

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Perspectives on the Trust Land Transfer Program

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WDFW Mission



To preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.





25-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

A Path to an Improved Era
for Fish, Wildlife and People



STRATEGIC PLAN VISION

- Healthy and sustainable fish and wildlife populations.
- A restored network of resilient habitats that connects ecosystems across the landscape.
- Abundant recreational, stewardship, commercial, and educational opportunities available to diverse populations.
- Residents with a deep appreciation of the intrinsic value of nature and the benefits of fish and wildlife and who have a strong sense of personal stewardship and environmental responsibility.
- A Department that reflects and connects with the diverse public we serve and is a model of great governance.

WDFW Conservation Tools

Regulatory

Direct Species Management and Augmentation

Land Use Planning Assistance

Private Lands Partnerships

Real Property Management and Transactions

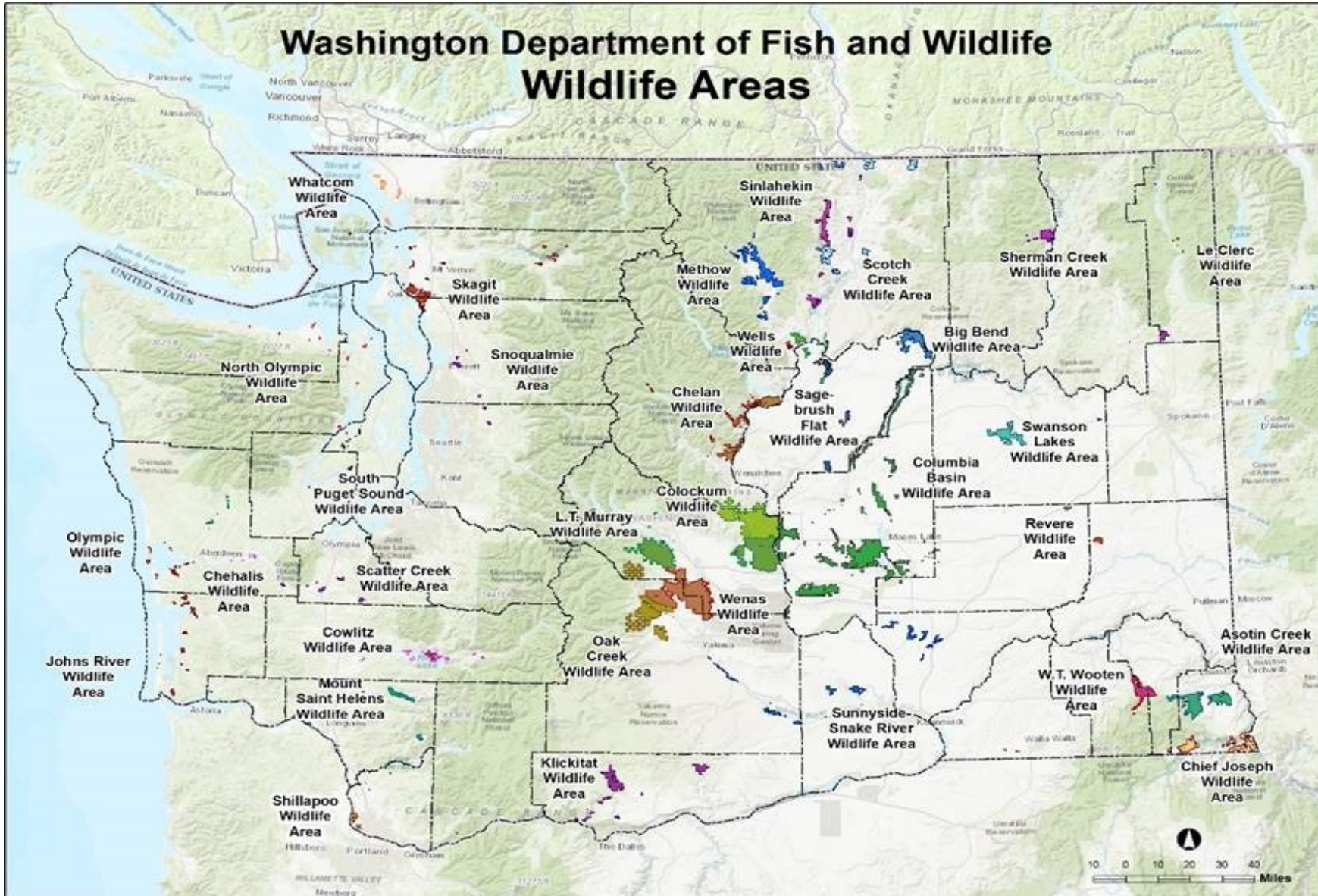


WDFW Land Acquisition

- Conserve and restore the diversity of Washington's fish and wildlife species and their habitats.
- Provide sustainable fishing, hunting, and other wildlife-related recreational opportunities, which generate billions of dollars of tourism spending and are key to the state's quality of life.
- Enhance management of our current lands.
- Preserve open space through landscape conservation that supports working lands for agriculture, forestry, and other sectors of the outdoor economy, particularly in rural areas.



