

**Lewis River Hydroelectric Projects
Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC)
Meeting Agenda**

Date & Time: **Wednesday, April 11, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Place: **Woodland Park and Ride
900 Goerig St.
Woodland, WA 98674
(No restrooms available at this site. Please plan accordingly.)**

Contacts: **Kendel Emmerson (503) 813-6040; cell 503-703-7734**

Time	Discussion Item
9:00 a.m.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Review Agenda & 3/14/18 Meeting Notes➤ Review and Accept November Agenda & 3/14/18 Meeting Notes
9:15 a.m.	Land Acquisition Update (Confidential)
9:20 a.m.	Safety Orientation for Field Tour
9:25 a.m.	Depart for Field Tour
10:00-10:45	Review the 2017 Middle Earth Timber and meadow area
11:00-12:30	Proposed 2018 timber harvest Higsly I commercial thin and Higsly II clearcut. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Review the red alder plantings in 1215147CC. Eat lunch at Buncombe Hollow orchard/meadow area.
1:00-2:15	Proposed 2018 Mullet clearcut and Comb over commercial thin.
3:00 p.m.	Return to Park and Ride and discuss next Meeting's Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Note: all meeting notes and the meeting schedule can be located at: http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro.html

1 Please bring rain gear and sturdy walking shoes for hiking in the forest. No hard hats needed for this tour. PacifiCorp will have 2 vehicles for transportation of up to 4 additional passengers.

No conference call-in available for this meeting

PLEASE BRING LUNCH

DRAFT Meeting Notes
Lewis River License Implementation
Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting
April 11, 2018
Woodland Park and Ride – Field tour

TCC Participants Present: (7)

Ray Croswell, RMEF
 Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp
 Summer Peterman, PacifiCorp
 Kim McCune, PacifiCorp
 Peggy Miller, WDFW
 Eric Holman, WDFW
 Erik White, Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Guest (1)

Joe Berry, Chilton Logging

Calendar:

May 9, 2018	TCC Meeting & Field Tour	HCC
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Assignments from April 11, 2018	Status
Croswell: Forward information to the TCC on the Washington State definition of motorized vehicle.	Complete
Emmerson: Provide a cost breakdown for harvesting Higsly I & II in 2018 to confirm that it does not affect the WHMP budget from completing the other pruning and PCT then it would be a go.	Complete – 5/3/18

Assignments from March 14, 2018	Status
Emmerson: Create high-country model of big elk use areas and a 10-15 year plan for silviculture management for TCC review.	

Assignments from October 11, 2017	Status
Emmerson: To develop a hunting access map for PacifiCorp website that shows closed or restricted hunting areas, roads, and gates.	In progress

Parking Lot Items	Status
WDFW: In regards to 10.3.3, Matching Funds Eagle Island Project the TCC would like a 1-2-page progress report of project status with photos after the grant term expires (12-31-2017).	Provided status update as of 11/8/17
Emmerson/McCune: Contact PacifiCorp's properties department to discuss further TNC detail and report to the TCC at the May meeting.	In progress
Reynolds/White: Schedule a conference call with appropriate parties specific to the TNC Conservation Easement.	Acoustic monitoring site visit is scheduled for end of May 2018

Kendel Emmerson (PacifiCorp) called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Emmerson reviewed the agenda and asked the TCC if there were any changes/additions. Emmerson will add an update on the Unit 36 ash deposit areas, discussion about the use of e-bikes on WHMP lands and an update on the Hanley Curry cultural survey expense.

Ray Croswell requested that Management Unit numbers be included on the agenda for locations so he can prepare for the meetings.

The TCC reviewed the March 14, 2018 meeting notes and no changes were requested. The meeting notes were approved without change at 9:20 a.m.

