

WELCOME

Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project Public Meeting



The Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project

A cooperative effort between the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Coos Bay District to:

- Apply the ecosystem principles suggested by Drs. Johnson and Franklin, in
- Designing a variable retention regeneration harvest in the moist forests of the Oregon coast range.



COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE LONG TERM LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

HISTORY AND GOALS

MAY 31, 2011

RECENT HISTORY

- RESTORATION OF A SMALL PORTION OF HOMELAND FOREST: 1996
- MANAGEMENT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NW FOREST PLAN:1996-PRESENT
- PROPOSAL TO TAKE GREATER MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COOS BAY WAGON ROAD LANDS:2007
- INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY'S MEETING:2010
- PROPOSAL FOR MOIST FOREST PILOT

COOS BAY WAGON ROAD LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

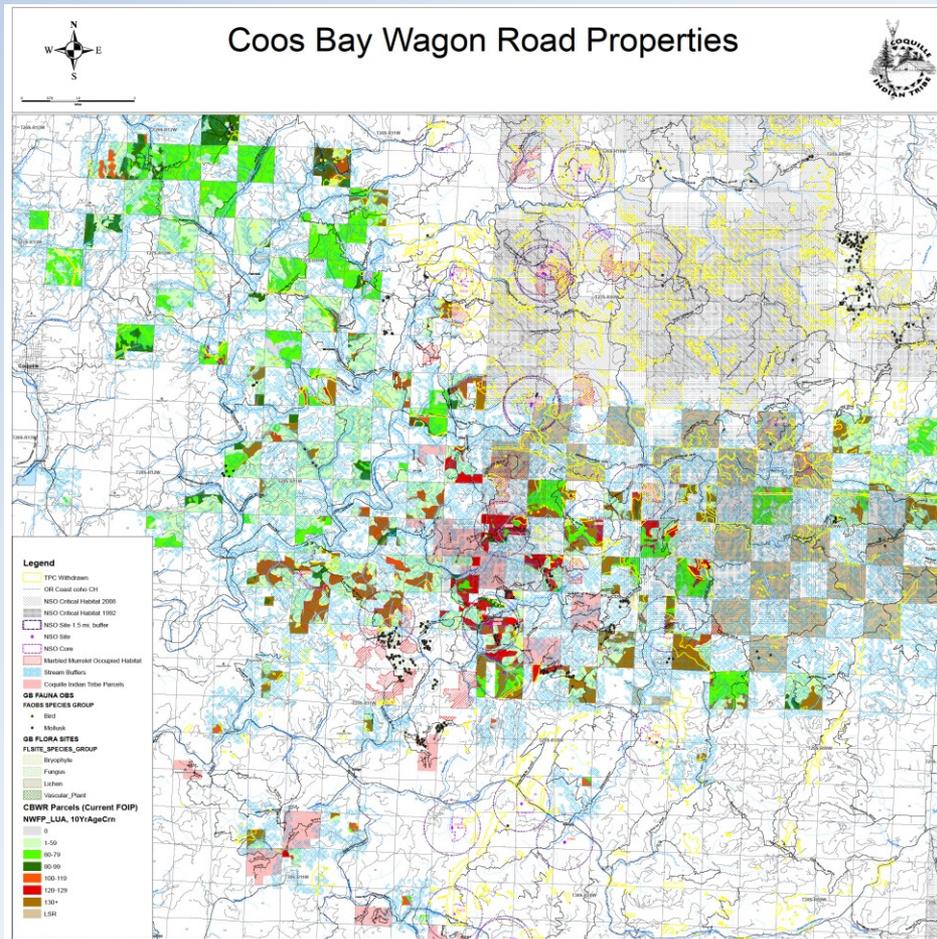
OVERVIEW

Description: Enacting legislation that establishing Coos Bay Wagon Road Cooperative Management Area.

Designated Lands: 58,000 acres of forest lands (Coos Bay Wagon Road Lands).

Management: Managed according to all applicable plans for federal forest lands.