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Areas



WDFW Lands

Protecting Land and Water for Wildlife and People



- Provide access for fishing, hunting, and other wildlife related recreation
- Foster experiences and exploration
- Preserve natural and cultural heritage



WDFW Land Acquisitions Sources

WA State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)
Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)
Aquatic Species Restoration Program (ASRP)
Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR)




USFWS
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund
“Section 6”
National Coastal Wetland Conservation Act
North American Wetland Conservation Act

Mitigation Funding

Trust Land Transfer





WDFW Trust Land Transfer History

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| 1. | 2001 = Scatter Creek | (AC#130264) | 110 acres |
| 2. | 2001 = Lummi Island | (AC#140137) | 6 acres |
| 3. | 2001 = Cottonwood Island (Skagit) | (AC#120380) | 169 acres |
| 4. | 2005 = Jackman Creek (Skagit) | (AC#120444) | 1643 acres |
| 5. | 2006 = Yakima River (LT Murray) | (AC#110530) | 570 acres |
| 6. | 2007 = Rendezvous (Methow) | (AC#110535) | 200 acres |
| 7. | 2014 = Stemilt (Colockum) | (AC#110668) | 1280 acres |

- Total acres = 3,978 (0.4%)

Mission Driven Values

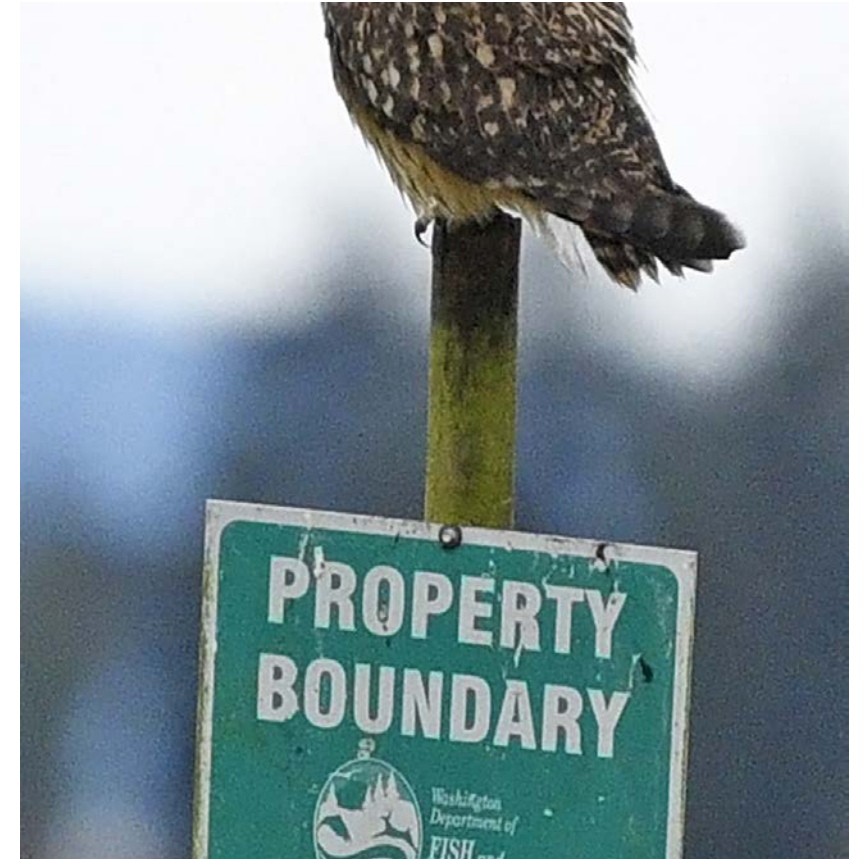
- Repositioning of Societal Values
- Maintain the integrity of the trust for beneficiaries
- Strategic protection of:
 - fish, wildlife and habitat values
 - landscape conservation value
 - recreation value





Process Principles

- Clarity, awareness, and transparency of the process/ opportunity
- Clarity re: parcels potentially available for transfer
- Expand the qualifications to include properties with no or little timber value
 - (i.e. Chapman Lake)
- DFW be provided with the ability to propose/nominate properties desirable for receipt, to include expected appraised value, etc. similar to how we fill out grant applications.
- Land to be conveyed to DFW fee-title with no restrictions or reservations (exception mineral rights which I believe DNR is required to reserve per statute, unless previously reserved). At one point the land was transferred via a 50 year easement/lease they granted instead of fee-title.
- No retained rights by DNR (i.e. grazing, rec, timber rights, etc.)
- Need the ability to manage the land according to DFW mission, vision, management plan, etc. w/no restrictions or encumbrances, except for those of record.



