

**Documentation of Plan Conformance and
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**

DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2010-0010-DNA

Office: Medford District Office, Butte Falls Resource Area

Tracking Number: DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2010-0010-DNA

Casefile/Project Number:

Flounce Around Environmental Assessment
EA# DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2003-0001-EA

Proposed Action Title/Type: Flounce Around Fuel Hazard Reduction

Location/Legal Description:

Township 33 South, Range 2 East, sections 9 and 17;
Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon (see maps).

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The Butte Falls Resource Area, Medford District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to reduce the fuel hazard on 67 acres as reviewed in the *Flounce Around Environmental Assessment* (EA# DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2003-0001-EA). The proposed units were analyzed in 2003 EA for manual fuels treatment including slashing, handpiling, and burning. The fuels treatment was never completed on these 67 acres. Therefore, the BLM is evaluating the relevance of the proposed fuels treatment as identified in the EA. In addition to the slashing, handpiling, and burning as analyzed in the EA, underburning will be added. The proposed action is consistent with the actions analyzed in the *Flounce Around Environmental Assessment* (EA).

Prescribed burning would occur on BLM-administered lands in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) within the Rogue River/Lost Creek Creek fifth field watershed. The project addresses the need to better protect the lives, property, and natural resources within the neighborhoods of Prospect, Oregon from the risk of high intensity wild fires.

Project Design Features

Applicable project design features identified by the interdisciplinary team for the Flounce Around project will be implemented in this project (EA, p. 10-12)

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

This proposal is in conformance with the objectives, land use allocations, and management direction of the 1995 *Medford District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (ROD/RMP) and any plan amendments in effect at the time this document is published. It also conforms with the 1994 *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of*

Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl
(Northwest Forest Plan).

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

- *Environmental Assessment/Decision Record for Flounce Around* (EA# DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2003-0001-EA), December 2003.
- *Environmental Assessment/Decision Record for Flounce Around Timber Sale* (EA# DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2003-0001-EA), August 2006.
- *Flounce Around Environmental Assessment* (EA# DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2003-0001-EA), September 2003.

This proposal also complies with the direction given for the management of public lands in the Medford District by the Oregon and California Lands Act of 1937 (O&C Act), Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Clean Water Act of 1987 (CWA), Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (as amended 1986 and 1996) (SDWA), Clean Air Act of 1990 (CAA), Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA), and Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

- 1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?**

The proposed action is consistent with the actions identified in the *Flounce Around EA* (sections D and E, Proposed Action (Alternative 3), EA, p. 10-14). The proposed action is located within the Project Area boundary for the EA. Resource conditions are similar to those identified in the EA.

- 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

The new action is the same as the action identified in the existing NEPA document. The resource values, environmental concerns, and interests are also the same.

- 3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?**

A BLM interdisciplinary team of resource specialists reviewed the project and determined no significant changes in circumstances or significant new information have occurred since the EA was written. All surveys were completed for plants, wildlife, and cultural resources.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

The proposed action is not significantly different from the action analyzed in the EA. This project would include the applicable project design features identified in the EA. The impacts from this action are expected to be short-term and are within those anticipated from the proposed action in the EA. Adverse impacts would not occur during implementation of the action and would not differ from the cumulative impacts analyzed in the EA.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

“Public notification and involvement for the Flounce Around EA was initiated in 2003. Scoping letters were sent to adjacent landowners and interested publics. The letter requested comments concerning issues that would be addressed in the EA.....A formal public comment period for the EA was held October 2 through October 31, 2003. The BLM provided public notice of EA availability through newspaper notices in the *Medford Mail Tribune* and the *Upper Rogue Independent* (*Decision Record for Flounce Around Timber Sale, page 3*).”

E. Persons/Agencies /BLM Staff Consulted

The following Butte Falls Resource Area resource specialists have reviewed this proposed action and have determined this action is covered in the *Flounce Around EA* DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2003-0001-EA

Name	Resource	Initials	Date
Dave Roelofs	Wildlife	DR	4/15/10
Ron Gregory	Cultural	RAG	5/5/10
Angela San Filippo	Fisheries	AS	4/15/10
Shawn Simpson	Hydrology	SLS	4/16/10
Ken Van Etten	Soil	KBE	4/12/10
Marcia Wineteer	Botany/Noxious Weeds	mw	5/10/2010 *
Jean Williams	NEPA Compliance	JW	5/11/2010
Al Mason	Fuels	APM	5/10/10
Trish Lindaman	Recreation	TL	4/9/10
John Osmanski	Forestry	JO	4-15-10
Doug Stewart	Silviculture	DS	4-12-10

Note: Refer to the Flounce Around EA for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis.

