

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board  
Presentation

Overview of the Salmon  
Recovery Regions

For FBRB Members

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014



# WA Salmon Recovery Regional Organizations

State Salmon Barrier Committee  
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Who we are?  
What we do?  
How can we help?



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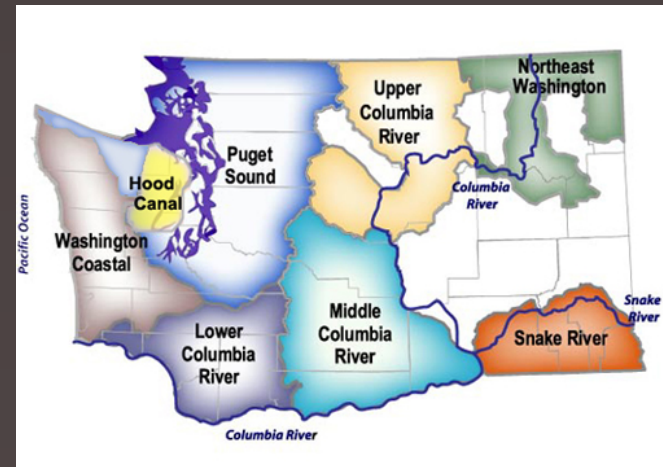


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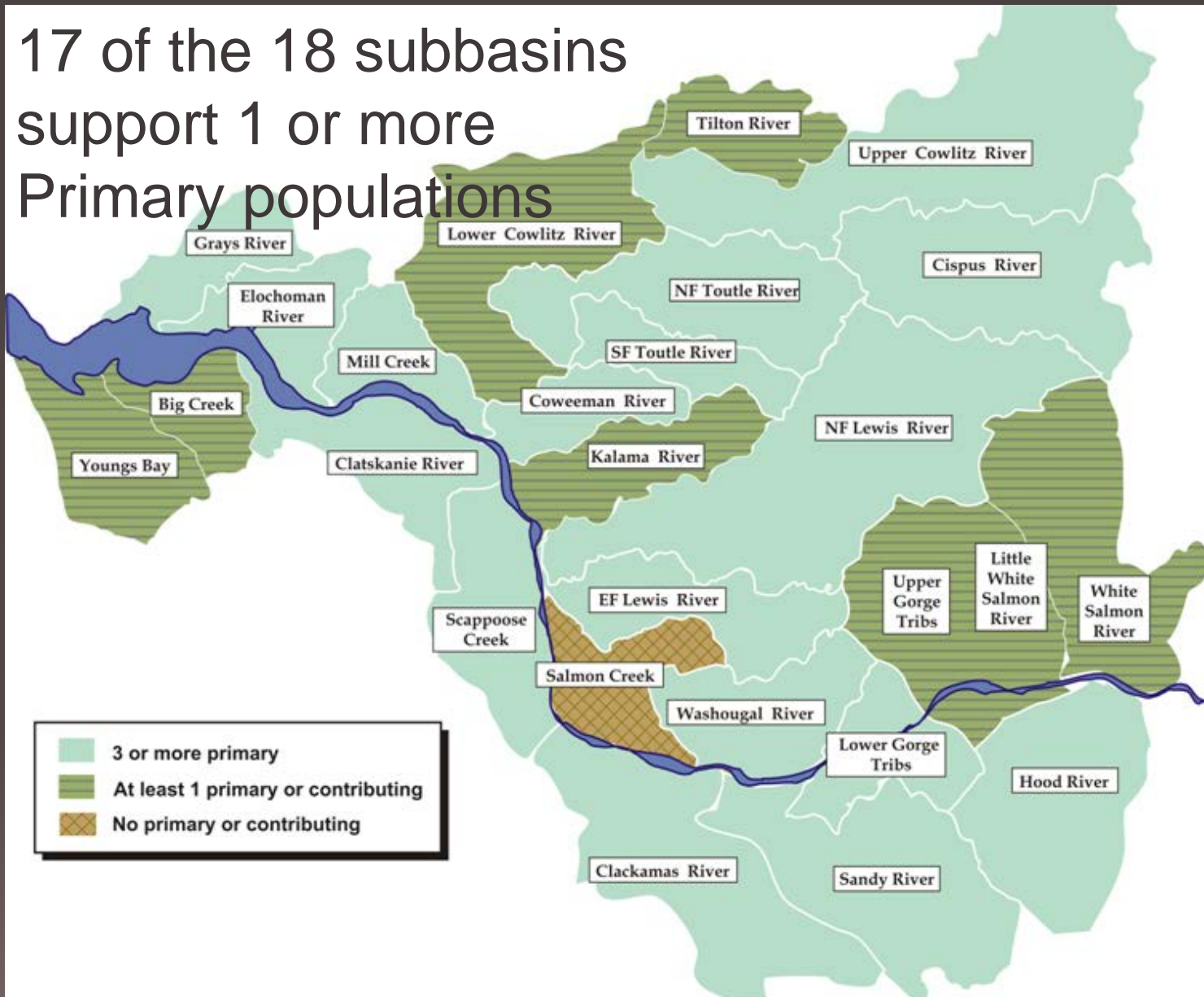
- Develop recovery plans to restore salmon, steelhead and bull trout to healthy harvestable levels
- Facilitate recovery plan implementation through federal, state and local partnerships
- Guide recovery investments
- Monitor progress
- Build public awareness and support

# WA Salmon Recovery Facts

- Over 20,000 anadromous tributary and marine shore miles
- 224 distinct populations of Chinook, chum, steelhead, bull trout and sockeye listed as either Threatened or Endangered throughout the state
- Restoring habitat in 55 of the 64 WRIAs throughout the state



# 17 of the 18 subbasins support 1 or more Primary populations

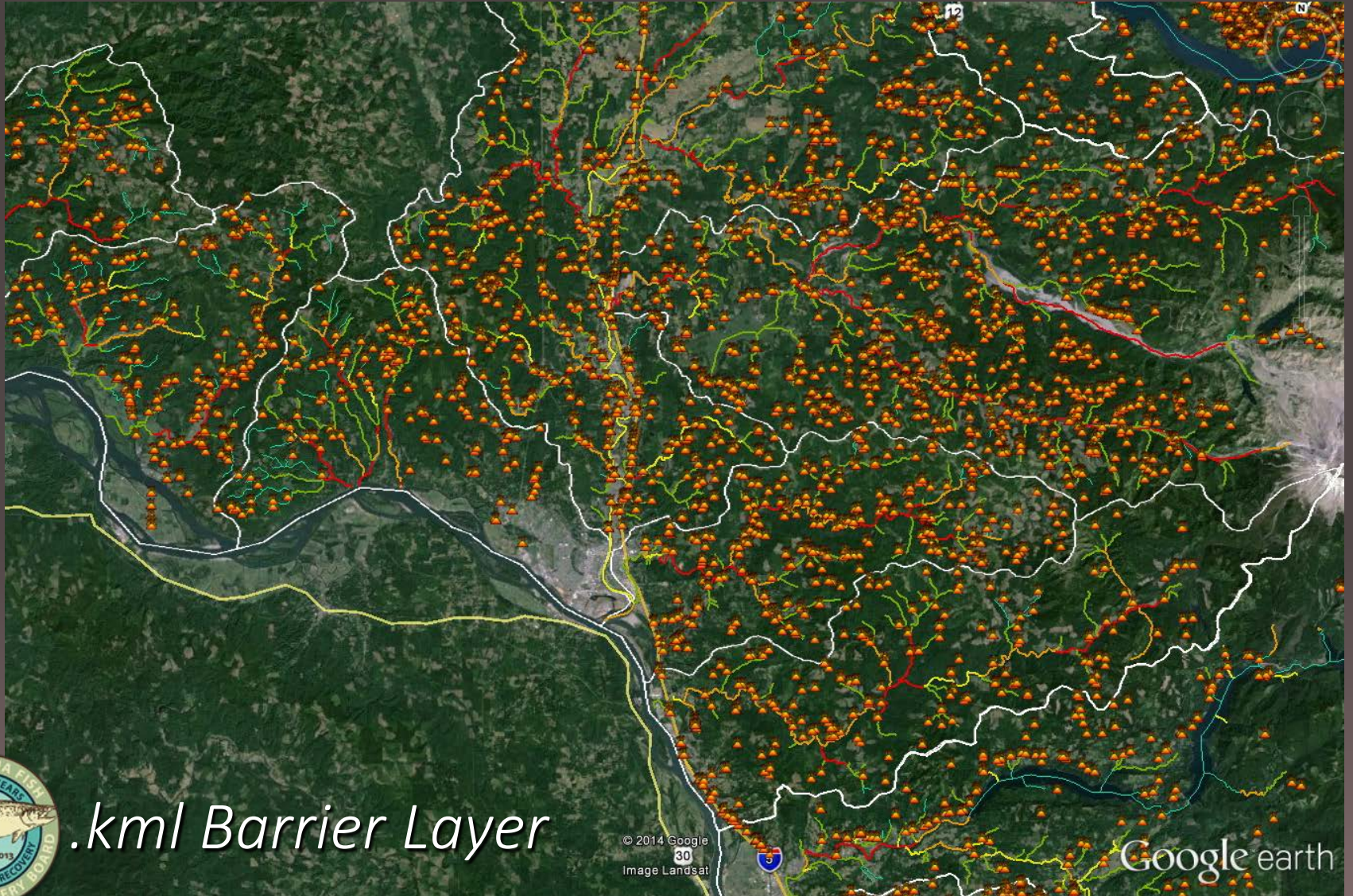


The Recovery Plan estimates that more than 50% of the habitat has been lost

Spring Chinook	↘75%
Fall Chinook	↘30-90%
Chum	↘95%
Coho	↘40-95%
Steelhead	↘40-90%



# LCFRB Regional Culvert Inventory and Tidegate Assessment



*.kml Barrier Layer*



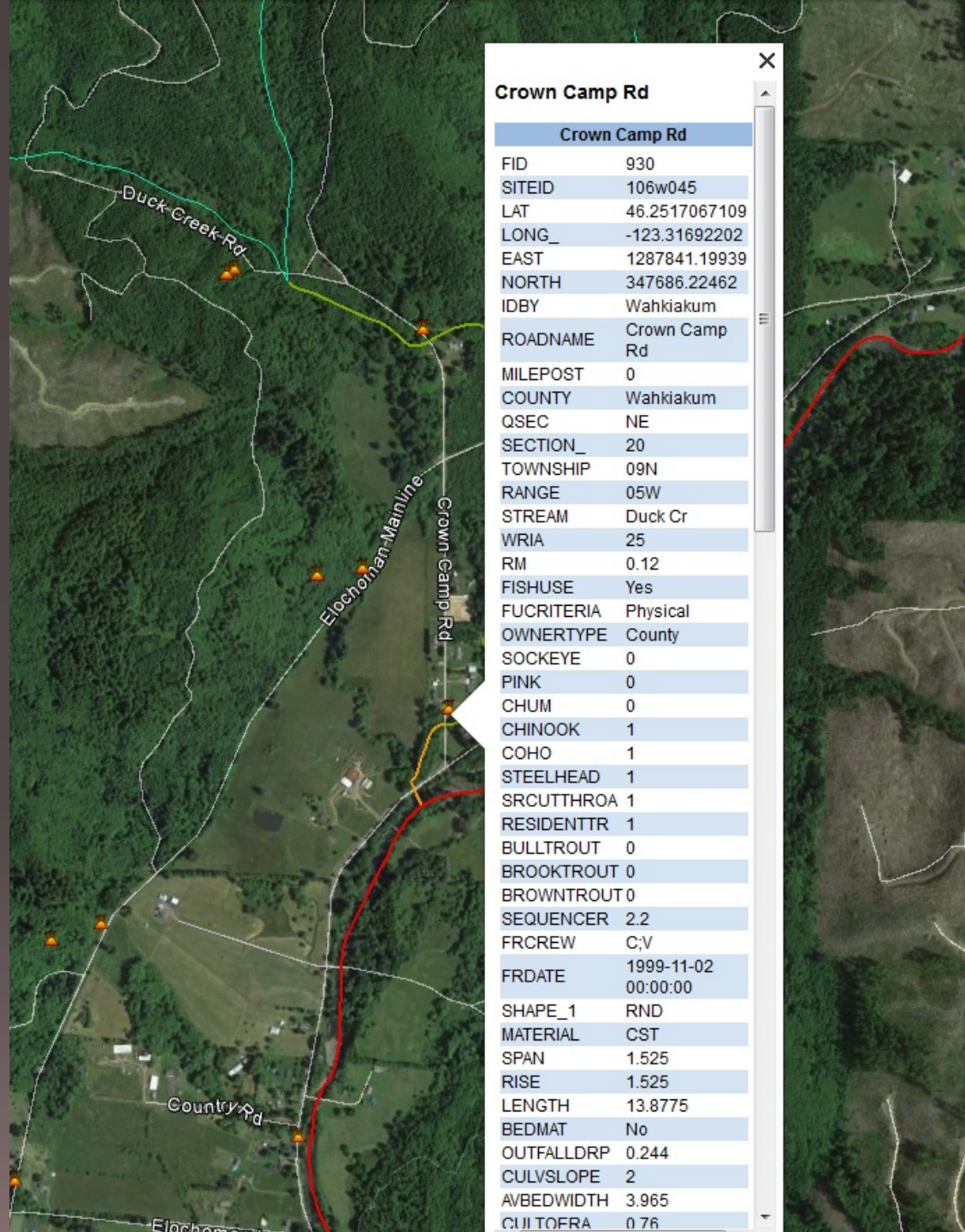
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# Culvert data





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### SALMONPORT

#### Welcome to the LCFRB's Online Habitat Strategy & Project Tracking System!

Lower Columbia salmon, steelhead, and bull trout are threatened to become extinct! Resourceful and creative solutions are needed to recover these important salmon runs. In response to this crisis the Washington Legislature created the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board to coordinate efforts in Southwest Washington to help reverse the declining trend. Our goal is to –

- Recover salmon, steelhead and bull trout to healthy, harvestable levels that will sustain sport, commercial, and tribal fishing;
- Restore the region's rivers and streams to support spawning, rearing and migrating fish by strategically implementing habitat protection and restoration projects; and
- Support programs that improve local land use measures, hydro-power and hatchery operations and harvest practices.

SalmonPORT is our way of tracking progress. For more than a decade our partners have been engaged in projects and programs that address more than 350 actions listed in the NOAA adopted recovery plan.

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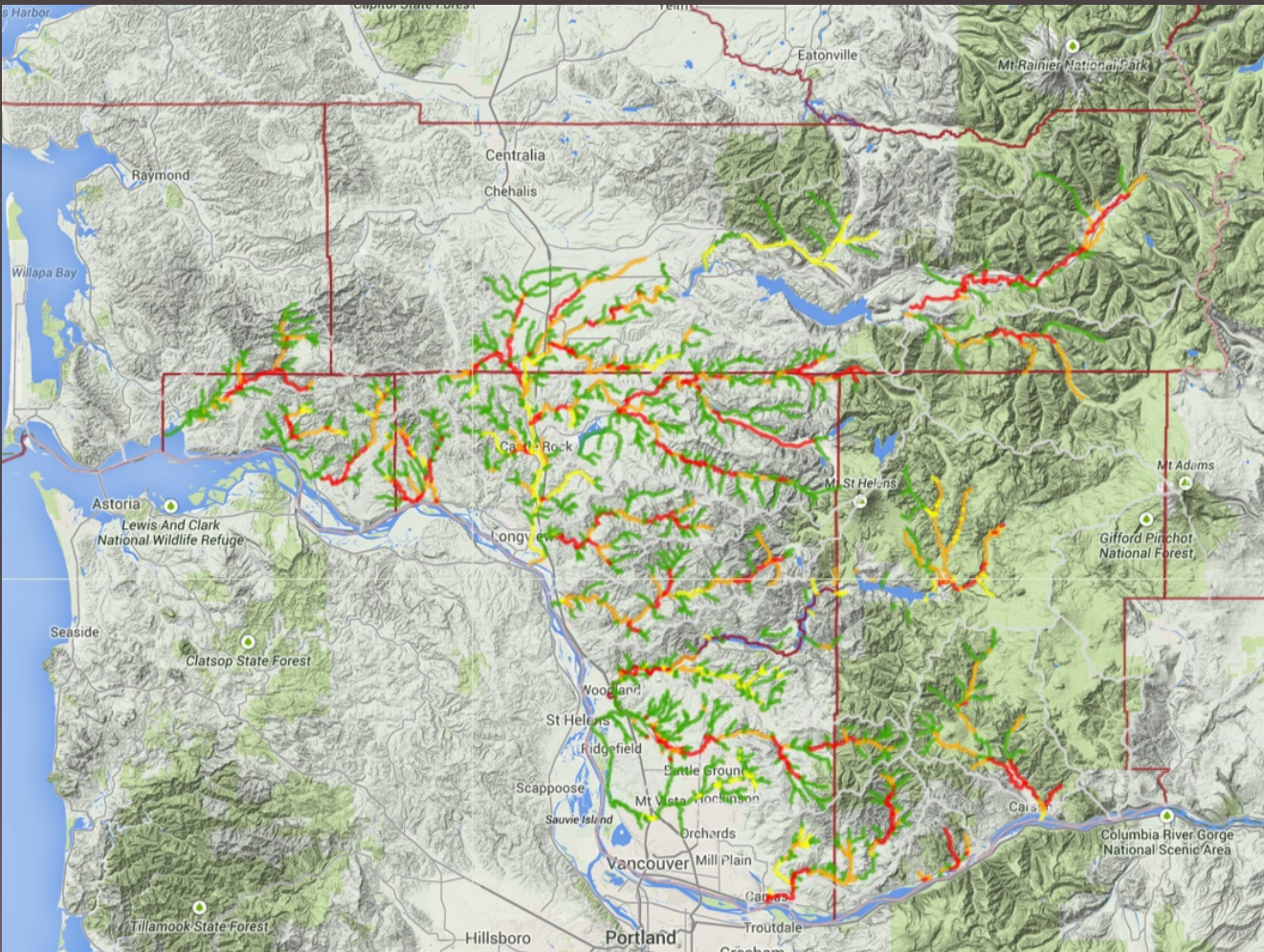


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### SALMON PARTNERS ONGOING RECOVERY TRACKING

# SalmonPORT Reach Prioritization



Layers Glossary Documents

WRIA - Water Resource Inventory Area

Strata - Designated Population Segments

**Coast:** Estuary tributaries, Grays, Elochoman, Skamokawa, Abernathy, Mill, Germany

**Cascade:** Lower Cowlitz, Upper Cowlitz, Upper Cowlitz-Cispus, Upper Cowlitz-Tilton, Toutle, Coweeman, Kalama, NF Lewis, EF Lewis, Salmon, Washougal

**Gorge:** Lower Gorge Tributaries, Wind, Little White Salmon, Upper Gorge Tributaries, Big White Salmon

### Population Classification ⓘ

Class	Viability Goal	Description	Persistence Probability ⓘ
P Primary	High & Very High	Low or negligible risk of extinction (represents a "viable" level)	95-99%
C Contributing	Medium	Medium risk of extinction	75-94%
S Stabilizing	Low	Stable, but relatively high risk of extinction	40-74%

### Reach Tier Designations ⓘ

- █ Tier 1 All high priority reaches for one or more Primary populations.
- █ Tier 2 All reaches not included in Tier 1 and which are Medium priority reaches for one or more Primary population and/or all high priority reaches for one or more Contributing populations.
- █ Tier 3 All reaches not included in Tiers 1 and 2 and which are Medium priority reaches for Contributing populations and/or high priority reaches for Stabilizing populations.
- █ Tier 4 Reaches not included in Tiers 1, 2, and 3 and which are Medium priority reaches for Stabilizing populations and/or low priority reaches for all populations.
- █ Estuary Reaches Lower Columbia Mainstem and Estuary and tidally influenced tributary reaches may also benefit other Columbia River populations.





