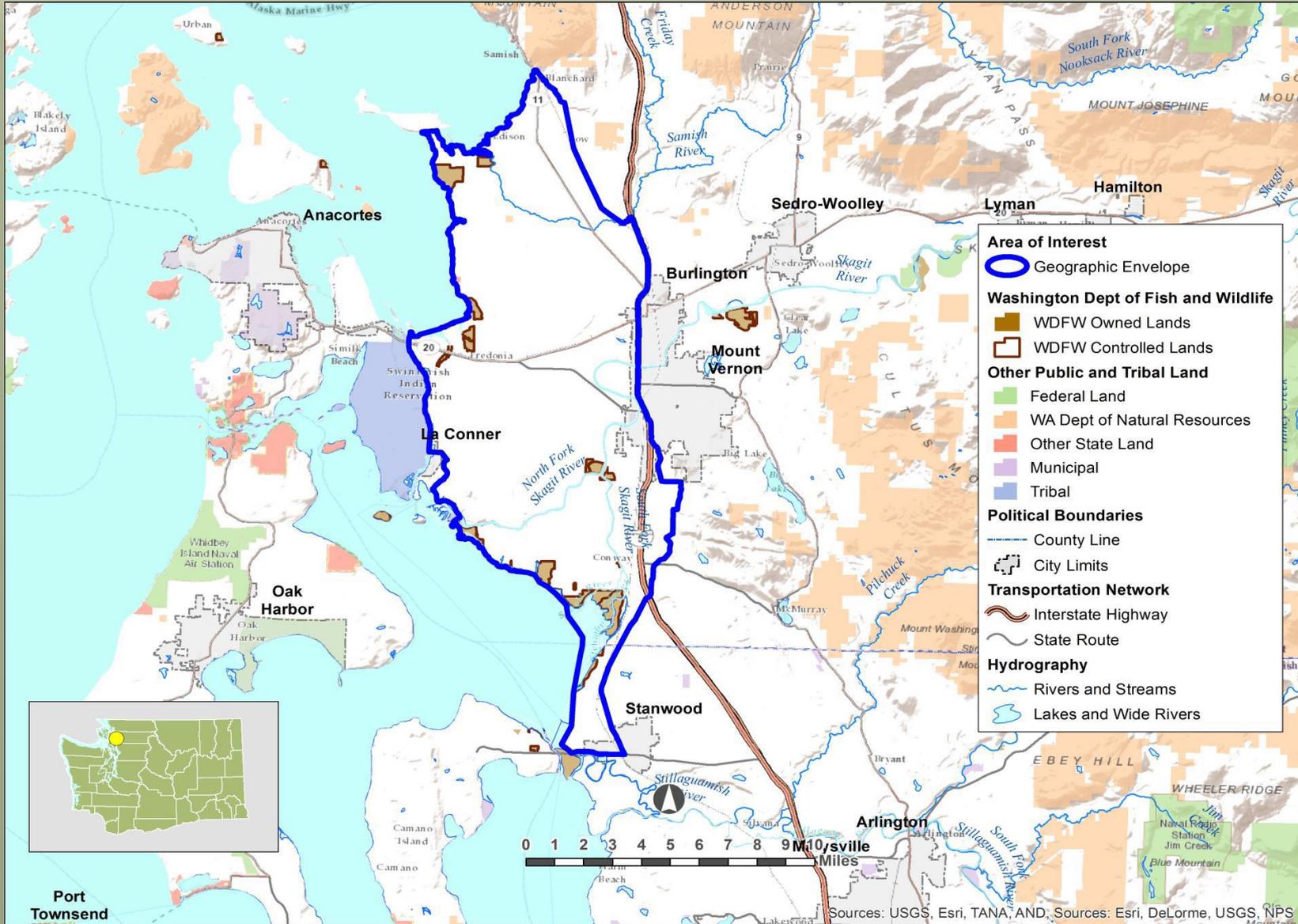
# WDFW - REGION FOUR



Skagit Recreational Hunting

Ebey Island Access





Port Townsend

## Conservation Values

**Pacific flyway waterfowl migration**

**Wetland and riparian habitat**

**ESA listed Chinook and bull trout**

## Recreational Values

**Waterfowl hunting**

**Wildlife viewing**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

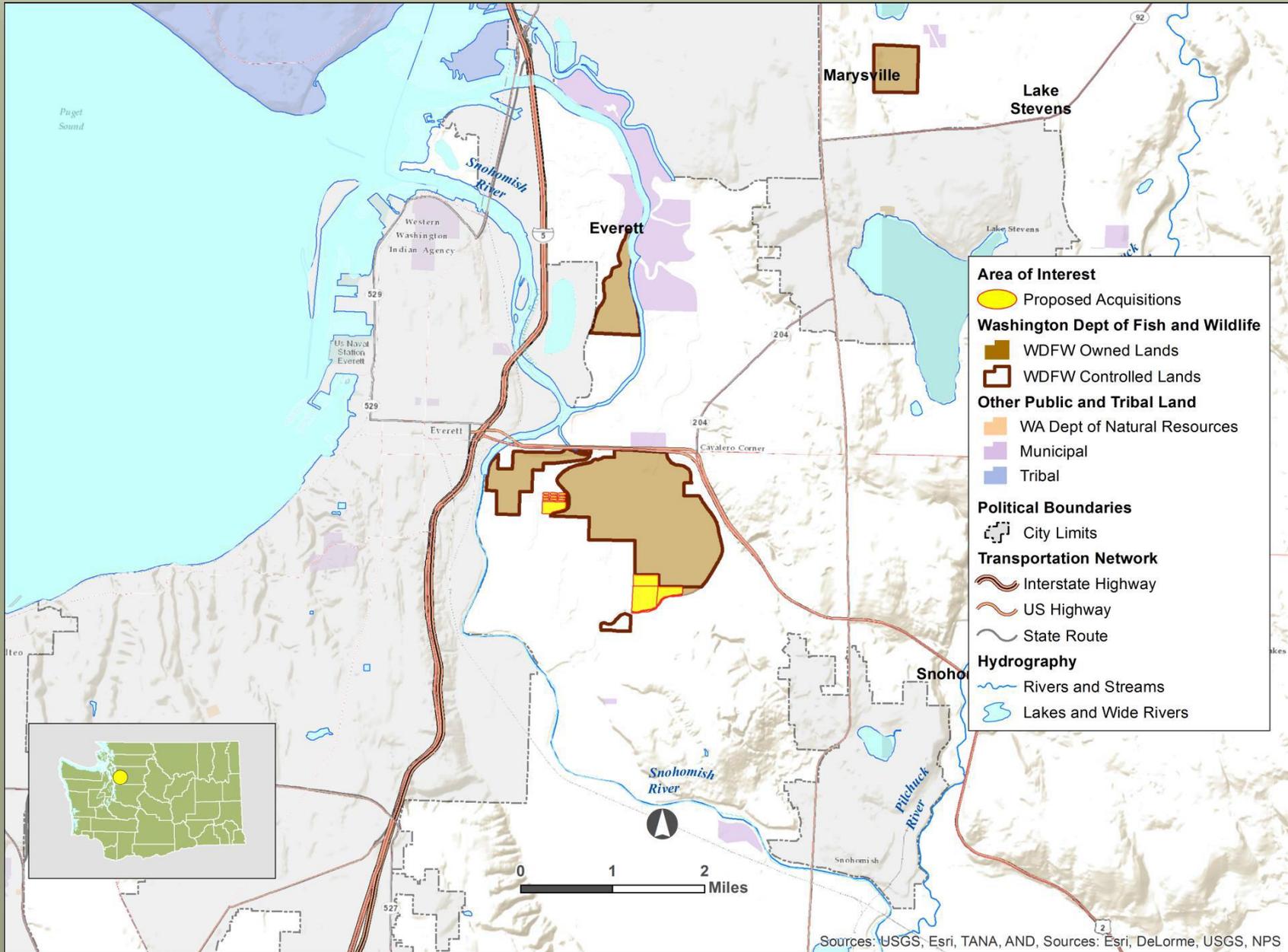
## O&M Estimate

**\$2,000 Annually**

## Partners

**WDFW is developing this proposal with local stakeholder groups, including the agriculture community.