

**FINAL Meeting Notes**  
**Lewis River License Implementation**  
**Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting**  
**June 13, 2007**  
**Lacey, WA**

**TCC Participants Present: (19)**

Brock Applegate, WDFW  
 John Clapp, Lewis River Citizens at-large (via teleconference 9:00am – 10:00am)  
 Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Eric Holman, WDFW  
 Mike Iyall, Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
 Curt Leigh, WDFW (via teleconference)  
 Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Bob Nelson, RMEF  
 Todd Olson, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Tim Romanski, USFWS  
 Mitch Wainwright, USDA Forest Service

Cherie Kearney, Columbia Land Trust  
 Mike Hayden, Cougar Area Trail Seekers (CATS) (9:00am – 10:00am)  
 Brenda Hayden, CATS (9:00am – 10:00am)  
 Rocky Hendricks, CATS (9:00am – 10:00am)  
 Tom Vertz, CATS (9:00am – 10:00am)  
 Barbara Vertz, CATS (9:00am – 10:00am)  
 Sandi Hendricks, CATS (9:00am – 10:00am)

**Calendar:**

July 11, 2007	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
August 8, 2007	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
August 9, 2007	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro

<b>Assignments from June 13th Meeting:</b>	
McCune: Make copies of the Piute County DVD for WDFW and PacifiCorp and mail the DVD back to Mike Hayden (CATS).	<b>Complete – 6/21/07</b>
McCune: Request CATS provide written documentation of land owner approval of ATV use.	<b>Complete – 6/25/07</b>
Emmerson: Request a set of original data sheets from EDAW and copy WDFW relating to the Mink HSI and SI values.	<b>Pending</b>
Emmerson: Revise the Mink memorandum to include clarification of tributary riparian.	<b>Complete – 7/3/07</b>
McCune/Emmerson: Provide details to the TCC for 6/25 & 6/26 Goshawk survey.	<b>Complete – 6/15/07</b>

USFWS: Review BiOp and confirm if construction related to timber management activities are covered by the ITP (incidental take permit).	Complete – 6/15/07 (see <b>Attachment C</b> )
McCune: Email the USFWS BiOp to Romanski	Complete – 6/14/07

<b>Assignments from May 9th Meeting:</b>	
Naylor: Mail copies of the wildlife signs to Ray Croswell, RMEF.	Complete – 5/15/07
Emmerson: Review the protocol data to determine the best survey method for Goshawks and inform the TCC.	Complete – 6/26/07
Naylor: Send email to the TCC suggesting a few dates in late June 2007 for the TCC to join in an intensive raptor nest survey following the protocol from the “Northern Goshawk Inventory and Monitoring Technical Guide.”	Complete – 6/15/07
Naylor: Distribute maps to TCC with illustration of where roads are/will be located relating to the Unit 26 proposed forestry actions.	Complete – 5/10/07
Naylor/Olson: Provide Eric Holman (WDFW) with a clear picture from DNR regarding what is permissible on their lands relating to ATV use.	Complete – 6/13/07

<b>Assignments from September 13th Meeting:</b>	
McCune: Email the TCC and Columbia Land Trust with potential dates for a tour of certain lands of interest.	Pending

<b>Parking lot items from February 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting:</b>	
PacifiCorp Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (WHMP) Budget (annual)	
Conservation Agreement – what is wanted?	Ongoing – 4/28/06

## **Review of Agenda, Finalize Meeting Notes**

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Naylor conducted a review of the agenda for the day and requested a round-table introduction for the benefit of those participating via teleconference and for the guest speakers.

Naylor requested any additions to the agenda. No changes to the agenda were requested. Naylor requested comments and/or changes to the Draft TCC May 9, 2007, meeting notes. No changes were requested and meeting notes were approved at 9:15am.