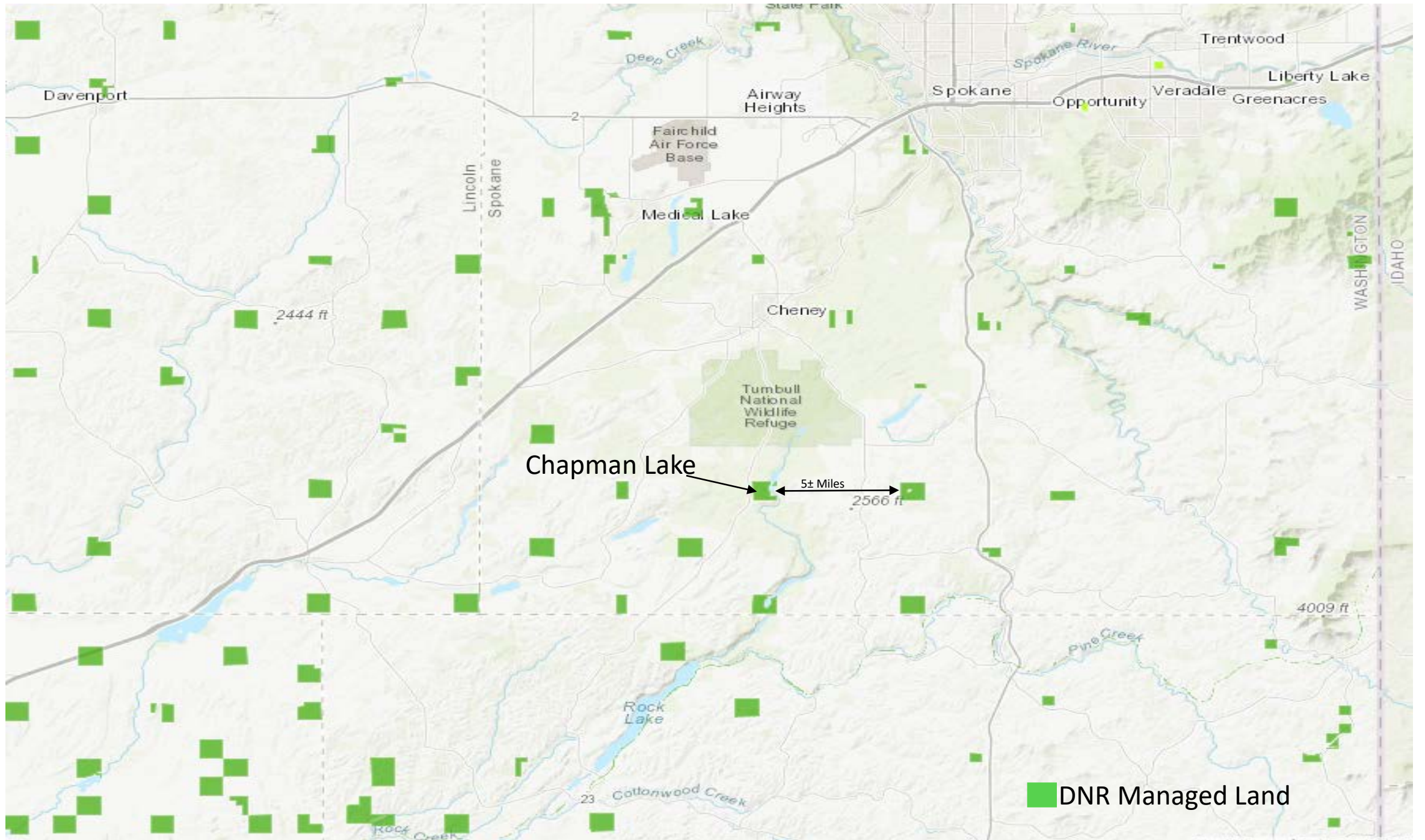


Examples of types of Projects

- Non-forested
- Low revenue generation value for beneficiaries
- High Conservation Value (landscape, habitats, species)
- High Recreation Value
- Isolated/ fragmented parcels
- Parcels with high management costs







