

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
State Land Acquisition Performance Funding Forum

Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group

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Missions

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has dual mandates to protect hunting and fishing opportunities and to protect fish and wildlife. The agency is charged with sustaining all wildlife species other than plants, including invertebrates, fish and marine invertebrates, amphibians and reptiles, and birds and mammals. The agency has authority to acquire critical habitat lands for the purpose of fulfilling its missions.

The 2011 Department of Fish and Wildlife strategic plan includes the following principles for land management:

- Conserve and restore biodiversity.
- Ensure the health of our ecosystems.
- Ensure sustainable social and economic utilization of Washington's fish, wildlife habitat, and natural resources.

Plan

The intent of the Lands 20/20 policy is to ensure that future land acquisition projects are consistent with the agency's mission statement: Preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

In addition, land acquisition projects will be consistent with the Conservation Initiative Strategic Acquisition Priorities and will be evaluated through the Lands 20/20 process, which provides more detail for implementing foundational values.

Department Acquisition Principles

- Optimize, pursue, and use partnerships to identify and prioritize land acquisitions, nurture collaborative support, and leverage capacity.
- Evaluate whether acquisition is the best conservation alternative to achieve the desired result. Evaluate alternative tools prior to acquisition—e.g. incentives, different land stewardship by current owner, or education. If acquisition is the best alternative, then evaluate options to acquire the real property interests (e.g., easement, fee title, donation, exchange).
- Pursue lands that provide long-term opportunities for public recreation or that create access to existing public land.
- Pursue lands that will provide long-term ecological value in light of climate change impacts, such as sea level rise and possible range shifts.
- Place a higher value on acquisitions that create blocks of ownership that increase function, value and

resiliency to disturbance and make management more efficient.

- As we move, spatially, further away from existing public holdings, particularly with smaller tracts, pursue easements or other non-fee title protection.
- Prioritize lands that are ecologically or socially important and that are at risk to loss in the near term.

Land Acquisition Process

The department assesses species and landscape conservation needs using species recovery and management plans, habitat conservation plans, biodiversity conservation framework, habitat connectivity analyses, and other data.

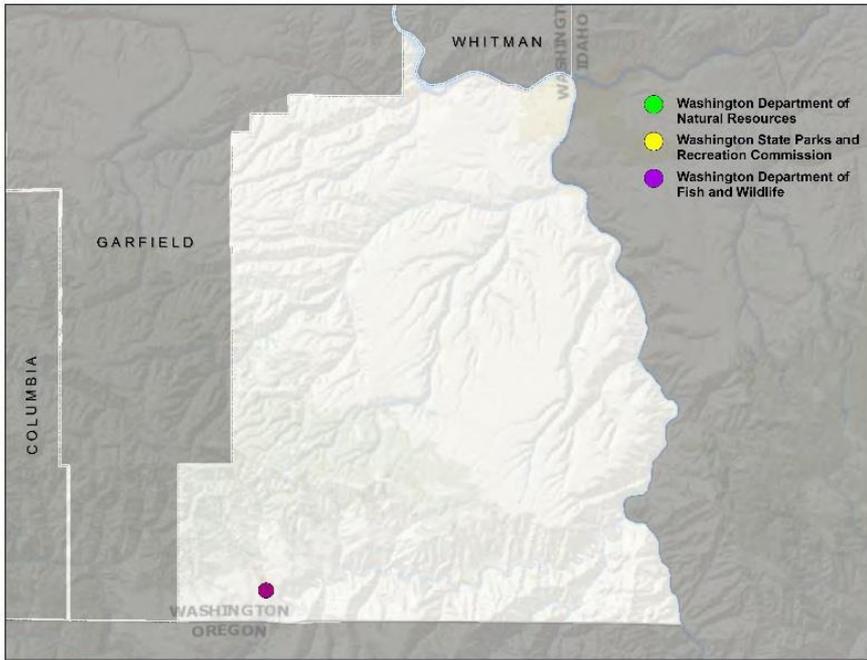
Based on the information above, department staff and conservation partners identify potential conservation sites within a geographic envelope. Internal policy and the Lands 20/20 internal application screen projects for grant categories.

The agency evaluates compatibility with statewide and regional conservation initiatives including the Governor's priorities and multi-state, federal, city, county, and non-government organizations initiatives.

Staff applies for grants and when awarded, works with willing sellers to acquire conservation easements and fee interest.

PROJECTS FUNDED (2015-2017)

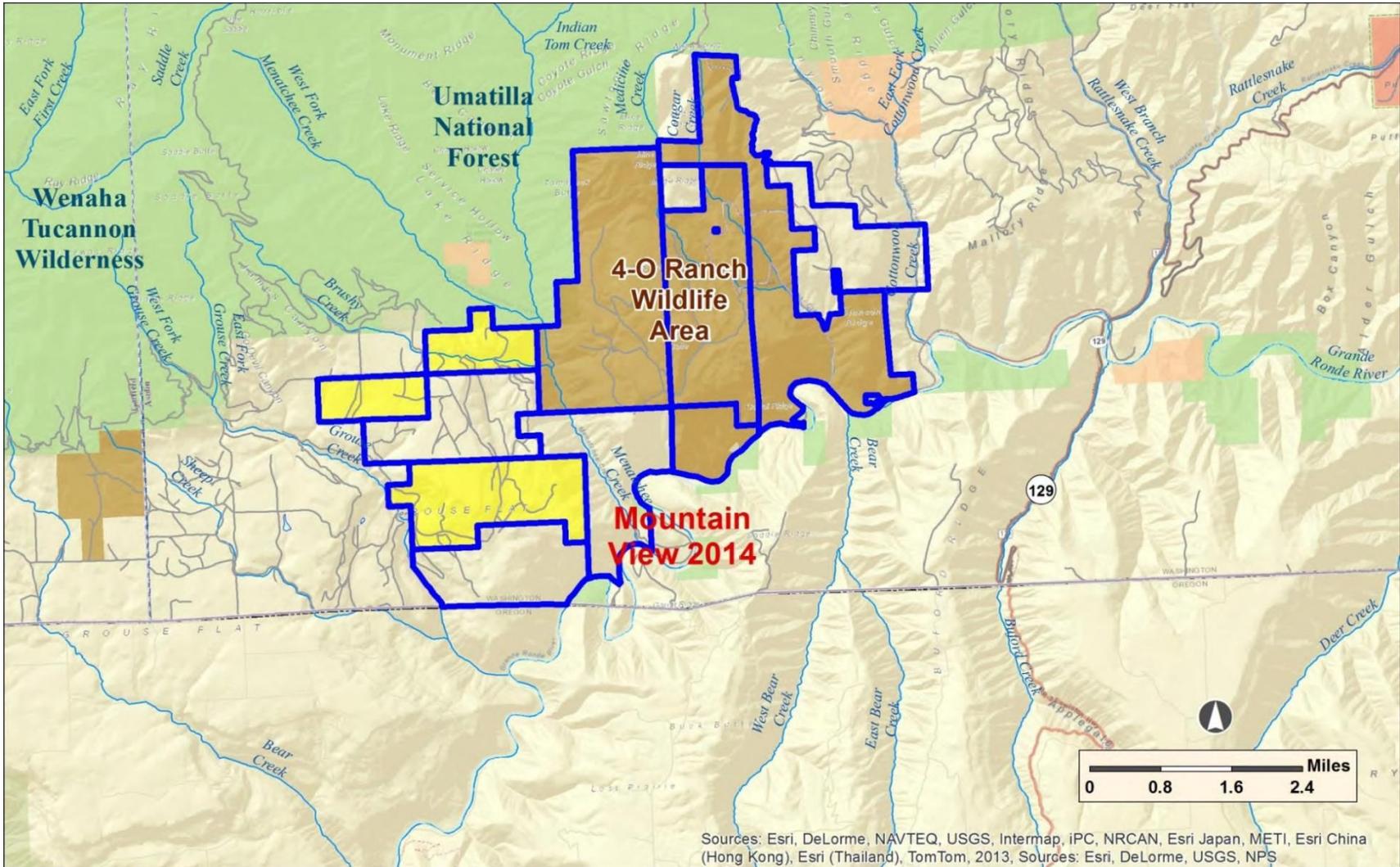
Asotin County Summary



Asotin County Summary of Proposed Acquisitions

Total Proposed Acres	3,062
Total Proposed Cost	\$4,000,000 /WWRP – CH (\$4,000,000) \$2,000,000 /Sec 6 (requested) \$6,000,000 Total

Proposed Acquisitions	Agency	Proposed Acres	Proposed Cost	Source of Funding
Mountain View 4-O Ranch 2014	Department of Fish and Wildlife	3,062	\$4,000,000	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Critical Habitat U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Section 6

