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**EXHIBIT M  
Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan**



**Lower Klamath Project  
FERC Project No. 14803**

## **Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan**

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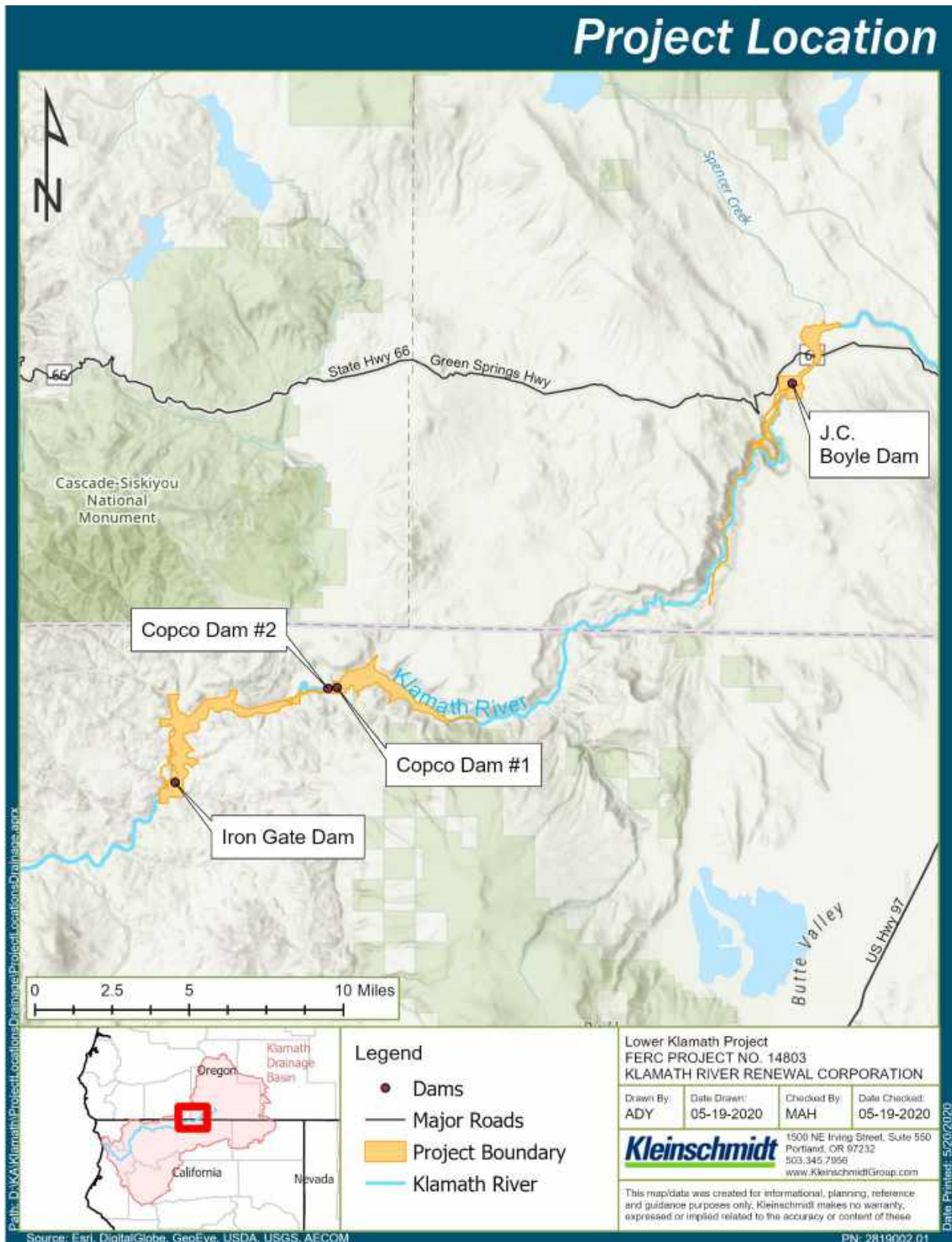
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## 1.0 Introduction

The Lower Klamath River Project (Lower Klamath Project) (FERC No. 14803) consists of four hydroelectric developments on the Klamath River: J.C. Boyle, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, and Iron Gate (Figure 1-1). Specifically, the reach between J.C. Boyle dam and Iron Gate dam is known as the Hydroelectric Reach. In September of 2016, the Renewal Corporation filed an *Application for Surrender of License for Major Project and Removal of Project Works*, FERC Project Nos. 2082-063 & 14803-001 (License Surrender). The Renewal Corporation filed the License Surrender application as the dam removal entity for the purpose of implementing the Klamath River Hydroelectric Settlement (KHSa). In November of 2020, the Renewal Corporation filed its Definite Decommissioning Plan (DDP) as Exhibits A-1 and A-2 to its amended License Surrender application. The DDP is the Renewal Corporation's comprehensive plan to physically remove the Lower Klamath Project and achieve a free-flowing condition and volitional fish passage, site remediation and restoration, and avoidance of adverse downstream impacts (Proposed Action). The Limits of Work is a geographic area that encompasses dam removal related activities in the Proposed Action and may or may not expand beyond the FERC boundary associated with the Lower Klamath Project.

The Proposed Action includes the deconstruction of the J.C. Boyle Dam and Powerhouse (Figure 1-2), Copco No. 1 Dam and Powerhouse (Figure 1-3), Copco No. 2 Dam and Powerhouse (Figure 1-4), and Iron Gate Dam and Powerhouse (Figure 1-5), as well as associated features. Associated features vary by development, but generally include powerhouse intake structures, embankments, and sidewalls, penstocks and supports, decks, piers, gatehouses, fish ladders and holding facilities, pipes and pipe cradles, spillway gates and structures, diversion control structures, aprons, sills, tailrace channels, footbridges, powerhouse equipment, distribution lines, transmission lines, switchyards, original cofferdam, portions of the Iron Gate Fish Hatchery, residential facilities, and warehouses. Facility removal will be completed within an approximately 20-month period.

This Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan identifies measures to reduce potential impacts to terrestrial and wildlife species that the Renewal Corporation will implement as part of the Proposed Action. The Renewal Corporation has prepared 16 Management Plans for FERC's review and approval as conditions of a license surrender order. These Management Plans were developed in consultation with federal, state and county governments and tribes.



**Figure 1-1. Lower Klamath Project Location**



Figure 1-2. J.C. Boyle Development Facility Details





Figure 1-3. Copco No.1 Development Facility Details



Figure 1-4. Copco No.2 Development Facility Details



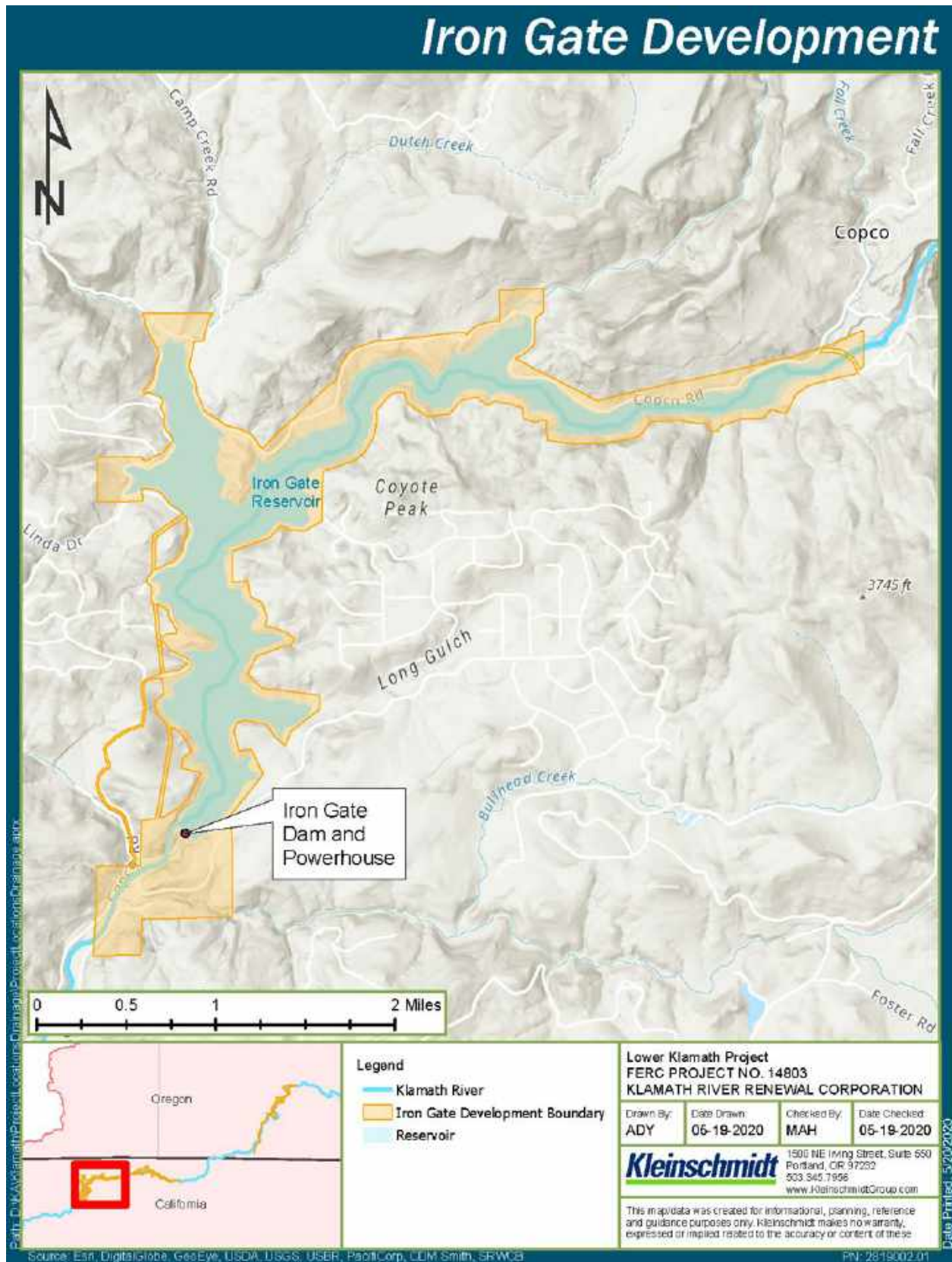


Figure 1-5. Iron Gate Development Facility Details

## 2.0 Regulatory Context

The Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan is one of 16 Management Plans implementing the DDP.

**Table 2-1. Lower Klamath River Management Plans**

1. Aquatic Resources Management Plan	9. Remaining Facilities Plan
2. Construction Management Plan	10. Reservoir Area Management Plan
3. Erosion and Sediment Control Plan	11. Reservoir Drawdown and Diversion Plan
4. Hatchery Management and Operations Plan	12. Sediment Deposit Remediation Plan
5. Health and Safety Plan	13. Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan
6. Historic Properties Management Plan	14. Waste Disposal and Hazardous Materials Management Plan
7. Interim Hydropower Operations Plan	15. Water Quality Monitoring Management Plan
8. Recreation Facilities Plan	16. Water Supply Management Plan

### 2.1 Organizational Structure

The Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan identifies measures the Renewal Corporation will implement to protect known or suspected species present with special status (state or federally protected). Additional measures are outlined for bats, nesting birds, and other species as best management practices. The Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan includes the following sub-plans.

- Appendix A: California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan
- Appendix B: Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan
- Appendix C: Bald and Golden Eagle Management Plan

### 2.2 Specific Regulatory Interests

The Renewal Corporation considered the following regulatory interests in the development of the Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan:

- Oregon Memorandum of Understanding
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife MOU
- California Section 401 Water Quality Certification
- Oregon Section 401 Water Quality Certification
- Endangered Species Act Section 7
- California Environmental Quality Act, Final Environmental Impact Report

### **2.3 Regulatory Review Process**

The Renewal Corporation will implement the Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan upon FERC approval, including any changes required in the FERC License Surrender Order A consultation record for the Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan is included as Appendix D.

### **2.4 Reporting**

The Renewal Corporation will prepare and submit an Annual Report by February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year which will include information pertaining to implementation of the Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan.

## **Appendix A**

### **California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan**



**Lower Klamath Project  
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## **1.0 Introduction**

The California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan described herein is one of three sub-plans of the Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan to be implemented as part of the Proposed Action for the Lower Klamath Project (Project). The geographic area that encompasses dam removal related activities that are a part of the Proposed Action is depicted in Appendix A - Figure 1 (Limits of Work). For the purpose of the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan, the management measures will be conducted within (1) the state of California and (2) the Limits of Work, including any associated buffers for specific species as described in the following sections (together, the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary).

### **1.1 Purpose of Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan**

The purpose of the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan is to state the measures the Renewal Corporation will implement to avoid and minimize impacts to terrestrial and wildlife species (excluding bald and golden eagles) within the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary. Avoidance and minimization measures for bald and golden eagles are provided in the Bald and Golden Eagle Conservation Plan.

### **1.2 Relationship to Other Management Plans**

The California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan supports elements of all construction-related management plans. So as not duplicate information, elements from these management plans are not repeated herein but are, where appropriate, referred to in this California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan.

## **2.0 Designated Biologist(s)**

The Renewal Corporation will use designated biologists (DB) with appropriate species-related qualifications to undertake the management measures described herein. DB qualifications will vary depending on each species. DB qualifications will be coordinated and reviewed with CDFW at least 30 days prior to the start of the work activities that would require the management measures described herein. Construction crews will receive training on California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan management measures, including training to identify special-status species, and will be trained to support the Renewal Corporation's implementation of the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan.

### **2.1 Field Crew Training**

Before any ground-disturbing work (including vegetation clearing and grading) begins in the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary, the Renewal Corporation will conduct mandatory biological resources awareness training for all construction personnel and the construction foreman. This training will inform the crews of special status species that could be present on site. The training will include a discussion of:

- Species identification,
- Habitat requirements,
- Protection status,
- Management measures,
- Necessary response actions if a crew member finds a species within the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary during construction activities, and
- What to do if an injured species is found.

Upon completing the training, all employees will sign an acknowledgment form stating that they attended the training and understand the applicable management measures. The Renewal Corporation will give an updated training to any new personnel and to all personnel if there is a change in the status of a special status species. The Renewal Corporation will also issue species identification cards for the species identified in Table 3-1 to shift supervisors. These cards will have photos and descriptions of species and describe the actions that will be taken if a special status species is identified during construction.

### **3.0 Management Measures**

Work activities during the pre-drawdown, drawdown, demolition and removal, and restoration phases have the potential to impact special and non-special status species, particularly in the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary. The California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan describes the management measures the Renewal Corporation will implement within the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary to protect the special status species shown in Table 3-1 and the non-special status reptiles, amphibians, bats and nesting birds shown in Table 3-2. Table 3-2 also provides an overview of the management measures that will be taken during the Proposed Action. Sections 3.1 - 3.10 provide more information on the management measures described in Table 3-2. Appendix A contains all figures referenced in Section 3.

Finally, this plan provides information on herbicide application guidelines and wetland buffers.

**Table 3-1. Protected Species Covered in the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan**

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	CALIFORNIA STATE LISTING	FEDERAL STATUS
Western Pond Turtle	<i>Actinemys marmorata</i>	Species of Special Concern	Under Review
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	Endangered	Not Listed
Northern Spotted Owl	<i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i>	Threatened	Threatened
Gray Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	Endangered	De-listed <sup>1</sup>

**Table 3-2. Management Measures**

SPECIES IMPACTED	MANAGEMENT MEASURE
Western Pond Turtle	VES Surveys (as defined below, Section 3.1.1) prior to construction  VES Surveys during drawdown  Rescue and relocation prior to construction and during draw-down and construction  Entrapment prevention and exclusion
Non-listed reptiles and amphibians	VES Surveys in conjunction with WPT surveys  Rescue and relocation during construction  Entrapment prevention and exclusion
Nesting Birds (including Willow Flycatcher, Cliff Swallow and Great Blue Heron)	Limit vegetation removal and trimming to areas where construction or restoration actions (ground disturbance) are occurring  Limit vegetation removal/trimming (other than willow cutting and harvesting) to September 1 <sup>st</sup> to April 1 <sup>st</sup> (outside the nesting season)  Limit willow cutting harvesting to September 1 <sup>st</sup> to January 31 <sup>st</sup>  Leave transmission/distribution poles with active osprey nests in place and insert nest deterrents prior to nesting season (March - September)  Depending on stress behavior and other factors, potentially establish a set-back for construction actions or alter timing of construction

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<sup>1</sup> The gray wolf was de-listed as of January 4, 2021 – Federal Register 85 FR 69778 & 69895

SPECIES IMPACTED	MANAGEMENT MEASURE
	Avoid disturbance to Great Blue Heron rookery
	Remove Cliff Swallow nests
Northern Spotted Owl	Helicopter flight paths restriction
Gray Wolves	Contact CDFW and potentially implement management measures
Bats	Conduct structural removals within the designated seasonal timeframe
	Visual check for bats prior to structural removal
	Partial dismantling of structures and removal of trees
	Barricade remaining portal outlets, tunnels, and other water conveyance structures

### **3.1 Western Pond Turtle Management Measures**

Previous surveys have documented western pond turtle (WPT) presence throughout the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary (PacifiCorp 2004b; AECOM 2019; 2020) as described in Appendix D. WPT utilization of the habitat includes nesting, over-wintering, foraging, and basking.

