

# Nason Ridge Community Forest Quarterly Updates

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Introductions and Purpose of Meeting
- Recap of April, May and June meetings
- Recreation concept maps
- Next topic: Coulter Block Assessment
  - August site visit
  - Additional stakeholders to include
- Community Forest Project Updates
- Wrap-up and Next Steps

# April Meeting: Hunting

- Weyco and Western Rivers used permit system for hunting with a cap on number of permits available
- Hunting subgroup meeting to determine future management of hunting
- Group consensus that no permit needed with the following conditions
  - WDFW Rules and Regulations apply
  - Report any take
  - Non-motorized access only
  - No shooting within 200 yds of structure or developed rec site; no shooting across roads or trails
  - No baiting
  - No target shooting

## **ATTENTION HUNTERS**

**Hunting is allowed on Nason Ridge Community Forest (Chelan County) and Nason View lands. Please contact Chelan -Douglas Land Trust for permission to hunt Land Trust Lands**

**All Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife hunting rules and regulations must be observed.**

**The area will be periodically patrolled.**

### **THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:**

- Non-motorized access only
- Sign in and out using the attached sheet
- Harvest must be reported
- No shooting within 200 yards (600 ft) of a building or developed recreation site
- No shooting across roads or trails
- No baiting
- No target shooting

