

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

Date & Time: **Wednesday, February 13, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

Place: **Conference Call Only**

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 & 1/9/19 Meeting Notes ➤ Review and Accept Agenda & 1/9/19 Meeting Notes
9:15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Land Acquisition Update (Confidential) ➤ TNC Update (Confidential)
9:30 a.m.	2018 Terrestrial Funds Year-end Accounting
9:45 a.m.	Forestry Plan Review Memo; Approval
10:00 a.m.	Saddle Dam Tree Removal
10:15 a.m.	Bruce Barnes and Dr. Margaret Wild Tour Discussion
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cowlitz PUD WHMP Annual Report and Plan, 30-day review ➤ 10.3.3 Funding Match; Cowlitz PUD/RMEF – Approval needed
11:15 a.m.	PacifiCorp WHMP Annual Report and Plan, 30-day review
11:45 a.m.	Study/Work Product Updates
12:00 p.m.	Next Meeting's Agenda Note: all meeting notes and the meeting schedule can be located at: http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro.html
12:15 p.m.	Meeting adjourn

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FINAL Meeting Notes
Lewis River License Implementation
Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting
February 13, 2019
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TCC Representatives Present: (8)

Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp
 Summer Peterman, PacifiCorp
 Kim McCune, PacifiCorp
 Peggy Miller, WDFW
 Eric Holman, WDFW
 Bill Richardson, RMEF
 Amanda Froberg, Cowlitz PUD
 Erik White, Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Calendar:

March 13, 2019	TCC Meeting	Merwin HCC
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Assignments from February 13, 2019	Status
McCune: Email Mgmt Unit 27 maps to Eric Holman.	Complete – 2/13/19

Parking Lot Items	Status
Emmerson/McCune: Contact PacifiCorp’s properties department to discuss further TNC detail and report to the TCC at the next meeting.	In progress

Kendel Emmerson (PacifiCorp) called the meeting to order at 9:04am. Emmerson reviewed the agenda and asked the TCC if there were any changes/additions. No additions were requested.

The TCC reviewed the January 9, 2019 meeting notes and the meeting notes were approved without change at 9:10am.

Public Comment Opportunity:

None

Land Acquisition Update (CONFIDENTIAL)

Bill Richardson informed the TCC attendees that the appraisal is complete and meets budget. Finalizing the title review will take place in early March 2019. It is likely that the earliest for closing is the last quarter of 2019.

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

Other (CONFIDENTIAL)

TNC – Emmerson informed the TCC attendees that the appraisal requested by PacifiCorp’s property department is complete and meets budget. PacifiCorp will meet internally today and discuss how best to proceed with a purchase to include a conservation easement.

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

2018 TCC Funds Year-end Accounting

Kim McCune (PacifiCorp) provided the following year-end accounting for the TCC accounts:

Lewis River License Implementation				
Lewis River WHMP Fund (Conservation Easement Lands)				
Section 10.8.2				
Release Date	Funds Received	Funds Expended	Balance	Notes
12/31/2017			\$ -	
12/31/2018	\$ 283.00	\$ (283.00)	\$ -	Expenditure for 2018
	Total Spent to Date:		\$ (2,409.94)	
	Balance Remaining:		\$ 301.26	

Lewis River License Implementation					
Lewis River WHMP Fund (Fee Simple Lands)					
Section 10.8.2					
Release Date	Funds Received	Expense	Interest	Balance	Notes
12/31/2017				990.91	
12/31/2018	546,203.21	(648,257.80)	-	(80,046.73)	-
	Total Spent to Date:			\$(4,359,743.35)	
	Balance Remaining:			\$ 490,924.16	

*Due to the government shutdown the 10.8.2 funds contributed for 2019 are estimates only and will be updated in the final ACC/TCC Annual Report, Section 7.0

Lewis River License Implementation				
Lewis River LWD Fund - Haul				
Section 7.1.1				
Release Date	Funds Received	Funds Dispersed	Balance	Notes
9/11/2017			\$ 13.42	
4/30/2018	\$ -	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 13.42	Chilton Logging (Morris Trucking)
4/30/2018	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,013.42	
	Total Spent to Date:		\$ (19,986.58)	
	Balance Remaining:		\$ 2,013.42	

Lewis River License Implementation					
Swift No. 1 & Swift No. 2 Land and Habitat Protection Fund					
Section 10.2, 10.2.1					
Release Date	Funds Received	Expense	Interest	Balance	Notes
12/31/2018	\$ 655,182.00		\$ 103,967.90	\$ 1,941,598.36	
	Total Spent to Date:			\$(7,929,974.69)	
	Balance Remaining:			\$ 1,941,598.36	

Lewis River License Implementation Additional Matching Funds Section 10.3.3					Funding Start Date: 00/00/0000
Release Date	Funds Received	Expense	No Interest	Balance	Notes
4/18/18	\$ 40,184.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,184.00	WO# ILR-RMEFUND PacifiCorp matching funds for RMEF project
11/1/18	\$ -	\$ (38,078.25)	\$ -	\$ 2,105.75	2017 Marble Mountain Forage Enrichment and Effectiveness Monitoring
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Spent to Date:				\$ 38,078.25	
Running Total:				\$ 2,105.75	

Lewis River License Implementation Mitigation for Impacts on Wildlife Section 10.8.5.5					Funding Start Date: 11/1/2016
Release Date	Funds Received	Expense	No Interest	Balance	Notes
12/31/17				\$ 10,172.00	
10/17/18	\$ 8,963.89	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,963.89	Cowlitz PUD interconnect project
Total Spent to Date:				\$ -	
Running Total:				\$ 19,135.89	

Forestry Plan Review Memo; Approval

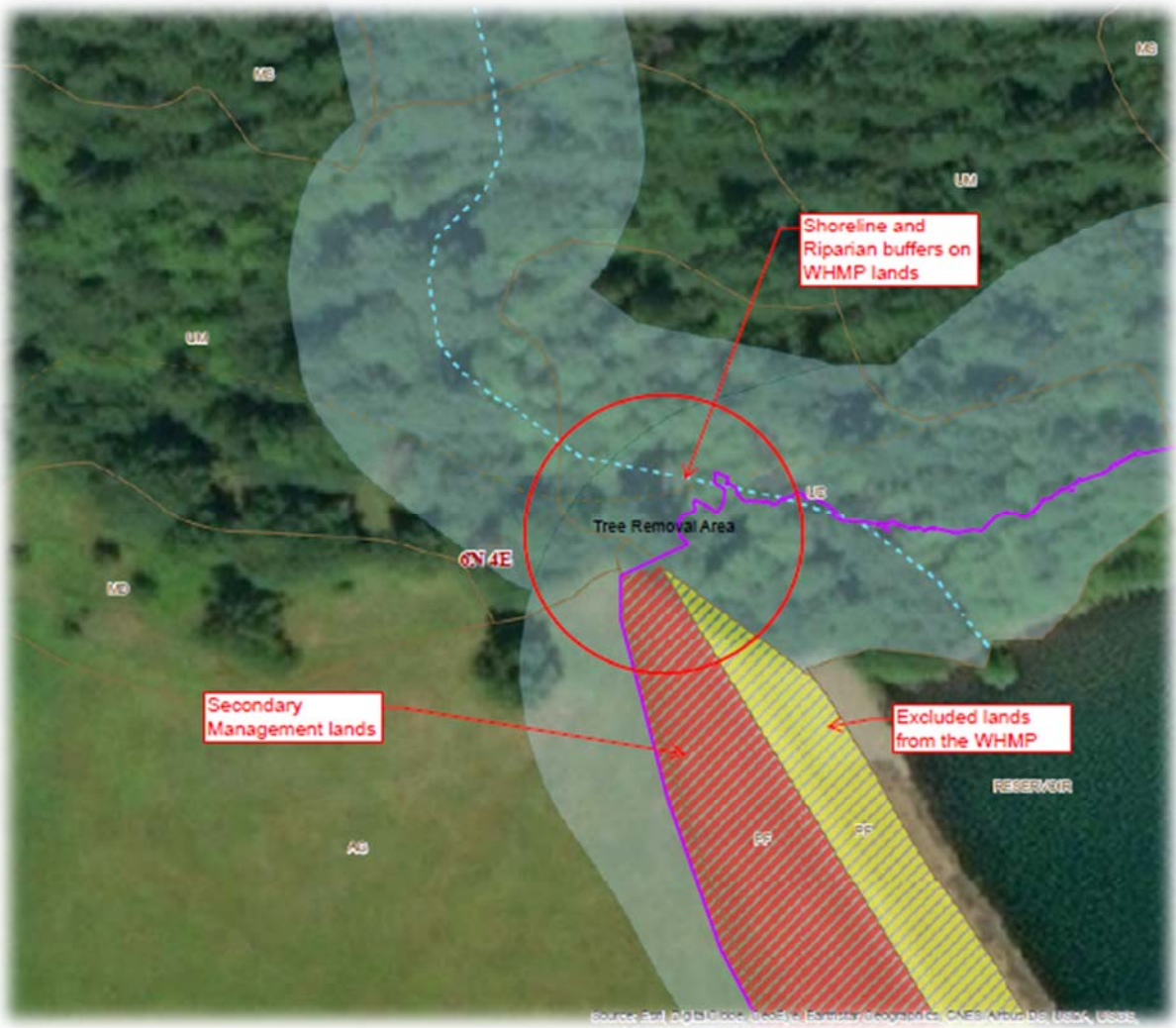
Emmerson asked the TCC attendees if they have any additional comment, concerns or questions about the January 2019 memorandum. No additional edits were requested.

The TCC approved the memorandum titled, Lewis River Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (WHMP) Lands Timber, January 4, 2019 (Attachment A).

Saddle Dam Tree Removal

Emmerson reviewed the photos below with the TCC that evidence WHMP lands (primary, secondary, and exempt) in location to the Saddle Dam North abutment. As part of PacifiCorp's Dam Safety Program, they are requesting that trees within 10 feet of the dam's abutment be removed. Emmerson will request funds from the Dam Safety dept. to cut three conifers (approximately \$500) to create some snags. The area shown below is the general area and not equal to a 10-foot radius from the abutment.

The TCC agreed to allow removal of 10 alders, up to 10 in. dbh. If more tree removal is needed then Dam Safety must secure approval from the TCC.





Saddle Dam – East side of North Abutment



Saddle Dam – North Abutment

Bruce Barnes and Dr. Margaret Wild – Tour Discussion

The TCC agreed to consider a coordinated tour. WDFW will contact Dr. Wild to confirm her participation and if she wants other coordination effort in the area.

<Break 10:06am>

<Reconvene 10:15am>

Cowlitz PUD WHMP Annual Report and Plan, 30-day review

Amanda Froberg (Cowlitz PUD) informed the TCC that their WHMP Plan was emailed to the TCC January 31, 2019; comments are due no later than March 15, 2019. Link to PacifiCorp’s Lewis River webpage is provided for your convenience:

http://www.pacificorp.com/content/dam/pacificorp/doc/Energy_Sources/Hydro/Hydro_Licensing/Lewis_River/li/ar/2019_Year_11_Annual_Plan_1.31.19.pdf

The Cowlitz WHMP Report was emailed to the TCC for review and comment February 11, 2019 and comments are due no later than March 15, 2019.

10.3.3 Funding Match: Cowlitz PUD/RMEF – TCC Approval Needed

The TCC approved payment of matching funds for \$13,735.00 in accordance with Lewis River SA 10.3.3 - Contribution of Additional Matching Funds.

Froberg will send PacifiCorp a copy of the RMEF grant approval and an invoice for processing.

PacifiCorp WHMP Annual Report and Plan, 30-day review

Emmerson informed the TCC that PacifiCorp’s WHMP Plan was emailed to the TCC February 12, 2019; comments are due no later than March 18, 2019.

