

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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A. Background

BLM Office: Wenatchee Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: See table in attachment 1

NEPA Log Number: DOI-BLM-OR-134-2009-0028-DNA

Proposed Action Title: Grazing Lease Renewal/3 Custodial Allotments

Location of Proposed Action: These allotments are located in Okanogan County Washington, and are part of the Okanogan Management Area (See attached maps). Legal Descriptions of the lands are included in the table in attachment 1.

Description of Proposed Action: The proposed action is to renew three grazing leases for grazing allotments listed in attached table for a period of 10 years (3/2009-3/2019). These allotments are “Custodial” allotments with listed acreage of public land intermingled with private land owned by the lessee. The renewed leases would continue to authorize grazing as specified in the expiring leases. Authorization levels are listed in the attached table.

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): These grazing allotments are addressed in the Spokane RMP/ROD under allotment number on page 45 for use listed in attached table, which is the same as the proposed renewal.

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):

Spokane Resource Management Plan(RMP)/Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), 1985

Name and date of other relevant document(s):

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitats and Species - 1997 Databases
- Washington Natural Heritage - 1998 Database
- Washington Office of Archaeological and Historical Preservation - 2003 Database
- Spokane District 2003 Archaeological Survey Database and files.

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?

Yes, These allotments is identified in Appendix E of the Spokane RMP/Final EIS, authorizing grazing as listed in attached table. This is the same as the proposed action.

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, the proposed action is the same as that analyzed in the Spokane RMP/Final EIS.

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 that would change the analysis of the Spokane RMP/Final EIS.

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 effects are the same as those analyzed in the existing NEPA document.

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

The Spokane RMP/FEIS and its ROD (including the Rangeland Program Summary) were distributed to all interested publics and other government agencies for review. Since the subject grazing leases are identified in the land use plan, which went through all of the appropriate and legally required public/agency review, at the time public involvement was considered adequate. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) was consulted, but individual tribes were not.

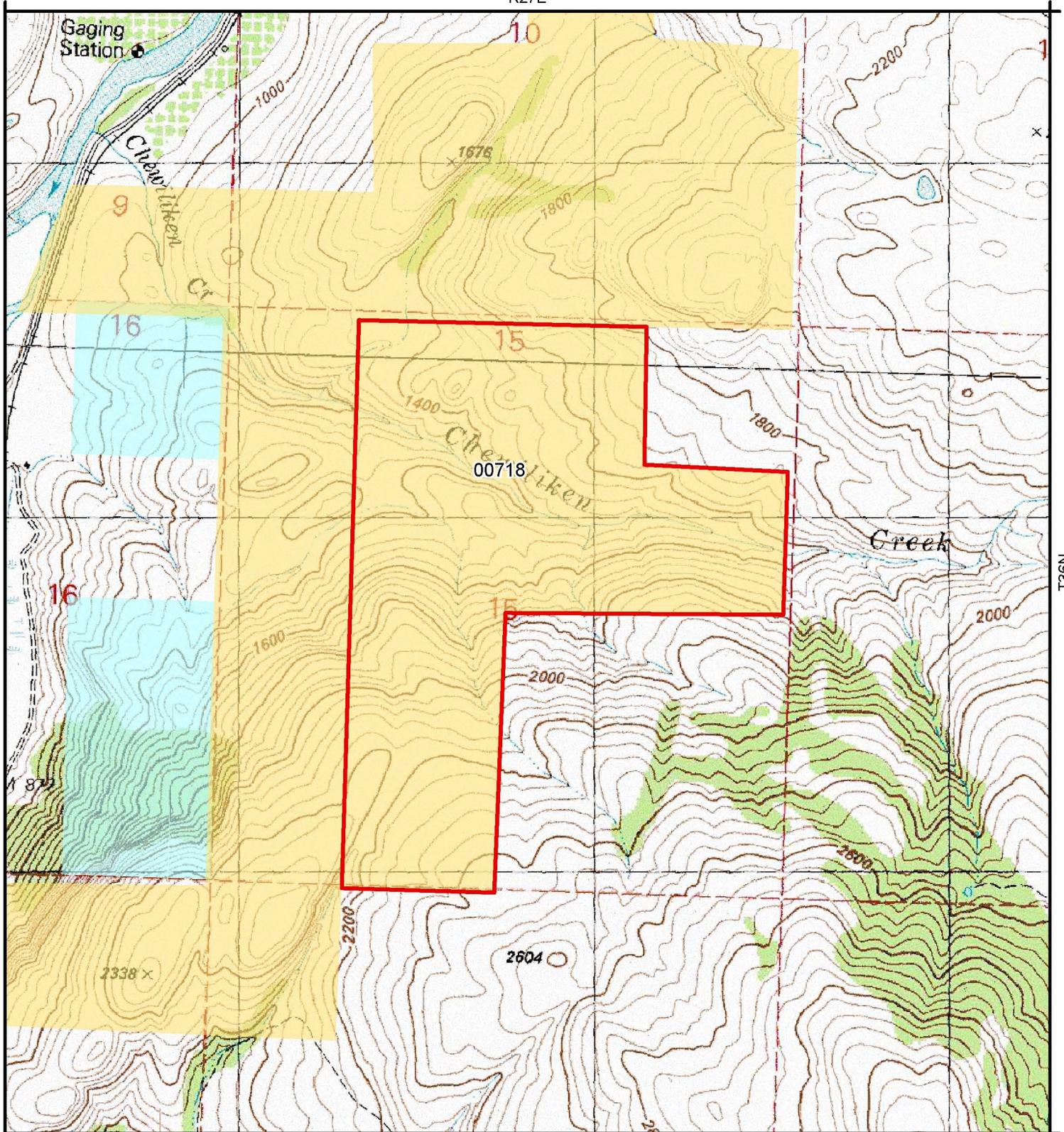
Consultations were initiated with Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP), the Colville Confederated Tribes, the Yakama Indian Nation and the Wanapum Band of Indians on May 30, 2008. On May 13, 2009 DAHP concurred with BLM's determination of "no effect" in allotment #s 0718 and 0905 and a determination of "no adverse effect" in allotment #0833. Consultations were completed on June 5, 2009; BLM did not receive responses from any of the tribes.