**If you observe poaching, please call**

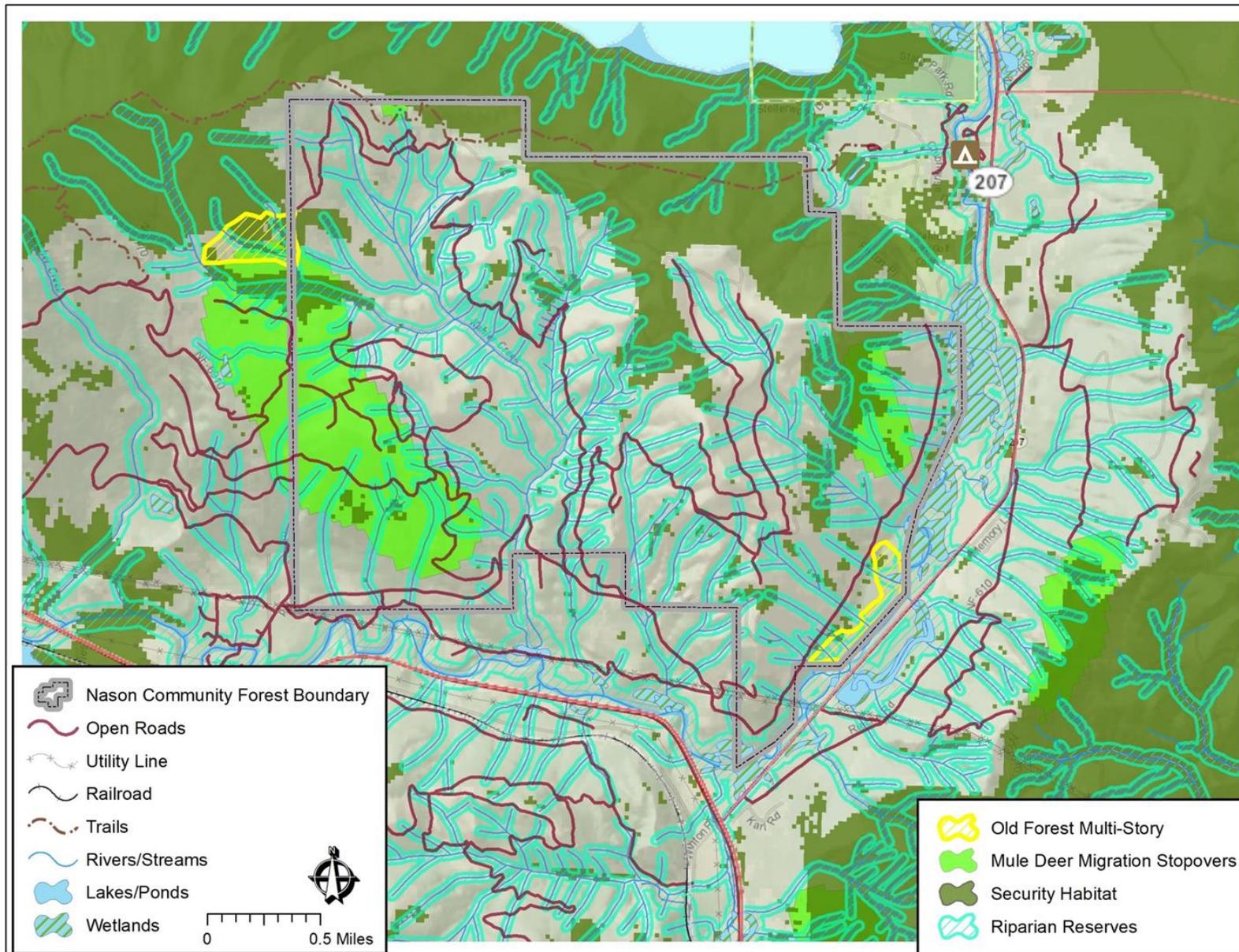
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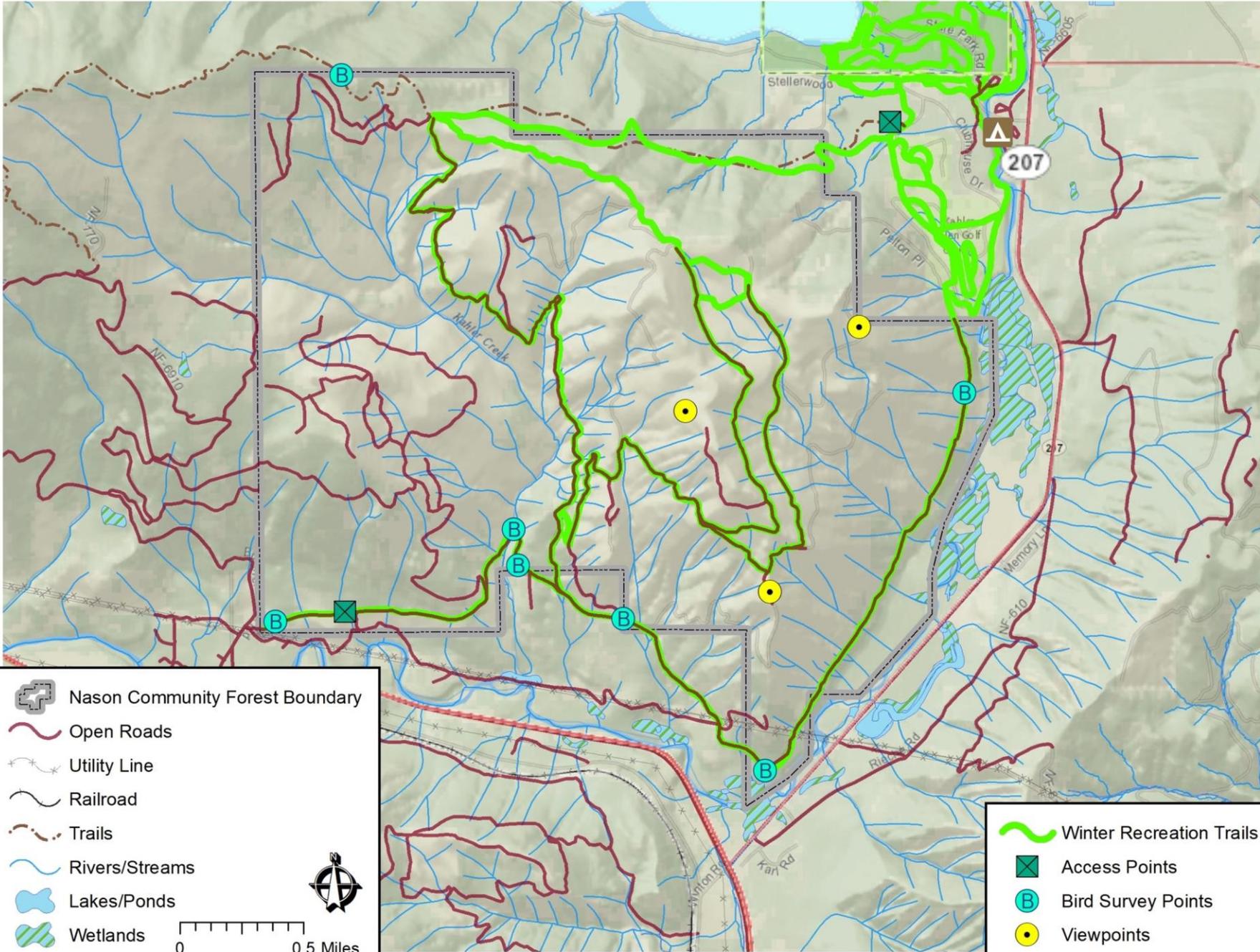
# May Meeting: Management Zones and Trails

## Desired Future Opportunities

- Bird watching/wildlife viewing areas/opportunities.
- Interpretive signage for educational opportunity.
- Guided walks.
- Ski-in/bike-in/hike-in hut system for summer and winter use (ex: Rendezvous Hut System in Methow).
- Strategically increase parking at access points.
- Trail connections with USFS/WSDOT lands.
- River trail.
- More single track trail for linkages and making loops.
- Range of options (steep direct route to overlook, shorter easier routes for families).