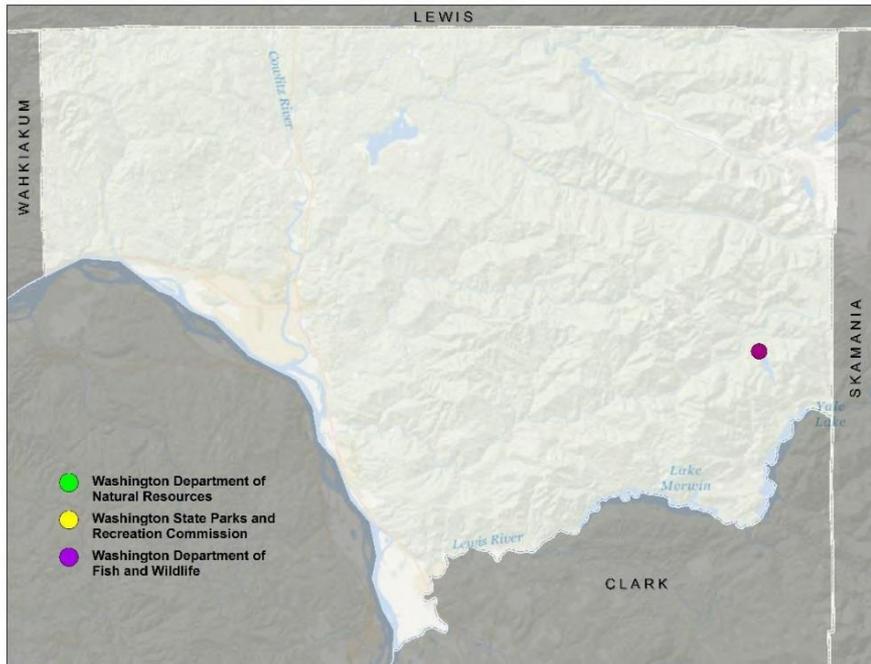


Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This multi-phase project is located in the Blue Mountains along the Grande Ronde River. Habitat for this project includes high quality low-elevation riparian, curl-leaf mountain mahogany, interior grasslands, talus, cliff, ponderosa pine and meadows. This project includes portions of the Wenatchee Creek, Cougar Creek and Cottonwood Creek drainages, and Grande Ronde River tributaries and shorelines. This project will protect approximately 10 miles of river and creek habitat for 15 aquatic species under the Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan. It provides important winter range for elk and deer. Species include federally listed steelhead and bull trout, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, golden eagle, northern goshawk, sagebrush lizard, and redband trout. This project provides important year round habitat for bighorn sheep.
Location	Blue Mountains, along the Grande Ronde River
Legislative District	9
Project Ranking	1 of 8
Source of Funding	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Critical Habitat
Anticipated Future Costs	Operations and maintenance: \$16,800 annually PILT: \$4,200 annually
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass

Proposed Acres	3,062
Proposed Cost	\$6,000,000
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
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
Planning Link	Grande Ronde River Sub basin Plan, Washington Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy, WDFW Strategic Plan, Blue Mountains Elk Herd Plan, Washington State Big Horn Sheep Management Plan
Goals	Healthy Fish and Wildlife Sustainable Outdoor Experience Critical Connectivity within the Grande Ronde Watershed



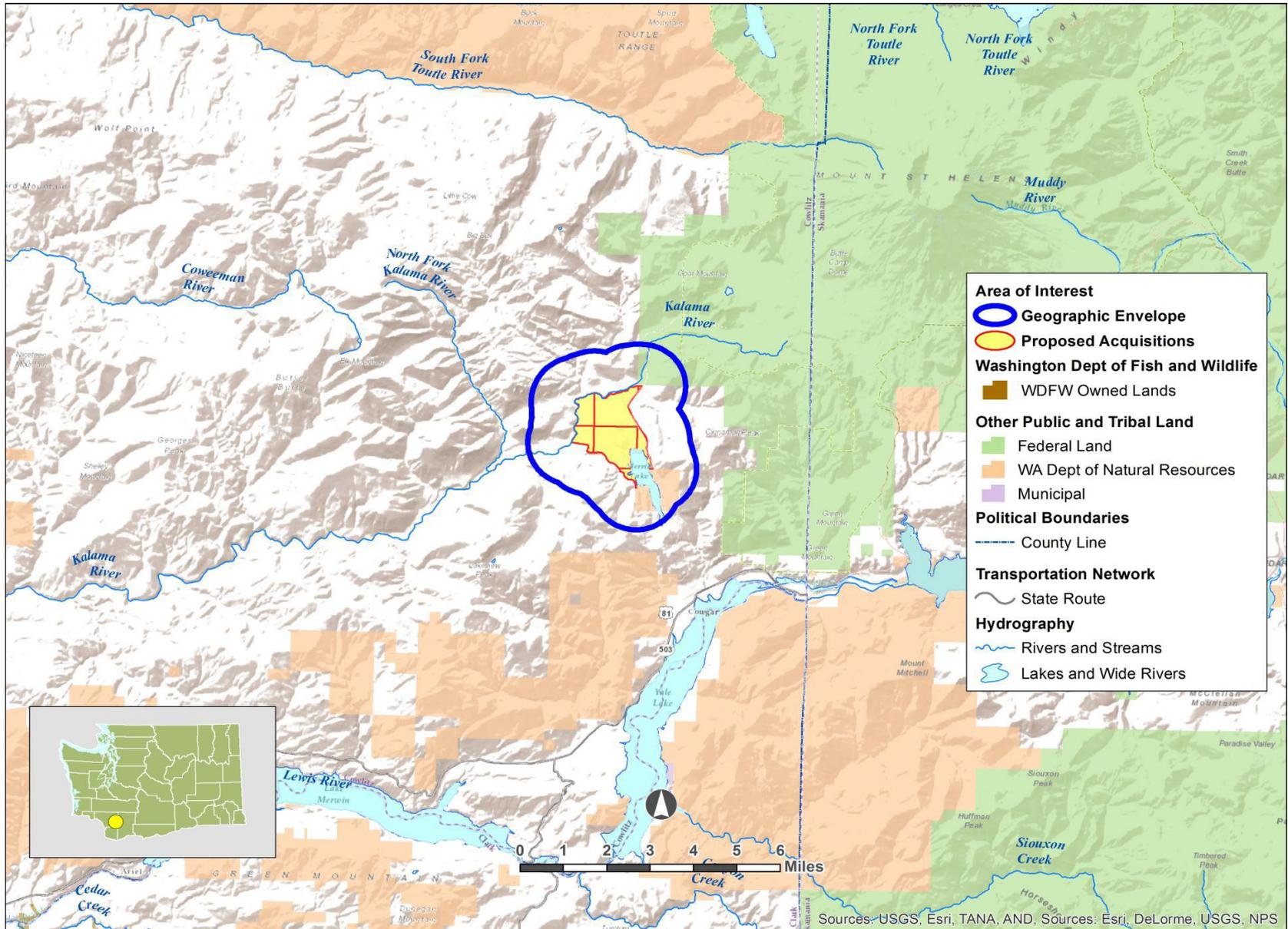
Cowlitz County Summary



Cowlitz County Summary of Proposed Acquisitions

Total Proposed Acres	600
Total Proposed Cost	\$3,000,00/WWRP- RP (1,060,000)

Proposed Acquisitions	Agency	Proposed Acres	Proposed Cost	Source of Funding
Merrill Lake North	Department of Fish and Wildlife	600	\$3,000,000	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Riparian

