WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Peninsula 2 Land Exchange - DNR #86-107270

PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) AND MERRILL AND RING INC.

Objective

DNR desires to reposition certain parcels of State trust land on the Olympic Peninsula in Clallam, Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties to create sustainable State forest landscapes. This exchange will consolidate State trust lands to improve management efficiency, enhance road access, and maintain or enhance marketing options for forest products. DNR will trade up to 2,110.38 acres of trust land, and DNR will receive up to 2,293.30 acres of Merrill and Ring property.

Benefits

The exchange will:

- Consolidate State trust lands in Clallam County to increase operational efficiency of these lands.
- Enhance forest biodiversity through consolidating forestlands that will be managed under DNR's Habitat Conservation Plan and Policies for Sustainable Forestry.
- Enhance the sustainability of working forest landscapes to provide for future generations.
- Create enhanced options for future public recreation through larger consolidated landscapes.
- Reduce the number of isolated trust parcels that are less efficient for long-term State trust management.

This exchange involves five state trusts: Common School Trust (builds public K-12 schools statewide), Normal School (Central, Eastern, Western WA Universities and the Evergreen State College), Capitol Building Trust (Supports the Capitol Building grounds and maintenance), Agricultural School Trust (benefits Washington State University), and State Forestland Trust (supports county services). The State exchange lands are located in Clallam, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor Counties.

Merrill and Ring Inc. Properties

- The Merrill and Ring Inc. property to be traded includes forestlands that have been managed as private timberland and properties transitioning into rural residential areas.
- Much of the Merrill and Ring Inc. property is adjacent to current State trust lands.
- Merrill and Ring Inc. property is solely in the following county: Clallam – 2,293.30 acres ±

State Trust Properties

- The State trust lands are mostly forestlands which are being managed for timber production and for wildlife habitat.
- Some of the State trust lands are located adjacent to or near Merrill and Ring Inc. property located in Clallam County.
- Trust lands are held and managed by the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of generating revenue for both the current and for future beneficiaries, as mandated by both the

Federal Enabling Act and the State Constitution. Where possible, DNR manages for multiple benefits such as public recreation, wildlife habitat and water quality.

- Pre-exchange acreage of the State trust lands by county is the following:
  Clallam Co. – Common School 1,510.38 acres; State Forest 181.1 acres; Agricultural School 47 acres; Capitol Grant 13 acres; Jefferson Co. - Normal School 80 acres; Grays Harbor Co. - Common School 278.9 acres; Total State Acres in Three Counties – 2,110.38 acres.

Public Information and Outreach

- DNR will hold a public hearing to share information and to receive information and testimony from the public. The meeting will take place on **September 10, 2026**, and will start at **5:30 PM** at the following location:

  Port Angeles Library
  2210 S. Peabody Street
  Port Angeles, WA 98362

- Contact DNR staff if you are aware of cultural resource issues associated with specific trust parcels, or if there are features present on specific DNR trust lands that merit consideration of these parcels to be used for open space, park, school, or critical habitat purposes.
- Following the evaluation of hearing testimony and a property appraisal, DNR and Merrill and Ring will finalize an exchange proposal to present to the Board of Natural Resources for a final decision at one of its regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The Board meeting provides an additional opportunity for public comment.
- The DNR website (www.dnr.wa.gov) will have a webpage created for this project and be updated as new information becomes available.

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Additional information is available on our website: https://www.dnr.wa.gov/peninsula-2-land-exchange.
(To find the webpage with project information click onto the Managed Lands heading, and then click on Land Transactions, then on Peninsula Land Exchange.)

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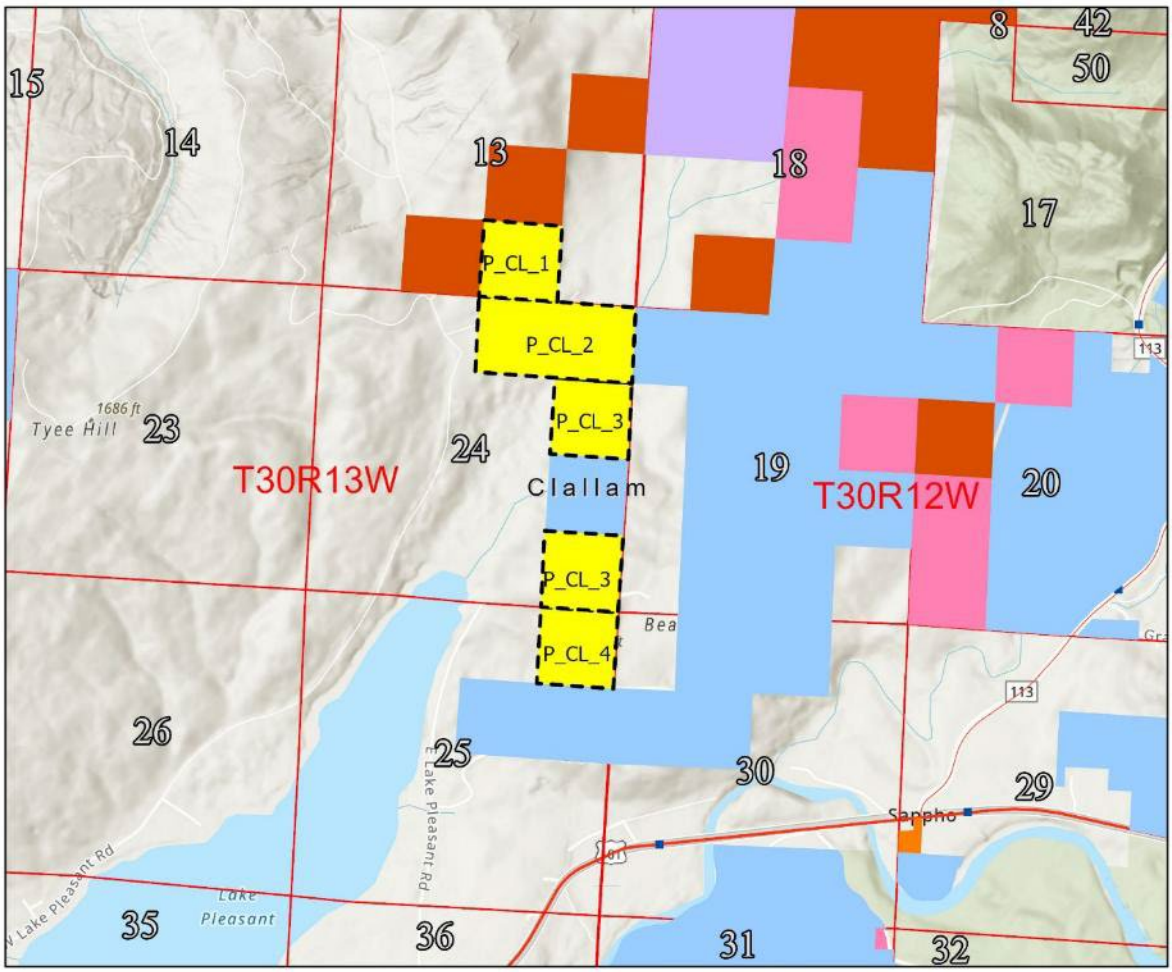
Map - P_CL_1, 2, 3, and 4 Vicinity



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Legend

Administrative - DNR-Managed (Surface) Lands by Surface Trust

Surface Lands
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- Other DNR-Managed Lands
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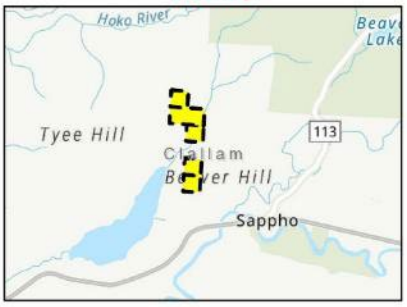
- P-CL-1

