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Blanchard Forest Advisory Committee
October 26, 2010, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM
Bay Ridge Fire Station- 16220 Peterson Rd.

- 8:30 **Welcome** – Ben Cleveland, Acting Northwest Region Manager
- 8:45 **Approval of September 30th Minutes Summary**– Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn, Facilitator
- 8:50 **Follow-up on September 30th BFAC questions** – Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn
- Ten year MOU review
 - Staff contact information & proposal review process located in the minutes
 - Recommendations on proposed NRCA boundary due by November 15, 2010
- 9:00 **Sustainable Harvest and Blanchard Forest** – Jeff May, Baker District Manager
- 9:25 **Break**
- 9:40 **DNR Timber Sale Proposal: Blue Comet Timber Sale** – Kevin Killian, Unit Forester
- Planning and Preparing a Timber Sale
 - Discussion and recommendations from BFAC
 - Recommendations due November 26, 2010
- 11:40 **Timber Sales Timeline** – Rich Sluss, Northwest Region Proprietary Forester
- 12:05 **Lunch Break**
- 12:35 **2011 NOVA Grants** – Christ Thomsen, Recreation Manager
- Request letter of support from BFAC
- 12:55 **DNR NRCA Boundary Proposal** – Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn
- Discussion and recommendations from BFAC
- 1:55 **Break**
- 2:10 **Logistics for the Field Tour on November 2, 2010** – Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn
- 2:40 **Public Comment (Ken Wilcox)**
- 3:00 **Adjourn**

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Blanchard Forest Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
September 30, 2010
Mount Vernon, WA

Group Attendance: Members present: Tom Nelson, Roy Bever, Scott Chalfant, Seth Cool, Mark Herrenkohl, David Goehring, Jon Knetchtel, Harold Mead, Molly Doran, Mike McGlenn, Bob Rose, Kendra Smith, Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn (Facilitator). Members absent: Jennifer Bohannon.

Others Present: DNR Staff: Laurie Bergvall, Kevin Killian, Paul McFarland, Ben Cleveland, Clay Sprague, Pene Speaks, Christ Thomsen; Others: Ken Wilcox, Sarah Bishop.

Introductions

Clay Sprague, Deputy Supervisor of Uplands and Ben Cleveland, Acting Northwest Region Manager welcomed and thanked the committee for their time.

DNR Staff introduced themselves: Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn – Facilitator, Kevin Killian – Hamilton Unit Forester, Paul McFarland – Lands Transactions Manager, Christ Thomsen- Recreation Manager, Pene Speaks – Assistant Division Manager, Natural Heritage and Natural Areas Program, and Laurie Bergvall – Assistant Region Manager State Lands Operations NW Region.

Blanchard Forest Advisory Committee (BFAC) Introductions

Tom Nelson – Manages timber lands for Sierra Pacific Industries.

Roy Bever – Manages Bloedel's properties in Whatcom County and on Blanchard Mountain.

Scott Chalfant – Manages Larrabee State Park.

Seth Cool – Works for Conservation NW and recreates on Blanchard.

Mark Herrenkohl – As a resident on Sutherland Road on Lake Samish, he recreates on Blanchard, and is a Geologist and Oceanographer.

David Goehring – Represents Chuckanut Conservancy and was the Vice President and CFO of Nordic Tugs, but is semi-retired at this point. An avid hiker on Blanchard, he became involved with Blanchard after going to public meeting a few years ago.

Jon Knetchtel – Director of Trails for Pacific Northwest Trails Association, which has a large interest in trails on Blanchard.

Harold Mead – Represents Friends of Blanchard Mountain and his main interest is in preserving Blanchard Mountain

Molly Doran – Is the executive director of the Skagit Land Trust and is interested in the conservation of Blanchard Mountain

Mike McGlenn – Represents Back County Horseman as well as recreationists all the way around. Believes Blanchard is important to stock riders, particularly during the winter time.

Bob Rose – Lives in Anacortes and served as the executive director of Skagitians to Preserve Farmlands. His interest in Blanchard is to preserve working forests and prevent conversion to development.

Kendra Smith – Works for Skagit County and represents Skagit County beneficiaries.

Agenda Review

Referred BFAC to Blanchard Resources on page 24 of the packet and the original Blanchard Strategies people who are on the Committee as resources to use

Questions:

Since the land transactions appropriation states that the DNR “shall consult with the University Of Washington College Of Forestry Resources Northwest Environmental Forum and with other interest groups prior to the purchase.” How are we connecting with UW for Land Transactions?

DNR met that commitment in 2007, when DNR presented “Visualizing the Opportunities: Department of Natural Resources’ Approach to Acquiring Working Forests” at the Northwest Environmental Forum. (Please see http://www.ruraltech.org/video/2007/FWAF_Forum/index.asp for presentation).

How are we dialoguing with Skagit County Board of County Commissioners?
Ben Cleveland and Paul McFarland – DNR has met with them and had discussion regarding land transactions.

Who should we contact if questions come up?
BFAC members are encouraged to contact Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn or DNR staff members who manage the specific programs directly.

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Are we locked into the original MOU and Strategies?

Clay Sprague – Yes, we are not re-opening the agreement. Implement what was already defined.

Why some of us are here then?

Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn - We are here to implement the Strategies within the sideboards we have.