COOS BAY WAGON ROAD LANDS



RELATION TO THE '3 PILOT' INITIATIVE

- DRS FRANKLIN AND JOHNSON, INTERIOR AND BLM ENDORSE A MOIST FOREST PILOT REGENERATION HARVEST ALONG WITH 2 OTHERS.
- TRIBAL LEADERSHIP WITH BLM
- DRS FRANKLIN AND JOHNSON PROVIDE STRATEGY AND ON GROUND GUIDANCE

TRIBAL GOALS FOR THE PILOT

- THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND AND INCOPORATE THE FRANKLIN JOHNSON APPROACH FOR THE LONG TERM
- CREATE AN INTEGRATED TRIBAL BLM ID TEAM
- GAIN OPERATIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON CBWR LANDS

THE LONG TERM PROPOSAL

- BEGINS WITH THE SHORT TERM IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRANKLIN JOHNSON REGENERATION HARVEST
- CONTINUES TO APPLY SIMILAR STRATEGIES AND METHODS TO THE ENTIRE COOS BAY WAGON ROAD LANDS
- PROVIDES A LANDSCAPE LEVEL LEARNING PROCESS

LONG TERM GOALS OF THE TRIBE

1. Test and demonstrate silvicultural approaches to regeneration and intermediate harvests on a landscape scale in the very moist and productive forests of the Oregon Coast Range that will enhance the opportunities to meet both the environmental protection goal and the community, jobs and economic goals of the NWFP.
2. Provide a long-term and enduring demonstration of long-rotation, environmentally friendly forest management adapted to this particular environment and set of biodiversity opportunities and challenges, including the conservation and enhancement, of threatened and endangered species of wildlife and fish;
3. Test new riparian management approaches that demonstrate management aimed at sustaining the long-term productivity of dynamic aquatic ecosystems.
4. Provide an opportunity to demonstrate the National Indian Forest Resource Management Act on federal forest lands that are part of the Tribe's homeland;
5. Support Green Energy production by utilizing a portion of the forest products harvested for bio-fuels and/or bio-energy production;
6. Provide opportunity for Tribal cultural restoration on ancestral homelands;

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

- A portion of the forest products harvested from the Coos Bay Wagon Road Cooperative Management Area will be devoted to bio-fuels and/or bio-energy development.



VISION OF THE TRIBE

- LANDSCAPE SCALE DEMONSTRATION OF ECOLOGICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY SOUND FORESTRY BEGINNING WITH THE FRANKLIN JOHNSON METHOD AND PILOT
- REGENERATION OF LONG ROTATION AND MIXED SPECIES AND AGE FOREST LANDSCAPE
- WIDE RANGE OF BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION
- REGAINED INFLUENCE OVER THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND

Why a pilot timber sale?

- Opportunity to demonstrate ecosystem restoration principles
- Inform future BLM land use plans for western Oregon
- Current strategy not sustainable



Plan Conformance

- Pilot timber sale will meet all BLM requirements
- Will be consistent with both the 2008 Resource Management Plan and the 1995 Resource Management Plan



Roles & Responsibilities

Tribe

- Provide leadership on project development
- Participate on interagency analysis team
- Wildlife, cultural and unit layout

BLM

- Decision-maker
- Participate on interagency analysis team
- Cruising, contract preparation and sale administration