Vicinity



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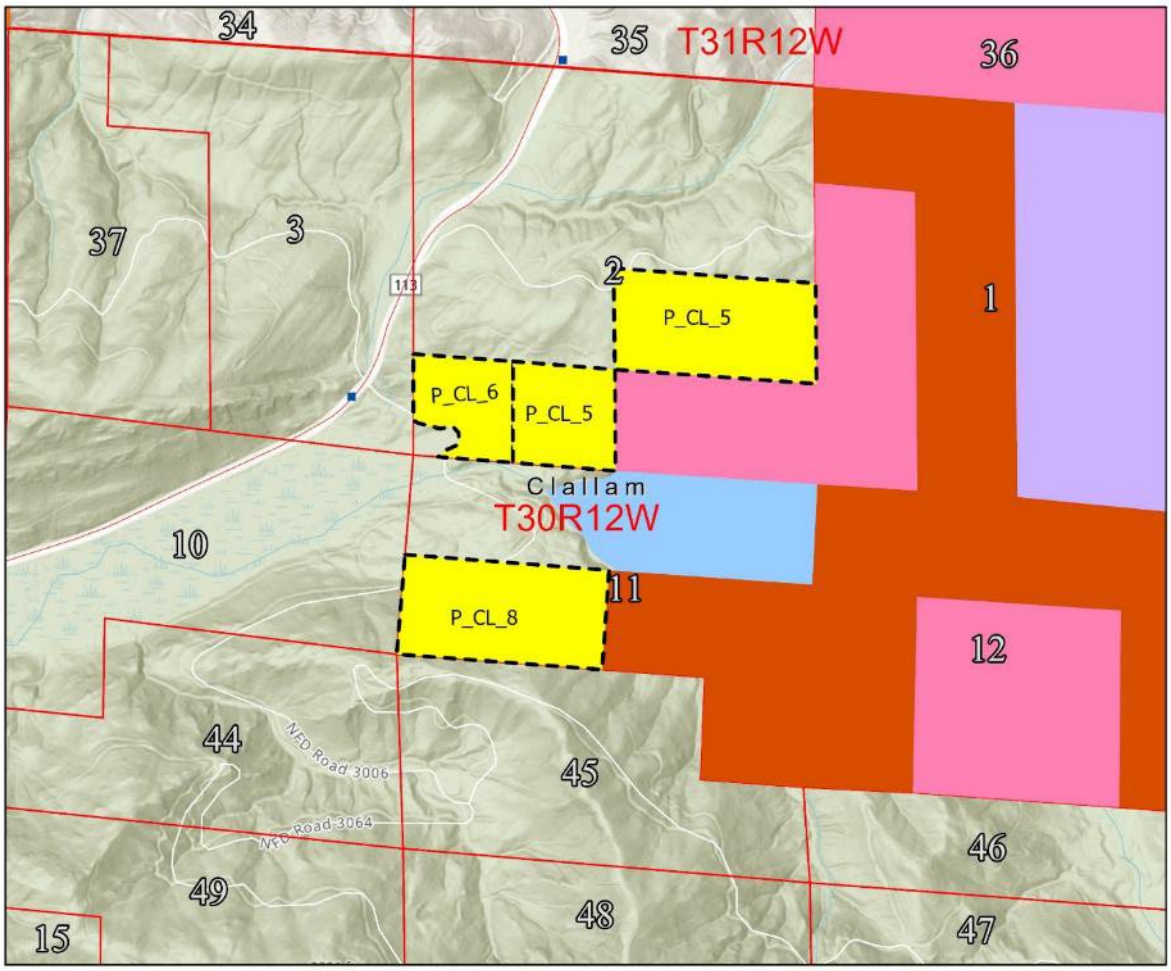
Map - P_CL_5, 6, and 8 Vicinity



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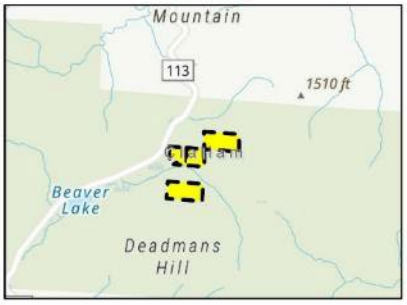

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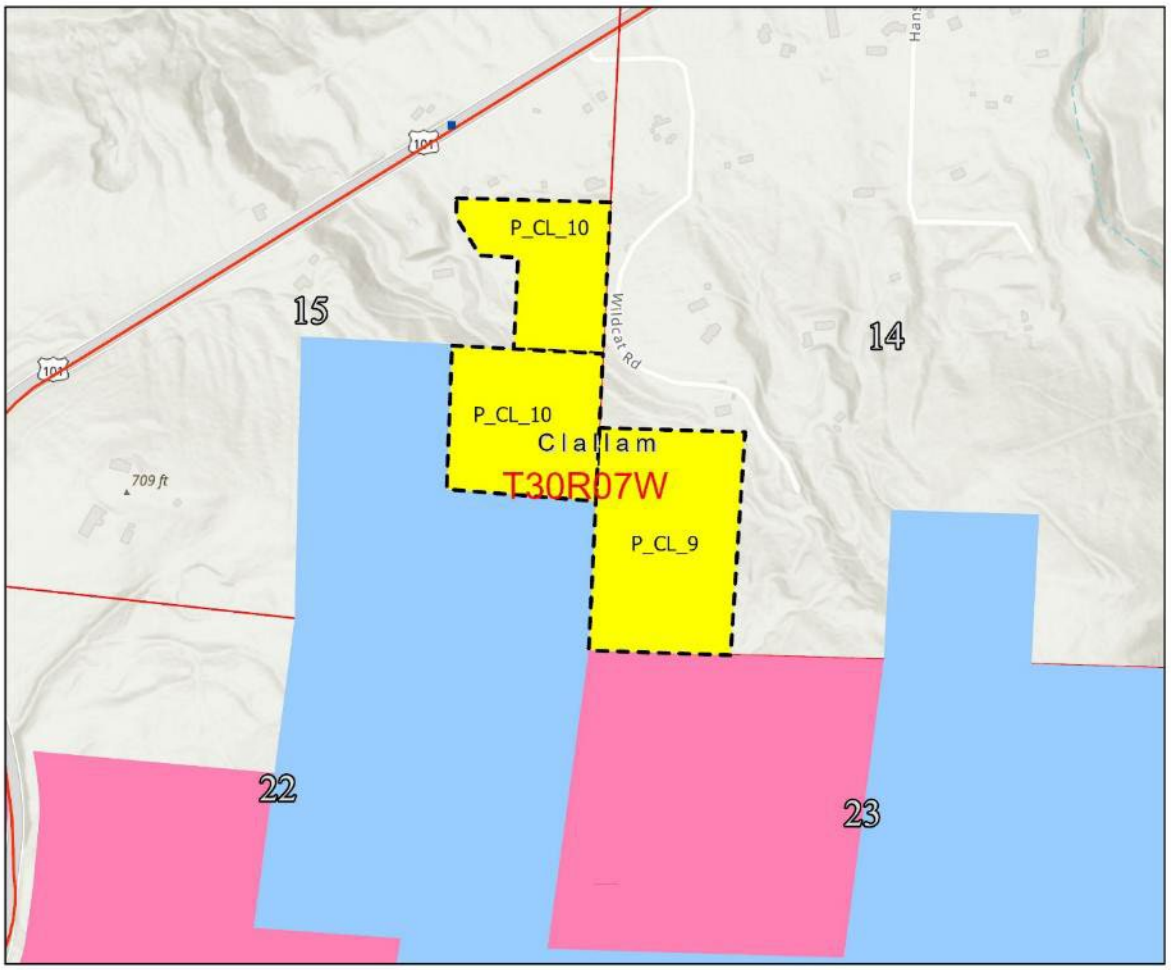
Map - P_CL_9, and 10 Vicinity



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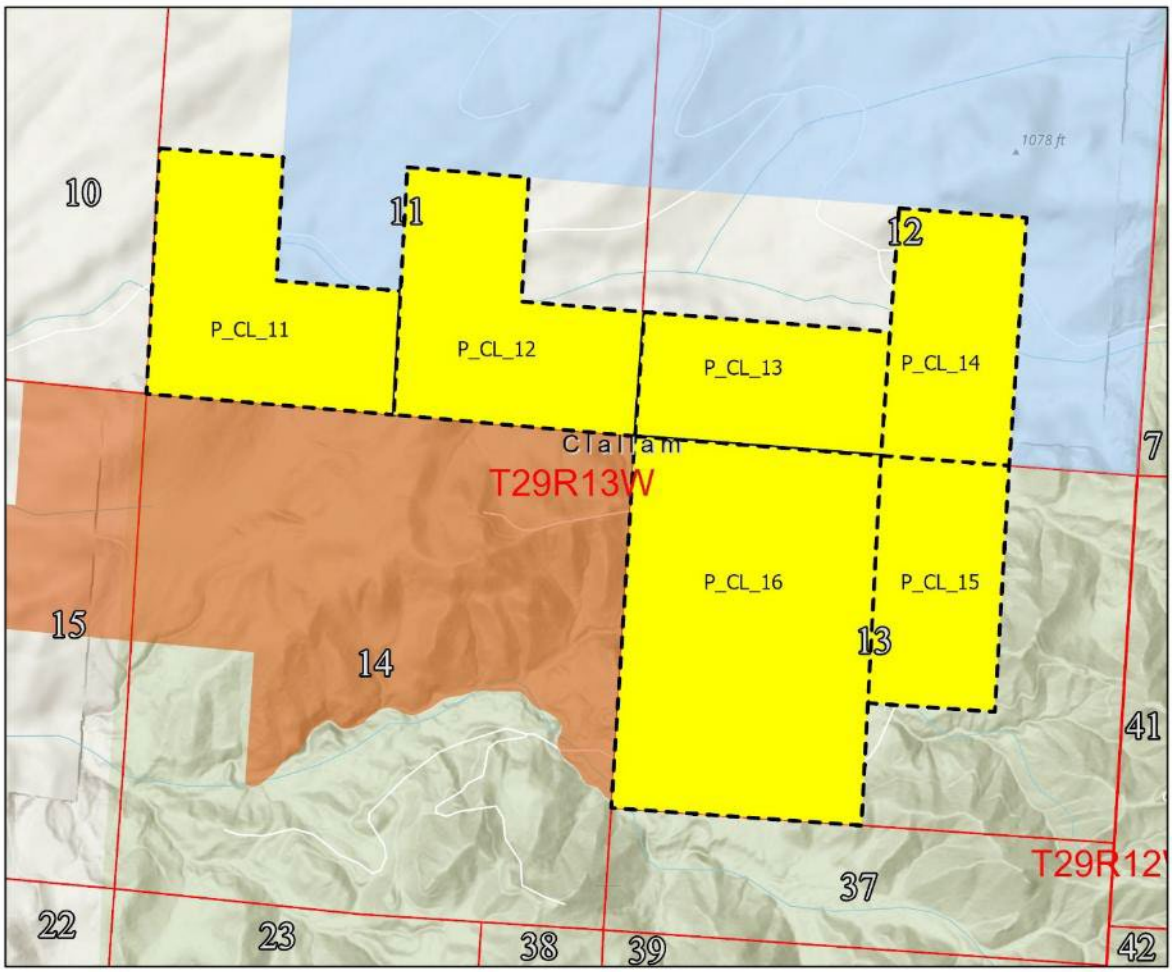
Map - P_CL_11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 Vicinity