Blanchard Background and Update

- DNR manages about 3.1 million acres of uplands. DNR received these lands primarily in two ways. In 1889, DNR received the lands at statehood, then in the 1920’s and 1930’s got the lands during default from the Counties (we manage these lands on behalf of the Counties). We also manage about 120,000 acres of NRCA’s and NAP’s. Also manage 2 million acres of aquatic lands. In timber harvesting we manager under the forest practice rules, the Habitat Conservation Plan, The Policy for Sustainable Forest, the Multiply Use Statute. We have calculated a sustainable harvest level – grow and manage timber in a sustainable harvest level in perpetuity.
- In Skagit County there are 83,000 acres of these lands. The Department has produced about \$100 million of revenue off of these lands over the past decade. Blanchard Forest has produced about \$2.5 million dollars of non-tax revenue distributed to Skagit County over the past 12 years. Blanchard use to be private lands, but then in the 1930’s, the lands were defaulted on and the DNR began to manage Blanchard. Recreation began to be heavily used on Blanchard.
- Blanchard Forest Strategies Group – was formed with a membership of 10 people. Met 10 or 12 times.
- Update on the current Lawsuit. Question – If the lawsuit is appealed will this group be put on hold? Clay – I don’t have the answer because I am not an attorney, we will have to see if that happens.
- Commissioner made the decision to turn the core into an NRCA. Our thought behind the core was to manage it like an NRCA. What the commissioner’s action does is to remove the uncertainty behind how the core was to be managed. It will be managed now as an NRCA without the uncertainty of leaving it just as a core.
- Question – dollar value set is the timber value set in 2007 – since timber values have dropped – does that number shift? That can swing up or down – but since we have already been compensated and committed to \$12 million we don’t want

to change that number. But the land value still has to be appraised. Question – Should we revisit the value of the timber? Because it could be a difference in the value from 2007 to 2010? Clay – it could be a difference – this committee could provide recommendations. Tom Nelson – From the perspective of a mill owner – this could get really complicated – the market is changing so much – you would almost have to do it weekly – then we are talking domestic versus export. I don't think you want to do that. This was a one-time payment. Not meant to continue. Seth – the thing that worries me – we have to ask for \$7 million this time – we are in a worse budget situation this time. There is a chance this time we might not be able to do that. We need to be mindful of the fact that we might need a plan B.

0930- Ben Cleveland - Blanchard Charter

- What is the role of the committee? – Advisory to the DNR and implementing the Strategies.
- Comments back within 30 days after hearing the proposals from the DNR.
- If you can't continue on the committee, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can find a replacement.
- Keep the meetings informal – this is your meeting to advise us in our management.

Question – how open is the committee to new ideas? It looks like the committee is locked in. Answer – We are working within the parameters of the strategies.

Committee voted to support the Charter: All BFAC members voted to support the Charter with a vote of thumbs up or thumbs sideways in support of the BFAC Charter as presented by Ben Cleveland.

0945 – Kristen reviewed the Ground Rules

- Kristen read the ground rules
- Management of Blanchard Mountain is held in the Region with operations.
- What is an objector? Can DNR accept a report where everyone is not in consensus? Committee really wants to strive to work out consensus – but maybe need to decide that majority rules. “Any minority report must show where the proposal is not in line with the Strategies or the MOU.” This will be added to bullet 5 of the ground rules. *This has been done.*
- Here to see if the project meets the intent of the MOU and the Strategies. Not if I like this project or not.
- What about the press? Important that they be allowed
- Public comments – lengthy presentation – limit the comments – don't want our meetings being taken over – just because we have a lot of information to cover – need to have input from the group – because we have to be respectful of the time

- of the group. “At the discretion of the BFAC, opportunities for public comment can be provided.” Add to bullet 6. *This has been done.*
- Hard copies will be provided to the committee – email copies will be provided to the committee ahead of time.
 - DNR person will continue to take notes – email out to committee members. Review at the next meeting.

1015 – Kevin Killian – Management Strategies for Blanchard Forest State Trust Lands

- Zones – Four Zones – 1. Core (Now NRCA). 2. HCP – Specific Areas – Stream buffers, bald eagle management areas, wetlands – very little management will take place in those – but really the HCP applies to all of our ownership. 3. General Management Zone – revenue production and timber production are the highest priority (HCP still applies). 4. High Visual Sensitivity Zone
- “Final” Map for Management Purposes – Review the map – map the streams, Marbled Murrelet (MM) strategy, MM mapping, Unstable areas, gene pool reserve, etc.
- Retiring the old map – now will use the new map – “Final” map for Management Purposes – BFAC – explained this map will be continually evolving and updating.
- Discussion in the addendum about management in the core zone – now the NRCA
- Question – Does the NRCA still require funding? Yes – we still need funding.
- Core – NW Corner – Commissioner requested we add acreage there for a connection to Larrabee State Park – now the NRCA is 1674 acres.
- JJ, CC – now in the NRCA boundary. B still to be managed. B slightly different on the old map than the new map, but the intent is still the same.
- Visual management zone – modeled with software that places it 4 miles away. Small isolated parcel was greater than 4 miles away. The small parcel is modeled greater than 4 miles away.
- Bald eagle area – no harvest area.
- Recreation overlap – to be developed with the BFAC.
- Education/Demonstration overlay – to be developed with the BFAC.
- At a future meeting - Invite people up to talk about Tiger Mountain experience.
- Four Key Elements of the Blanchard Strategies:
 - Manage Blanchard Forest according to Four Management Zones and Two Management Overlays with appropriate management emphasis.
 - Support maintaining working forests and securing sustainable timber supply in Skagit and Whatcom Counties using a variety of tools consistent with local Growth Management Policies.
 - Provide Skagit County Trust Compensation
 - Ensure Long Term Durability of Blanchard Management Agreement

1120 – MOU – Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn

- The MOU is more detailed than the Strategies.
- Four Principles of the MOU:
 - Management of Blanchard Forest.
 - Support maintaining working forests and securing sustainable timber supply in Skagit and Whatcom Counties using a variety of tools consistent with local Growth Management Policies.
 - Provide Skagit County Trust Compensation.
 - Implementation and Long-Term Durability of Blanchard Forest Agreement.
- Recreation – What will be your comfort level for reviewing activities on Blanchard – do you want to know about rocking trails or just about bigger projects? This will be something we need to decide.
- 10-year review process of MOU – Could the BFAC play more of a role in the 10 year review of the MOU?