- <http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro/hl/lr.html#>
- License Implementation
- Reports
- 2018 ACC/TCC Annual Report
- WHMP 2019 Annual Plan (30-day Review Draft)

Emmerson provided a quick summary of 2019 Annual Plan there are several noxious weed control treatments planned for wetlands and to control of reed canary grass along Frasier Creek, several transmission line areas, and some targeted timber harvest areas. The 2017 Middle Earth timber harvest area will be planted with a mix of deciduous planting and additional hardwoods will be included in replanting Higsly II. There will be slight increase in the 2019 budget due to inflation. Timber harvest planning will continue in MU 20 and 27. The Upper Hanley Curry meadow will be turned over and restored. We are investing in more protex tubes for plantings for cedars and other shrub and trees that are highly susceptible to browse or difficult to grow.

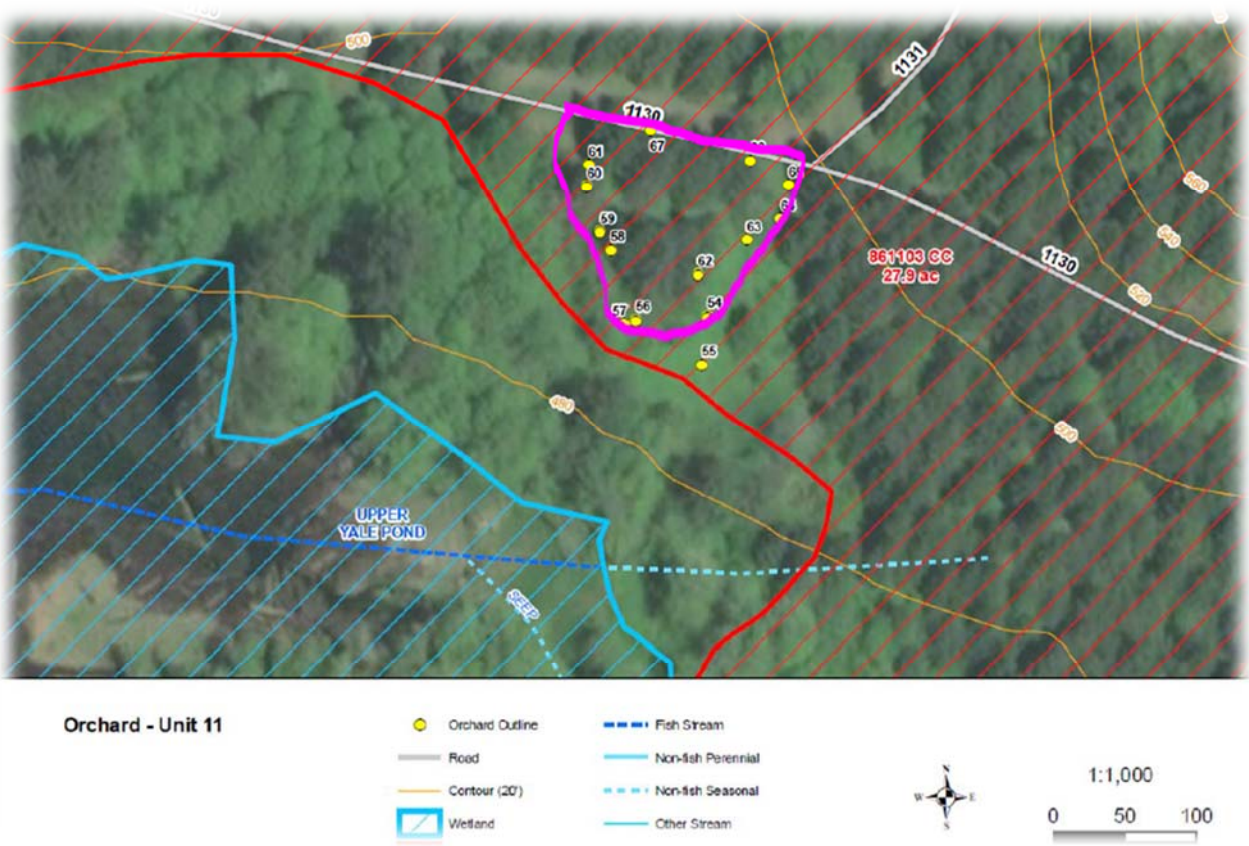
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Emmerson provided a brief summary that PacifiCorp had an overall good year. We were able to complete 93% of the scheduled noxious weed treatments. PacifiCorp completely or made significant progress in controlling many access issues. Three additional meadows, two shrub exclosures, and test plots were completed in the high country.

Study/Work Product Updates

Unit 11 Orchard – Summer Peterman (PacifiCorp) provided the following visuals of the trees removed in Unit 11 Orchard (before and after) replacing the old orchard in Unit 11. The orchard was becoming shaded out from tree planted in 991122CC. Pomona Orchard is replacing the orchard with the intention it will require less long term maintenance.





Unit 11 Orchard - before tree removal



Unit 11 Orchard - after tree removal

Oak Site 5.2 – Peterman provided before and after photos illustrating the crew climbing the tree to allow more light after cutting 50’ buffer. 5.1 and 5.2 snags still need to be created. The second treatment of Plantskydd will be applied this spring.



Crew limbing trees on the west side of Oak Site 5.2



Final results of limbing trees on the east side of Oak Site 5.2



Oak Site 5.2 –View looking east after falling trees. Oak site sun exposure has visually increased due the falling of trees within 50 ft. of the nearest oak



Oak Site 5.2 – View looking west before tree falling demonstrating the lack of light reaching the oaks. Crew pulling scotch broom pre tree falling.

Agenda items for March 13, 2019

- Review February 13, 2019 Meeting Notes
- Mitigation Funds - Update
- Land Acquisition Update (**Confidential**)
- TNC Update (**Confidential**)
- WHMP Report and Plan; Questions/Comments
- Dr. Wild Tour Discussion
- Study/Work Product Updates
- Field Tour TBD

Next Scheduled Meeting

March 13, 2019
Location: Merwin HCC

Attachments:

- February 13, 2019 Meeting Agenda
- **Attachment A** – Lewis River Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (WHMP) Lands Timber, January 4, 2019

Adjourn 10:45am

Memo

To: Terrestrial Coordination Committee
From: Kendel Emmerson, Principal Environmental Scientist
Date: 1/4/2019
Re: Lewis River Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (WHMP) Lands Timber Harvest and Silviculture Planning.

The Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) has successfully pursued land acquisitions to fulfill the Lewis River Settlement Agreement 10.1 Yale Land Acquisition and Habitat Protection Fund, 10.2 Swift No. 1 and Swift No. 2 Land Acquisition and Habitat Protection Fund, and 10.3 Lewis River Land Acquisition and Habitat Enhancement Fund commitments. This has resulted in over a 5,000 acre increase in Lewis River Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (WHMP) lands, which is a 46% increase since receiving the Lewis River licenses in 2008.

Most of the newly acquired lands were recently harvested for timber resulting in thousands of acres of early successional forested habitat that require silviculture management practices to be applied over the next several years. Because these lands were industrial timber lands and harvested according to Washington State Forest Practices rules, these harvest areas do not meet WHMP standards, (e.g. harvesting on steep slopes, clearcutting large areas, and clearcutting within WHMP riparian and wetland buffers). Most of these lands are forested conifer vegetation cover types (e.g. pole, seedling, mid-successional conifer), so most WHMP management actions will be under the WHMP Chapter 12 Forestland Habitat Management goals and objectives which are as follows:

Goal: Promote forestland species composition and structures that benefit wildlife and provide an appropriate mosaic of big game hiding cover and forage.

Objective a: At the Management Unit level, provide a range of alternatives for developing and maintaining a mix of forage and hiding cover for elk, considering activities on adjacent lands, over the life of the licenses. Revise Management Unit Plans for Wildlife Habitat Management Plan lands associated with the Merwin Project and create new plans for Wildlife Habitat Management Plan lands at the Yale and Swift No. 1 Projects.

Objective b: Over the life of the licenses, maintain or create at least eight snags (≥ 20 inches [50 cm] diameter at breast height [dbh]), green retention trees (\geq

15 inches [38 cm] dbh), or wildlife reserve trees (≥ 15 inches [38 cm] dbh) per acre (19.8 per ha) if available within the harvest area. Retain larger trees and snags representative of the harvest area. A different number of snags, retention, or reserve trees would be allowed only to meet specific wildlife objectives. To the extent possible, retain or create 4 logs/acre (9.9/ha) (≥ 24 inches [60 cm] diameter and 50 feet [15 m] long).

Objective c: At the Management Unit level, promote forest habitat diversity for wildlife by increasing or maintaining minor native tree species (e.g., cottonwood [*Populus* sp.], bigleaf maple [*Acer macrophyllum*], western redcedar [*Thuja plicata*]) composition where appropriate site conditions exist over the life of the licenses.

This memo does not change or modify the existing WHMP, it is intended to only provide guidelines for scheduling actions associated with reforestation inspections, replanting, silviculture, and timber harvest to meet WHMP habitat goals and objectives and to effectively manage future budgets and workloads. This is intended to be adaptive management, therefore the actual year a management action is scheduled and the method of implementation are ultimately dependent on timber harvest area conditions and best method to meet WHMP goals and objectives. This original memo was provided to the TCC on October 2, 2018 and was discussed at the October 10 and November 14, 2018 TCC meetings. Attachment A provides comment matrix for each of the comments received.

Timber Harvest Types:

To manage cost and prioritize timber harvest areas (THAs) to meet WHMP objectives, these harvest areas have been divided into two types:

THA-Flat (THA-F) are timber harvest areas capable of having active forest management to improve wildlife habitat. These THAs are less than 40 percent slope and greater than 200 feet from an open road. An open road is defined as any road that public is able to access either seasonally or year-round (e.g. Highway 503, Wapiti Way, or Forest Service 90). The THA-F are considered suitable for future forest management practices to improve wildlife habitat (e.g. commercial thinning and clearcut) and will be managed with WHMP Forestland Best Management Practices.

THA-Steep (THA-S) areas that have topography and/or other constraints that limit forest management to meet WHMP goals and objectives. These are timber harvest areas that are greater than 40 percent slope and/or within 200 feet of an open road. These areas are not suitable for future timber harvest under the WHMP and will be managed using standard forestry silviculture

practices. These are the forested areas that will be allowed to mature into late-successional conifer forests.

THA-S timber harvest areas are only located within Management Units 33-39. Attachment B provides map showing these management units with the each THA by type, harvest identification number, and acreages. Harvest identification are unique number assigned to each THA and include 6 numbers, the first two numbers are the year of harvest, followed by 2 digits for management unit, and the last two digits are unique number followed by CC for clearcut or CT for commercial thin. For example 043632 CC is a 2004 clearcut harvest in management unit 36.

Reforestation Inspections:

WHMP Chapter 12 Section 12.4.1 Reforestation Inspections requires that THAs be inspected in the spring and fall each year for the first 15 years following timber harvests. The overall goal of the inspections is to evaluate the growth of each THA and identify necessary management such as interplanting, invasive plant control, tree spacing, forage condition, browse damage to seedlings, trespass issues, and overall seedling development. The spring inspection evaluates winter damage as well as the effect of the previous year's invasive plant species, pre-commercial thinning (PCT), or pruning treatments. The fall inspection identifies THA issues and treatment to implement during the following growing season.

Currently the THAs that are less than 15 years old total 2,476 acres or 58% of the total harvest areas. Approximately 73 percent (1811 acres) of the THAs under 15 years old are on newly acquired lands. Due to this significant increase it is no longer feasible to complete the biannual inspections on THAs for the first 15 years post-harvest. Therefore to meet WHMP inspection objectives and manage inspection costs, THAs will be evaluated on the following schedule:

- Year 1-3 spring and fall inspections to determine seedling survival and invasive plant species needs. For example, a 2010 timber harvest will be inspected in spring and fall of 2011, 2012, and 2013.
- Year 6 fall inspection to insure that WHMP replanting standards have been achieved and to determine when the stand should be scheduled for first PCT. For example, a 2010 timber harvest would be inspected in fall 2016.
- Year 10 fall inspection to evaluate pruning and 2nd PCT needs. For example, a 2010 harvest would be inspected in fall 2020.
- An addition spring inspection following interplanting, invasive plant species control, PCT, or pruning to evaluate the effectiveness of the previous year's activities.