## UPPER COWLITZ-1A

(Reach Information)

**Tier: 1**  
 Reach Length: 39593 ft.  
 Multi-Species Values  
 Restoration: 39%  
 Preservation: 61%

**Description:**

Species <sup>A</sup>	Designation	Reach Potential	Restoration Needs	Multi-Species Priority <sup>*</sup>
<u>Coho</u>	Primary	H		
<u>Fall Chinook</u>	Stabilizing	H	Floodplain function and channel migration processes	H
<u>Spring Chinook</u>	Primary	M	Off channel & side channel habitat	H
<u>Winter Steelhead</u>	Primary	L	Riparian conditions & functions	H
			Stream channel habitat structure & bank stability	H
			Watershed conditions & hillslope processes	H
			Instream flows	M
			Access to blocked habitats	L
			Regulated stream management for habitat functions	L
			Water quality	L

**Note:** <sup>\*</sup>Multi-Species Priority are derived from conditions of limiting factors and not from field observation  
<sup>A</sup>Species without a reach potential are present in the subbasin not in the reach



## UPPER COWLITZ-1A

Upper Cowlitz Fall Chinook (Stabilizing)

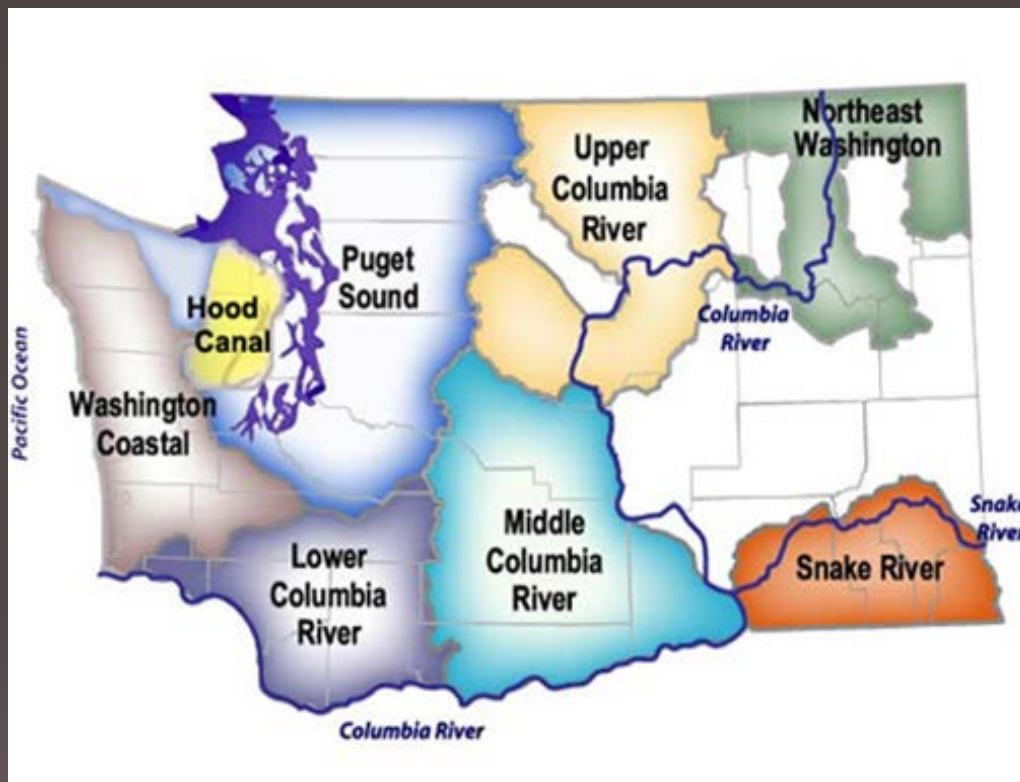
**Tier: 1**

Primary limiting factors for Fall Chinook in Reach UPPER COWLITZ-1A:

- Sediment
- Channel Stability
- Key Habitat Quantity

**Top 5 Ranked Life Stages:**      **Primary Limiting Factors (in order of importance to life stage):**

Egg Incubation	Sediment, Channel Stability
0-Age Transient Rearing	Key Habitat Quantity
Fry Colonization	Key Habitat Quantity
Prespawn Holding	
Prespawn Migrant	



# How can we help?

Regional organizations are:

- Available to provide data on their recovery priorities and barrier removal
- Interested in partnering with you ensure recovery goals and priorities are a part of your decision making
- Offer a link to local governments, organizations, and landowners



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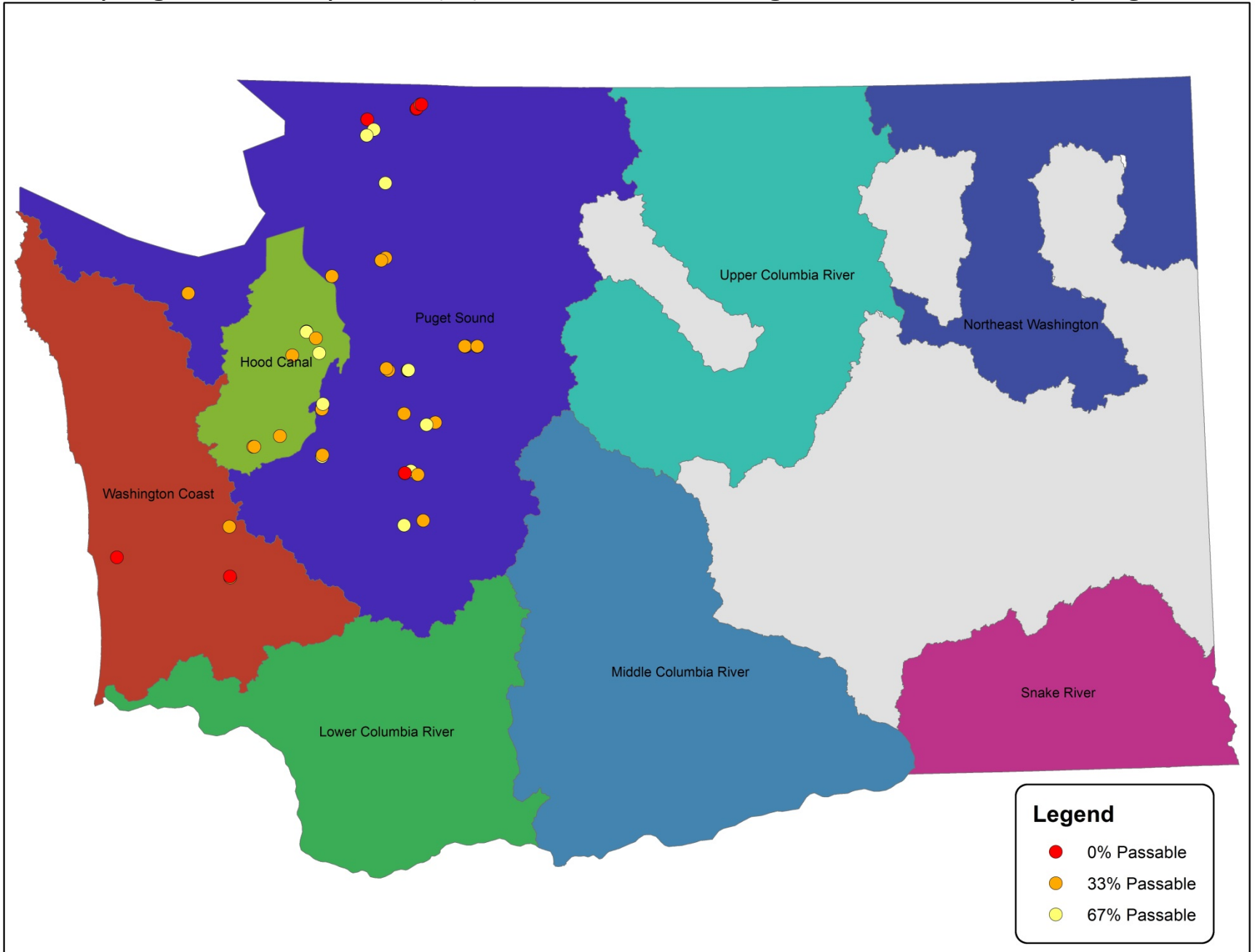
## Example: Barriers by Priority Index in Salmon Recovery Regions

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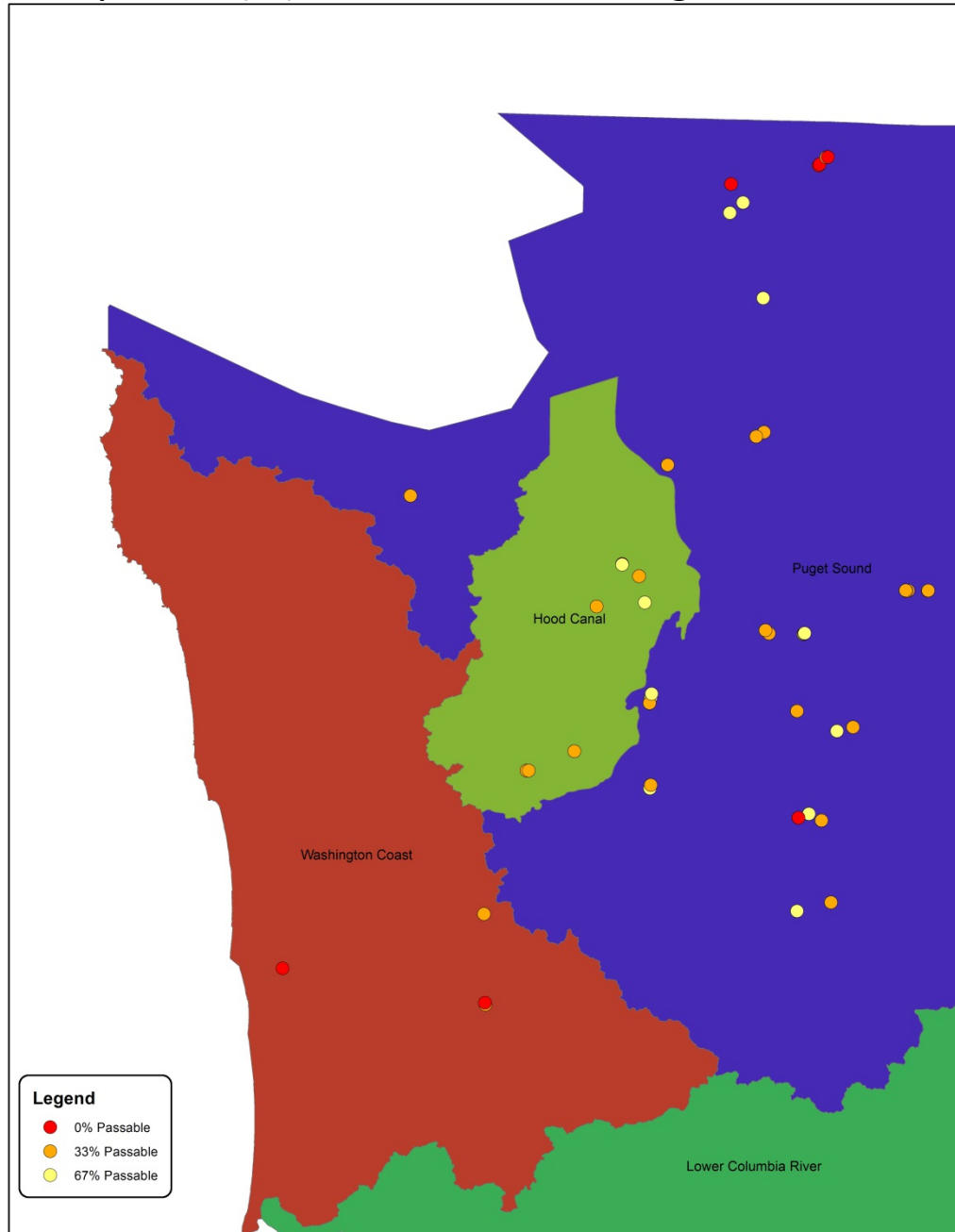


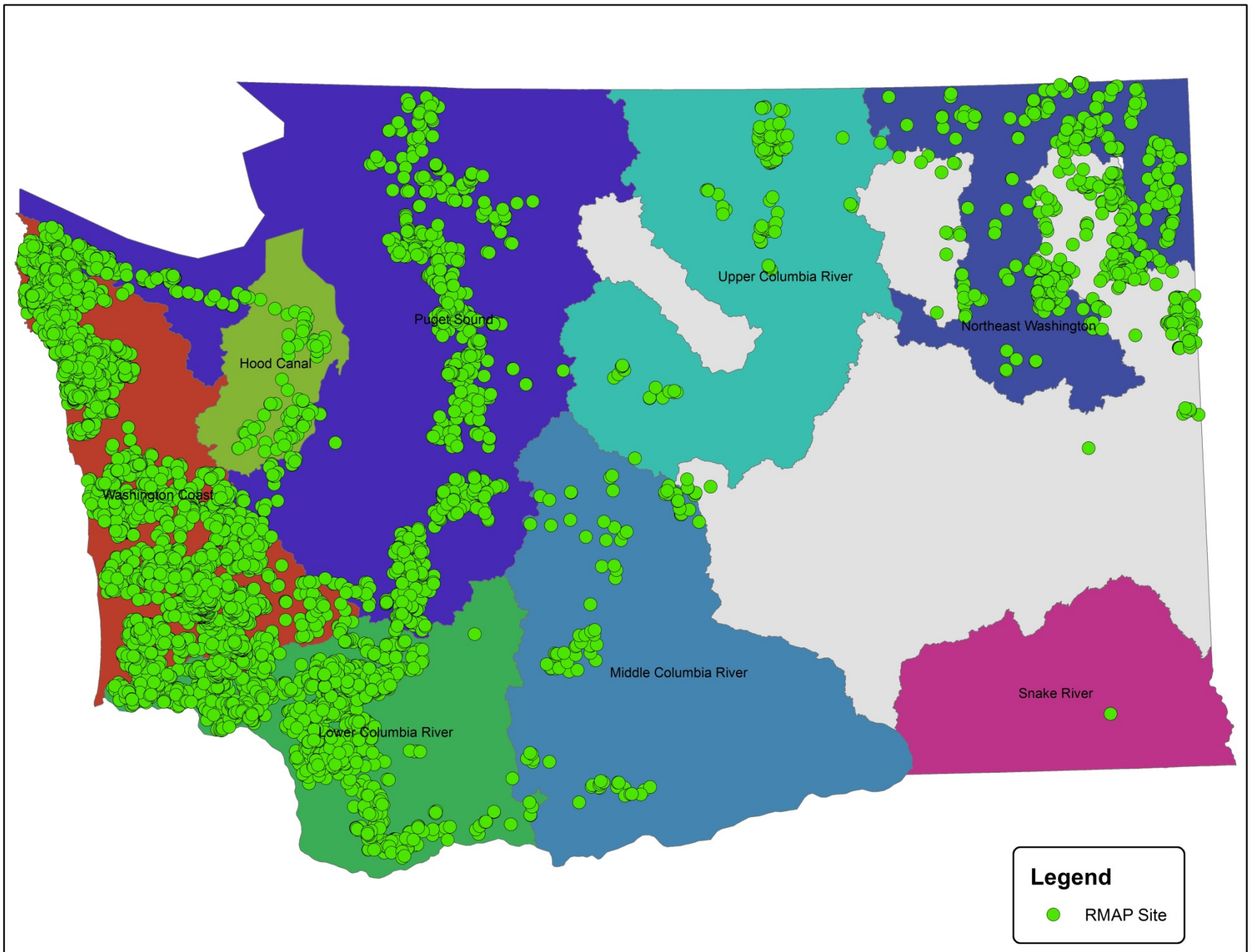
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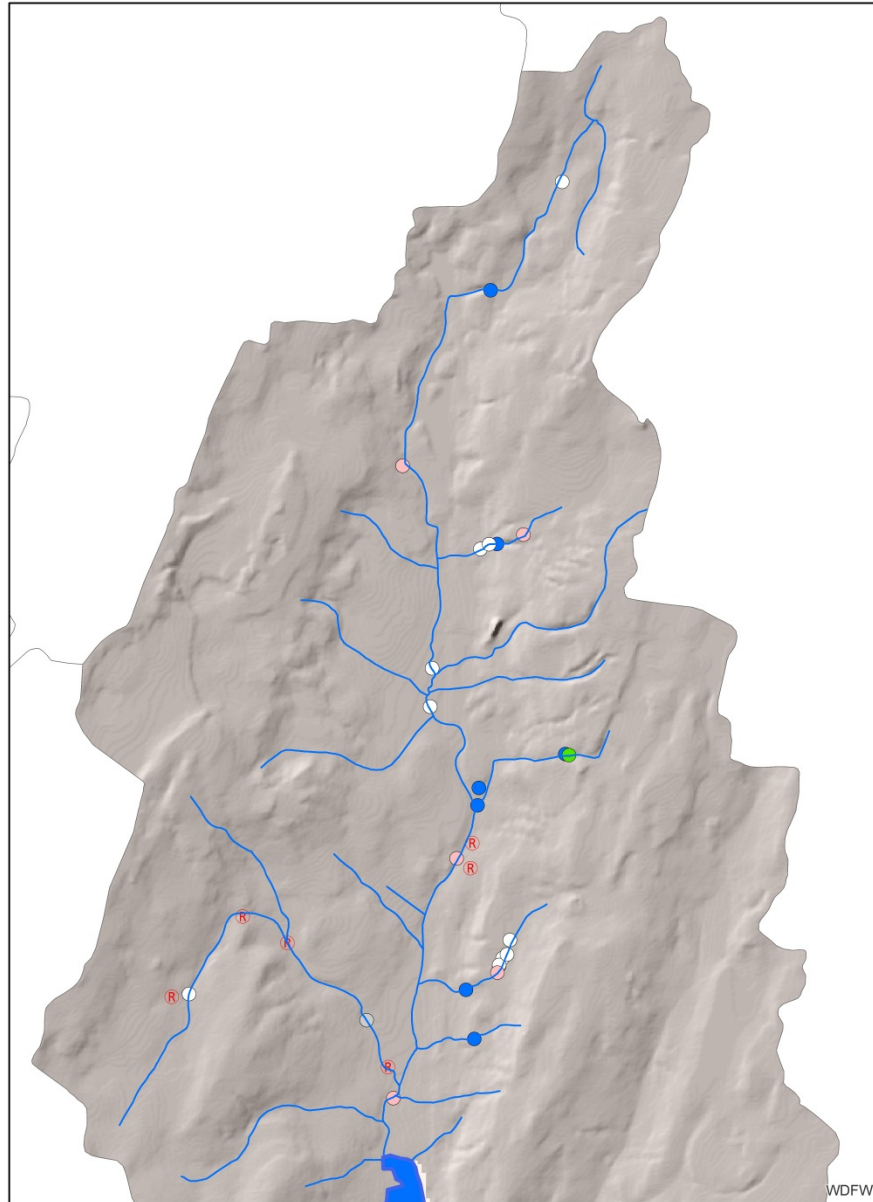
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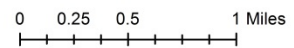


<b>Recovery Region</b>	<b>Count of RMAP Points</b>	<b>% of RMAP Points</b>	<b>RMAP Site Density (sites per square mile)</b>
Hood Canal	96	1.63	0.05026188
Lower Columbia River	1172	19.93	0.204023621
Middle Columbia River	100	1.7	0.010815396
No Region	274	4.66	0.018164976
Northeast Washington	327	5.56	0.061253453
Puget Sound	1065	18.11	0.072673273
Snake River	1	0.02	0.000227711
Upper Columbia River	102	1.73	0.012569949
Washington Coast	2745	46.67	0.443678372
<b>Total</b>	<b>5882</b>		