1140 – Discussion of Strategies – Comfort Level of the Group

- Is there an opportunity to add an addendum to the MOU?
- We need clarification – if we as an advisory committee are expected to honor the strategies, then we seem secondary.
- Kendra – very comfortable with the strategies. I don't think the original committee would be opposed to reconvening and looking at things.
- Bob – balances that were found were hard won- very reluctant to re-open.
- Mike McGlenn- very reluctant to re-open the strategies. Minor tweaks ok, but big changes no.
- Molly Doran – very broad and general – very supportive of the strategies. I think once we start working with them I think we will find that they are more flexible that we think.
- Harold Mead- I am bound to support the Strategies.
- John Knectel – I am very comfortable with the Strategies.
- Dave Goehring – I think I was invited to the Committee with the full knowledge that I was resistant to the DNR – more weighted to the conservation than the timber. Public interest shows more towards conservation. Blanchard forest advisory group and BFAC being secondary seems uncomfortable to me.
- Mark Herrenkohl – Support the Strategies. Residents of Lake Samish support the Strategies. Keep working forests working. Want to move forward with the process.
- Seth Cool – Always been our perspective that the core should have been bigger, but at the end of the day this is the agreement. Very apparent we have a very

serious problem with working timber lands. Even if on their own they don't do very much, they are models for others to look at. Along those lines, we are very supportive of this process.

- Scott Chalfant – Still learning about this whole thing. Appreciate what this committee has done. Such an emotional issue. I am comfortable with the Strategies. Mindful that things change.
- Roy Bever – Comfortable with the Strategies. My commitment was to review DNR's proposal to see if they were within the Strategies.
- Tom Nelson – My commitment was to review DNR's proposal within the Strategies. That is how I will review each proposal.

Kristen – Dave it seems like you may have the most discomfort with the Strategies – are you willing to give it a shot and see how it goes for a few meetings. Dave – absolutely.

Bob – some things change and some things don't change – re-finding a balance point may be necessary. But some of the foundational things do not change.

1200 – Proposal Review Process – Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn

- Materials on upcoming proposal will be distributed to BFAC members 1 – 2 weeks before the next meeting.
- Generally, DNR will present more than one proposal at a meeting.
- After DNR presents proposal, BFAC will discuss proposal, evaluating it against the strategies, and draft recommendations.
- BFAC may vote on proposal recommendations at the same meeting.
- If no vote takes place, DNR facilitator will summarize the points BFAC members raised at the meeting and send summary on email after meeting.
- BFAC will strive to reach consensus on recommendations through email exchanges. If consensus is reached, BFAC will vote on email.
- BFAC will use “Doodle voting” or a similar online polling service to vote online. (If no vote is received from particular committee members, facilitator will contact committee members directly to collect vote).
- If consensus cannot be reached by BFAC through email, a second meeting will be held to allow for further discussion and a vote.
- BFAC's decision on consensus recommendations will either occur at the first or second meeting or within 30 days of proposal presentation in a written format.
- **Committee voted to support this proposal review process by consensus vote.**

1215 – Process for Creating an NRCA in Blanchard Forest – Pene Speaks

- Natural Area Preserves – Review of Process
- Natural Resource Conservation Area – Review difference of NRCA vs. NAP
- NRCA Designation Process – Review of Process
- Natural Areas Management – Conservation first – protecting the site first – environmental education.
- Statewide Natural Resource Conservation Management Plan – this is what we will use on Blanchard until we have a site specific plan.
- Nothing is managed as an NRCA until the land is transferred. Until that transfer happens, it is still in trust land status.
- Question – what about future additions? Yes it can be expanded in the future.
- Mike McGlenn – one of the reasons we wanted it as a core, but not an NRCA is because of the recreation opportunities on the Mountain. All of those interests were concerned about getting bumped out. If there is a hint that this NRCA could exclude those activities could bump those out, then we will be very upset.
Pene – if we could protect those things and still have an NRCA – for example the bat caves – the four kinds of bats – then we can balance the conservation objectives with the recreation – we will want to look at the use objectives in order to balance them across the landscape. The whole point of doing the site specific plan is to look at the historic public uses and hopefully let them continue as long as we don't see a significant rise in environmental degradation.
- Tom Nelson – Sierra Pacific is a private company – what this group did was come up with a rather clever compromise – take this land out of the core – not put it into the NRCA until the legislature gives us some compensation – what I see is short circuiting – you're not going to go into the NRCA and put up timber sales – the second point is the county – but if the land goes into the county – they lose as well. Part of the leverage that was built into the core is gone – the 5 years is gone.
- Seth Cool – until the 12 million dollars comes up – it is still just a proposal. I don't think the leverage changes. I am worried that the money won't happen.
- Pene – Tom you're point is well taken – we aren't going to go in there and start cutting if the land isn't transferred right away.
- Harold – Bats – If the bats are already protected by the HCP – what level of additional protection are the bats getting by the NRCA?
- Molly Doran – As the lands become NRCA – funds will open up to buy lands in Skagit County. What are the thinning and logging rules in NRCA. Pene – objective – conservation first, has to create better habitat, have to remove roads.
- Mark Herrenkohl – What wouldn't work? Pene - Motorized use – no. Hunting and fishing on a site by site basis but is generally ok in NRCAs.