## **Cougar Area Trail Seekers (CATS) Proposal**

Mike Hayden (CATS) provided the following handouts (**Attachment A**) for TCC attendees review:

- Proposal for Multi-Purpose Trails near Cougar, Washington, dated June 13, 2007
- Charter/Constitution, last revision October 28, 2006
- Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) letter to Mike Hayden, date of letter unknown
- Cougar Area Trail Seekers Clean-up Ride, dated May 6, 2007
- Photo of clean-up ride
- Map illustrating Proposal #1 – Cougar Power Line Trail
- Map illustrating Proposal #2 – PacifiCorp Wildlife Trail

Hayden communicated the CATS initial proposal for two (2) designated multi-use trails capable of accommodating hiking, mountain biking, and ATV use (see **Attachment A** for further detail). Hayden expressed that the CATS intend to make similar proposals to other land owners and managers as well and that it is important they work closely with WDFW, PacifiCorp and their wildlife representatives to seek additional, better recreational access in their neighborhoods by forming an ATV trail network to expand the existing recreational opportunities and allow for the increasing tourism and population growth in the area surrounding the town of Cougar, Yale Reservoir, and the general vicinity of the North Fork of the Lewis River.

John Clapp (Lewis River Citizens at-large) expressed that the Lewis River watersheds, critical wetlands and wildlife habitat protection was a key focus during the relicensing negotiations with the Settlement Agreement Parties and anticipation of expected development was a major consideration. Clapp also expressed that should ATV use be allowed on PacifiCorp lands that a time frame should be considered relative to elk foraging and winter range areas.

Naylor informed the CATS representatives that no decisions would be made today by the TCC. Today's discussion was to allow CATS to present the trails proposal and answer any questions.

CATS communicated to the TCC attendees that they would like designated areas to deter ATV users from illegal areas. One of their goals is to perhaps convert bad users to responsible ATV users.

Mike Iyall (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) expressed that there is frustration on both sides. The TCC has a finite budget to manage and we don't want to use it all on enforcement. Iyall said that responsible ATV use can be a reasonable source of entertainment and controlled ATV use is a good argument yet on the other hand we could be creating an attractive nuisance.

Naylor said that PacifiCorp will look at the CATS proposal and review it as a group with the TCC, to include detailed maps identifying proposed roads to make available for ATV use. Naylor also expressed that PacifiCorp has already experienced \$30 - \$35k in resource damage contributing to erosion areas and damage to fish bearing streams at Merwin all on closed roads with signs just in the last 2 years.

Todd Olson (PacifiCorp) proposed that as neighbors the CATS could help remediate sites, volunteer back-hoe time and continue to pioneer trail clean-up runs.

General discussion took place regarding explosive population growth in the area, destruction of habitat, areas of permitted and illegal ATV use, protection of wildlife habitat is the top priority and the need for approval of ACC, TCC and SA Parties would be required for an ATV proposal.

Hayden described a successful ATV project in Piute County, Utah and gave PacifiCorp a copy of a DVD. Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp) will make copies of the DVD for WDFW and PacifiCorp and return the DVD to Mike Hayden (CATS). Hayden asked that if any of the TCC participants have questions to contact him directly at [mbhayden@tds.net](mailto:mbhayden@tds.net).

<Break 10:05am>

<Reconvene 10:15am>

Discussion on CATS proposal was concluded following a request to have CATS provide written documentation showing that the club has land owner approval to ride on local private, state, or federal lands. PacifiCorp will make request on behalf of TCC.

### **WHMP Updates - Discussion of Corrections for Mink Habitat Suitability Index and Mink Riparian Habitat Evaluation Procedures Evaluation Species**

Kendel Emmerson (PacifiCorp) communicated that she discovered inconsistencies in the Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) values, which is detailed in a memorandum to the TCC dated May 29, 2007 and revised per TCC request on July 3, 2007 ([Attachment B](#)).

The purpose of the memorandum is to provide corrections to the mink HSI and suitability index (SI) values reported in the Habitat Evaluation Procedure (HEP) Study and to request changing the mink from a HEP Evaluation Species to an Analysis Species in the Standards and Guidelines Riparian Habitat chapter. The requested corrections will allow the Utilities to more accurately measure changes in year 17 of the license.