Public Comment Opportunity:

None

Swift Debris Removal Ash Deposit

Emmerson informed the TCC attendees that she confirmed the ash deposit expenses as follows:

- Move to Management Unit 36 Marble Creek - \$25,000
- Move to Management Unit 19 Cougar quarry - \$35,000
- Hauled off site - \$105,000

PacifiCorp will complete one more year of burning slash this November 2018 and haul in December. PacifiCorp will have a better idea of the amount of drift on the reservoir after the raptor flights next week then PacifiCorp will contact Washington Department of Ecology for comment once a location is proposed. It appears Cougar Quarry may be the preferred location. The TCC can see the site at the May or June TCC meeting.

Use of E-bikes on Lewis River WHMP Lands

In response to concern from local law enforcement the TCC briefly discussed the use of E-bikes on WHMP lands and if such use is allowed as the Settlement Agreement does not allow motorized vehicles on PacifiCorp's Lewis River WHMP lands.

Emmerson expressed that Weyerhaeuser does not allow motor vehicles on their lands and considers E-bikes a motor vehicle and Hancock all access is walk-in and by permit only hunting & recreation. Conflict of mixed use is a concern, damage to habitat, etc.

The TCC discussed if an E-bike is considered a "motorized" vehicle under the definition of horsepower and level of noise created by an E-bike. The TCC decided to table this item until the May 10, 2018 TCC agenda. Ray Croswell will forward information on the Washington State definition of motorized vehicle.

Lower Hanley Curry Meadow

Due to significant increase in survey costs that now are exceeding the cost of restoring the meadow, it is unlikely Lower Hanley-Curry Meadow will be restored by turning the field over.

Land Acquisition Update (CONFIDENTIAL)

Scope of work is needed

Additional detail around this topic is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

10.3.3 Contribution of Additional Matching Funds

Emmerson informed the TCC attendees that PacifiCorp was awarded RMEF grant funds in the amount of \$20,091.00, and we want to confirm that the TCC approves of PacifiCorp proceeding with matching funds in accordance with the Settlement Agreement language below:

10.3.3 Contribution of Additional Matching Funds. In addition to the contributions made under Section 10.3.1, beginning 18 months after Issuance of the New License for the Yale Project or Swift No. 1 Project, whichever is earlier, PacifiCorp shall match the contributions of local, state, and federal agencies, and other persons or organizations, made for the purposes of this Section 10.3, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year, and not to exceed \$500,000 in any ten consecutive years. Any Party may propose a source of matching funds under this subsection. If and only if a commitment of funds is made by a party other than PacifiCorp, for acquisitions of Interests in Land or for implementation of habitat enhancement projects approved by the TCC, PacifiCorp shall provide matching funds within the limits set forth above at closing of the real estate transaction; no fund will be created. The TCC will identify Interests in Land for acquisitions or identify habitat enhancement projects to be funded with matching funds, and PacifiCorp shall execute approved acquisitions and implement approved enhancement measures.

The TCC agreed that PacifiCorp is to provide matching funds (\$20,091.00) for the 2018 RMEF grant project.

Agenda items for May 9, 2018

- Review April 11, 2018 Meeting Notes
- Land Acquisition Update (**Confidential**)
- Study/Work Product Updates
- Tour Devil's Backbone and Unit 34 and other high country sites, if weather and time permits.

Next Scheduled Meeting

May 9, 2018
Location: HCC

Attachments:

- April 11, 2018 Meeting Agenda
- **Attachment A** – Map of Unit 14 2017 Completed Harvest Area
- **Attachment B** – Map of Unit 15 2018 Proposed Harvest Areas Higsly I and II
- **Attachment C** – Map of Unit 15 2018 Proposed Harvest Areas Mullet & Comb Over

Tour Safety Briefing

Emmerson informed the TCC tour attendees that we are headed to tour Units 14 (2017 Completed Harvest Area) and Unit 15 (2018 proposed harvest areas). There will be very rough roads, many mountain beaver so watch your step for holes, there is also tripping hazards and watch for ticks.