Replanting:

The Washington Forest Practices Board rules for reforestation are as follows:

WAC 222-34-010 Required reforestation--West of Cascades Summit.
 [Effective 7/1/05]

(2) Reforestation standards. A harvested area is reforested when that area contains an average of 190 or more vigorous, undamaged commercial species seedlings per acre that have survived on the site for at least 1 growing season. Up to 20 percent of the harvested area may contain fewer than 190 seedlings per acre, but no portion of the harvested area with timber growing capacity may contain less than 150 seedlings per acre. The department may determine that less than an average of 190 seedlings per acre is acceptable if fewer seedlings will reasonably utilize the timber growing capacity of the site.

The WHMP Chapter 12 Forestland Section 12.5.9 Regeneration Practices Planting and Maintenance states timber harvest areas will be replanted with conifer species (e.g., Douglas-fir [*Pseudotsuga menziesii*], ponderosa pine [*Pinus ponderosa*], western redcedar, noble fir [*Abies procera*] and western hemlock [*Tsuga heterophylla*]) and with hardwoods (e.g. alder and cottonwood) in more mesic sites. The exact percentage of each species will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on site conditions and overall management intent, but the following is to be used as guideline. The WHMP standard for replanting a THA is to have a minimum stocking of approximately 302 well-spaced seedlings per acre in 5 years after planting. The following is a WHMP guideline for determining replanting stocking levels:

Site Conditions	Trees per Acre	Spacing
Good - little to no mortality expected	302	12 x 12
Moderate - some mortality expected	360	11 x 11
Low –significant mortality expected	435	10 x 10

However, in more recent years the TCC has supported replanting a THA at 222 trees per acre (TPA) or 14 x 14 foot spacing. This TPA is more in line with meeting WHMP objectives for maintaining forage. As a result the WHMP standard of 302 well-spaced seedling per acre 5 years after planting is not achievable. Therefore the reforestation inspection scheduled for year 6 post-harvest (5 years after planting) will evaluate

percent mortality to be no more than 15 percent with the percentage based on replanting stocking levels.

Pre-Commercial thinning and Pruning:

Pre-Commercial thinning (PCT) is an important procedure where natural reproduction or overplanting initially has produced too high of a tree density (TPA). Therefore trees need to be removed to improve growing conditions. Every timber harvest area is PCT at least once before the stand is 10 years old and depending on the stand vigor and remaining forage may be PCT a second time between years 10 and 15.

The WHMP Chapter 12 Forestland Section 12.5.9 Regeneration Practices Pre-commercial Thinning has the PCT objectives as follows:

- Maintain a forage component (shrubs, grasses, forbs) in the understory on approximately 50 percent of the area for the first 15 years.
- Maintain proper spacing, growth form, and vigor of the saplings.
- Maintain and increase stand diversity, where feasible.

First PCT Criteria and Methods

First PCT should typically occur prior to stand year 10. Due to variations in stand production, some THAs may need to be PCT prior to stand year 10. Therefore, all THAs should be evaluated 6 years following harvest, when the trees would be in their 5th growing season (e.g., THA harvested in year 2005 would be evaluated year 2011). When a THA meets some or all of the following criteria the first PCT may be implemented:

- Tree height is 5 to 7 feet tall
 - Spacing is less than 14 x 14 feet and/or TPA is greater than 222
 - Overlapping branches with adjacent trees
 - If a stand is identified as THA-F and has ≥ 50 percent of forage (grasses, shrubs, and forbs) then PCT to WHMP standards and if forage < 50 percent then PCT to forest industry standards as described below.
 - Stands identified as THA-S will be PCT to forest industry standards as described below.
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First PCT Methods:

All stands will be PCT using the same methods spacing, selection, and removal methods. The only difference will be how the slash (i.e., debris from tree removal) will be managed:

- THA-F stands that have ≥ 50 percent remaining forage (grasses, shrubs, and forbs) will have the slash managed to WHMP standards, which is to cut sapling 4 inches from the ground and the limbs are lopped off and scattered to accelerate decomposition.
- THA-S and THA-F stands with < 50 percent remaining forage will have slash managed more in line with industrial forest methods, which includes cutting trees below the living limbs and minimally handle the slash to ensure that it does not impede the growth of the remaining trees.

These PCT methods will apply to every stand regardless of timber harvest type or percent forage.

- PCT in THAs with trees > 3 inches diameter may be conducted using a hack-n-squirt method (herbicides applied to a cut [hack] through the tree bark into the cambium layer). This method of thinning trees, while they are still standing, reduces slash accumulation.
- Hardwood tree species that are to remain in the plantation include cottonwood, bitter cherry (*Prunus emarginata*), cascara (*Frangula purshiana*), and Pacific dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*). Red alder (*Alnus rubra*) and bigleaf maple may be retained to maintain or increase diversity.
- Trees and shrubs that provide forage but are competing for sunlight with desired conifer seedlings can be cut back to promote resprouting and reduce competition. This is only considered where these trees and shrubs are within 5 feet of the lateral branches of the seedlings.
- Select trees to maximize diversity of species. Do not remove western redcedars.
- The spacing objective is approximately 14 x 14 feet, but may be adjusted as needed to meet individual THA needs.

Pruning and Second PCT Criteria and Methods

Pruning and, if needed, a second PCT will occur when the stands are between 10 and 15 years. THA-F may be PCT and pruned whereas THA-S will only be PCT. This is a critical age for determining dominant trees, growth characteristics, and promoting understory forage and diversity. The objective of pruning is to promote understory diversity and prolong forage. Therefore, pruning will only occur in THA-F that have > 30 percent of forage (grasses, shrubs, and forbs) remaining in the understory.

Reforestation Inspection in year 10 will evaluate all THAs to determine if the pruning needs are needed for THA-F and if a 2nd PCT is required. If 2nd PCT is required, to reduce costs, it may occur at the same time as pruning. All THAs that meet the following criteria will have a 2nd PCT:

- Tree height is 20-24 feet tall.
- Spacing is less than 15 x 15 feet and/or 194 tree per acre.

Pruning Methods:

- Prune the lower branches of the trees to a height of 5 to 6 feet.
- Dominant trees should not be pruned. Dominant trees break the line-of-sight and provide hiding cover, dominant trees create long open visual corridors that should be avoided.

Second PCT Methods:

- To reduce slash accumulation, this PCT will preferably be completed by using a hack-n-squirt method (herbicides applied to a cut [hack] through the tree bark into the cambium layer where one hatchet mark is made every 3 inches in circumference at waist height). Enough herbicide should be applied to saturate the hatchet mark without the herbicide running out onto the bole of the tree.
 - If PCT is occurring in THA-F and concurrently with pruning, then trees may be felled and branches lopped and scattered to reduce slash competition for grasses and shrubs.
 - Hardwood tree species should remain in the plantation. Cottonwood, bitter cherry, cascara, dogwood, red alder and bigleaf maple may be retained to maintain or increase diversity.
 - PCT to approximately 15 by 15 feet or 194 trees per acre.
 - Select trees to maximize diversity of species. Do not remove western redcedars.
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Commercial Thinning:

Commercial thinning is a type of selective harvest that is an intermediate harvest prior to clearcutting. Commercial thinning improves tree spacing and reduces canopy cover, which should result in increased growth in leave trees and improved forage in the understory. Commercial thinning objectives are as follows:

- Remove overstory or understory tree to promote tree growth and understory vegetation to greatest extent possible.

In general, THA-F may be commercially thinned once as pole and potentially, a second time, as mid-successional conifer; upland mixed stands usually are only commercially thinned once. THA-F areas should be evaluated for commercial thinning at 25 years post-harvest. Stands that meet some or all of the following criteria may be a candidate for commercial thinning:

- The canopy closure is >70 percent.
- The TPA is greater than 100.
- Average diameter at breast height is > 8 inches.
- Trees should have an average live crown ratio of greater than or equal to 35 percent. Live crown ratio is the ratio of crown length to total tree height, or percentage of the tree's total height that has foliage.
- Height to diameter (H/D) ratios should be ≤ 70 . H/D ratios are determined by dividing the height by dbh of the residual trees that would remain after thinning. For an example a 100-foot tree that is 20 inches in dbh has a H/D of 60.0. The dbh is converted to feet by dividing by 12, so 20 inch dbh / 12 inches = 1.67, then divide 100/1.67 to get an H/D = 60.0. A stand with H/D ratio ≥ 80 would be prone to snow damage, breakage, and windthrow.

The desired stand condition after a commercial thinning should be an open, diverse stand structure where trees can maximize growth potential while still providing wildlife habitat. This is best achieved by evaluating the tree spacing and the percentage of crown ratio. Ultimately the commercial thin when completed should have canopy cover < 70 percent, no less than 100 undamaged, well-distributed saplings or merchantable trees per acre of a commercial species or combinations thereof remaining, and an average dbh > 8 inches. As with all timber harvest, commercial thins will be provided in the Annual Plan and approved by the TCC prior to conducting.

THA-S areas will not be commercially thinned but will thin through natural succession and environmental processes.

Clearcut Timber Harvest

At approximately 60 years stands will be evaluated for clearcut harvest. THA-F areas selected for harvest will be dependent on cover:forage model priorities. If cover forage ratios are not being met in the Management Unit, a clearcut harvest will be considered as soon as stands are commercially feasible to meet WHMP cover forage ratio standards.

THA-S areas will not be harvested and will continue to grow to provide mature stand habitat. This schedule is not to be considered a timber harvest rotation age because THAs are selected for harvest dependent on cover:forage model priorities.

Some of the THAs that PacifiCorp acquired are beyond silviculture management due to stocking, lack of management by prior owner, and age. The TCC has determined that these THAs do not currently meet WHMP objectives and would be too costly or unable to manage them to meet WHMP objectives. Therefore these stands will be allowed to grow until they provide merchantable timber, at which time they will be evaluated for clearcutting and to begin WHMP practices.

Responses to Comments Received on the October 2, 2018
Draft Lewis River Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (WHMP) Lands Timber Harvest and Silviculture Planning.

Commenter	Comment Number	Location	Comment	Response
October 10, 2018 TCC meeting	1	Introduction	Revision: To avoid confusion the THA-Habitat (THA-H) and THA-Forestry (THA-F) should be changed to THA-Flat (THA-F) for habitat (THA-H) and THA-Steep (THA-S) for forestry (THA-F)	Change was accepted and THA-H and THA-F were changed to THA-F and THA-S. A Timber Harvest Type section was added following the introduction that described the difference and maps showing the areas where THA-S are located are provided.
November 14, 2018 TCC meeting	2	Pre-Commercial thinning and Pruning second paragraph 1st bullet	Comment: The TCC requested that HEP and other models be reviewed to provide preferred percent cover per THA for the PCT Criteria and methods.	The HEP and other models were reviewed. These models are based on landscape level analysis not individual timber harvest stands. The 50 percent is directly from the WHMP Section 12.5.9 Regeneration Practices pre-commercial thinning second paragraph first sentence.
November 14, 2018 TCC meeting	3	First PCT Criteria and Methods 3rd bullet	Revision: Need to add language that this is adaptive management and criteria in the memo can be revised as needed to meet management objectives. The <50 percent forage is subjective and be revised in the future if need be	The Introduction Section seemed like a more appropriate place for this addition. The following paragraph was added to introductions: "This memo does not change or modify the existing WHMP, it is intended to only provide guidelines for scheduling reforestation, inspections, silviculture, and harvest to meet WHMP habitat goals and objectives and to effectively manage future budgets and workloads. This is intended to be adaptive management, therefore the actual year a management action is scheduled and the method of implementation are ultimately dependent on timber harvest area conditions and best method to meet WHMP goals and objectives. This original memo was provided to the TCC on October 2, 2018 for review Attachment A provides comment matrix for each of the comments received. "
November 14, 2018 TCC meeting	4	Commercial Thinning	Revision: Evaluate percentage of commercial thinning with percentage of crown ratio to best accomplish WHMP goals	The 4th paragraph second sentence revised to: "This is best achieved by evaluating the tree spacing and the percentage of crown ratio."
November 14, 2018 TCC meeting	5	Commercial Thinning 4th bullet	Revision: • Trees should have an average live crown ratio of > 35 percent. Provide examples and explanatory context	The 4th bullet was revised to the following: "• Trees should have an average live crown ratio of greater than or equal to 35 percent. Live crown ratio is the ratio of crown length to total tree height, or percentage of the tree's total height that has foliage. "
November 14, 2018 TCC meeting	6	Commercial Thinning 5th bullet	Revision: • Height to diameter ratios should be < 70. Provide summary that TCC approval on TPA and harvest	The 5th bullet was revised to the following: " • Height to diameter (H/D) ratios should be < 70. H/D ratios are determined by dividing the height by dbh of the residual trees that would remain after thinning. For an example a 100-foot tree that is 20 inches in dbh has a H/D of 60.0. The dbh is converted to feet by dividing by 12, so 20 inch dbh / 12 inches= 1.67, then divide 100/1.67 to get an H/D = 60.0. A stand with H/D ratio > 80 would be prone to snow damage, breakage, and windthrow." The 4th paragraph last sentence was revised to the following: "As with all timber harvest, commercial thins will be provided in the Annual Plan and approved by the TCC prior to conducting. "
November 14, 2018 TCC meeting	7	First PCT Methods	Revision: The spacing objective is approximately 14 by 14 feet, but may be adjusted as needed to meet individual THA needs.	The second paragraph fifth bullet was revised to the following: "• The spacing objective is approximately 14 by 14 feet, but may be adjusted as needed to meet individual THA needs."
Gifford Pinchot NF, Mt Adams Ranger District	8	Replanting last paragraph and last sentence	Comment: "with standard no more than 15% mortality"...what is "standard"?	Although this is an industry standard it is not a documented standard. The word standard has been removed.
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	9	Introduction 3rd paragraph	Revision: Moved Paragraph 3 to 2nd positions "In addition, most of the lands acquired were industrial timber lands and were harvested according to Washington State Forest Practices rules. As a result, some of these THAs do not meet WHMP standards, such as; harvesting on steep slopes, clearcutting large areas, and clearcutting within WHMP riparian and wetland buffers"	Moved the paragraph up and added the last sentence from the 1st paragraph to make complete second paragraph.