Chapman Lake Property

County: Spokane

S/T/R: 36, 22N, 41E

Parcel #: 12365.9001

Owner: DNR

Size: 530.06 acres

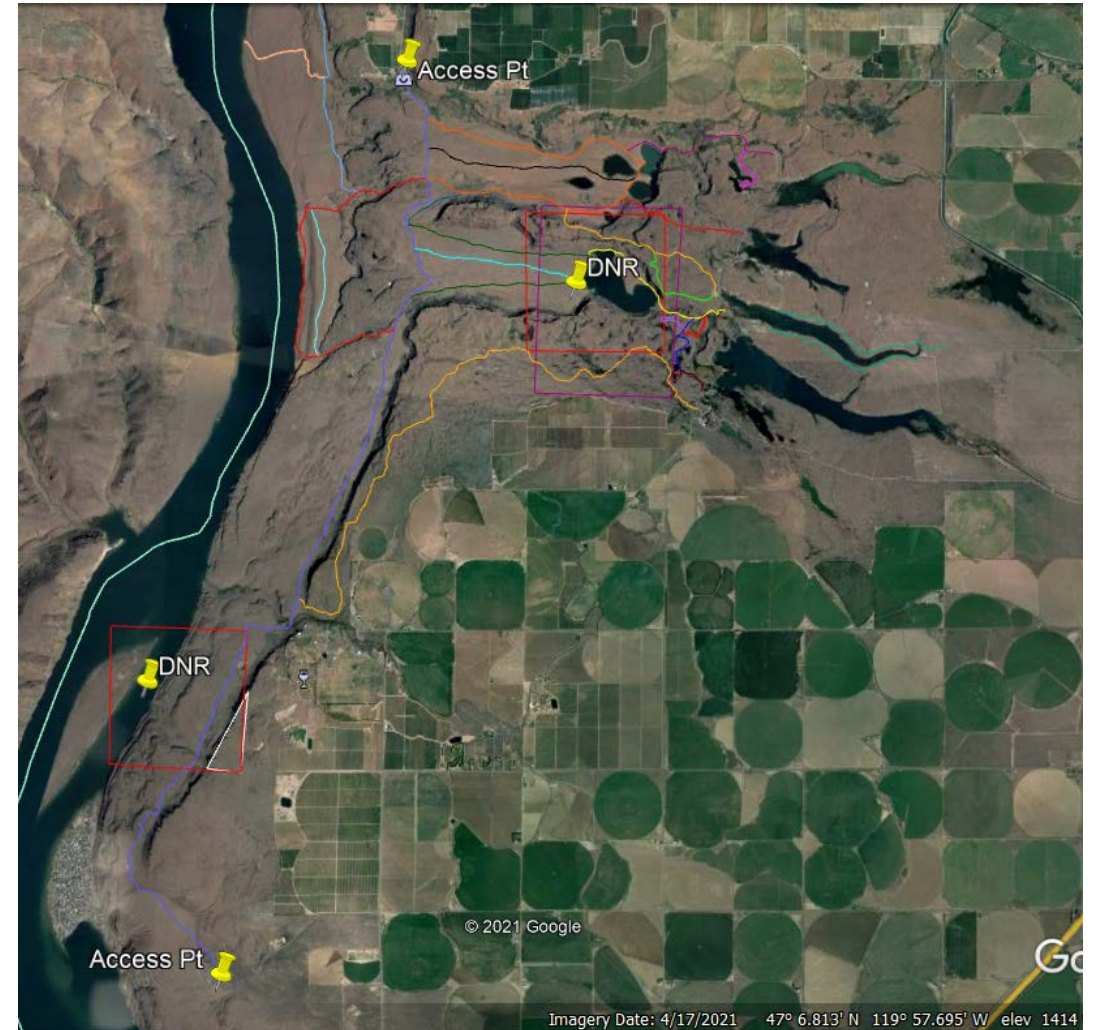
[Link To County Site](#)

Portion of property (10-20 acres) and easement for access from public road (about 1.1 miles) needed for boat launch project on Chapman Lake (conceptual site plan on second slide). BFP funds can only be used to purchase that portion of the property necessary for the boat launch project. Cattle grazing prohibited on BFP acquired land. Remaining portion of property to be leased from DNR with DFW to pursue future funding to buy.



Babcock Bench, Quincy Lakes Wildlife Area

- 4,056 acres from DNR for a cost of \$11,455 (**\$2.82/acre**)
- Wildlife/ Conservation value:
 - Waterfowl
 - Golden eagle nest
 - SGCN bats
 - Connectivity
 - Wetland system in shrub-steppe
- Recreation Value
 - Connectivity
 - Geologic history/ Ice Age Flood





Thank You!

