

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District
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A. Background

BLM Office: Wenatchee Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: 3120

NEPA Log Number: DOI-BLM-OR-134-2009-0035-DNA

Proposed Action Title: March 11, 2010, Oil and Gas Lease Sale/Issuance of oil and gas leases through competitive leasing.

Location of Proposed Action: Parcels are identified by parcel number and legal description (see March 11, 2010, parcel list attached to this DNA).

Description of Proposed Action: The proposed action is to offer 5 parcels (see attached parcel list) for competitive sale/issuance of oil and gas leases. These lease parcels are located in the State of Washington within the Wenatchee Field Office (Grant County). Some lease parcels would be subject to lease stipulations (see attached list), to protect important resource values.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

Option 1 (conforms with LUP): The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP's because it is specifically provided for in the Spokane Resource Management Plan and Plan Amendment decisions (1992 RMP, Pages 6, 7, 17-20, 30-31, 34-40, and 55-166).

OR

(Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP) The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (*objectives, terms, and conditions*):

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document(s) or other related document(s) that cover the proposed action

Name and date of NEPA document(s):

Proposed Spokane Resource Management Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Statement (June 22, 1992).

Name and date of other relevant document(s):

- State of Washington-Department of Fish & Wildlife Priority Habitat and Species Database (2009)
- State of Washington-Department of Natural Resources-Washington Natural Heritage Plant Database (2009)
- State of Washington-Department of Archaeology and Historical Preservation Site Database (2009)

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?

Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development were the proposed action analyzed in the RMP Amendment EIS.

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?

Yes. Current review indicates that the range of alternatives are adequate. Those parcels that may affect sage grouse habitat have been removed from the sale until further information is obtained during the next RMP planning update.

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?

Yes. There is no new information which would invalidate the existing analysis. Although Sage Grouse has not been federally listed in Washington State it could potentially be listed within the next 6-months to year and this area has been indentified as a recovery unit in the State Management Plan, therefore those parcels with Sage Grouse habitat have been removed from the lease sale until further resource evaluation can be accomplished.

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?

Yes. The only substantive change is that fewer operations and fewer disturbances (and therefore, fewer and lesser impacts) are projected as compared to the existing NEPA documents.

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

Yes. There was an extensive public involvement process associated with the RMP Amendment FEIS, and this remains adequate.

E. Persons/Agencies/Consulted (BLM Staff Consulted are listed on the coversheet attached to this document, or available at the BLM office identified in Section A, above).

Name

Title

Resource/Agency Represented

F: 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.

_____/S/ Karen Kelleher_____
(Signature of Responsible Official)

_____/1/6/2010_____
(Date)

Name: Karen Kelleher
Title: Wenatchee Field Manager

G. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this DNA, contact Brent Cunderla, Wenatchee Field Office Geologist at (509) 665-2100 or Scott Pavey, Spokane District Office Environmental Planner at (509) 536-1200.

Note: The signed Conclusion on this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

STIPULATION NO. 1 – NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY (NSO)

No surface occupancy or use is allowed on the lands below: (description)

For the purpose of: (purpose)

PARCEL	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE
NONE		

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (Proposed Spokane Resource Management Plan Amendment Final Environmental Impact Statement, pages 89-92)

*Waivers, Exceptions, and Modifications may be allowed in conjunction with the Bureau of Reclamation. Timing limitations may exceed 60 days per year. Controlled surface use (CSU) may strictly effect operations due to special values or resource concerns. Relocation of operations of USBR–controlled land administered by Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife could be in excess of 200 meters. For more details on the “Timing Limitations” and Controlled Surface Use” stipulations in this section see pages 118-119 of the BLM Spokane Resource Management Plan (RMP) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) (December 17, 1992).

STIPULATION NO. 2 – TIMING LIMITATION

PARCEL NO.	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE
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NONE		
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Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (Proposed Spokane Resource Management Plan Amendment Final Environmental Impact Statement, pages 89-92)

STIPULATION NO. 3 – CONTROLLED SURFACE USE

Botanical

All surface disturbing activities are limited to existing roads, until a botanical field inventory of the proposed area of disturbance has been completed. This field survey must be completed during the appropriate season (April 15 through May 31) for the identification of special status plants. If special status species or plant community values are found, the Authorized Officer may determine not to allow activities if they adversely affect the botanical resources.

Cultural Resources Stipulation (Known Cultural Resources)

Conditional surface use (CSU) or occupancy is restricted to existing roads and trails until the BLM has consulted with interested Native American Tribes, the State Historic Preservation Office and, where applicable, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The parcels are known to contain cultural resources potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. A cultural resources inventory may be required for the area of potential effect prior to project implementation. Proposed operations may need to be redesigned or may not be authorized if activities would result in adverse impacts to cultural resources.

