

# **D. Land Transaction**

## **July 14, 2023**

### **Commission Meeting**

Lisa Coffman, Lands 20/20 & Acquisition Funding Coordinator  
Karen Edwards, Real Estate Services Manager  
Wildlife Program/Lands Division



# 2023-25 Biennium Capital Budget Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

[WWRP Category Funding Levels](#)



*Capital Budget Includes  
Record \$120 Million for  
WWRP!*

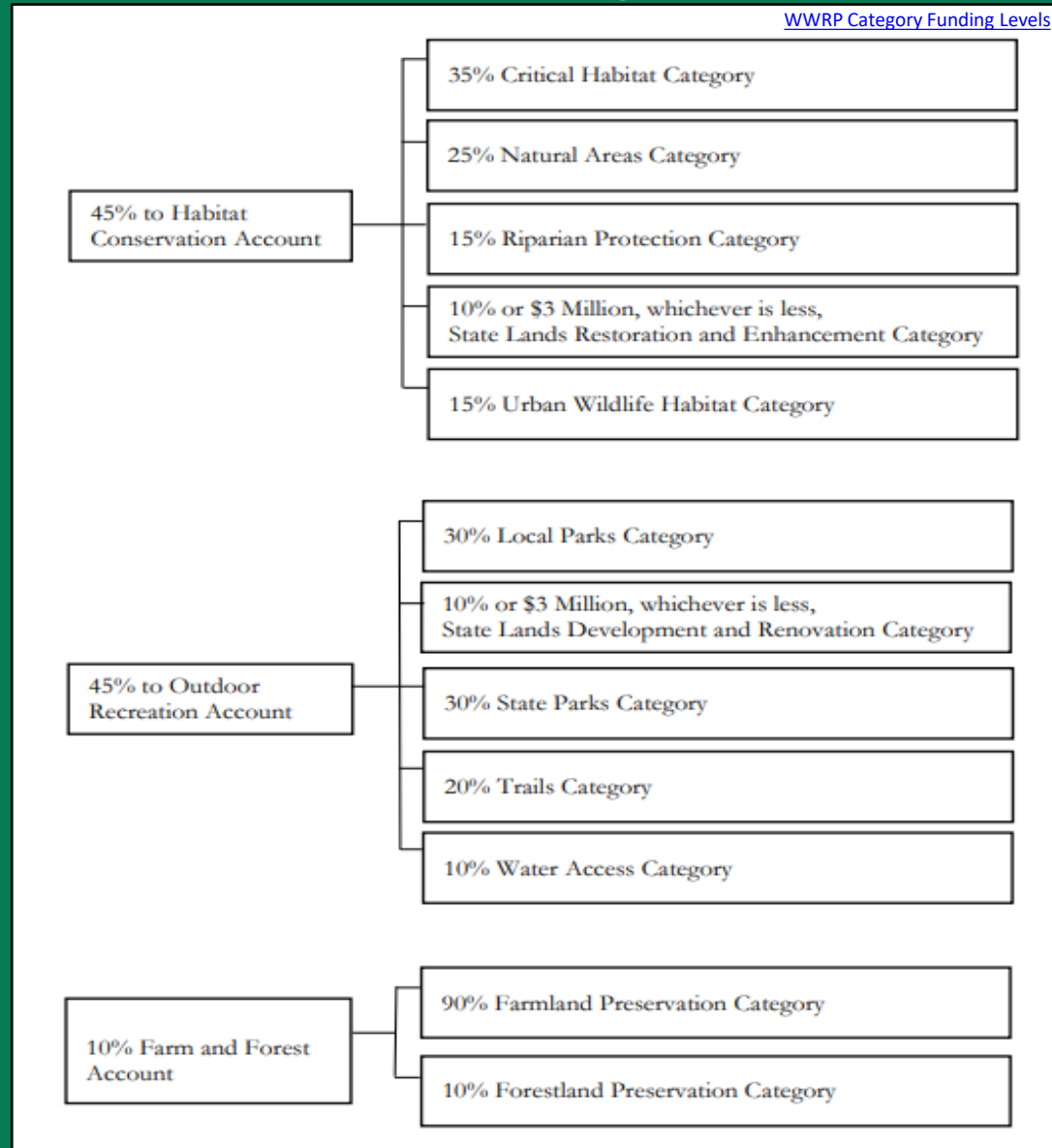
April 21, 2023

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After deliberation, the House and Senate agreed on levels for the final Capital Construction Budget for the 2023-2025 biennium. Included was \$120 million in funding for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP).