Upon TCC review of the Table in the memorandum titled, *Reported Versus Correct Mink HSI and SI Values*, Curt Leigh (WDFW) requested Emmerson obtain a set of original data sheets from EDAW and copy WDFW. No data gathering appears to have taken place for Mink HSI values in the tributary riparian areas. Emmerson recommended mink be designated as an Analysis Species for Riparian Habitat, instead of a HEP Evaluation Species.

Emmerson read the following email she received from Colleen McShane at EDAW regarding mink HSI values for Swift and Yale reservoirs (see email below) for TCC consideration:

*From: Colleen McShane [Colleen.McShane@edaw.com]  
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 5:33 PM  
To: Emmerson, Kendel  
Subject: Mink Model*

*Hi Kendel*

*I spoke with Ron about why Table 5.2-6 did not include mink HSI values for Swift and Yale reservoirs. It was not an omission. He reminded me that we only used mink as an evaluation species for lacustrine habitat at Merwin because the other 2 reservoirs fluctuate too much for the shoreline to provide habitat for mink (see page 2-8 of the report--Table 5.2-2). The Swift bypass reach and the Lewis River near Eagle Island were included as riverine habitat for mink and these 2 values are missing from the table. The HSI for Eagle Island RUB is 0.63; the HSI for the Swift Bypass Reach RUB is 0.59. I'm not sure why no one noticed these values were missing, maybe because the focus for mink has always seemed to be mostly for wetlands.*

*Hope this helps!*

The question to the TCC is should we go out and collect tributary riparian data in 3-5 years to do a baseline collection of data for tributary riparian areas that are perennial fish bearing streams?

The TCC agreed that PacifiCorp should proceed with the HEP analysis for perennial fish bearing streams that are on WHMP lands. That this analysis may occur when HEP analysis are conducted for newly acquired lands. The corrected HSI data will be used as the original baseline data.

Emmerson will revise the memorandum to include clarification of tributary riparian.

<Lunch 12:00m>

<Reconvene 12:30pm>

### **WHMP Updates - Discussion of WDFW possible concerns on NSO for proposed management in Unit 26**

Naylor reviewed a map with the TCC attendees, which illustrated proposed road development for Units 1 through 3 and suitable Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) habitat in Unit 26. The maps indicated that the road construction indicated about 500 feet of suitable NSO habitat could be affected. However, the area identified as mid-successional habitat does not meet those criteria based on three plots used to determine average stand diameter. It should actually be typed as "conifer pole" per the vegetation definitions used in relicensing. In other words, there appears to be minimal NSO habitat loss associated with the road and it would occur in non critical nesting habitat. However, the area would meet the young marginal definition of NSO suitable habitat based on Forest Practices Act. He asked the TCC what the impact is to habitat relating to road construction in order to gain access to alder areas for long-term owl habitat management. The snags that will be taken down will be left on the ground as downed wood. The TCC requested PacifiCorp make every attempt to retain snags where safety allows.

Tim Romanski (USFWS) communicated that the USFWS could amend the BiOp if it comes to that. However, since the proposed road is the only loss of habitat Romanski will review the BiOp and confirm if this request falls under the incidental take permit (ITP) language. McCune will email the BiOp to Romanski.

Naylor informed Romanski that he would like an answer within the week in order to proceed with other permitting for a harvest to occur this year.

Brock Applegate (WDFW) informed the TCC that a Southwest Region Habitat Biologist from WDFW will be coming during the Goshawk surveys scheduled for June 25 & 26 and will conduct a walk-through to complete a northern spotted owl assessment of the subject area.

Naylor also provided a copy of a map for TCC review illustrating other potential permanent forage plots. As indicated at the previous TCC meeting, about 10% of this management unit would be proposed for permanent forage. Naylor proposes that the currently proposed alder harvest areas will provide about 30 acres of forage for at least the next 10-15 years and these other permanent forage areas could be developed at future entries. During this year PacifiCorp is proposing to only include permanent forage areas of about 1 acre at Timber Harvest Area #3 and to expand the foot

print of the existing meadow (remove a few alder). Olson proposed that we focus on the original concept of cutting the three alder units and existing meadow to address the creation of permanent forage and address the additional forage areas later.