Unit 14 & 15 Field Tour 9:30am – pictures included at the end of these meeting notes

Middle Earth 171401CC (23.0 acres)

- Prior vegetation cover type was about 9.9 acres of Upland Mix (UM) and 11.2 acres of Young Upland Deciduous (YUD).
- 184 leave trees total with almost ¼ at northern edge to extend the shoreline buffer to the topographical break.
- Special management areas included steep slopes with large rocks and mature conifer trees.
- A 2.53 acre meadow was created that will be passively managed
- Unable to complete the scarification on approximately 1/3 of the harvest area. This will be completed in 2018 and entire harvest area, excluding the meadow, will be planted in 2019. Disturbed areas will reseeded in the Fall 2018.
- Harvest was originally 40 acres but cut in roughly half so that we could have future harvest to maintain cover:forage
- Refined the shrubland boundary and was able to remove a few conifer to promote further shrubs.

Unit 14 did not have a C:F goal assigned to it in the WHMP due to lack of access, however DNR expanded a road so we now have access. A C:F goal of 60:40 was created prior to harvest C:F was 76:24 and currently is 61:33

Grass – legume seed mix used in all scarified areas and the meadow

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Unit 14 – Meadow Area



Unit 14 – Middle Earth Timber and Slash Piles



Unit 14 – Middle Earth

The TCC agreed to plant a mix of conifer and deciduous trees. Red alder is readily available as seedling, but other deciduous trees will likely need to be acquired from a nursery. At the local native plant nursery, these will run \$3.50 per tree plus additional cost for planting. Kendel will draft estimated cost and revised planting plan.

Higsly I (Currently THA 841523CC is proposed to be commercially thinned in 2018)

Here is historical reference on this THA^o

- Management units were renamed sometime between 1984 and 1990. MU 15 was formerly MU 8 and this harvest identification was 840802, which included the current 841522CC, 841546CC, and 841523CC.
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Unit 15 Higsly I – Proposed Harvest Area (Commercial Thin)



Unit 15 - Mature Timber



121547CC red alder plantings



Buncombe Hollow Orchard/Meadow Area



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Unit 15 – Higsly I Commercial Thin



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Higsly I - Chilton Logging determining tree's approximate age by boring $\frac{1}{4}$ diameter into the approximate center of the tree



Unit 15 – Higsly II Commercial Thin

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Leave trees within the buffer include all trees >15 in dbh and will meet the 2015 Bald Eagle Management Plan conservation measures for communal roosts:

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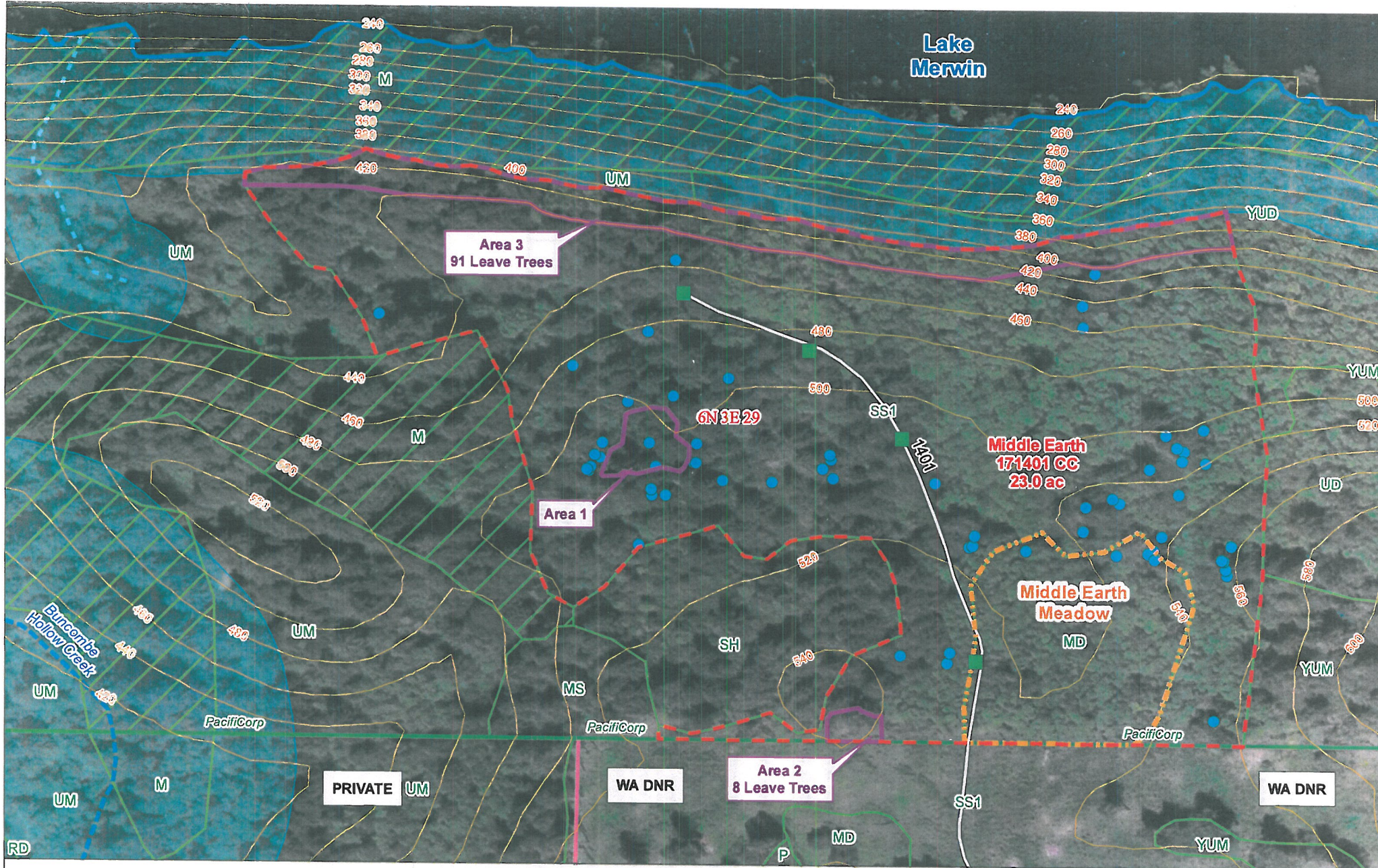
The TCC approved the clear-cut and commercial thin for Unit 15 Comb Over and Mullet as described in the 2018 Annual Plan.



Unit 15 – Comb Over Commercial Thin



Western trillium (*Trillium ovatum*)