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	10	Introduction 3rd paragraph	<p>Comment: Suggest including reference to the section of the WHMP that allows for adaptive management in situations where deviation from the WHMP is appropriate or needed.</p>	<p>The last paragraph was revised to the following: "This memo does not change or modify the existing WHMP, it is intended to only provide guidelines for scheduling reforestation, inspections, silviculture, and harvest to meet WHMP habitat goals and objectives and to effectively manage future budgets and workloads. This is intended to be adaptive management, therefore the actual year a management action is scheduled and the method of implementation are ultimately dependent on timber harvest area conditions and best method to meet WHMP goals and objectives. This original memo was provided to the TCC on October 2, 2018 for review Attachment A provides comment matrix for each of the comments received. "</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	11	Introduction 3rd paragraph	<p>Comment: Someplace in here I would like to see a specific reference to the fact that we want these activities conducted in their entirety within what would be the larger WHMP style buffers. I.E. thin the buffers too.</p>	<p>Last paragraph and second to last sentence was revised to the following: "This is intended to be adaptive management, therefore the actual year a management action is scheduled and the method of implementation are ultimately dependent on timber harvest area conditions and best method to meet WHMP goals and objectives."</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	12	Introduction 3rd paragraph	<p>Revision: To meet WHMP habitat goals and objectives and to effectively manage future WHMP budgets and work load this memo was developed to update the WHMP criteria under which forestry practices should be conducted. It provides a schedule management practices and procedures for reforestation, silviculture, and harvest. These updated criteria and practices This schedule allow for budget planning, scheduling reforestation inspections and management actions, and tracking stands over time. This The schedule criteria and practices is to be used guidelines for planning and guidelines only. Adaptive management and case-by-case decisions based on stand conditions will be used to determine the actual year of the management action and the forest prescription that will vary to meet WHMP goals and objectives and specific timber harvest area (THA) needs.</p>	<p>Other than the last sentence, these edits were not included. This is because "update the WHMP criteria under which forestry practices should be conducted." and "These updated criteria and practices" imply that WHMP is being revised. Revision to the WHMP will require Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval. Please see WHMP Volume 1 Section 16.5.2 Revise the Wildlife Habitat Management Plan. Last paragraph and second to last sentence was revised to the following: "This is intended to be adaptive management, therefore the actual year a management action is scheduled and the method of implementation are ultimately dependent on timber harvest area conditions and best method to meet WHMP goals and objectives."</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	13	Introduction 4th paragraph	<p>Revision: To manage cost and prioritize THAs to meet WHMP objectives, these harvest areas have been divided into THA habitat flat (THA-HF), ideal for active forest management to improve wildlife habitat and THA forestry steep (THA-FS), areas better suited for natural succession and environmental processes with limited early forest management actions.</p>	<p>A Timber Harvest Type section was added following the introduction that described the difference and maps showing the areas where THA-S are located are provided. The following are the THA-F and THA-S definitions: "THA-Flat (THA-F) are timber harvest areas capable of having active forest management to improve wildlife habitat. These THAs are less than 40 percent slope and greater than 200 feet from an open road. An open road is defined as any road that public is able to access either seasonally or year-round (e.g. Highway 503, Wapiti Way, or Forest Service 90). The THA-F are considered suitable for future forest management practices to improve wildlife habitat (e.g. commercial thinning and clearcut) and will be managed with WHMP Forestland Best Management Practices. THA-Steep (THA-S) areas that have topography and/or other constraints that limit forest management to meet WHMP goals and objectives. These are timber harvest areas that are greater than 40 percent slope and/or within 200 feet of an open road. These areas are not suitable for future timber harvest under the WHMP and will best be managed using standard forestry silviculture practices. These are the forested areas that will be allowed to mature into late-successional conifer forests."</p>

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	14	Comment to Introduction 4th paragraph	<p>Comment: Peggy, I think we have a fundamentally different interpretation of what Kendel is trying to get at here. You've read this section to mean that they more or less wouldn't be doing thinning, etc. in the steep areas. My read is that they will still do most of the activities including the thinning, inspections, etc. but that the pre-commercial thinning just doesn't have the intensity of the activities on the flat areas. For example, on the flat areas they chop up the cut down trees, pile the debris, try to clear paths for walking and patches where sun can hit the ground for forage, etc. In the steep stuff I think they intend to still do the thinning but more or less just leave the trees where they fall. Note that if your interpretation is correct that I don't really think that they should go that way. This would leave large areas (the steep stuff) too thick and slow to recover under natural tree growth. Eric, we may be saying the same thing. THA-S will likely follow the first 6 years of THA-F but after the 1st PCT left to natural succession. We need additional clarification from Kendel about weed inspections etc. It also might help to know the age and stand condition of the new land acquire that falls into the THA-S category. How many acres are beyond the 1st PCT so early actions no longer apply? Once all THA-S is beyond the 1st PCT then first 6 year activities will no longer apply to THA-S.</p>	<p>Many of these comments are addressed in other sections of the memo. First PCT Methods section first paragraph and first and second bullet: "All stands will be PCT using the same methods spacing, selection, and removal methods. The only difference will be how the slash (i.e., debris from tree removal) will managed: • THA-F stands that have > 50 percent remaining forage (grasses, shrubs, and forbs) will have the slash managed to WHMP standards, which is to cut sapling 4 inches from the ground and the limbs are lopped off and scattered to accelerate decomposition. • THA-S and THA-F stands with < 50 percent remaining forage will have slash managed more in line with industrial forest methods, which includes cutting trees below the living limbs and minimally handle the slash to ensure that it does not impede the growth of the remaining trees." The Pruning and Second PCT Criteria and Methods first paragraph has been revised as follows: "Pruning and, if needed, a second PCT will occur when the stands are between 10 and 15 years. THA-F may be PCT and pruned whereas THA-S will only be PCT. This is a critical age for determining dominant trees, growth characteristics, and promoting understory forage and diversity. The objective of pruning is to promote understory diversity and prolong forage. Therefore, pruning will only occur in THA-F that have > 30 percent of forage (grasses, shrubs, and forbs) remaining in the understory." Inspection will be applied to both THA-F and THA-S that includes invasive plant species needs. Reforestation Inspections: This applies to timber harvest areas (THAs) Timber Harvest Type Section: The last paragraph was added and maps of Management Unit 33-39 are attached showing the THA-F vs THA-S. "THA S timber harvest areas are only located within Management Units 33-39. Attachment B provides map showing these management units with the each THA by type, harvest identification number, and acreages. Harvest identification are unique number assigned to each THA and include 6 numbers, the first two numbers are the year of harvest, followed by 2 digits for management unit, and the last two digits are unique number followed by CC for clearcut or CT for commercial thin. For example 043632 CC is a 2004 clearcut harvest in management unit 36. "</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	15	THA-H definition edits and comment	<p>Revision: THA-HF are timber harvest areas that are less than 40% slope and greater than 200 feet from an open road. An open road is define as an ungated public road (such as HWY 503 or FS 90). The THA-HF are considered suitable for future timber harvests forest management practices to improve wildlife habitat (such as commercial thinning and clearcut) and will be managed with to WHMP standards objectives and practices. Objectives: Developing and maintaining a mix of forage and hiding cover for elk; Maintain or create snags, wildlife reserve, and/or trees green retention trees; and Promote forest habitat diversity for wildlife by increasing or maintaining minor native tree species. Management criteria for practices and processes: Cover:forage ratios Vegetation cover types Stand structure Comment: Nice to include the bulleted items here so that we're more clearly telling the story of what we're trying to achieve here.</p>	<p>The THA-F definition has been modified to the following: "THA-Flat (THA-F) are timber harvest areas capable of having active forest management to improve wildlife habitat. These THAs are less than 40 percent slope and greater than 200 feet from an open road. An open road is defined as any road that public is able to access either seasonally or year-round (e.g. Highway 503, Wapiti Way, or Forest Service 90). The THA-F are considered suitable for future forest management practices to improve wildlife habitat (e.g. commercial thinning and clearcut) and will be managed with WHMP Forestland Best Management Practices. " The Forestland management goals and objectives have added verbatim to the introduction.</p>