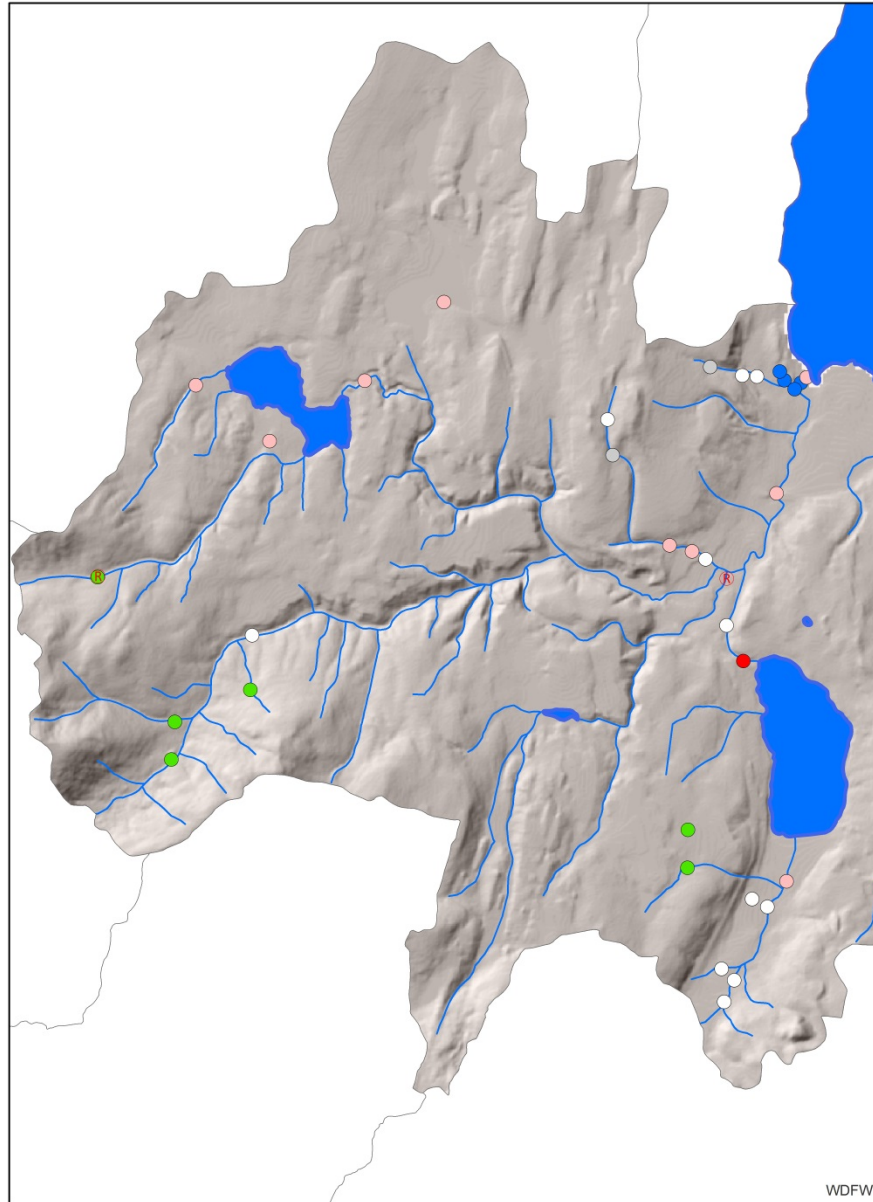
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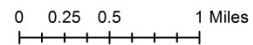
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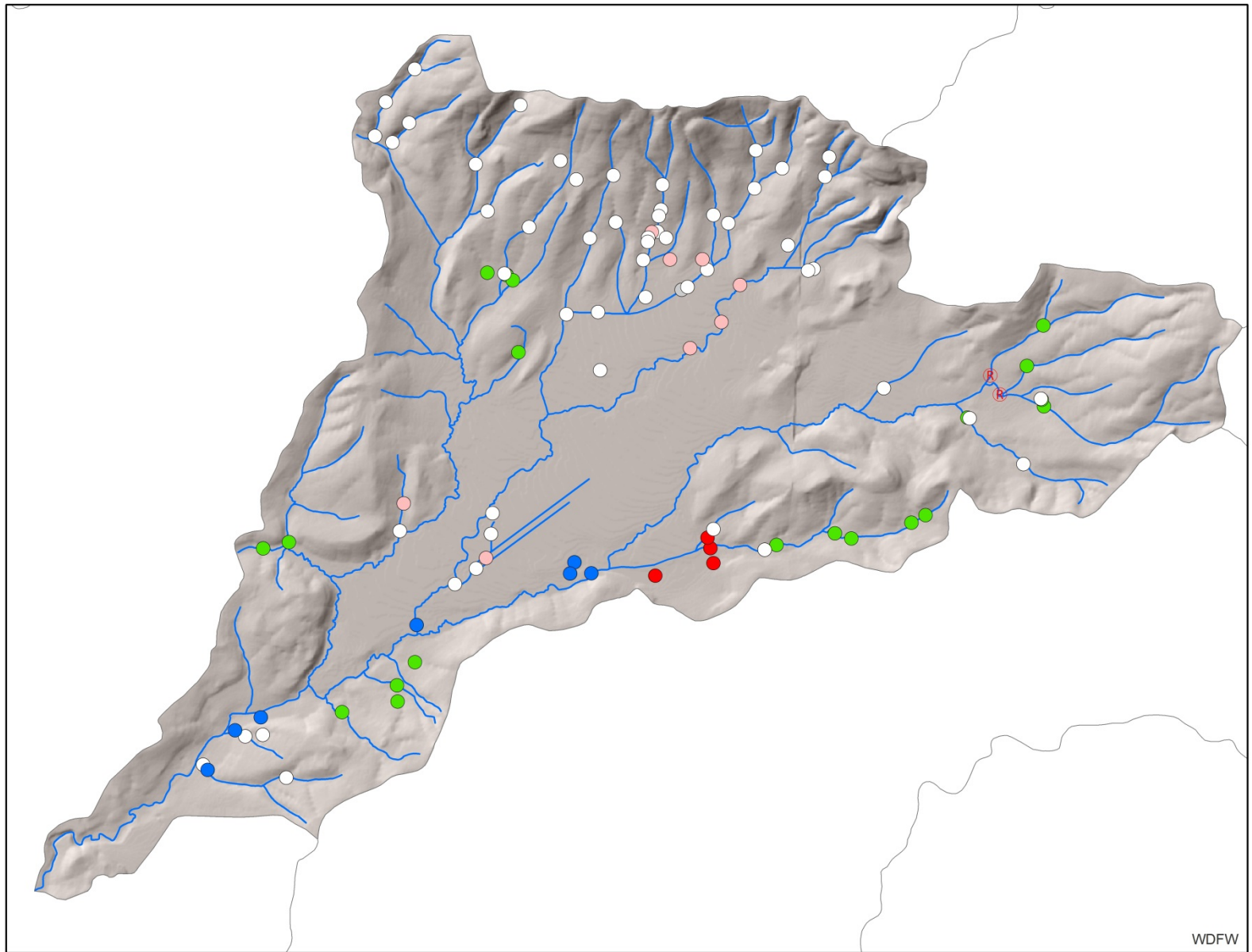
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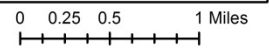
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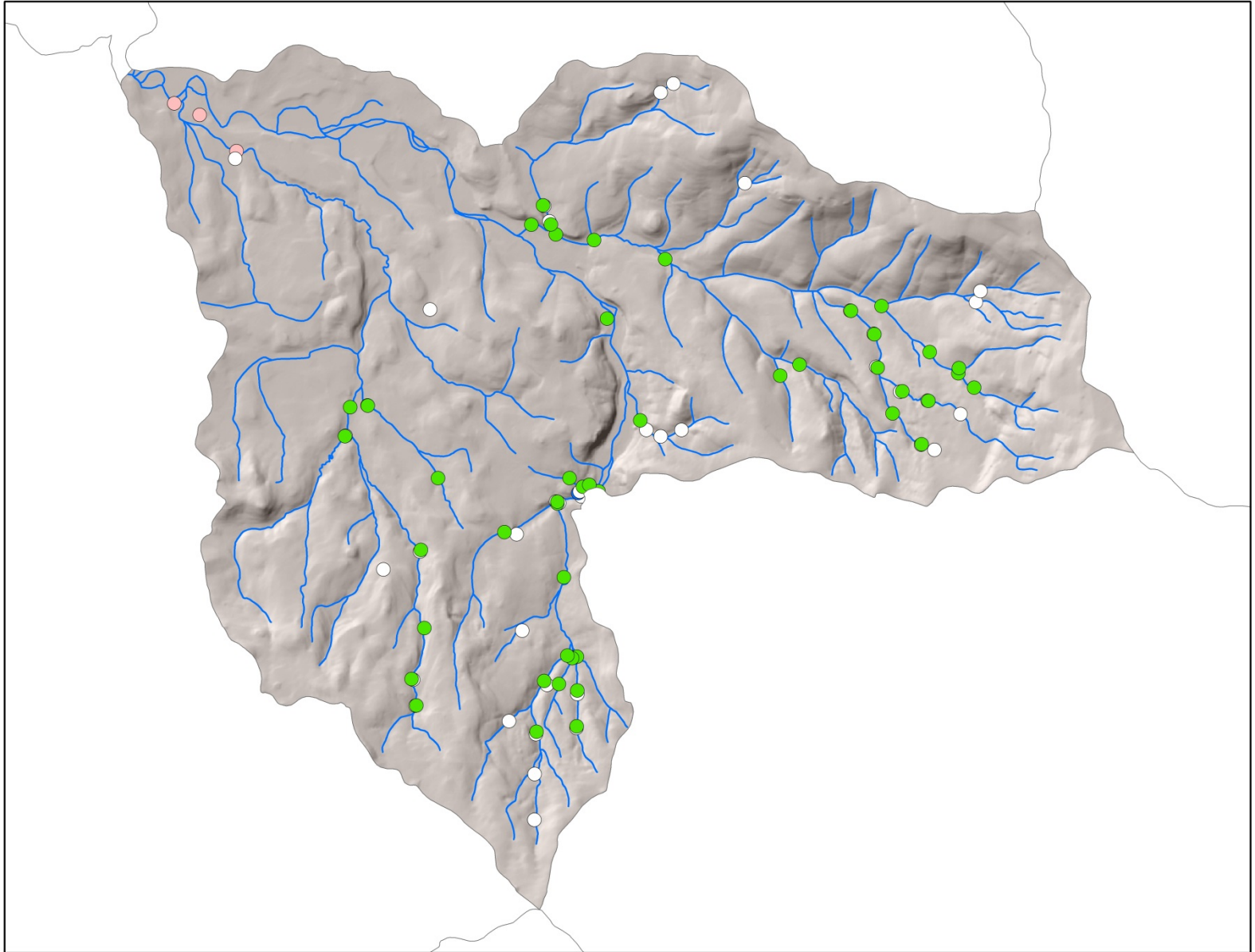
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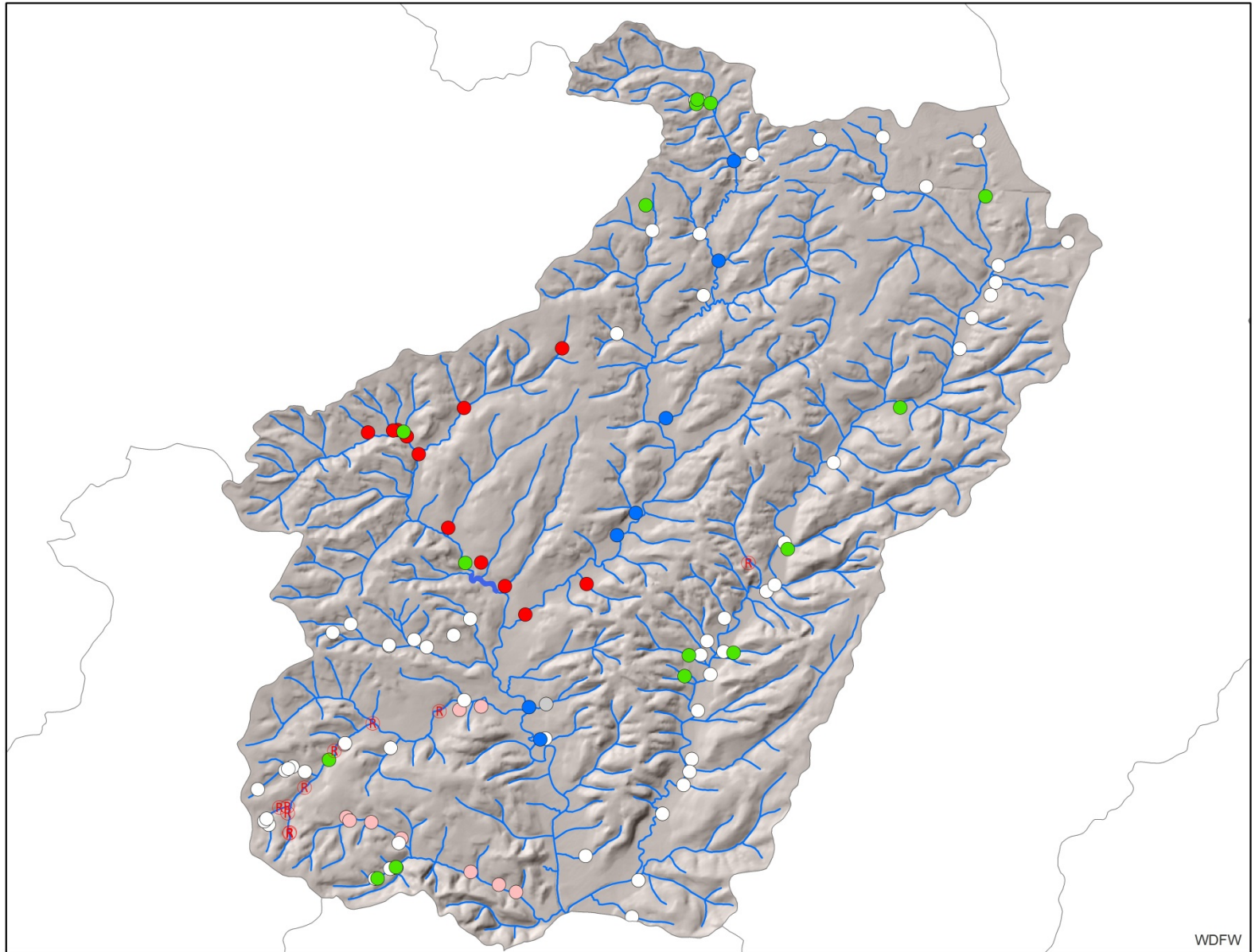


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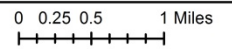


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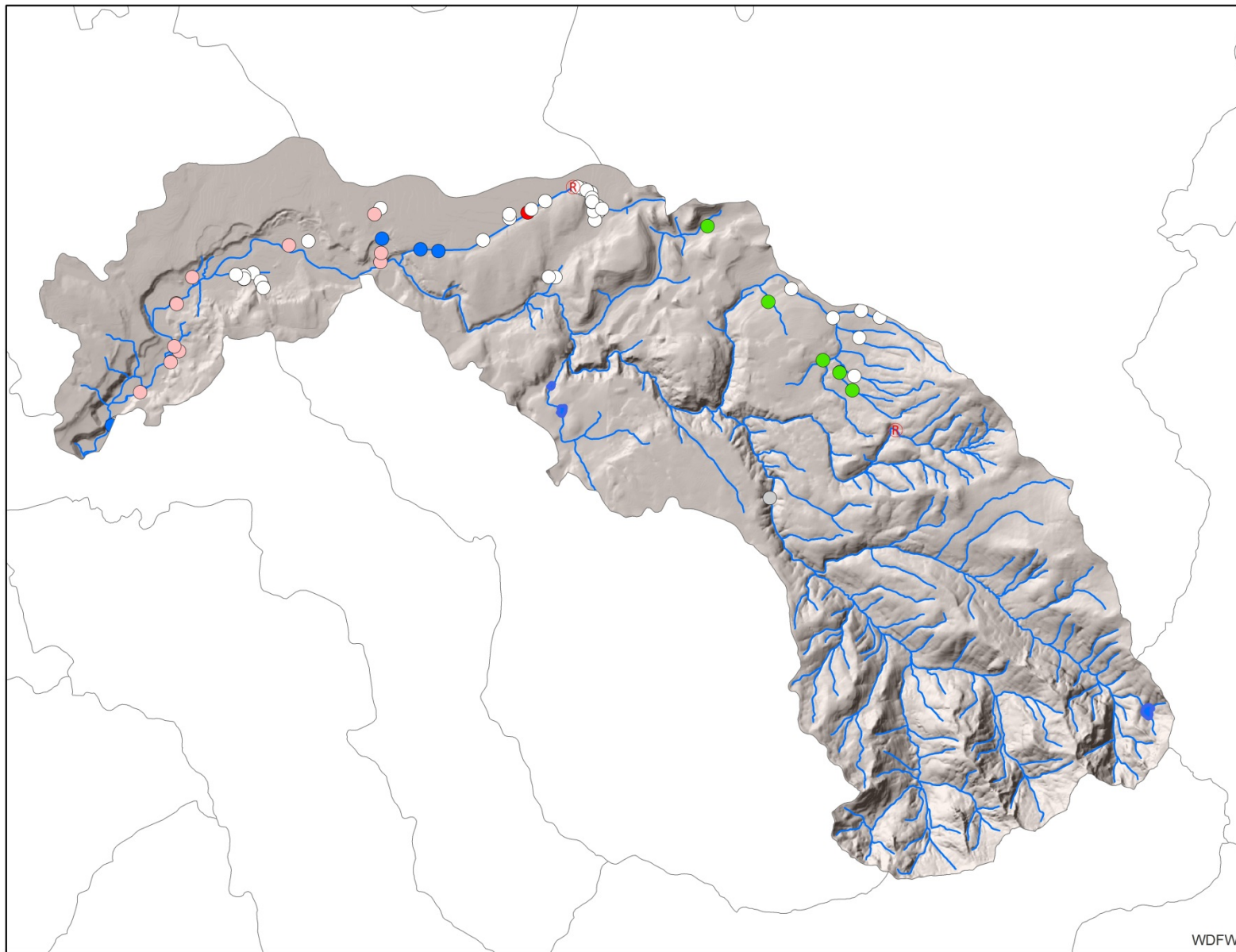


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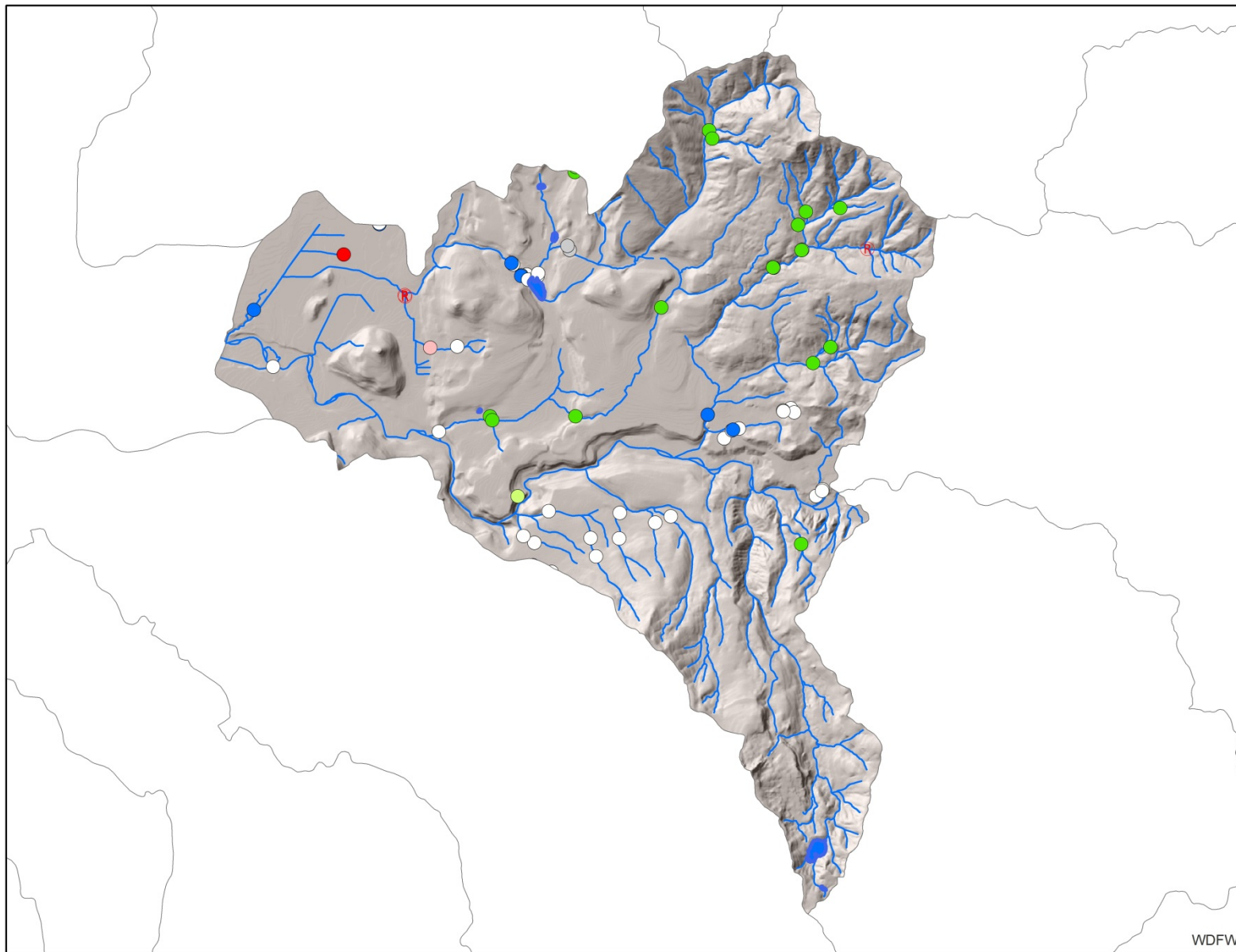
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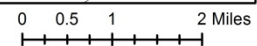
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# Boise Creek



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Example: Barriers by WRIA and  
HUC12 in Salmon Recovery Regions

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<b>Recovery Region</b>	<b># of WRIA's</b>	<b># of HUC12</b>	<b># of Known Barriers</b>
Washington Coast	5	183	4,162
Hood Canal	4	48	1,427
Puget Sound	17	363	16,339
Lower Columbia River	5	184	2,492
Middle Columbia River	5	234	347
Northeast Washington	6	148	542
Snake River	3	132	87
Upper Columbia River	6	232	732
No Region	13	396	464

