Proposed Land Transactions

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Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: April 13-14, 2018

Agenda item: Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing, and Decision

Presenter(s): Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Services Section Manager, Lands

Division, Wildlife Program

Background summary:

Item 1: Stemilt: This proposal is to acquire 1,276 (+/-) acres in southern Chelan County and completes a longstanding effort to support wildlife and habitat values in the Stemilt Creek subbasin of the Stemilt-Squilchuck Watershed. The acquisition property is comprised of two full sections of land owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) which were appraised at \$1,778,000.

The fund source for this transaction is a USFWS Section 6 grant intended to protect habitat critical for the over-wintering elk and deer populations in the region that serve as the prey base for large carnivores. Acquisition of this target property provides additional protection of upland zones for ESA Listed Northern Spotted Owl. Operations and Maintenance costs are anticipated to be \$16,588 per year and the PILT payment to Chelan County is approximately \$3,764. Maintaining public ownership will continue recreational opportunities for wildlife watchers, hunters and fishers while supporting the community vision developed by the Stemilt Partnership in 2007.

Item 2: The Northshore Utility District of Kenmore, Washington, has requested a realignment of the sewer easement it holds underneath Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Kenmore Boat Launch on the Sammamish River in King County. The project will upgrade the pipe and relocate it to minimize potential environmental impacts in a seismic event and to make room for a bridge improvement project planned by the City of Kenmore.

The project requires amending the legal description for the easement, which will be equivalent in size to the existing one. Impacts to public use of the boat launch during construction are expected to be minimal.

Staff recommendation:

Approve the lands transactions as presented.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

- Protecting critical fish and wildlife habitat and providing public recreational opportunities.
- Providing responsible property management.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

This acquisition is funded by a grant from USFWS Section 6. This project was also approved through the agency's Lands 20/20 process.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Approve the lands transactions as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to approve the lands transactions as presented.