1250 – Proposed Blanchard NRCA Boundary – Kevin Killian

- Review of the proposed NRCA Boundary.
- Review of the map and legend.
- Come up with the number for the general management area that is “off-base” that we won’t be managing. The estimate is about 25% that is not manageable because of stream buffers, balds, bat caves, unstable areas, and other areas that are off base that we cannot manage.
- DNR needs to do a better job of PR and talk about the lands that are “off-base” for management.

1320 – Land Transaction Update – Paul McFarland

- Intended to support a working forests and sustainable timber supply in Skagit/Whatcom Counties
- First legislative appropriation in 2007 (\$4 million) and Second in 2009 (\$1.5 Million)
- Acquire lands from willing land owners
- Ensure full compensation of Skagit County State Forest Trust for Core Zone Timber value/revenues
- First Priority – Acquisition of lands suitable for forest management proximate to Blanchard block, or proximate to other trust land in B-E school district.
- Second Priority – Acquisition of lands suitable for forest management proximate to trust land elsewhere in Skagit County.
- Challenges in managing lands – parcelization, neighboring development, conflicting land use.
- Question – Do revenues from aquatic lands go into the Burlington-Edison School District? No public aquatic lands go into ALEA funds.
- There are approximately 1,130 acres owned by 7 landowners we believe are candidate properties in the school district (mostly ownerships >40 acres in size). Candidate properties are identified based on how they meet acquisition criteria, not on basis of zoning.
- Contact has been made with 6 of the 7 landowners; additional contacts have been made County wide.
- 8 contacts resulted in projects. Three in the school district – 2 unsuccessful, 1 one completed in the school district; 5 outside the school district – 2 unsuccessful, one completed, one BNR approved acquisition (Stimson Greens), 1 pending acquisition.
- Two closed transactions
 - Blanchard South – Closed March 2009; \$735,000; 80 acres
 - Alder Ranch – Closed December 2009; \$3,600,000; 840 acres

- Stimson Greens – BNR (Board of Natural Resources) Approval September 2010; \$2,100,000; 1,330 acres- **we are not going to use Blanchard money to purchase this property, for a couple of reasons:**
 1. Sensitive to County concerns about acquisitions outside B-E school district.
 2. Retain remaining funding for work on potential projects within B-E school district.
- DNR is committed to Blanchard Strategies implementation.
- We continue to engage property owners around Blanchard.
- Kendra – outside private monies might be able to help with the funding for high priced properties. Vision 2060 – going out 50 years to look at what the area will look like – no building in the flood plain for example. This will push building right up on Blanchard.
- Does DNR pay for appraisals even if they don't work? Our preferred approach is to share the cost. We prefer this approach because it provides transparency, and allows both parties to make decisions based on same information. Does DNR always pay at least appraised value? Our offers are always appraisal-based. So you (DNR) never pay less than appraised value? I never say never.
- Skagit County has done a risk assessment for risk of conversion.

1400 – Samish Overlook Project – Christ Thomsen

- Managed primarily for non-motorized recreation
- Primed for low-elevation, year round recreation
- 2002 estimate for visitation, 2008 actual count 43,800 visitor – lots of trail use.
- On-going activities – grants, routine maintenance, recreation sign plan, Samish Overlook Development Plan
- Funding overview – General Fund, Grants
- Costs about \$2.33/day for each visitor for DNR to manage Blanchard
- Review of projects – Sign Plan – hoping to have the plan for Blanchard done by spring ready for your review.
- Samish Overlook – developed in the 1980's as a landing to support timber management activities. After the activity was over – it became a destination site. Whether we managed it or not, people were going to come. The Chuckanut Mountain Trails Master Plan was developed in 1996 – this is what DNR has been using. There were some public health and safety issues that we needed to address.
- We started going after grants to be able to install toilets, riprap – quite expensive because of the vandalism. In 2009 we put in permanent toilets.
- We went to RCO – Recreation and Conservation Office – to get a grant to improve the Samish Overlook Parking area (\$320,000). The legislature saw the proposal. The Conceptual Design is at 60%.

- We are going to permitting tomorrow 10/1/10. This doesn't mean we can't change some things. We can change it during permitting, but not a whole lot. Signs can change. General layout is fairly solid. Individual group members can certainly comment on the proposal.
- Had lots of involvement from the recreation groups.
- Explained the grant cycle. – Explained why process had to continue
- Camping – Backcountry camping- limit stay to 7 days
- Project will still have to go through SEPA.
- As we move forward, we will continue to bring you future projects earlier in the process and keep you informed with this process. We will get you the 90% drawings and the deadline on when Christ needs the recommendations.
- *Committee comments due by 10/11/10 – individual committee members may provide those comments to Christ Thomsen.*

Public Comment

Ken Wilcox – Chuckanut Conservancy – focused on the trails and conservation side.

Meeting Schedule

The group agreed to the following meeting schedule:

- Tuesday, October 26th, Bay Ridge Fire Station, 16220 Peterson Road
- Tuesday, November 2nd, field trip. 8-4:30