## Legend

● RMAP

● State

● County

● City

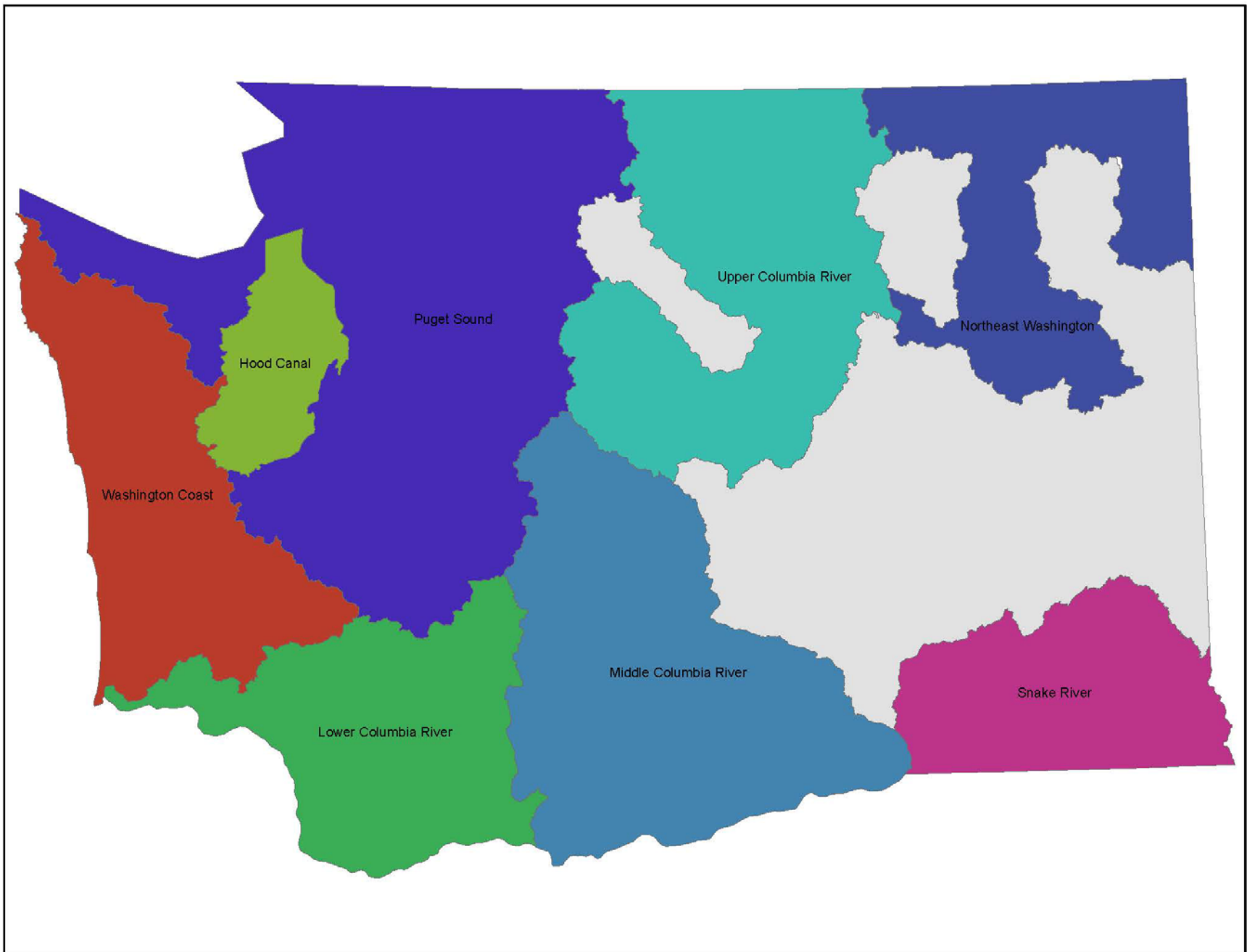
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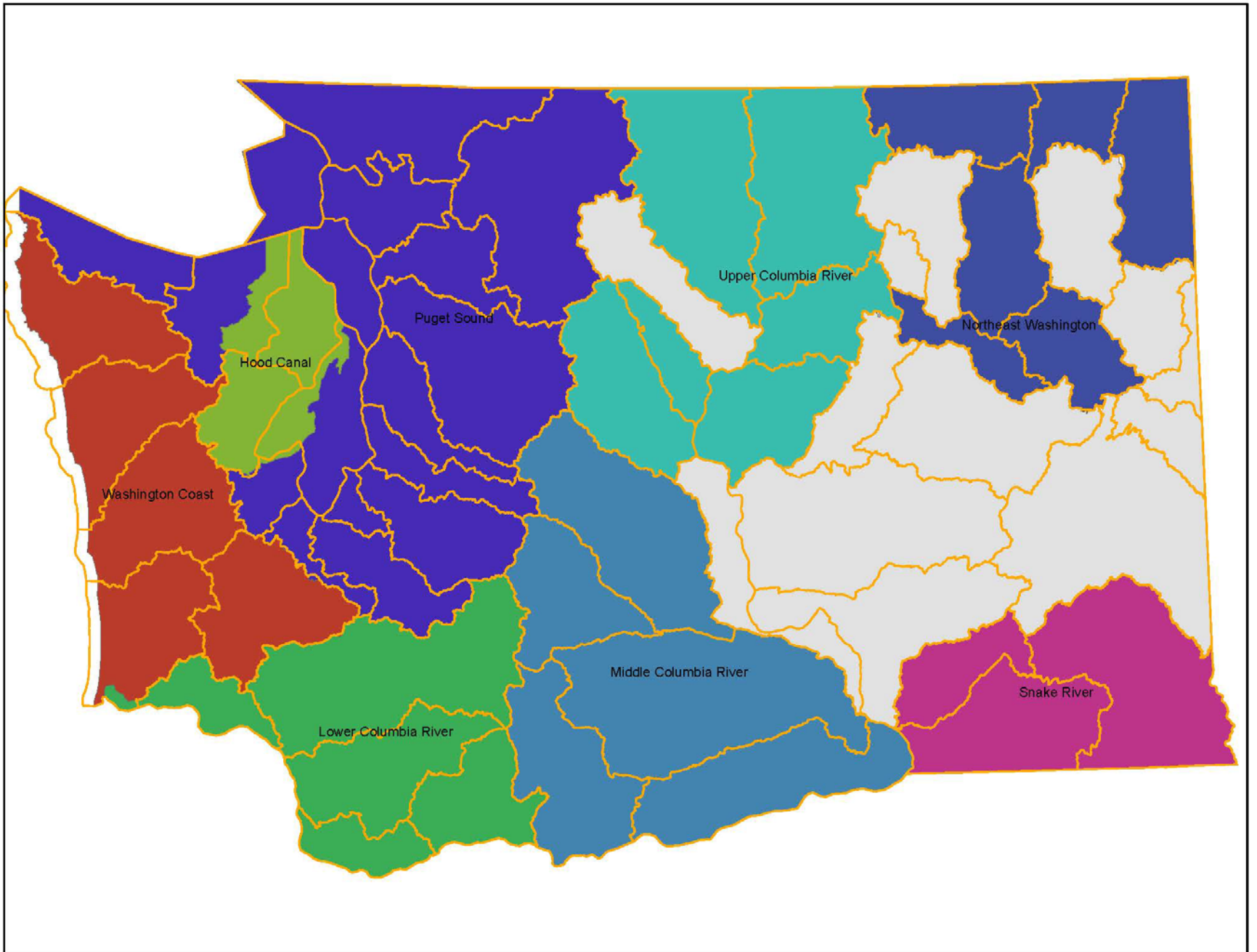
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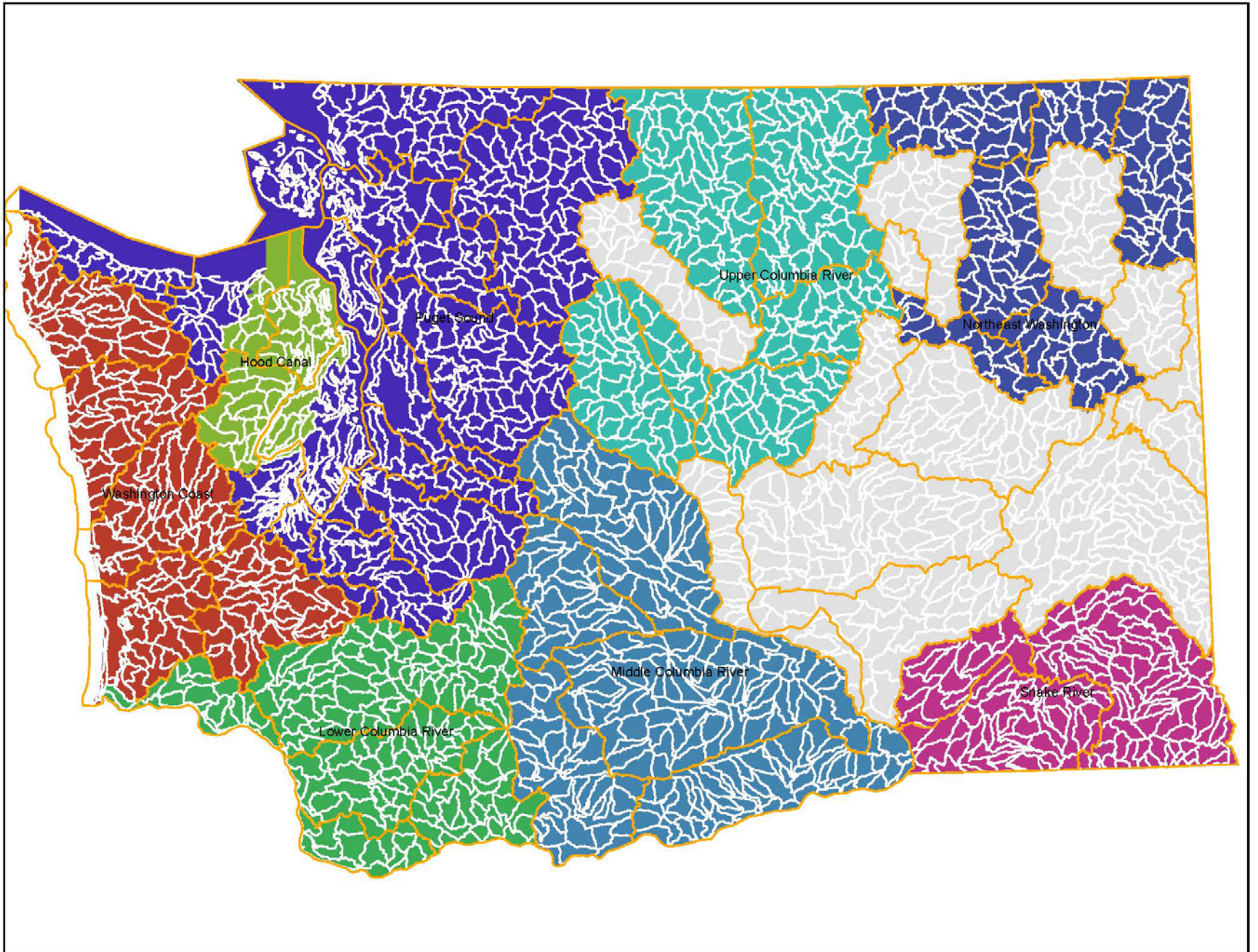
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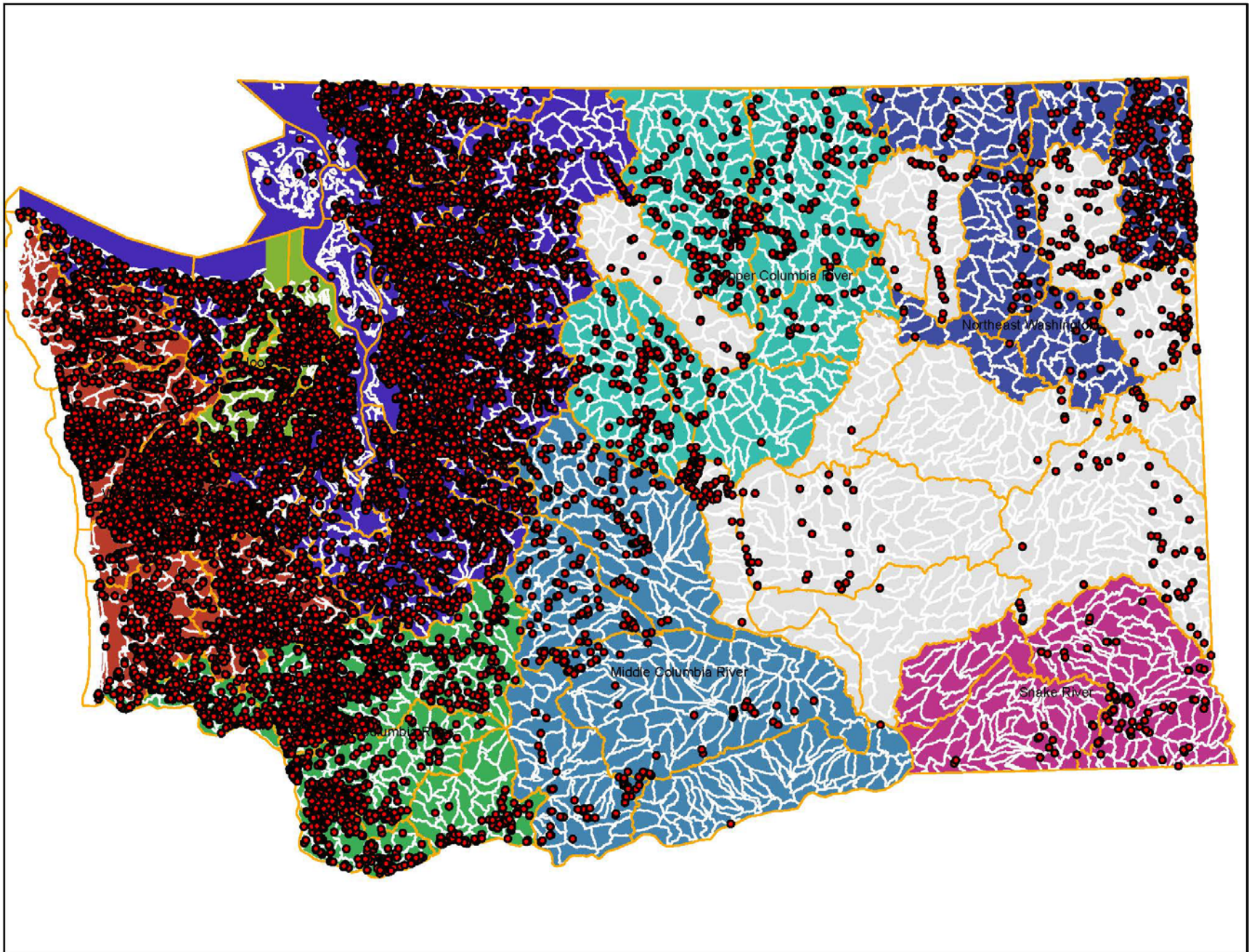
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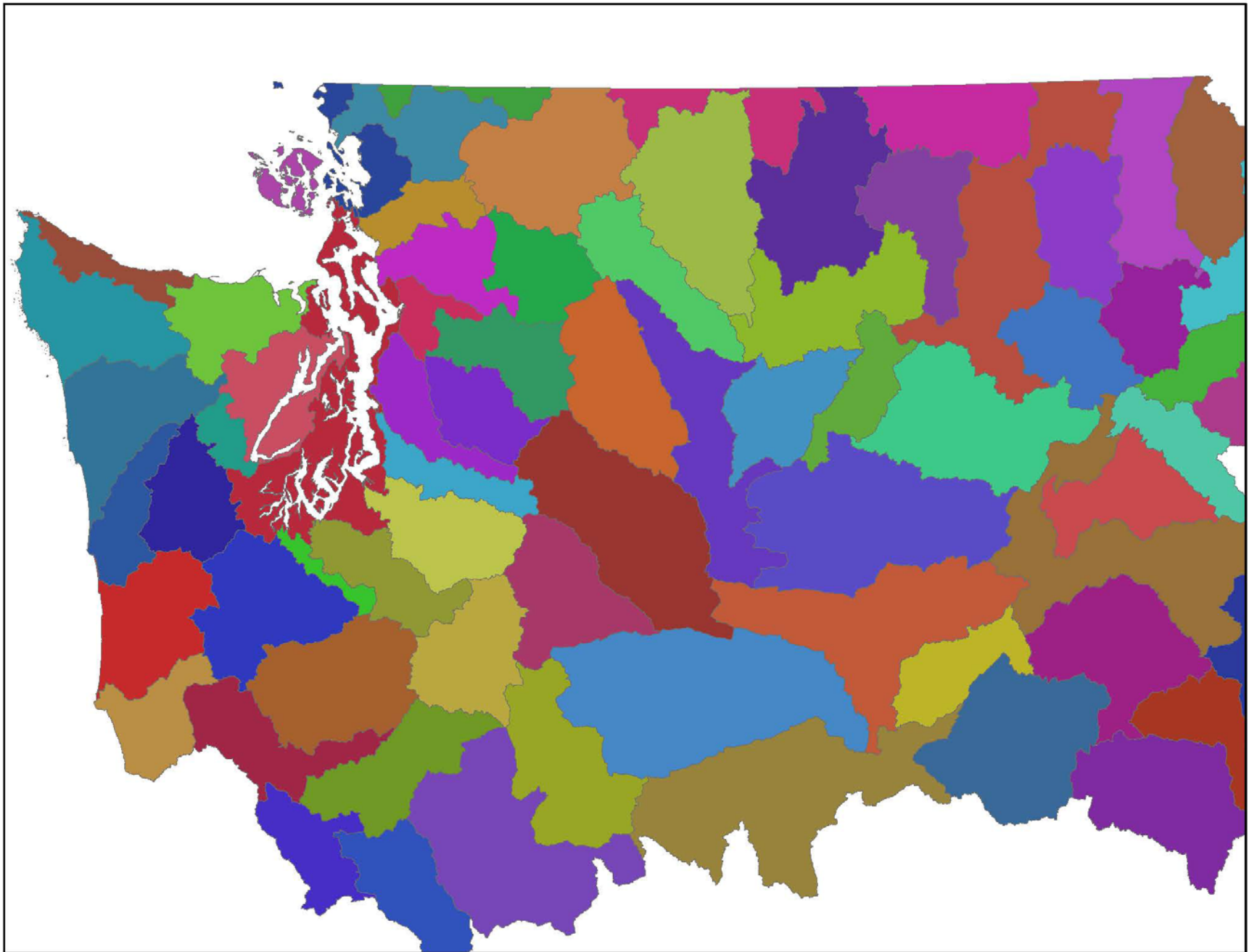