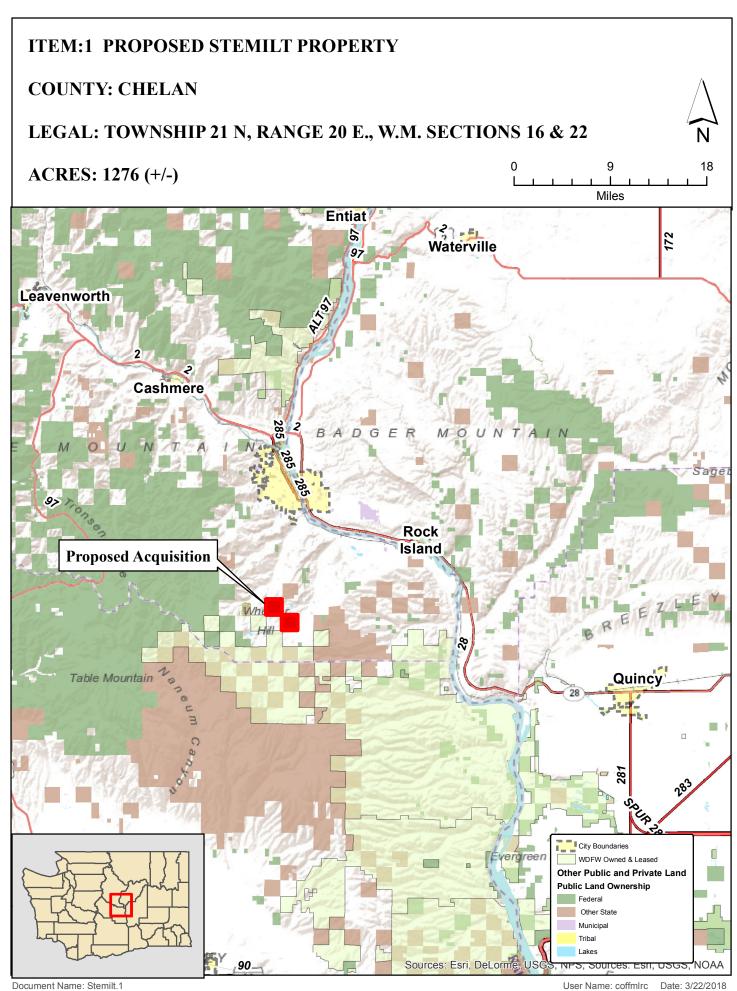
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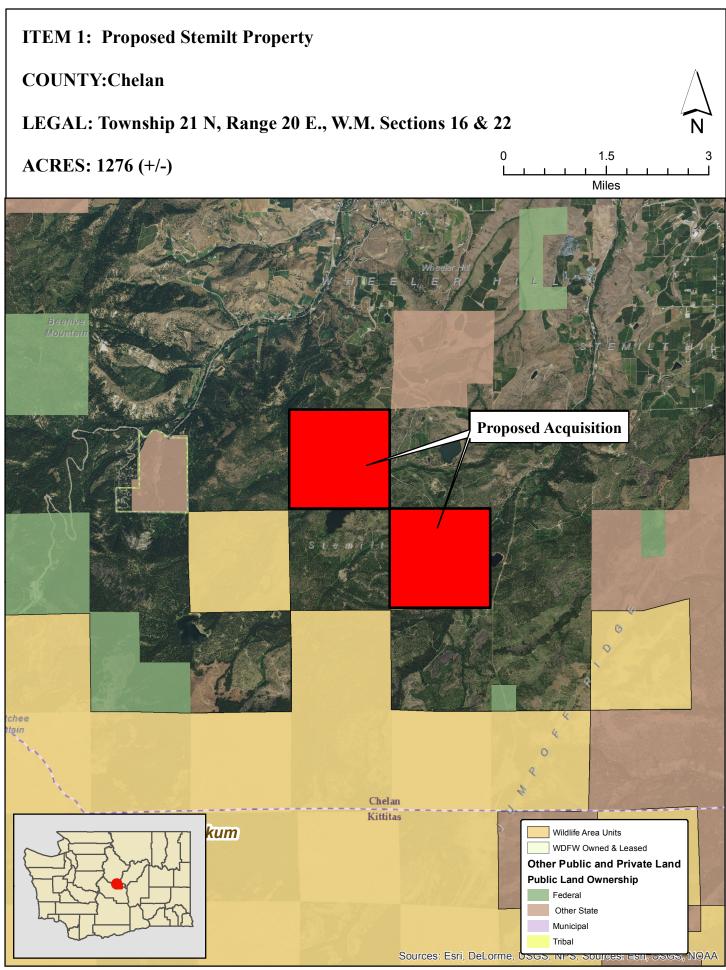
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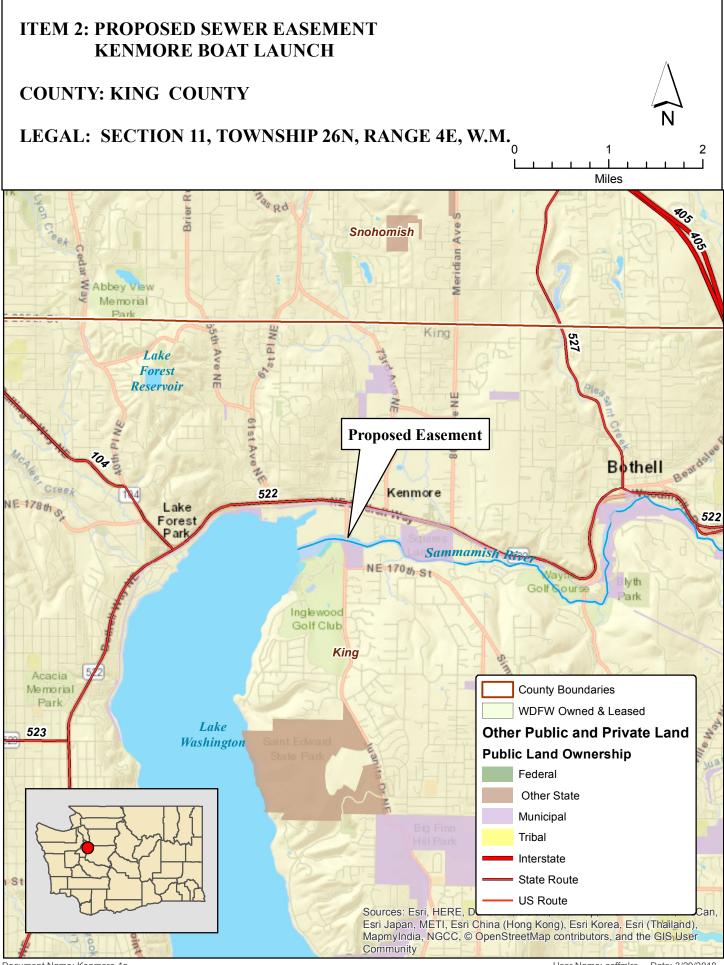
Post decision communications plan:

News Release

Form revised 2-15-18







ITEM 2: PROPOSED SEWER EASEMENT

KENMORE BOAT LAUNCH

COUNTY: KING COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 26 N, RANGE 4 E, W.M.