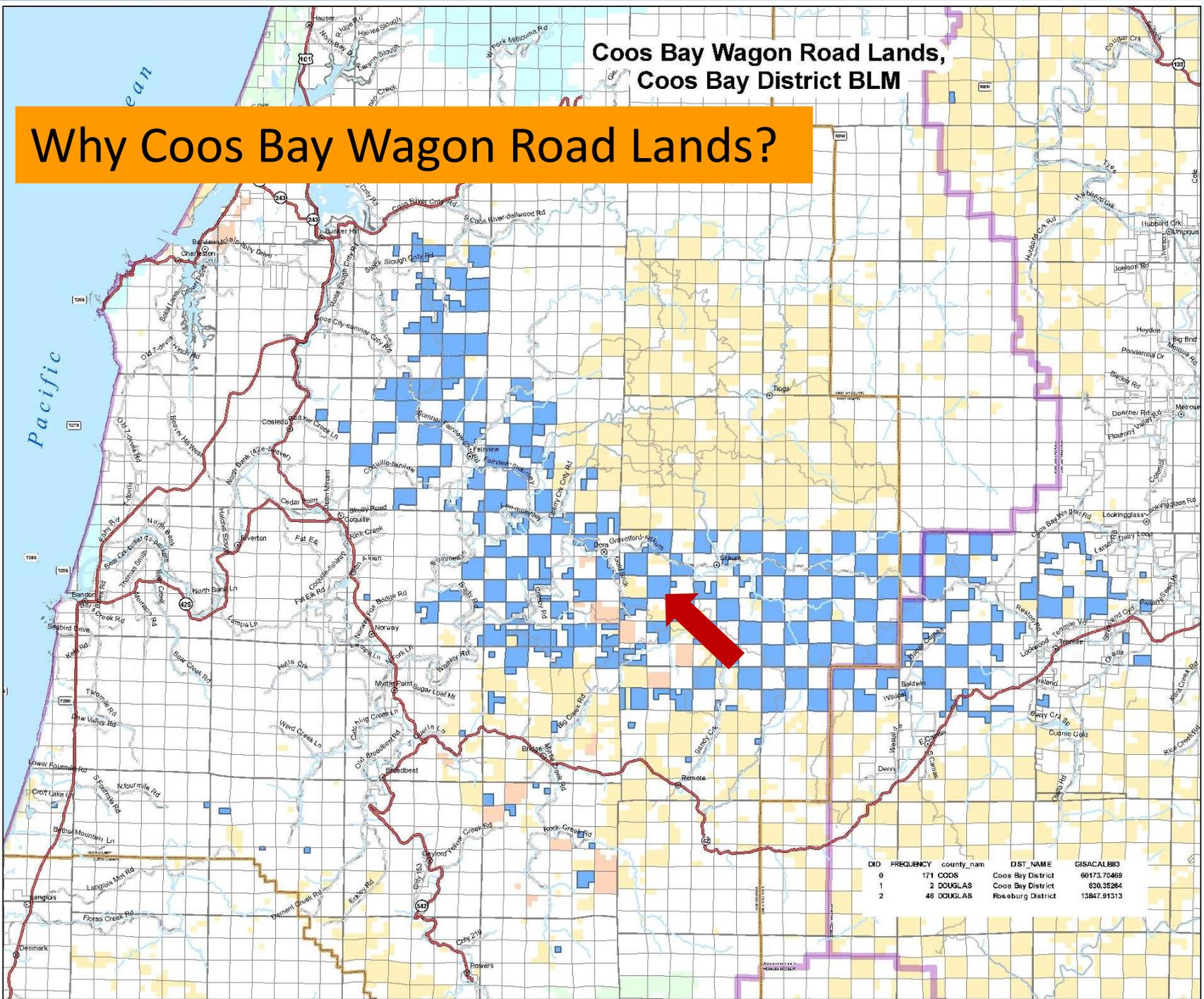
Your Role

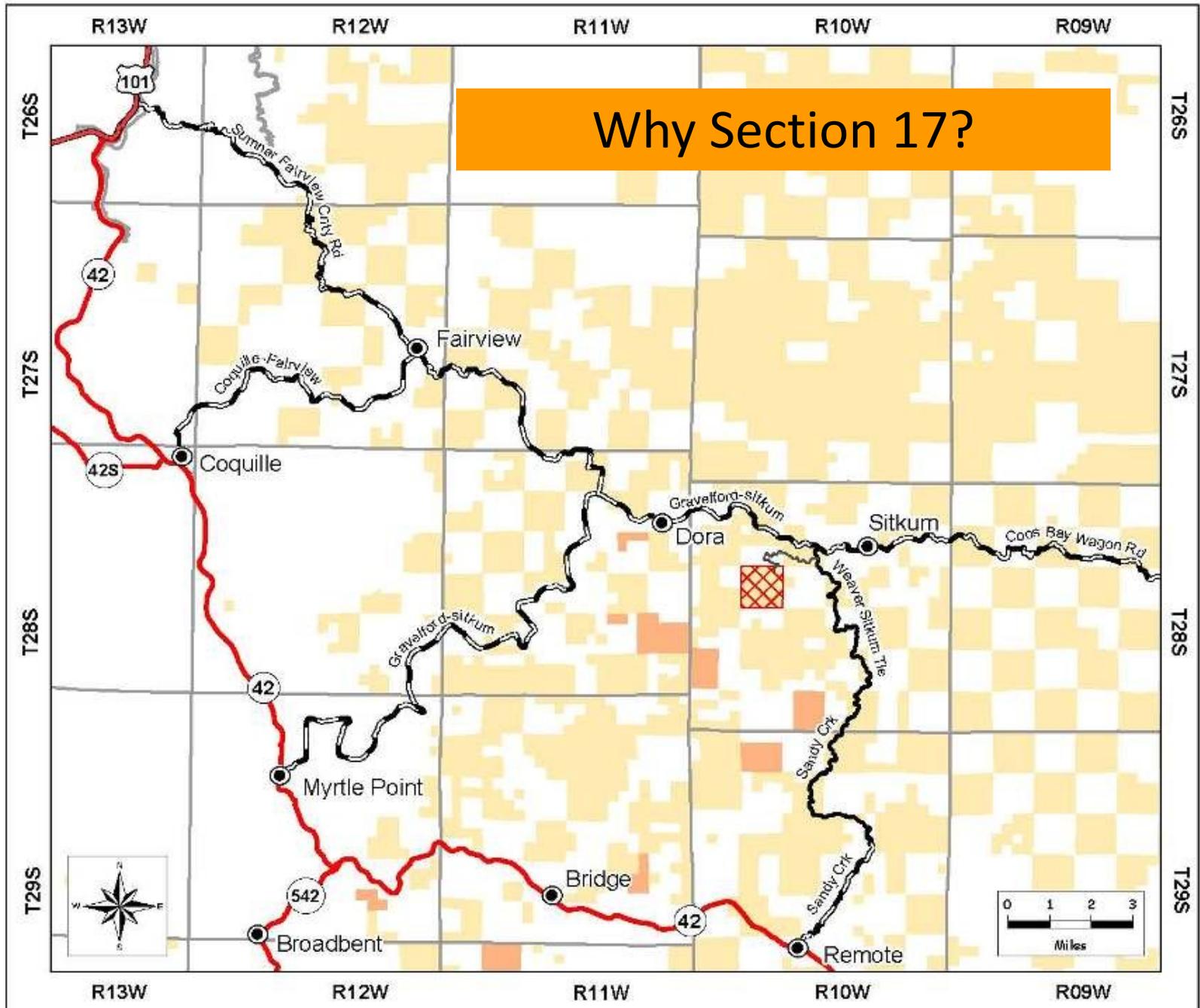
- BLM and Tribe will continue to identify opportunities with your input
- Review and comment on progress
- Traditional NEPA comment periods
- Evaluation and post implementation review



Coos Bay Wagon Road Lands, Coos Bay District BLM

Why Coos Bay Wagon Road Lands?