**





## Conservation Values

**Pacific flyway for waterfowl migration**

**Wetland and riparian habitat**

**Improved water quality for ESA listed Chinook and bull trout**

## Recreational Values

**Waterfowl hunting**

**Wildlife viewing**

**Nature photography**

**Youth outdoor education**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

**WWRP: Urban Wildlife - \$ 875,000**

## O&M Estimate

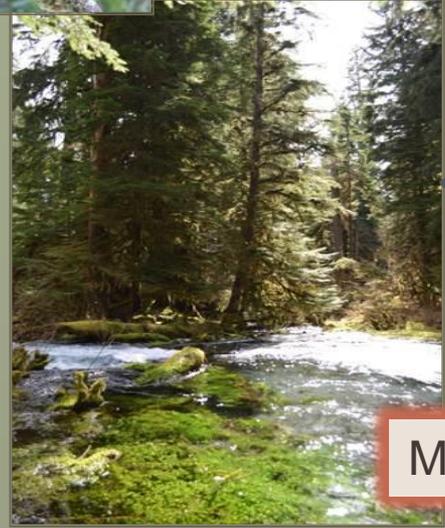
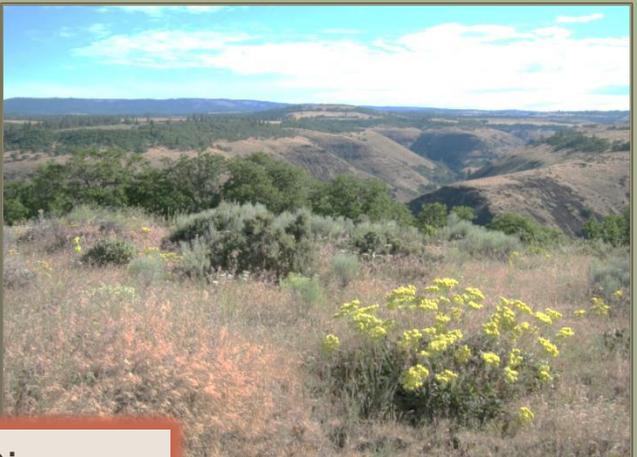
**\$850 Annually**