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	16	THA-F (THA-S) definition edits and comments	<p>Revision: THA-FS are timber harvest areas that are greater than 40% slope or within 200 feet of an open road (any not categorized as THA-F). These areas are unmanaged areas not suitable for future timber harvest under the WHMP. They will be thinned at an early age but are and will best left to natural succession and environmental processes be managed using standard forestry silviculture practices which that will promote mature timber over time.</p> <p>Comment: Again I'm a bit unclear here. . . . I think that these areas are still managed (and so it really is still under the WHMP) but I recognize that these areas are the where we're not going to pour a bunch of money to do the really pretty fancy thinning. Maybe a sentence saying something more like, "These areas are not suitable for the full breadth of thinning strategies typically incorporated in the WHMP. Instead thinning will be conducted to achieve spacing goals described in more detail below but more intensive activities such as piling of thinning debris, bucking of thinned trees, pruning, etc.</p>	<p>The THA-S definition has been modified to the following: THA-Steep (THA-S) areas that have topography and/or other constraints that limit forest management to meet WHMP goals and objectives. These are timber harvest areas that are greater than 40 percent slope and/or within 200 feet of an open road. These areas are not suitable for future timber harvest under the WHMP and will best be managed using standard forestry silviculture practices. These are the forested areas that will be allowed to mature into late-successional conifer forests. This section defines how the timber harvest type is determined. The following sections following describe how the THA-F and THA-S will be managed.</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	17	Reforestation Inspections paragraph 1	<p>Revision: Two survey inspections are conducted each year, one in the spring and then "again in the fall.</p>	Accepted
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	18	Reforestation Inspections paragraph 1	<p>Revision: The fall inspection identifies THA issues and treatments to managed implemented during the following growing season.</p>	Accepted
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	19	Reforestation Inspections paragraph 2	<p>Revision: Currently, the THA-Fs that are less than 15 years old total 2,476 acres or 58% of the total harvest THA-F areas. Approximately 73% (1811 acres) of the THA-Fs under 15 years old are on newly acquired lands. Due to this significant increase it is no longer feasible to complete the biannual inspections on THA-F areas for the first 15 years post-harvest.</p> <p>Comment: I think that this still applies to all of the THA, i.e. timber harvest areas . . . not just the type F areas. In any case it should apply to all areas, we still want them to do this even on the steep stuff.</p> <p>You're right the acreage may apply to both. It is my understanding that</p>	This applies to all timber harvest areas. To avoid confusion the THAs acronym has been described as timber harvest areas (THAs) when it first appears in the document in the timber harvest type section.
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	20	Reforestation Inspections paragraph 3	<p>Revision: Therefore to meet WHMP inspection objectives and manage inspection costs, THA-F areas will be evaluated on the following schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1-3: spring and fall inspections to determine seedling survival and invasive plant species needs. For example, a 2010 timber harvest will be inspected in spring and fall of 2011, 2012, and 2013. • Year 6: fall inspection to insure that WHMP replanting standards have been achieved and to determine if or when the stand will be in need of 1st the first pre-commercial thin (PCT). For example, a 2010 timber harvest would be inspected in fall 2016. • Year 10: fall inspection to evaluate pruning and 2nd PCT needs. For example, a 2010 harvest would be inspected in fall 2020. • An additionally spring inspection following interplanting, invasive plant species control, PCT, or pruning to evaluate the effectiveness of the previous year's activities. <p>Comment: Again good edits to the text but I think it still applies to all areas. . . . Not just F. The first two will likely apply to both This (3rd bullet) would apply to THA-F only This (4th bullet) will apply to THA-F but not all of it will likely apply to THA-S</p>	<p>This section applies to all THAs (THA-F or THA-S). The section was modified as follows: "Therefore to meet WHMP inspection objectives and manage inspection costs, THAs will be evaluated on the following schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1-3 spring and fall inspections to determine seedling survival and invasive plant species needs. For example, a 2010 timber harvest will be inspected in spring and fall of 2011, 2012, and 2013. • Year 6 fall inspection to insure that WHMP replanting standards have been achieved and to determine when the stand will ready for the first PCT. For example, a 2010 timber harvest would be inspected in fall 2016. • Year 10 fall inspection to evaluate pruning and 2nd PCT needs. For example, a 2010 harvest would be inspected in fall 2020. • An addition spring inspection following interplanting, invasive plant species control, PCT, or pruning to evaluate the effectiveness of the previous year's activities. "

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	21	Replanting last paragraph	<p>Revision: "The following are the desirable THA-F criteria/conditions for the first five years after a clear cut. Year 0: Clear cut timber leaving unique areas, shrub islands and leave trees; and Scarify the area. Seed the area with a mixture of palatable and nutritious forb and grasses Year 1: Plant a mixture of 222 seeding species per acre at 14 x 14 spacing. Year 2: An average of 190 or more vigorous, undamaged commercial species seedlings per acre (WAC 222-34-010). If less than an average of 190 trees per acre, interplant as needed; Good forb and grass generation, reseed if needed. Years 3 – 5: No more than 15% stocking mortality within the stand (WHMP), interplant as needed; and Palatable and nutritious forage available, reseed as needed." Therefore the reforestation inspection scheduled for year 6 post harvest (5 years after planting) will evaluate percent mortality with standard no more than 15% mortality with the percentage based on replanting stocking levels.—</p>	<p>Replanting objectives are applied to all timber harvest areas regardless of harvest type (THA-S and THA-F). Although these condition/criteria may apply to many THAs, it does not apply to all scenarios and replanting. Reforestation objectives are adapted to the individual THA needs. This last paragraph is to explain the WHMP reforestation guidelines no longer meets our current needs so therefore to provide a more adaptive guideline the 15% mortality with the percentage based on replanting stocking levels is provided.</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	22	Pre-Commercial thinning (PCT) and Pruning second paragraph	<p>Revision: The WHMP Chapter 12 Forestland Section 12.5.9 Regeneration Practices Pre-commercial Thinning describes has the PCT stand objectives as follows. When these objects are not being met, the 1st PCT should be implemented.</p>	<p>Revision not accepted. This is language is from the WHMP section 12.5.9 and it states " The objective of pre-commercial thinning is to maintain a forage component in the understorey on approximately 50 percent of the area for the first 15 years while additionally developing the proper spacing, growth form, and vigor of the saplings.". The following section First PCT Criteria and methods describes the criteria for meeting these objectives and when to initiate first PCT.</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	23	First PCT Criteria and Methods 1st paragraph	<p>Revision: Due to variations in stand production, some THAs may need to be PCT prior to stand year 10. Therefore, all THAs should be evaluated 6 years following harvest, when the trees would be in their 5th growing season (e.g. THA harvested in year 2000 would be evaluated year 2006 and should have the first PCT completed by 2011). Assuming all WHMP stands were planted the year following harvest this would occur 11 years post harvest. For example, stands harvested in year 2000 should have the first PCT completed by 2011.— Due to variations in stand production, some THAs may need to be PCT prior to stand year 10. Therefore, all THAs should be evaluated 6 years following harvest, when the trees would be in their 5th growing season (e.g. THA harvested in year 2005 would be evaluated year 2011). THA will be evaluated for the following criteria prior to PCT.—</p>	<p>Accepted</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	24	First PCT Criteria and Methods following the 1st paragraph	<p>Revision: Criteria: When the following criteria are met or exceeded the first PCT should be implemented: Years 6 - 10</p>	<p>The last sentence of the 1st paragraph was revised to the following: "When a THA meets or exceeds the following criteria the first PCT may be implemented:"</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	25	First PCT Criteria and Methods following the 1st paragraph	<p>Revision: Insert the following bullet • Adjacent tree branches overlapping, and palatable and nutritious forage is diminishing</p>	<p>This bullet is addressing two separate concerns overcrowding and forage. The "palatable and nutritious forage is diminishing" is already address in the second to the last bullet. A bullet will be inserted that will read " Adjacent trees have overlapping branches" to address overcrowding.</p>

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	26	First PCT Criteria and Methods Section Comment to 3rd bullet regarding percent forage	<p>Comment: Confusing. If greater than 50 % forage cover we may want to wait longer to PCT, not decide if using flat or steep prescriptions. Canopy coverage, basal coverage, or stems per acre may be a better metric. If soils are poor and forage and trees will never grow well we may want to shift the unit to THA-S prescriptions permanently. Also the first three bullets are when to PCT. The last two bullets are how to PCT, so they really don't fit here.</p>	<p>THE WHMP PCT objective is to maintain a forage component (shrubs, grasses, forbs) in the understory on approximately 50 percent of the area for the first 15 years. This achieved through the PCT methods; therefore it is not a criteria for determining when to implement PCT in a stand. The first PCT should occur in every stand regardless of forage quantity or quality. The only difference is the which PCT method implemented. If soils are so poor to support forage or trees then it would likely change the vegetation cover type to a non-forest type. The last two bullets will be moved to first PCT methods. "All stands will be PCT using the same methods spacing, selection, and removal methods. The only difference will be how the slash (i.e., debris from tree removal) will be managed: • THA-F stand and have > 50 percent remaining forage (grasses, shrubs, and forbs) then slash will be managed to WHMP standards to cut sapling 4 inches of the ground and the limbs are lopped off and scattered to accelerate decomposition. • THA-S stands and THA-F stands with < 50 percent remaining forage will have slash managed more in line with industrial forest methods, which only minimally handle the slash only to ensure that it does not impeded the growth of the remaining trees.</p> <p>These PCT methods will apply to every stand regardless of timber harvest type or percent forage. "</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	27	First PCT Criteria and Methods Section insert the following paragraphs following bullets	<p>Revision: After the 1st PCT, THA-F desired stand conditions are trees 5 feet or taller at a spacing of 14 x 14 or greater allowing for continued forage growth and the eventual establishment of shrub-based understory.</p> <p>There are some exceptions to the THA-F 1st PCT criteria. For THA-F stands between six and 10 years after clear cutting that have trees above 7 feet tall, dbh >3 inches, little to no under growth, and have well over 222 TPA, adaptive management will be implemented. The stand will be evaluated for potential response and resource availability for implementing a PCT to THA-S conditions. Trees identified for thinning will be felled and left in place. Likely, no additional action will be taken until trees reach the minimum marketable condition, at which time the stand will be harvested. After harvest, the THA-F area will revert to WHMP management standards to promote optimal wildlife habitat and canopy cover.</p> <p>THA-S stands will also be evaluated for potential response and resource availability for implementing a 1st PCT. Likely 1st PTC will not occur unless trees can be easily felled by hand. Felled trees will be left in place. Otherwise the stand will naturally thin through succession and environmental processes.</p> <p>Comment: "Not so sure I agree with this . . . we still want these areas thinned if reasonably possible. Eric, I see your point. I'm not sure if there are safety concerns going in with a chain saw on steep slopes. If not the I'd recommend thinning to the 1st PCT standards i.e. trees 5 feet or taller at a spacing of 14 x 14, with chain saw or hand equipment"</p>	<p>Not included. All stands (THA-F and THA-S) will be PCT to the same spacing.</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	28	First PCT methods first bullet	<p>Revision: Trees identified for thinning that are < 3 inches in diameter should be felled, and lopped, and scattered to reduce slash competition for grasses and shrubs. When chainsaws are used, the sapling is cut within 4 inches of the ground. This only applies to THA-H that will be PCT to meet WHMP Standards.</p>	<p>Not accepted. Trees selected for removal are based on spacing, not dbh. The method to remove the tree may vary depending on the size of the tree (e.g.. dbh).</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	29	First PCT methods second bullet	<p>Revision: THA-F and Tha-H_F areas with less than 50 percent forage will be PCT to forest industry THA-S standards where will have trees are felled in place.</p>	<p>Not accepted. This distinguish between THA-F and THA-S PCT slash management is described in bullets in the first paragraph.</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	30	First PCT methods third bullet	<p>Revision: • PCT in THAs with trees identified for thinning that are > 3 inches diameter may be conducted using a hack-n-squirt method (herbicides applied to a cut [hack] through the tree bark into the cambium layer). This method of thinning trees, while they are still standing, reduces slash accumulation.</p>	<p>Not accepted. Typically only one tree removal method is applied during a PCT either hack and squirt or cutting down.</p>

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	31	First PCT methods fourth bullet	<p>Revision: Hardwood tree species that are to remain in the plantation include cottonwood, bitter cherry, cascara, and dogwood. Red alder and bigleaf maple may be retained in some THAs to maintain or increase diversity.</p> <p>Comment: "Nice job here Peggy. I completely agree with the theme of your edits and your comment below. We want diversity in these stands and don't mind if the hardwood trees are able to secure a spot for themselves among the conifer ... in fact we should favor it and promote more of this. Lets make sure that the final version includes "protections" for the hardwood trees.</p>	Accepted
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	32	First PCT methods fifth bullet	<p>Revision: • Trees and shrubs that provide forage but are competing for sunlight with desired conifer seedlings can be cut back to promote resprouting and reduce competition. This is only done considered where these trees and shrubs are within 5 feet of the lateral branches of the seedlings.</p> <p>Comment: "Why? Future harvest value of conifer? If for wildlife may not want to cut shrubs back especially if limited amount of shrubs in area, instead may want to sacrifice sapling."</p>	Accepted
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	33	First PCT methods sixth fifth bullet	<p>Revision: • When chainsaws are used, the sapling is cut within 4 inches of the ground and the limbs are lopped off and scattered to accelerate decomposition. This only applies to THA F stand that will be PCT to meet WHMP standards. THA S and THA F that have less 50 percent forage will be PCT to forest industry standards and will have trees felled in place.</p>	Accepted
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	34	Pruning and Second PCT Criteria and Methods 1st paragraph	<p>Revision: Pruning and, if needed, a second PCT will occur when the stands are between 10 and 15 years. This is a critical age for determining dominant trees, growth characteristics, and promoting understory forage and diversity. The objective of pruning is to promote understory diversity and prolong forage. Diversity and prolong forage. Therefore, pruning will only occur in THA F that have > 30 percent of forage (grasses, shrubs, and forbs) remaining in the understory.</p> <p>Comments: "Should this be less than 30%? Otherwise should have a range such as >30% but <50%. If >50% you may not need to prune at that time. Eric, See if suggestion below meets the intent." "No I think she's trying to say that if it is already below 30 percent that its probably too hard to try to reclaim it and not much bang for the buck. I'm fine with 30 percent staying here. I think it's a practical course of action on stands that have already closed their canopy too much to really recover nice forage. "</p>	Deleted sentence will remain. Stands that have less than 30% forage will not be pruned. It is assumed that pruning will retain existing forage, not increase forage amount.
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	35	Pruning and Second PCT Criteria and Methods insert the following after 1st paragraph	<p>Suggested Revision: Inspection in year 10 will evaluate the THA-F pruning and 2nd PCT needs. If 2nd PCT is needed it may occur at the same time as pruning to reduce costs.</p> <p>Years 10 – 15 THA-F Pruning and 2nd PCT criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree height is over 20-24 feet tall. • Spacing is less than 15' x 15' and/or 194 tree per acre. 	<p>The 2nd paragraph reads as follows: "Reforestation Inspection in year 10 will evaluate the THA-F pruning needs and if a 2nd PCT is required. If 2nd PCT is required, to reduce costs, it may occur at the same time as pruning. All THA-F that meet the following criteria will have a 2nd PCT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree height is 20-24 feet tall. • Spacing is less than 15' x 15' and/or 194 tree per acre."