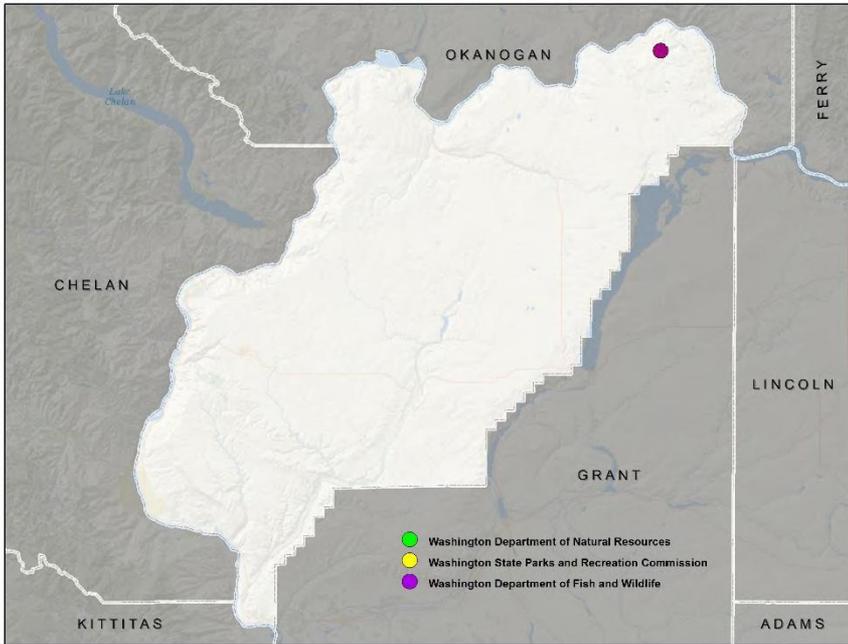


Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This acquisition would protect a unique diversity of habitats on the site including old growth and mature growth forests, lava beds, falls and lake shoreline. This area represents important transition to winter range habitat for elk and deer, and the unique habitats support bats and rare amphibians. Kalama River historically supported bull trout, current presence is unknown. Conservation of this site will assure habitat connectivity between Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mt St Helens National Volcanic Monument, Department of Natural Resources lands and PacifiCorp mitigation lands. Federally listed species include northern spotted owl, bull trout, steelhead and Chinook
Location	Southwest of Mt. St. Helens
Legislative District	20
Project Ranking	5 of 12
Source of Funding	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Riparian
Anticipated Future Costs	O & M - \$11,500 annually
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass

Proposed Acres	Approx. 600
Proposed Cost	\$ 3,000,000
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Partners	Coordinated with the Rocky Mt Elk Foundation, Columbia Land Trust and WA DNR. Supporters include: Lower Columbia Fly Fishers, Clark/Skamania Fly Fishers, Cowlitz County Commissioners, Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Cowlitz County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.
Planning Link	Cowlitz County Sub basin Plan, Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery and Fish and Wildlife Subbasin Plan, Cowlitz County Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy, Mt. St Helens Elk Herd Plan, Spotted Owl Recovery Plan
Goals	Healthy Fish and Wildlife Sustainable Outdoor Experience Public Access Educational Opportunities



Douglas County Summary



Douglas County Summary of Proposed Acquisitions

Total Proposed Cost \$4,000,000 /WWRP – CH (2,821,250)

Total Proposed Acres 6,150

Proposed Acquisitions

Agency

Proposed Acres

Proposed Cost

Source of Funding

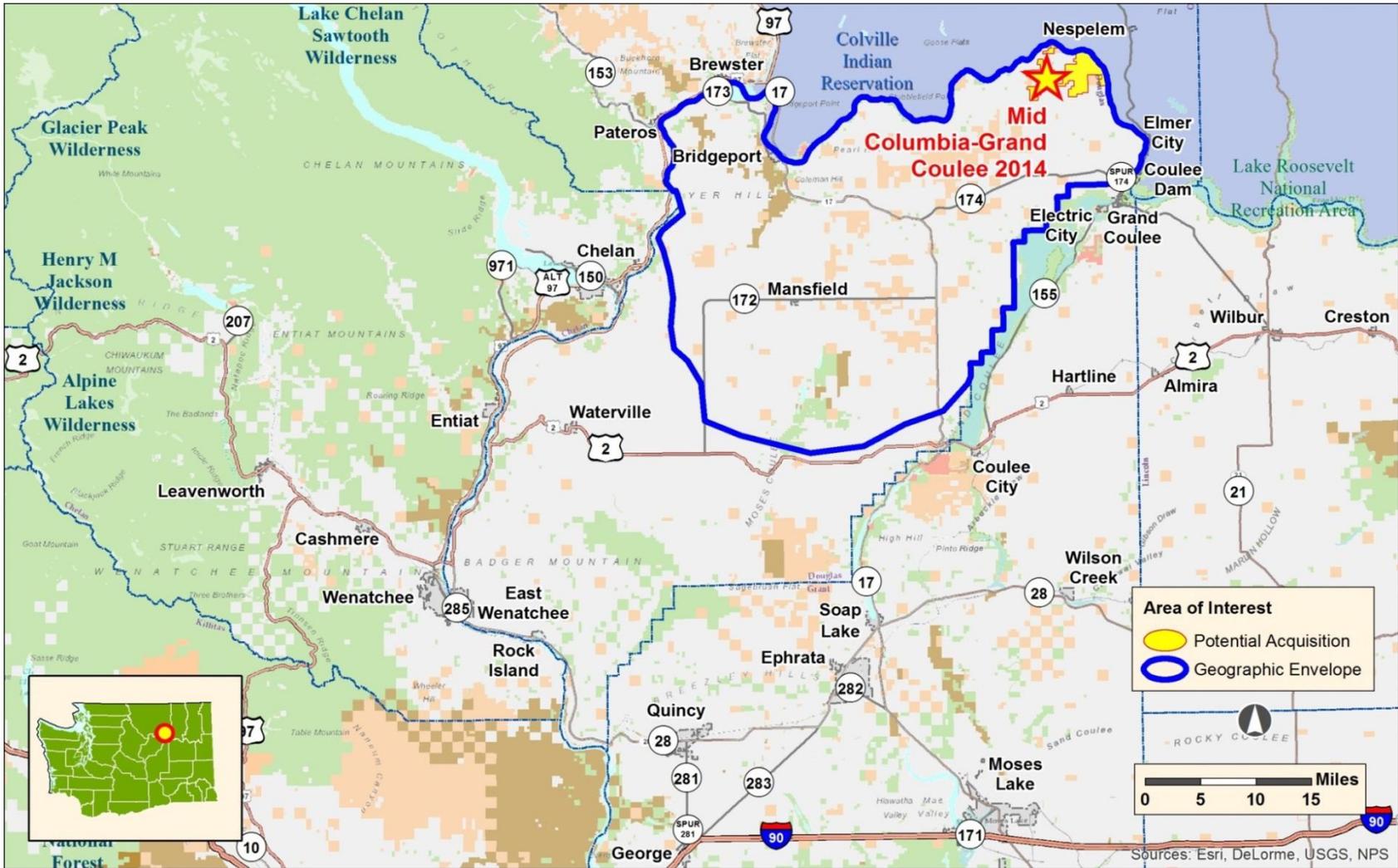
Mid Columbia –Grand Coulee

Department of Fish and Wildlife

6,150
of a phased 20,000

\$4,000,000

Washington Wildlife and Recreation
Program –Critical Habitat



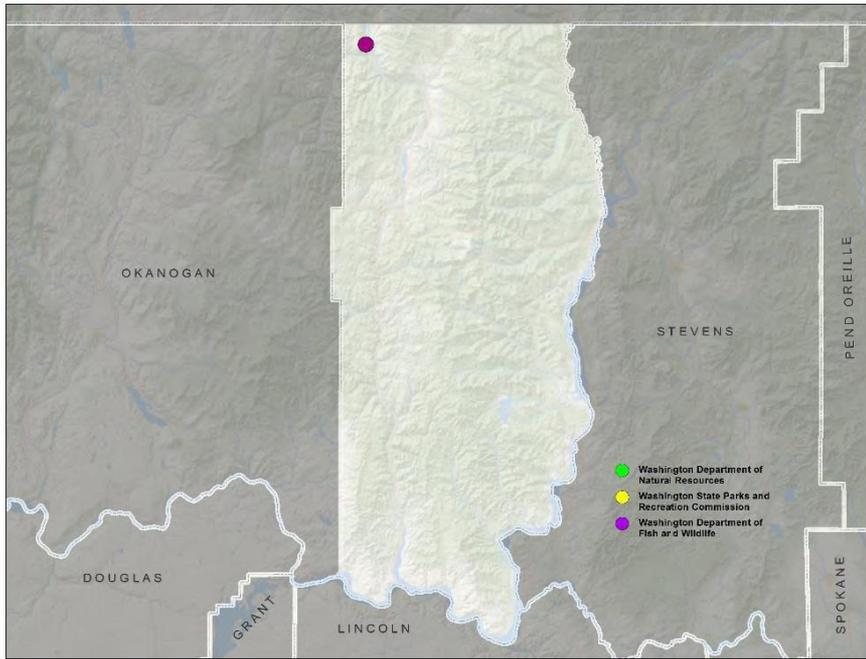
Douglas County – Mid Columbia – Grand Coulee

Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	WDFW's Mid-Columbia/Grand Coulee project property is an important connectivity link for sharp-tailed grouse populations in Douglas, Okanogan and Lincoln counties and a strategic component in WDFW's ongoing efforts to maintain and recover sharp-tailed grouse in these counties. A diversity of habitats are on the site: bunchgrass dominated expanses, riparian draws, stands of aspen and Ponderosa pine, seasonal wetlands, and pot-hole lakes. Other habitat features include basalt cliffs, caves, talus, and snags. The property supports a variety of Priority Species including Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, greater sage-grouse, sage thrasher, golden eagle and mule deer. Recreational use will provide an important regional community value.
Location	Northern most Douglas County on the south shore of the Columbia River
Legislative District	13
Project Ranking	2 of 8
Source of Funding	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Critical Habitat
Anticipated Future Costs	O & M \$32,000 annually
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass

Proposed Acres	6,150 of a phased 20, 000 Acres
Proposed Cost	\$4,000,000
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Partners	Douglas County Commissioners
Planning Link	Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, Arid Lands Initiative, Ecological Integrity Assessments: Monitoring and Evaluation of Wildlife Areas in Washington, Sagebrush Wildlife Area Management Plan, Mid Columbia Subbasin Plan
Goals	Healthy Fish and Wildlife Sustainable Outdoor Experience Habitat Connectivity Recreational Boat Launch



Ferry County Summary

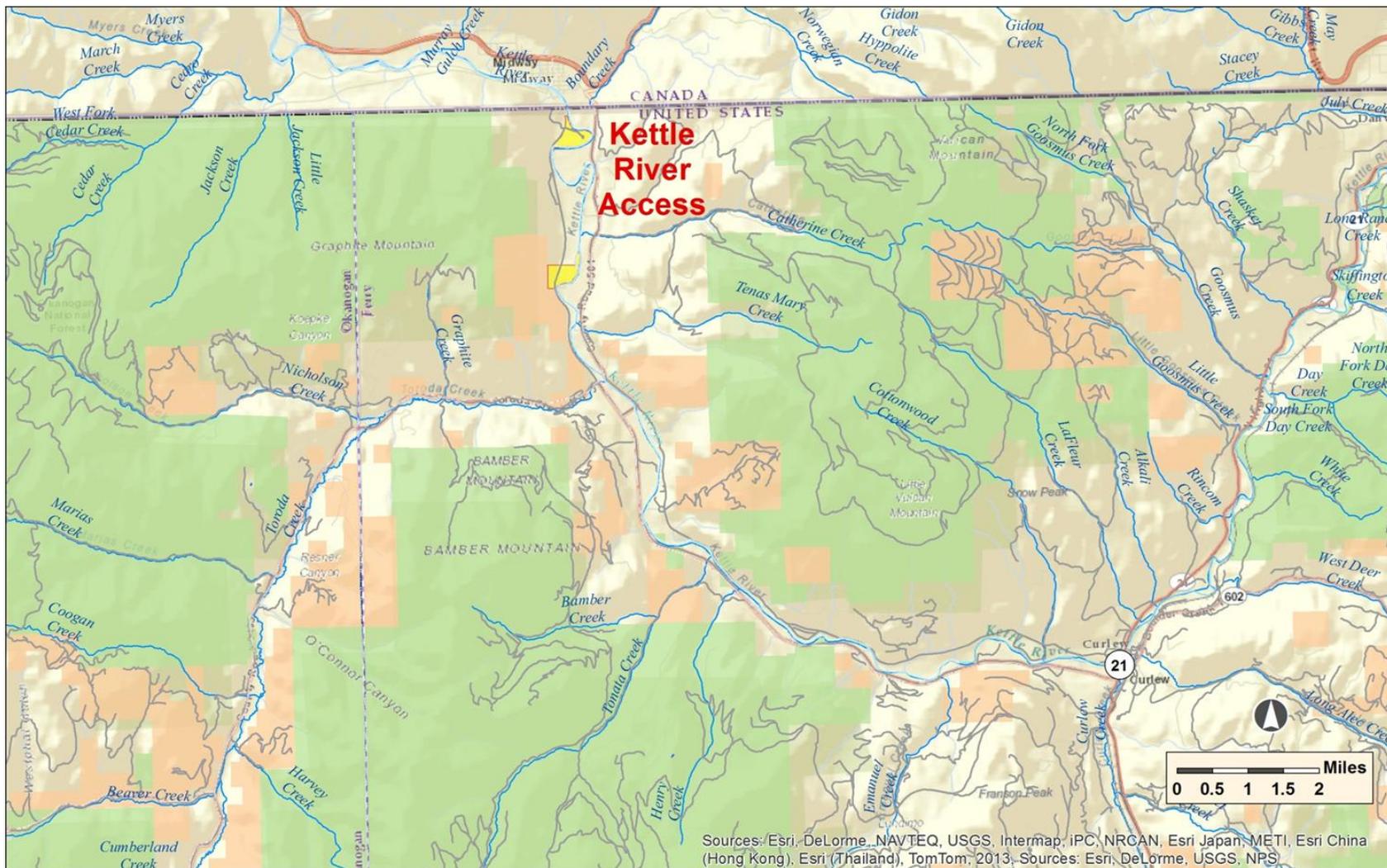


Ferry County Summary of Proposed Acquisitions

Total Proposed Acres	115
Total Proposed Cost	\$ 995,000/WWRP- WA (\$799,300)

Proposed Acquisitions	Agency	Proposed Acres	Proposed Cost	Source of Funding
Kettle River Water Access	Department of Fish and Wildlife	115	\$995,000	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Water Access

Ferry County – Kettle River Access



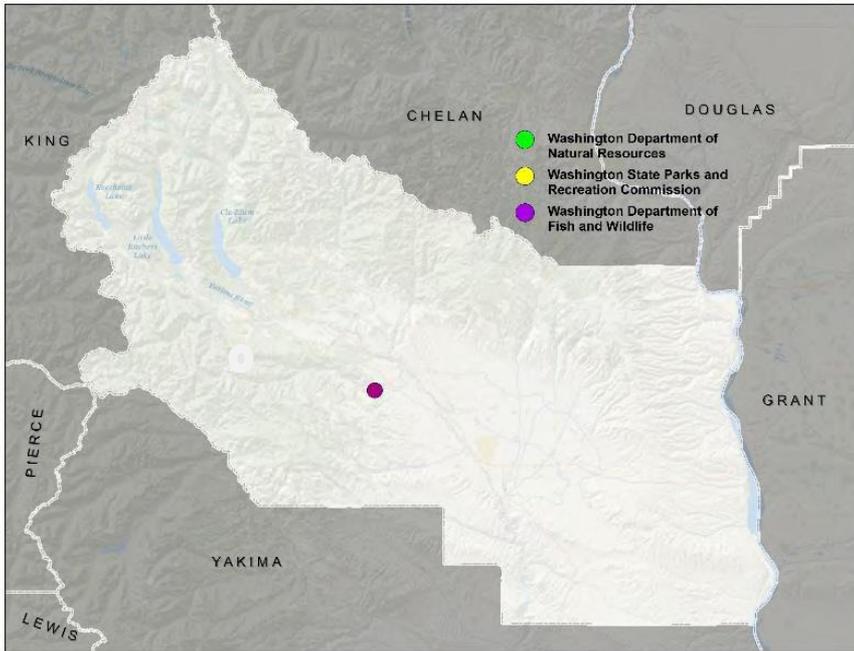
Ferry County – Kettle River Access

Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This acquisition includes 115 acres of remnant low elevation, old-growth forest, eastside steppe and riparian habitat including 3.25 miles of undeveloped shoreline along the Kettle River. The acquisition includes 40 acres of riparian habitat along the western bank of the Kettle River. Target species include: Columbia spotted frog, western toad, cavity-nesting ducks, bald eagle, Townsend’s big-eared bat, Lewis’ woodpecker, white-headed woodpecker, golden eagle, northern goshawk, moose, deer and elk. Establishment of boat access and parking at the river parcels will allow for more diversified recreation.
Location	Northern Ferry County
Legislative District	7
Project Ranking	13 of 15
Source of Funding	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Critical Habitat and Water Access
Anticipated Future Costs	Operations and maintenance:\$500 annually
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass

Proposed Acres	115 acres, two water access sites
Proposed Cost	\$995,000
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Partners	Kettle River Conservation Group, Colville National Forest, Conservation Northwest
Planning Link	WDFW Strategic Plan, Washington Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy
Goals	Healthy Fish and Wildlife Sustainable Outdoor Experiences Recreational Opportunities