### **Lands Update Discussion**

Cherie Kearney (Columbia Lands Trust) provided a detailed update relating to interests in certain lands, however, this discussion is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

### **New Topics**

Emmerson communicated to the TCC attendees that Goshawk survey experts are coming down to the Lewis River on 6/25 and 6/26/07 to conduct the survey and discuss goshawk habitat impacts from timber harvests on WHMP lands. All TCC members are invited to participate. McCune will obtain the details and email to the TCC.

### **Next Meeting's Agenda**

- Goshawk Survey Update
- Lands Update Discussion
- Wetlands Objective Discussion
- Mink Memorandum, Corrections for Mink Habitat Suitability Index Approval (time permitting)
- Unit 5 Tour (12:00pm – 3:00pm)

Meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.

### **Next Scheduled Meetings**

<b>July 11, 2007</b>	<b>August 8, 2007</b>
Merwin Hydro Facility	Merwin Hydro Facility
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

### **Handouts**

1. Agenda
2. Draft meeting notes from 5/9/07
3. Proposal for Multi-Purpose Trails near Cougar, WA, dated June 13, 2007 (**Attachment A**)
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7. Photo of clean-up ride (**Attachment A**)
8. Map illustrating Proposal #1 – Cougar Power Line Trail (**Attachment A**)
9. Map illustrating Proposal #2 – PacifiCorp Wildlife Trail (**Attachment A**)

10. Corrections for Mink Habitat Suitability Index and Suitability Index Corrections and Mink Riparian Habitat Evaluation Procedures Evaluation Species Memorandum, dated May 29, 2007 as revised July 3, 2007 (Attachment B)
11. Email from Tim Romanski, USFWS dated June 15, 2007 regarding review of the BiOp and confirmation if construction related to timber management activities are covered by the ITP (Attachment C)

## **PROPOSAL FOR MULTI-PURPOSE TRAILS NEAR COUGAR, WASHINGTON**

**June 13, 2007**

**Proposed by the Cougar Area Trail Seekers (C.A.T.S.)**

**PO Box 154, Cougar, WA 98616.**

**Mike Hayden, President ([mbhayden@tds.net](mailto:mbhayden@tds.net)); Brenda Price, Vice President; Rocky Hendricks, Sergeant-At-Arms; Barbara Vertz, Secretary ([dogcreekcougar@tds.net](mailto:dogcreekcougar@tds.net)); and Linda Mason, Treasurer.**

### **PURPOSE:**

To work collaboratively with Federal, State, and private land owners and managers to seek additional, better recreational access in our neighborhood by forming an ATV trail network to expand the existing recreational opportunities and allow for the increasing tourism and population growth in the area surrounding the town of Cougar, Yale Reservoir, and the general vicinity of the North Fork of the Lewis River.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

C.A.T.S. is a non-profit public interest ATV group founded in September, 2006 and officially formed in January, 2007 as a family-oriented ATV club (Charter/Constitution Attached). C.A.T.S. membership currently consists of 74 dues-paying members and is growing rapidly as awareness of our club and the stated purposes, beliefs, and principles become known.

Formation of C.A.T.S. was driven primarily by three factors:

- ✓ First was our common interest in ATV use as a recreational activity.
- ✓ Second was the fact that in recent years many of the area's trails, primarily old logging roads, available for all types of outdoor recreational pursuits have been gated, or otherwise barricaded, limiting available choices for ATV use.
- ✓ The third factor driving the formation of this club was the fact that some individuals find our neighborhood a convenient location to dump their trash resulting in our club's focus toward working closely with area landowners and managers to clean up and dispose of trash found along the area's trails, old logging roads, and power lines (05/06/07 event attached).