## Partners

**YMCA, Snohomish Sportsman's Club**



# WDFW - REGION FIVE



Merrill Lake

Simcoe



## Conservation Values

**Diverse habitats including old growth, lava beds, forested shoreline, riparian/wetland and waterfalls**

**ESA listed species include: northern spotted owl, steelhead and Chinook**

**Connects existing public lands**

## Recreational Values

**Wildlife viewing**

**Fly fishing**

**Hunting (elk, deer)**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

**WWRP: Critical Habitat – \$2.5 million**

**WWRP: Riparian - \$2.5 million**

**ALEA - \$1 million**

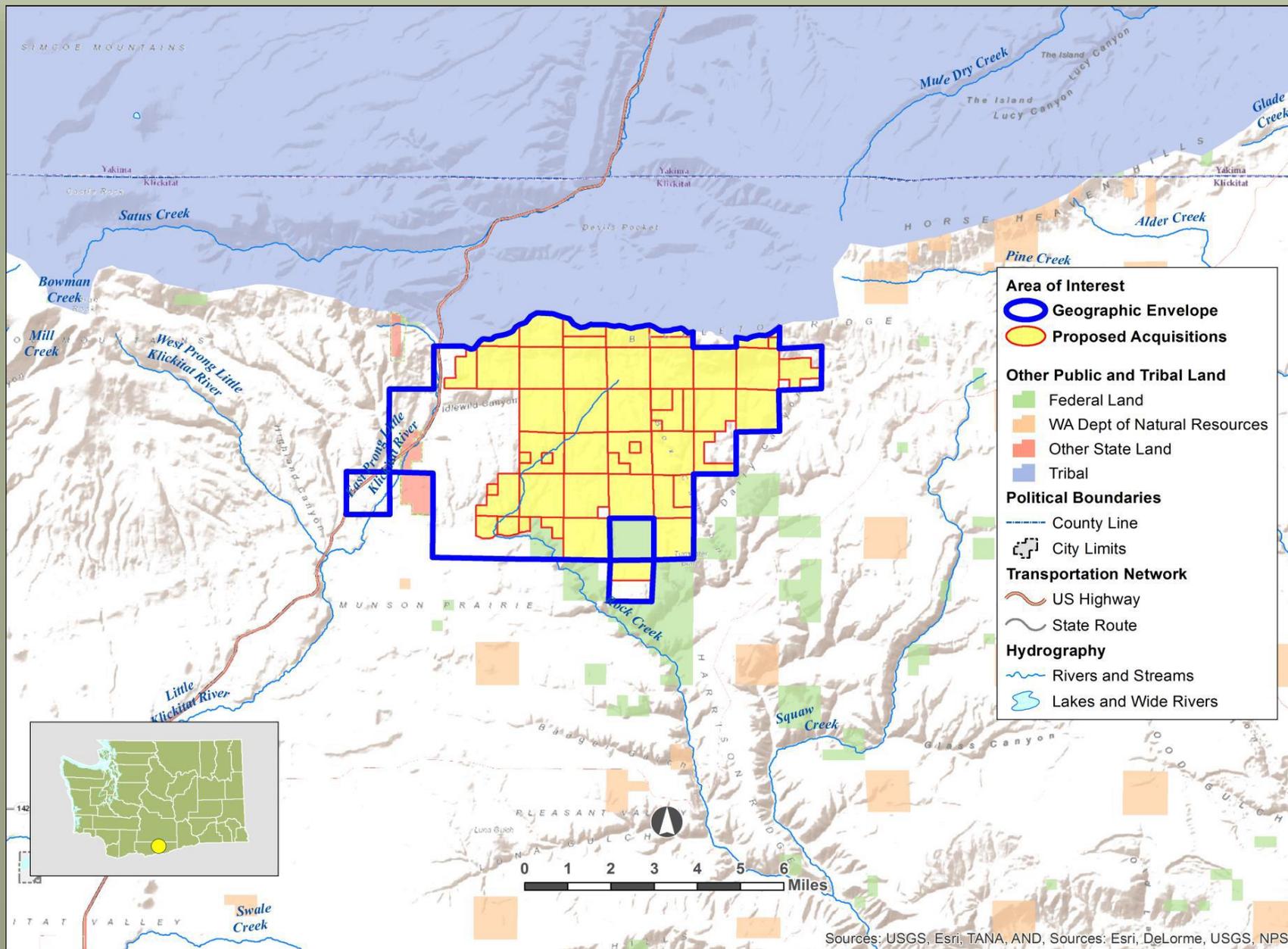
## O&M Estimate

**\$11,500 Annually**

## Partners

**Rocky Mt Elk Foundation, Columbia Land Trust, WDNR, Lower Columbia Fly Fishers, Clark/Skamania Fly Fishers, Cowlitz Co. Commissioners, Back Country Horsemen of WA, Cowlitz Co. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.**





**Area of Interest**

- Geographic Envelope