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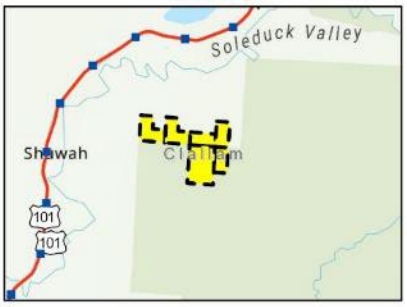

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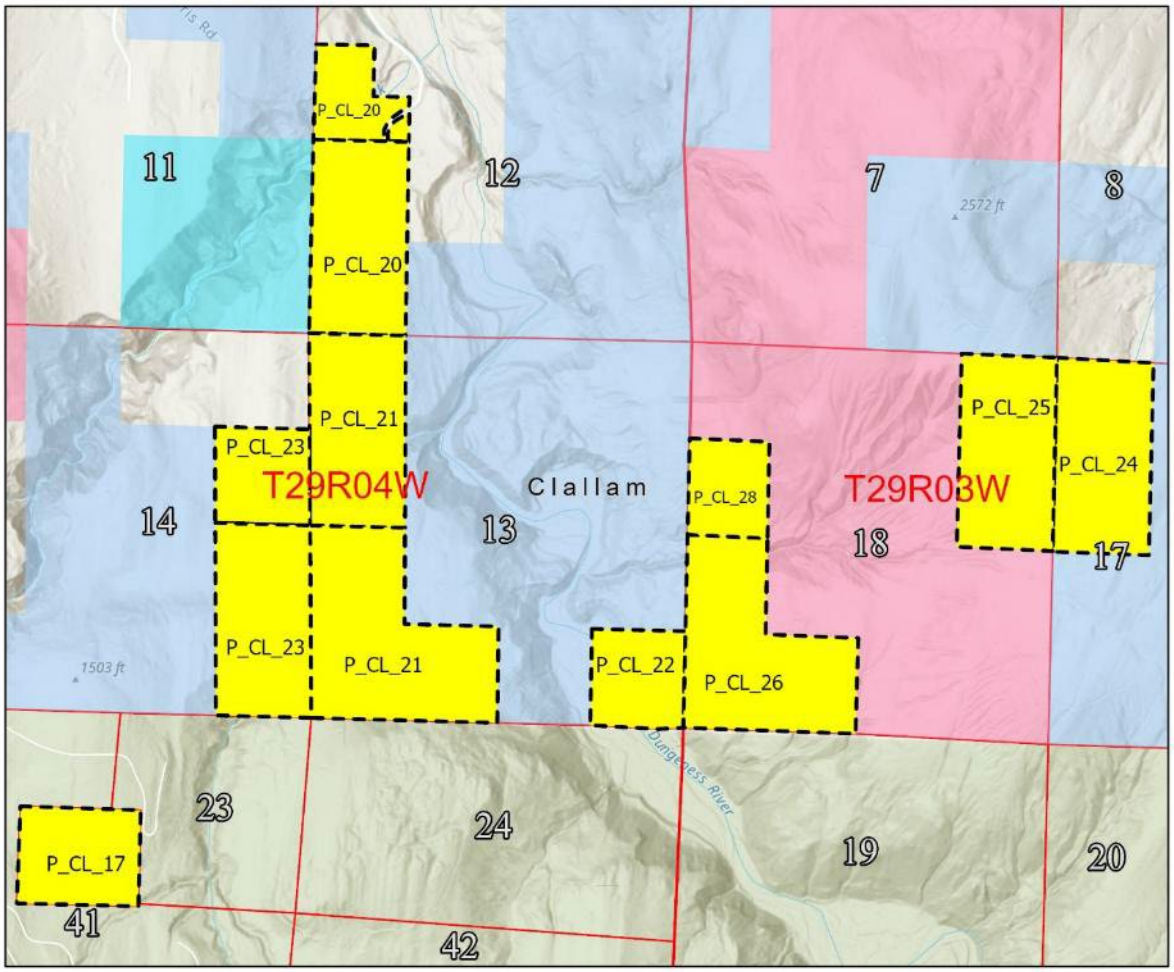
Map - P_CL_17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28 Vicinity



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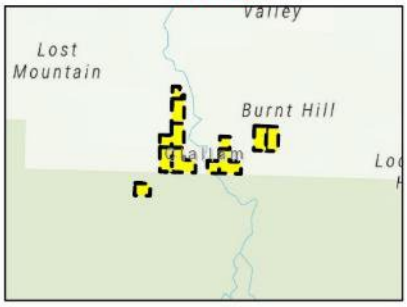

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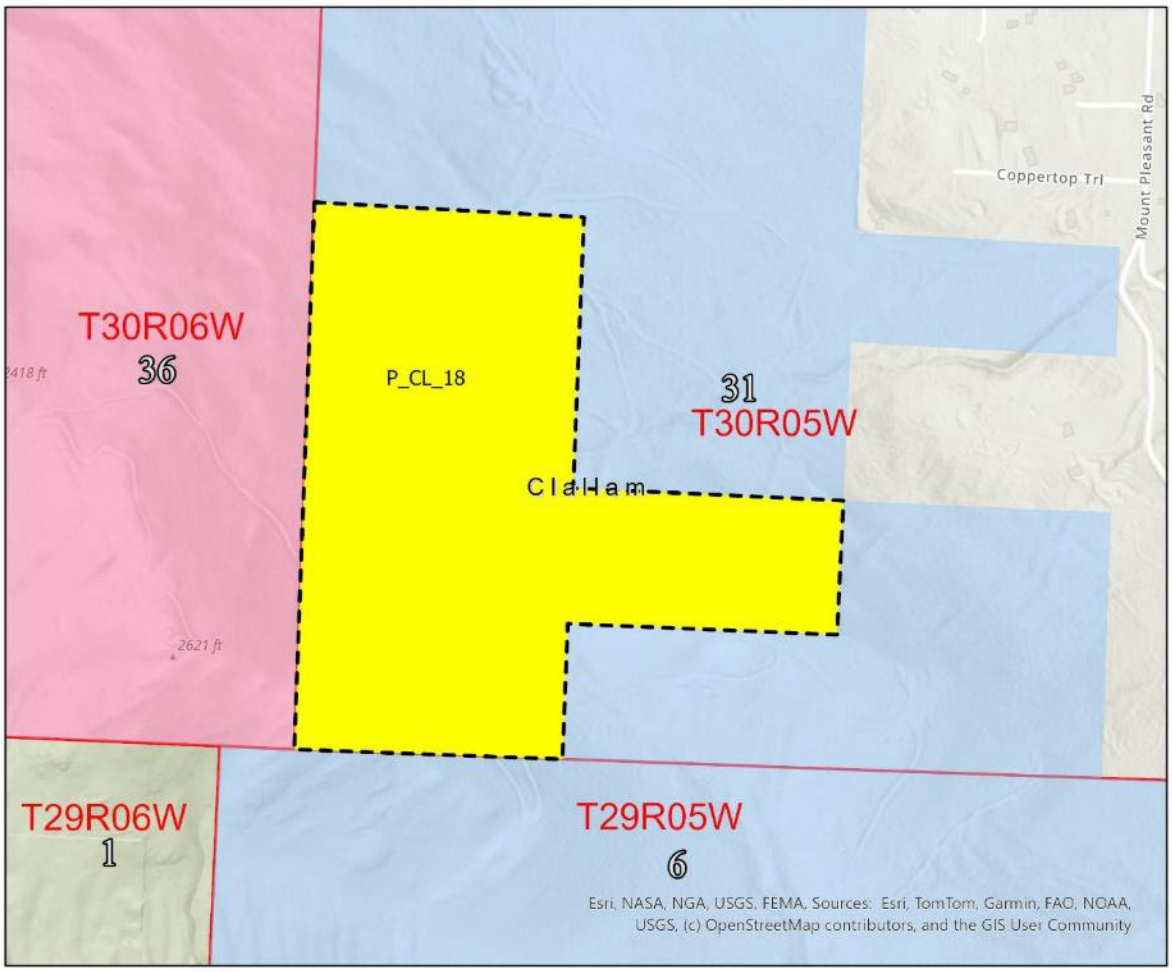

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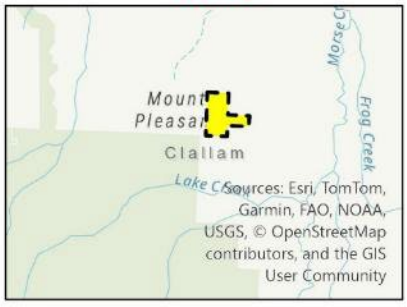