PARCEL NO.	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE
3-11-10-1	Sec. 24, N2	Botanical, Known Cultural Sites
3-11-10-2	Sec. 2, Lots 1-4, S2N2, S2	Botanical
3-11-10-4	Sec. 20, N2, N2S2	Botanical
	Sec. 24, N2	Botanical
3-11-10-5	Sec. 10, ALL	Botanical, Known Cultural Sites

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Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation

The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 U.S.C. §1531 et seq., including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.

APPLIES TO ALL PARCELS

LEASE NOTICES:

Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act Notification

Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g) the holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), you must stop activities in the vicinity of the discovery and protect it for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the authorized officer.

APPLIES TO ALL PARCELS

Cultural Resource

Parcels in this Oil and Gas Lease Auction may contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposal to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated.

APPLIES TO ALL PARCELS

March 11, 2010 Oil and Gas Lease Sale Parcels

WASHINGTON – Public Domain

PARCEL NUMBER 3-11-10-1

T. 15 N., R. 23 E.,
Sec. 24, N2.

Grant County 320.00 acres

PARCEL NUMBER 3-11-10-2

T. 15 N., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 2, Lots 1-4, S2N2, S2 (All)

Grant County 639.24 acres

PARCEL NUMBER 3-11-10-3

T. 15 N., R. 24 E.,
All Parcels Removed

PARCEL NUMBER 3-11-10-4

T. 15 N., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 20, N2, N2S2;
Sec. 24, N2.

Grant County 800.00 acres

PARCEL NUMBER 3-11-10-5

T. 15 N., R. 26 E.,
Sec. 10, All;

Grant County 640.00 acres

PARCEL NUMBER 3-11-10-6

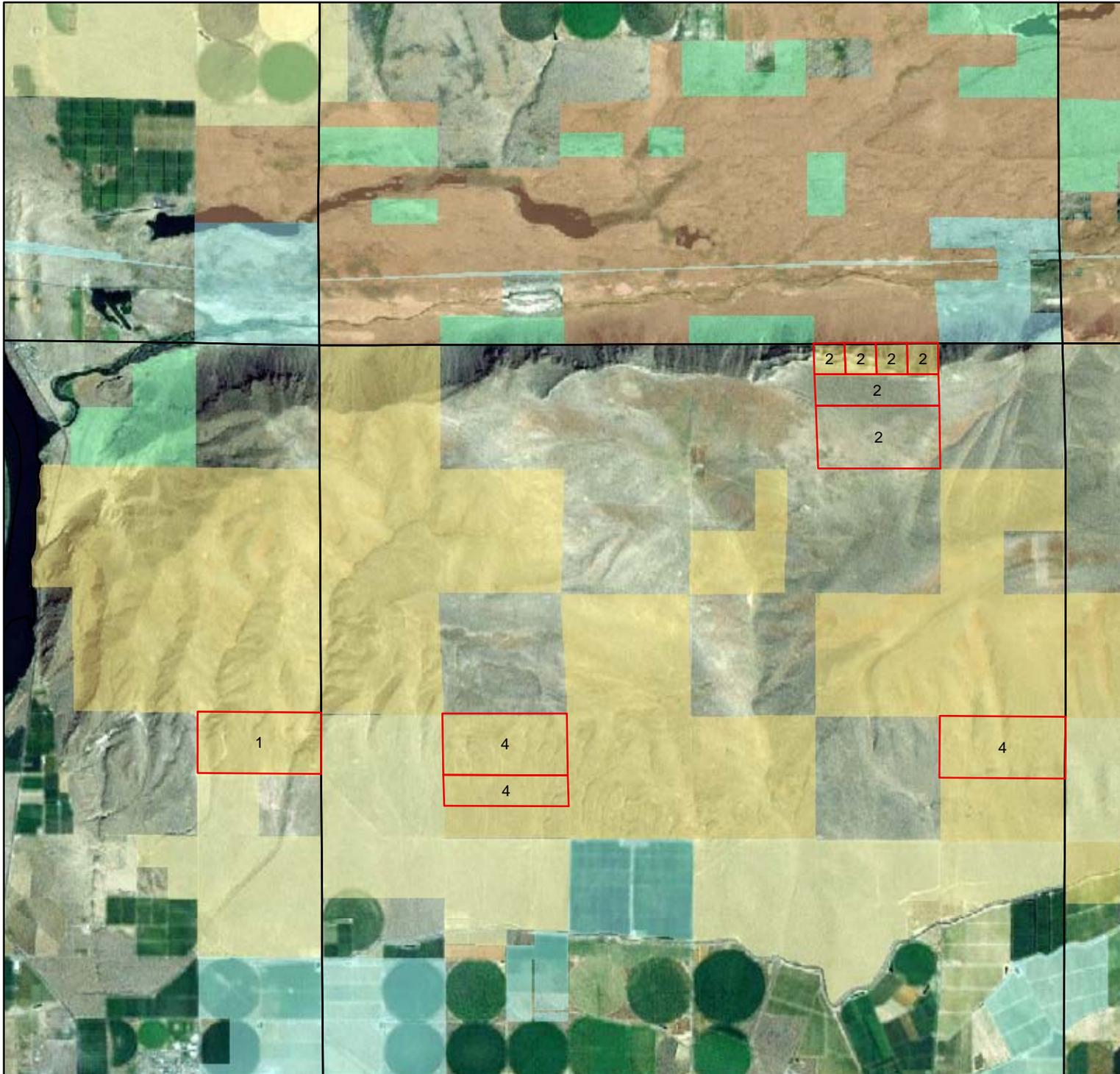
T. 15 N., R. 26 E.,
Sec. 18, SE.