# WCSI Management Classifications

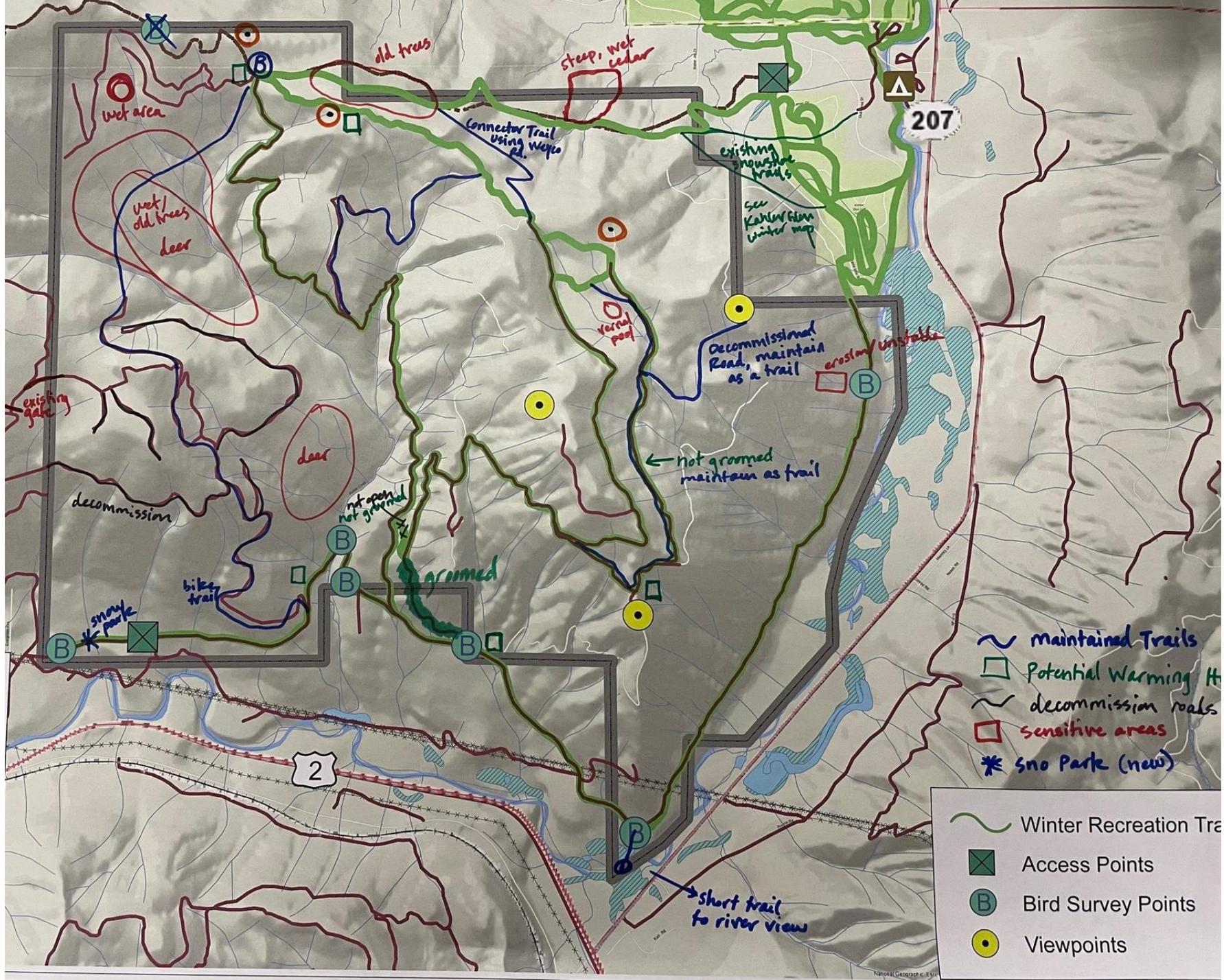




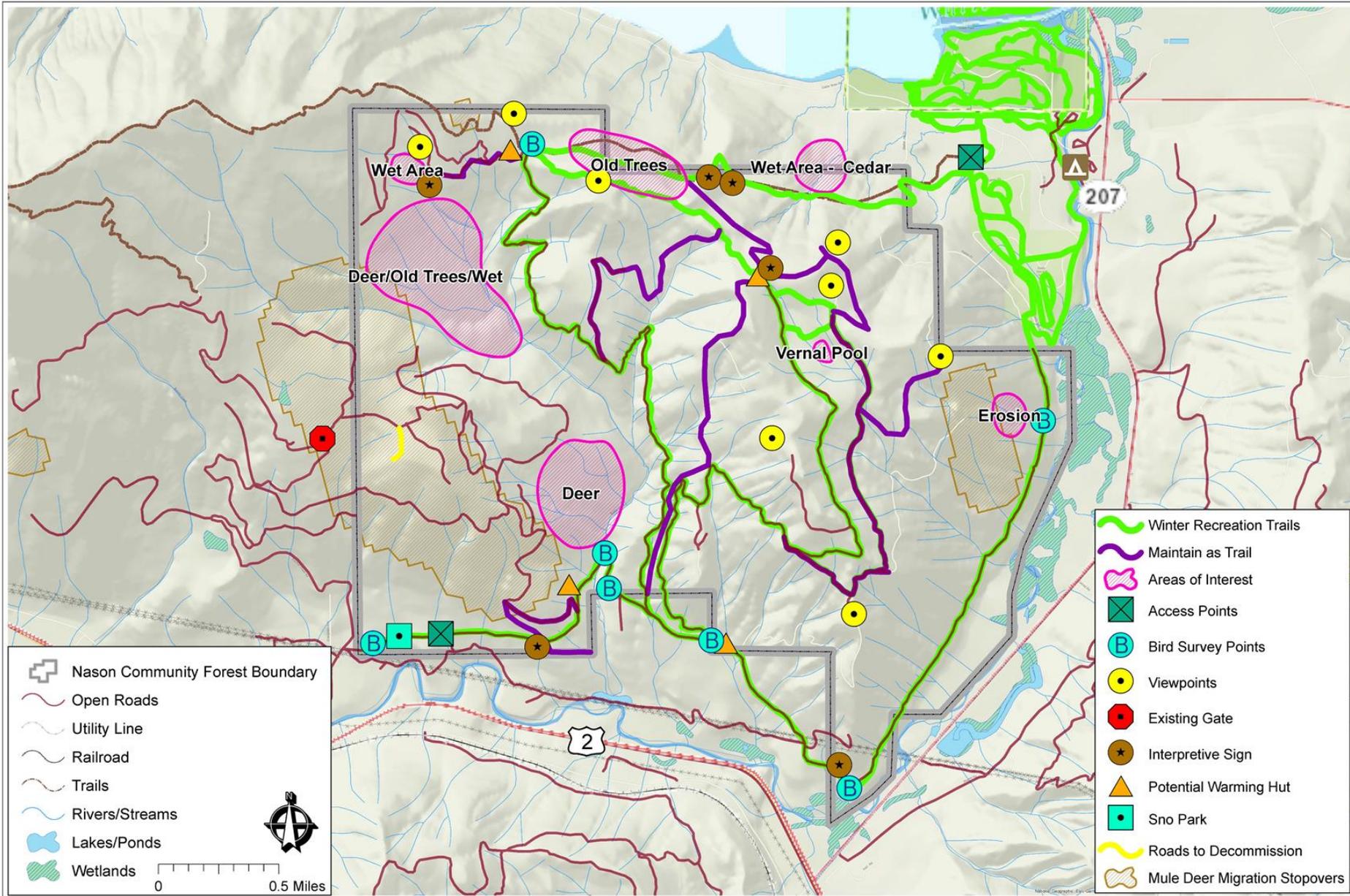
-  Nason Community Forest Boundary
-  Open Roads
-  Utility Line
-  Railroad
-  Trails
-  Rivers/Streams
-  Lakes/Ponds
-  Wetlands