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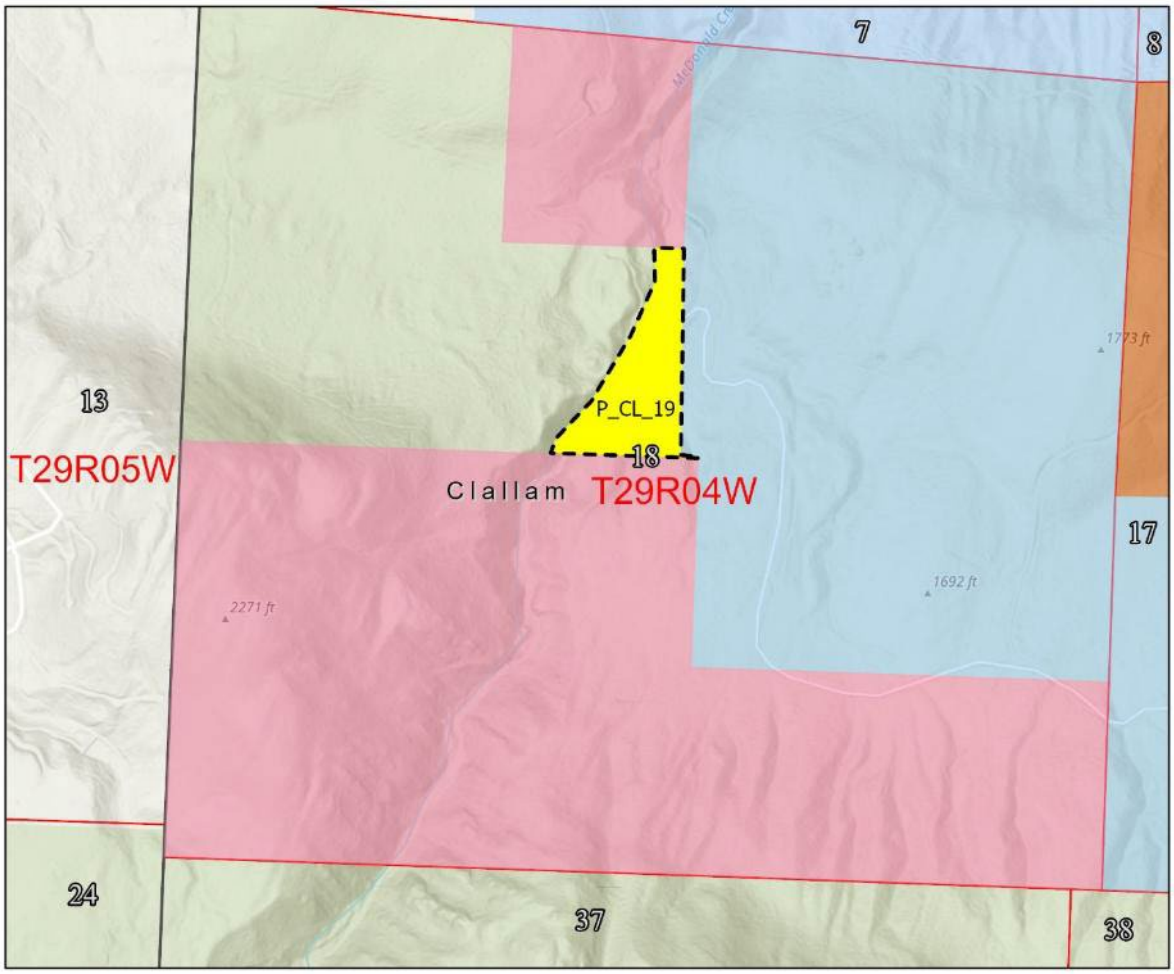
Map - P_CL_19 Vicinity



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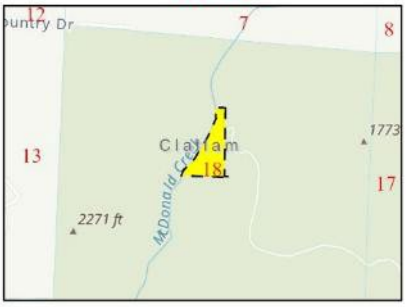

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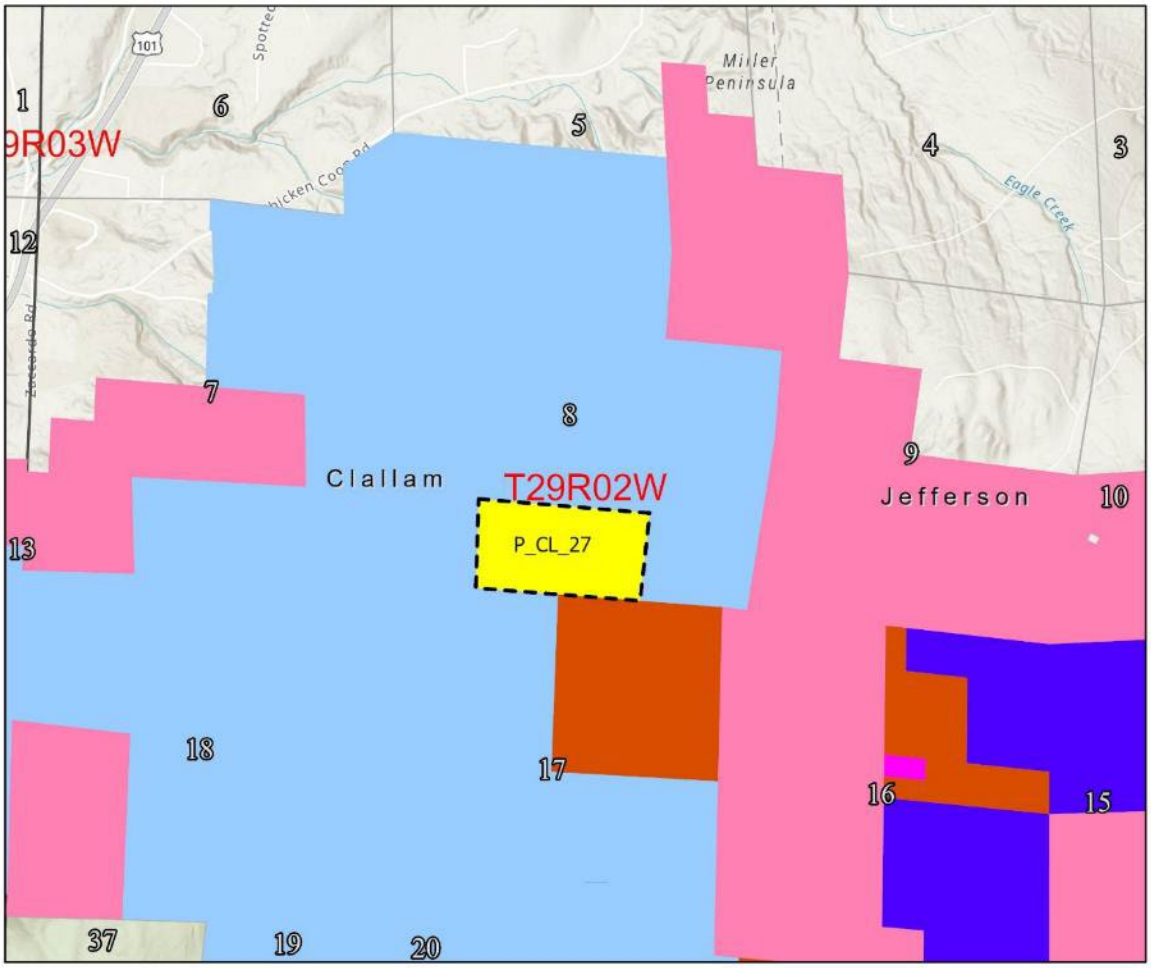
Map - P_CL_27 Trust