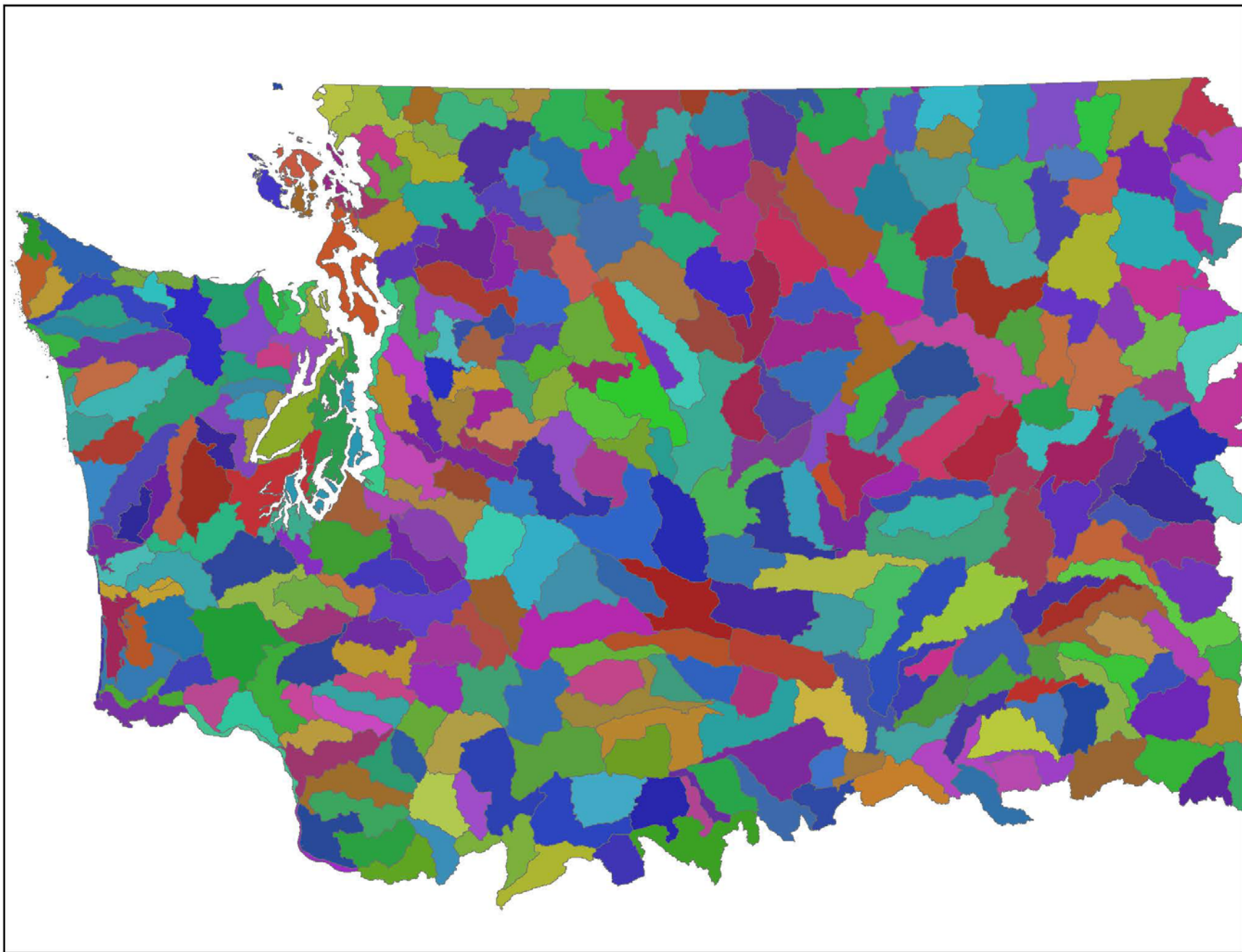


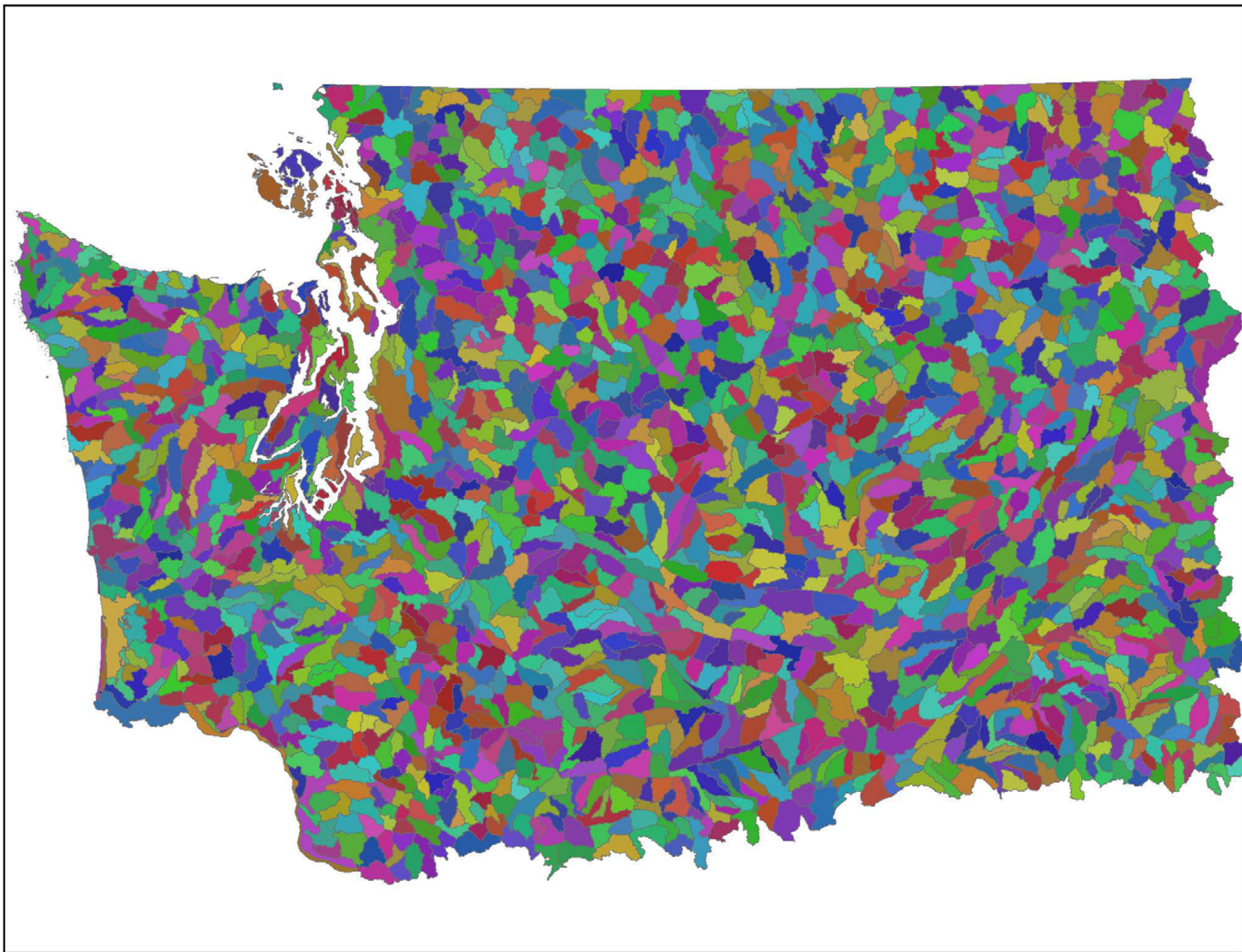


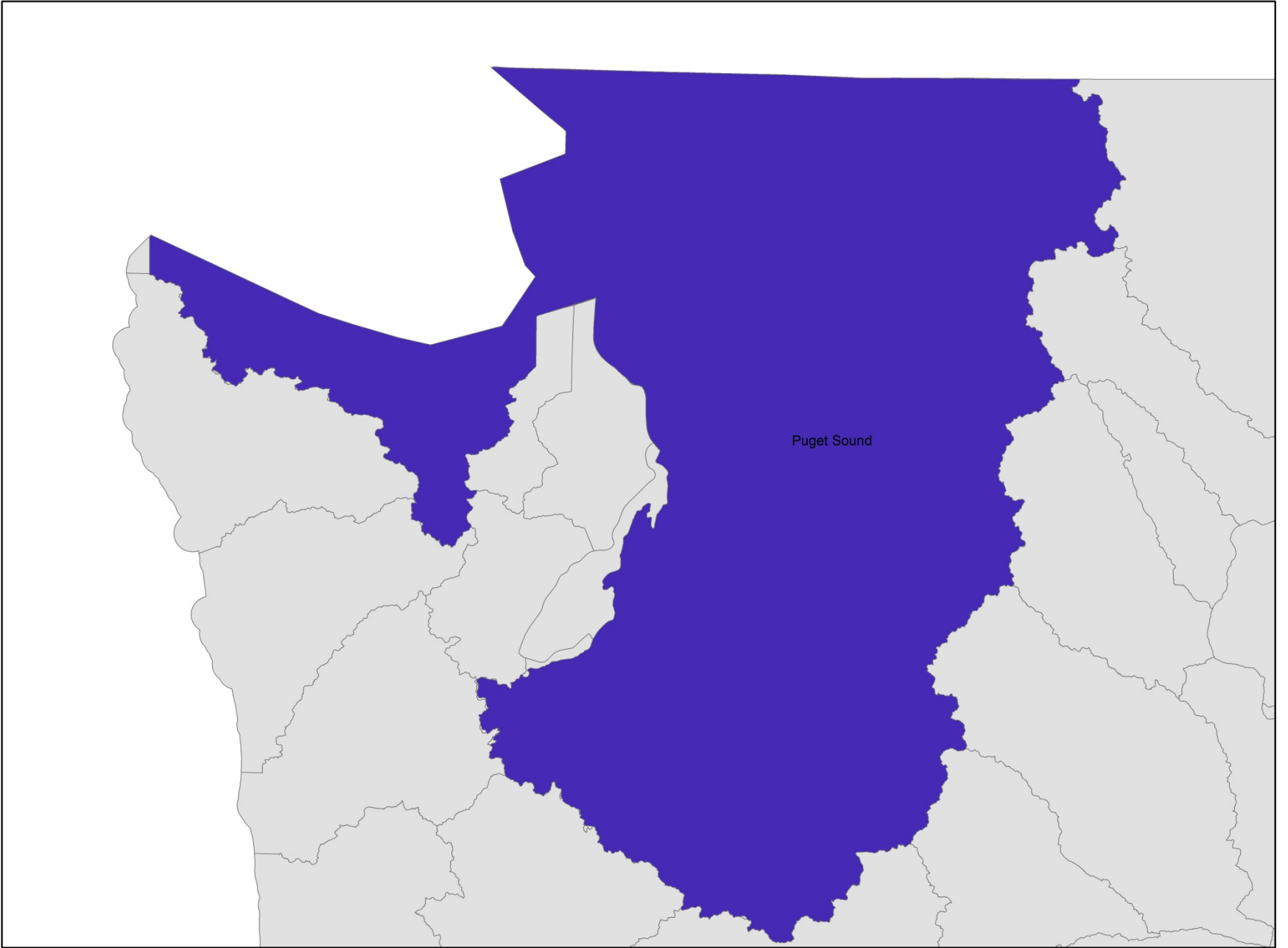




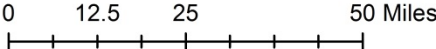


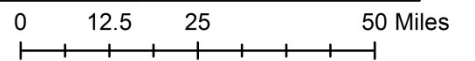
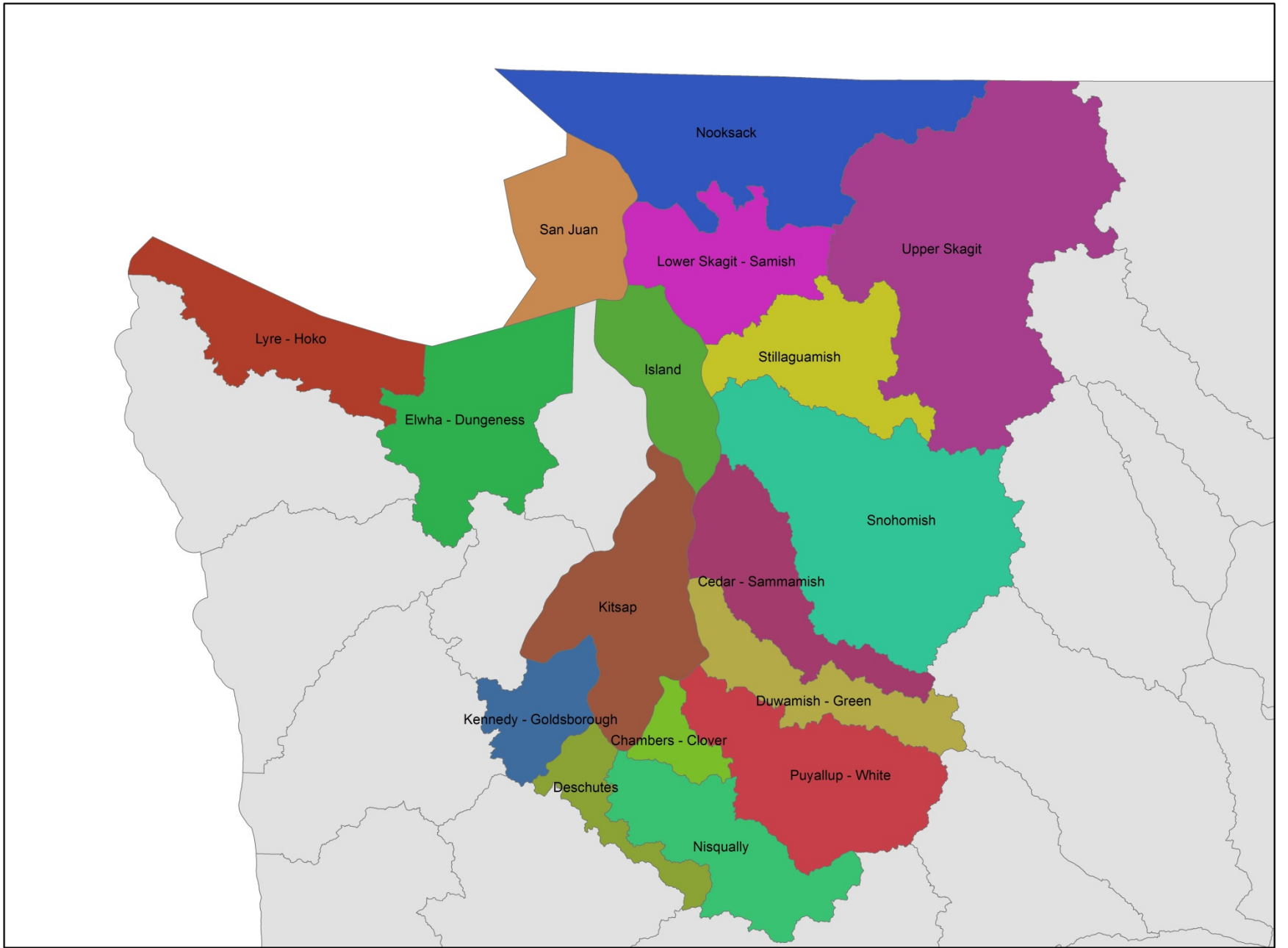


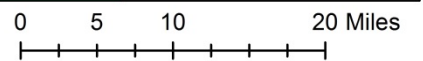
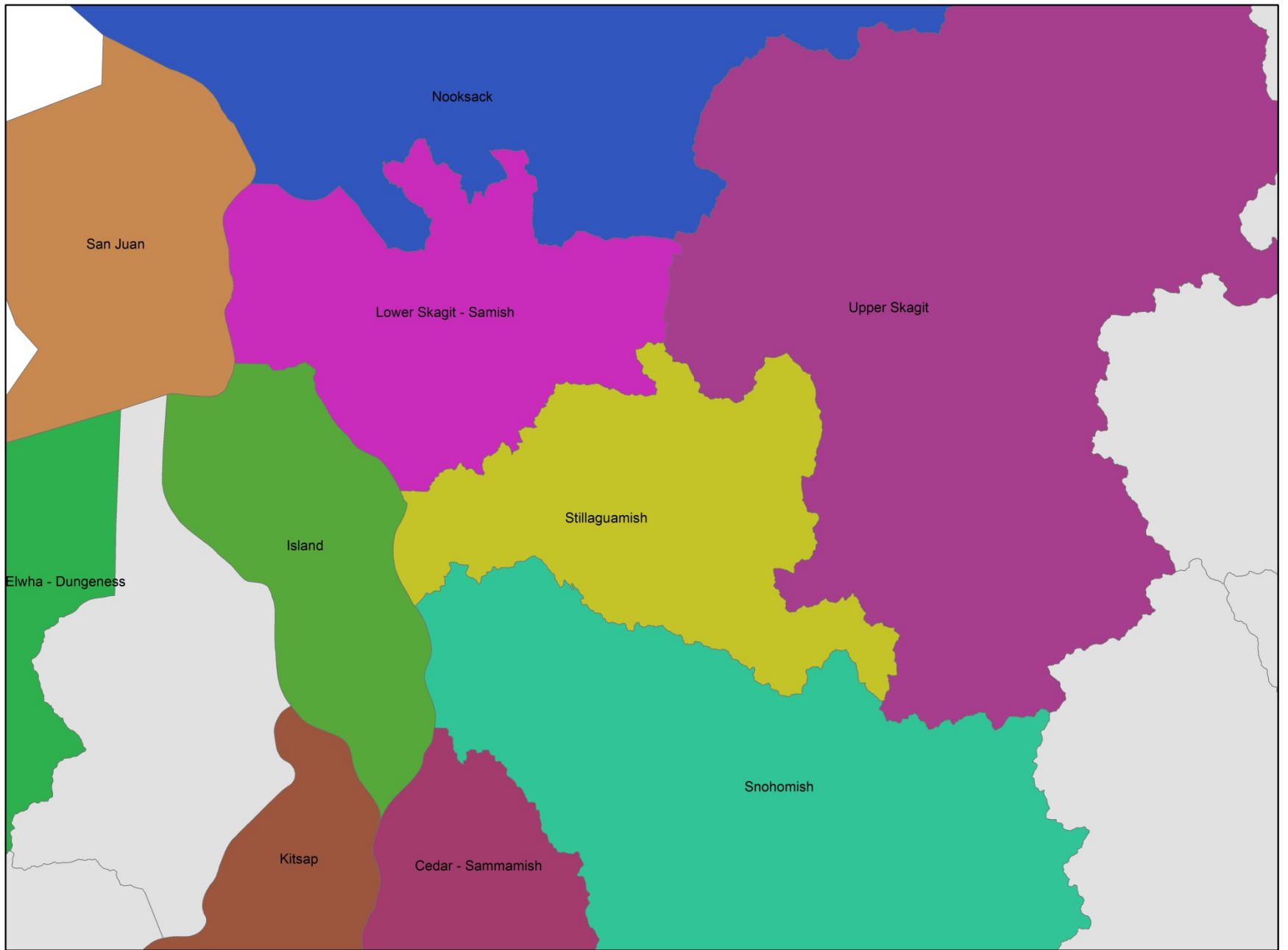


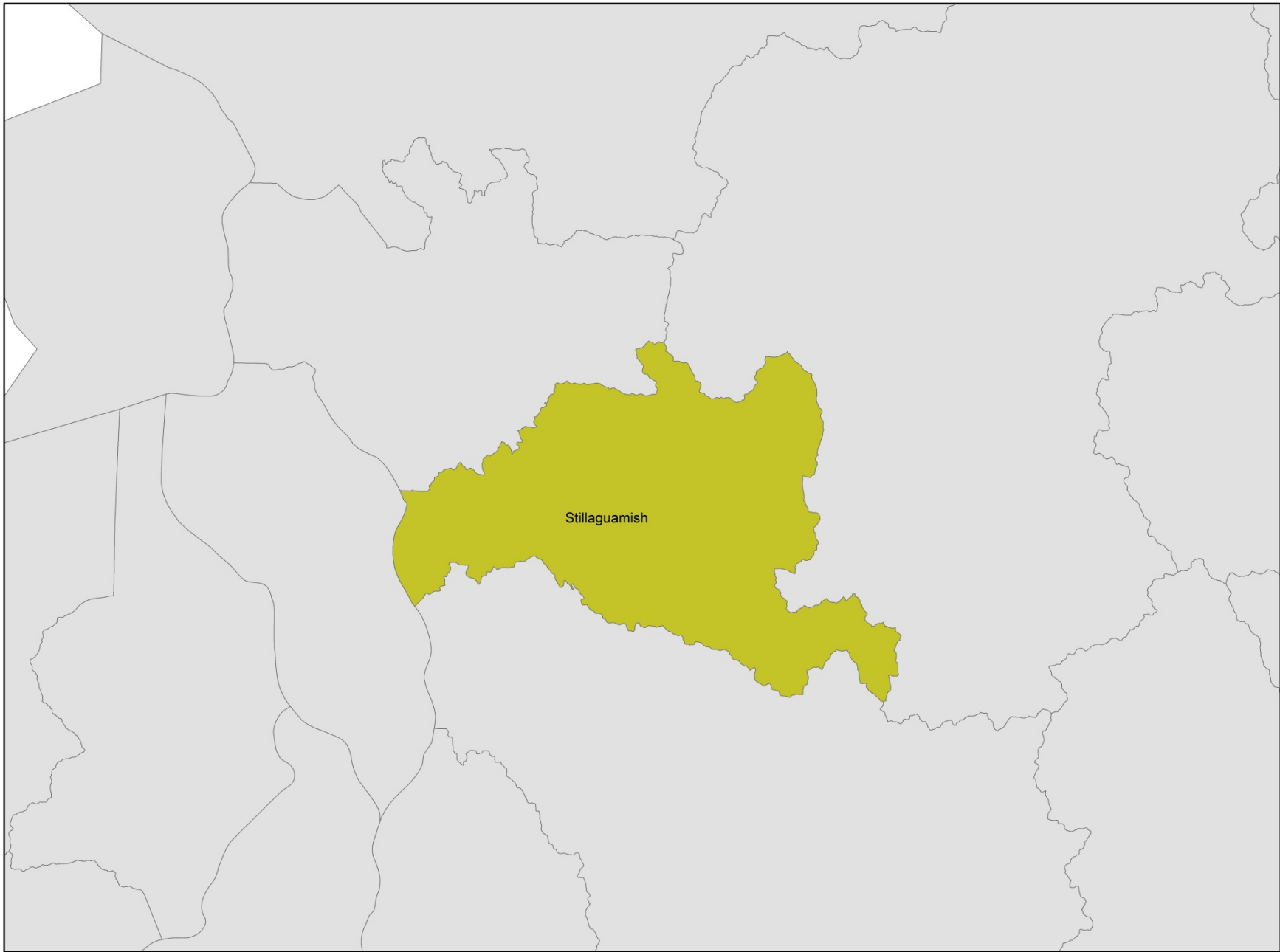


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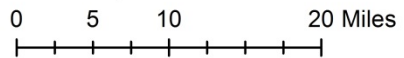








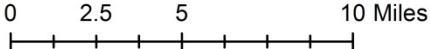
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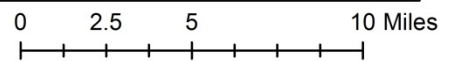
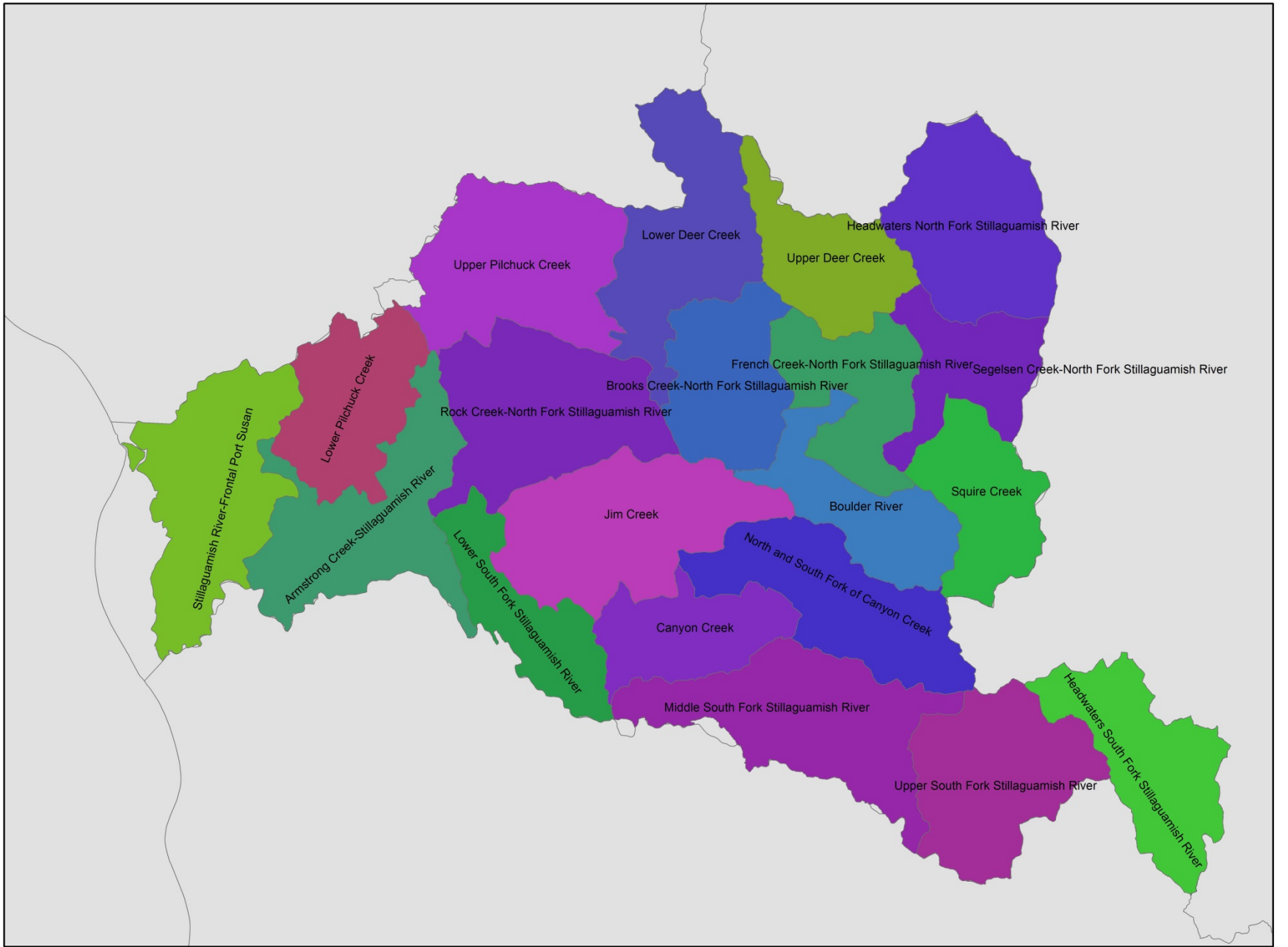