- Proposed Acquisitions

**Other Public and Tribal Land**

- Federal Land
- WA Dept of Natural Resources
- Other State Land
- Tribal

**Political Boundaries**

- County Line
- City Limits

**Transportation Network**

- US Highway
- State Route

**Hydrography**

- Rivers and Streams
- Lakes and Wide Rivers

Sources: USGS, Esri, TANA, AND, Sources: Esri, DeLorme, USGS, NPS

## Conservation Values

Deer winter range  
Western gray squirrel recovery  
Mid-Columbia River steelhead  
Spotted owl recovery

## Recreational Values

Deer hunting  
Wildlife viewing

## Source of Funding (estimates)

WWRP: Critical Habitat –  
\$4 million

## O&M / PILT Estimates

\$48,000 / \$12,000 Annually

## Partners

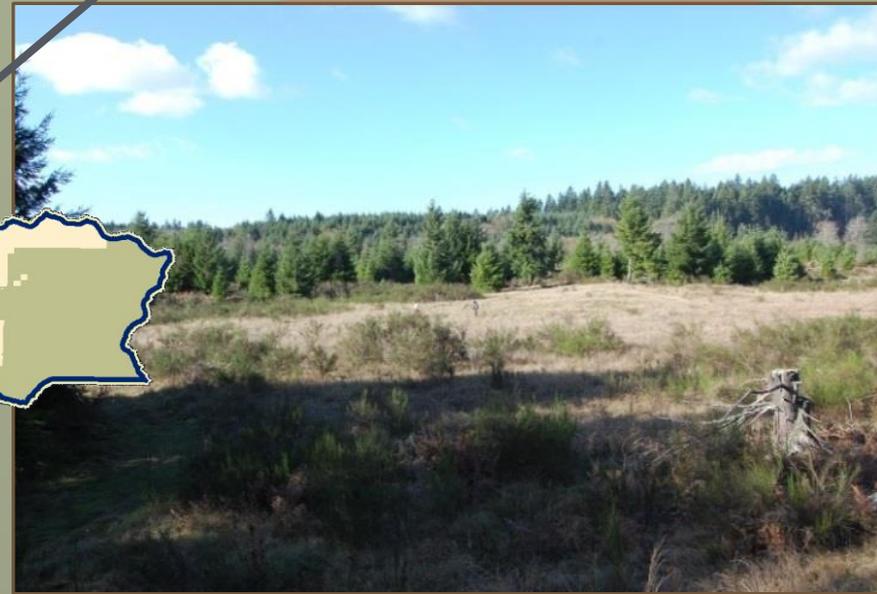
Washington State Conservation  
Commission, Eastern Klickitat  
Conservation District