* 5 *Dendroica caerulea intriculatum* (SEM 'B') sites - 50 foot radius buffers around each

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.



Al Mason
Project Lead

5/10/10

Date



Jean Williams
NEPA Coordinator

5/11/2010

Date

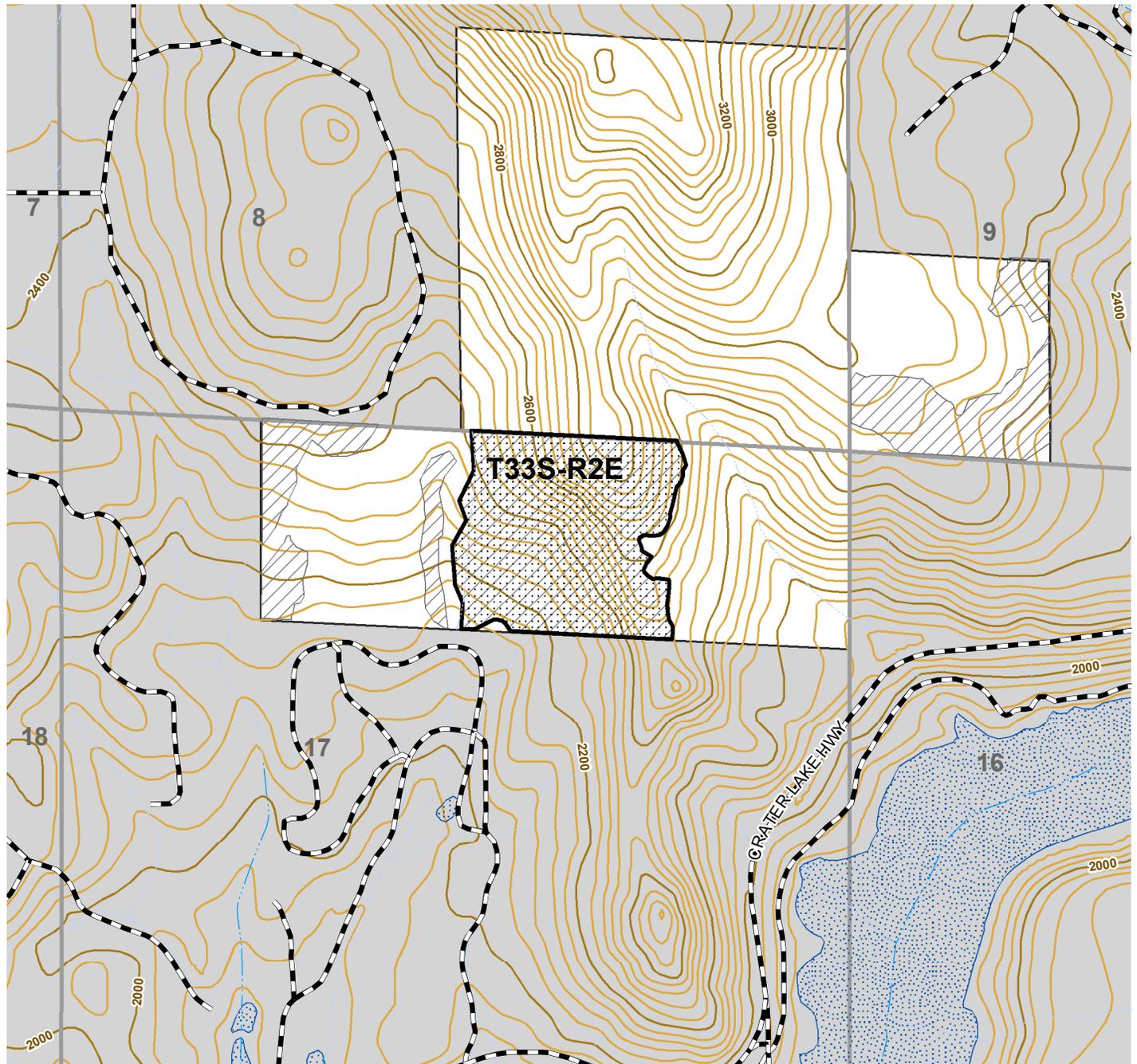