Kittitas County Summary

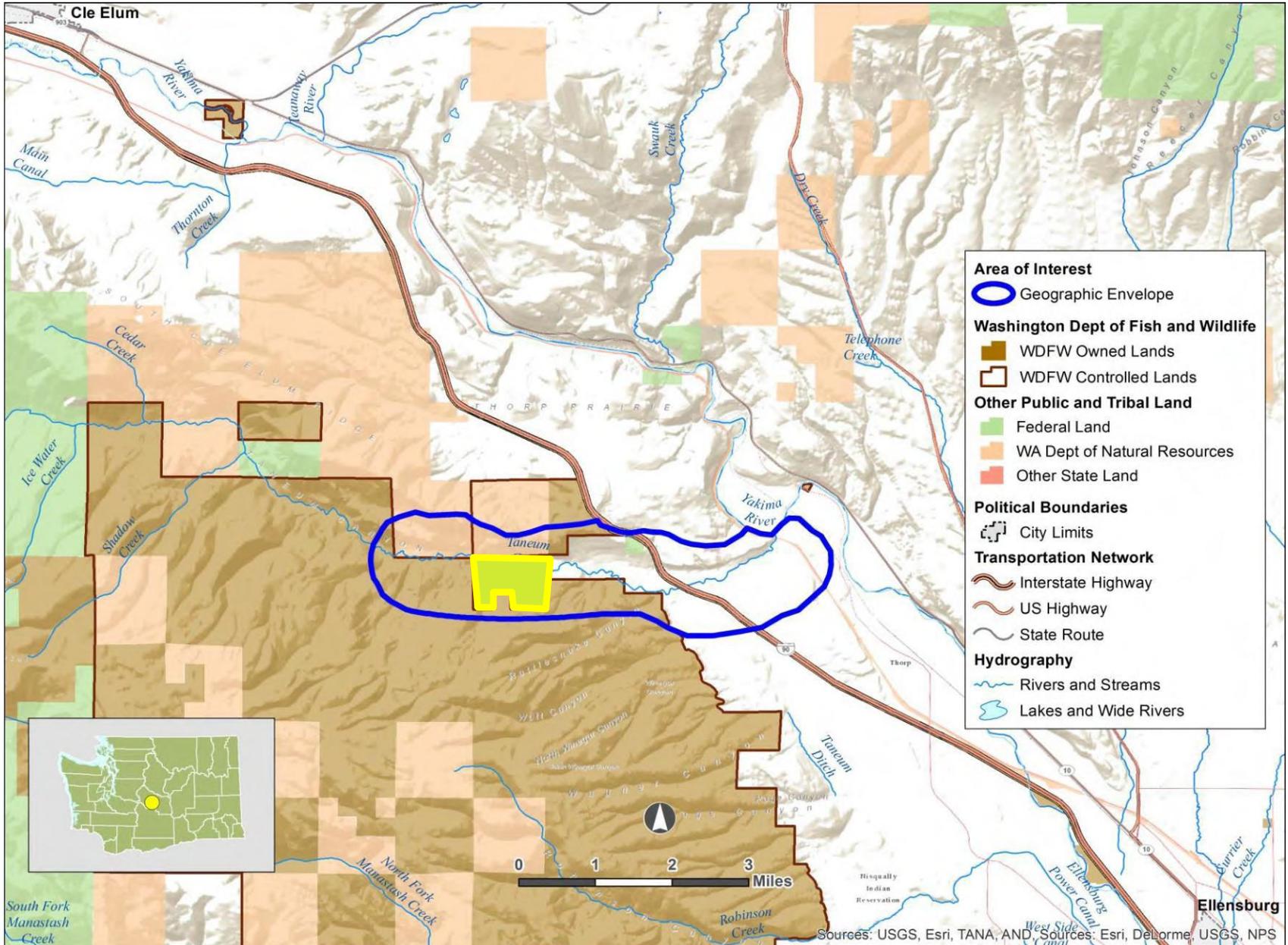


Kittitas County Summary of Proposed Acquisitions

Total Proposed Acres	370
Total Proposed Cost	\$1,700,000/WWRP-RP (\$1,700,000)

Proposed Acquisitions	Agency	Proposed Acres	Proposed Cost	Source of Funding
Taneum Creek	Department of Fish and Wildlife	370	\$1,700,000	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Riparian

Kittitas County – Taneum Creek



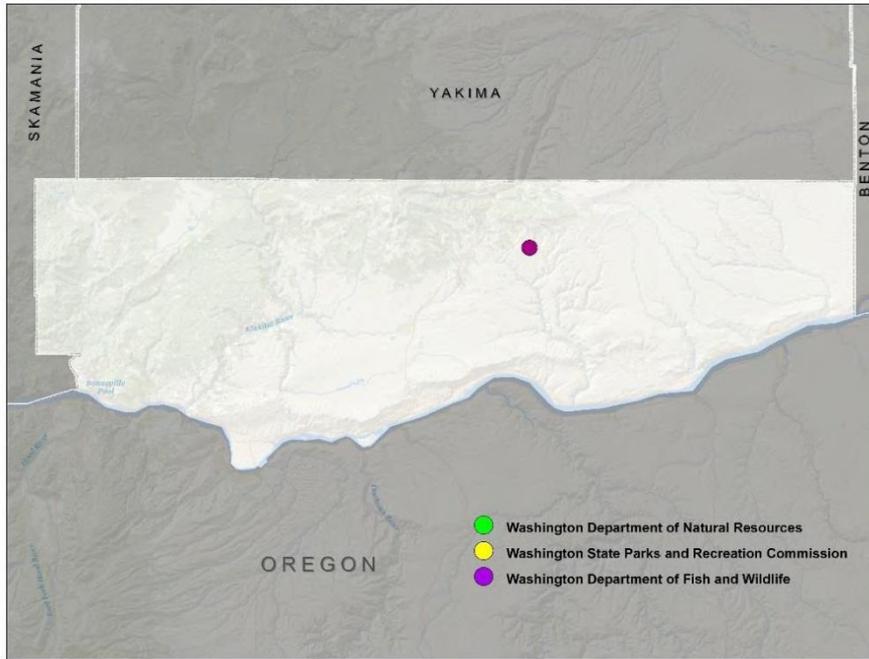
Kittitas County – Taneum Creek

Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	The Taneum Creek project contains nearly a mile of mainstem Taneum Creek and over 2 miles of tributary streams. This biologically diverse area, bisected by Taneum Creek, lies at the transition of mixed conifer forest and shrub steppe. Consequently, this location contains a strong suite of priority habitats and species. Riparian, wetland, in-stream, shrub-steppe, cliffs, caves, snags, and talus habitats are found across the property. Priority species include ESA steelhead, Coho salmon, rearing Chinook salmon, Columbia spotted frog, sharp-tailed snakes, golden eagle, elk, mule deer, and western gray squirrels.
Location	Central Kittitas County
Legislative District	14
Project Ranking	3 of 12
Source of Funding	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Riparian
Anticipated Future Costs	O & M / \$3,200 PILT/ \$800
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass

Proposed Acres	370
Proposed Cost	\$1,700,000
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Partners	Forterra, Yakama Nation, Bonneville Power Administration, Kittitas Field & Stream
Planning Link	Recovery Plan for the Spotted Owl, Yakima Steelhead Recovery Plan, Priority Habitats and Species List, East Cascades – Modoc Plateau and West Cascades, Washington Connected Landscapes Project: Statewide Analysis, Washington Biodiversity Conservation Statement
Goals	Healthy Fish and Wildlife Sustainable Outdoor Experience Remove threat of development