This level represents an all-time record for the WWRP! This funding for the outdoor recreation sector is a much-needed investment in our environment and in our economy. A \$20 million increase over last biennium's capital budget!



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Priority	Project	Amount Funded
<b>Critical Habitat</b>		
1	CH Klickitat Oaks Phase 1	4,329
2	CH Castle Rock Ridge Acquisition	660
3	CH South Sound Prairies <b>Funded</b>	3,345
4	CH Kane Ranch Conservation Easement	298
5	CH Hunter Mountain North <b>Funded</b>	4,500
6	CH McLoughlin Falls West <b>Returned to RCO</b>	2,220
<b>Total Critical Habitat</b>		<b>15,352</b>
<b>Riparian Protection</b>		
1	RP West Fork Washougal Conservation	1,500
2	RP Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area	3,885
3	RP Stewart Mountain Riparian Reserve	665
4	RP Hudson Cove Riparian Habitat Protection	2,122
5	RP Twin Rivers Nearshore and West Twin <b>Funded</b>	1,095
6	RP Salmon Creek Ruck Acquisition	250
7	RP Woods Lake Acquisition	297
8	RP North Willapa Bay Estuaries and Shoreline <b>Partially Funded</b>	1,922
9	RP North Okanogan County Inholdings <b>Alternate</b>	Alternate
10	RP Thorp Reach Acquisition	Alternate
11	RP Tahuya River Protection	Alternate
12	RP Cedar River Upper Royal Arch Reach Acquisition	Alternate
13	RP Clover Creek Protection Tacoma Water Acquisition	Alternate
<b>Total Riparian Protection</b>		<b>11,736</b>
<b>Water Access</b>		
1	WA Sprague's Pond Park Addition	660
2	WA Luther Burbank Park Waterfront Renovation and Upgrade	1,500
3	WA Carkeek Park Rail Overpass	1,800
4	WA Sol Duc River Access <b>Funded</b>	1,000
<b>Total Water Access</b>		<b>4,960</b>

<b>Remaining Funding</b>	
CH Critical Habitat Category	2,227
FP Farmland and Forestland Preservation	151
NA Natural Areas Category	1,239
WA Water Access Category	2,400
<b>Total Remaining Funding</b>	<b>6,017</b>



# Funded Property Acquisition Grants 2023-25 Biennium



- [Hunter Mountain North](#) - RCO WWRP - Critical Habitat
  - \$4,500,000
  - 520 acres, Okanogan County
  - Mule deer corridor
  - Lands 20/20 approval - 2022



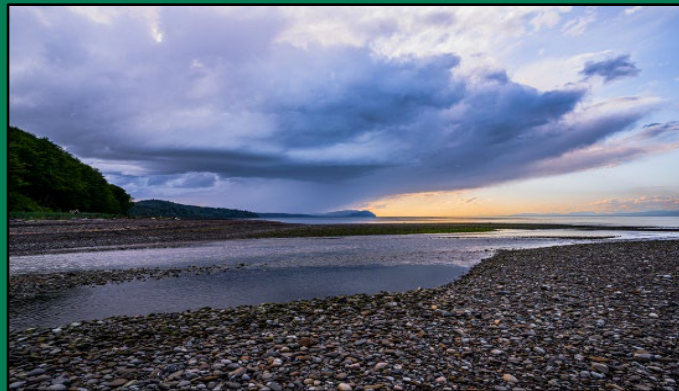
- [Sol Duc River Access](#) - RCO WWRP - Water Access
  - \$1,000,000
  - 38.12 acres, Clallam County
  - Fishing, boating and water access
  - Lands 20/20 approval - 2022



# Funded Property Acquisition Grants 2023-25 Biennium



- [South Sound Prairies](#) - RCO WWRP - Critical Habitat
  - \$3,345,000
  - 90 acres, Thurston County
  - Taylor Checkerspot butterfly, Mazama pocket gopher
  - Lands 20/20 approval - 2017
  - Combination grant. Includes development for parking lot.