Blanchard Forest Advisory Committee Draft Ground Rules

- Each member of the Blanchard Forest Advisory Committee (BFAC) has been appointed by the Washington Commissioner of Public Lands. Committee members are strongly encouraged to attend each meeting in order to ensure continuity in the conversation and in the implementation of the Management Strategies for Blanchard Forest State Trust Lands. However, if a committee member misses a meeting, it is his/her responsibility to be up to speed on the issues by the next meeting.
- The committee is comprised of representatives from a variety of perspectives and interests in accordance with the Management Strategies for Blanchard Forest State Trust Lands. Differences of opinion are to be expected and will be respected by the committee and its members. Committee discussions will be characterized by careful deliberation and civility.
- Each member will work hard to understand any issues or concerns raised by their respective organizations and will communicate those issues in a timely fashion to the BFAC.
- Only appointed members can participate in discussions regarding formal committee recommendations.
- The committee will strive to operate by consensus. Consensus is defined as the majority of committee members concurring, with the remaining members able to accept the decision. Differences of opinion will be noted and included as part of any recommendations by the committee to the Department of Natural Resources. Any minority report must show where the proposal is not in line with the Strategies or the MOU.
- All meetings will be open to the public. The committee will not take formal public testimony. At the discretion of the BFAC, opportunities for public comment can be provided.
- Meeting materials will be sent to committee members in advance. Any meeting handouts will be copied and mailed or e-mailed to committee members who were not present. E-mail distribution of documents and materials will be the preferred method of information dissemination. At each meeting, hard copies of presentation materials and packets will be provided to the committee members.
- Meeting summaries will be prepared and distributed to all committee members in a timely manner. A DNR staff person will take notes of committee deliberations on behalf of the BFAC.
- Meetings will start and end on time in conformance with the agenda for each meeting.



“Blue Comet” Timber Sale Proposal Presented to Blanchard Forest Advisory Committee October 26, 2010

BLANCHARD STATE FOREST PLANNED TIMBER HARVESTS: 2011 AND 2012

This is a summary of completed and planned timber harvests from Blanchard State Forest (BSF) for the sustainable harvest decade of 2005-2014. The harvest level from BSF for this decade is ~ 11,840 mbf (average of 1,184 mbf per year)¹. Due to a court order, timber harvest will only occur from BSF in the first year (2005) and the last four years (2011-2014) of the decade. This results in a target volume of 5,920 mbf for these five years. The remaining 5,920 mbf that was planned to be harvested from BSF in the decade was harvested elsewhere in Skagit County. The “Westview Thin” sale in 2005 resulted in 754 mbf of harvest from BSF. The remaining 5,166 mbf of harvest from BSF is planned in the following timber sales:

“BLUE COMET” TIMBER SALE

The general size and location is shown on “*BFAC mtg 10/26/2010 map 1*”. Details of this timber sale are shown on “*BFAC mtg 10/26/2010 map 2*”.

OVERVIEW

- Planned sale date: June 13th, 2011
- Volume: ~ 1.6 MMBF
- Road Work: ~ 8400’ of existing roads will be reconstructed. This work will consist of applying 3” of new surface rock, and grading the road. ~ 700’ of new road will be constructed within unit 2. An existing rock pit to the east of unit 1 will be utilized to supply rock for this road work.

UNIT 1 DETAIL

- Size: the 3 sub-units (A,B,C) total ~7 acres.
- Type of Harvest: variable retention harvest with avg of 8 leave trees per acre retained (in 2 leave tree areas and individual scattered trees). All other trees will be harvested within the unit.

¹ 1 MBF is an abbreviation that denotes 1,000 board feet. It is a typical unit of trade for dimension lumber and sawtimber stumpage.

- Harvesting equipment: shovel logging in sub-unit 1A. Cable yarding in sub-units 1B, and 1C.

MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IMPLEMENTED

- “General Management Zone” (GMZ) - All timber harvest in Unit 1 will occur in the GMZ. All timber within the unit in this zone will be harvested except for Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) required leave trees (see discussion of leave trees in “Type of Harvest” section above). Leave trees in unit 1 are an example of an HCP prescription being applied in the GMZ as opposed to a designated (HCP) area.
- “HCP Areas” - There are 17 acres of riparian management zones (rmz’s) between the 3 sub-units. These are designated “HCP Areas”. These rmz’s are prescribed to protect three type 3 (fish-bearing) streams and a wetland/pond complex, all of which are tributary to Colony Creek. No other habitats or issues requiring HCP protection are located within the unit.
- No activity will occur in the “High Visual Sensitivity Zone” (HVSZ).

UNIT 2 DETAIL

- Size: 35 acres.
- Type of Harvest: Variable retention harvest with an avg of 8 trees per acre retained (in 1 leave tree area and individual scattered trees). The scattered leave trees are more highly concentrated within the 7 acres in the south end of the unit that is within the HVSZ. There is an avg of 14 leave trees per acre within the HVSZ (98 trees in 7 acres) and an average of 6 ½ leave trees per acre (in one clump and some scattered trees) in the GMZ (182 trees in 28 acres). The overall total number of leave trees within the unit is an average of 8 per acre (280 trees in 35 acres).
- Harvesting equipment: shovel logging on a few acres around the new road construction (slopes less than 35%) and cable yarding on the remainder of the unit.