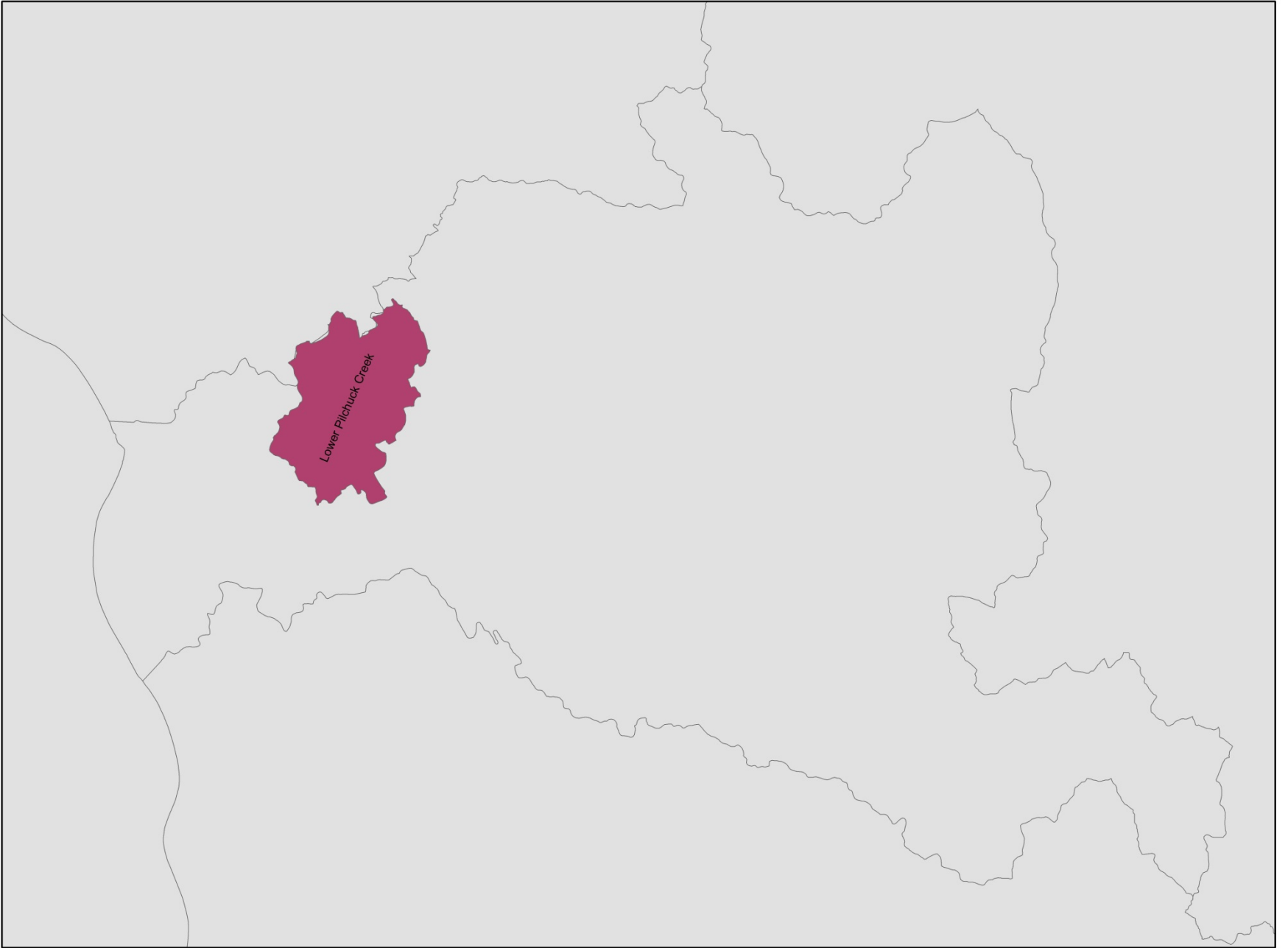




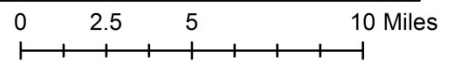
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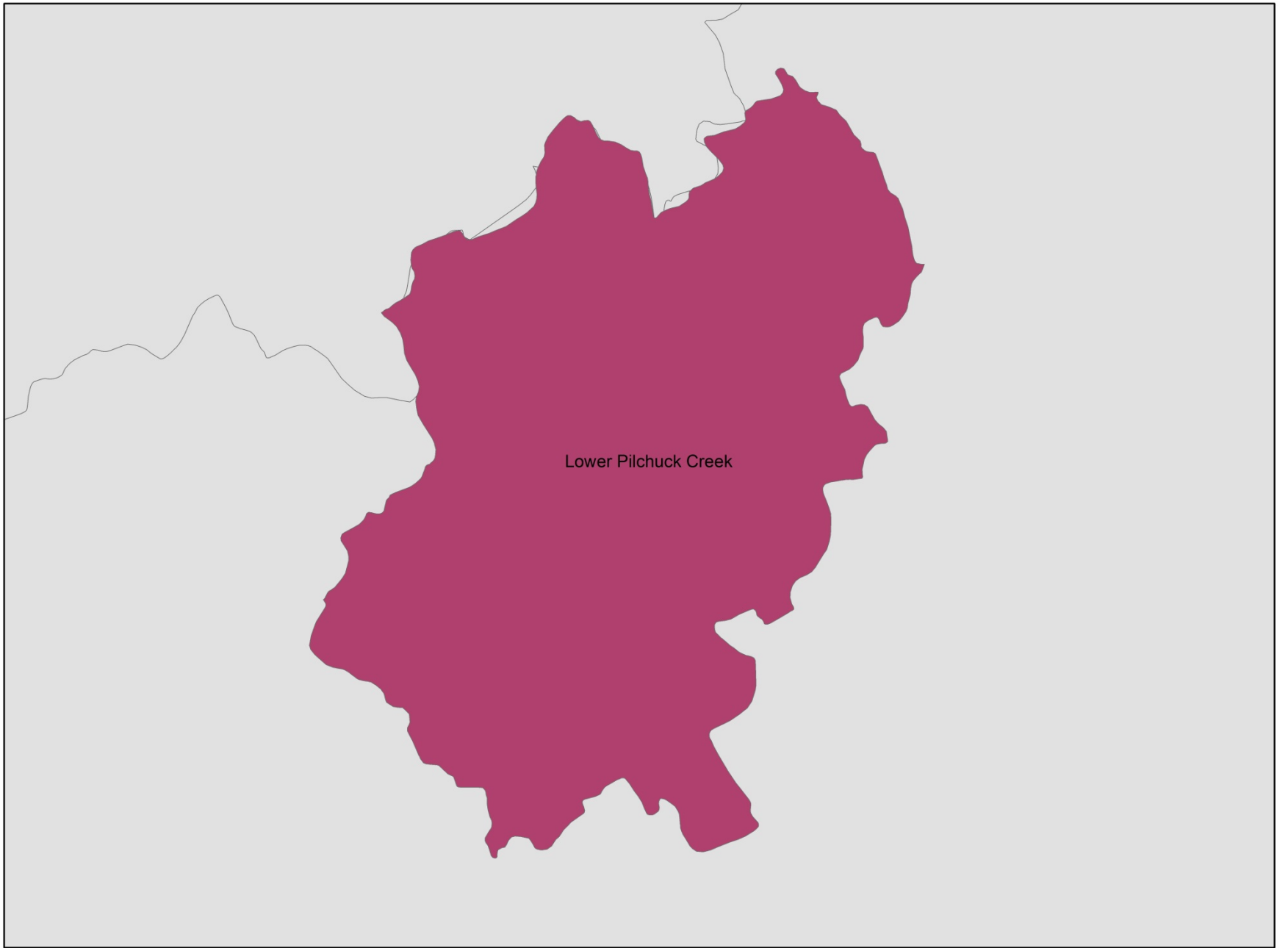




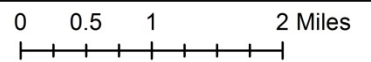


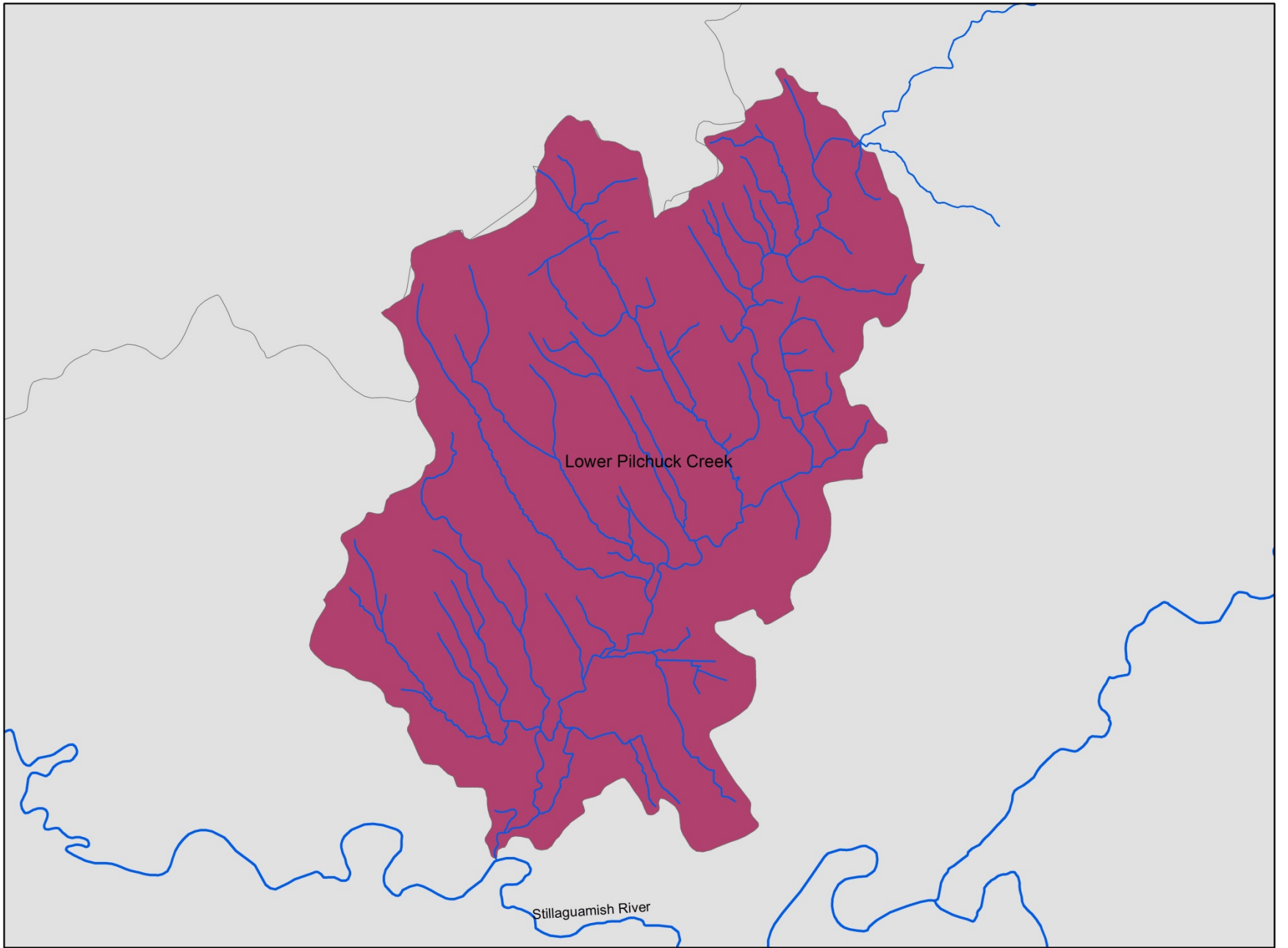
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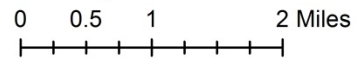
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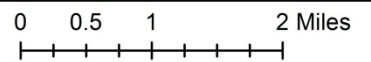
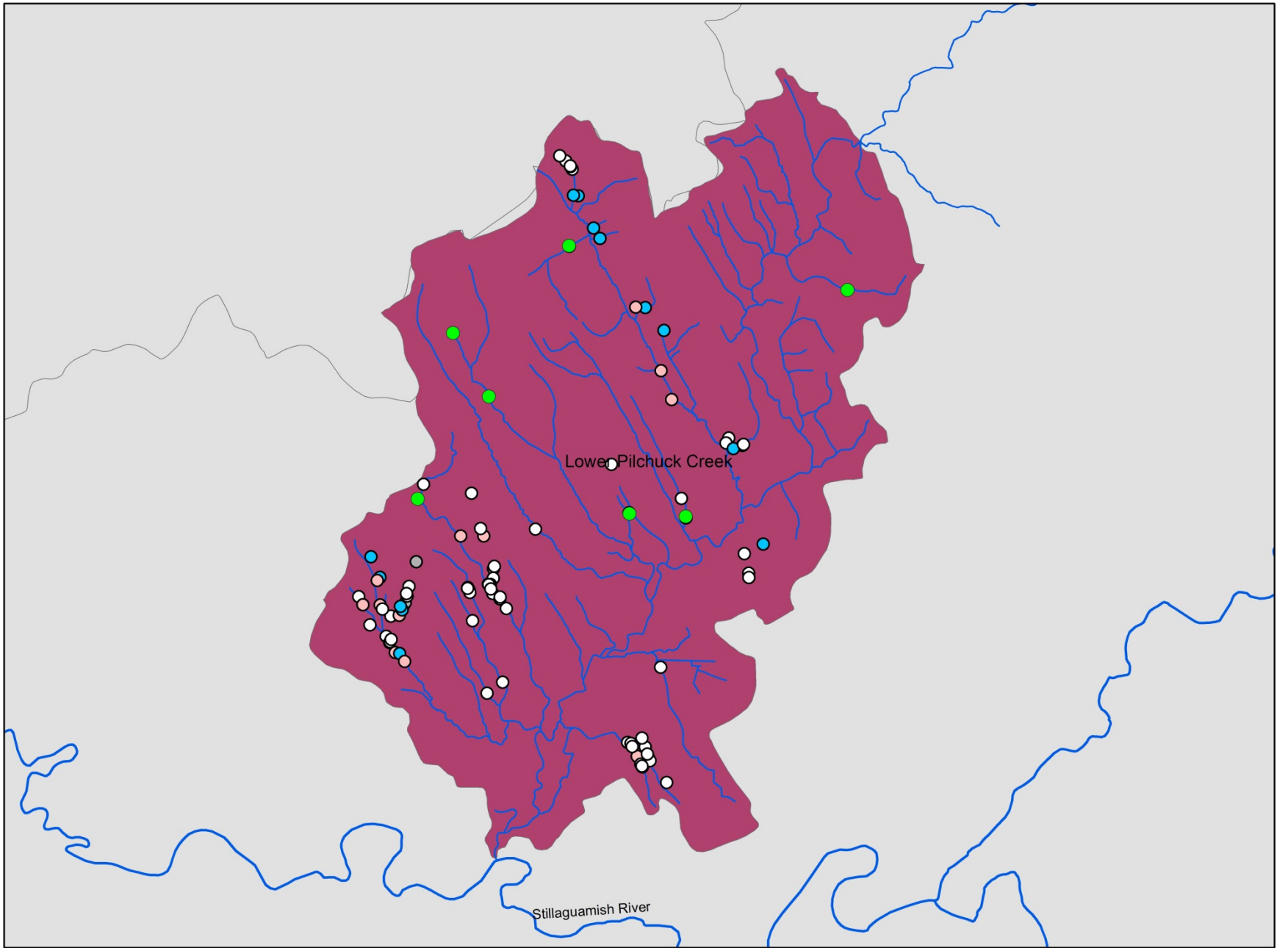


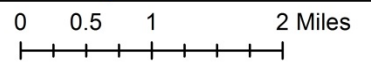
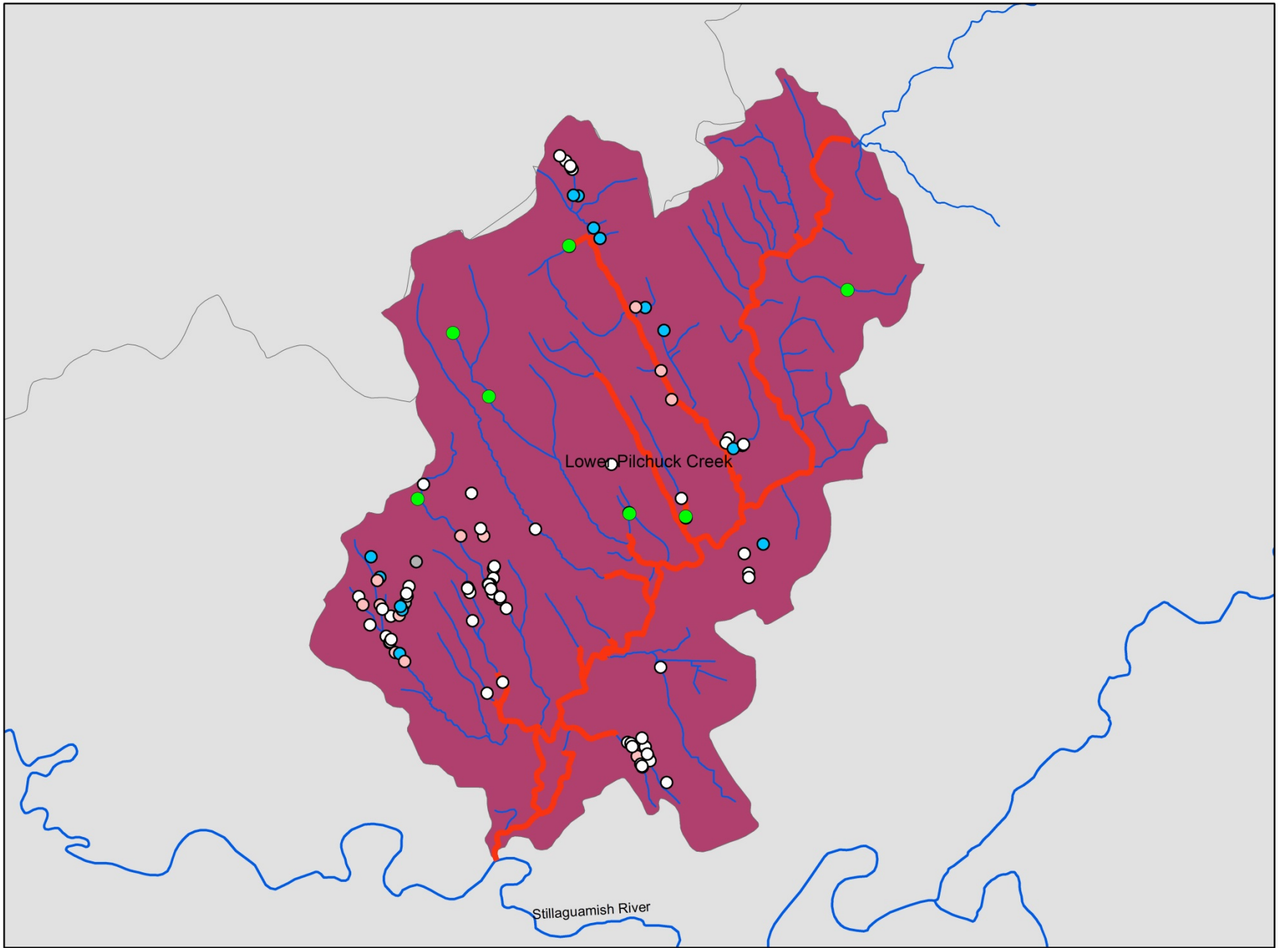


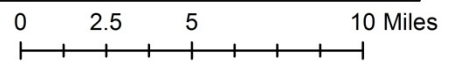
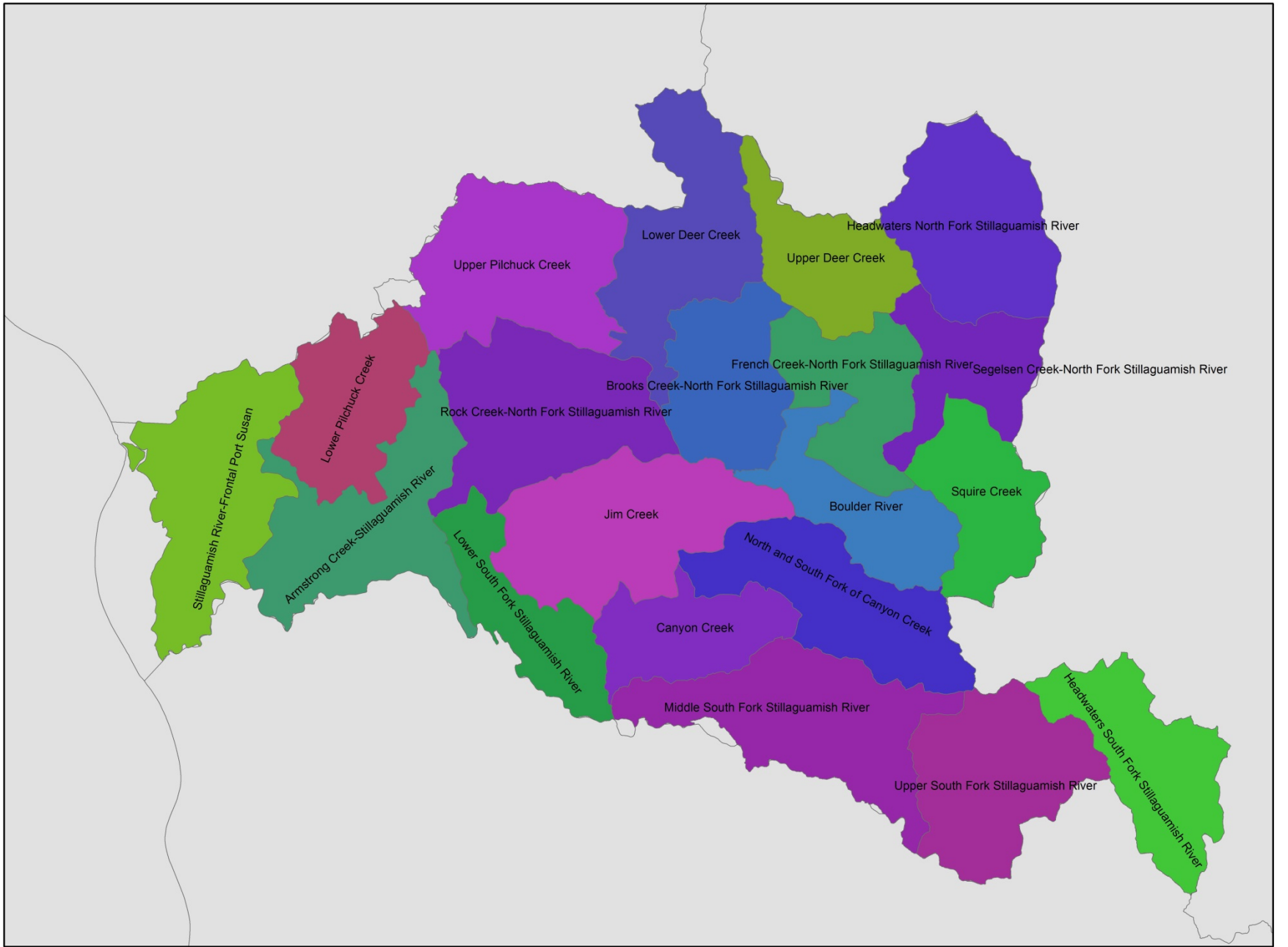
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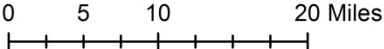