- [Twin River Nearshore and West Twin](#) - RCO WWRP - Riparian
  - \$1,095,250 (pairs with 21-23 Salmon State PSAR grant \$1,330,000 & Riparian grant \$500,000)
  - 216 acres, Clallam County
  - Partnership with North Olympic Land Trust
  - Riparian habitat
  - Lands 20/20 approval - 2019





# Partially Funded & Alternate Property Acquisition Grants 2023-25 Biennium



- [North Willapa Bay Estuaries and Shoreline](#) - RCO WWRP - Riparian
  - \$3,950,000 request
  - Partially Funded @ \$1,922,000
  - Up to 1,500 acres, Pacific County
  - Riparian, shoreline and riverbank
  - Lands 20/20 approval - 2022



- [North Okanogan County Inholdings](#) - RCO WWRP - Riparian
  - \$295,000 request
  - Alternate
  - 54 acres, Okanogan County
  - Riparian habitat
  - Lands 20/20 approval - 2022



# Not Funded Acquisition Grants 2023-25 Biennium



- [McLoughlin Falls West](#) - RCO WWRP - Critical Habitatat
  - \$2,220,000
  - 730 acres, Okanogan County
  - Mule deer, sharp-tailed grouse
  - Lands 20/20 approval – 2019
  - Returned to RCO. Acquired by Colville Confederated Tribes.



- [Maloney Mountain](#) - RCO WWRP - Critical Habitatat
  - \$550,000
  - 145 acres, Columbia County
  - Mule deer corridor
  - Lands 20/20 approval – 2022
  - Not funded. No legislative authority for funding.