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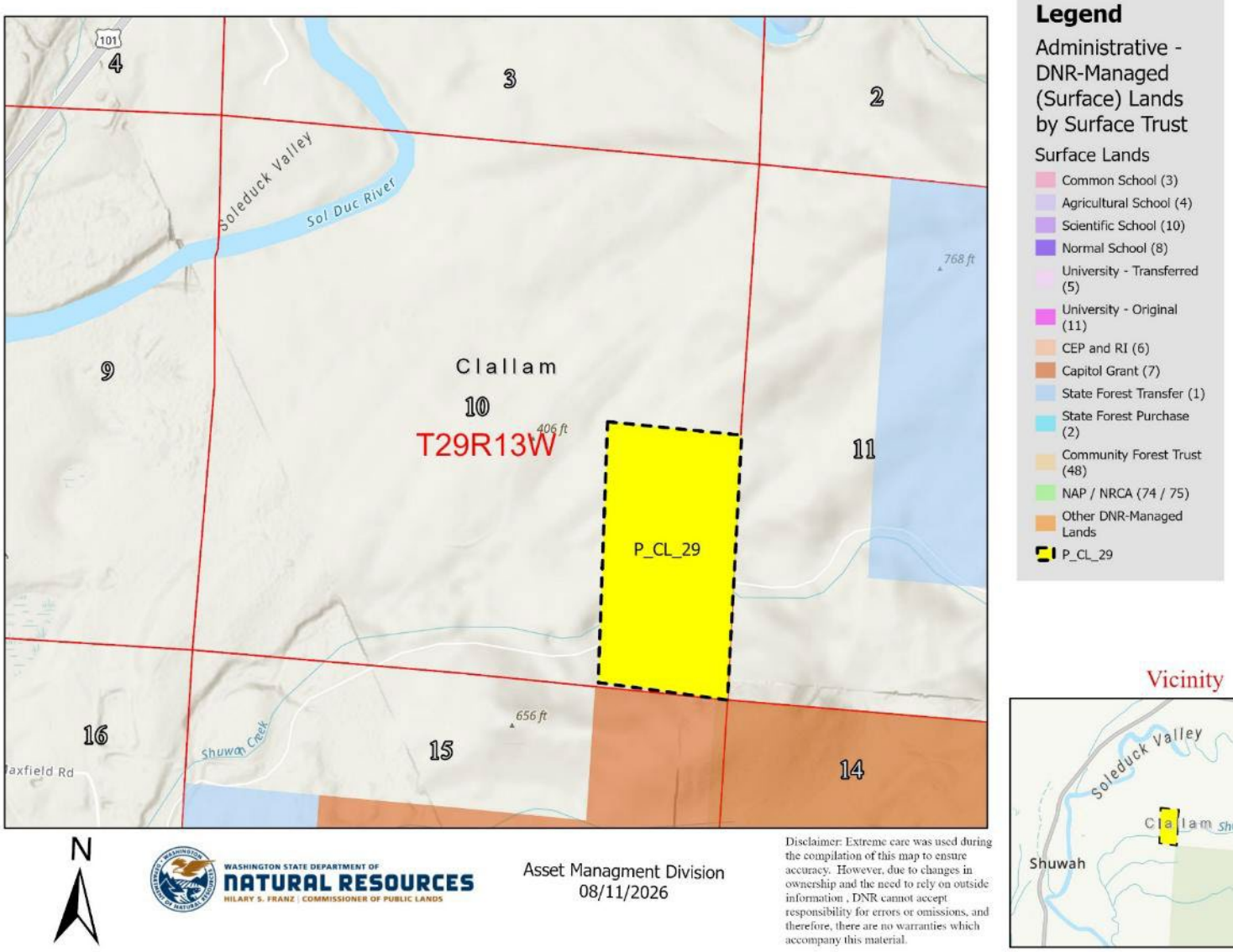
Map - P_CL_29 Vicinity



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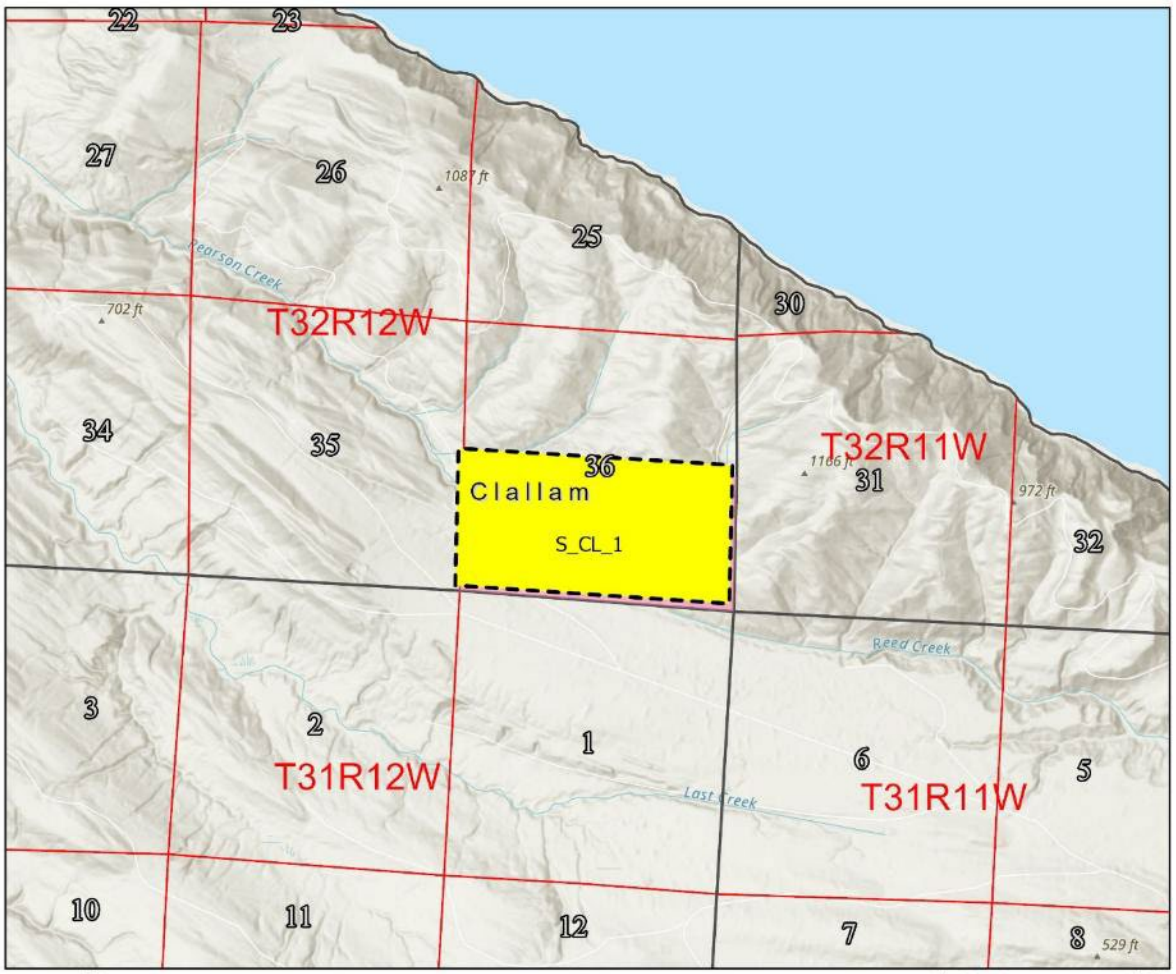
Project Name - Peninsula 2 Exchange - County - Clallam
Map - S_CL_1 Vicinity



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- Other DNR-Managed Lands
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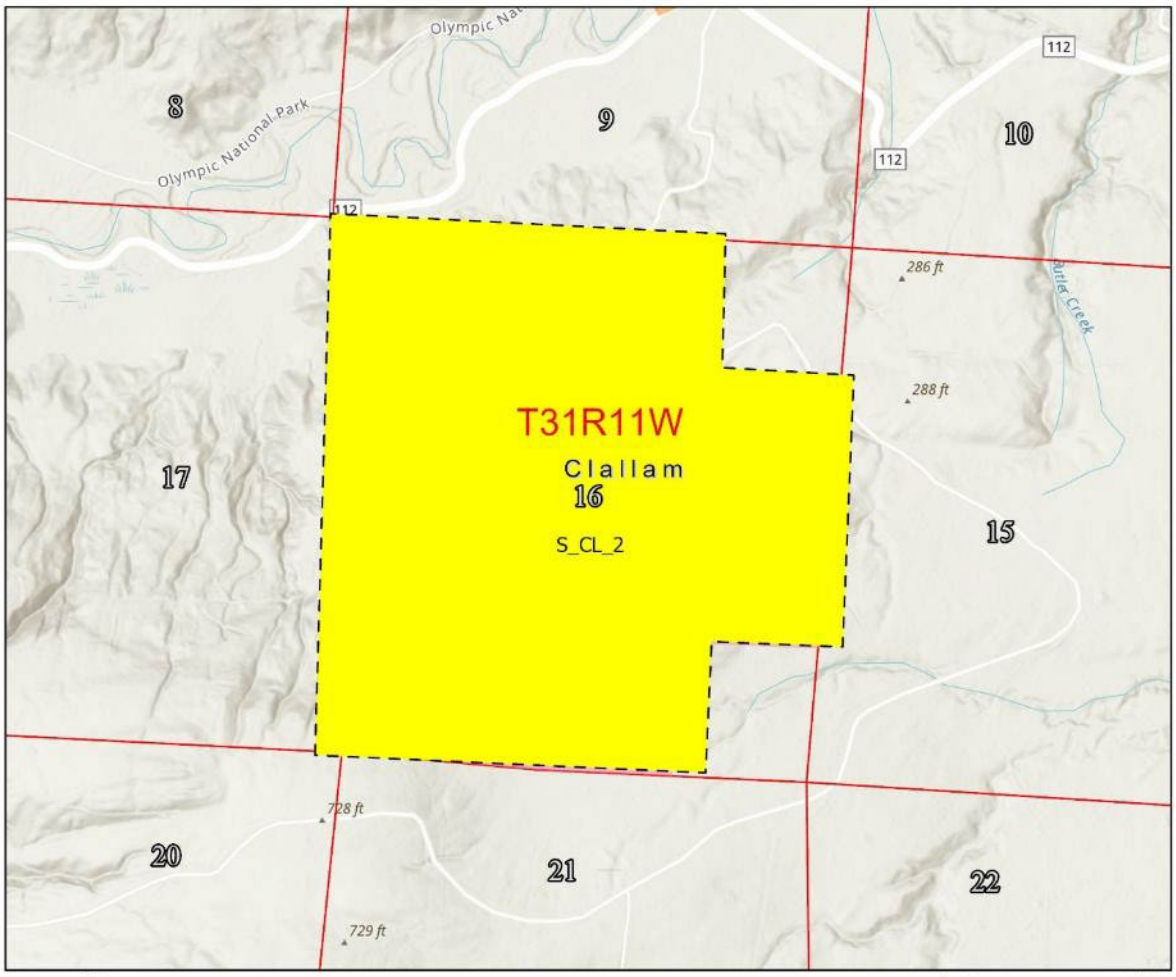
Map - S_CL_2 Vicinity