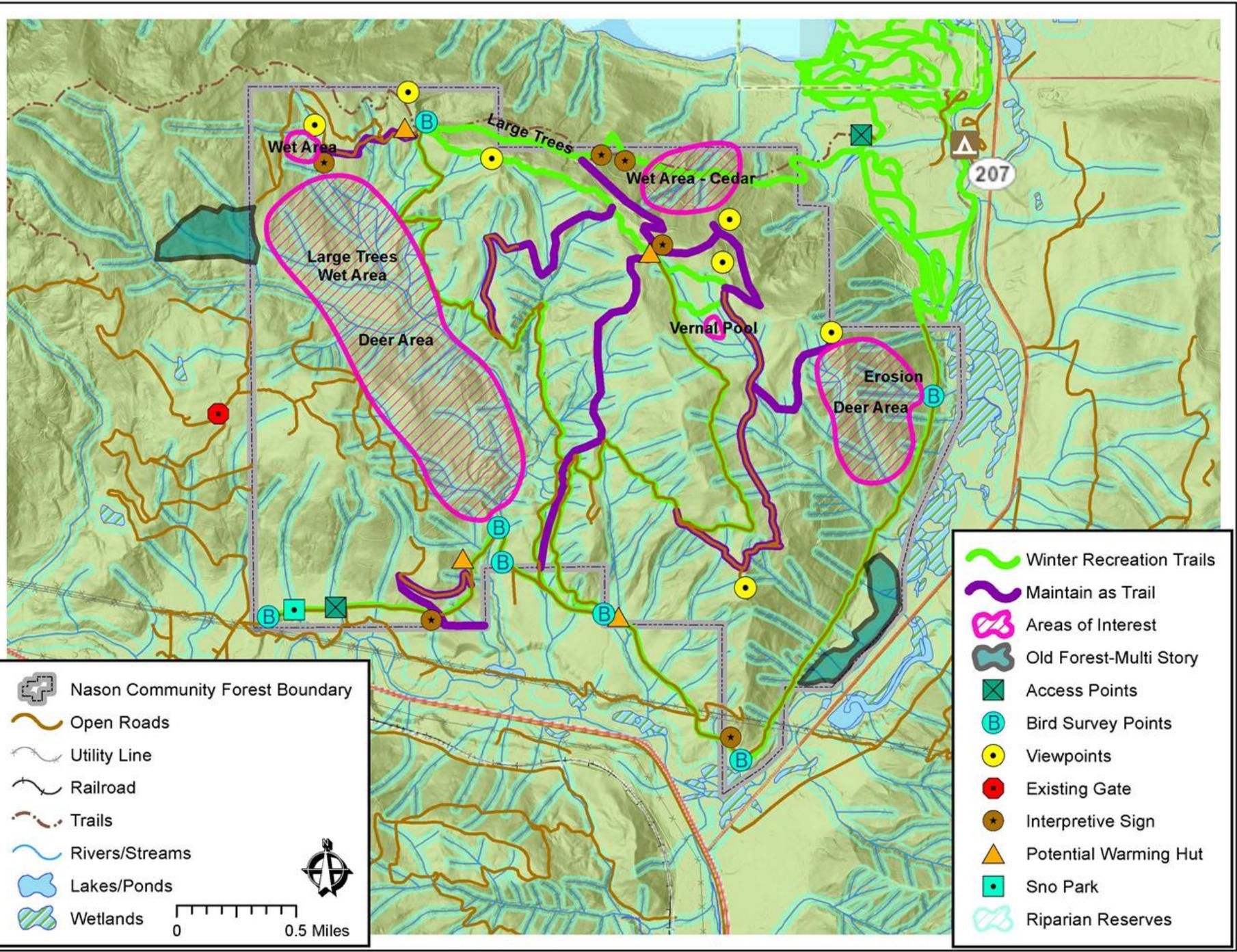
  
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-  Winter Recreation Trails
-  Access Points
-  Bird Survey Points
-  Viewpoints



# June Meeting: Refining Trails and Interp Concepts





- Nason Community Forest Boundary
- Open Roads
- Utility Line
- Railroad
- Trails
- Rivers/Streams
- Lakes/Ponds
- Wetlands

- Winter Recreation Trails
- Maintain as Trail
- Areas of Interest
- Old Forest-Multi Story
- Access Points
- Bird Survey Points
- Viewpoints
- Existing Gate
- Interpretive Sign
- Potential Warming Hut
- Sno Park
- Riparian Reserves

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# Next Planning Topic: Coulter Block Assessment