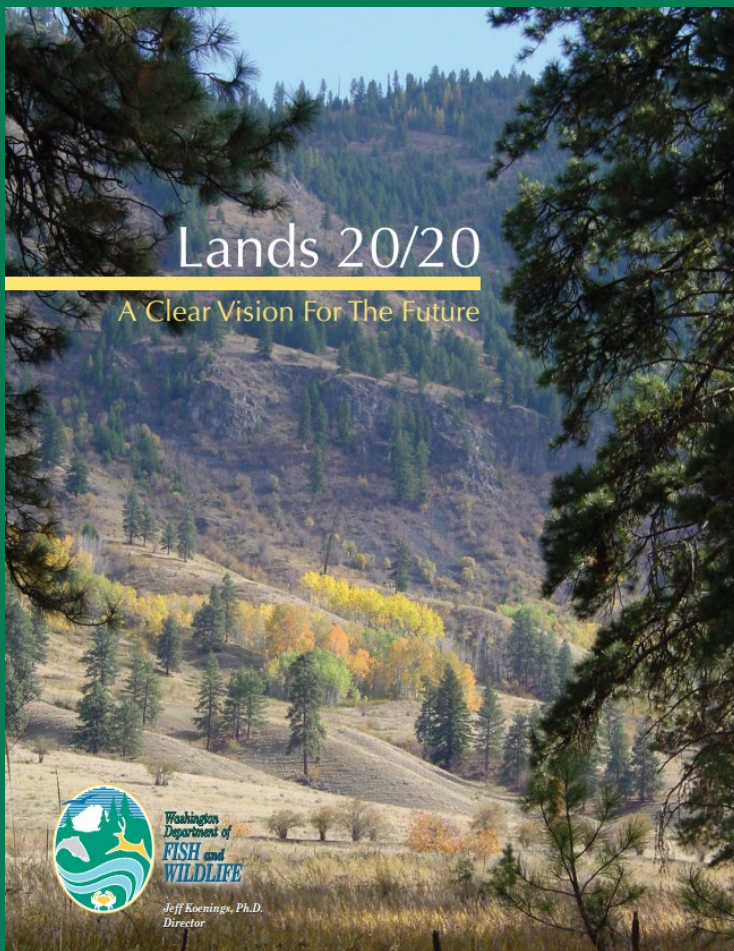




# Strategic Acquisition Priorities for Land Acquisitions

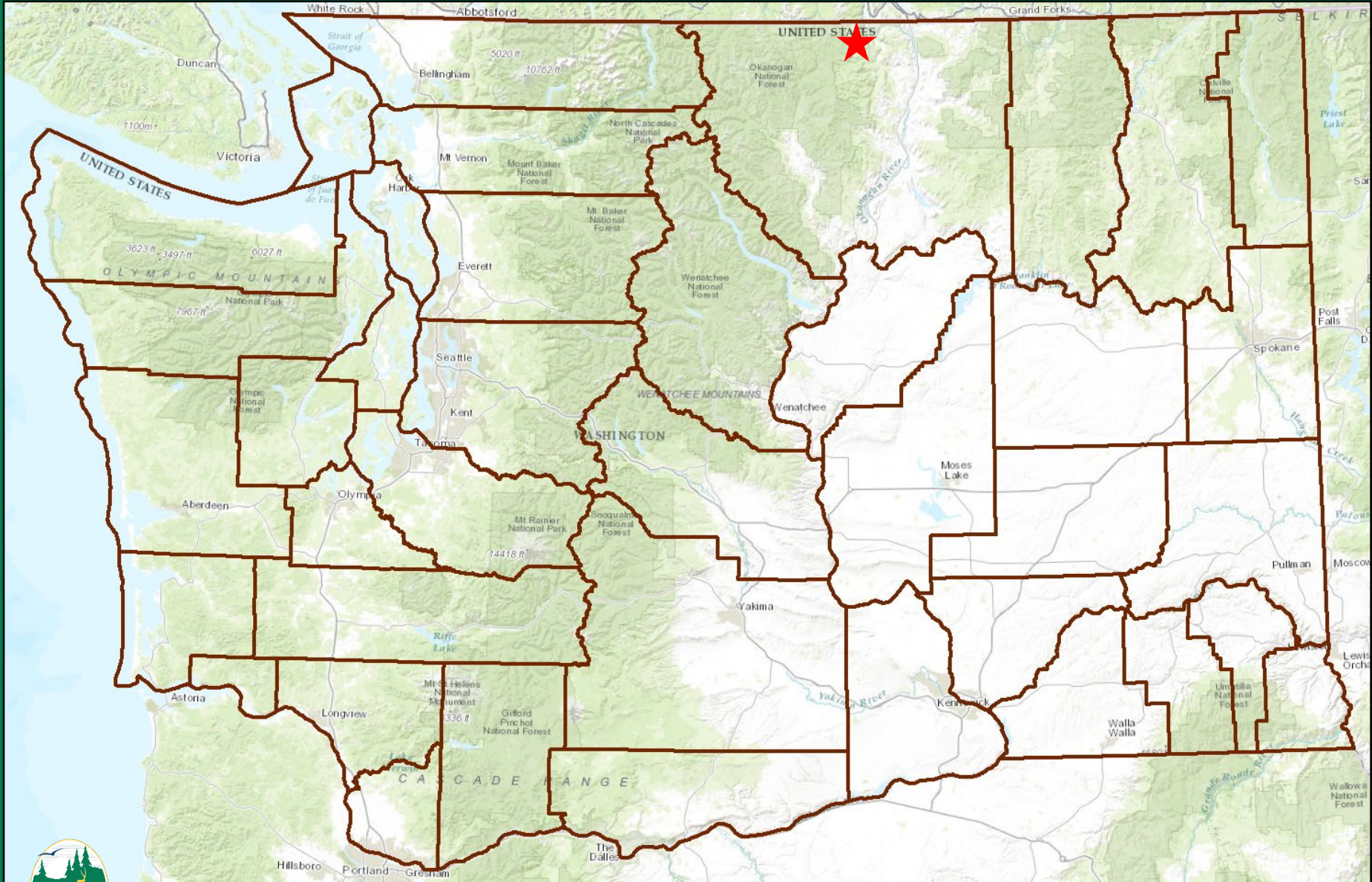
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Designed to provide guidance on what land to buy and where to buy it in support of WDFW's [Mission](#) and mandate ([RCW 77.04.012](#)) to preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage fish and wildlife species of the state, and provide recreational opportunities. Prior to acquiring a parcel of land, a deliberate process is used to ensure fee-title acquisition is better than any other tools available: conservation easement, voluntary protection, regulatory protection, ownership by a local land trust, another state agency or local entity, incentives, or education of landowner. Outcome...