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Project Name - Peninsula 2 Exchange - County - Clallam
Map - S_CL_3 Vicinity

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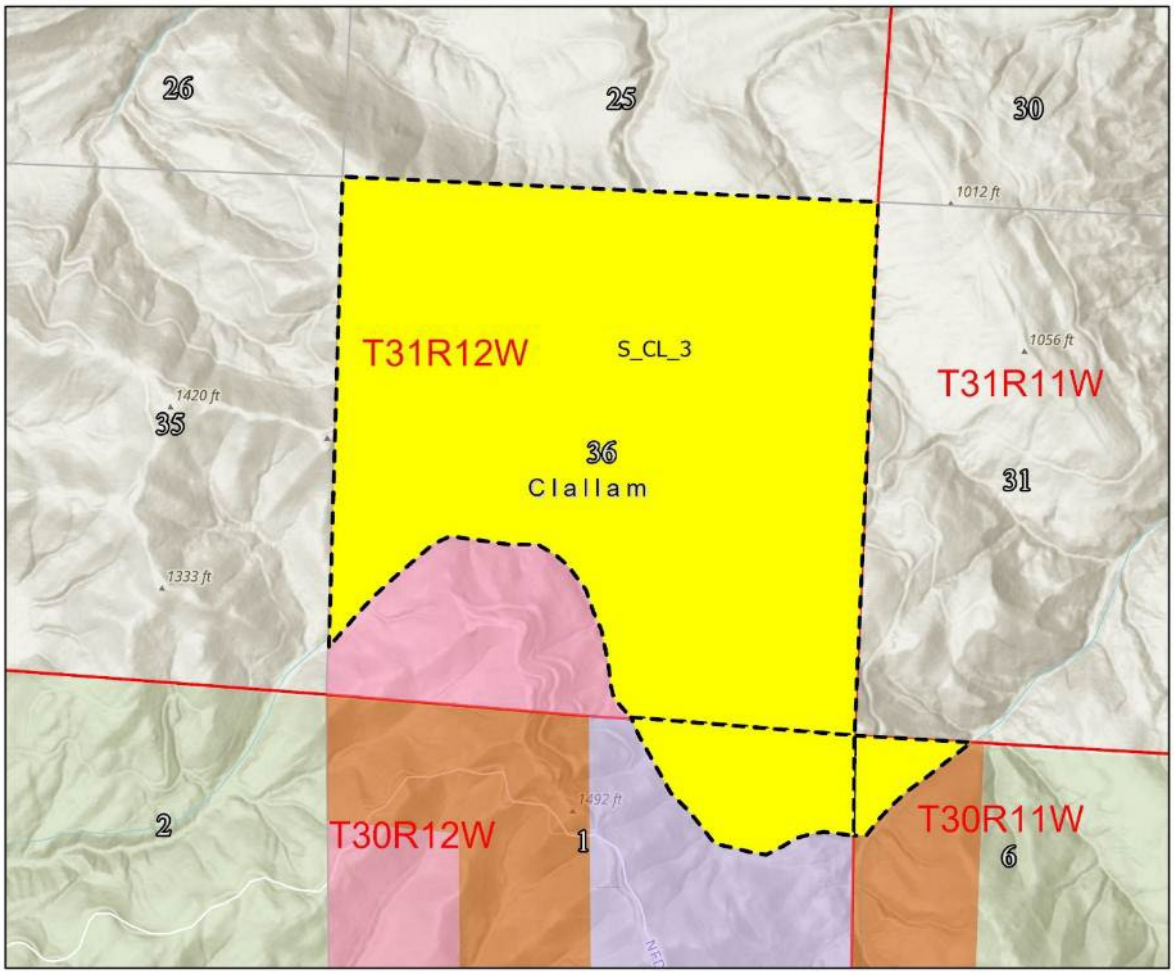

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- S_CL_3 Southeast addition
- S_CL_3 New Carve Out
- S_CL_3 South Addition

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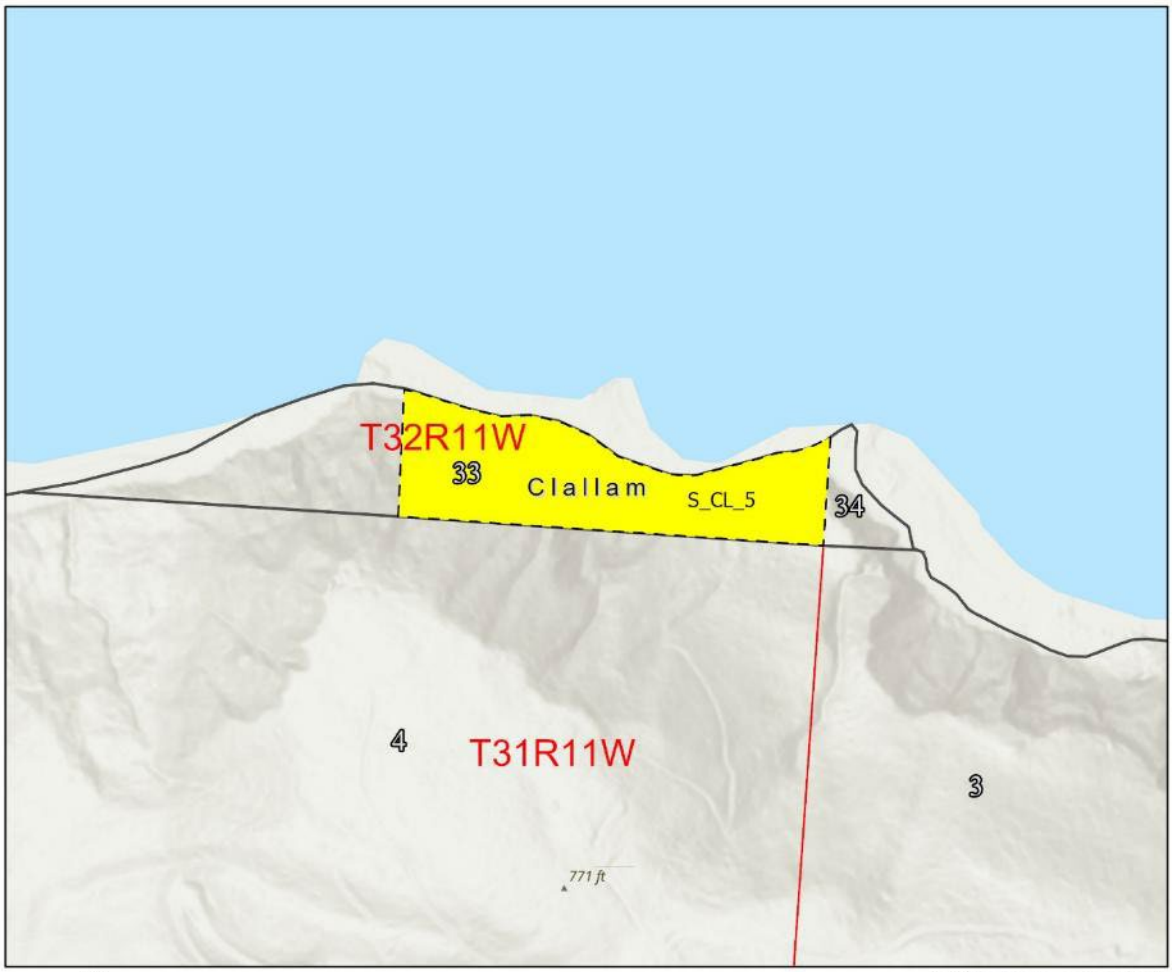
Map - S_CL_5 Vicinity