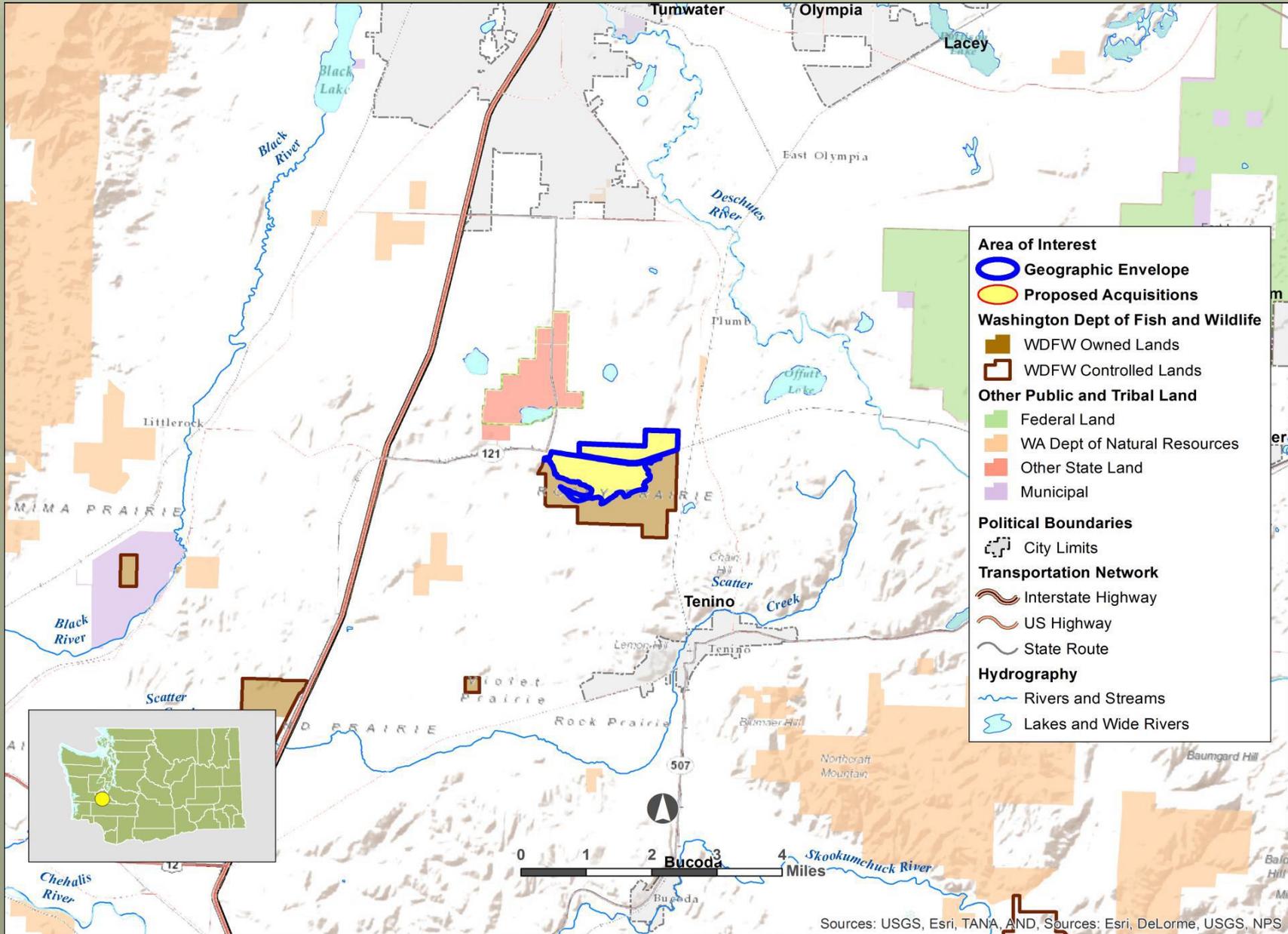


# WDFW - REGION SIX



West Rocky Prairie





Sources: USGS, Esri, TANA, AND, Sources: Esri, DeLorme, USGS, NPS

## Conservation Values

**Protects unique prairie-oak-wetland habitat**  
**Excellent site for reintroduction of prairie species**  
**Connects existing public lands**

## Recreational Values

**Wildlife viewing**  
**Hunting**  
**Hiking**

## Source of Funding (estimates)

**WWRP: Urban Wildlife/  
ACUB – \$2.64 million**

## O&M Estimate

**\$1,760 Annually**

## Partners

**Joint Base Lewis McChord,  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
Service, Friends of Puget  
Prairies, Center for Natural  
Lands Management,  
Forterra**