Grant County 160.00 acres

R23E | R24E

R24E | R25E

March 2010 Parcel 1, 2 & 4



Legend

- Bureau of Land Management
- WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- WA Dept. of Natural Resources
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- March 2010 Parcels

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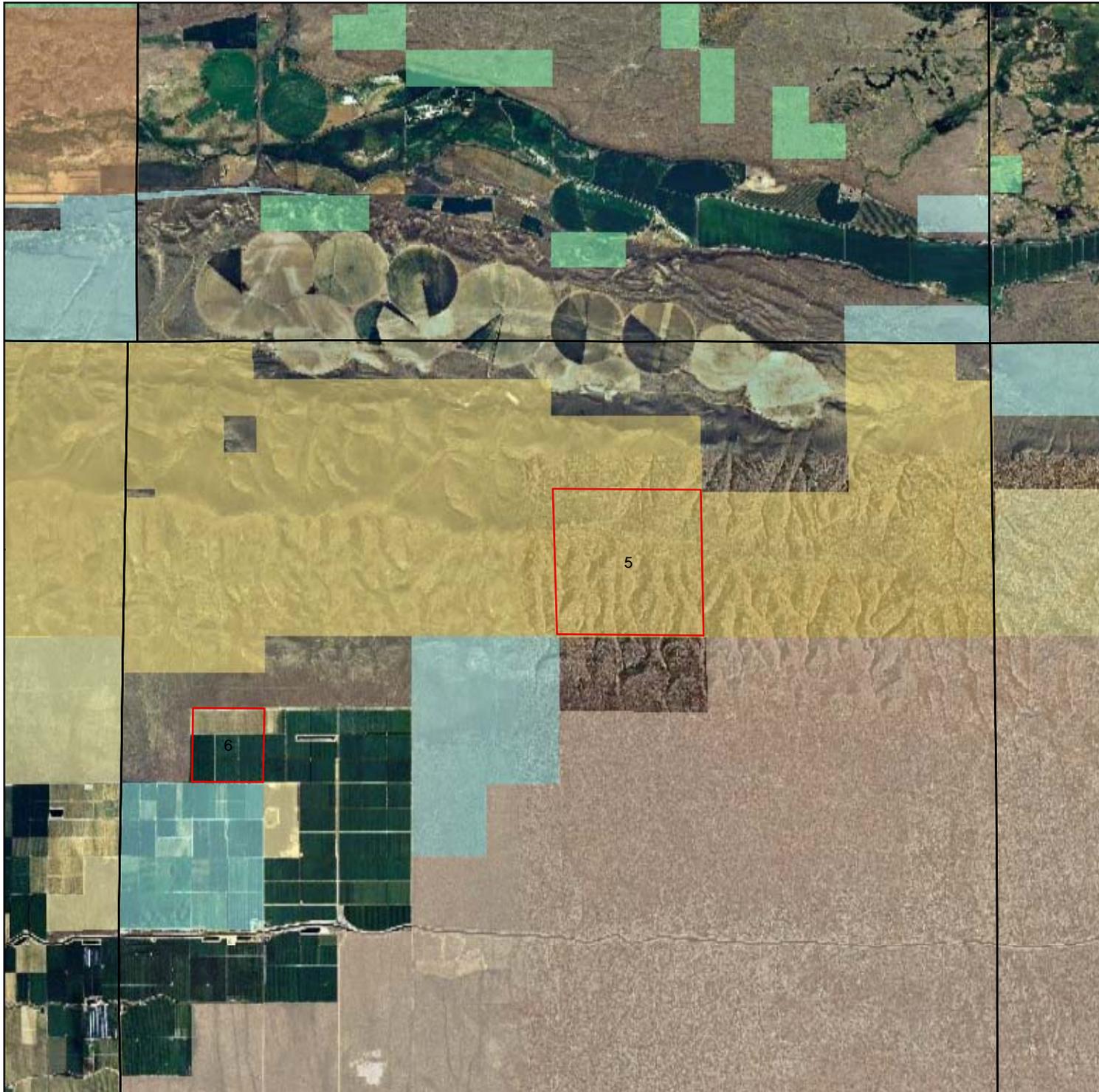
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Map Area

WASHINGTON

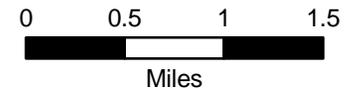
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Legend

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- Other Federal
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