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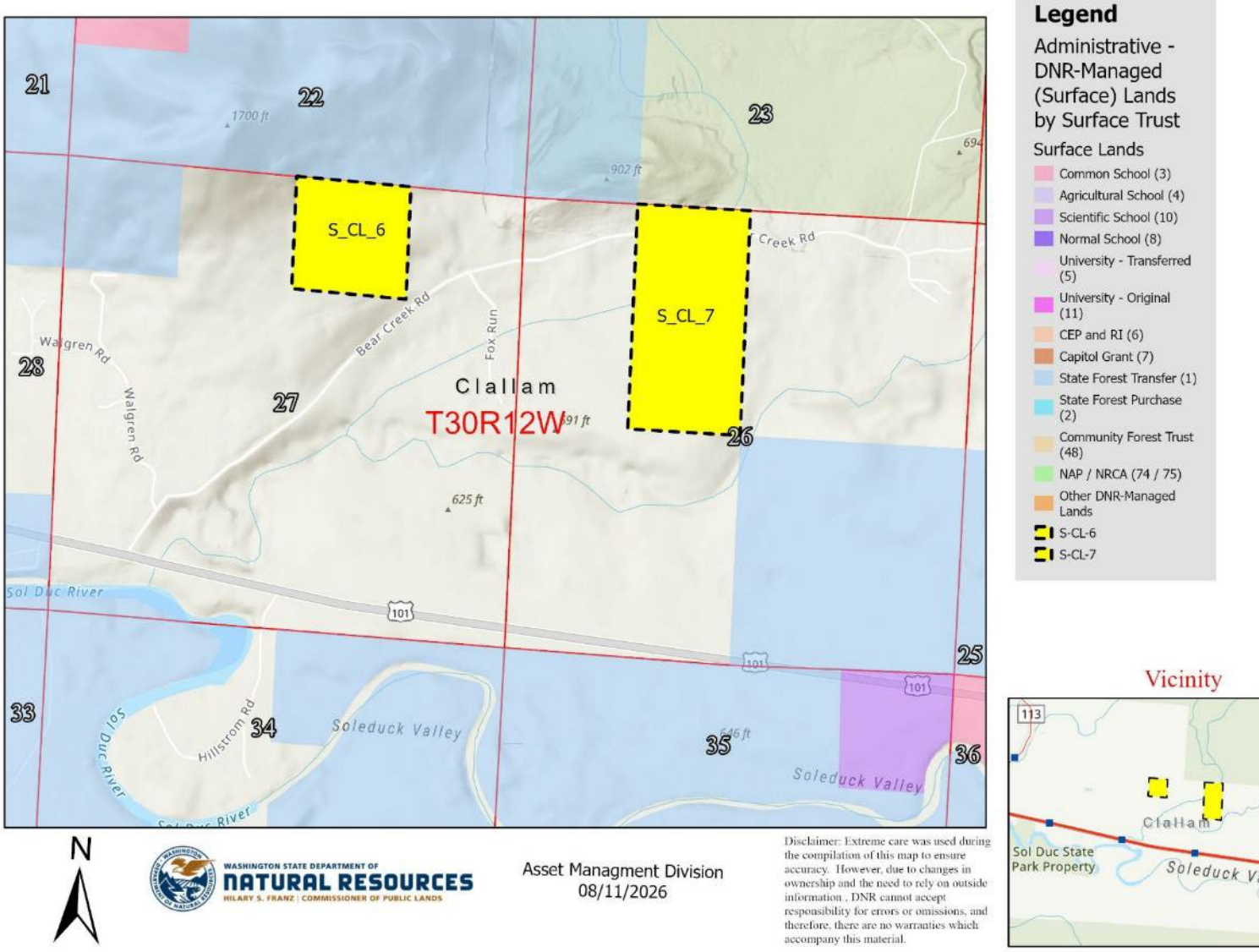
Map - S_CL_6 and 7 Vicinity



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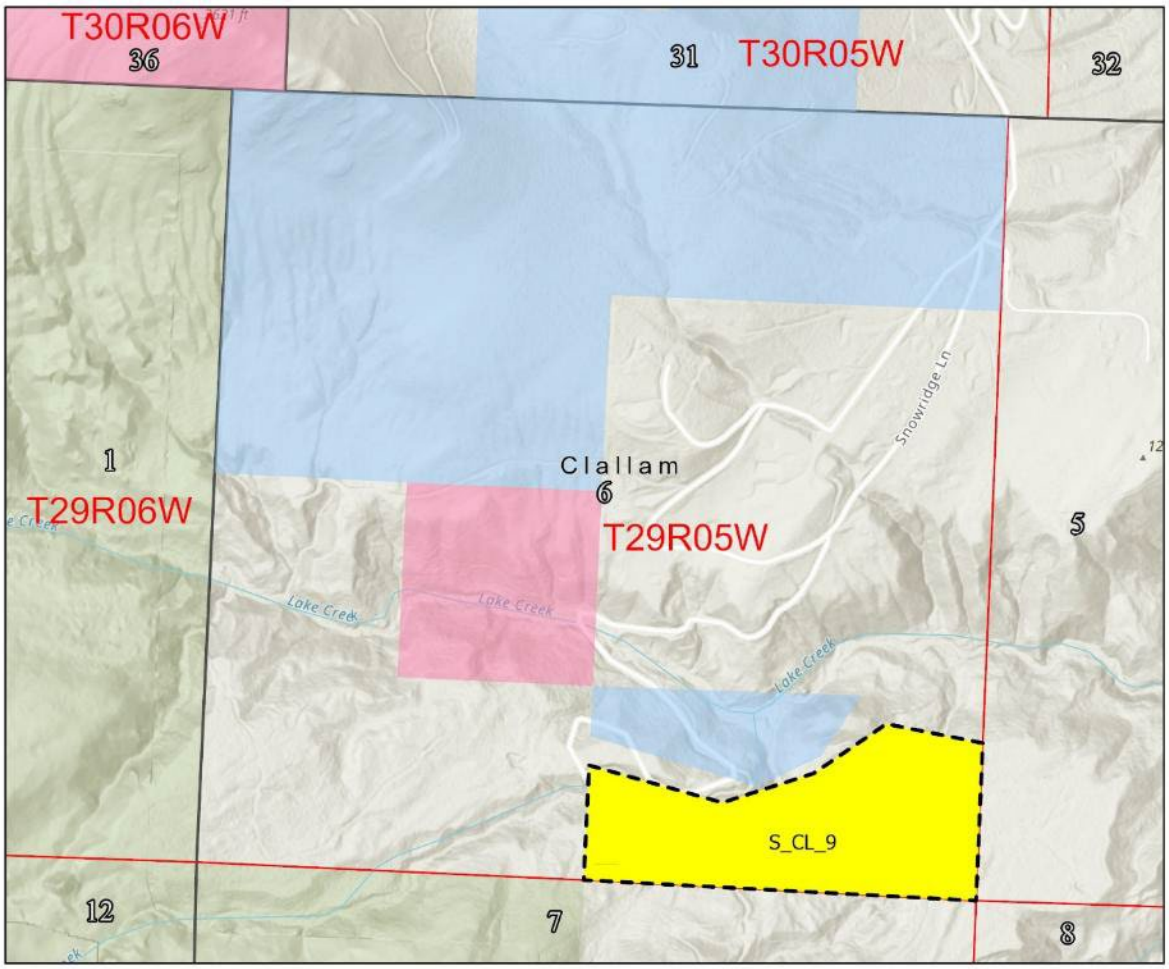
Map - S_CL_9 Vicinity



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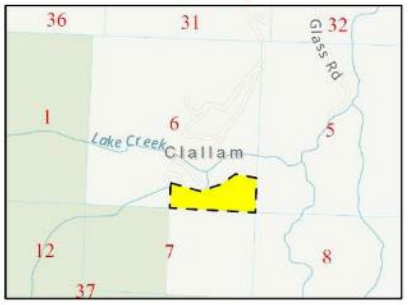

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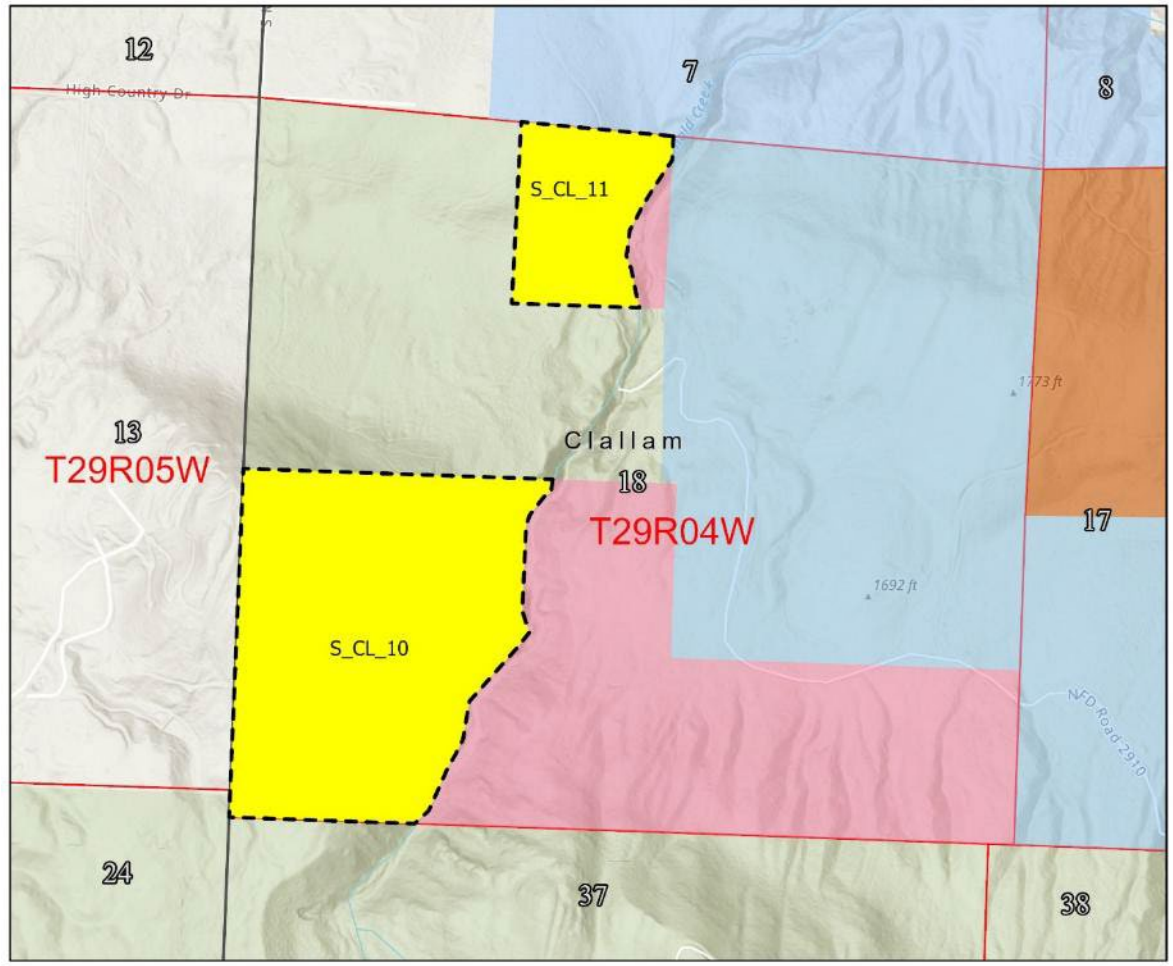
Map - S_CL_10 and 11 Vicinity