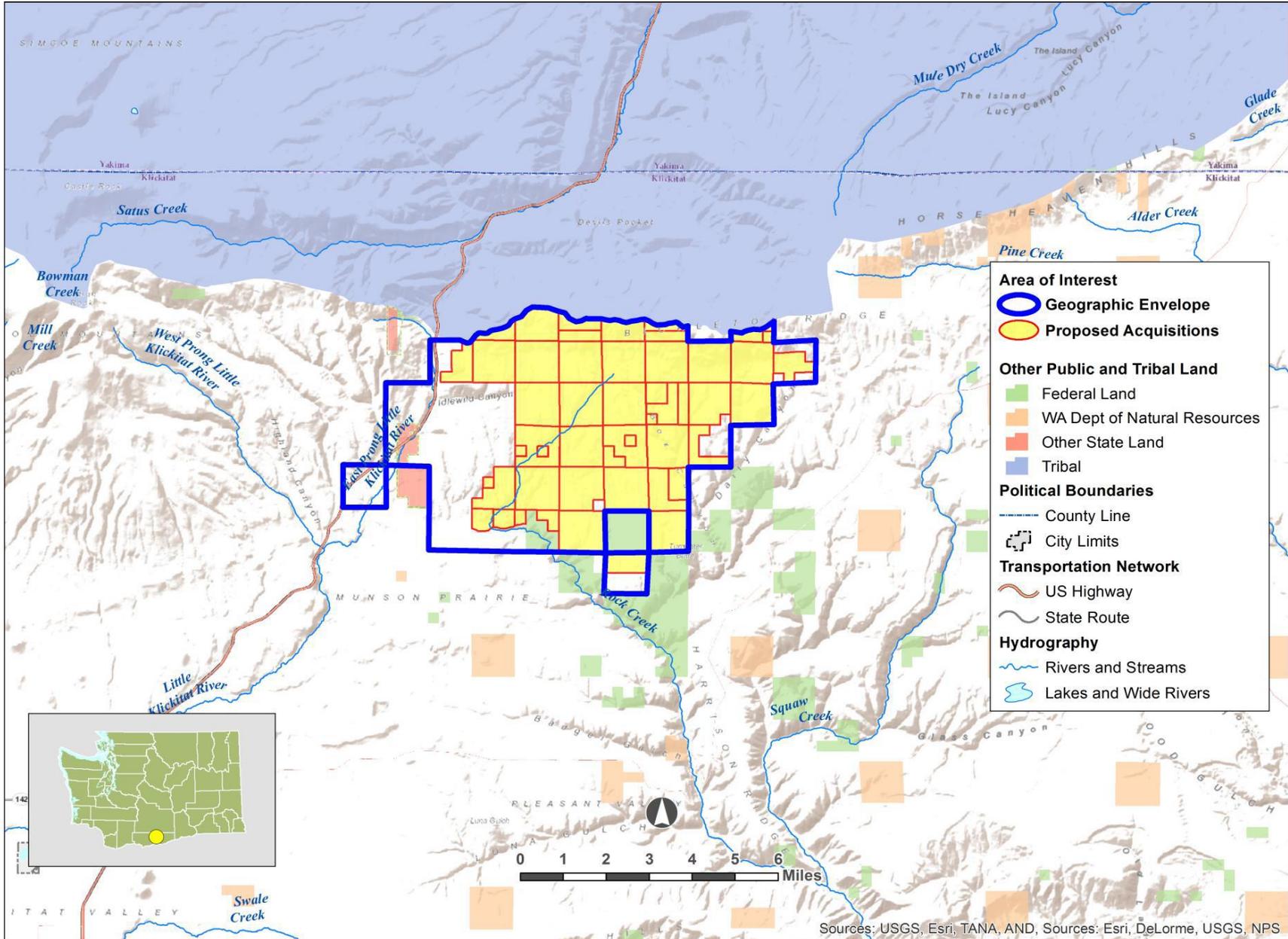
Klickitat County Summary



Klickitat County Summary of Proposed Acquisitions

Total Proposed Acres	2,700
Total Proposed Cost	\$3,000,000/WWRP – CH (\$2,459,750)

Proposed Acquisitions	Agency	Proposed Acres	Proposed Cost	Source of Funding
Simcoe 2014	Department of Fish and Wildlife	2,700	\$3,000,000	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Critical Habitat

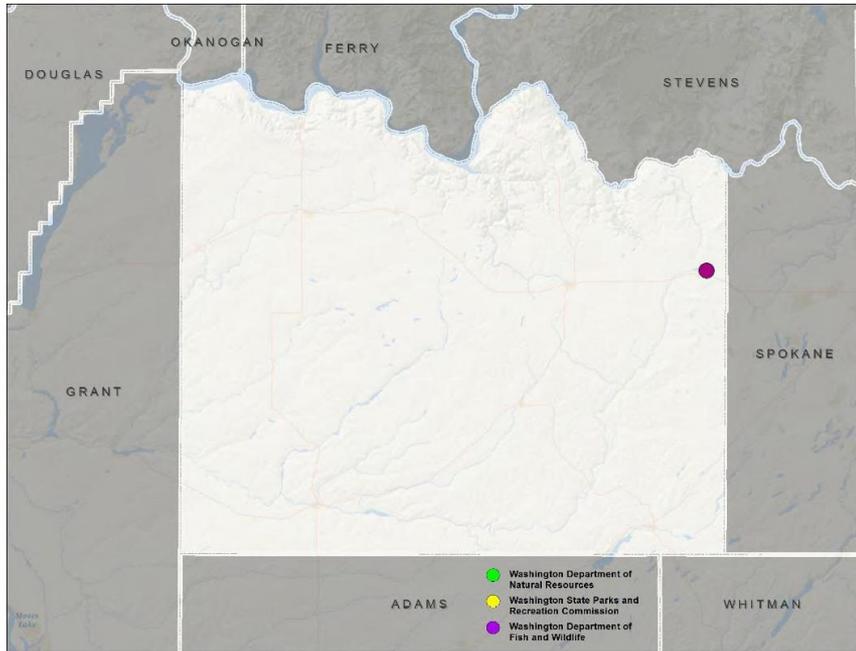


Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This Project is a unique landscape that includes mixed conifer, Oregon white oak, white alder, shrub steppe, grasslands, cliffs, and 10 miles of riparian habitat that includes the upper Rock Creek . Priority species that would be protected include federally listed steelhead, Chinook salmon, state threatened western gray squirrel, mule deer, burrowing owl, and western toad. Public access is currently restricted; acquisition of this land would provide quality recreation (hiking, fishing, and hunting) currently unavailable in this area. Restoration would focus on managing riparian and upland habitats for critical species longevity.
Location	Simcoe Mountains , Klickitat County
Legislative District	14
Project Ranking	2 of 8
Source of Funding	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Critical Habitat
Anticipated Future Costs	O & M - \$21,000 PILT - \$2,800
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass

Proposed Acres	2,700
Proposed Cost	\$3,000,000
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Partners	Washington State Conservation Commission, Eastern Klickitat Conservation District
Planning Link	Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy, Western Gray Squirrel recovery plan, Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy
Goals	Healthy Fish and Wildlife Sustainable Outdoor Experience Maintain Working Lands



Lincoln County Summary



Lincoln County Summary of Proposed Acquisitions

Total Proposed Acres	150
Total Proposed Cost	\$600,000/WWRP – RP (\$600,000)