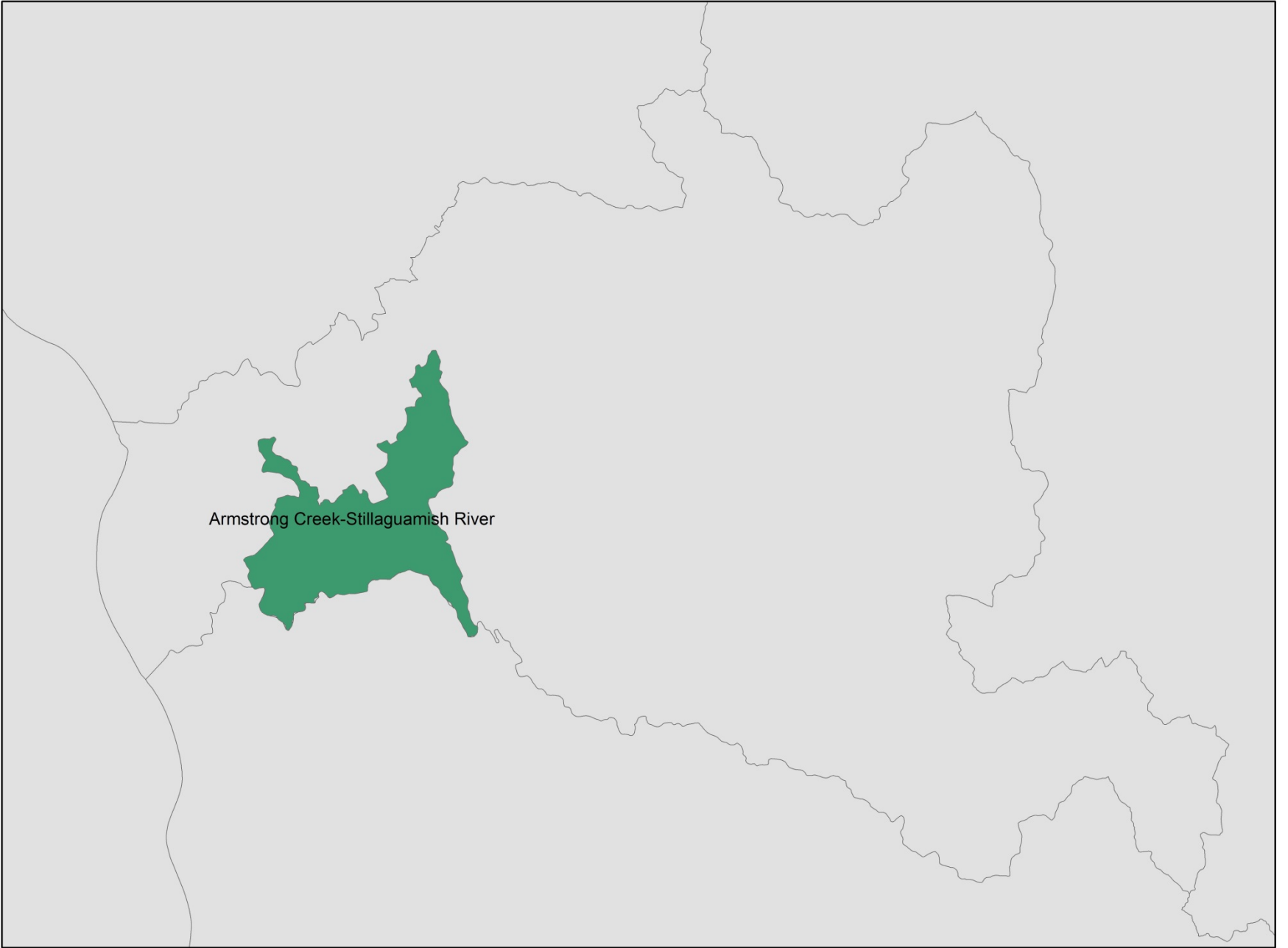




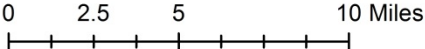


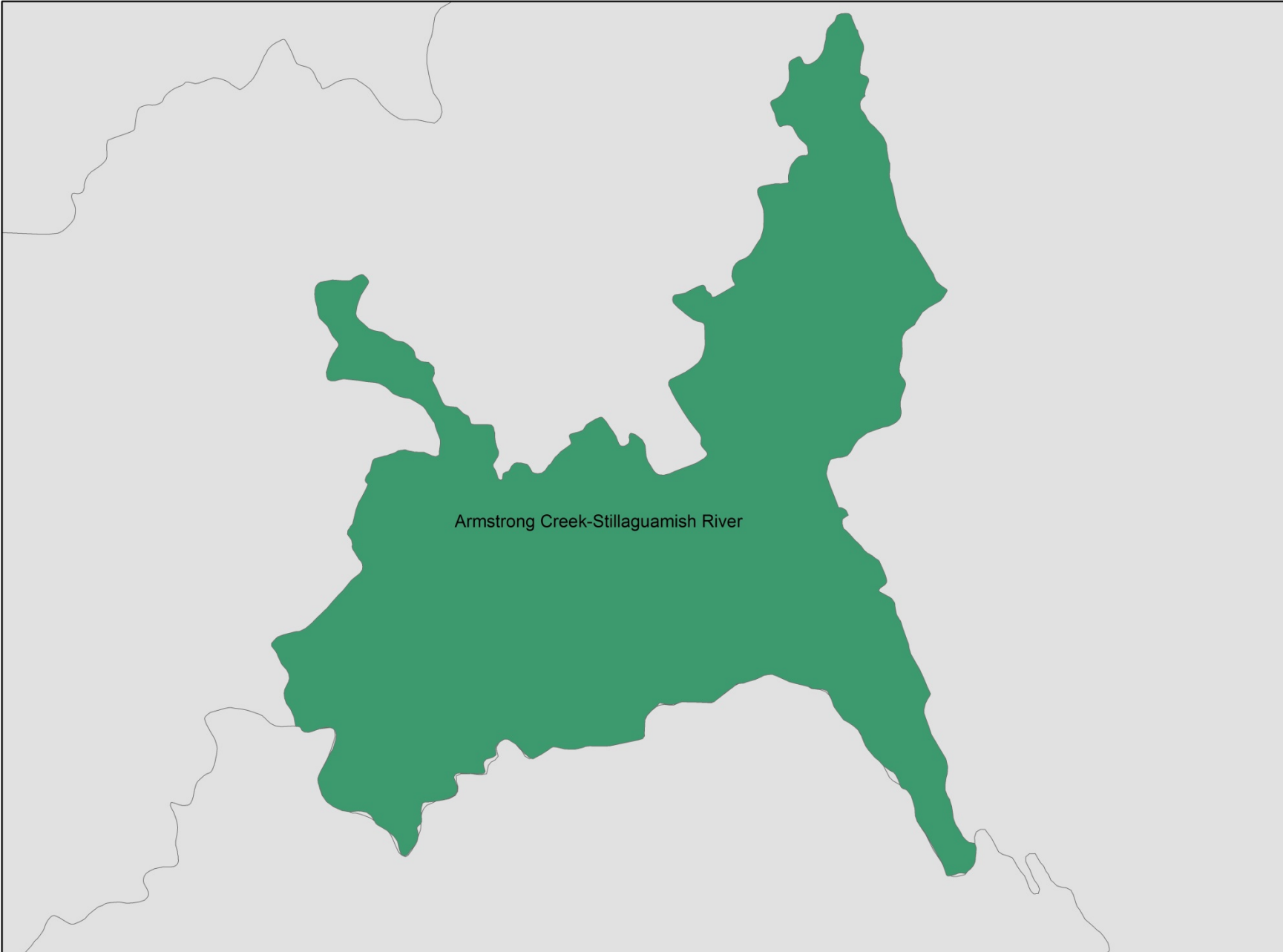
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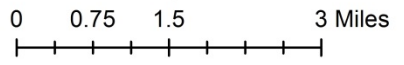


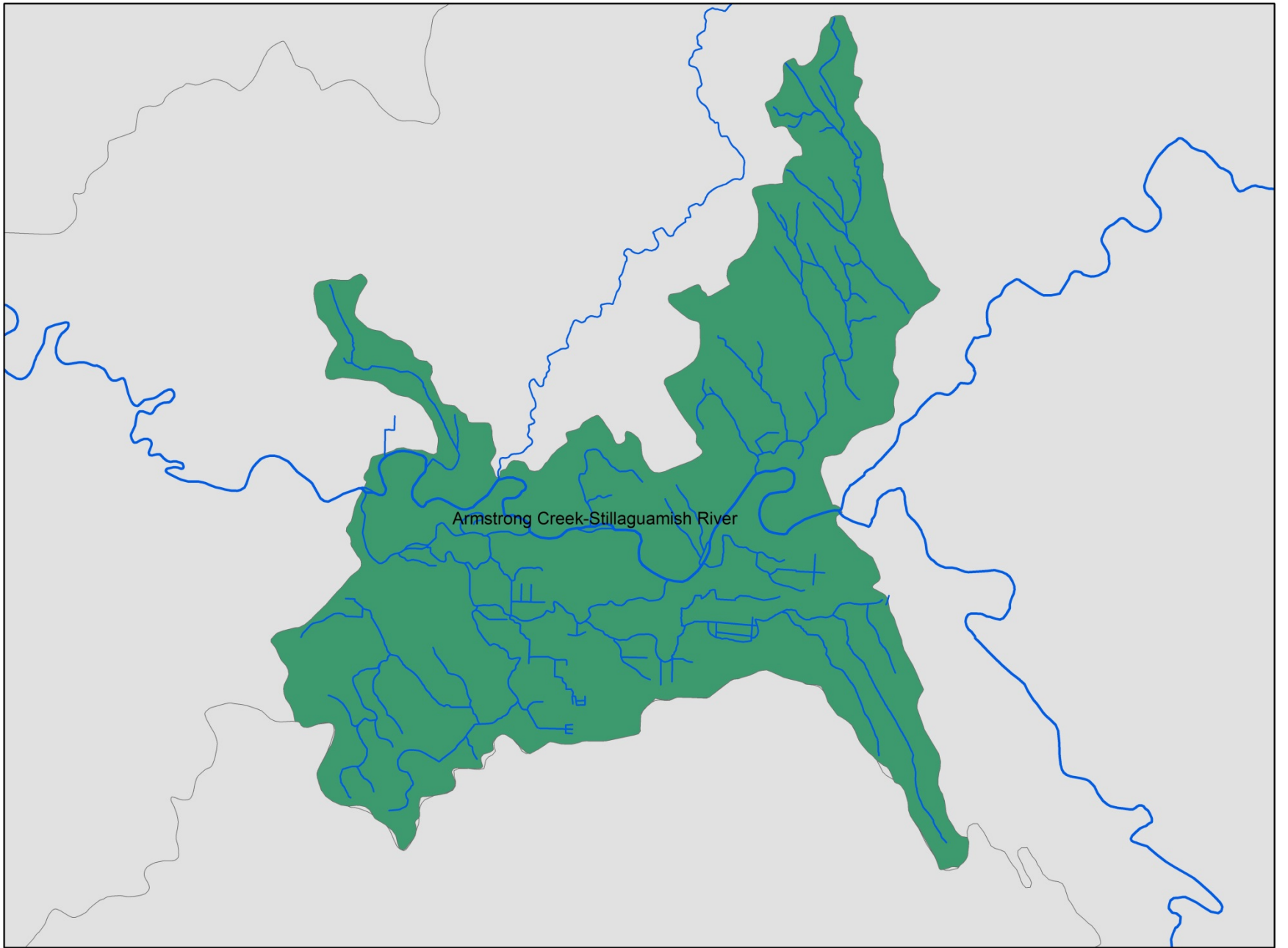
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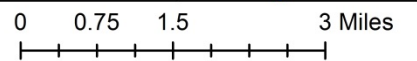


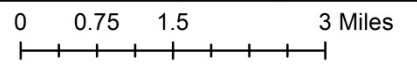
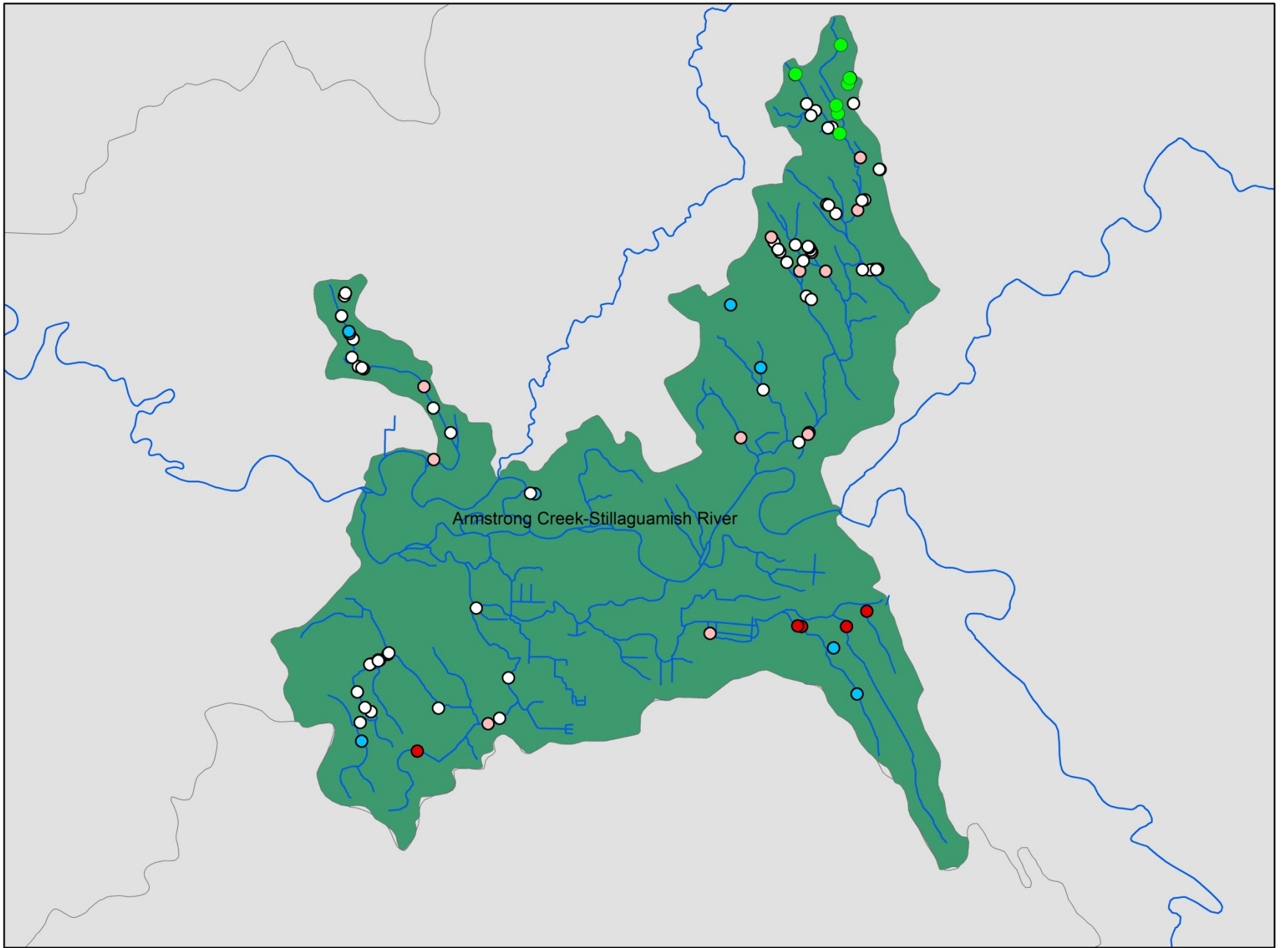
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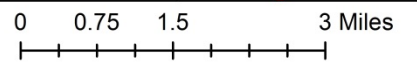
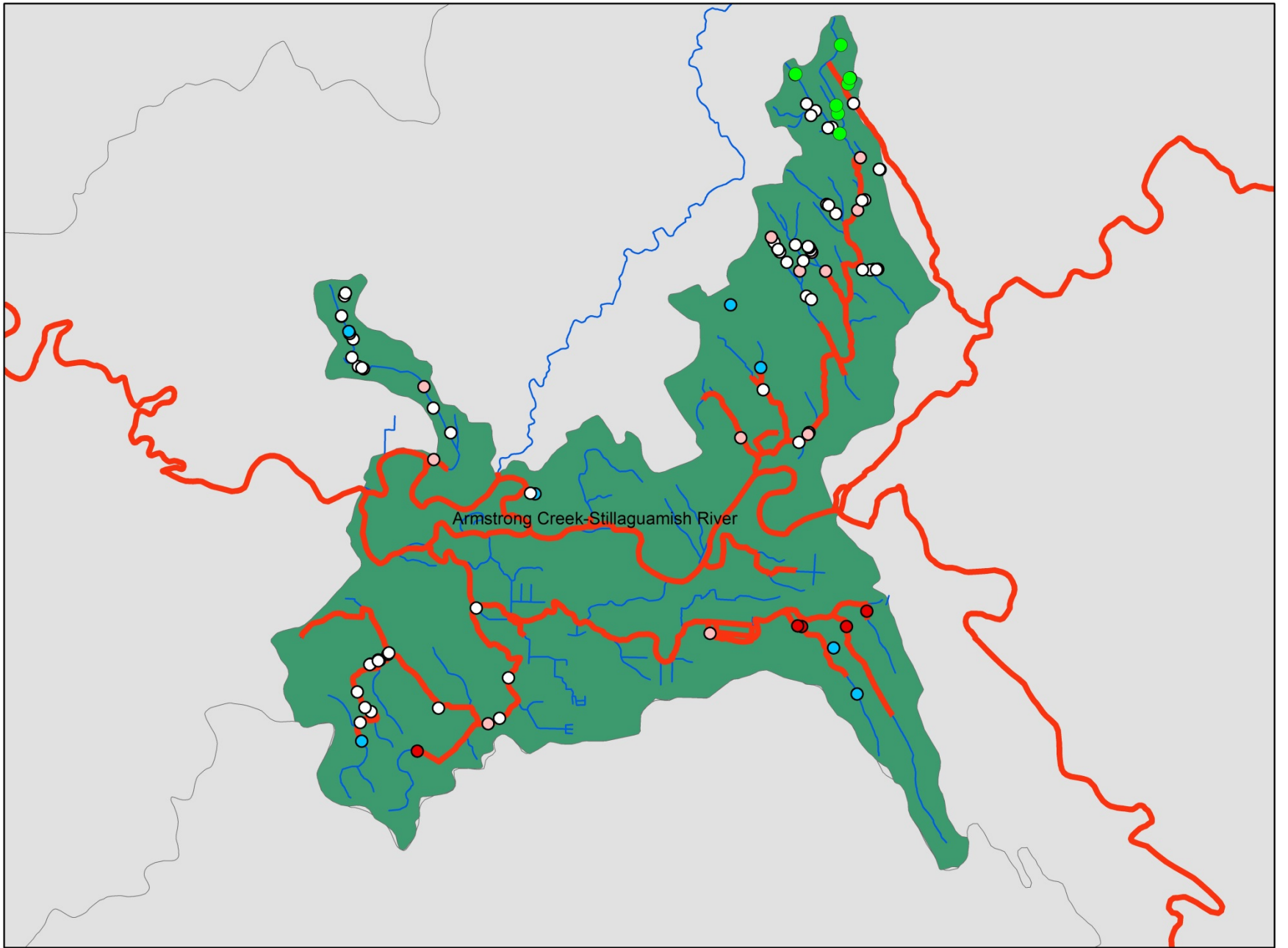




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The Confederated Tribes of the Colville  
Reservation Presentation

ESU and Population Viability: Interior  
Columbia River Example

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# **ESU and Population Viability: Interior Columbia R. example and linkage to FBRB**

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# FBRB task



When developing a prioritization methodology (Sec 4 e), the board must consider:

- **Projects benefiting threatened and endangered stocks**
- Projects providing access to available and high quality habitat
- Correcting the lowest barriers within a stream first
- Whether an existing culvert is a full or partial barrier
- Projects that are coordinated with other adjacent barrier removal projects
- Projects that address replacement of infrastructure associated with flooding, erosion, or other environmental damage.

# Viability Salmonid Population (VSP)

McElhaney et al. 2000

Technical Recovery Teams (TRT) for each Recovery Domain

- Independent of other populations  
(distance, genetics, stray rates, size)
- At least 500 fish (more in big watersheds).
- Negligible risk of extinction  
(less than 5% over 100 yr timeframe)
- 4 attributes to viability....