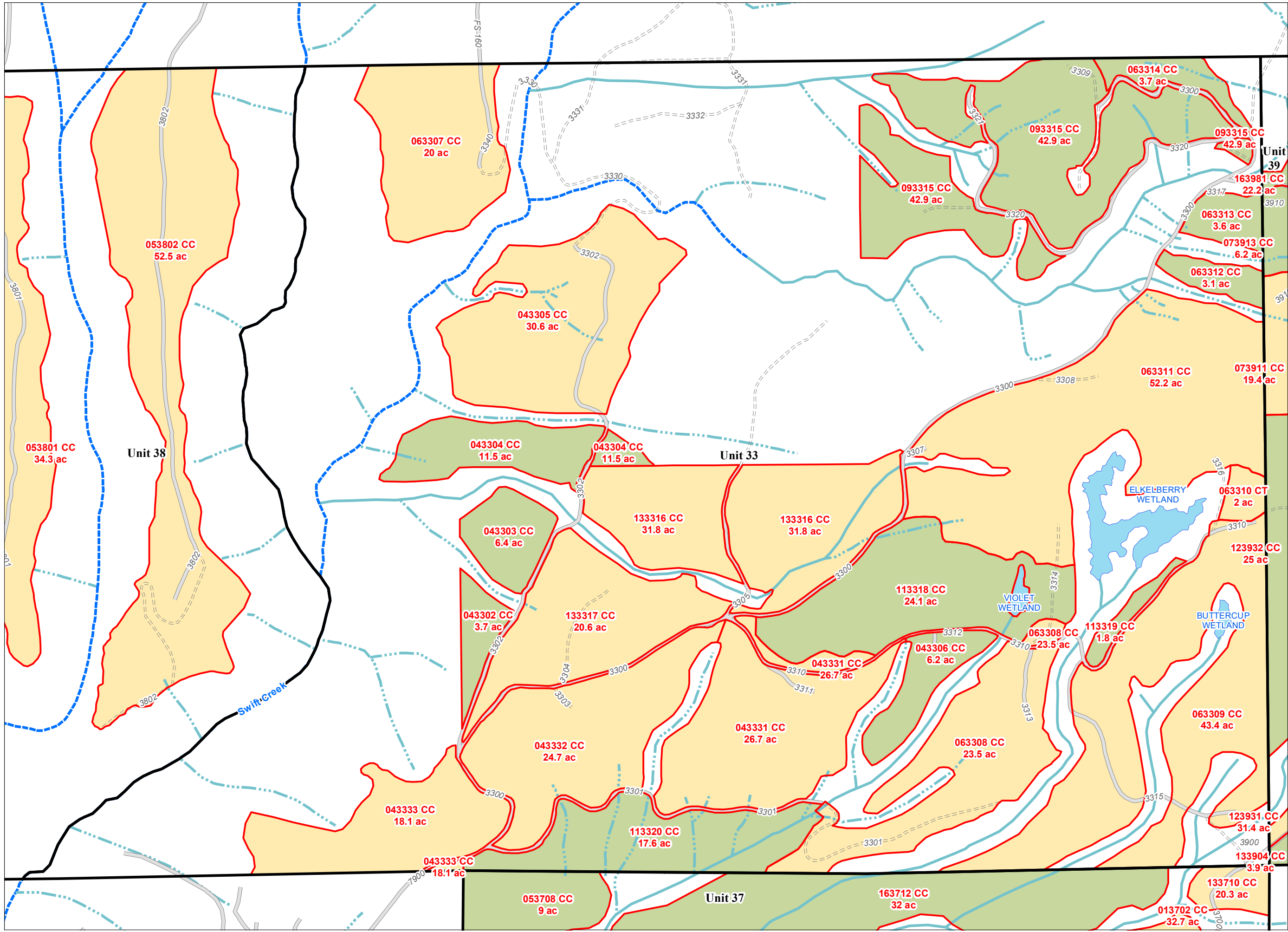
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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	36	Pruning and Second PCT Criteria and Methods insert the following after 3rd paragraph	<p>Revision: Pruning Methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When saplings reach a height of 20 to 24 feet, Prune the lower branches of the trees should be pruned to a height of 5 to 6 feet. Dominant trees should not be pruned, dominant trees this will break the line-of-sight and provide hiding cover, avoid pruning dominant trees creating creates long open visual corridors that should be avoided, and maintain hiding cover. If a stand meets pruning criteria and has less than 30% available forage (grasses, shrubs, and forbs), the stand will not be pruned. </p>	Last bullet not accepted because it is stated in the last sentence of the first paragraph
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	37	Pruning and Second PCT Criteria and Methods insert the following after 3rd paragraph	<p>Revision: Reforestation Inspection in year 10 will evaluate the THA H pruning needs and if a 2nd PCT is required. If 2nd PCT is required it may occur at the same time as pruning to reduce costs. All THA H that meet the following criteria will have a 2nd PCT:- THA has > 30 percent of forage (grasses, shrubs, and forbs). Tree height is 20-24 feet tall. Spacing is less than 15' x 15' and/or 194 tree per acre.</p>	Accepted
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	38	Second PCT Methods 2nd bullet	<p>Revision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If PCT is occurring in THA-F and concurrently with pruning, then trees may be felled, and lopped, and scattered to reduce slash competition for grasses and shrubs. </p>	<p>Sentence was revised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If PCT is occurring in THA-F and concurrently with pruning, then trees may be felled and branches lopped and scattered to reduce slash competition for grasses and shrubs. </p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	39	Second PCT Methods 3rd bullet	<p>Revision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hardwood tree species that are to should, remain in the plantation. include. Cottonwood, bitter cherry, cascara, and dogwood, Red alder and bigleaf maple maybe retained in some THAs to maintain or increase diversity. <p>Comment: "Per our mutual comments above ... we would like stronger language here to promote diversity in the forests. "</p> </p>	<p>Bullet was revised as follows: Hardwood tree species should remain in the plantation. Cottonwood, bitter cherry, cascara, dogwood, red alder and bigleaf maple may be retained to maintain or increase diversity.</p>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	40	Second PCT Methods 4th bullet	<p>Revision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The spacing objective is PCT to approximately 15 by 15 feet (4.5 by 4.5 m) spacing or 194 trees per acre (479 per ha). </p>	Accepted
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	41	Following Second PCT Methods following the bullets	<p>Revision: After the 2nd PCT and/or pruning, desired stand conditions are a tree spacing of 15 x 15 or greater yielding 194 TPA or less with lower limbs removed allowing for continued development of a shrub-based understory. In addition, select trees should disrupt the line of sight and create hiding cover. THA-S will not be pruned or have a 2nd PCT. Thinning and pruning will occur through natural succession and environmental processes.</p>	The first paragraph will not be included because this already stated in section. THA-S may be PCT if needed and this is stated in the first paragraph of this section.
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	42	Commercial Thinning WDFW comment	<p>Comment: "Someplace either in this section or the CC section below I want them to get down in writing that if too much of the landscape (i.e. if cover forage ratios aren't being met in the Unit and won't recover any time soon), that clearcutting stands as soon as they are commercially feasible is an activity that the TCC may want to implement. Essentially, we would want to be able to cut these trees down in the clear cut fashion as soon as the project could pay for itself with the value of the wood. This will allow a much quicker course of action towards re-establishing these stands under WHMP standards. This is very unconventional forestry and certainly not what you would choose to do with a commercial tree farm</p> <p>Eric does addition in Clear Cut section meet your intent?"</p>	<p>Last paragraph in Clearcut Timber Harvest Section read as follows: "Some of the THAs that PacifiCorp acquired are beyond silviculture management due to stocking, lack of management by prior owner, and age. The TCC has determined that these THAs do not currently meet WHMP objectives and would be too costly or unable to manage them to meet WHMP objectives. Therefore these stands will be allowed to grow until they provide merchantable timber, at which time they will be evaluated for clearcutting and to begin WHMP practices."</p>

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	43	Commercial thinning 3rd paragraph	Revision: In general, THAs THA-F may be commercially thinned once as pole and potentially again as mid-successional conifer; upland mixed stands usually are only commercially thinned once. THAs THA-F areas should be evaluated for commercial thinning at 25 years post-harvest. Stands that meet some or all of the following criteria may be a candidate for commercial thinning:	Accepted
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	44	Commercial Thinning above bullets	Revision: Year 25 commercial thinning criteria	Not accepted. This is because this implies that this a rotation year. These ages are years a stand may be considered for commercial thinning.
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	45	Commercial thinning following the bullets	Revision: The desired stand condition after a commercial thin is an open, diverse stand structure where trees can maximize growth potential while still providing optimal mature stand wildlife habitat. The canopy cover should be < 70% such that canopy cover will be at or below 70% at harvest, and TPA less than 100 with an average dbh > than 8 inches. THA-S areas will not be commercially thinned but will thin through natural succession and environmental processes.	The sentence was included but revised to remove reference to mature stand since many of the commercial thinning occur will occur in pole habitat. The WAC 222-34-010 Required reforestation--West of Cascades Summit (b) Reforestation is not required where: (iii) Trees are removed under a thinning program reasonably expected to maximize the long-term production of commercial timber; or (iv) An average of 190 vigorous, undamaged, well-distributed seedlings per acre of a commercial tree species are established on the area harvested (up to 20 percent of the harvested area may contain fewer than 190 seedlings per acre, but no acre of the harvested area with timber growing capacity may contain less than 150 seedlings per acre); or (v) A minimum of 100 vigorous, undamaged, well-distributed saplings or merchantable trees per acre of a commercial species or combinations thereof, remain on the area harvested. Therefore to meet Forest Practice Board rules the sentence will be revised as follows: "The desired stand condition after a commercial thinning should be an open, diverse stand structure where trees can maximize growth potential while still providing wildlife habitat. The canopy cover should be < 70%, no less than 100 undamaged, well-distributed saplings or merchantable trees per acre of a commercial species or combinations thereof remaining and an average dbh > than 8 inches. • THA-S areas will not be commercially thinned but will thin through natural succession and environmental processes."
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	46	Clearcut Timber Harvest	Revision: Title changed to from Clearcut to Clear cut Timber Harvest	Not accepted. The correct and recognized spelling for clearcut timber harvest is as one word.
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	47	Clearcut Timber Harvest	Revision: At approximately 60 years stands will be evaluated for clear cut harvest. THA-F areas selected for harvest will be dependent on cover:forage model priorities. If cover forage ratios are not being met in the Unit, a clear cut harvest will be considered as soon as stands are commercially feasible to meet WHMP cover forage ratio standards. THA-S areas will not be harvested and will continue to provide mature stand habitat.	Accepted