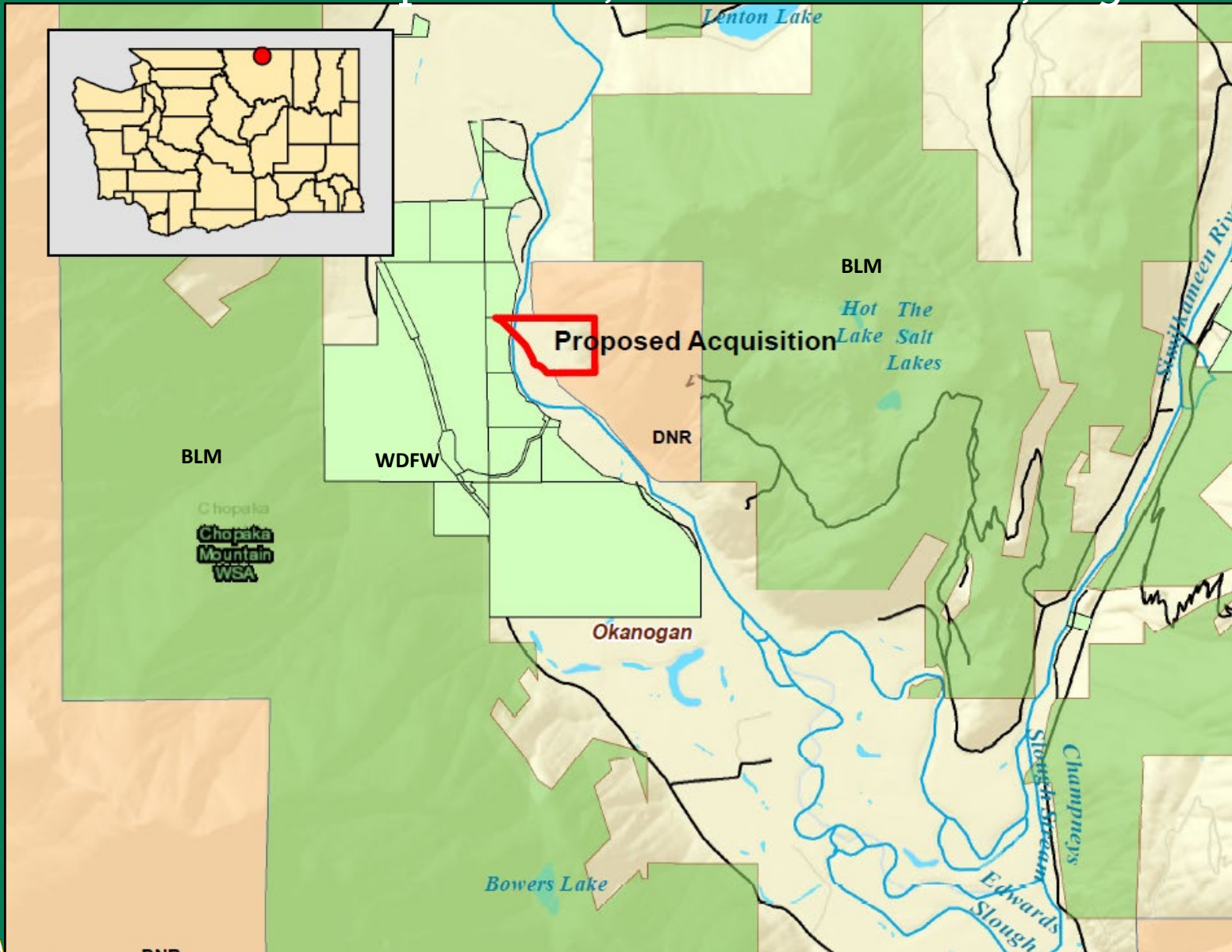




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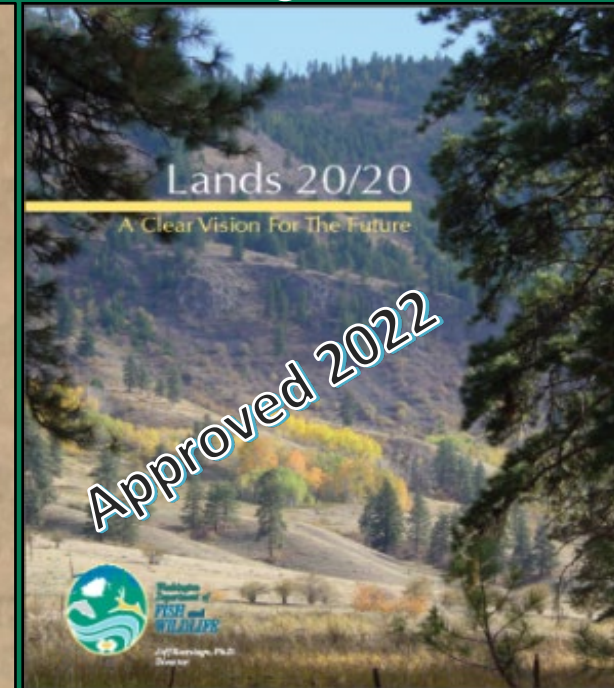


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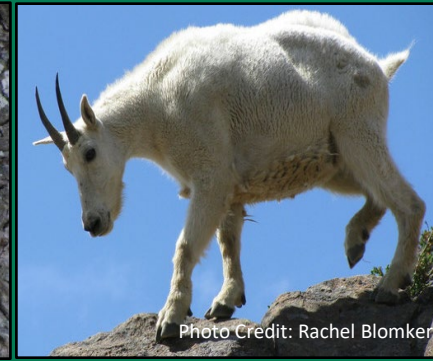
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# Questions



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