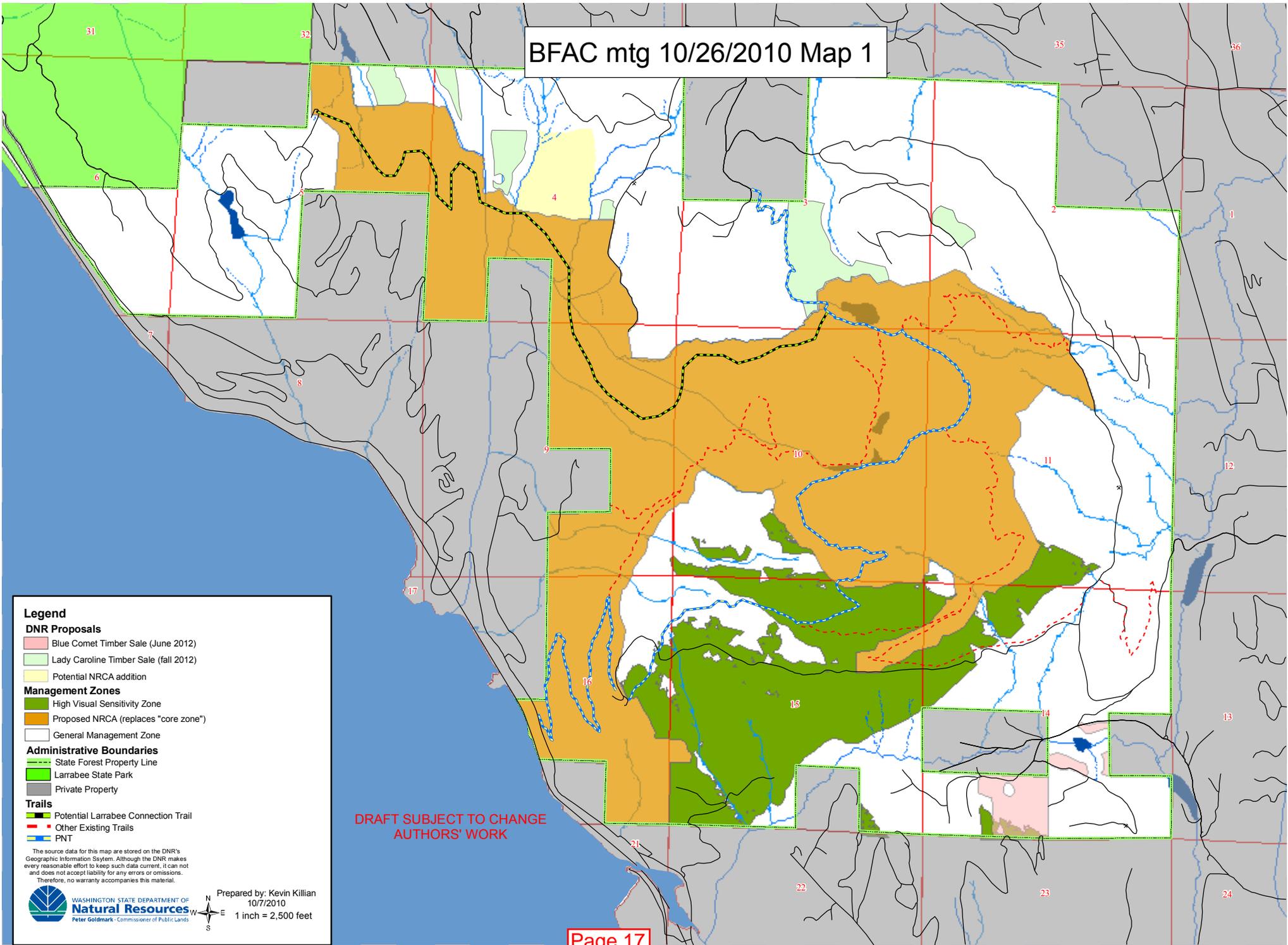
MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IMPLEMENTED

- GMZ: 28 acres of the unit are located within this zone. All timber within the unit in this zone will be harvested except for HCP required leave trees (see discussion of leave trees in “Type of Harvest” section above). Leave trees in the GMZ of unit 2 are another example of an HCP prescription being applied in the GMZ, as opposed to a designated HCP area.
- HSVZ : 7 acres in the south end of the unit are within this zone. HCP required leave trees will be concentrated in this area to reduce the impact on the view shed (see discussion of leave trees in “Type of Harvest” section above).
- HCP areas: A state lands geologist indentified ~ 1 acre of potentially unstable slopes within unit 2. No timber harvest will occur in this area so that the probability of a landslide occurring in this area will not be increased by timber harvest. This acre is not counted in the 35 total acres within unit 2. No other habitats or issues requiring HCP protection are located within the unit.

LADY CAROLINE TIMBER SALE

The general size and location of this timber sale are shown on “*BFAC mtg 10/26/2010 map 1*”. Details will be given at a future BFAC meeting. The sale will be sold in the late summer/fall of 2012.

BFAC mtg 10/26/2010 Map 1



Legend

- DNR Proposals**
- Blue Comet Timber Sale (June 2012)
 - Lady Caroline Timber Sale (fall 2012)
 - Potential NRCA addition
- Management Zones**
- High Visual Sensitivity Zone
 - Proposed NRCA (replaces "core zone")
 - General Management Zone
- Administrative Boundaries**
- State Forest Property Line
 - Larrabee State Park
 - Private Property
- Trails**
- Potential Larrabee Connection Trail
 - Other Existing Trails
 - PNT