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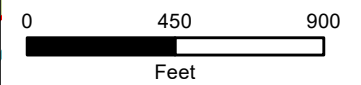
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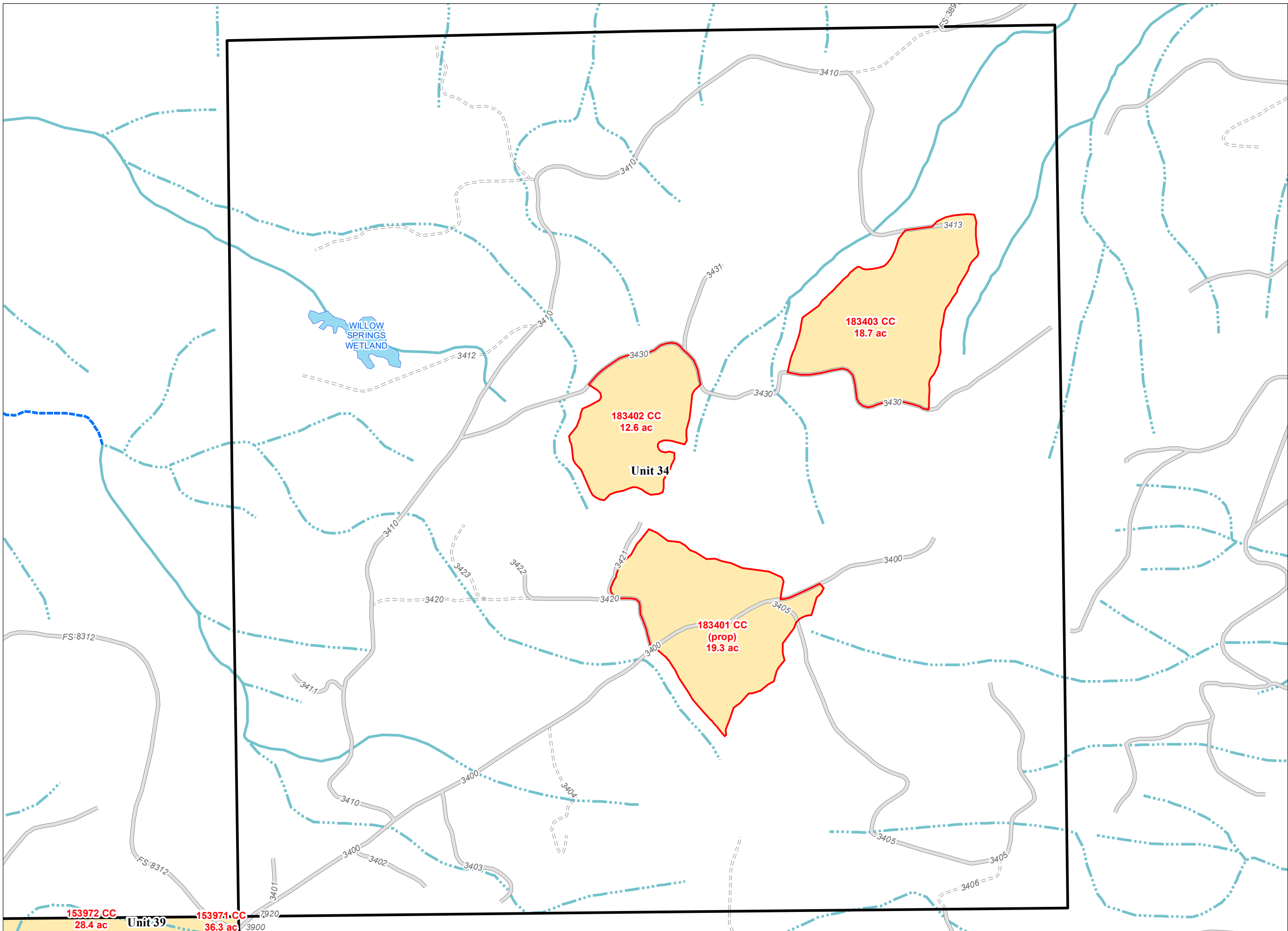
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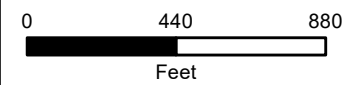
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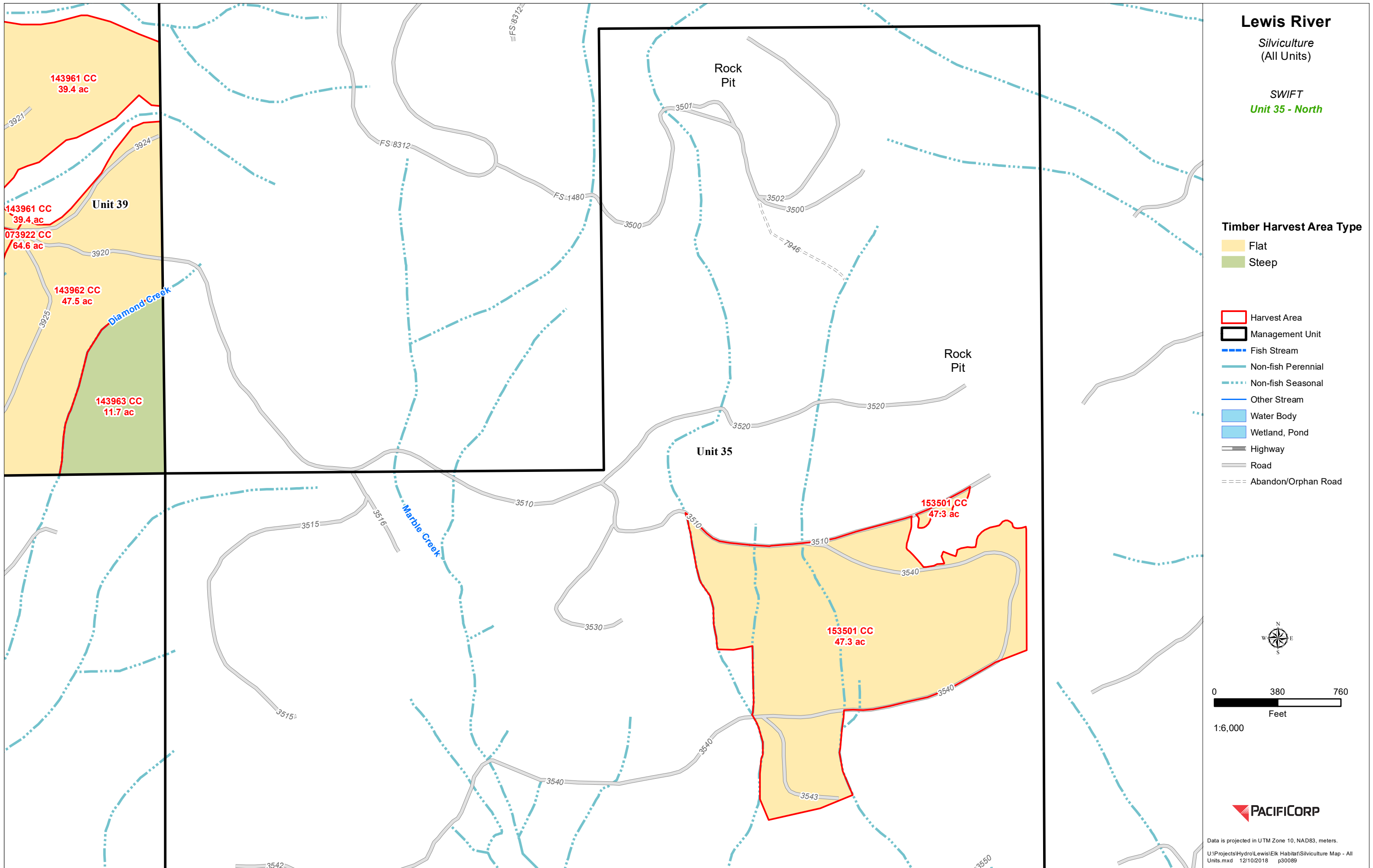
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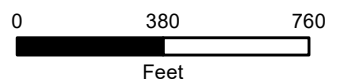
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Unit 35 - North

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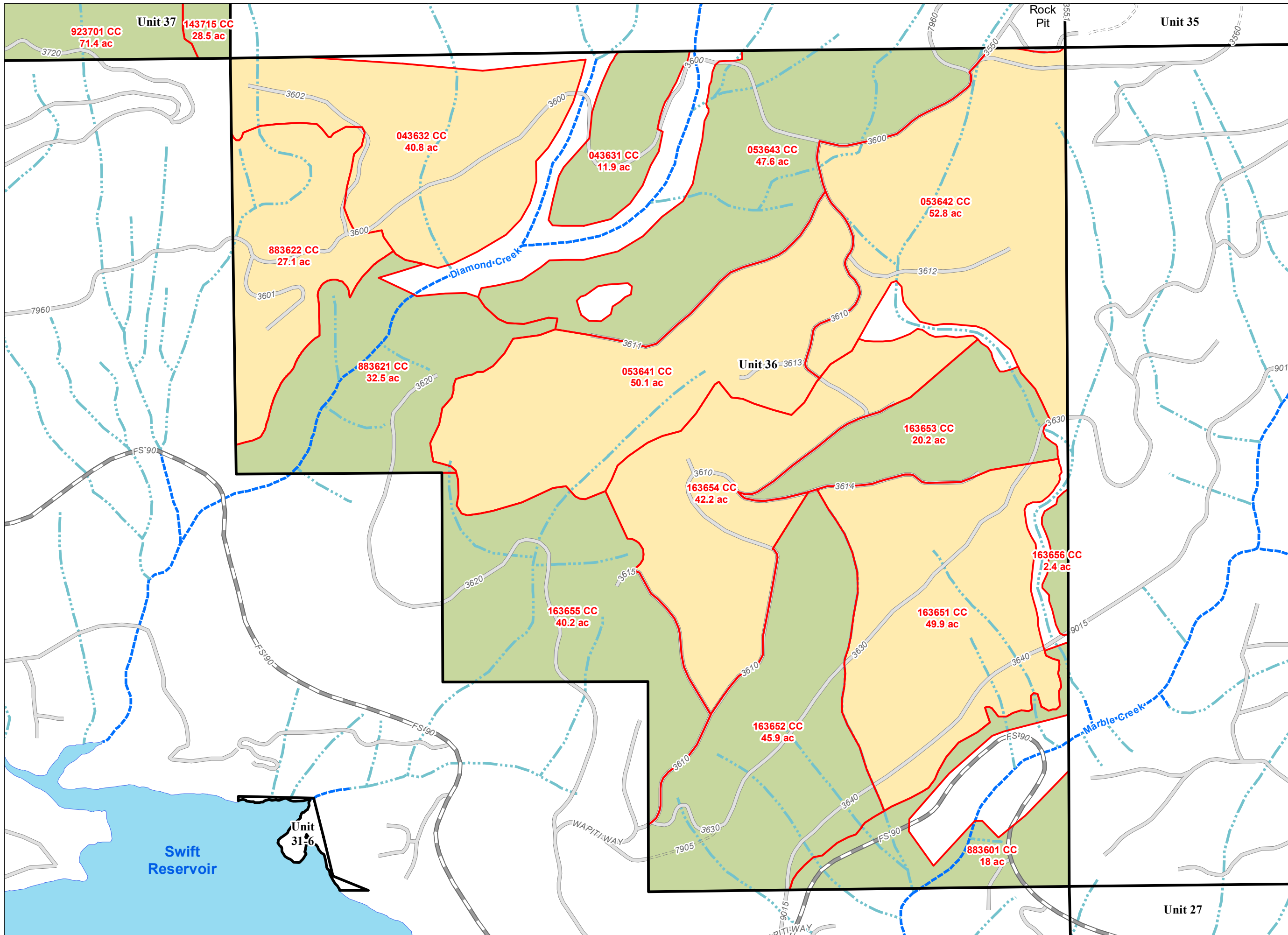
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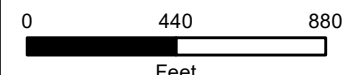
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Unit 36