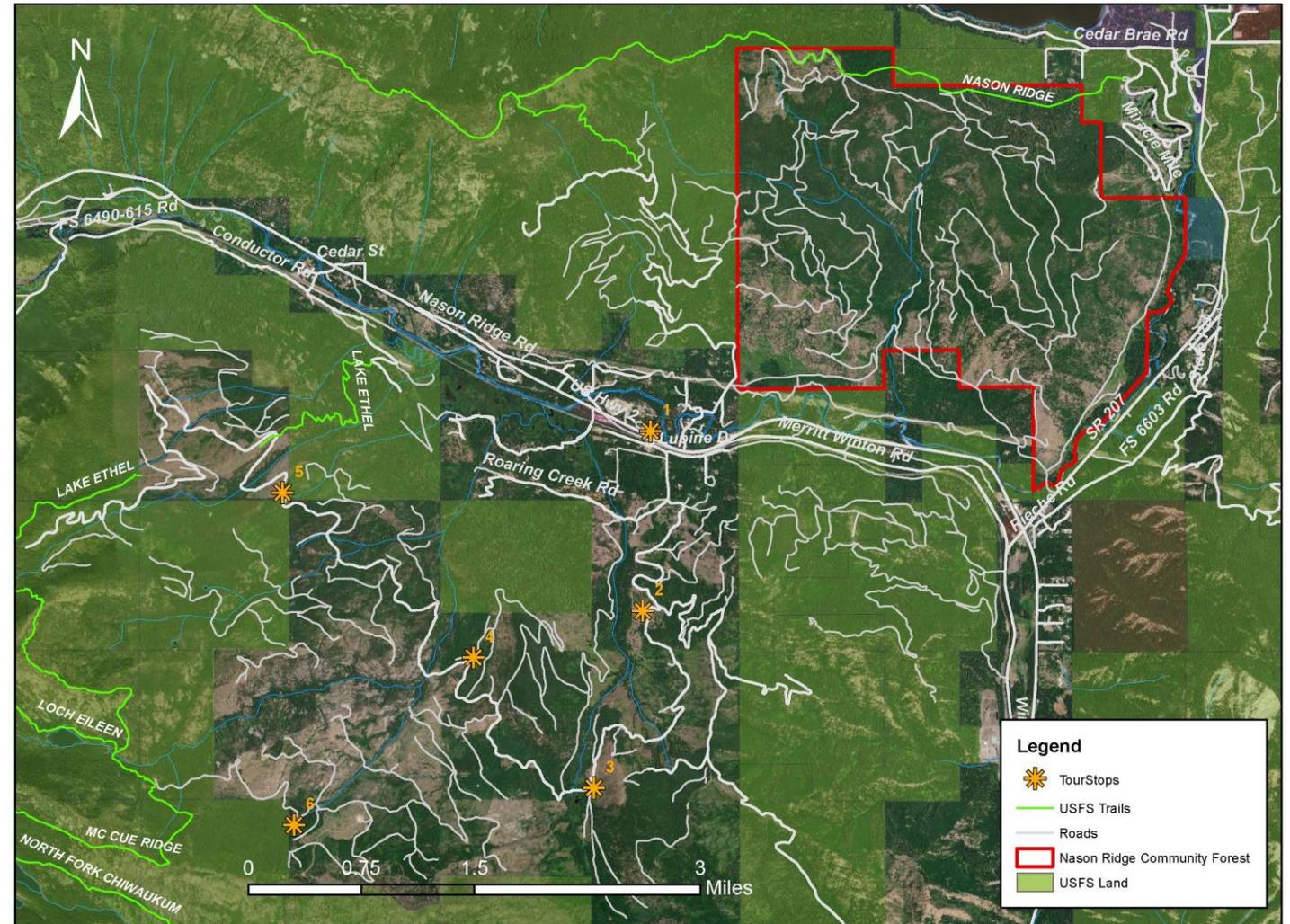
- Chinook Forest Partners (formerly Weyco) lands are under option by Trust for Public Land
- Assessment needed to better understand the property and start to identify appropriate future owner and potential funding sources
- Site visit with TPL, Chinook Forest Partners, USFS, and other neighbors and stakeholders planned for Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>



Coulter Block Site Tour August 11, 2023

# August Coulter Block Recreation Meeting

- In-person at Lake Wenatchee Rec Club on **Wed. August 16<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm**
- Identify current recreation opportunity
- Identify desired future opportunity and potential connections across ownerships
- Additional stakeholders to invite?