# 4 parameters that determine “Viability”

- 1) Abundance
- 2) Productivity
- 3) Spatial Structure
- 4) Diversity

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*Viable Salmonid Population (VSP)*

# Upper Columbia ESU:

Spring Chinook:

Wenatchee

Abundance  
Productivity  
Spatial Structure  
Diversity

Entiat

Abundance  
Productivity  
Spatial Structure  
Diversity

Methow

Abundance  
Productivity  
Spatial Structure  
Diversity

ESU

Recovery

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*ESU = Evolutionary Significant Unit*

# Viability Salmonid Population (VSP)

1) Abundance = adults on the spawning grounds

2) Productivity = population growth rate

i.e.—how many fish return for each fish that spawns.

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# Spatial Structure

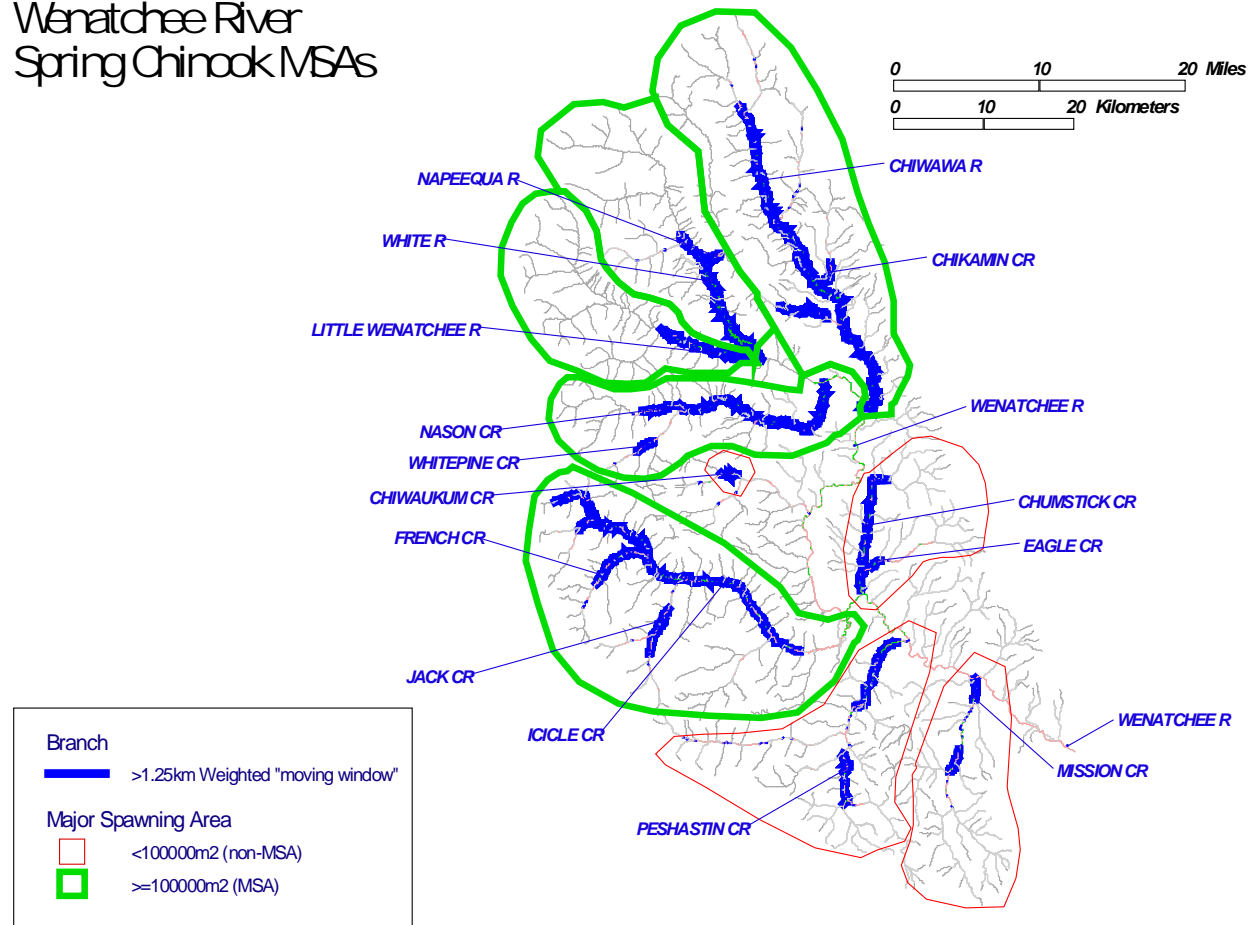
Distribution of fish among and within habitat patches

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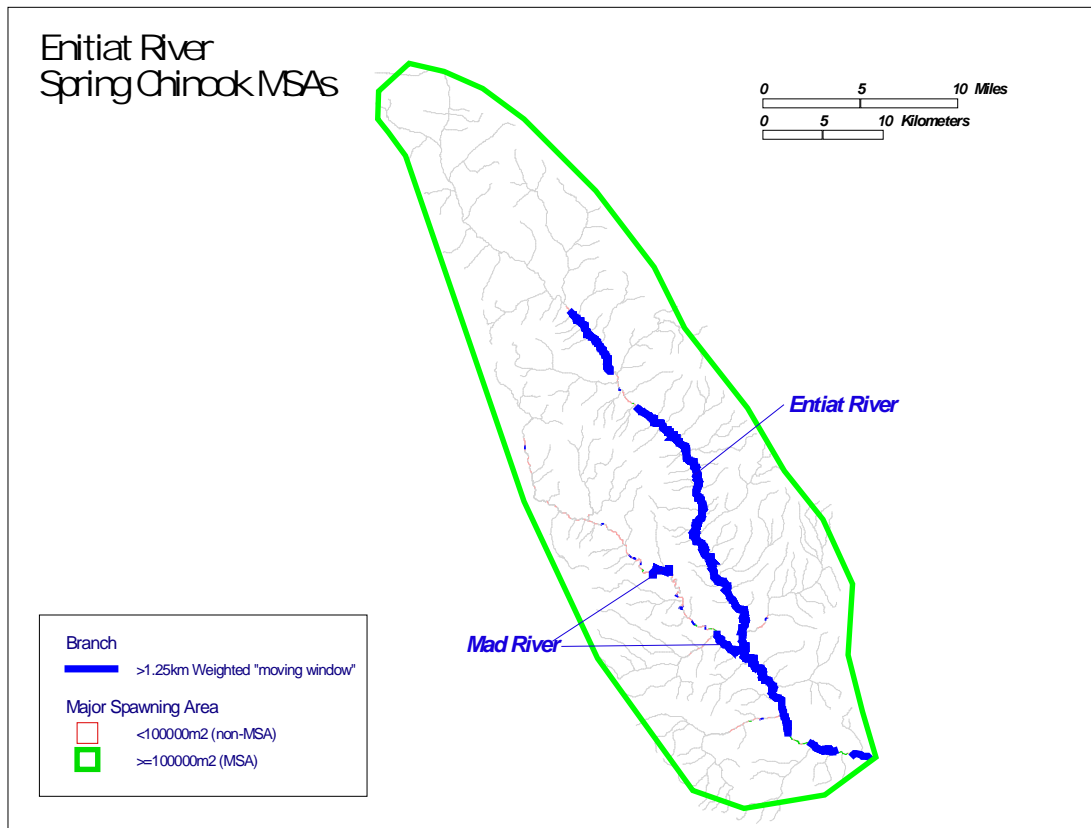
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# Spatial Structure

Wenatchee River  
Spring Chinook MSAs

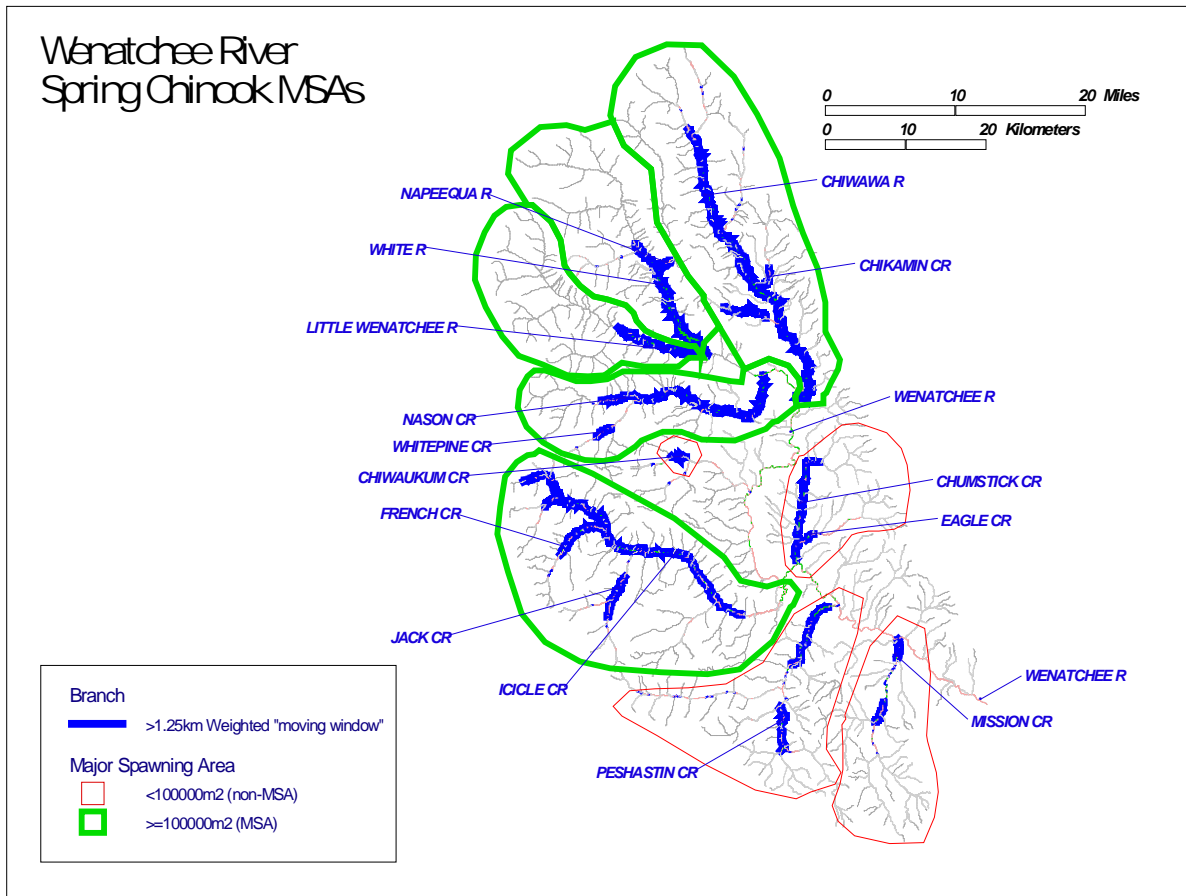


# Spatial Structure





# Developing FBRB Criteria for Spatial Structure



Population specific  
SS requirements:

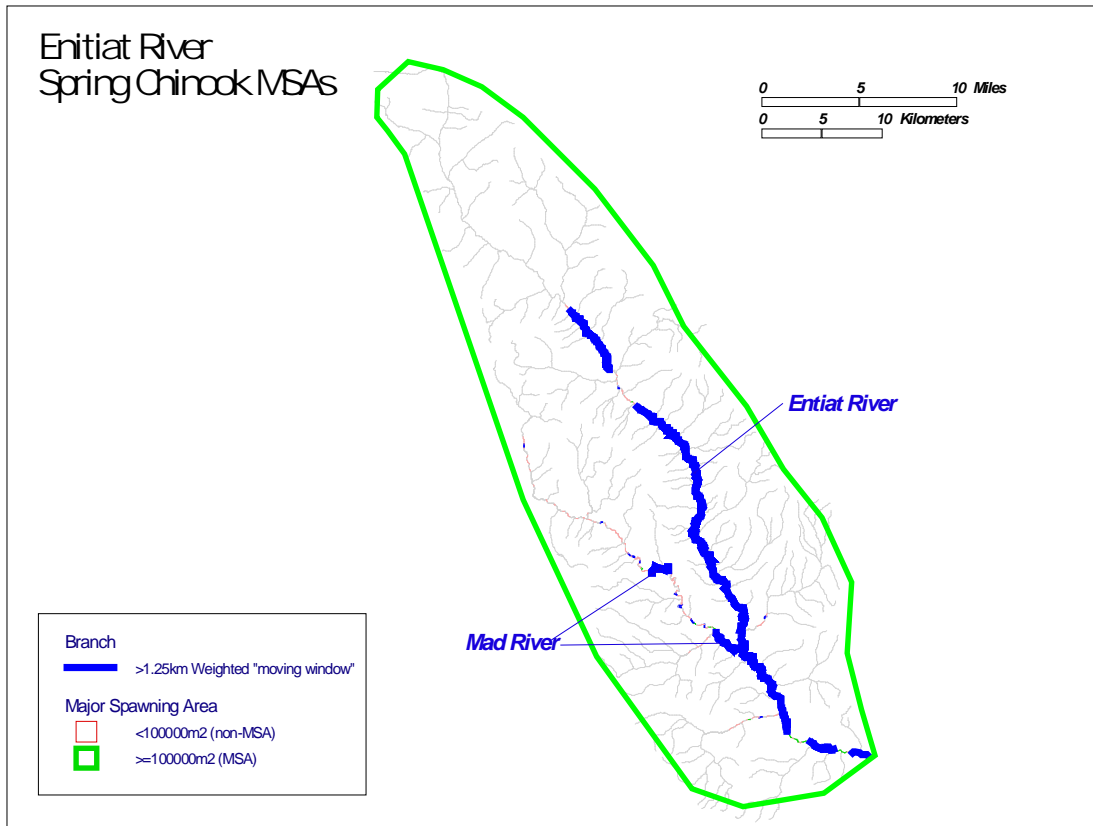
x# of major  
y# of minor

Or

x% of distribution

# Developing FBRB Criteria for Abundance

If Entiat goal is 500 spawners and current abundance is 250 then projects that add capacity could be important.



Population specific  
abundance  
requirements:

x% of distribution

Or

x% of intrinsic  
potential

# Recovery Plans did/should:

- 1) incorporate TRT criteria for VSP,
- 2) include barrier inventory or list of high priority barriers

## Resources for FBRB:

NOAA

WDFW

GSRO

Salmon Recovery  
Boards

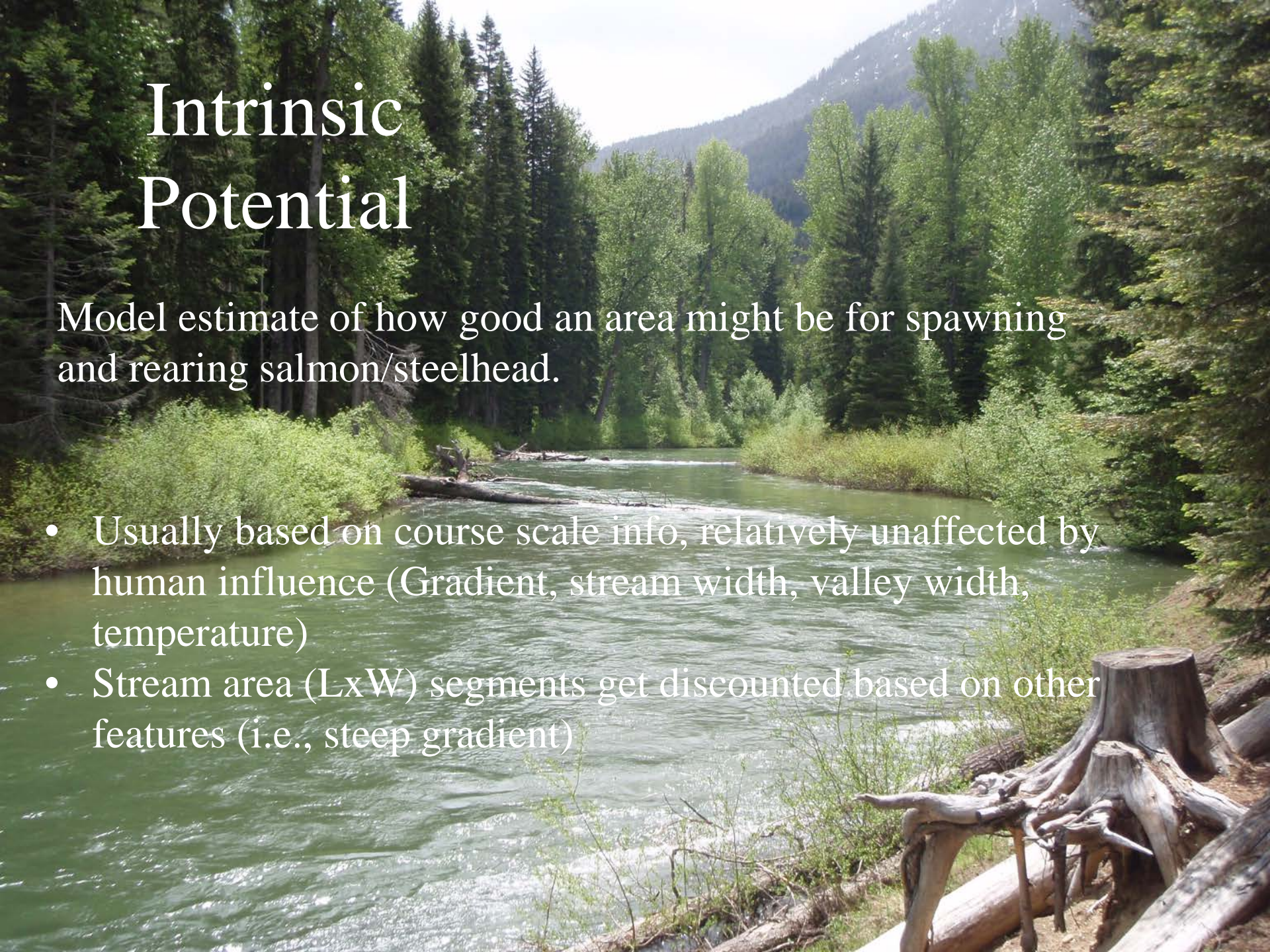


**Next steps:** Need to make link (GIS) between barrier inventory and recovery criteria (spatial structure, abundance). Could overlay barriers with intrinsic potential.

# Intrinsic Potential

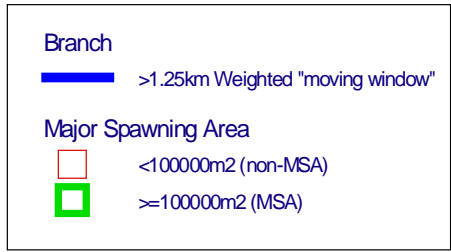
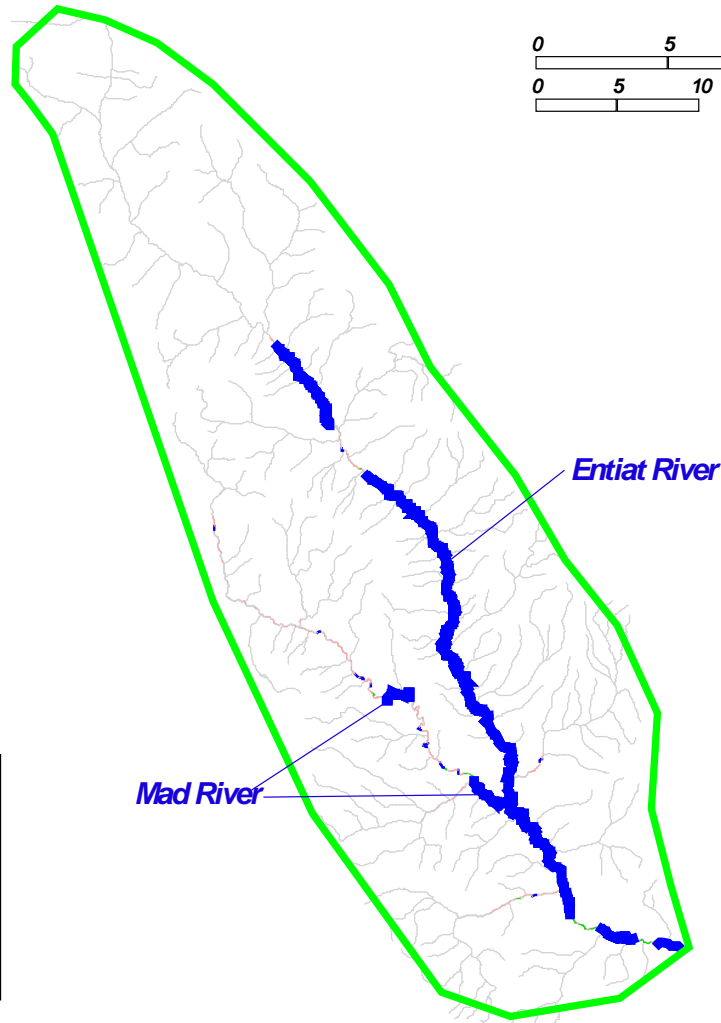
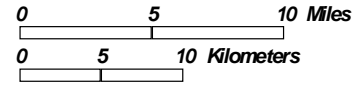
Model estimate of how good an area might be for spawning and rearing salmon/steelhead.

- Usually based on course scale info, relatively unaffected by human influence (Gradient, stream width, valley width, temperature)
- Stream area ( $L \times W$ ) segments get discounted based on other features (i.e., steep gradient)



# Intrinsic Potential

Entiat River  
Spring Chinook MSAs



The End



# Diversity



Some key concepts...

- Genetics (DNA)
- Physical traits
  - (size, age, run timing, migration patterns)
- Occupied ecoregions
- Hatchery influences (domestication, straying)