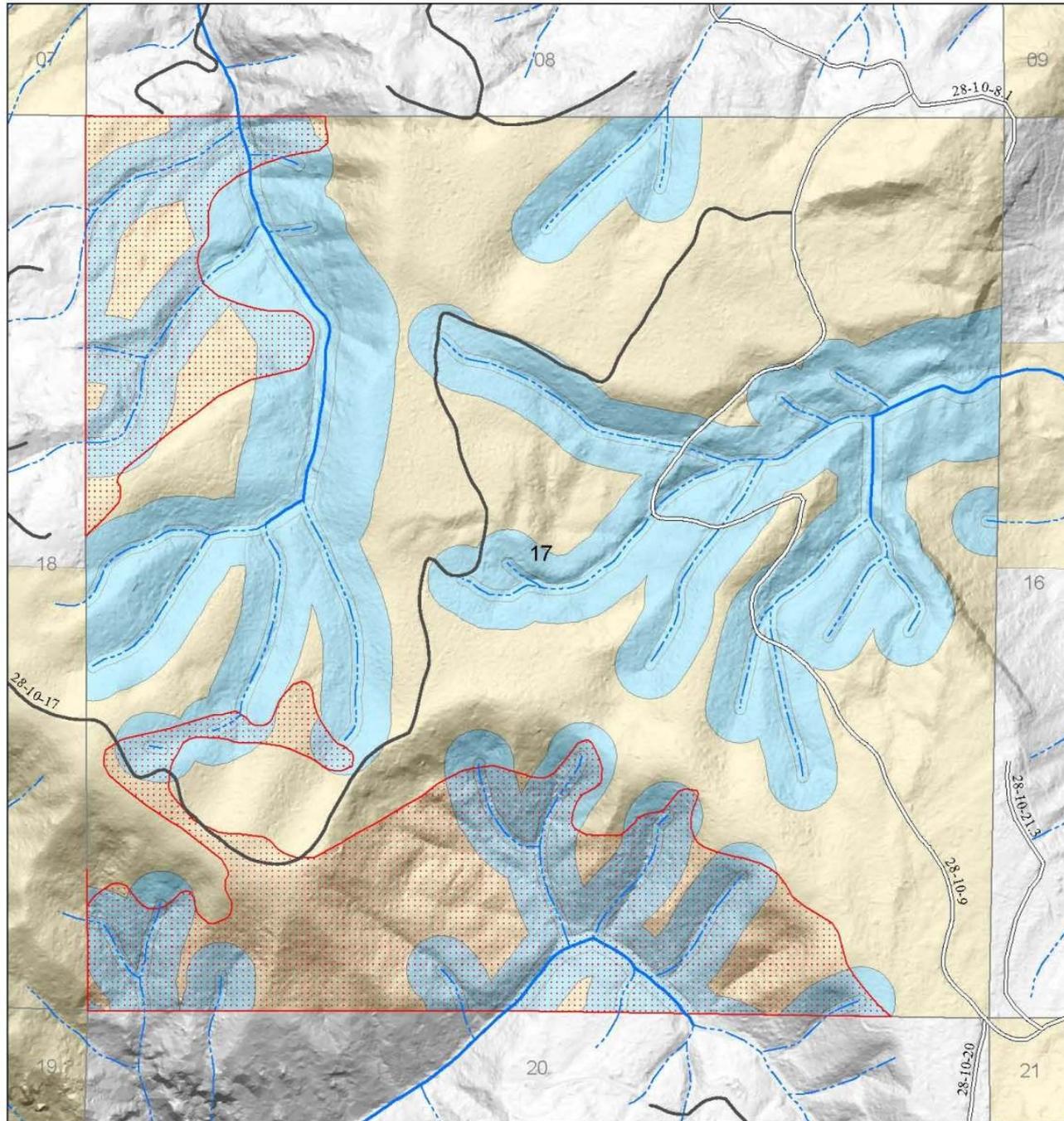




Why Section 17?

- Previously harvested stand 60-80 years old
- Matrix land use allocation
- Contains some legacy components
- Surrounded by older forest on federal lands
- Surrounded by young plantations on industrial forest lands
- Consultation with the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians
- No impact to current timber sale plans
- Some work already completed – able to meet timeframes





What's in the Section?