Jon Raby
Field Manager
Butte Falls Resource Area

5/11/10

Date

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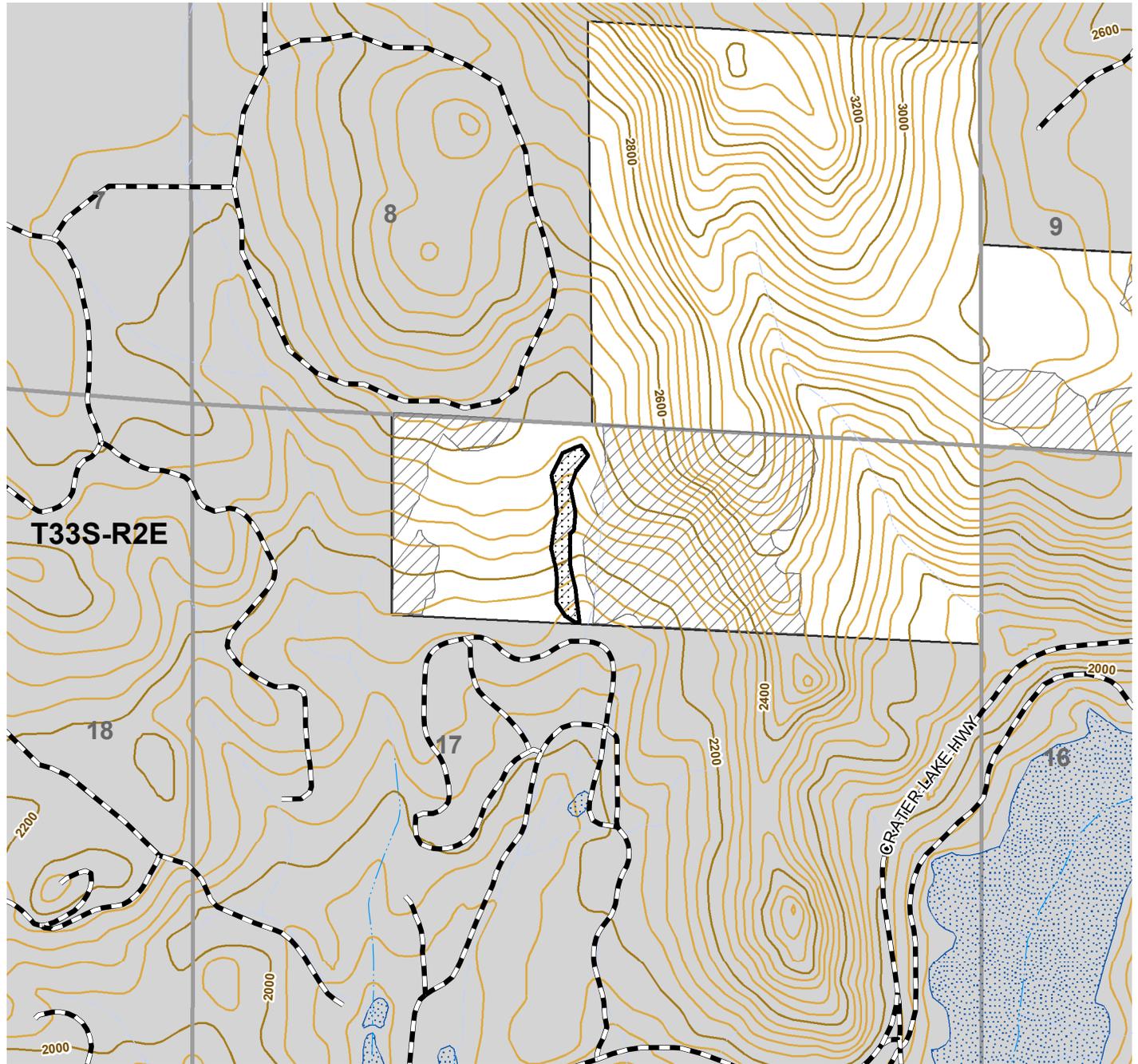
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PROJECT	FLOUNCE
UNIT NUMBER	172
FBU_NO	2144
ACRES	40