Attachment 1: Table of leases for DNA# OR134 – 09-0028

Allotment	Lessee	Legal Description	Authorized use
0833	██████████	T40N R27E Sec 34: SE1/4NE1/4	8 AUMs Cattle 3/01 – 2/28
0718	████████████████████	T36N R27E Sec 15: NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2W1/2	47 AUMs Cattle 3/01 – 2/28
0905	██████████	T40N R30E Sec 34: E1/2SW1/4NW1/4	30 AUMs Cattle 6/01 – 10/01

Allotment 00718

R27E



-  Allotment Boundary
-  BLM Administered Land
-  Private Land
-  WA Department of Natural Resources

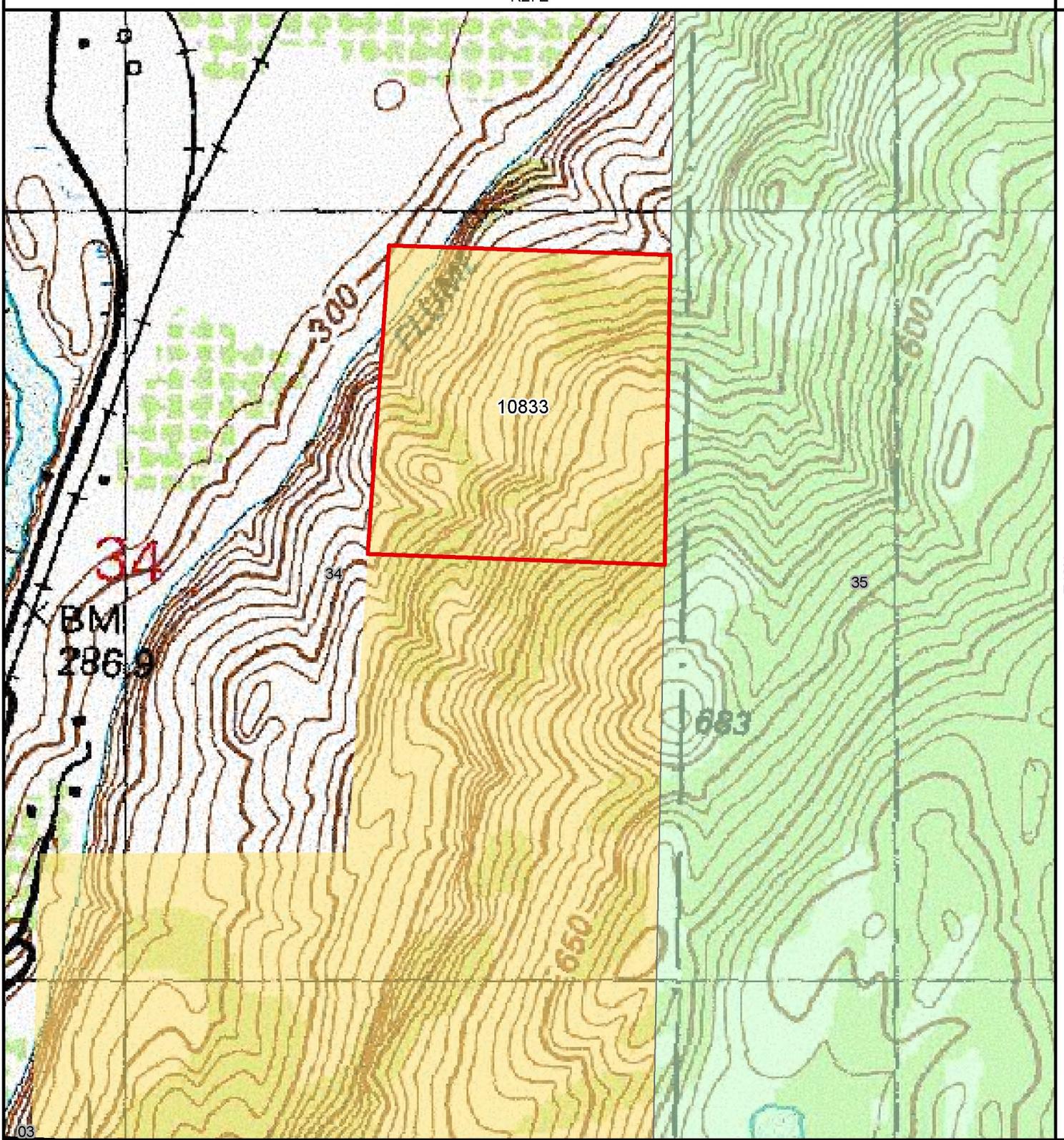


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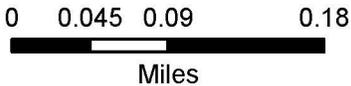


Allotment 10833

R27E



-  Allotment Boundary
-  BLM Administered Land
-  Private Land
-  Forest Service

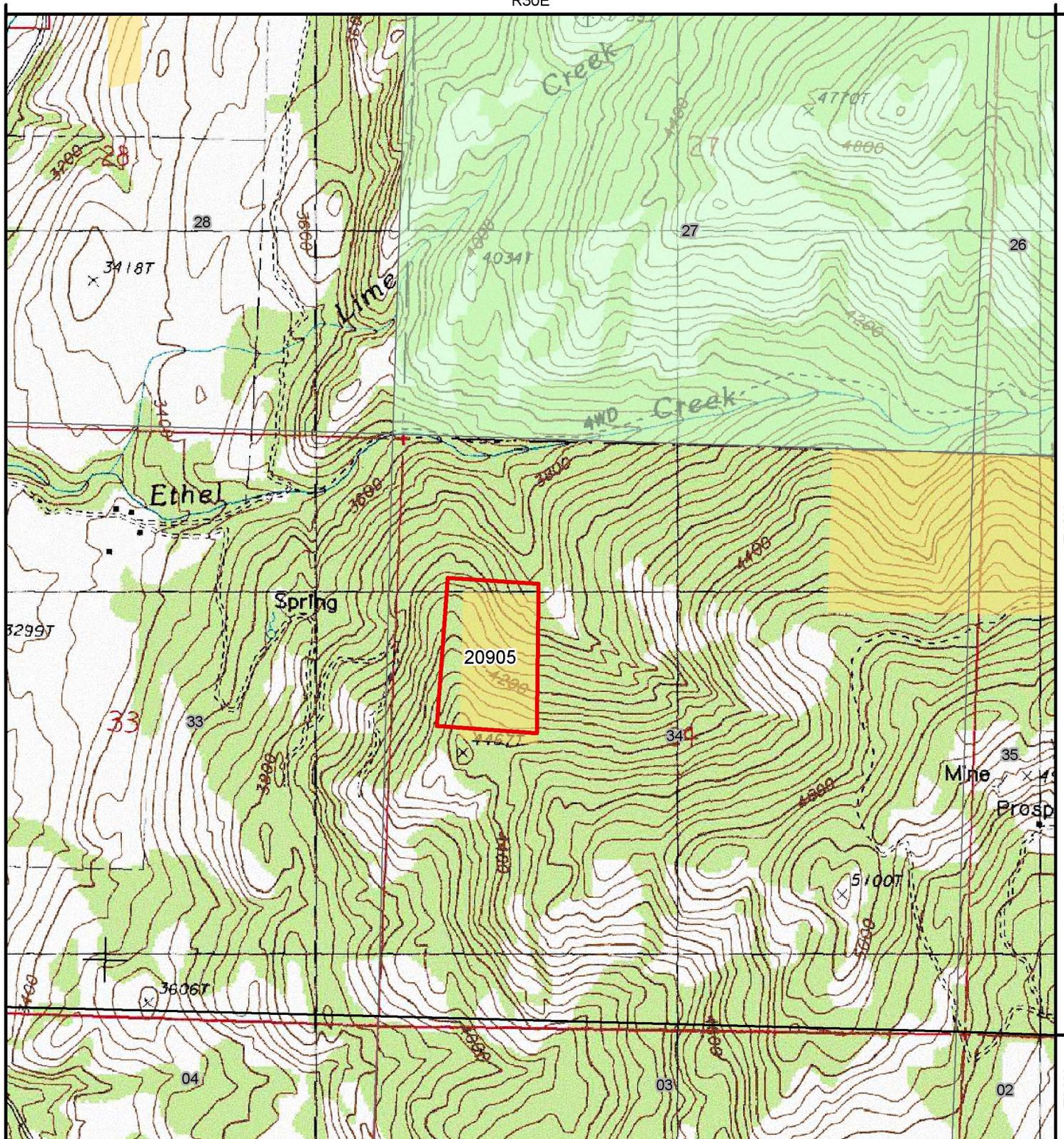


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Allotment 20905

R30E



-  Allotment Boundary
-  BLM Administered Land
-  Private Land
-  Forest Service



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