WHMP - Unit 14

2017 Completed
Harvest Area
171401 CC
(23.0 acres)

- Harvest
- Landing
- Special Management Area
- Leave Tree

- Meadow
- Road
- Contour (20')
- Section

- Vegetation Cover
- Priority Mature
- PacifiCorp Land
- WA DNR Land

- Fish Stream
- Non-fish Seasonal
- Shoreline
- Shore/Stream Buffer



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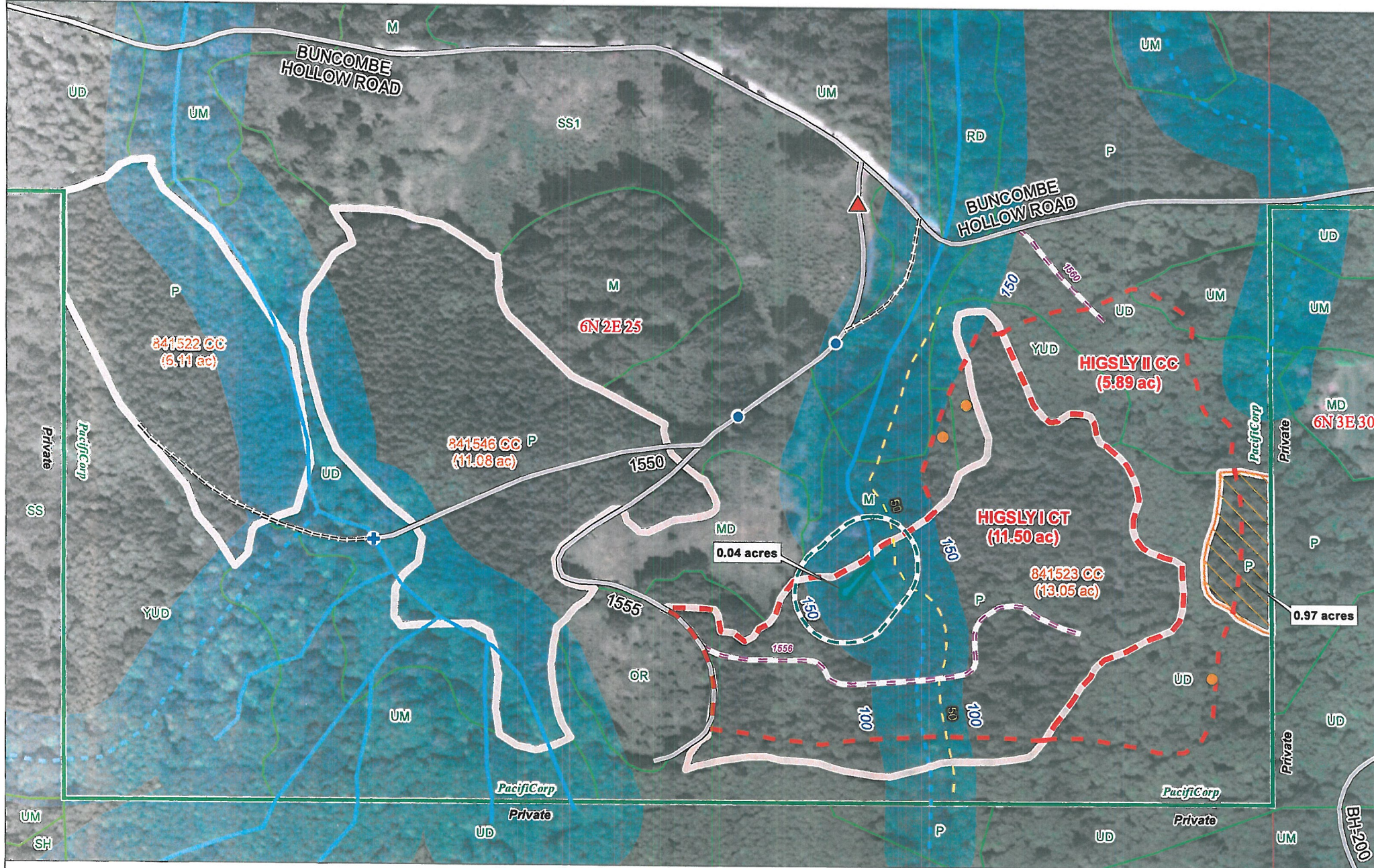
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WHMP - Unit 15

2018 Proposed Harvest Areas HIGSLY I and II

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15\Higsly Aerial Map.mxd

- Proposed Harvest
- Past Harvest
- ▲ Gate
- Road
- Abandon Road
- Proposed Road

- Leave Tree
- Special Management Area
- Section
- PacifiCorp Land

- Ditch Culvert
- + Stream Culvert
- Non-fish Perennial Stream
- Non-fish Seasonal Stream
- Shore/Stream Buffer
- 50 ft Stream Buffer (RMZ)