Pre-drawdown, drawdown, demolition and removal, and restoration work activities may potentially impact WPT located in the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary. Management measures to be implemented by the Renewal Corporation include pre-construction surveys, drawdown surveys and rescue and relocation protocol, all are described in more detail in this Section 3.1. In addition, Section 3.8 contains management measures for entrapment and exclusion protocol. The Renewal Corporation will use WPT protocols developed by CDFW, ODFW and the Renewal Corporation no later than three (3) months prior to pre-drawdown activities when conducting surveys, handling, and relocation.

#### **3.1.1 VES Surveys and Rescue and Relocation - Construction**

The Renewal Corporation will conduct pre-construction Visual Estimation Surveys (VES) for WPT within WPT habitat (see Appendix A – Figure 2) no more than 24 hours prior to the commencement of construction activities that require heavy equipment operation. “VES Surveys” means surveys completed using approved protocol visual encounter surveys, which will be developed by CDFW, ODFW and the Renewal Corporation. The Renewal Corporation will visually inspect the work area prior to heavy equipment operation. Depending upon the timing of the survey, individuals may or may not be easily located. It is unlikely that nest sites

and/or hibernating/aestivating individuals will be observed during VES Surveys in the winter months; however, dens, burrows or WPT may be observed outside of winter months.

Upon discovery of a WPT in a work zone, the Renewal Corporation will alert work crews and attempt to relocate the individual out of harm's way and, if deemed prudent based on the nature of the work and the risk to the individual, transfer the individual to an agreed-upon relocation area (see Section 3.1.3). If capture is required, the Renewal Corporation will attempt to capture WPT using approved protocols (as defined in Section 3.1) and methods such as hand capture, dip-net, or drift fence traps. The Renewal Corporation will rely on its best professional judgement, informed by the protocols developed in coordination with CDFW, in managing WPT encounters. Captured WPT will be checked for injuries, sexed, measured, weighed, and aged by counting plastron scute annuli. Data collected on WPT will be provided in reports as described in Section 4.

### **3.1.2 VES Surveys and Rescue and Relocation - Drawdown**

Reservoir drawdown will occur during winter and spring of the year reservoir drawdown starts. In addition to pre-construction surveys, the Renewal Corporation will conduct VES surveys during the winter and spring of the reservoir drawdown year. The specific survey dates and frequency of surveys will be determined during protocol development as described in Section 3.2. Surveys will be conducted in the area identified as WPT habitat as shown in Appendix A – Figure 2. The Renewal Corporation will survey the suitable WPT habitat within the reservoir's Normal Operating Pool Elevation (NOPE) and habitats that become exposed during drawdown to the extent practicable based on, for example, safety considerations and the ability to access the habitat based on terrain conditions. The Renewal Corporation will conduct a final survey of the WPT habitat within 30 days of when the Klamath River lowers to, and occupies, its original 100-year flood channel.

Upon WPT observation during a reservoir drawdown VES survey, the Renewal Corporation will use its best professional judgment to determine if an individual should be relocated to an area with access to suitable habitats, another water source, or the agreed-upon relocation areas (see Section 3.1.3). In determining if rescue and relocation is warranted, the Renewal Corporation will identify stranding behavior (for example, the individual is not moving towards water or has retracted its head and legs). If an appropriate escape route is not feasible, qualified personnel will attempt to capture and relocate the individual to the appropriate relocation area (see Section 3.1.3). If capture is required, the Renewal Corporation will use approved protocols (as defined in Section 3.1) and methods such as hand capture, dip-net or drift fence traps. The Renewal Corporation will rely on its best professional judgement, informed by the protocols developed in coordination with CDFW, in managing WPT encounters. Captured WPT will be checked for injuries, sexed, measured, weighed, and aged by counting plastron scute annuli. Data collected on WPT will be provided in reports as described in Section 4.

### **3.1.3 Relocation plan**

WPT that are captured in connection with pre-construction or drawdown surveys will be relocated to previously identified WPT habitat on public land outside of the California Terrestrial

and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary, as shown in Appendix A – Figure 2. The Renewal Corporation will coordinate with CDFW prior to drawdown to confirm appropriate relocation areas and will update Appendix A – Figure 2 if required. The relocation areas are generally on the banks of the mainstem of the Klamath River. Ideal relocation areas include slow-moving water, basking sites, aquatic refugia, streamside refugia, and upland nesting habitat. Captured WPT will be released on the banks near water features within 12 hours of initial capture. WPT captured for relocation will be placed in sturdy plastic containers or coolers with ventilation holes, gloves will be worn and plastic containers will be washed between use. WPT held in captivity will be kept in a shaded location until the time of release. Upon release, individuals will be set on the bank and allowed to enter the water or seek refuge under cover objects.

### **3.2 Amphibian and Reptile Rescue Management Measures**

#### **3.2.1 VES Surveys**

VES surveys for non-listed reptiles and amphibians will occur concurrently with surveys for WPT. In addition, construction personnel will be trained on avoidance and minimization measures as described above. VES survey data will be used to inform construction personnel training.

#### **3.2.2 Rescue and Relocation**

If the Renewal Corporation observes native reptiles or amphibians in the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary during a WPT survey or during construction activities, the reptile or amphibian will be avoided and encouraged to leave the area on their own. If the amphibian or reptile is not capable of leaving the work area of its own volition or does not promptly leave the work area, the Renewal Corporation will attempt to relocate the individual outside the work area, to the extent practicable. These actions will occur in coordination with construction activities to avoid delays to construction. In addition, Section 3.8 contains management measures for entrapment and exclusion protocol.

### **3.3 Nesting Birds – Management Measures**

Previous surveys within the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary have identified nesting bird utilization (AECOM 2019; 2020), as described in Appendix D. During these surveys, species identified included great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*), cliff swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*), osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), and willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*). Proposed Action work activities, including pre-drawdown, drawdown, demolition and removal, and restoration, may affect these species (see Table 3-2). The Renewal Corporation will implement the following management measures during these Proposed Action work activities. They will apply to all nesting birds; additional provisions for special-status species are described below. See the Bald and Golden Eagle Conservation Plan for additional management measures for bald eagles and golden eagles.

### **3.3.1 Pre-construction Survey Protocol**

The Renewal Corporation will conduct pre-construction VES for native nesting birds if habitat removal activities will occur during the primary nesting period of April 1-July 31. These surveys will focus on identifying potential nesting habitats located within areas where construction and restoration crews will remove trees and vegetation. These surveys will determine if any birds are nesting and may potentially be affected by habitat removal.

The survey protocol will consist of walking evenly spaced transects, which maximize visual survey coverage of the work area. These surveys will be completed in the mornings after sunrise, no more than one week prior to habitat disturbance. The Renewal Corporation will scan brush, grassland, and canopy for nests and avian nesting behavior. If the Renewal Corporation observes a nest in the nesting period, subsequent surveys may occur prior to construction to monitor the nest for activity or to further determine status (e.g., eggs have hatched, nestlings present). A nest with eggs, chicks, or nestlings will be considered 'active'.

### **3.3.2 Nesting Bird Disturbance Avoidance**

To avoid disturbance to nesting birds, the Renewal Corporation will use its professional judgment to implement the following management measures in respect of nests identified during a survey:<sup>2</sup>

- Limit vegetation removal and trimming to areas where construction or restoration actions (ground disturbance) are occurring.
- Limit vegetation removal/trimming (other than willow cutting and harvesting) to September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> (outside the nesting season), if practicable.
- Limit willow cutting harvesting to September 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>, if practicable.
- Leave transmission/distribution poles with active osprey nests in place and insert nest deterrents prior to nesting season (March - September).
- Observe the nest during construction to determine if the bird is exhibiting stress behaviors, which include visual displays, human interactions, and other visual behavioral indicative of agitation (*Cornell Ornithology 2019*).
- If the bird is exhibiting stress behaviors, establish a set-back for construction actions, if practicable given other factors including the construction schedule and nature of construction.
- Alter the timing of construction activity if practicable given other factors including the construction schedule.

If tree and vegetation removal must occur during nesting season (e.g., unanticipated activity, unanticipated delays, or vegetation re-grew during the growing season), the Renewal Corporation will conduct a nesting bird survey prior to vegetation removal and avoid any active

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<sup>2</sup> These dates were established in consultation with CDFW.



nests, if possible. The Renewal Corporation may need to remove vegetation in order to remediate fish passage barriers.

The Renewal Corporation may remove the nest and clear the area if the nest is not active.

Upon discovery of an active nest during Proposed Action work activities and within the nesting season, the Renewal Corporation will assess the nest and occupants for visual signs of distress. If the nest is in a location where Proposed Action work activities may disturb the species, such as power pole removal with active immature birds, the Renewal Corporation will follow the steps described above. If an active nest is in an area that needs to be cleared to facilitate construction and the nest will be disturbed the Renewal Corporation will inform CDFW and discuss a potential resolution that would not delay construction.

Specific avoidance measures for great blue heron, cliff swallows, and willow flycatcher are described below.

#### **3.3.2.1 Great Blue Heron**

A great blue heron rookery was identified near the Copco No 2 wood stave penstock (AECOM, 2019). This rookery is located outside of the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary but could be disturbed by construction noise. Removal of the Copco No. 2 wood stave flowline will occur after final reservoir drawdown and is anticipated to occur in late June or later. Given the timing of the removal of the Copco No. 2 wood stave flowline, such removal is not anticipated to affect breeding or nesting within the rookery.

#### **3.3.2.2 Cliff Swallow**

Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, and Iron Gate and their dam crest facilities have known, or have the potential for, cliff swallow nests. The Renewal Corporation will survey these facilities between October and February (non-nesting season) of the pre-drawdown year and remove all unoccupied nests. Cliff swallows are also known to use bridges for nesting habitat; however, the proposed bridge improvement activities are not anticipated to significantly impact nesting behavior and nests will not be removed.

#### **3.3.2.3 Willow Flycatcher**

Tree and vegetation removal may occur in willow flycatcher habitat (see Appendix A – Figure 3) during the pre-construction and drawdown phases of the Proposed Action. Removal of nesting habitat will occur between September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, as described above. If the Renewal Corporation documents a willow flycatcher nest within an active construction disturbance area, the Renewal Corporation will follow the avoidance disturbance actions described above.

Restoration activities may require minimal willow flycatcher habitat removal after the drawdown year. The Renewal Corporation will avoid removal of willow flycatcher suitable habitat (see

Appendix A – Figure 3) during the willow flycatcher nesting season (June 1 – July 31).<sup>3</sup> If the Renewal Corporation documents a willow flycatcher pair nesting within the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary, the Renewal Corporation will follow the avoidance disturbance actions described above.

Since the restoration phase will extend several years, there may be newly established riparian vegetation requiring minimal disturbance to prevent volitional fish passage barriers from forming or to remove newly formed barriers to volitional fish passage. Because (1) newly established riparian patches would not likely provide habitat for willow flycatcher due to its early growth state, patch size, and overall lack of structural complexity and (2) the actions will be temporary and minimal in scale, pre-disturbance surveys will not be conducted.

### **3.4 Northern Spotted Owl**

In California, there is a northern spotted owl activity center approximately 1.3 miles southeast of the eastern end of Copco Lake (CNDDDB SIS0301 and BLM MSNO 2191). The Renewal Corporation will require helicopter flight paths to stay at least 1 mile away from the center during all work activities to prevent disturbance. See Appendix A – Figure 4 for a description of helicopter flight restriction zones.

### **3.5 Gray Wolf**

To the Renewal Corporation's knowledge, gray wolves do not currently rendezvous or den in the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary; however, previous observations have documented wolves in the surrounding counties. The Renewal Corporation will contact the CDFW staff identified in Appendix B – Agency Contacts prior to pre-construction activities to determine if there is potential wolf activity in the area where construction will occur. During Proposed Action work activities CDFW will provide the Renewal Corporation with information regarding gray wolves' status. If the Renewal Corporation observes gray wolves within the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary, the Renewal Corporation will immediately contact CDFW.

If gray wolves, rendezvous sites, or denning sites are observed within the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary in California, the Renewal Corporation will coordinate with CDFW's wolf biologist to determine the best management measures, which may include reduced driving speeds, signage on haul roads, limited operating periods, disturbance buffers, and avoidance of key areas.

### **3.6 Bats**

The Renewal Corporation has conducted bat occupancy surveys at facilities impacted by the Proposed Action. During these surveys, surveyors assessed potential bat roosting features

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<sup>3</sup> These dates were established in consultation with CDFW.

(e.g., buildings, bridges, trees) for bat utilization. A total of 17 structures were confirmed to have bat activity associated with them, as shown in Table 3-3, Appendix A – Figure 5.

**Table 3-3. Bat Roosting Locations**

<b>PROJECT FEATURE</b>	<b>STRUCTURE</b>	<b>HABITAT FEATURES AND ENTRY POINTS</b>
Copco No. 1	Maintenance Building	Cavity in open interior roof spaces, crevices in potential gaps under corrugated metal roof, openings at garage door, and windows that are open/missing panes.
	Gatehouse C-12	Cavity in attic space and crevice beneath copper roof material.
	Gatehouse C-11	Cavity in attic space and crevice beneath copper roof material.
	Diversion Tunnel Outlet	Cavity in interior and crevices in rock.
	Powerhouse	Cavities in interior rooms and spaces, walls, top of walls at roof perimeter, and lower floor rooms and spaces; crevices in roll-up doors, cable hoists, and top of walls beneath corrugated metal roofing; and small bore holes in lower floor concrete deck and walls.
	Vacant House #21601	Cavities in attic, interior rooms, and beneath corrugated roofing material.
Copco No. 2	Powerhouse	Cavities in ground floor interior rooms and spaces, walls, top of walls at roof perimeter, and lower floor rooms and spaces; and crevices in roll-up doors and cable hoists.
	Vacant House #4 (peach)	Cavities in attic, garage, and soffit; crevices in siding, roof fascia, gable vent between louvers and screen, and beneath corrugated roofing material above underlayment.
	Vacant House #3 and Garage (yellow-green)	Cavity in attic; crevices in gaps behind siding and roof facias. Cavity in detached garage interior.
	Cookhouse	Crevices in gaps at gutter edge of roofing, gaps at flashing, gable wall, and gap at side door awning.
	Vacant House #2 (blue)	Cavities in the attic, garage, and potentially in interior rooms; and crevices in gaps behind siding, gutters, and fascia.
	Vacant House #1 (tan)	Cavity potential in interior rooms, garage, and attic; and crevices in gaps behind warped or cupped siding, window flower box, and roof fascia.

PROJECT FEATURE	STRUCTURE	HABITAT FEATURES AND ENTRY POINTS
Iron Gate	Penstock Intake Structure	Interior cavity, crevices. Entry at side of exterior trash rack into space in concrete base, up into building through floor grates.
	Powerhouse	Many large spaces and crevices in interior rooms in upper floor and lower floor, including draft pipe channels below grade. Entry through wire mesh covers over windows and access doors.
	Diversion Tunnel Outlet	Cavity in interior of tunnel, crevices in rock.
	Barn/Garage	Cavity/crevice interior spaces; crevices in exterior wall boards/battens; and crevices between roof shingles and corrugated roof above.
	Lakeview Road Bridge	Expansion joints – crevices.

The Renewal Corporation's management measures include seasonal considerations with respect to structure removal, visual surveys prior to structure removal, phased removal, and barricading remaining structures to exclude bats, all as described below.

The Renewal Corporation will implement structure removal activities with consideration of seasonal bat behavior. This will minimize potential impacts to bats in their maternity state, bat pups, and hibernating bats. The following time periods represent the best preferred dates for structure removal.

- **March 1 to April 15** and/or
- **September 1 to October 15.**

If bat-containing building removal cannot occur during these time periods, removal will occur when nighttime temperatures are above 45 degrees, or at such other time as is determined in consultation with CDFW.

The Renewal Corporation will conduct a visual survey for bats or signs of recent use prior to structure and tree removing construction activities to determine if the facility or tree is subject to the above considerations.

If the Renewal Corporation detects bats in a fabricated structure, removal will occur in two phases.

**Phase 1:** Construction staff will remove portions of the structure to alter the temperature, ambient light, and natural airflow. These include windows, roofs, siding/walls. This structure will be left undisturbed overnight to allow bats to vacate.