Proposed Acquisitions

Agency

Proposed Acres

Proposed Cost

Source of Funding

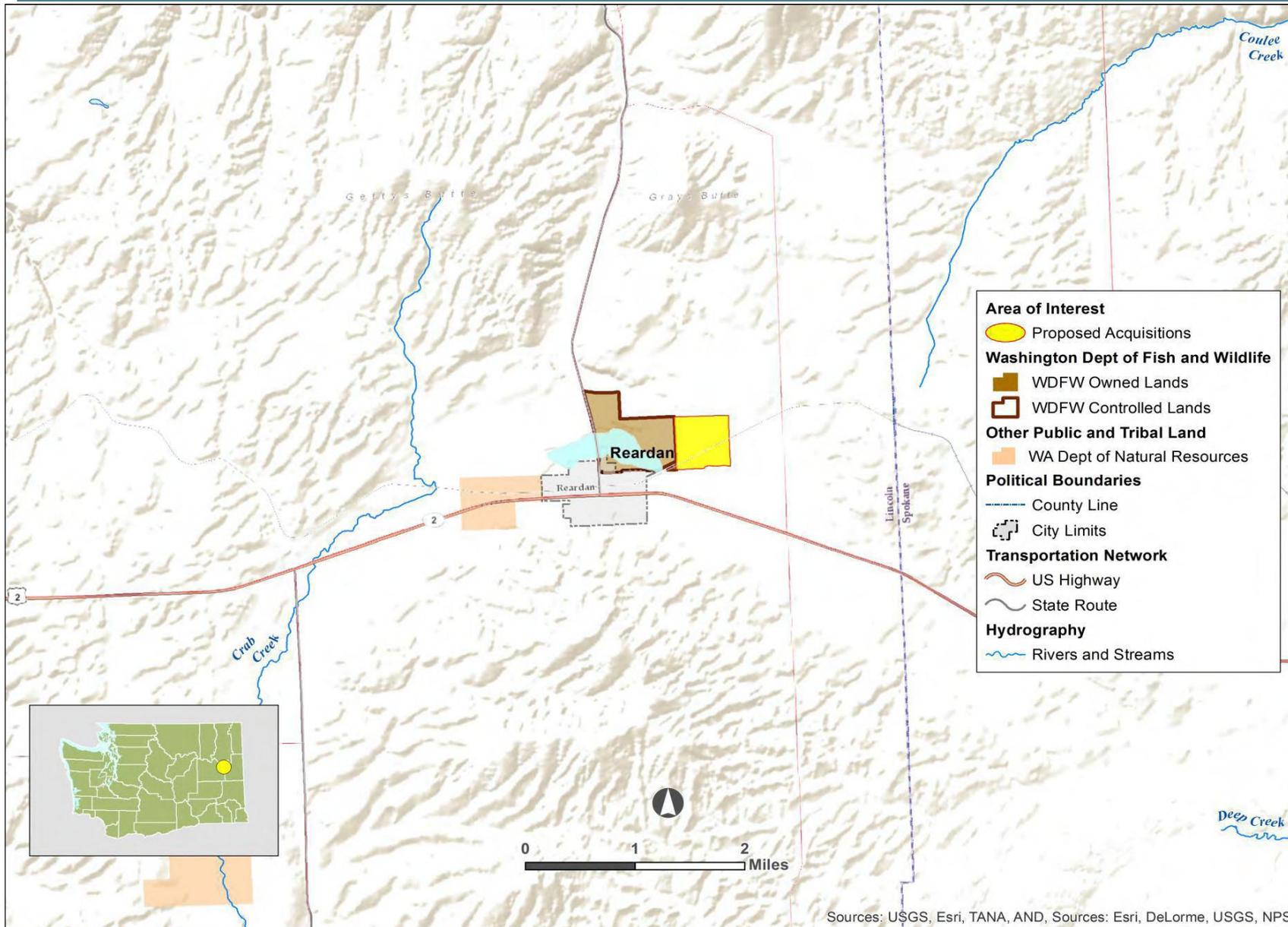
Reardan Audubon Lake 2014

Department of Fish and Wildlife

150

\$600,000

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Riparian



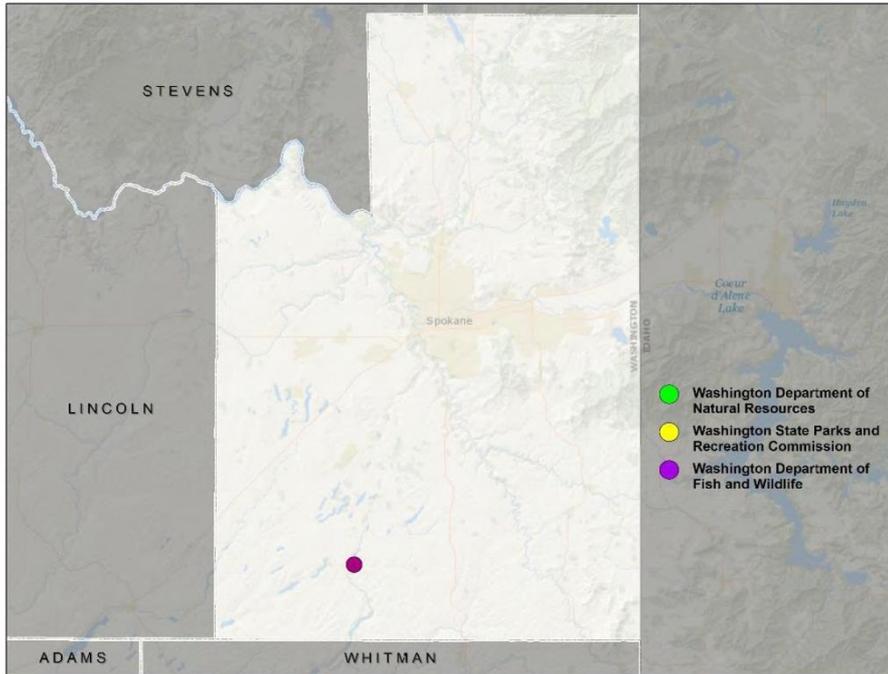
Sources: USGS, Esri, TANA, AND, Sources: Esri, DeLorme, USGS, NPS

Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This acquisition provides critical habitat for wetland-associated species since it lies at the western edge of the Spokane Plateau, north of the Palouse hills, and east of the channelized scablands. This area provides habitat for more than 100 birds and other wildlife species, many of whom depend on the area for spring and fall migration and summer breeding ground. There are six conservation target species associated with this area including the Columbia spotted frog, western toad, bald eagle, western grebe, sage thrasher, and Townsend’s big-eared bat. This acquisition provides important critical habitat; providing aquatic, wetland, riparian and lakeshore habitats interspersed with shrub steppe and steppe habitats. It would be included as part of the Audubon Washington Important Bird Area nomination and would be a valuable addition to the Reardan Lakes stop on the Northeast Washington Birding “Palouse to Pines” trail.
Location	20 miles west from Spokane
Legislative District	13
Project Ranking	4 of 12
Source of Funding	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Riparian
Anticipated Future Costs	O & M anticipated to be \$1,200 annually
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass

Proposed Acres	150 acres
Proposed Cost	\$600,000
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
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
Planning Link	Lower Spokane Watershed Plan, Upper Crab Creek/Wilson Creek Detailed Implementation Plan, Landbird Conservation Plan, North American Waterfowl Management Plan, Information West Joint Venture Plan, Ducks Unlimited International Conservation Plan
Goals	Healthy Fish and Wildlife Sustainable Outdoor Experiences



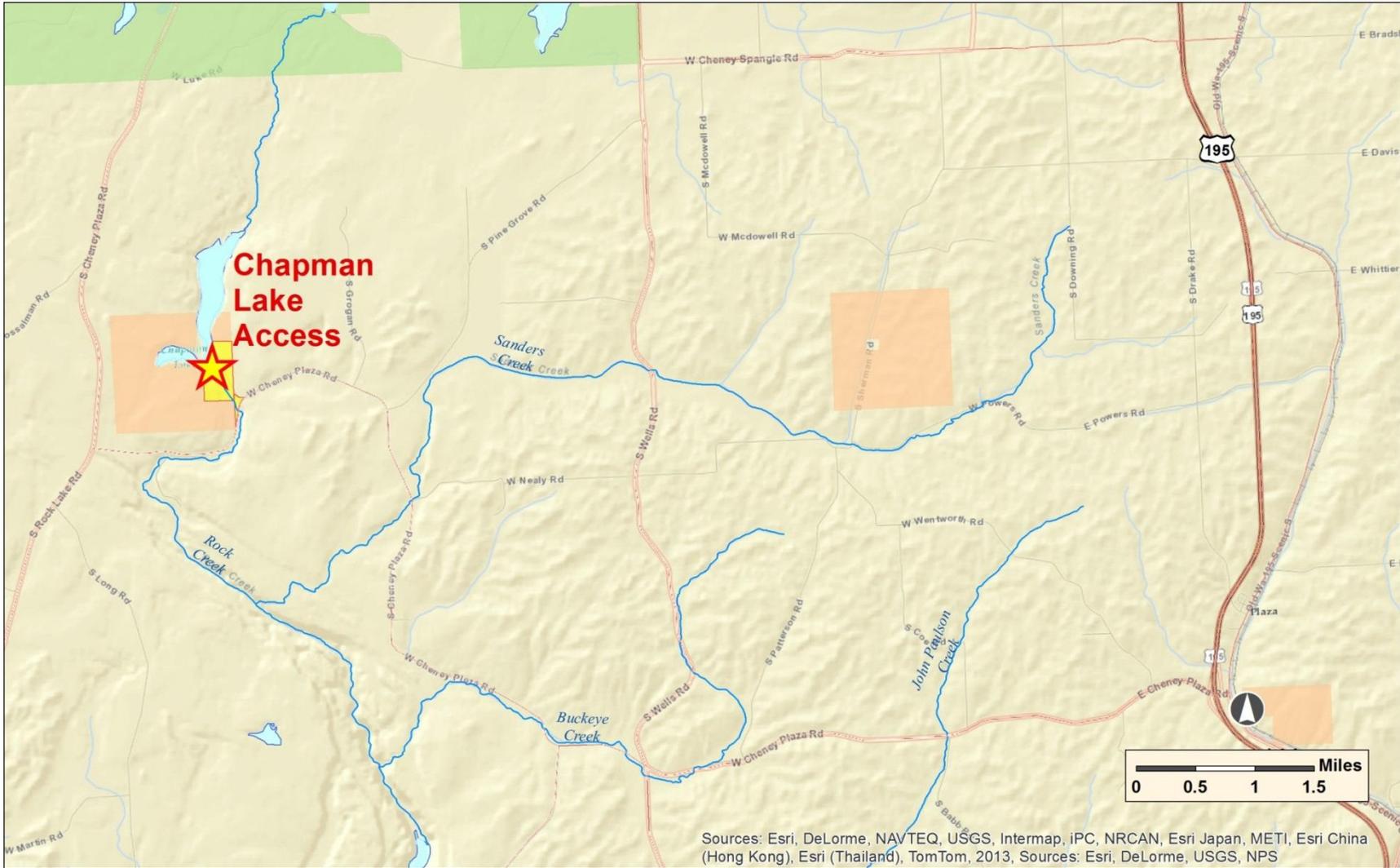
Spokane County Summary



Spokane County Summary of Proposed Acquisitions

Total Proposed Acres	80
Total Proposed Cost	\$ 1,150,000/BFP (\$474,000)