- Wetland
- Wetland Buffer (100 feet)
- Vegetation Cover



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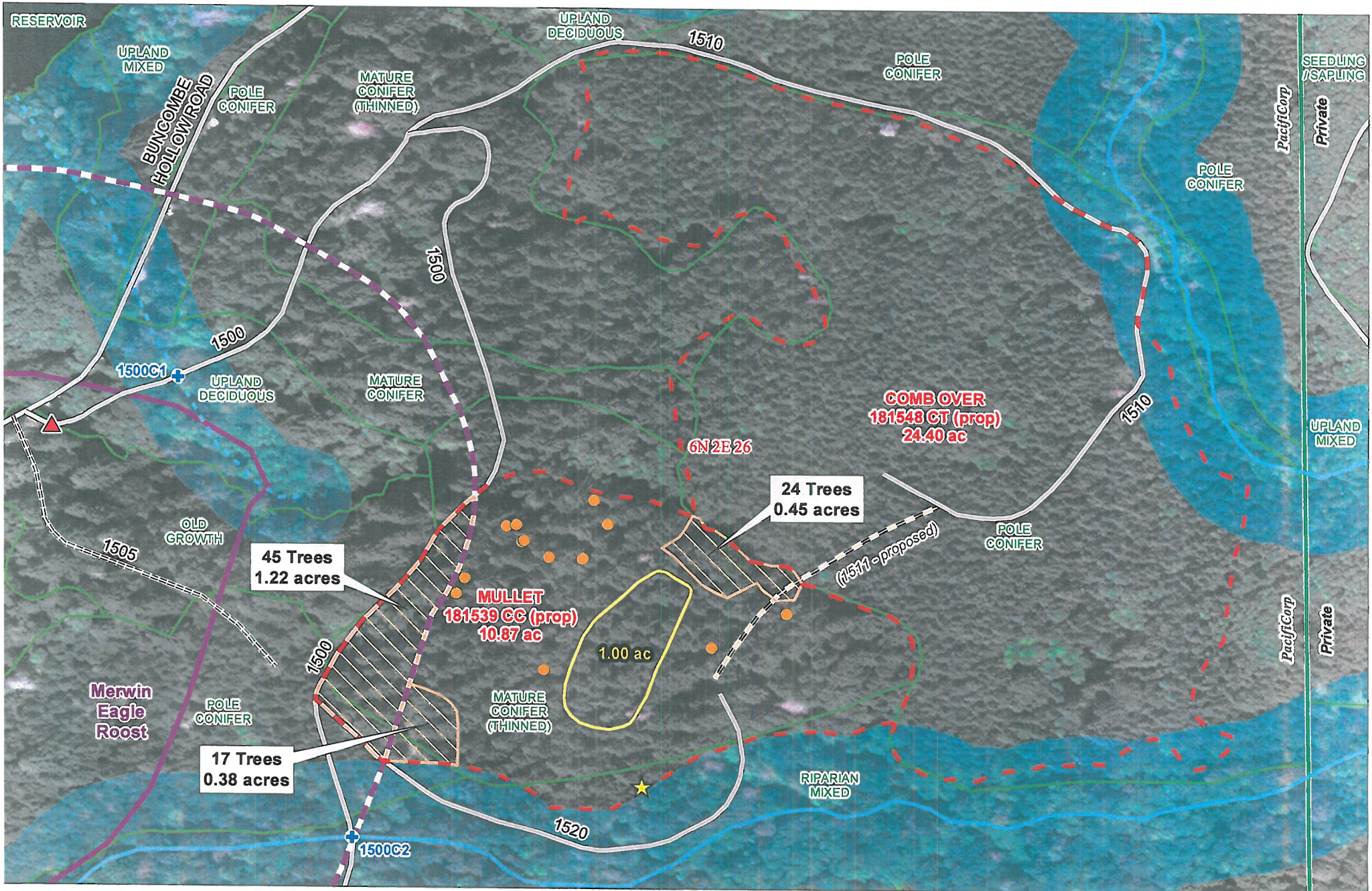
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2018 Proposed Harvest Areas Mullet & Comb Over

- Proposed Harvest
- ▲ Gate
- == Road
- ===== Abandon Road
- == Proposed Road

- Leave Trees (painted orange)
- ★ Nurse Log Area
- Special Management Area
- Proposed Meadow

- Eagle Roost
- Eagle Roost Buffer
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