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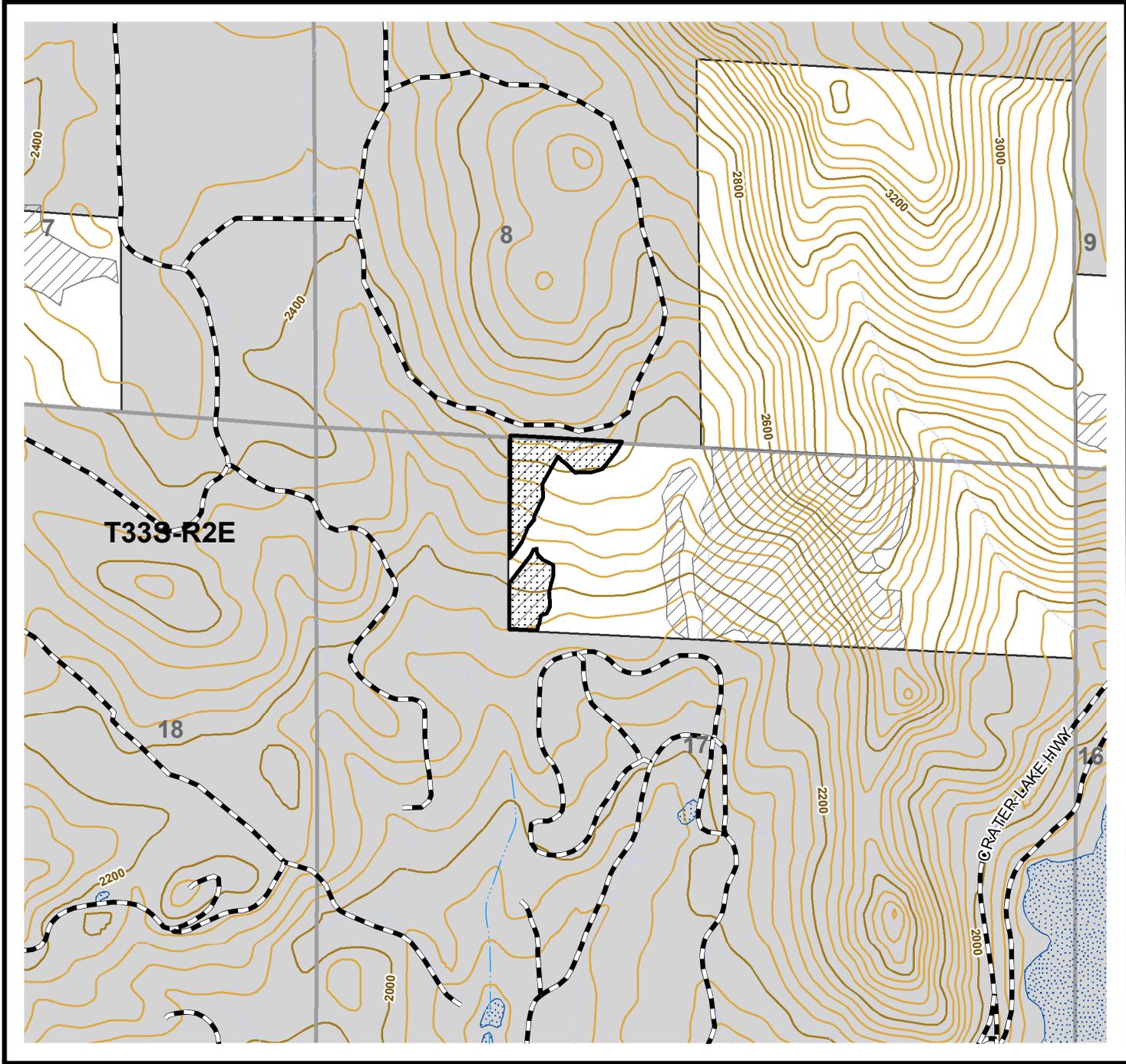
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FBU_NO	2147
ACRES	3