Timber Harvest Area Type

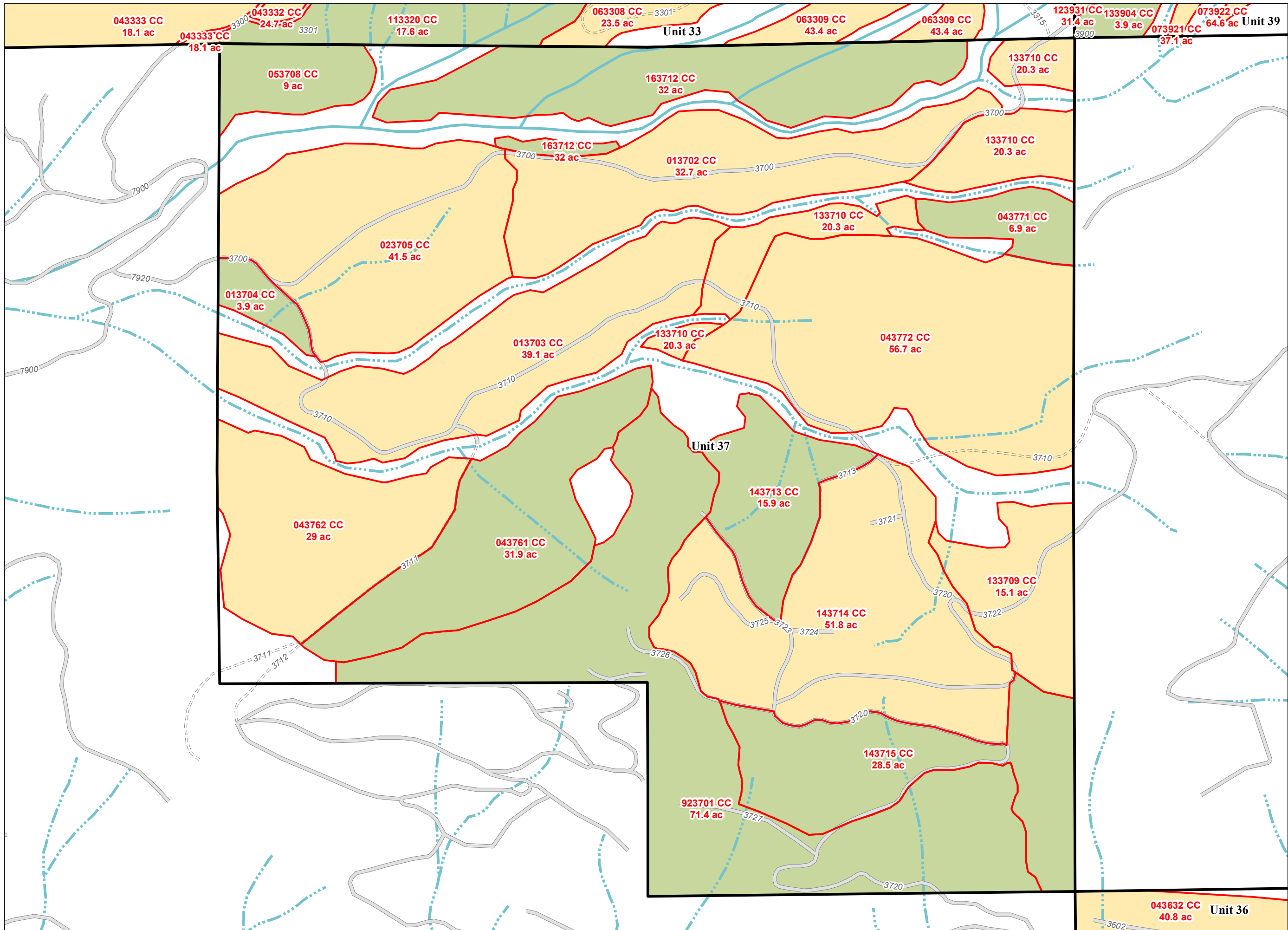
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- Harvest Area
- Management Unit
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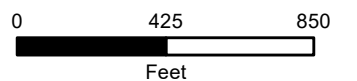
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Unit 37

Timber Harvest Area Type

- Flat
- Steep

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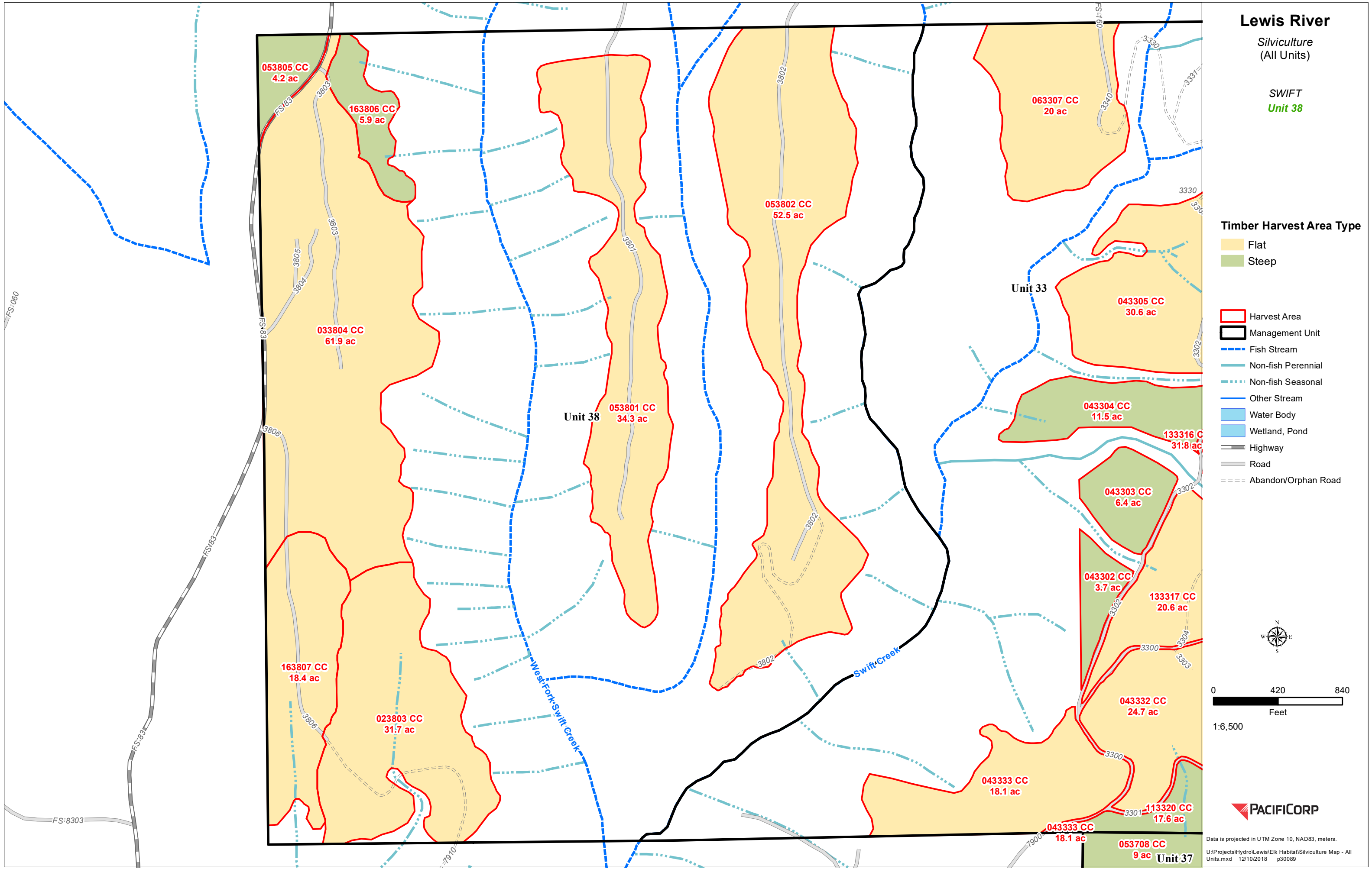


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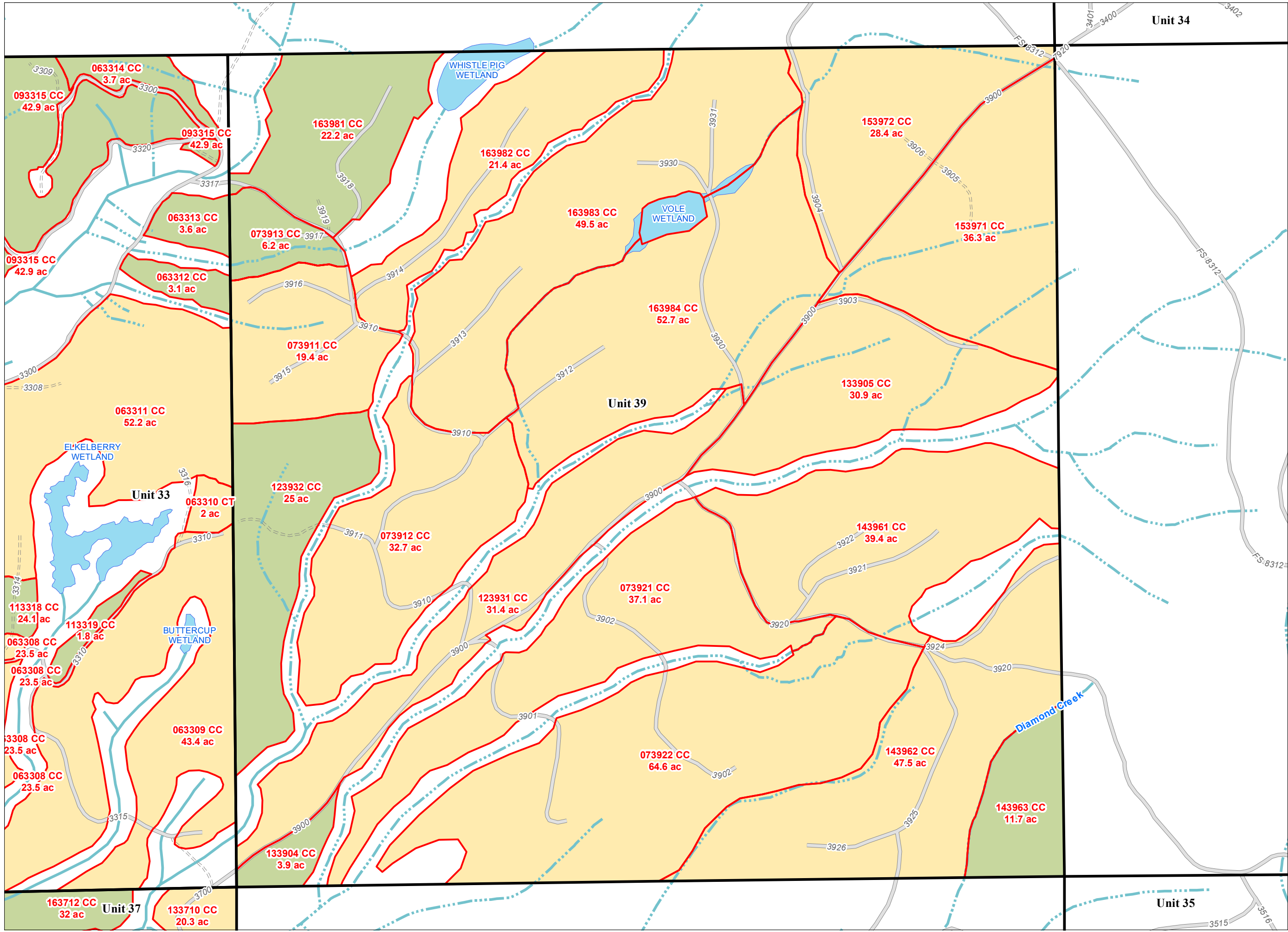
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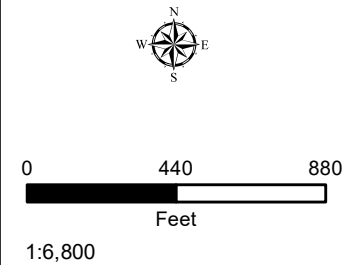
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Unit 39

Timber Harvest Area Type

- Flat
- Steep

- Harvest Area
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