**Phase 2:** Construction staff performs the final demolition of the structure the following day.

Likewise, if the Renewal Corporation detects bats in trees designated for removal, construction staff will remove these trees in two phases. Construction staff will remove tree branches in the initial phase. The tree will then be left undisturbed overnight to allow bats to vacate. Construction staff will fell the tree on the following day. Alternative tree removal protocol includes allowing a felled tree to remain in place for 24-hours prior to chipping or removal. Construction staff will carry out either of these tree removal protocols when feasible.

Structures that will remain intact include portal outlets, tunnels, and other water conveyance structures. These structures will be permanently closed and barricaded with concrete rubble, earth fill, and/or steel plates when evening temperatures are above 45 degrees.

### **3.7 Other Special Status Species**

#### **3.7.1 Wildlife**

Special status species that were not identified during the pre-construction wildlife monitoring but have the potential to occur in the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary include foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*) (AECOM 2019; 2020). No formal survey efforts will be performed for foothill yellow-legged frog but incidental observations of these species during general wildlife surveys will be noted and reported to CDFW (see Section 4).

#### **3.7.2 Plants**

The Renewal Corporation commissioned special status plant species surveys in and around the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary in 2018 and 2019 (AECOM 2019; 2020), see Appendix D. Surveyors did not identify any federally or state-listed plant species. The following table depicts California Rare Plant Rank 1B and 2 Species, and Appendix A – Figure 6 provides the general locations of where such species were located.

**Table 3-4. California Rare Plants (Rank 1B and 2) within the Limits of Work**

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	TOTAL OCCURRENCES	FEDERAL STATUS	STATE RANK	RARE PLANT RANK
DETLING'S SILVERPUFFS	<i>MICROSERIS LACINIATA</i> SSP. <i>DETLINGII</i>	1	NONE	S1	2B.2
Greene's mariposa-lily	<i>Calochortus greenei</i>	50	None	S2S3	1B.2
Holzinger's orthotrichum moss	<i>Orthotrichum holzingeri</i>	7	None	S2	1B.3

### 3.8 Entrapment and Exclusion

The Renewal Corporation will fence construction areas that could entrap wildlife such as trenches or pipes, when feasible. The Renewal Corporation will implement additional exclusion fencing or other appropriate measures in coordination with CDFW to reduce the likelihood that special status species access areas within the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary. The Renewal Corporation will make daily observations of the fenced areas and fencing for any entrapped species.

Construction crews will place escape ramps in any material open hole or trench left open overnight. These can be in the form of a 2" x 6" board. All constructed holes or trenches will be inspected daily for entrapped wildlife throughout the construction period and prior to fill. Any wildlife discovered will first be allowed to escape voluntarily. If an entrapped individual will not voluntarily escape, the Renewal Corporation will use its best professional judgment in removing and relocating the entrapped individual, if practicable.

### 3.9 Herbicide Application

The Renewal Corporation may apply EPA and California Department of Pesticide Regulation approved herbicides to control the spread of Invasive Exotic Vegetation (IEV) in the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary, as needed. The Renewal Corporation will apply all EPA and California Department of Pesticide Regulation approved herbicides according to labeling directions. The Reservoir Area Management Plan identifies the Renewal Corporation's management measures (using Best Management Practices) to avoid impacts to special status species. Please refer to that plan for additional information.

### 3.10 Wetland Buffer

Non-dam removal construction activities (e.g., staging areas, temporary spoils, construction trailer sites) may occur near wetland habitats. The Renewal Corporation will review construction designs to identify if any temporary construction sites are near existing non-reservoir dependent wetlands. If temporary construction sites are near non-reservoir dependent wetlands, the

Renewal Corporation will establish a 20- foot wetland buffer prior to construction activities to minimize unnecessary impacts to wetlands. The Renewal Corporation will review delineated wetland locations within the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary and identify wetlands that will require a buffer, see Appendix A – Figure 7. The Renewal Corporation will demarcate the 20-foot buffer with flagging or fencing as needed.

## **4.0 Reporting**

The Renewal Corporation will report the activities outlined in the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan to FERC, CDFW, and USFWS as described below.

### **4.1 Monthly Reports**

The Renewal Corporation will provide monthly status reports to FERC, USFWS, and CDFW no later than 10 days after the end of each month. Monthly reports will be provided during the year prior to drawdown (Year 0), the drawdown year (Year 1), and one year following drawdown (Year 2). Monthly reporting after Year 2 will only occur for months where construction activities have the potential to disturb species and the management measures identified by the California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan are required.

Monthly status reporting will include a summary of the following:

1. Western pond turtle (WPT) survey methods and results, including WPT observations, weather conditions during surveys, frequency and duration of survey efforts to date, actions taken to rescue/relocate WPT (including the number of WPT relocated and which relocation area they were released) and data collected on handled individuals as identified in Section 2.1. This will be in addition to the WPT reporting described in Section 4.3.
2. Willow flycatcher survey methods and results, including detections, weather conditions during surveys, survey efforts to date, nesting or occupied status of habitat surveyed, any CDFW coordination to date and measures implemented.
3. Avian nesting survey methods and results, including weather conditions during surveys, survey efforts to date, duration of surveys, any active or inactive nests encountered, any CDFW coordination to date and measures implemented.
4. Bat visual survey results including weather conditions during surveys, measures taken to exclude bats from facilities prior to removal and removal activities.
5. Incidental special status species observations made during VES surveys.
6. Location of wetland buffers.
7. Crew training completed to date.

### **4.2 Annual Reporting**

The Renewal Corporation will provide annual status reports by January 30 of every year to FERC, USFWS, and CDFW detailing the application of management measures, construction status and agency consultation. The Renewal Corporation will prepare annual reports

beginning the year prior to drawdown (Year 0) and ending in the final year of the FERC issued final surrender order.

### **4.3 Western Pond Turtle Reporting**

The Renewal Corporation will submit the WPT Rescue and Relocation report to the California State Water Resources Control Board and CDFW 60 days after completing the post-drawdown surveys. This report will include the following information:

- Survey timing (which covers multiple life stages),
- Survey frequency,
- Survey locations,
- Relocation areas with suitable habitat, and
- Survey methodology.

The Renewal Corporation will submit the WPT final compliance report to CDFW and USFWS within 30 days of Proposed Action completion. This report will identify all activities that took place as a part of pre-and post-construction surveys for WPT. The Renewal Corporation has the discretion to establish when the Proposed Action is complete for WPT based on prior year survey results. This report will include the following:

- All individuals handled during rescue and relocation,
- Location, date, time, and duration of the handling,
- Enumeration of species handled,
- Identification of species life stage and health,
- Identification of capture personnel,
- Stream, transport, and receiving water temperatures,
- Location, date, and time of release.

### **4.4 California Natural Diversity Database**

The Renewal Corporation will submit incidental observations of special-status species in California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary to the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) online through duration of restoration.



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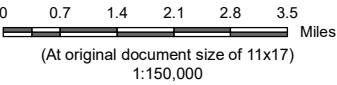
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



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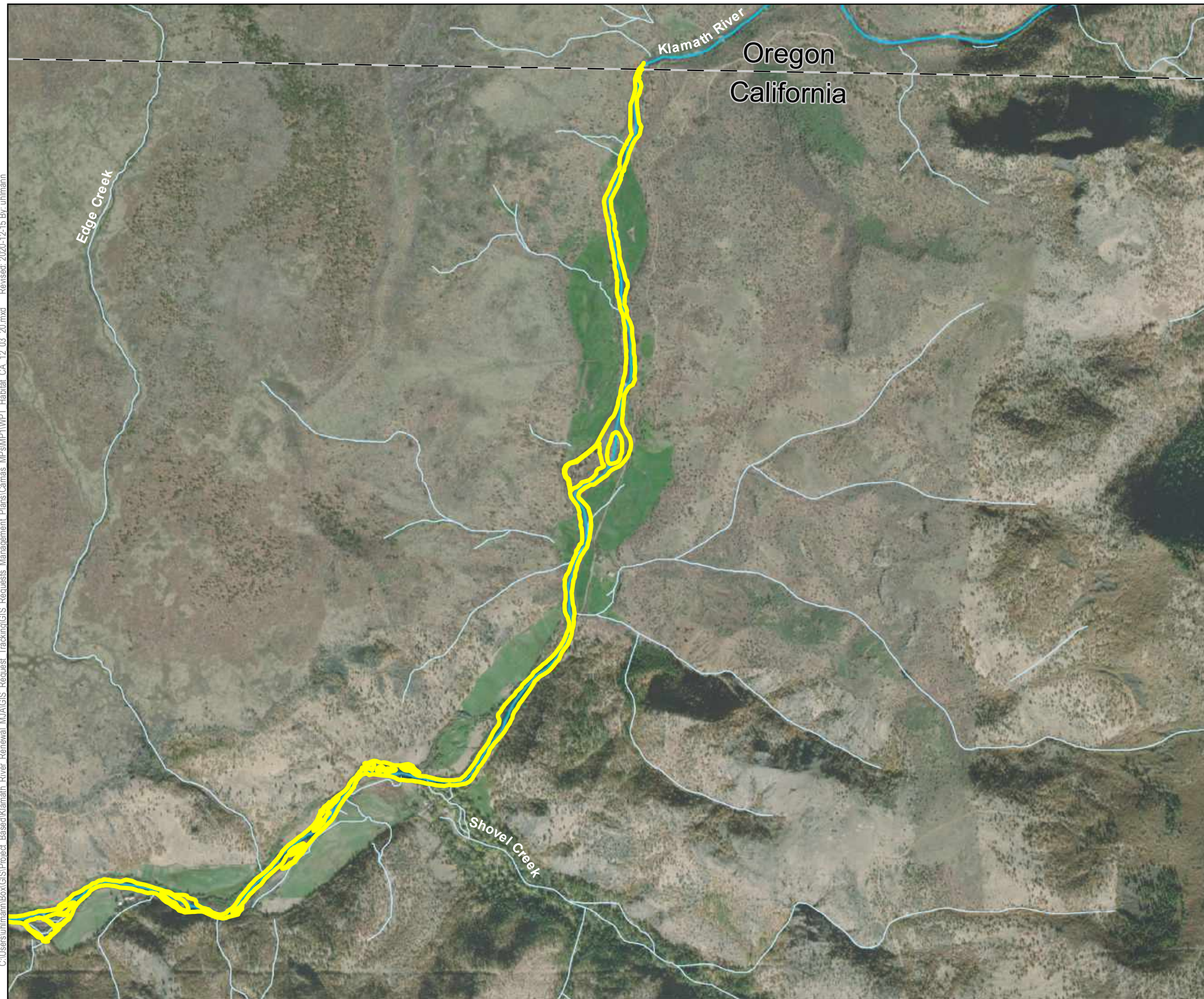
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**Figure 2. California Western Pond Turtle Pre-construction Survey and Relocation Areas**

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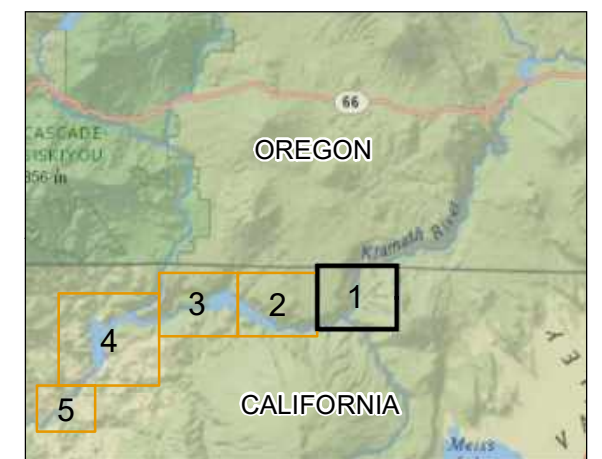
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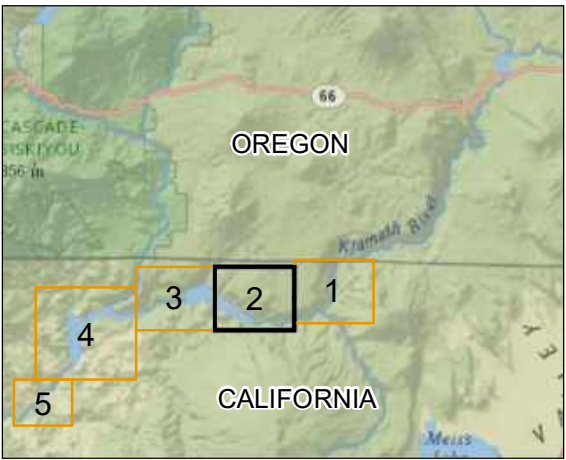
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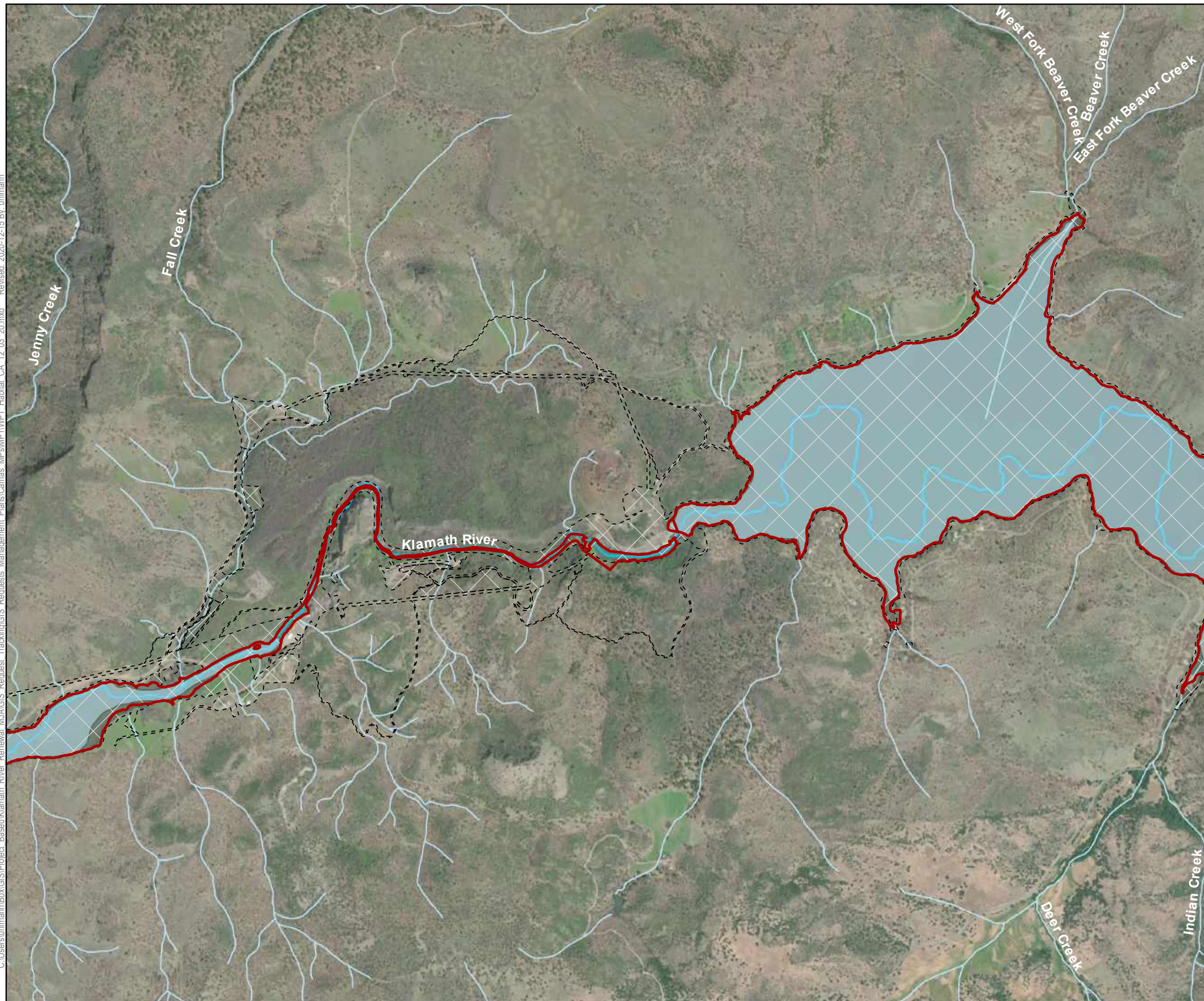