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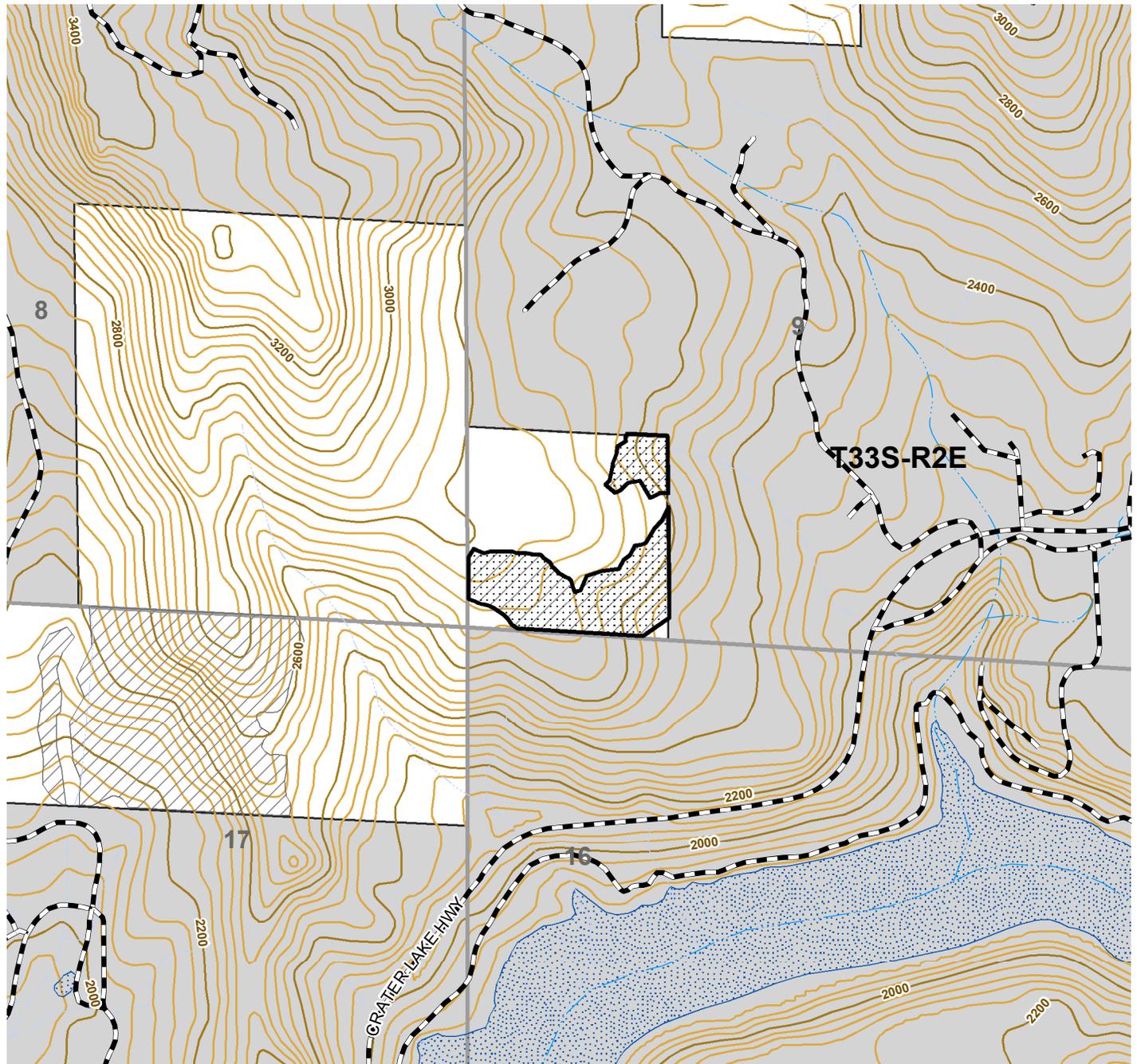
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UNIT NUMBER	170
FBU_NO	2146
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PROJECT	FLOUNCE
UNIT NUMBER	190
FBU_NO	2145
ACRES	16

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