### **FINDINGS:**

- ✓ The 59<sup>th</sup> legislature of the State of Washington found that off-road recreational vehicles (ORVs) provide opportunities for a wide variety of outdoor recreation activities. The legislature further found that the limited amount of ORV recreation areas presents a challenge for ORV recreational users, natural resource land managers, and private landowners. The legislature further found that many non-highway roads provide opportunities for ORV use and that these opportunities may reduce conflicts between users and facilitate responsible ORV recreation. This legislation was approved with the certification of Engrossed House Bill 1003 signed by the Governor of the State of Washington to amend chapter 46 of the Revised Code of Washington.
- ✓ The ATV industry is currently recording record sales and becoming a major contributor to the Nation's economy. The ATV industry is also contributing millions of dollars to rural communities and could be an economic boost to the town of Cougar. Many states and local jurisdictions have boldly embraced the use of ATVs, including Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, and Oregon. For example, Baker County, Oregon, has over 5000 miles of trails/roads available for ATV use.
- ✓ The average cost of a new 4-wheel ATV exceeds \$6000, not including taxes and licensing fees. C.A.T.S. members have invested over \$500,000 in their ATVs alone. In addition,



members have invested many thousands of dollars in trailers to transport and equipment to use with their ATVs. These costs are exclusive of sales taxes and licensing fees.

- ✓ Due to the investment made in their ATVs and associated equipment, ATV riders will find a place to ride their machines, whether on sanctioned trails or otherwise. Hence, it is important to recognize this recreational activity in order to avoid conflicts. By designating a series of interconnecting ATV trails, sensitive environmental resources can be protected, conflicts can be avoided, enforcement dollars can be reduced, and an important and growing recreational activity can be used to support the economic sustainability and growth of the town of Cougar.
- ✓ As the population of Cowlitz County, Skamania County, and the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area continues to grow, so does the need for accessible recreational opportunities. ATV enthusiasts are looking to the North Fork of the Lewis River as a popular recreational destination. New and proposed construction of vacation home sites in the Swift and Yale Reservoir area will only accentuate this growth and the need for goods and services will likely follow. There are literally thousands of miles of old logging roads in the vicinity of Yale and Swift Reservoirs, many of which could be designated for ATV use.
- ✓ It is the opinion of the C.A.T.S. ATV club that Federal, State, and large private landowners in the area surrounding Cougar and the three reservoirs along the North Fork of the Lewis River have not recognized the growth of ATV use and have not accommodated such recreational activity in their land use planning. As a family-oriented ATV club based in Cougar, we hope to initiate the necessary dialogue with land owners, land managers, and public officials to collaboratively create a shared vision accommodating recreational ATV use which includes stewardship and maintenance of trails in our neighborhood.

### **PROPOSED TRAILS:**

The following is an initial proposal for two designated multi-use trails capable of accommodating hiking, mountain biking, and ATV use. We are not proposing new use as ATV use is already a popular recreational activity in this area. C.A.T.S. intends to make similar proposals to other land owners and managers as well.

#### **Proposal #1 – Cougar Power Line Trail (Map attached)**

Trail head/staging area is to be located at the east end of US Forest Service Road #81. This trail begins at the power line where it crosses USFS Road #81, then proceeds westerly along the power line to the S3000 road continuing northerly and easterly along the S3000 road, then turns southerly on an existing trail, and back to the trail head.

#### **Proposal #2 – PacifiCorp Wildlife Trail (Map attached)**

Trail head/staging area is to be located on the east end of the old I.P. logging road. This trail heads westerly along the south side of Yale Reservoir to the Rashford Spur Road which continues southerly over Iron Mountain to the S1000 road, then continues easterly along the S1000 road to its connection to the S6000 road turning westerly and northerly along the S6000 road to its connection with the USFS Road #10, and then northerly back to the trail head.

### **EFFECT:**

By designating a series of intersecting trails for the purpose of ATV trail use, we offer individuals the ability to plan safe routes based on technical difficulty as well as access to key points of interest while avoiding areas of critical concern.

**Purpose:**

To actively promote, preserve, and protect ATV trails; work collaboratively with land managers and other recreationalists; support officials and other groups that help support our sport; and have fun.

**Beliefs and Principles:**

- Riders will be responsible off road vehicle operators, keep trails environmentally clean and safe for family riding, and promote balanced resource conservation.
- Educate the general public, media, elected officials, and other decision makers on ATV recreation and ATV access issues.
- Join together with other ATV riders to help promote and protect ATV rider rights and riding areas, as well as to stay informed on ATV events and issues in the Northwest.