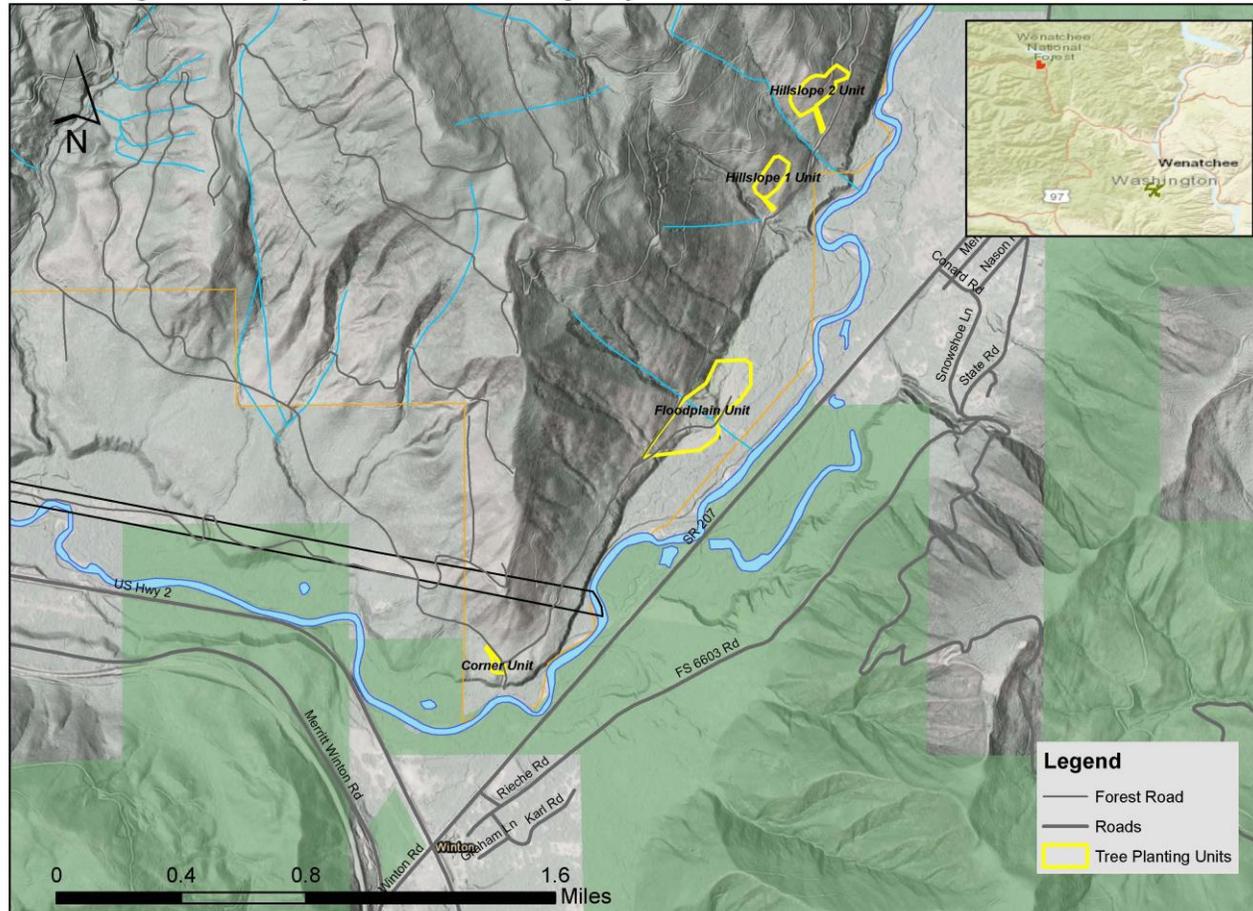


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# Community Forest Project Updates

April: planting of 1,300 ponderosa and Douglas fir trees in floodplain and hillslope cutblock units on east side of Community Forest with ECY funding

