

# PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS

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## Summary Sheet

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**Meeting dates:** January 17 - 18, 2020 Commission Meeting  
**Agenda item:** Proposed Land Transaction  
**Presenter(s):** Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Services Manager

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**Background summary:**

**Item 1:** The Bear Canyon acquisition proposal is to purchase 92 (+/-) acres in Yakima County within the Oak Creek Wildlife Area along the Tieton River. This site is unique as it has both island and side channel habitats which are extremely limited on the Tieton River. Protecting and enhancing this habitat will be beneficial for ESA listed bull trout and steelhead. In addition, removing the potential for domestic livestock (sheep and goats) within the Tieton bighorn sheep range is significant for future reintroduction efforts. Acquiring this property will increase public land open for outdoor recreation including additional river access on a popular fly-fishing river.

The appraised value of this property is \$513,600 and funding is being provided through a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant administered by the Recreation and Conservation Office. Initial operations and maintenance (O/M) costs for necessary survey, fencing and weed control will be covered by grant funding used for this acquisition. Agency budget requests now include longer term O/M costs which are anticipated to be \$52/acre.

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**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommend approval of this transaction.

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**Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

Protecting critical fish and wildlife habitat and providing public recreational opportunities.

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

See Operations and Maintenance costs above.

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

This project was approved through the agency's Lands 20/20 Process.

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**Action requested and/or proposed next steps:**

Approval of the Land Transaction as presented

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**Draft motion language:**

Motion: I move to approve the transaction as presented by staff.

Is there a "second"?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed

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**Post decision communications plan:**

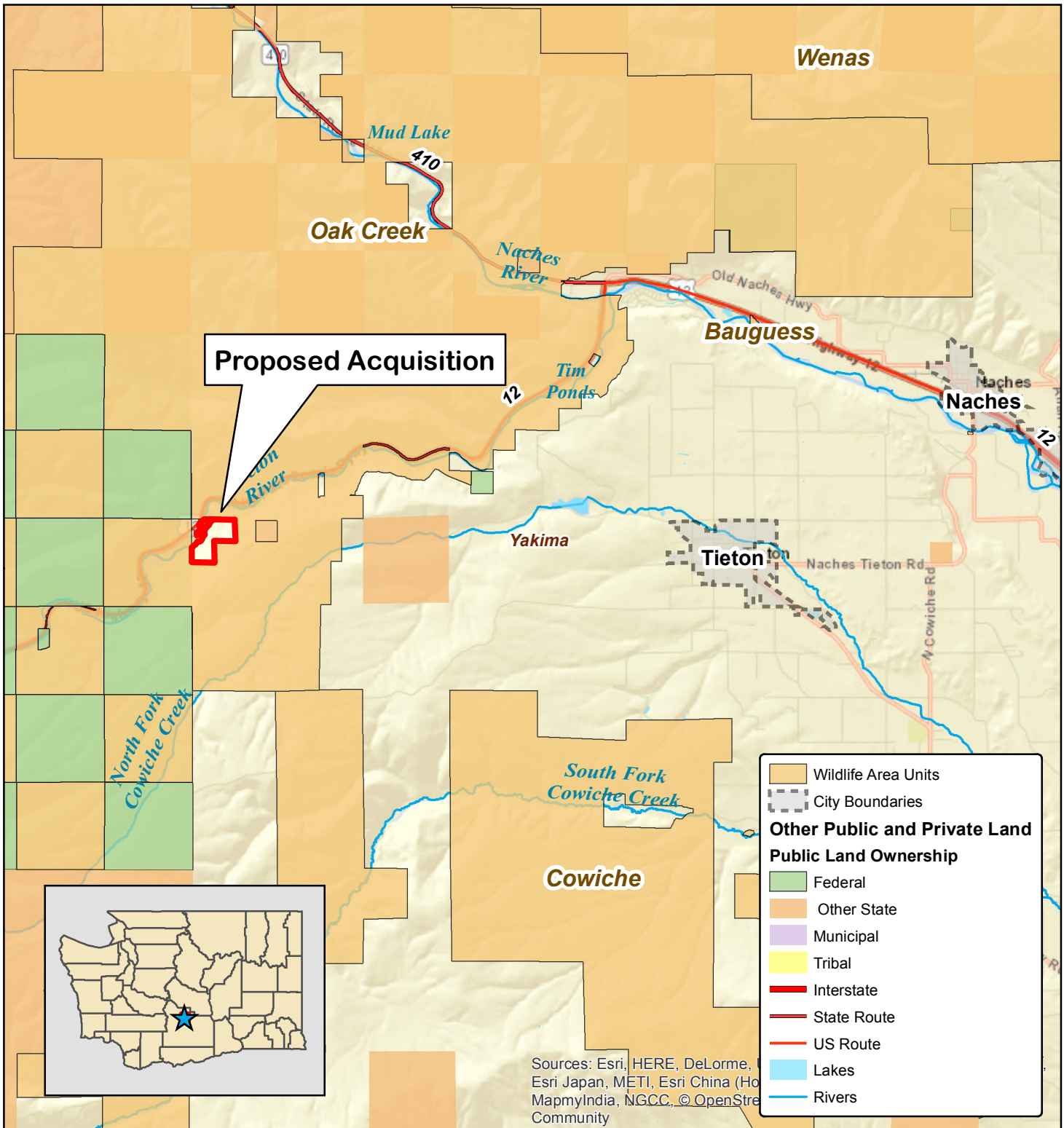
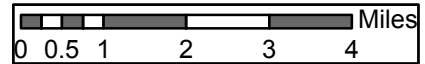
WDFW will distribute a press release informing the public of this action.

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LEGAL: TOWNSHIP 16 N, RANGE 14 E., W.M. , SECTION 18

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