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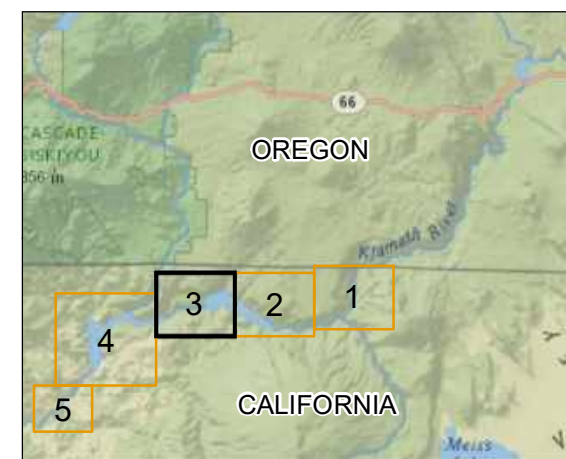
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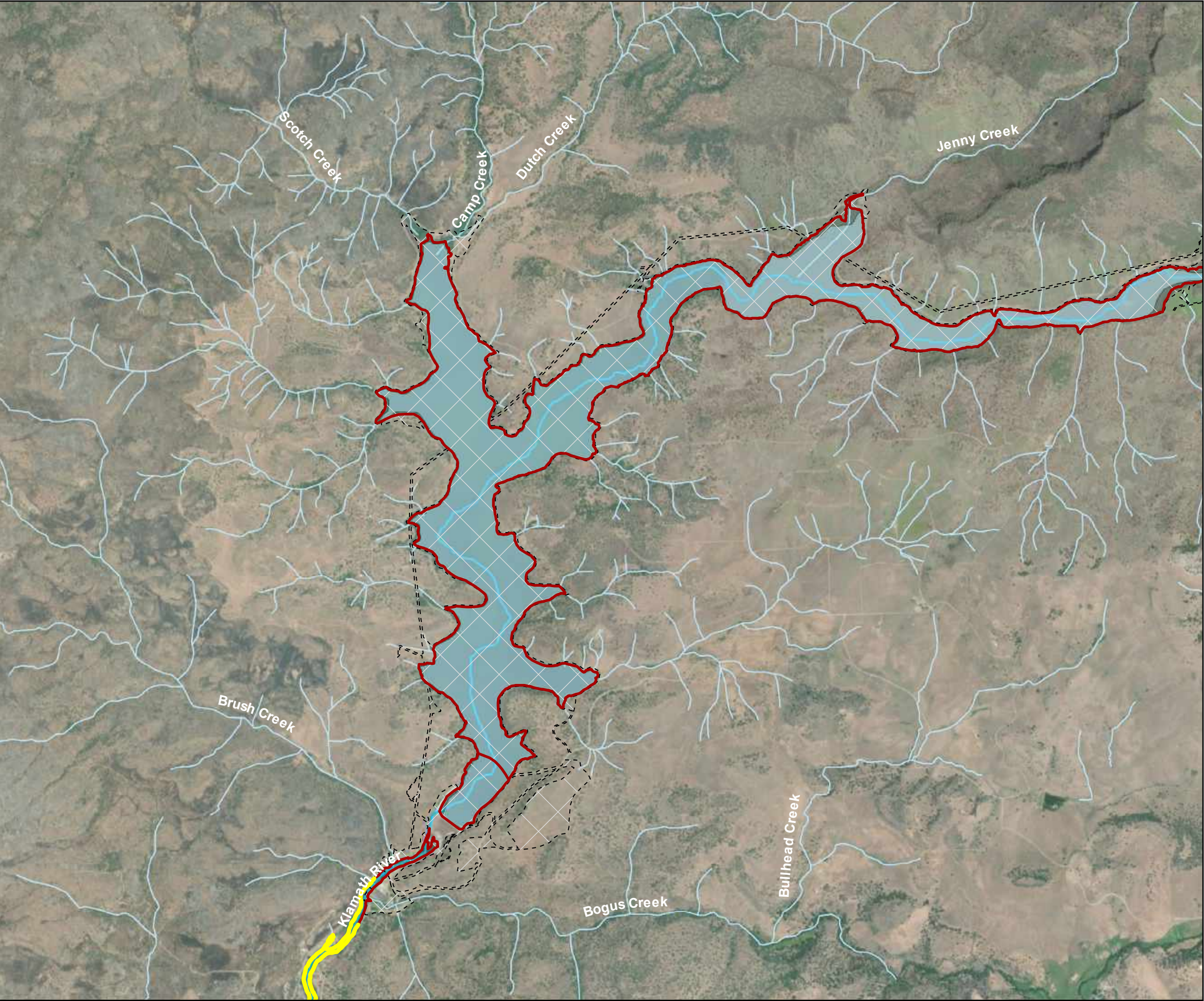


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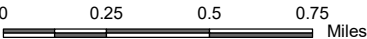
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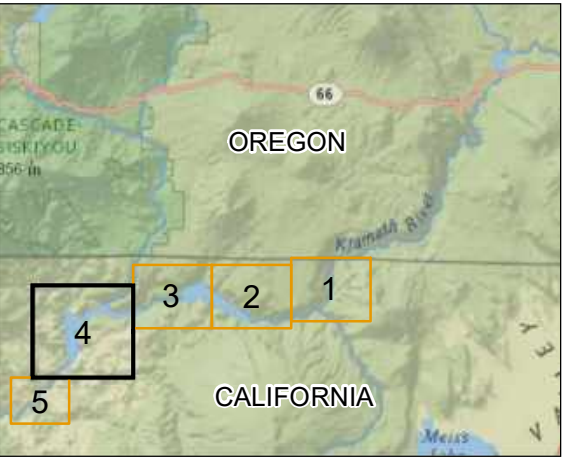
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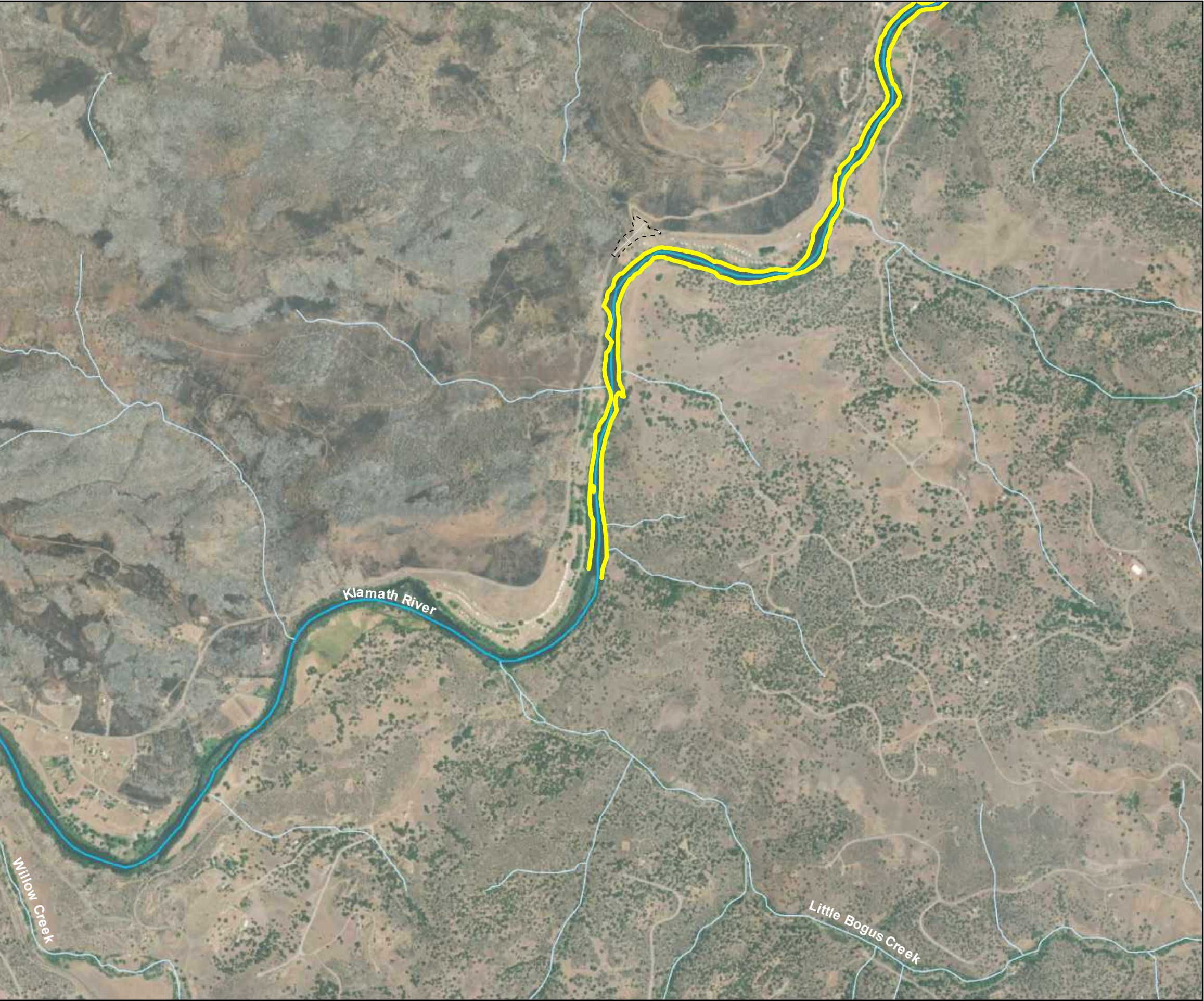


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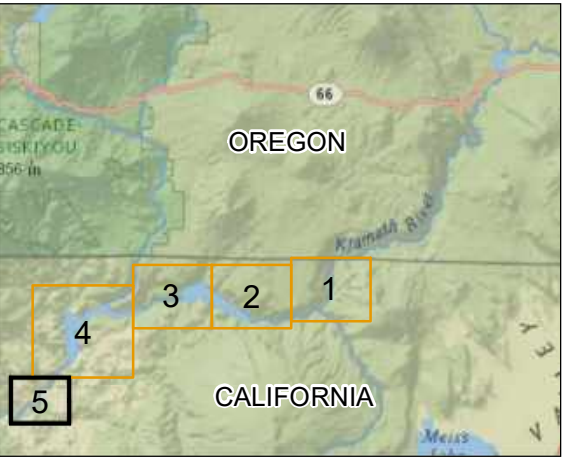
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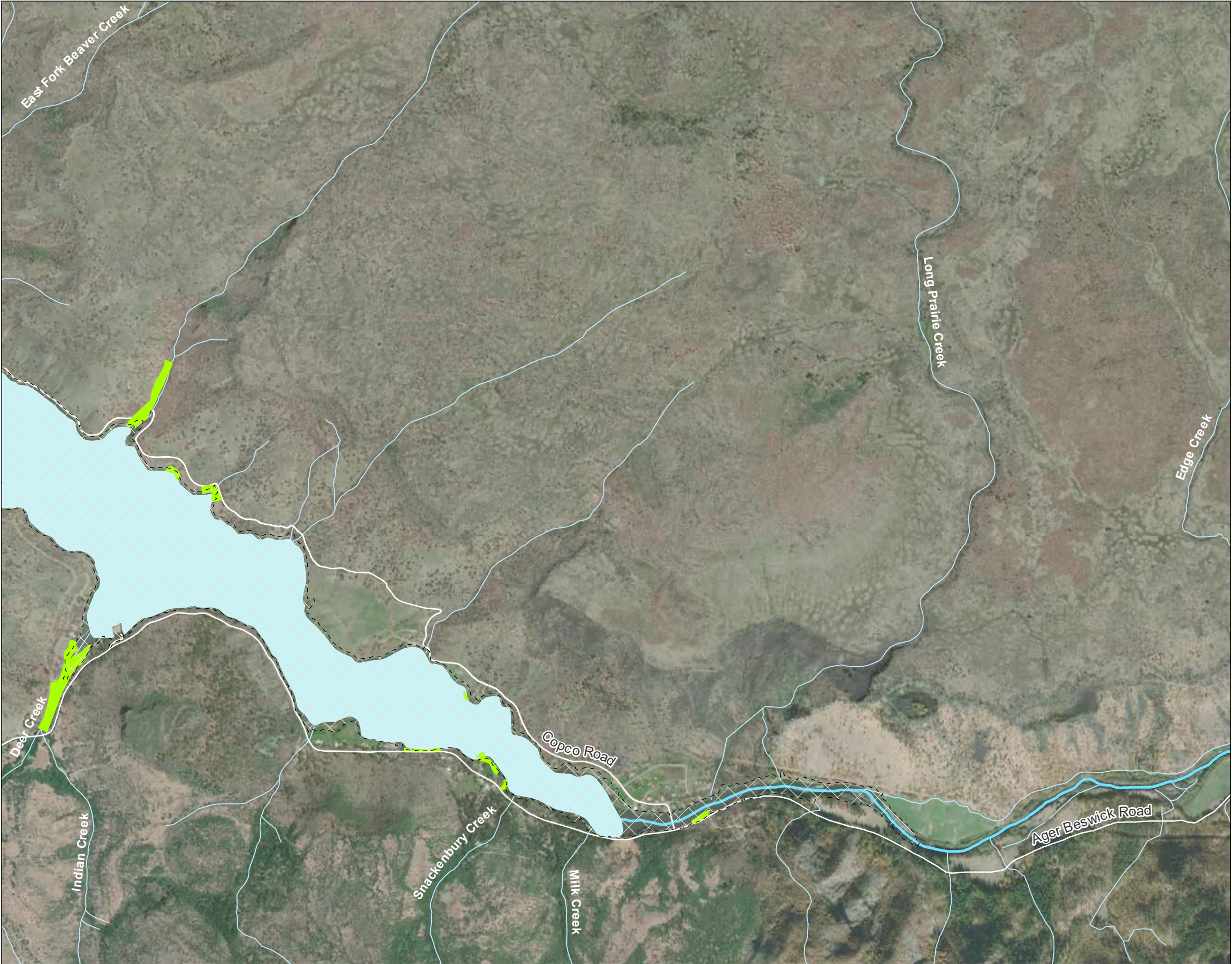


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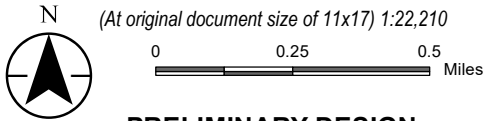
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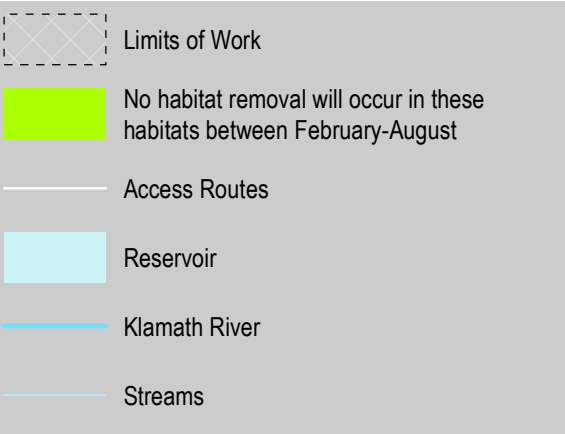
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**Figure 3. Willow Flycatcher Habitat**

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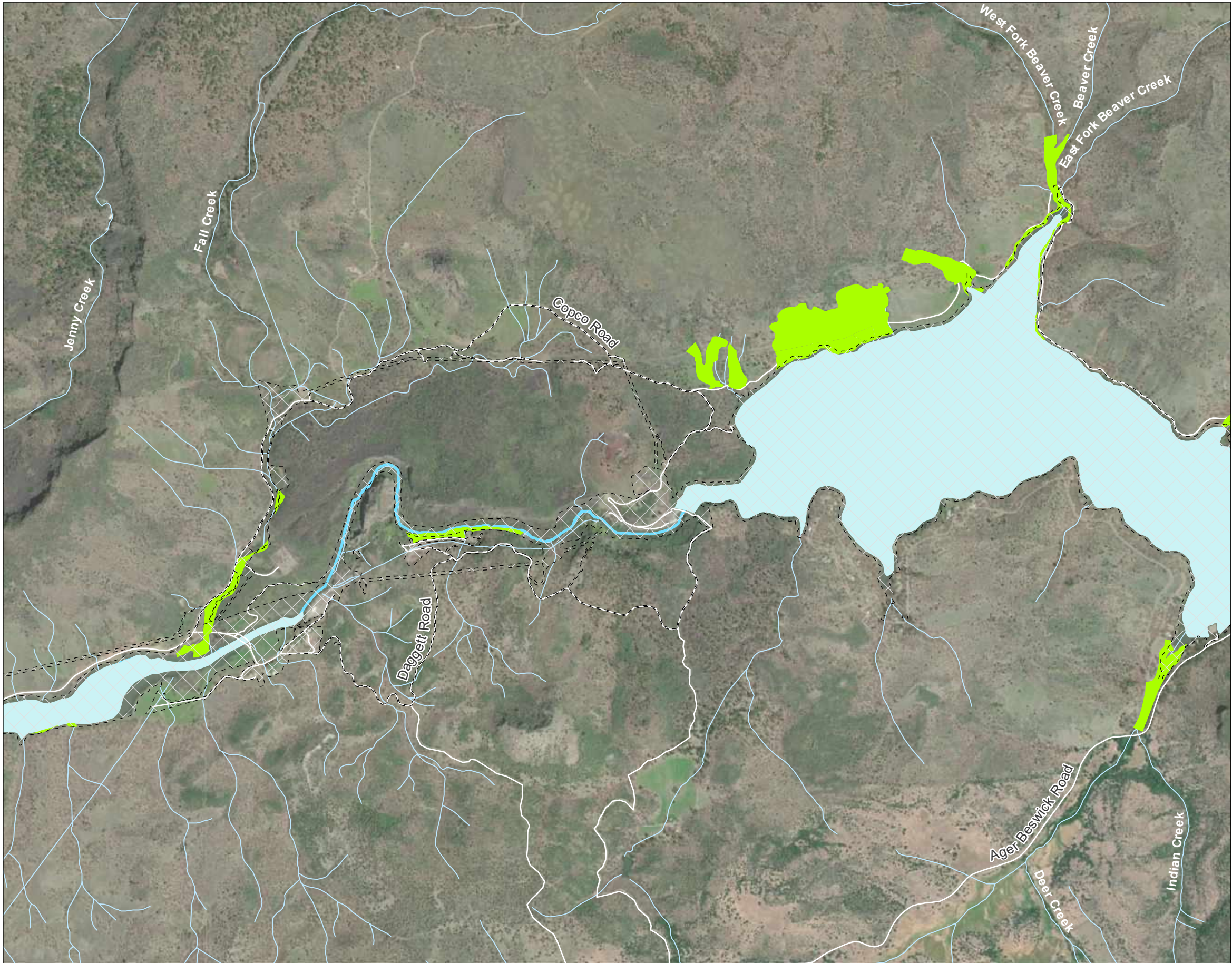