**Structure:**

Roberts Rules of Order will be used as a guideline for the proceedings of all club meetings:

- Call the meeting to order;
- Roll Call;
- Reading of draft minutes from previous meeting, editing draft as needed, and approving final minutes;
  - Approved minutes will be emailed to the full membership.
- Officers' Reports;
  - Includes a Treasurer's activity report presented at each meeting covering financial activity since the last meeting.
- Committee Reports;
- Old/Unfinished business;
- New business;
- Good of the order;
  - Member news, items of interest to other members.
- Business decisions will be voted on at the meetings and voting members must be present to vote.
  - Majority rules.
- Adjourn.

**Officers and Committees:**

All Officers will be subject to an annual election held in September of each Year and elected officers will assume office the first meeting in October.

The Executive Board includes:

1. President



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Mike Hayden  
President, CATS ATV Club  
133 Harker Lane  
Ariel, WA 98603

Dear Mike,

D Becker showed me the photograph of all the garbage your club picked up last month. I understand that you took up a collection to pay for the dumping fees.

When a club takes action such as this cleanup effort, it provides a positive example to other users of DNR-managed trust land. Through your efforts you are helping the Department address an on-going problem, which we have neither the time nor resources to properly address. Thank you so much.

Please express our gratitude to the other members of your club for all their time and hard work. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Zoanne Aylesworth  
Acting Cougar Unit Forester  
Pacific Cascade Region, Dept. of Natural Resources

Cc: D Becker

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6/12/2007

# COUGAR AREA TRAIL SEEKERS



## C.A.T.S.



### Clean-Up Ride May 6, 2007

22 of the Cougar Area Trail Seekers members spent the day riding our 4-wheel ATVs collecting garbage from DNR roads and about 4 miles of power lines west of the 81 Road near Cougar, Washington. Participating club members included:

Anthony Baranello	Addie Jordan	Brent Soule
Lou Baranello	Jeff Jordan	Debra Soule
Karen Bertsch	Owen Mason	Barbara Vertz
Ron Bertsch	Char Patterson	Tom Vertz
Jerry DeLuca	Dean Patterson	Dan Weisser
Larry Fitzgerald	Todd Price	Sherie Weisser
Mike Hayden	Wayne Seabury	
Kathie Henry	Larry Semm	

We started at 9:00 AM and worked until 2:00 PM (22 people working 5 hours collecting garbage). We picked up about 1800 pounds of garbage including:

14 tires,	1 couch,	1 child's slide, and
1 washing machine,	1 burn barrel,	A lot of garbage.