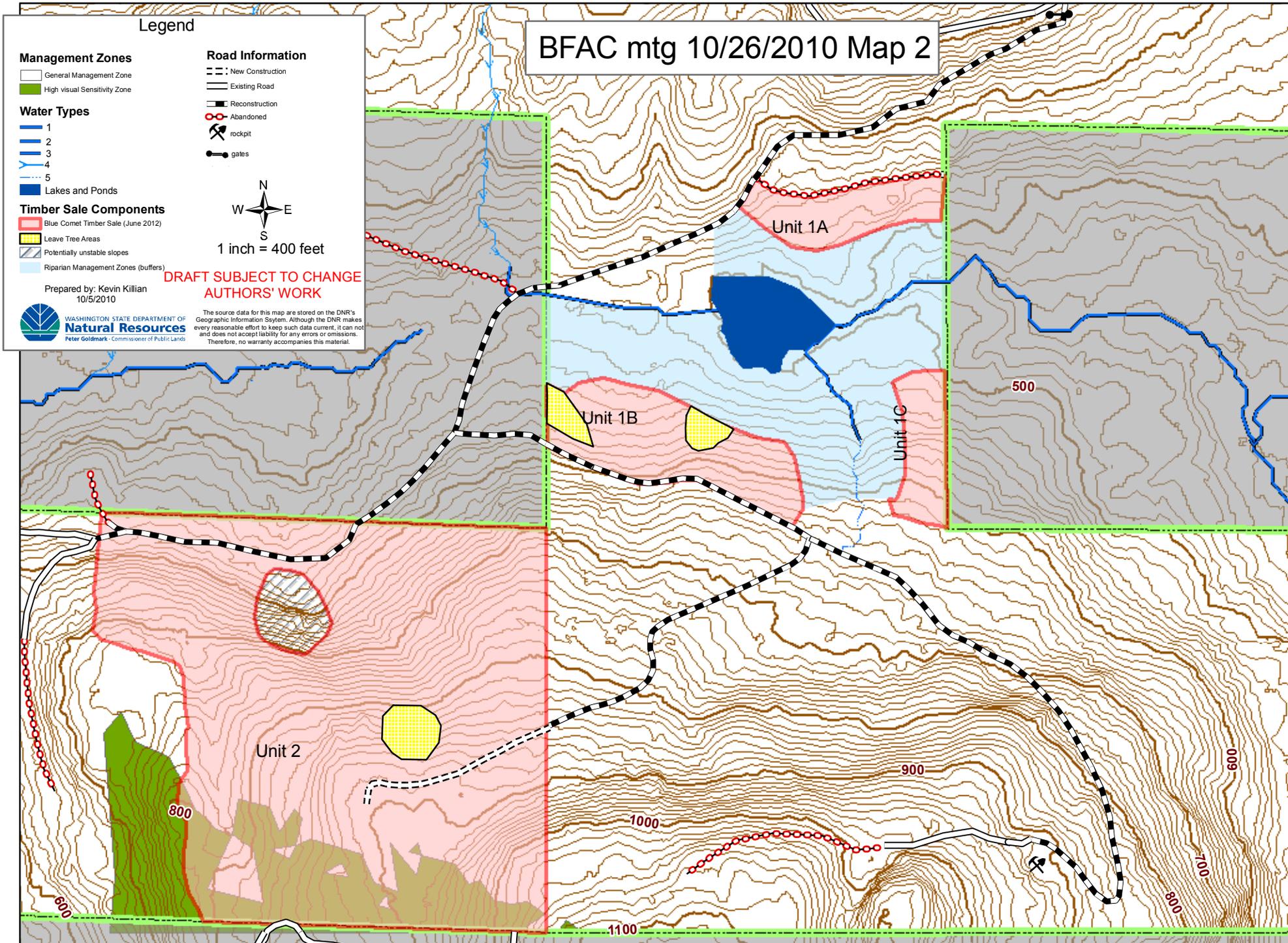
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Legend

Management Zones

- General Management Zone
- High visual Sensitivity Zone

Water Types

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Lakes and Ponds

Timber Sale Components

- Blue Comet Timber Sale (June 2012)
- Leave Tree Areas
- Potentially unstable slopes
- Riparian Management Zones (buffers)

Road Information

- New Construction
- Existing Road
- Reconstruction
- Abandoned
- rockpit
- gates