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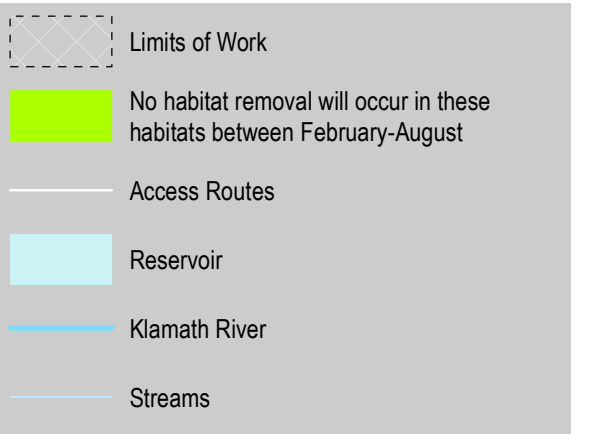
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**Figure 3. Willow Flycatcher Habitat**

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No habitat removal will occur in these habitats between February-August

Access Routes

Reservoir

Klamath River

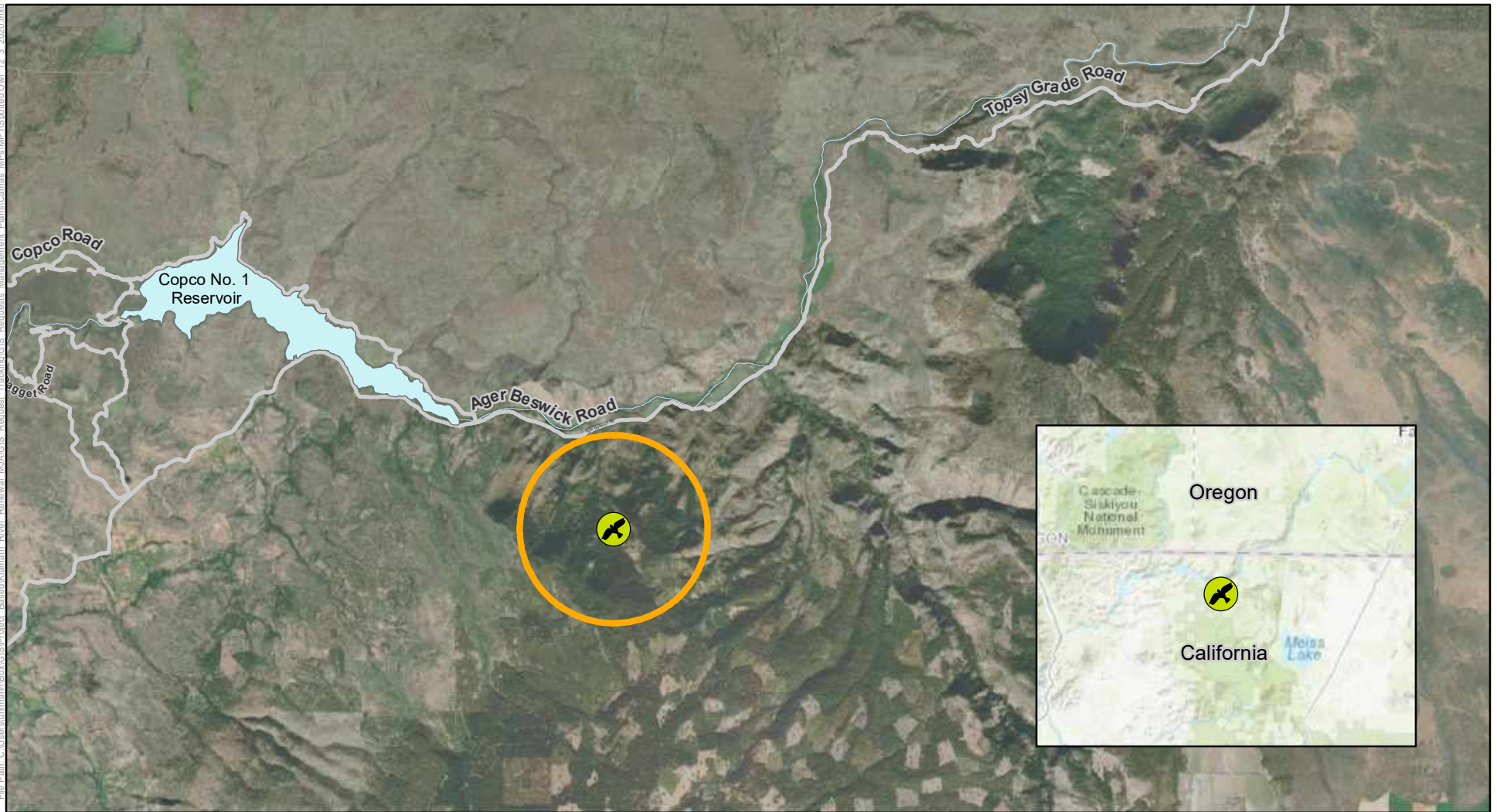
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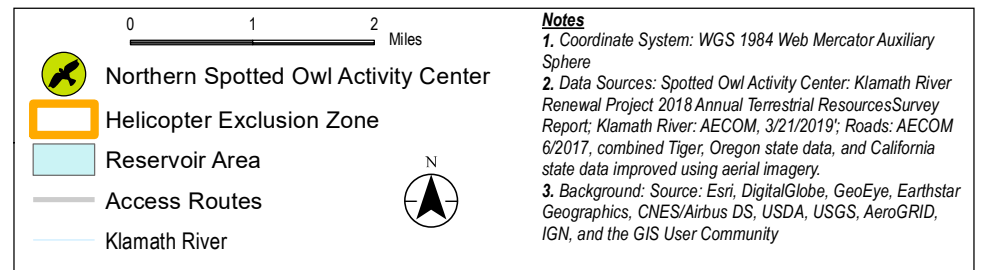


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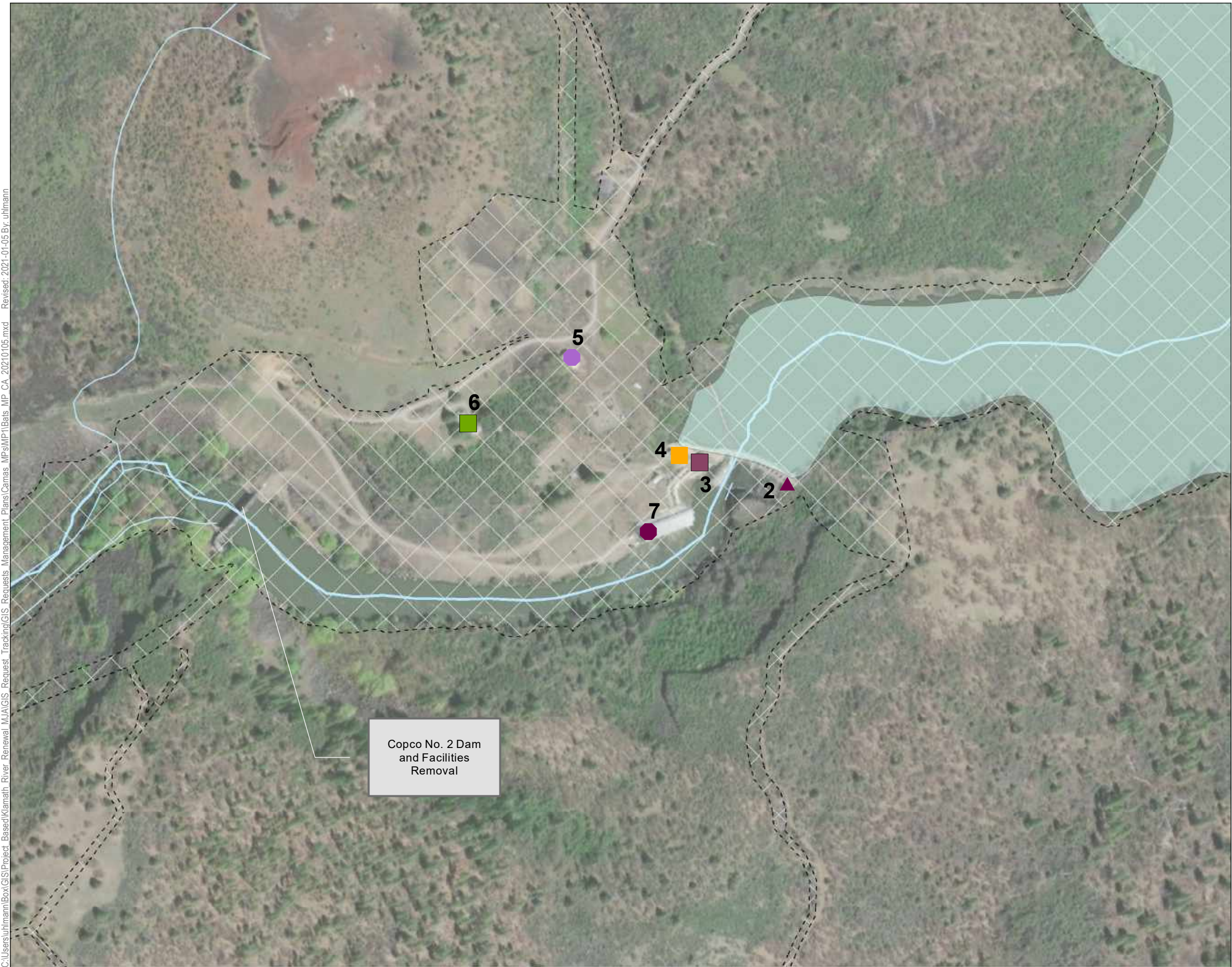
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**Figure 5. Structures with Potential Bat Roosts California**

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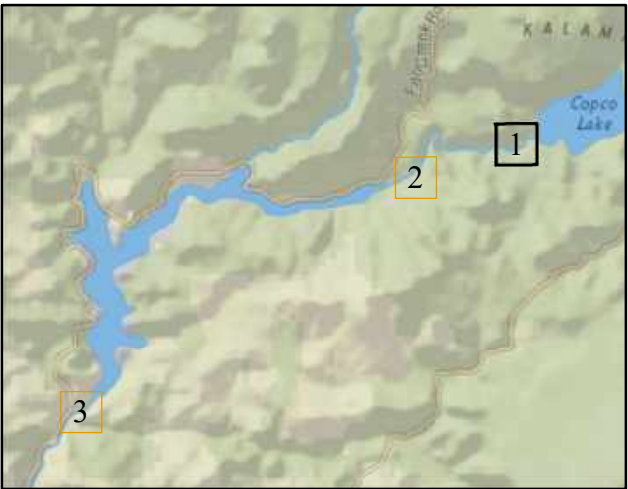
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**Structures with Potential Bat Roosts**

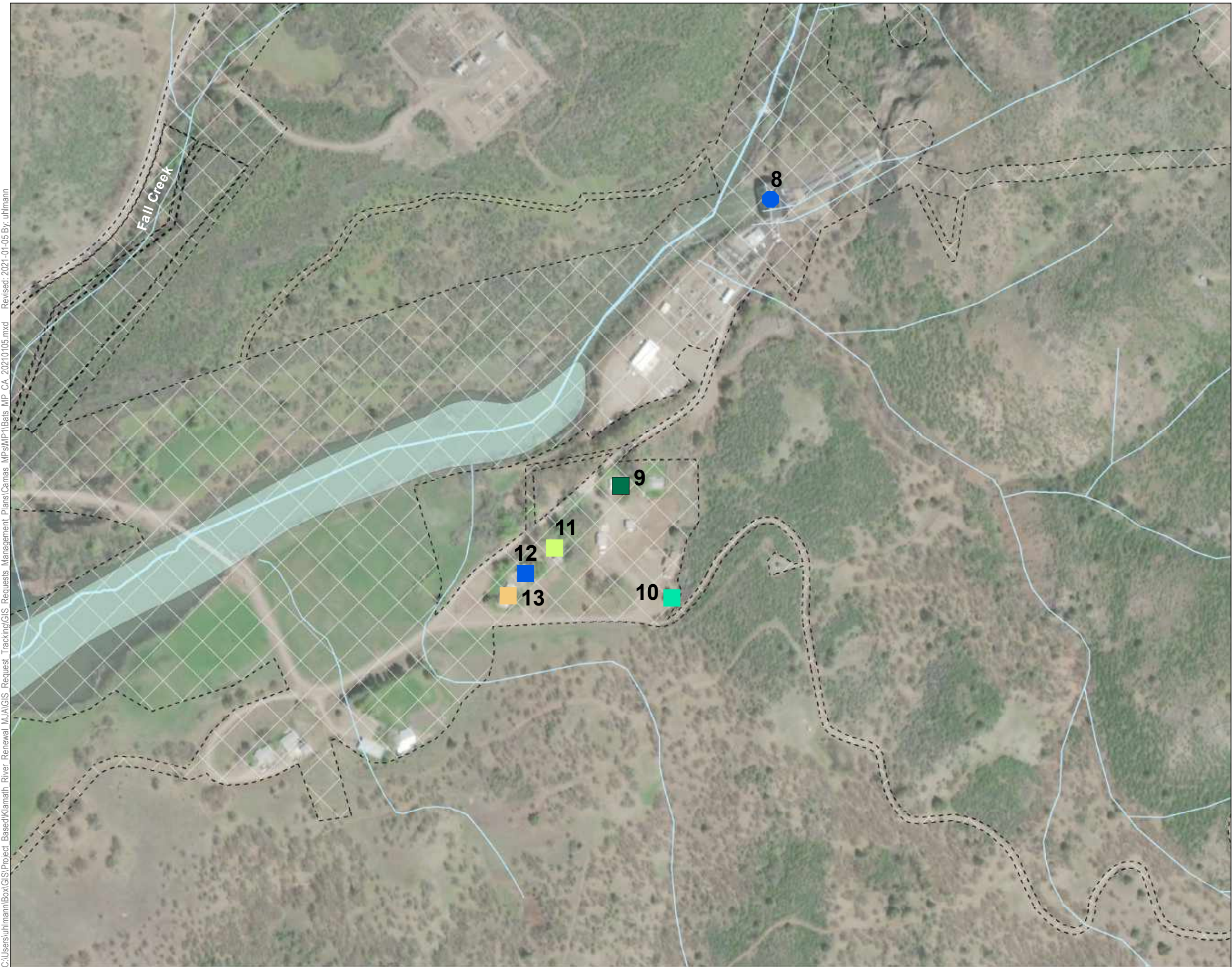
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- 3 Gatehouse C-11
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- 5 Maintenance Building
- 6 Vacant House #21601
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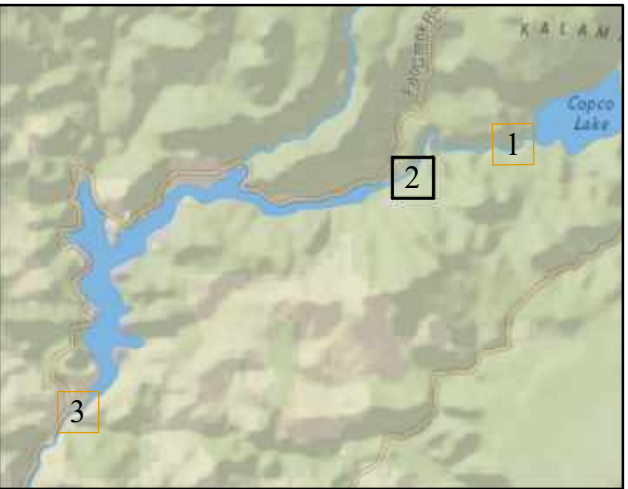
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**Structures with Potential Bat Roosts**