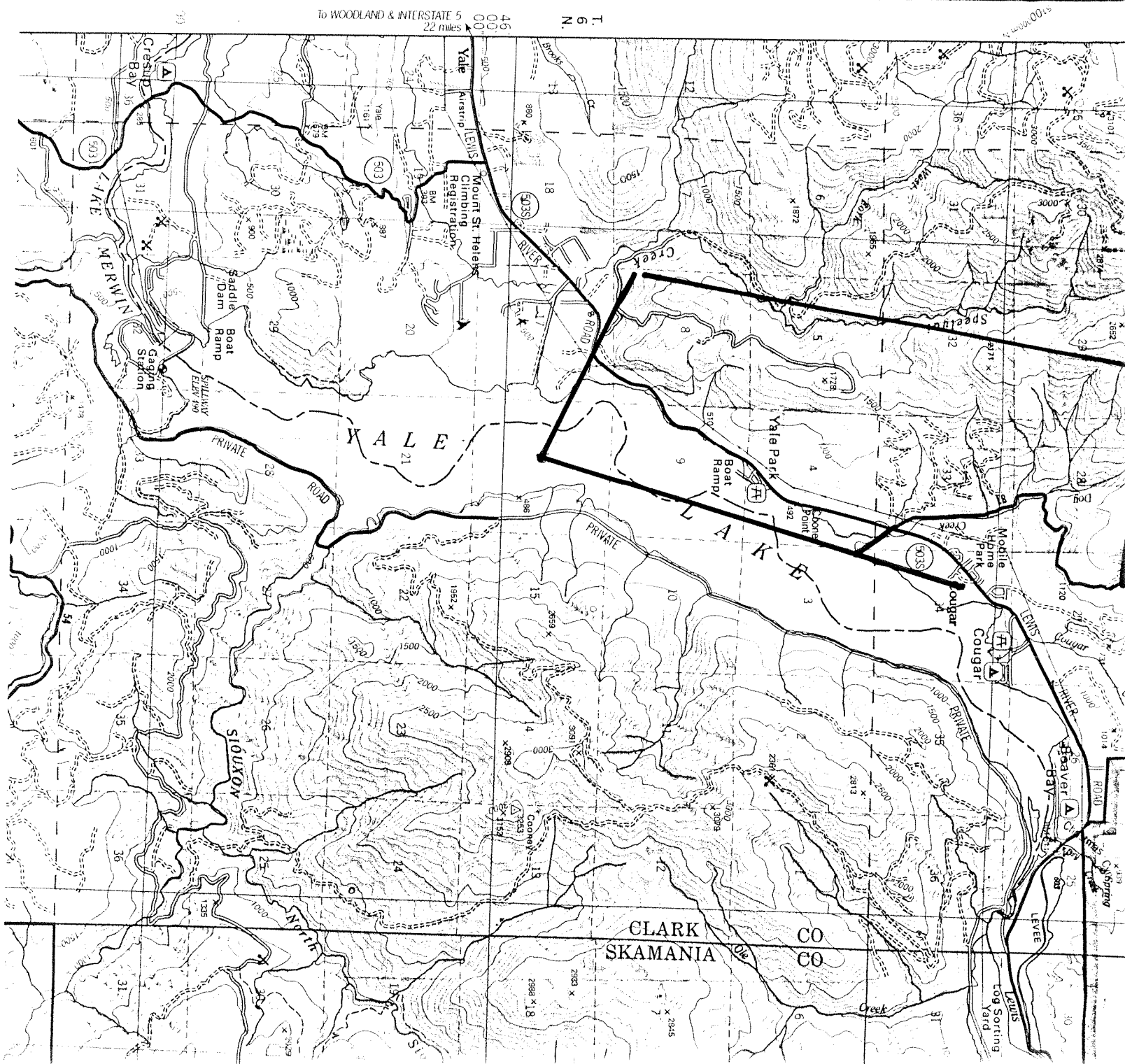
Mike Hayden, and Tom Vertz used their pickups to go back and collect a few of the bigger pieces we were unable to bring back on the ATVs and Todd Price helped.

Brent Soule loaned us his ATV trailer to get the garbage from the collection site to Larry Semm's trailer.

After the ride we gathered at the Lone Fir Resort owned by Larry Semm and Jeff Jordan did the honors of barbecuing hot dogs and burgers (donated by Larry Semm) for all the garbage collectors.

The Clean-Up Ride participants contributed \$118.00 toward a dump fund to pay for disposing of the garbage collected. Tom Vertz drove his pickup pulling Larry Semm's trailer full of garbage on a 2 hour drive to the dump and Mike Hayden helped. The fee to dump the garbage was \$28.00. The \$90.00 balance will be used in future, hopefully monthly, clean-up rides.