Wildlife/Fisheries

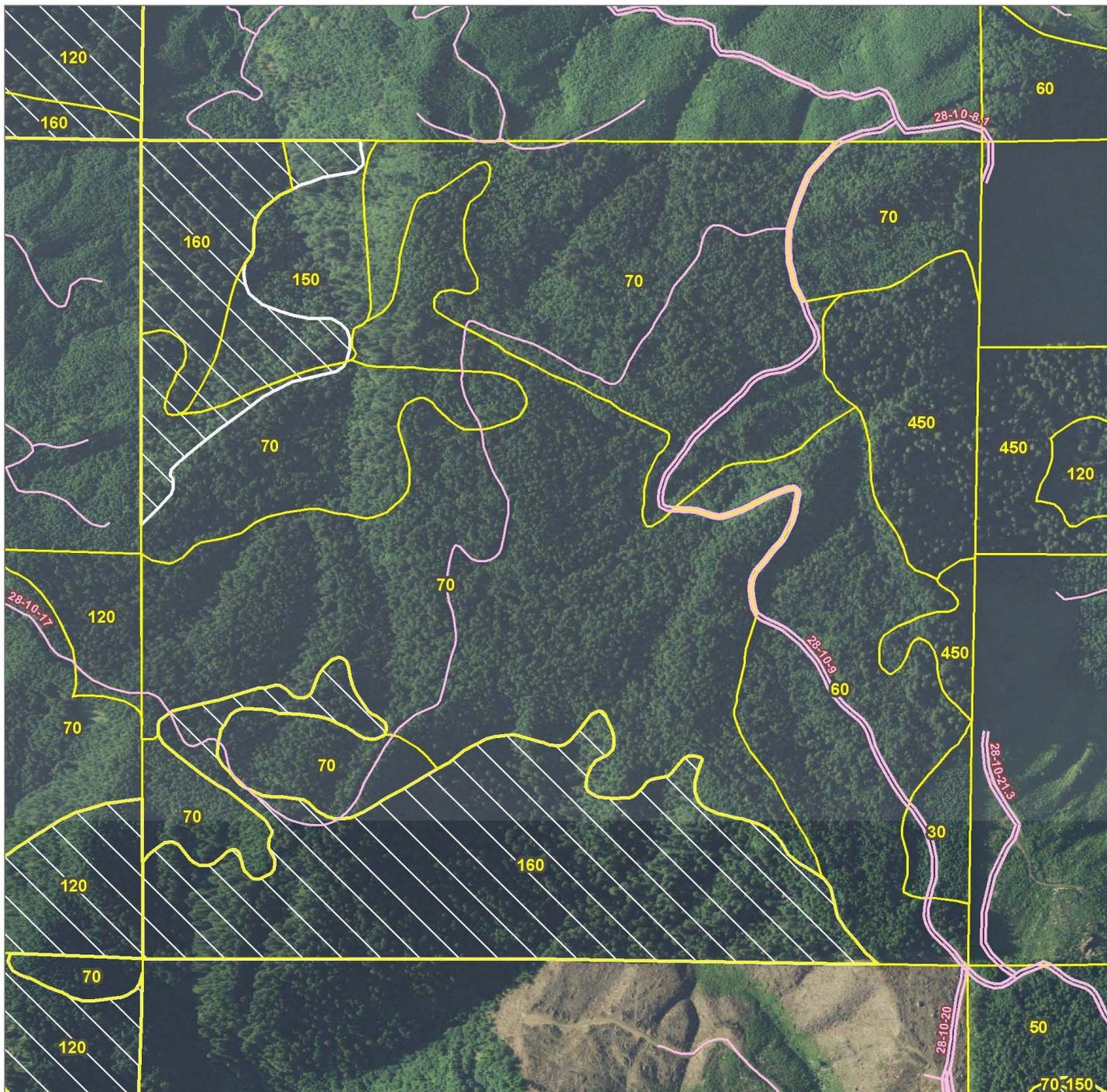
- Marbled murrelet habitat present
- Tribe currently conducting owl and red tree vole surveys
- Section is not 2008 northern spotted owl critical habitat
- No coho present above long-standing barrier
- Will work closely with USFWS and NMFS as needed to complete consultation



What's in the Section?

- 70 year old timber
- 12-13" average diameters
- Some legacy components – down wood, large trees





Field Trip Logistics

- Meet at Mill Casino Hotel Lobby for 10 am departure
- Will be meeting people at Frona Park
- Hiking in some steep terrain
- Bring lunch and water
- Return by 3:00 pm



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Questions?