- 10 Cookhouse
- 11 Vacant House 3 (yellow green)
- 12 Vacant House 2 (blue)
- 13 Vacant House 1 (tan)
- 8 Powerhouse
- 9 Vacant House 4 (peach)
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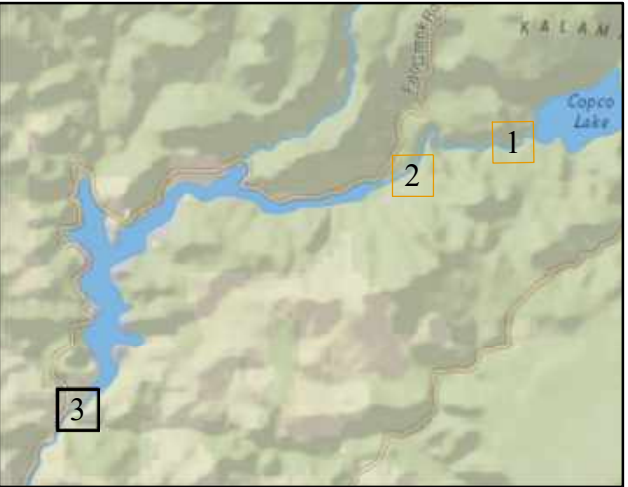
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**Structures with Potential Bat Roosts**

- 14 Penstock Intake Structure
- 15 Diversion Tunnel Outlet
- 16 Powerhouse
- 17 Barn/Garage
- 18 Lakeview Road Bridge

- Limits of Work
- Reservoir Area
- Klamath River

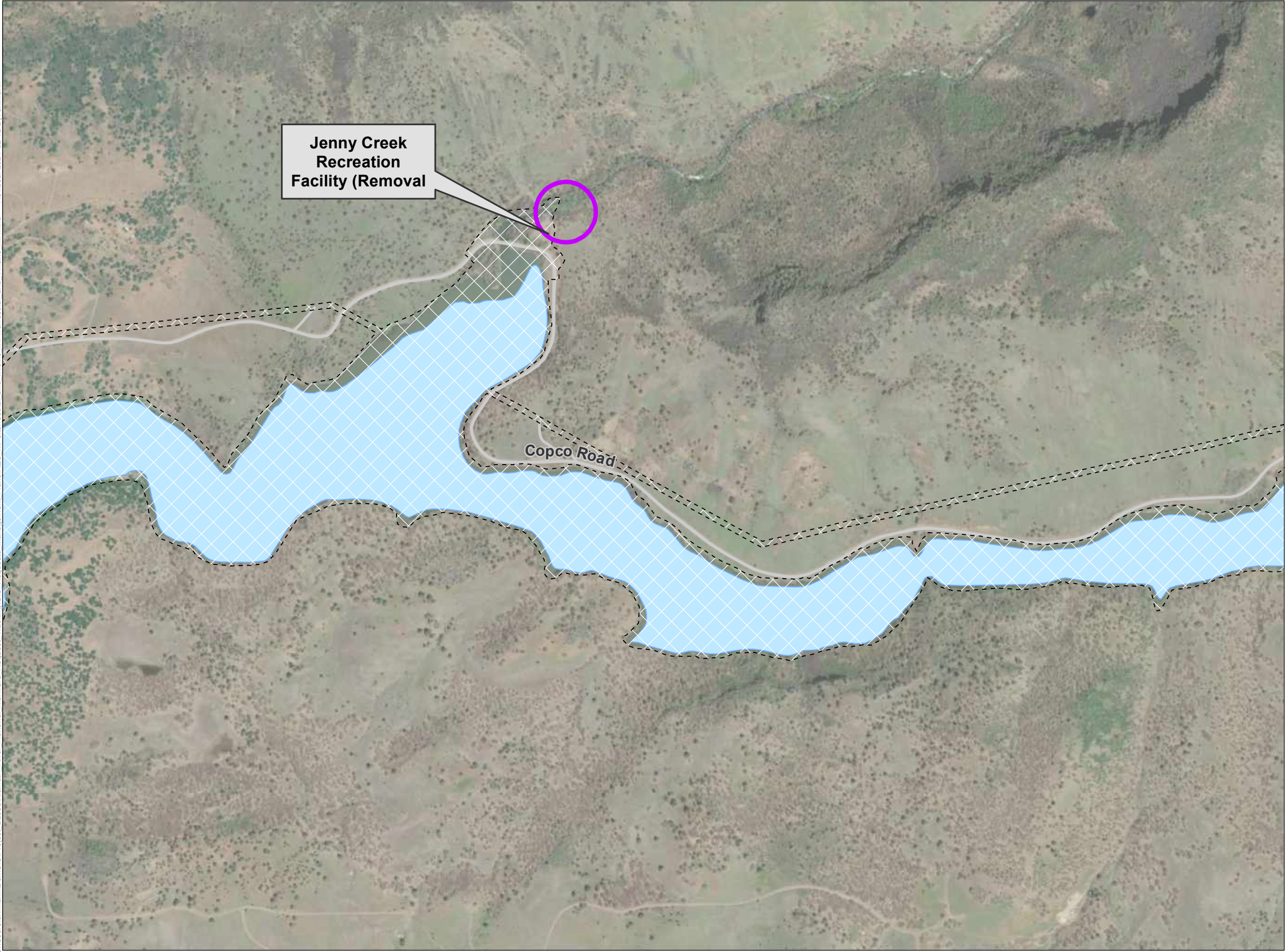


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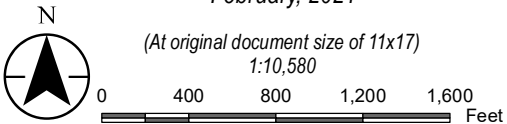
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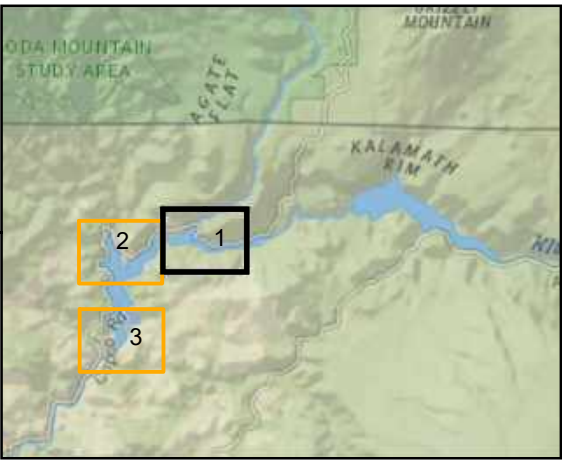
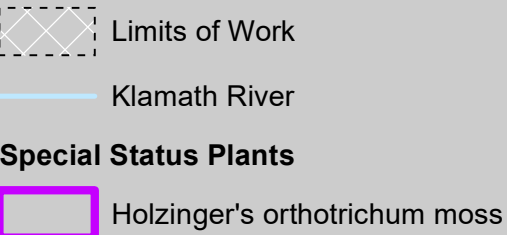
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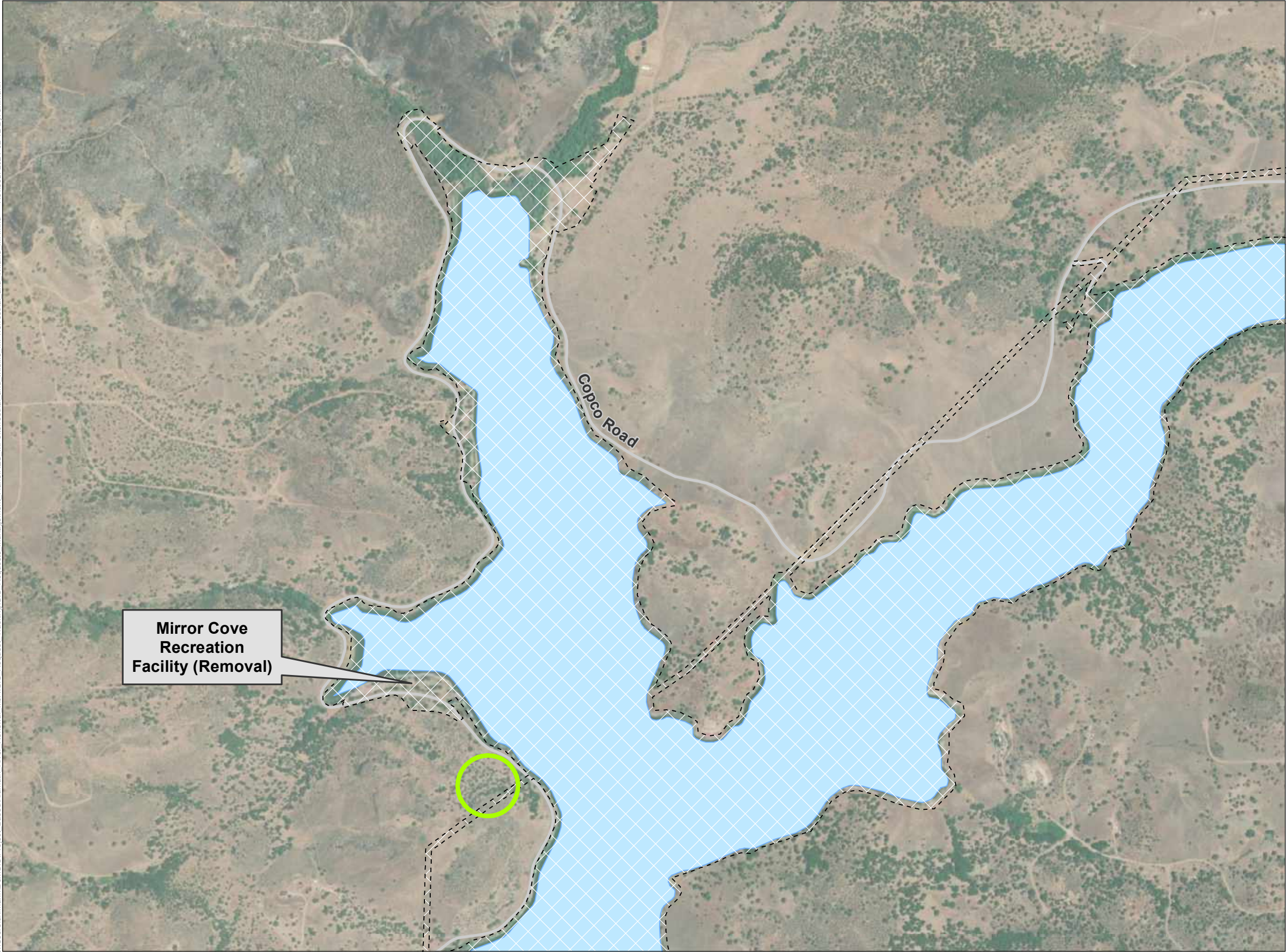


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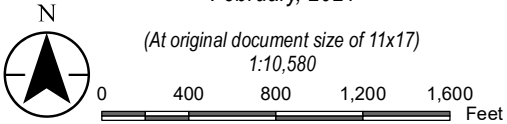
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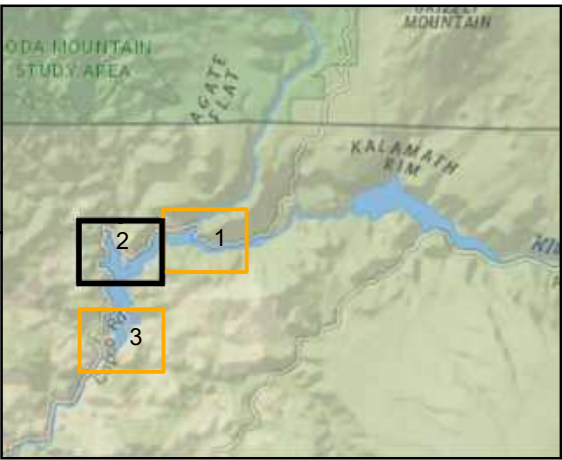
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**Special Status Plant Occurrences**  
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- Special Status Plants**
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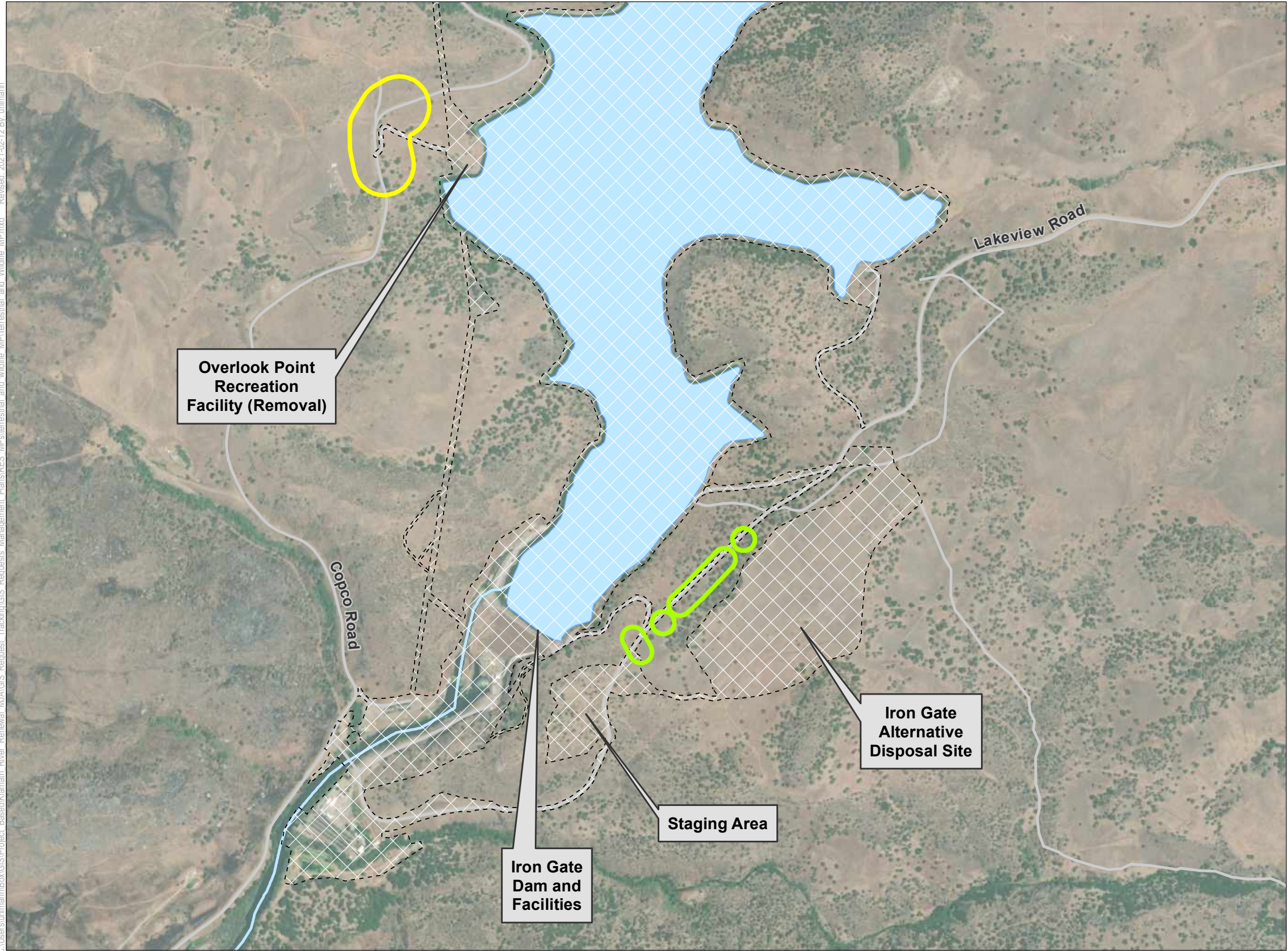


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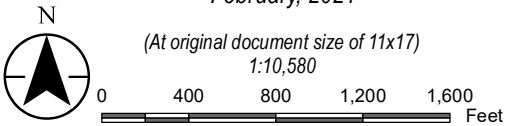
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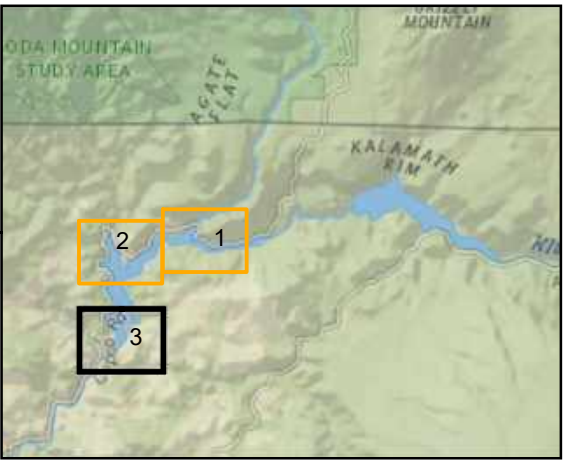
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- Special Status Plants**
- Detling's silverpuffs
- Greene's mariposa-lily