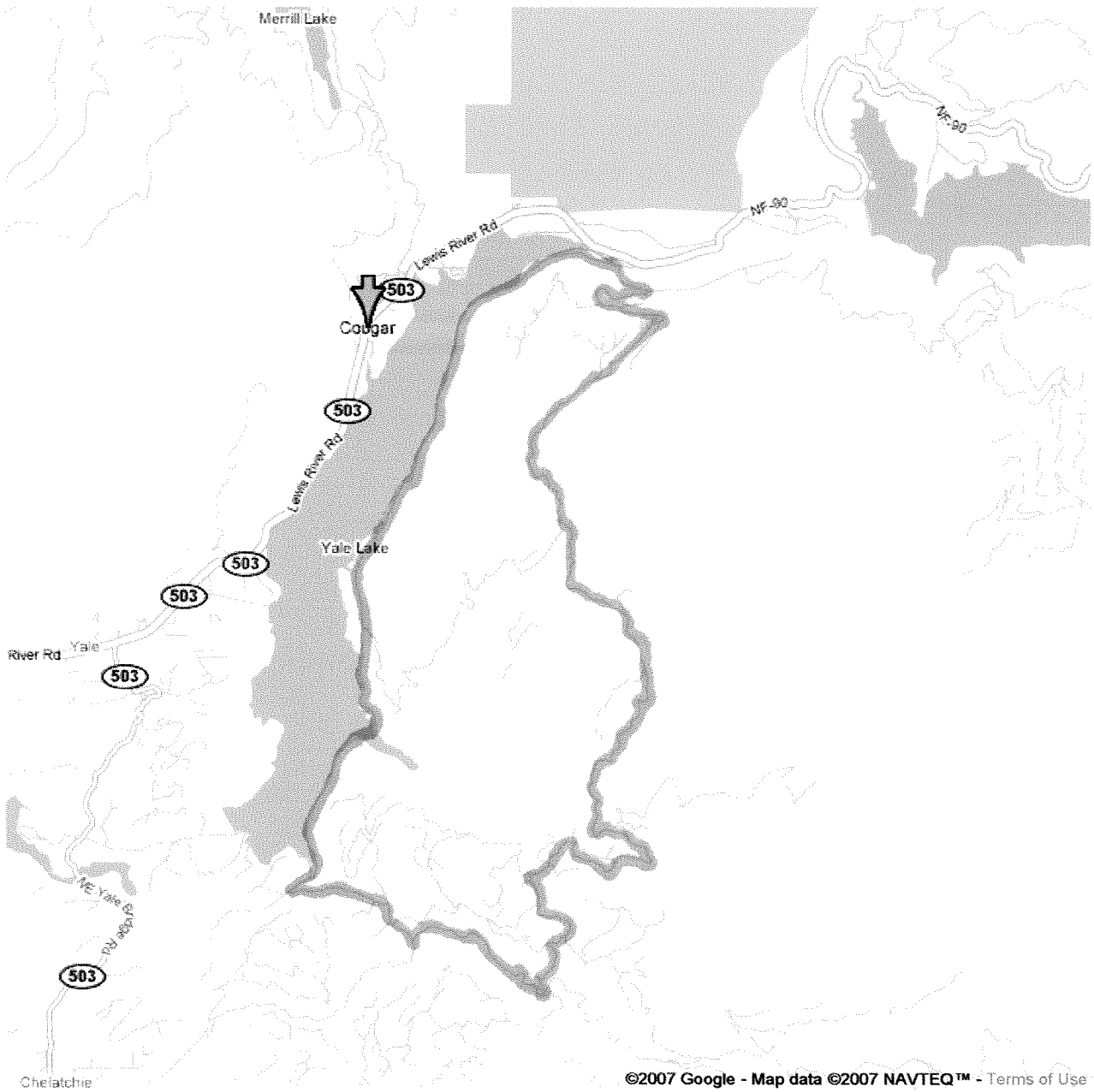
## PROPOSAL #1 (area above 503)



# PROPOSAL #2

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Maps

Address **Cougar, WA**





## McCune, Kimberly

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**From:** Tim\_Romanski@fws.gov  
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**Subject:** Re:

Yes, we consult on the settlement agreement.

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Subject

Re:

Tim, Thanks Tim for checking on this. Does the ITP (Incidental Take Permit) cover us before the license is issued?

Sincerely, Brock

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After reviewing the biological opinion, I am confident that road construction related to timber management activities are covered by the ITP provided work is preformed per "limited operation periods" specified under Raptor Site Management Goals and Objectives.

The ITP anticipates the take of spotted owls associated with the removal of 10 acres of roosting and foraging habitat on Cowlitz PUD lands and 3,283 acres of roosting and foraging on PacificCorps lands. To assure accurate tracking of habitat harvested, acreages of suitable habitat removed as a result of road access should count against the 3,283 acres of habitat harvest allowed under the ITP. I also recommend snag removal be minimized to the extent practicable and any snags felled should left on the ground.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

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