1 inch = 400 feet

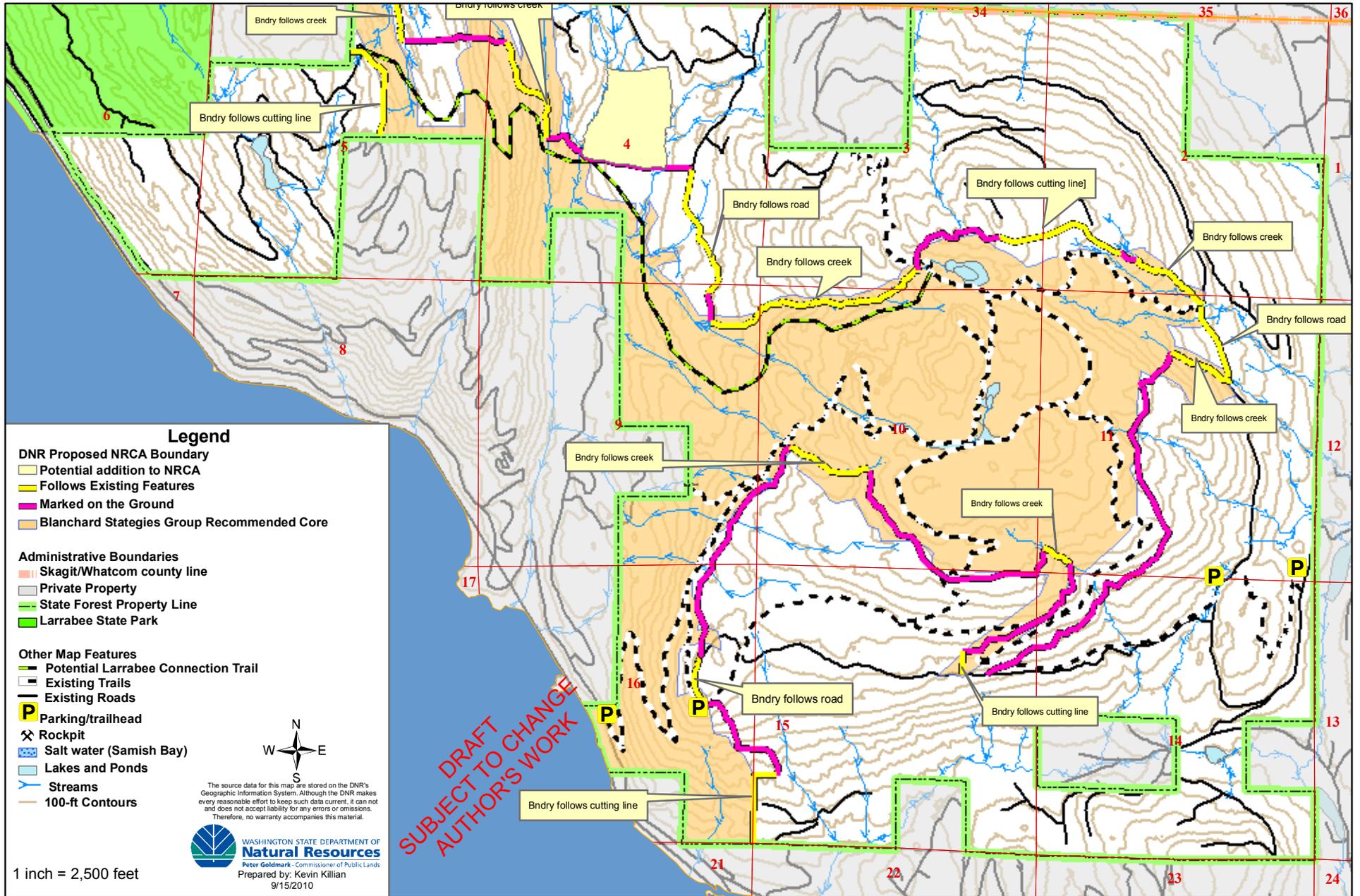
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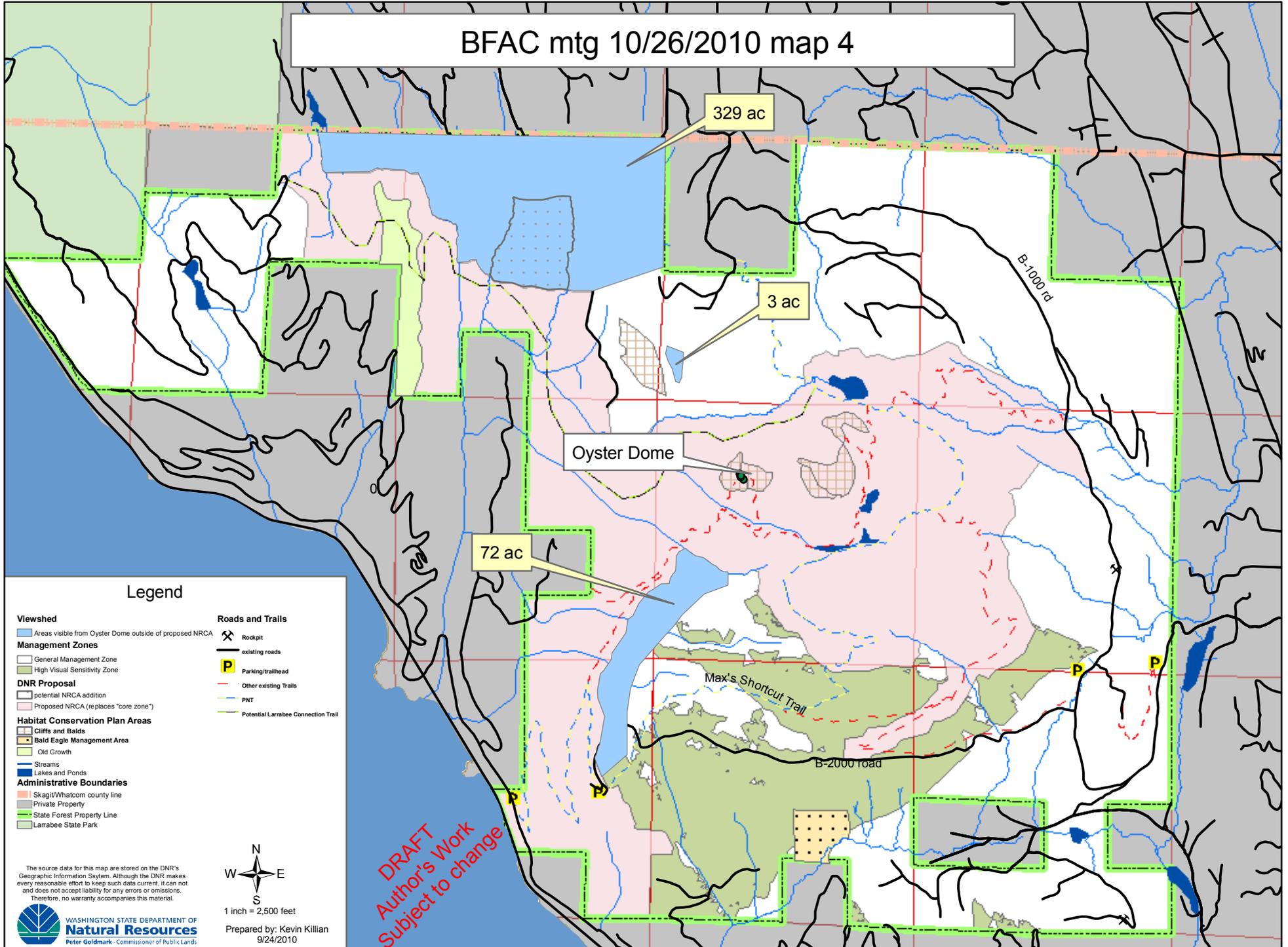


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Legend

- Viewshed**
 - Areas visible from Oyster Dome outside of proposed NRCA
- Management Zones**
 - General Management Zone
 - High Visual Sensitivity Zone
- DNR Proposal**
 - potential NRCA addition
 - Proposed NRCA (replaces "core zone")
- Habitat Conservation Plan Areas**
 - Cliffs and Balds
 - Bald Eagle Management Area
 - Old Growth
 - Streams
 - Lakes and Ponds
- Administrative Boundaries**
 - Skagit/Whatcom county line
 - Private Property
 - State Forest Property Line
 - Larrabee State Park
- Roads and Trails**
 - Rockpit
 - existing roads
 - Parking/trailhead
 - Other existing Trails
 - PNT
 - Potential Larrabee Connection Trail

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