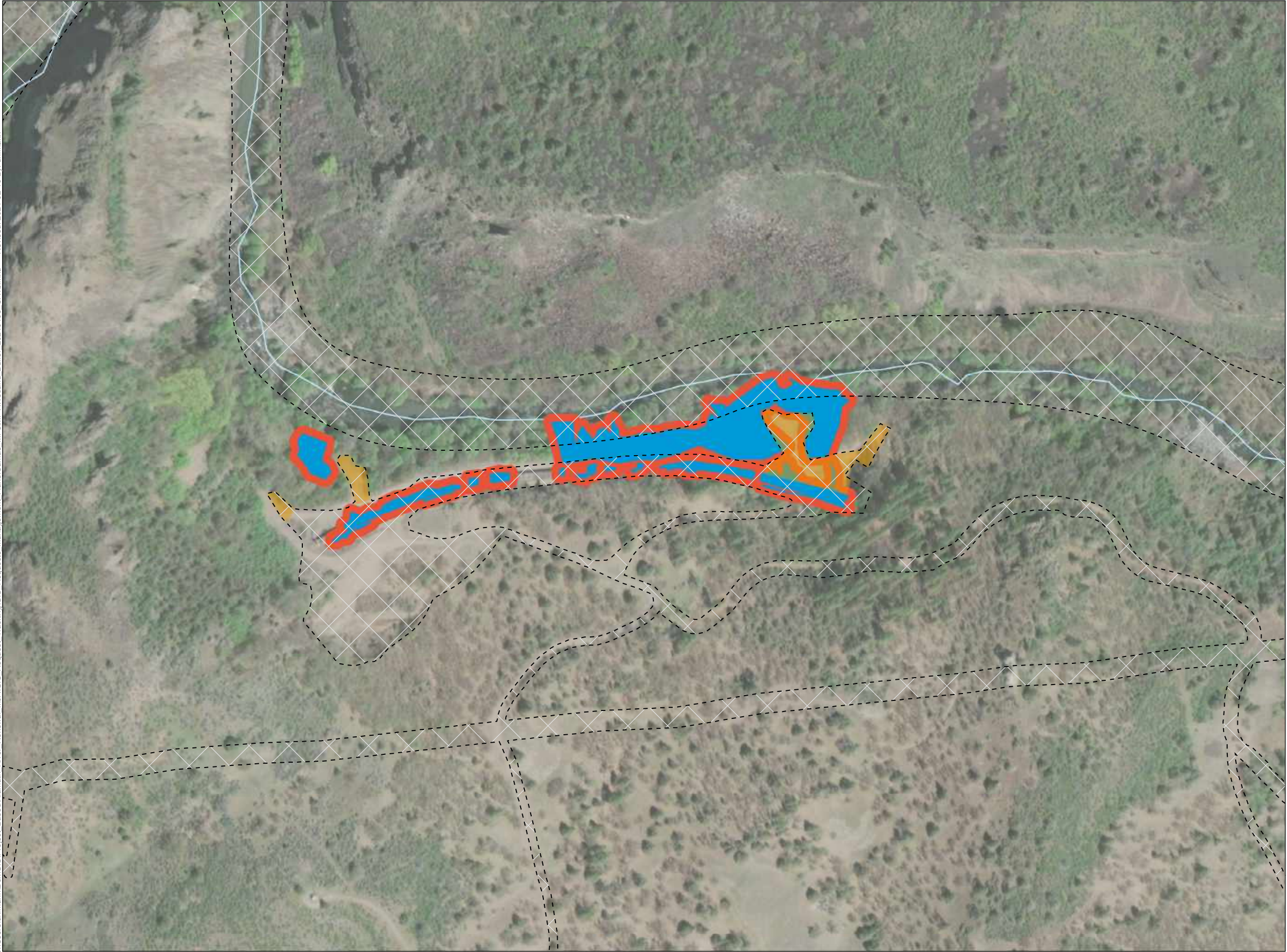


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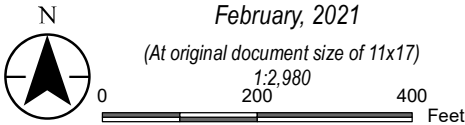
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**Figure 7. Wetland Buffers**






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-  Klamath River

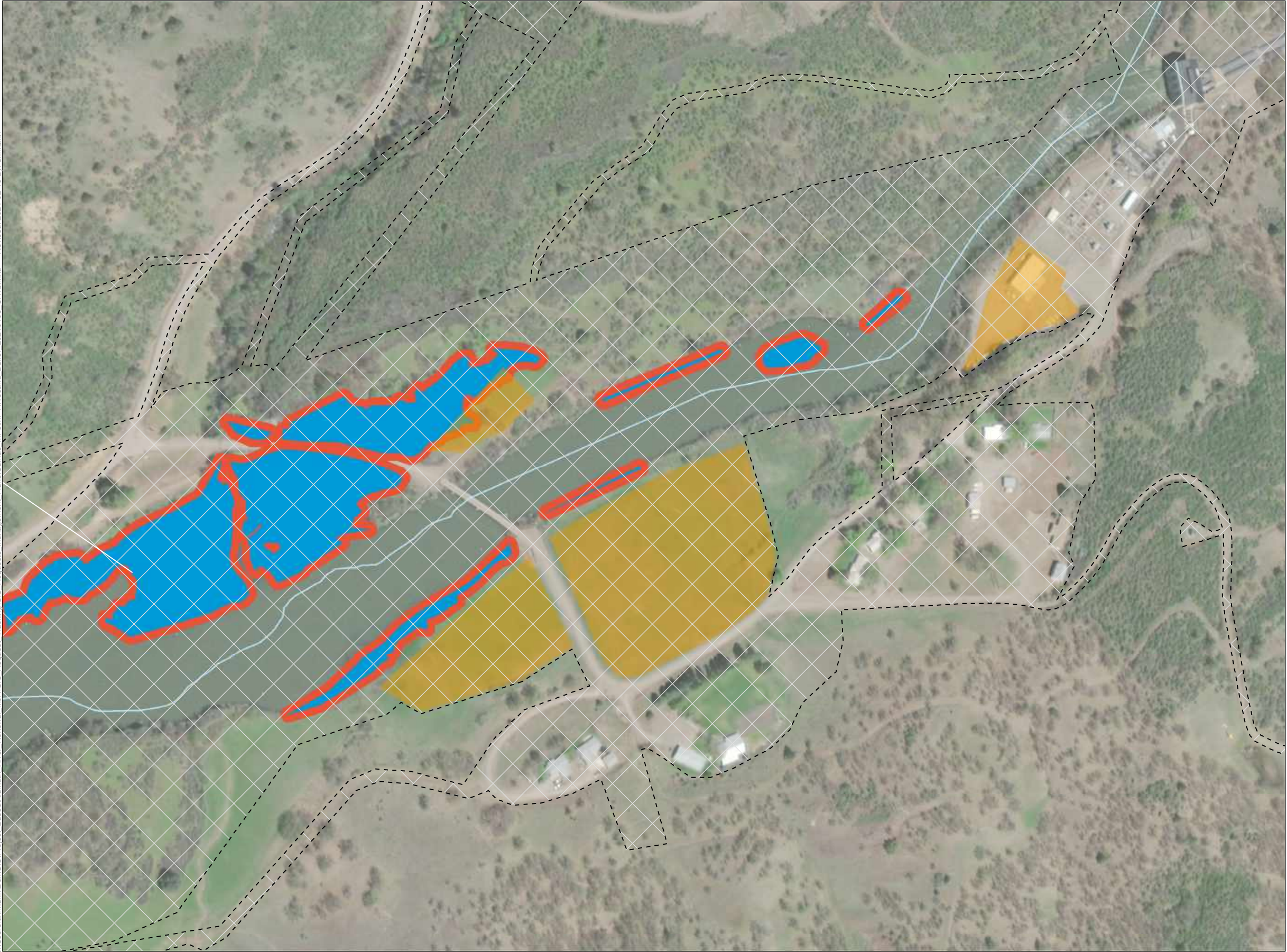


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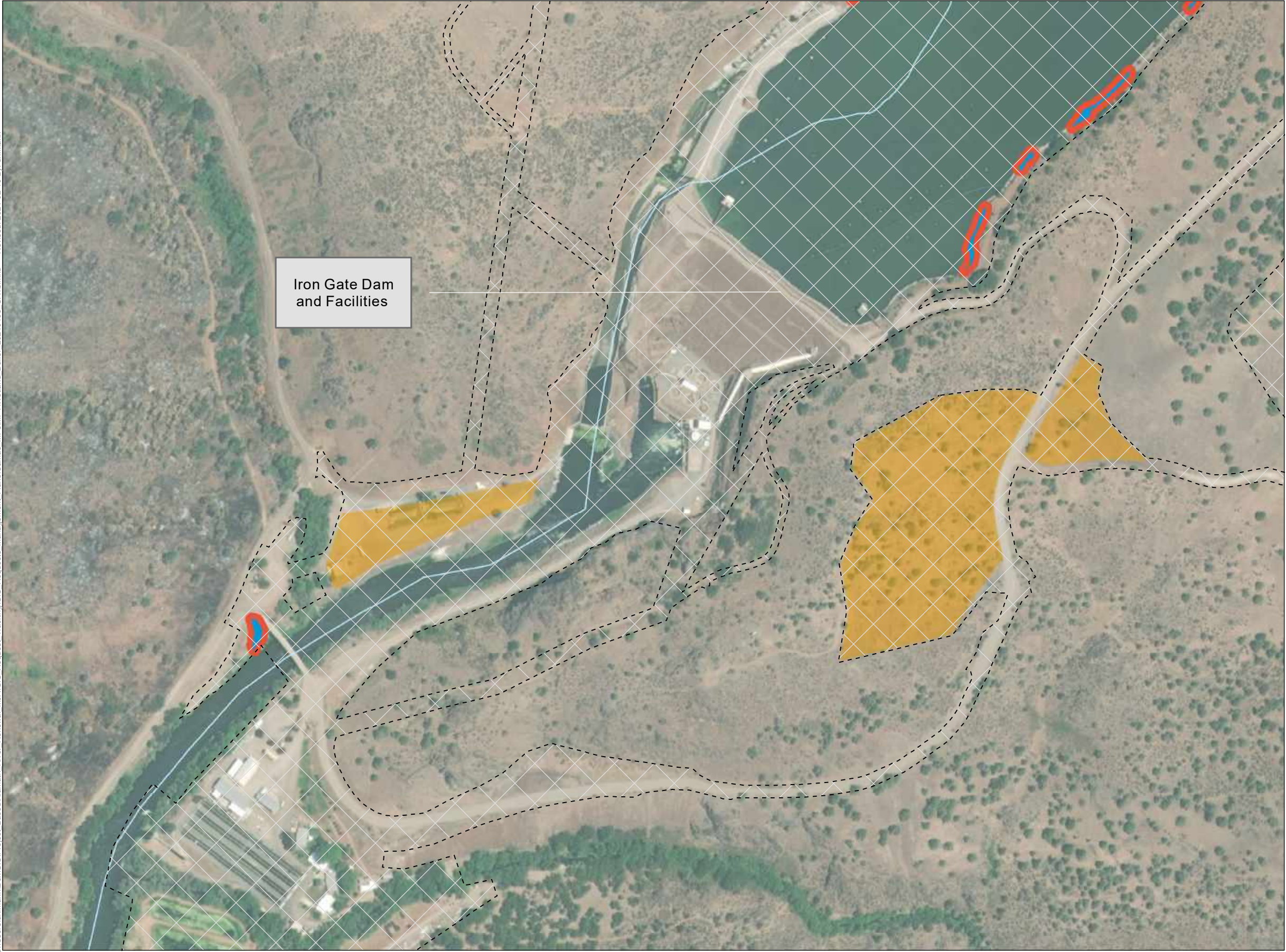
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## **Appendix B**

### **Agency Contacts**

**Western Pond Turtle**

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**Willow Flycatcher**

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**Non-special Status Nesting Birds**

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**Gray Wolf**

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## **Appendix C**

### **Terrestrial Agency Approved Protocols**



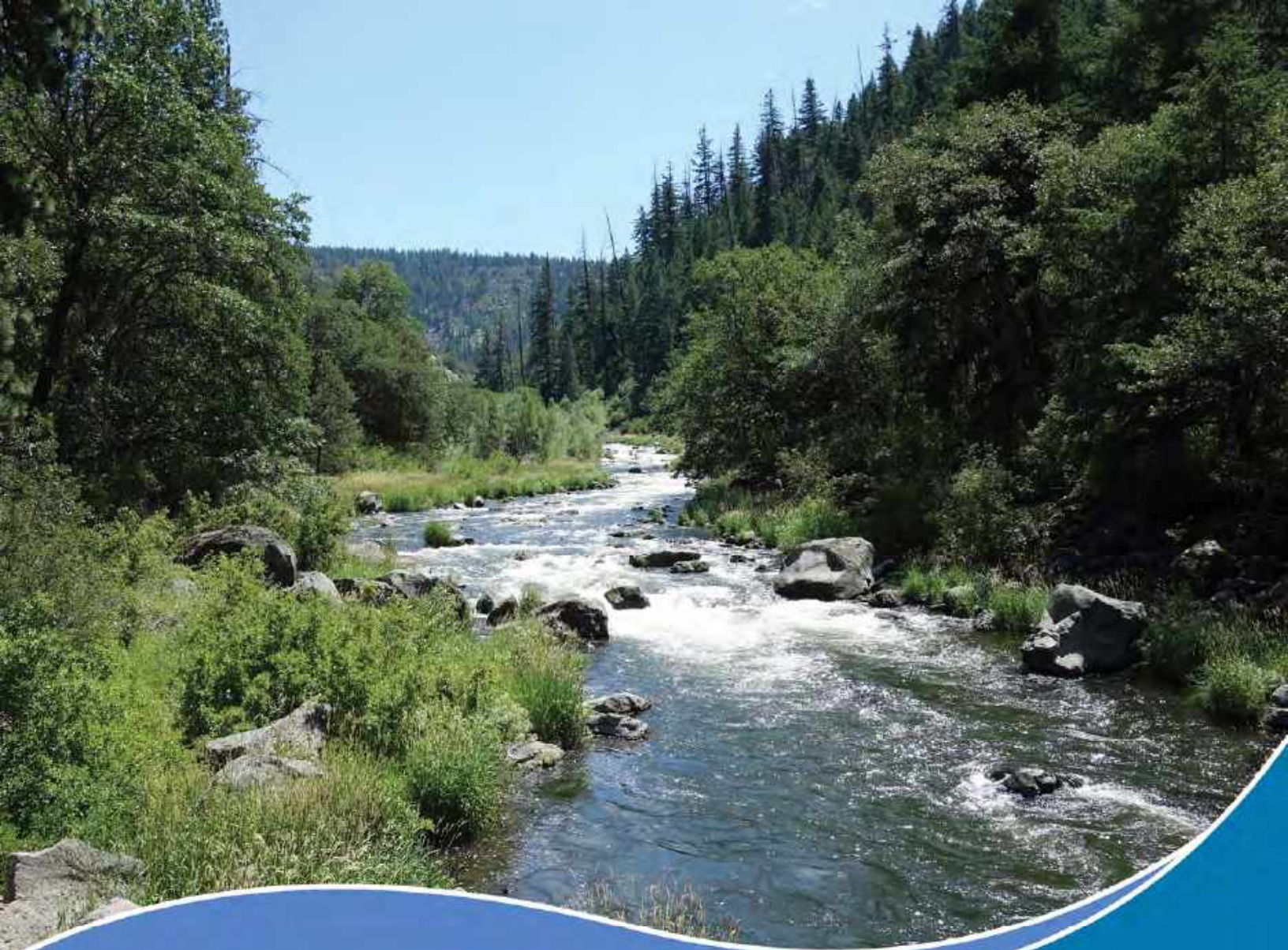
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*These protocols will be developed in consultation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at least three months prior to drawdown.*

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## **Appendix D**

### **Terrestrial Resources Technical Reports**



# Klamath River Renewal Project

## 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resources Survey Report

April 2019



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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

BLM	Bureau of Land Management
Cal-IPC	California Invasive Plant Council
CDFA	California Department of Food and Agriculture
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CE	California Endangered
CNDDDB	California Natural Diversity Database
CNPS	California Native Plant Society
COTO	Corynorhinus townsendii (Townsend's big-eared bat)
EIS/EIR	Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report
°F	degrees Fahrenheit
FE	Federal Endangered
FSC	Federal Species of Concern
GNR	Global not reported
GPS	Global Positioning System
IEV	invasive exotic vegetation
IPaC	USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation database
KCBC	Klamath County Board of Commissioners
KNF	Klamath National Forest
KRRC	Klamath River Renewal Corporation
MYYU	Myotis yumanensis (Yuma myotis)
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NSO	Northern Spotted Owl
OC	Candidate listing by Oregon Department of Agriculture
ODA	Oregon Department of Agriculture
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
ONHP	Oregon Natural Heritage Program
ORBIC	Oregon Biodiversity Information Center
Project	Klamath River Renewal Project
SDA	Siskiyou Department of Agriculture
SNR	State not reported
USBR	United States Bureau of Reclamation
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service

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# Chapter 1 Introduction

# 1. INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the terrestrial resources surveys conducted in 2018 for the Klamath River Renewal Project (Project). The Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) and its consultants carried out field investigations to collect existing condition information on the following terrestrial resources:

- Special-status wildlife
- Northern spotted owl
- Bald and golden eagles
- Bats
- Western pond turtle
- Special-status plants
- Vegetation communities
- Invasive exotic vegetation

## 1.1 Purpose of the Terrestrial Resources Surveys

The KRRC and project stakeholders require information on the existing condition of terrestrial resources to inform the ongoing Project design and regulatory permit processes, as described in previous studies and regulatory compliance documents, including the 2012 Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) (USBR and CDFW 2012) and the Joint Preliminary Biological Opinion (NMFS and USFWS 2012). As described in the Definite Plan, Appendix J (KRRC 2018), the KRRC has incorporated terrestrial resources surveys and avoidance and minimization measures into the Project as Terrestrial Resources Measures. These measures include the 2018 surveys described in this annual report. This report provides the findings of the surveys, along with conclusions based on an analysis of the information collected with regard to its suitability for informing the design and meeting regulatory requirements.