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Administrative - DNR-Managed (Surface) Lands by Surface Trust

Surface Lands

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- University - Transferred (5)
- University - Original (11)
- CEP and RI (6)
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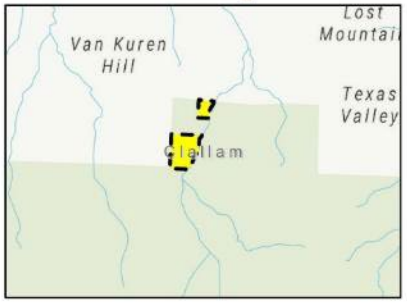

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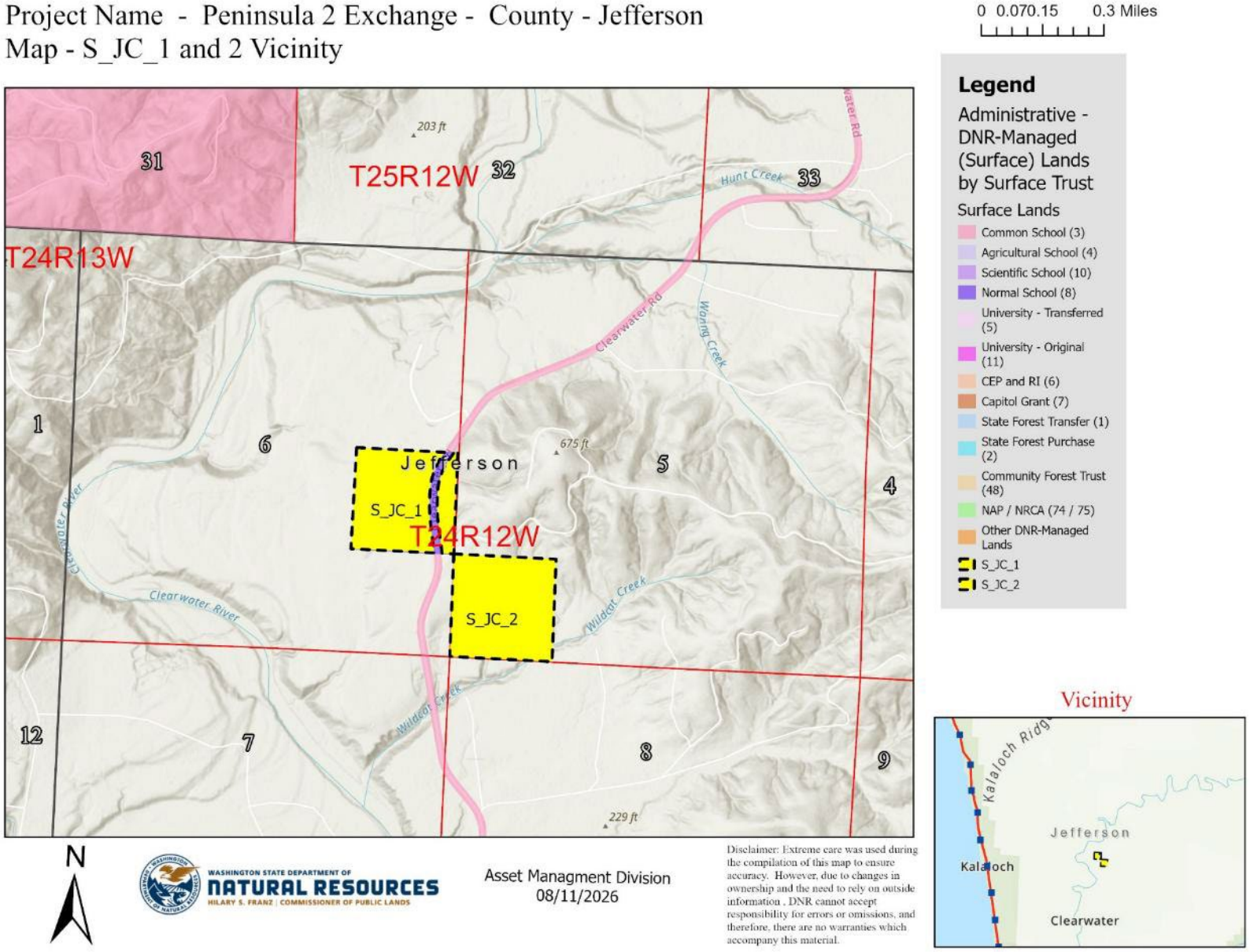
Map - S_JC_1 and 2 Vicinity



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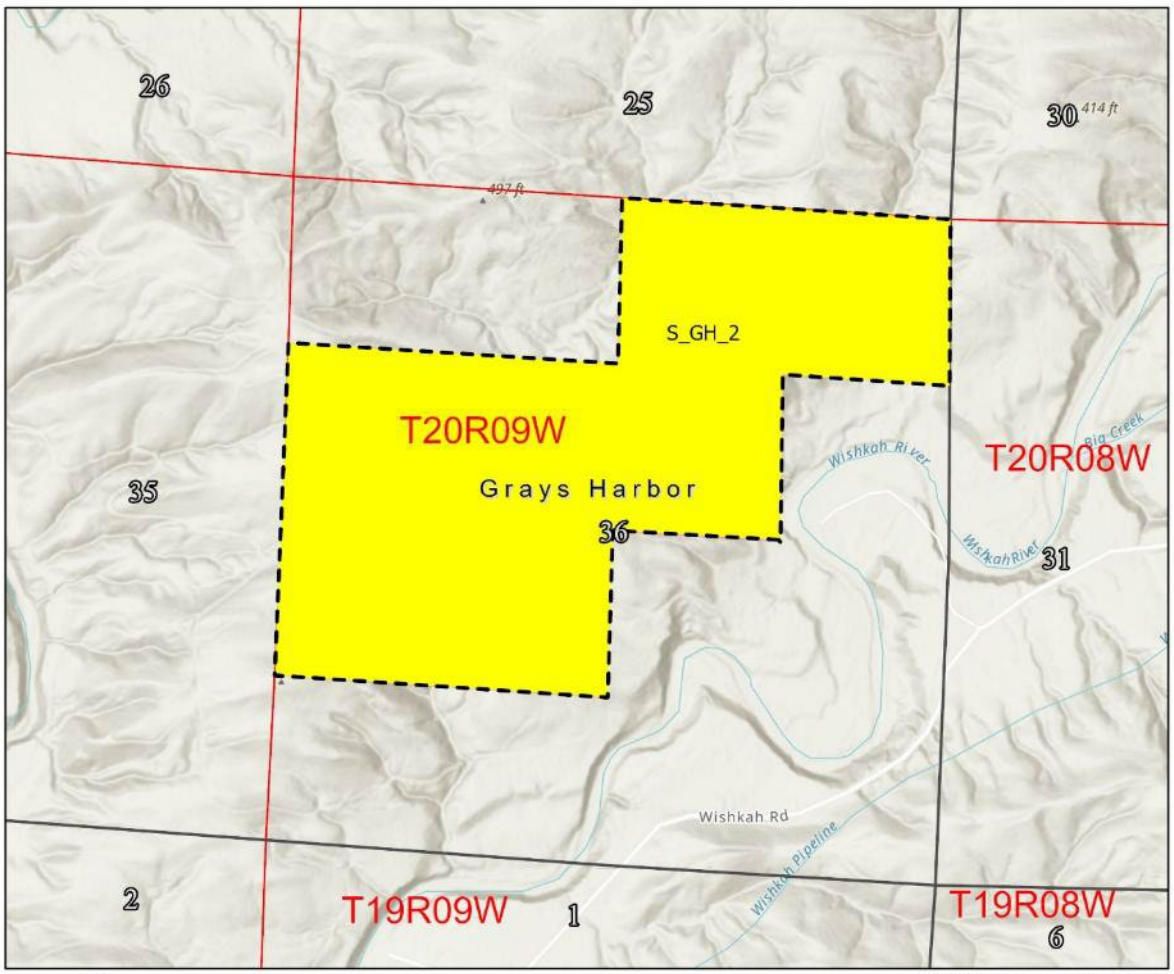
Map - S_GH_2 Vicinity



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