Nason Ridge Community Forest Tree Planting Project

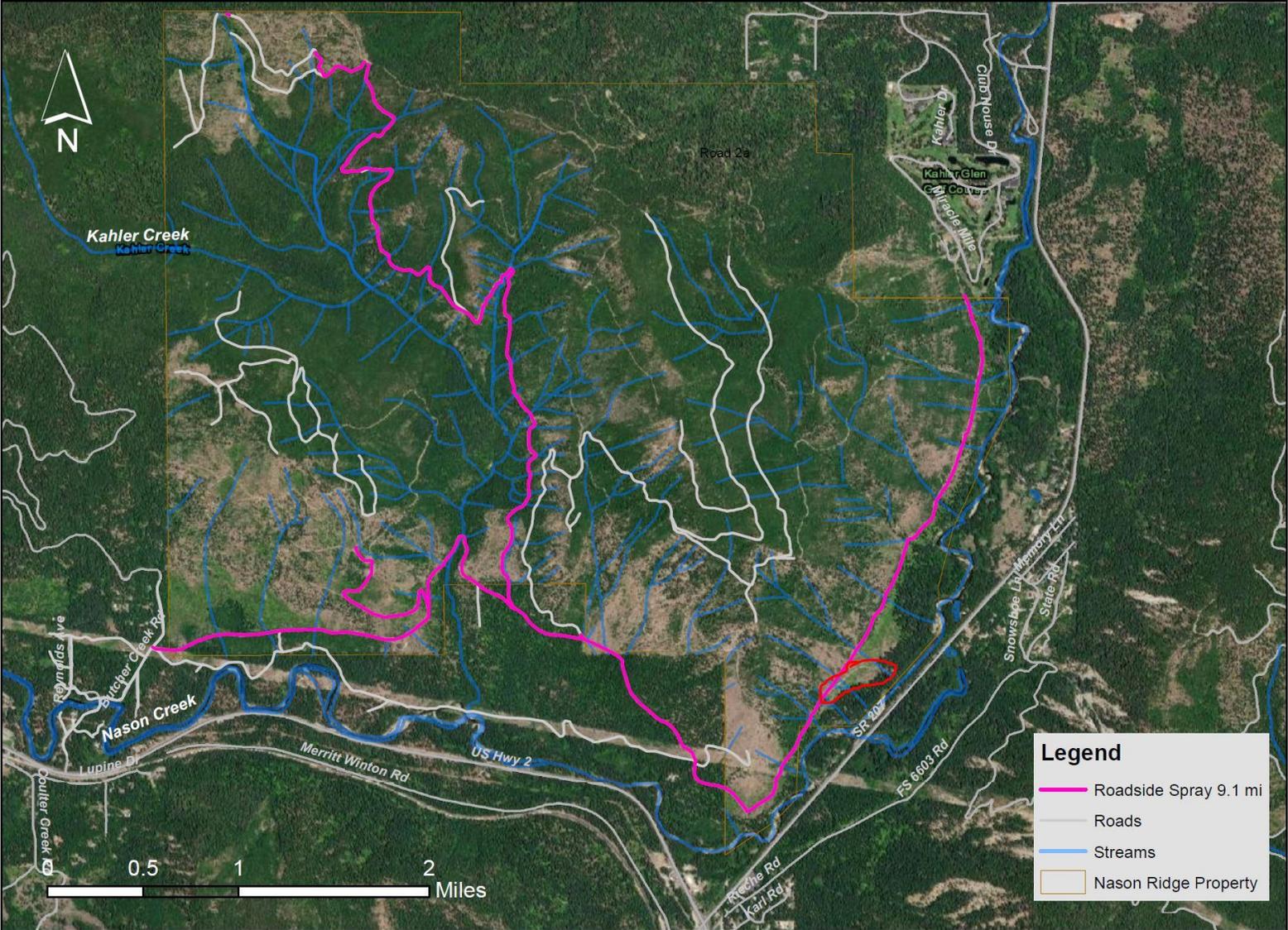


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# May: Year 2 knapweed spray along perimeter road and decommissioned road areas

2022-23 Nason Ridge Diffuse Knapweed Treatment- Roadside Spray Map



June: Rolling dips installed on perimeter road at location of erosion and plugged culvert, 40lb of native grass seed purchased with ECY funding



# Additional Projects and Outings

- State Parks boom mower on xc groomed route
- Forest health thinning continues on Nasonview
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Community Forest Coalition Nason Ridge site tour: 28 participants from Oregon and Washington
- May Birdfest birding outings led by Tim and Mary Gallagher
- June 14<sup>th</sup> site visit with recreation planning group to ground-truth recreation sites
- July 6<sup>th</sup> visit with C6 Biochar feasibility to assess stands for potential biochar feedstock/forest health treatments

# Upcoming Projects/Events

- Move gate on Butcher Creek side – August/September
- Install signage at new gate location
- October Design Charrette
  - NPS Landscape Architects coming to Nason Ridge to help design concepts developed during rec planning effort and help move them toward implementation
  - Evening event Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>, all day workshop October 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Need community involvement for design concepts around:  
Trailheads/parking/access, interpretation and education, winter and summer
- Finalize Plan by end of year