Proposed Acquisitions	Agency	Proposed Acres	Proposed Cost	Source of Funding
Chapman Lake	Department of Fish and Wildlife	150	\$1,150,000	Boating Facilities Program



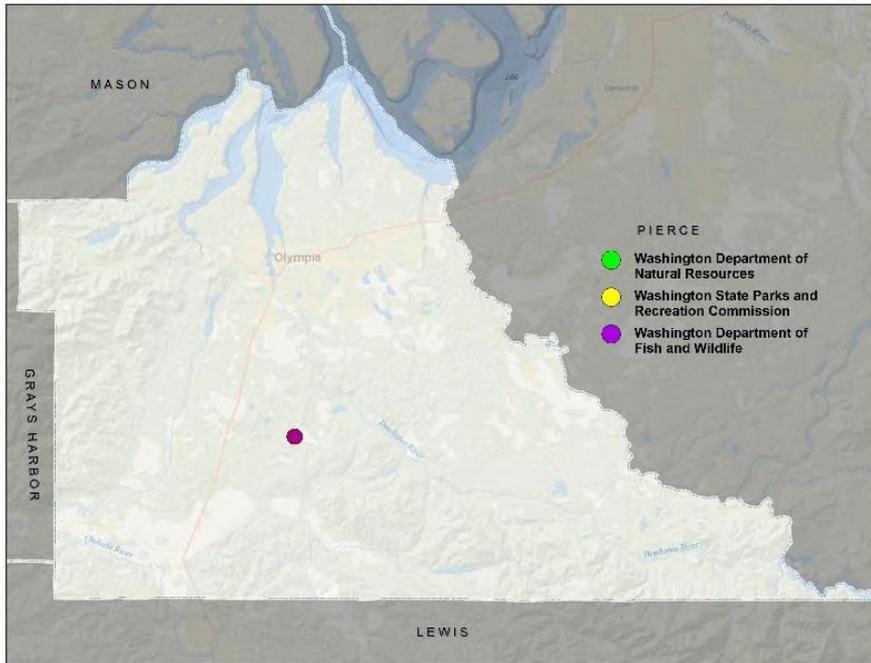
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Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	This proposal for the acquisition of 80 acres includes ponderosa pine forest and approximately 1,400 feet of riparian habitat along the south bank of Chapman Lake. The property is surrounded on three sides by DNR land. This acquisition will connect existing sections of public land and restore boater access to Chapman Lake. This land includes a boat launch which, until the resort closed, was the sole source for public boating access to Chapman Lake.
Location	35 miles from Spokane in southern Spokane County
Legislative District	9
Project Ranking	6 of
Source of Funding	Boating Facilities Program
Anticipated Future Costs	O & M anticipated to be \$640 annually
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass

Proposed Acres	80 acres
Proposed Cost	\$1,150,000
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Partners	Spokane County
Planning Link	WDFW Strategic Plan
Goals	Healthy Fish and Wildlife Sustainable Outdoor Experiences Restored Access Boating Destination



Thurston County Summary



Lincoln County Summary of Proposed Acquisitions

Total Proposed Acres	220
Total Proposed Cost	\$3,000,000/WWRP – UW (\$2,614,250)

Proposed Acquisitions

Agency

Proposed Acres

Proposed Cost

Source of Funding

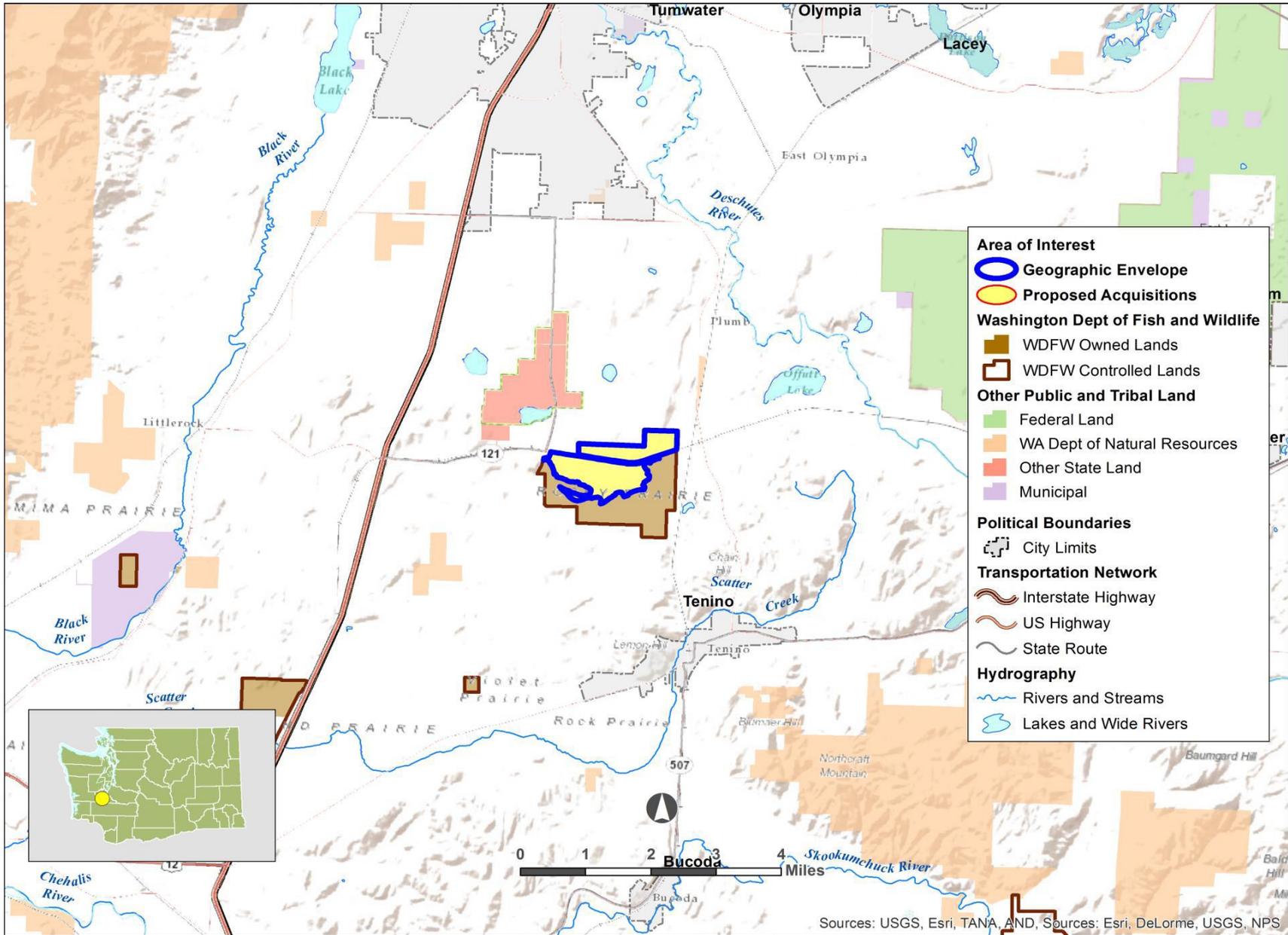
West Rocky Prairie

Department of Fish and Wildlife

220

\$3,000,000

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Urban Wildlife



Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Proposed Project Description and Purpose	The property protects the largest available tract of unique prairie-oak-wetland habitat mosaic in South Puget Sound. This site contains mounded and terraced prairie with Idaho-fescue-white-topped aster, oak woodland and wetland/riparian systems. Protects habitat for reintroduction of golden paintbrush, streaked horn lark, Oregon spotted frog, Mardon skipper butterfly. The project has been assessed as an excellent re-introduction site for the listed Mazama pocket gopher and streaked horn lark. This acquisition would expand the existing wildlife area by improving the viability of species, core habitats and buffers. Recreation activities include: wildlife viewing, hunting (big game and upland bird) and hiking.
Location	South Thurston County
Legislative District	20
Project Ranking	1 of 7
Source of Funding	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Urban Wildlife
Anticipated Future Costs	O & M anticipated to be \$1,760 annually
Revenue Generation	Discover Pass

Proposed Acres	220
Proposed Cost	\$3,000,000
Type of Acquisition	Fee Simple
Partners	Joint Base Lewis McChord, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Puget Prairies, Center for Natural Lands Management, Forterra
Planning Link	Interagency Prairie Landscape working Group, South Puget Prairies Site Conservation Plan, Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy, Western Gray Squirrel recovery plan, Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy
Goals	Healthy Fish and Wildlife Sustainable Outdoor Experience South Puget Sound Prairie Connectivity