## 1.2 Study Area

This report describes the methods followed during field investigations for each resource listed above, which were based on survey work plans developed in close coordination with federal and state resource agencies, including the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Unless otherwise noted, surveys were conducted by KRRC biologists within a specific buffer around the limits of work (hereinafter referred to as study areas) for each resource. The KRRC developed these study areas in cooperation with the resource agencies listed above during development of the survey work plans (Appendix J of the Definite Plan [KRRC 2018]). Each of the following sections of this report focuses on a different terrestrial resource; the study area for each resource is described in the corresponding section. The limits of work (or Project area) include the dams and structures to be removed, the disposal sites, the haul and access roads that may undergo improvements, and the reservoirs, and are defined in the Definite Plan (KRRC 2018). The limits of work represent the physical extent of on-the-ground construction activities, including demolition, removal, and



restoration activities proposed as a part of this Project, as well as the extent of the J.C. Boyle Reservoir, Iron Gate Reservoir, and Copco Lake (see Figure 5.1-1 of the Definite Plan [KRRC 2018]). The 0.25-mile buffer shown in the overall Project map (Figure 1-1, Appendix A) represents the study area applied to general wildlife surveys and vegetation community surveys, as detailed in Sections 2 and 8, respectively. Surveys for osprey, northern spotted owl, eagles, and bats used different study areas, which are described in their respective sections and specified in related figures.

Figures cited in the text of this report are provided in Appendix A.



## Chapter 2 Special-Status Wildlife



## 2. SPECIAL-STATUS WILDLIFE

The KRRC identified special-status wildlife species with potential to occur in or near the Project area from a variety of sources. PacifiCorp identified several special-status wildlife species as occurring in or near the Project area (PacifiCorp 2004), and the United States Bureau of Reclamation and CDFW compiled this in the 2012 EIS/EIR (USBR and CDFW 2012). The KRRC also obtained information on the occurrences of special-status wildlife from USFWS, CDFW, ODFW, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the United States Forest Service (USFS) from sources that include the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (ORBIC), the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB), and the USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) database. Special-status wildlife species that were considered during survey planning included those that are federal and/or state threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, California Species of Special Concern, Oregon Natural Heritage Program (ONHP) List 1 and 2 species, and Oregon Sensitive species. BLM and USFS Sensitive Species, Assessment Species, Tracking Species, and Survey and Manage species were also considered, where BLM and USFS lands occur in the study area; however, not all of these species trigger a regulatory concern.

Most of the special-status species are birds; some are year-round residents while others are migratory, using the study area either for nesting or for overwintering. In addition, a small number of special-status invertebrate, amphibian, reptile, and mammal species have the potential to occur in or near the Project area. A comprehensive list of special-status species with potential to occur in or near the Project area is provided in Appendix J of the definite plan (KRRC 2018); this document focuses more narrowly on presenting the results of 2018 field surveys.

The primary objective of the 2018 surveys for special-status wildlife was to collect baseline information on the species using the study area and on the habitats present that have potential to support special-status wildlife. This information is needed to identify potential impacts on species and/or habitats from Project activities, identify federal and state permit requirements, and develop measures needed to avoid or minimize potential impacts on species and habitats. The KRRC applied a 0.25-mile buffer around the Project area to generate the study area for the special -status wildlife surveys. The rationale for this study area is described in more detail in Section 2.1. Based on input from USFWS, CDFW, and ODFW, the KRRC did not conduct focused surveys requiring trapping or other invasive methods, with the exception of surveys for western pond turtle (see Section 6). Rather, field surveys focused on identifying suitable habitats for these species, to determine whether and to what extent suitable habitat exists in the study area and where it may be modified, affected, or destroyed by Project activities.

Northern spotted owls, bald eagles, golden eagles, bats, western pond turtle, and special-status plants are discussed in separate sections of this document.

## 2.1 Methods

KRRC biologists conducted general wildlife surveys from May 14 through 24 and June 11 through 15, 2018. Biologists established transects to cover the 0.25-mile study area described in Section 1.2. The KRRC developed the 0.25-mile study area in cooperation with the resource agencies during development of the survey work plans, which are provided in Appendix J of the Definite Plan (KRRC 2018). Biologists walked the length of each transect, recording all wildlife observations, including direct visual and auditory observations, scat, and other signs of presence. Field teams recorded wildlife behaviors, particularly breeding activity. In addition to land-based transects, biologists surveyed reservoir shorelines and open water by boat to record observations of aquatic and semi-aquatic species (e.g., western pond turtle, waterfowl, etc.). Biologists noted all special-status species seen or heard, and their approximate number, location, and behavior (e.g., roosting, loafing, foraging, courtship, mating, incubating eggs, or feeding young).

The following special-status species received additional focus:

- Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*): There are several osprey nest platforms within 0.25 mile of the limits of work that may be removed or disturbed during construction. Biologists surveyed all nest platforms, transmission line towers, and reservoir and river shorelines within a slightly larger 0.75-mile study area for osprey nests.
- Willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*): Because willow flycatcher is a California endangered species, its habitat is protected. Biologists noted and mapped willow flycatcher habitat during wildlife and vegetation surveys.
- Nesting great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*): Nesting bird colonies are protected under California and Oregon state laws. Biologists visually surveyed the study area for great blue heron colonies during wildlife surveys.
- Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*): Peregrine falcons may use the same nest for multiple years, and these nest sites are protected under state laws. Biologists visually surveyed the study area for nesting peregrine falcon during wildlife surveys.
- Greater sandhill crane (*Grus canadensis tabida*): Sandhill crane is a California threatened species, and nest sites are protected. Biologists visually surveyed the study area for nesting sandhill crane during wildlife surveys.
- Tricolored blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*): Tricolored blackbird is a California threatened species, and nesting colonies are protected. Biologists visually surveyed the study area for tricolored blackbird colonies during wildlife surveys.



## 2.2 Findings

Biologists observed a total of 32 special-status wildlife species in the study area during the special-status wildlife surveys conducted in May and June 2018 (Table 2-1). For the purposes of this report, species observations were organized in association with the three Project reservoirs closest to the observation (i.e., if a species was observed in a tributary to the Iron Gate Reservoir, it was grouped with other species observed in the vicinity of the Iron Gate Reservoir). Some species were found at all three reservoirs, while others were only observed at one or two reservoirs. Of the 33 special-status wildlife species observed, there were 3 reptile species, 29 bird species, and 1 mammal species.

Table 2-1: Special-Status Species Observed in the Study Area during 2018 Surveys

Species	Iron Gate Reservoir Area	Copco Lake Area	J.C. Boyle Reservoir Area
<b>Reptiles</b>			
Western Pond Turtle <i>Actinemys marmorata</i>	Observed throughout reservoir shorelines; noted in Mirror Cove and near Camp and Jenny Creeks. Observed in Jenny Creek near the Copco Road bridge.	Observed throughout reservoir shorelines, typically within coves.	Observed throughout reservoir shorelines; occurring in higher numbers at the southernmost portion of the reservoir on top of the boom near the dam.
Northern Sagebrush Lizard <i>Sceloporus graciosus</i>	Observed throughout the reservoir area. Noted near the fish hatchery, Long Gulch Cove shoreline, Jenny Creek shorelines, and recreational areas.	Observed throughout the reservoir area, particularly on dry, rocky slopes. Noted in rocky areas to the east of Fall Creek.	Observed throughout the reservoir area on dry, rocky slopes. Noted in the dam spillway area.
California Mountain Kingsnake <i>Lampropeltis zonata</i>			Observed on a rocky outcrop below the dam.
<b>Birds</b>			
Bufflehead <i>Bucephala albeola</i>	Observed throughout reservoir in mixed rafts with other waterfowl.	Observed throughout the reservoir in mixed rafts with other waterfowl.	Observed in the northern portion of reservoir.
Mountain Quail <i>Oreotyx pictus</i>		Observed throughout the reservoir area; a large covey was observed just east of Beaver Creek cove.	Observed throughout the reservoir area; noted along the utility line corridor west of the canal and at the Topsy Campground near the Highway 66 bridge.
Vaux's Swift <i>Chaetura vauxi</i>			Observed flying over the eastern shore of the reservoir.
Greater Sandhill Crane <i>Grus canadensis tabida</i>			Active nest observed on the northwestern shore of reservoir; adults also heard calling from the emergent wetlands along the northeastern shore.
Caspian Tern <i>Sterna caspia</i>	Observed throughout the reservoir, flying overhead and foraging.	Observed throughout the reservoir, flying overhead and foraging.	Observed throughout the reservoir, flying overhead and foraging.
Forster's Tern <i>Sterna forsteri</i>		Observed throughout the reservoir.	Observed in the southern portions of the reservoir.

Species	Iron Gate Reservoir Area	Copco Lake Area	J.C. Boyle Reservoir Area
Common Loon <i>Gavia immer</i>		Observed throughout the reservoir; noted in Keaton Cove.	
Double-crested Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	Observed throughout the reservoir; noted in Long Gulch Cove, Camp Creek, and on the boom near the dam.	Observed throughout the reservoir; most often flying overhead or foraging/resting in the northern coves.	Observed throughout the reservoir; noted along the northeastern shore, and on the boom near the dam.
American White Pelican <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	Observed throughout the reservoir; noted in Mirror Cove, Juniper Point, and the upstream extent of the reservoir, as well as on the boom near the dam.	Observed throughout the reservoir; noted near the dam and in Keaton Cove.	Observed throughout the reservoir; noted in the vicinity of the Highway 66 bridge and on the boom near the dam.
Great Blue Heron <i>Ardea herodias</i>	Observed throughout the reservoir; noted in Mirror Cove, Jenny Creek, and Bogus Creek.	Observed throughout the reservoir area; noted perching atop the canyon along the Copco Bypass Reach. Active nesting colony observed in the riparian area near the Copco No. 2 penstock.	Observed throughout the reservoir area; noted near Spencer Creek, along the northeastern shore, and near Topsy Campground.
Great Egret <i>Casmerodius albus</i>	Observed along the Klamath River immediately downstream of the fish hatchery.	Observed throughout the reservoir area.	
Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Observed throughout the reservoir. Several active nests observed on platforms atop utility poles.	Observed throughout the reservoir. Several active nests observed on platforms atop utility poles.	Observed throughout the reservoir. Several active nests observed on platforms atop utility poles.
Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	A pair observed along the southern shoreline of the upstream extent of the reservoir.	Observed perched on a slope above the northern shoreline of the reservoir. A pair was also observed near a northern cove; one bathing in the shallow water.	
Northern Harrier <i>Circus hudsonius</i>	Observed along the northern shoreline in the northeast portion of the reservoir and just downstream of the dam.		
Cooper's Hawk <i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Observed along the northern shoreline of the reservoir. A potential nest was observed near the confluence of Camp and Dutch Creek.	Observed throughout the reservoir area; noted in the forested seep area along the northern shoreline of the reservoir.	Observed throughout the reservoir; noted on the southeastern side of the reservoir in the dense mixed woodlands just north of the dam spillway.
Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Observed throughout the reservoir area; noted flying over Long Gulch Cove, along the southeastern side of reservoir, and near the dam.	Observed throughout the reservoir area; noted flying overhead near Keaton Cove.	Observed throughout the reservoir area; most frequently observed flying overhead or perched in pines in the vicinity of the Highway 66 bridge.
Lewis Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes lewis</i>	Observed throughout the reservoir area; noted at the fish hatchery.	Observed throughout the reservoir area; noted along the northern shoreline at Beaver Creek cove.	Observed along the eastern shoreline of the reservoir.



Species	Iron Gate Reservoir Area	Copco Lake Area	J.C. Boyle Reservoir Area
Acorn Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	Observed along the eastern shoreline of the reservoir, southwest of Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area, and near the fish hatchery.	Observed throughout the reservoir area in relatively dense oak and mixed forests.	
Pileated Woodpecker <i>Drycopus pileatus</i>			Observed throughout the reservoir area in densely forested habitats.
American Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	An active nest was observed on the northeastern side of the reservoir in a rocky outcrop above Copco Road.		An active nest was reported by BLM on a cliff along the eastern side of the Klamath River Canyon, less than 1 mile southeast of the end of the canal.
Olive-sided Flycatcher <i>Contopus cooperi</i>		Observed in riparian woodlands along the northern shoreline, particularly at Beaver Creek cove.	Observed throughout the reservoir area.
Willow Flycatcher <i>Empidonax traillii</i>	Observed in willow riparian habitat at Jenny Creek near the confluence with the reservoir.	Observed in reservoir fringe willow habitat at the confluence of Beaver Creek.	
Purple Martin <i>Progne subis</i>	Observed on a utility pole just west of reservoir; possibly nesting there.	Nesting activity observed in a cavity in a utility pole near the intersection of Copco Road and dam access road. Also observed nesting in a utility pole along the Copco No. 2 bypass reach.	
Bank Swallow <i>Riparia riparia</i>		One individual observed among a group of tree and cliff swallows near the dam.	
Black-capped Chickadee <i>Parus atricapillus</i>			Observed throughout the reservoir area.
Pygmy Nuthatch <i>Sitta pygmaea</i>	Observed in a few locations around the reservoir, including in the woodland south of Jenny Creek.	Observed throughout the reservoir area, including in forested areas near the dam and near the upstream extent of the reservoir.	Observed throughout the reservoir area in ponderosa pine forests.
Yellow-breasted Chat <i>Icteria virens</i>	Observed in a northern cove of the reservoir near Camp Creek and Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area. Also observed near the fish hatchery.	Observed in riparian habitats throughout the reservoir, mostly along the southern shoreline east of Keaton Cove. Also observed along Fall Creek.	Observed in dense riparian areas; noted near the proposed staging area in the southeastern corner of the reservoir.
Tricolored Blackbird <i>Agelaius tricolor</i>	One individual observed just downstream of the Copco No. 2 powerhouse along the north bank of the River.		
Yellow Warbler <i>Dendroica petechial</i>	Observed throughout the reservoir area near tributaries including Brush Creek, Camp Creek, and Jenny Creek, and at the fish hatchery.	Observed throughout the reservoir area, typically in riparian woodlands and the hillside seep area.	Observed throughout the reservoir area; noted nesting in the willow riparian area near the dam spillway.

Species	Iron Gate Reservoir Area	Copco Lake Area	J.C. Boyle Reservoir Area
<b>Mammals</b>			
Western Gray Squirrel <i>Sciurus griseus</i>	Observed in densely forested habitats associated with tributaries to the reservoir.	Observed in densely forested habitats; noted near the falls at Fall Creek, along the northern shoreline in the seep area, and along the southern shoreline near Ager Beswick Road.	Observed throughout the reservoir in forested stands with dense canopies, including near the disposal area. An individual and a nest were observed in the staging area just east of the dam.

**Note:**

BLM = Bureau of Land Management

## 2.2.1 Osprey

KRRC biologists observed osprey throughout the study area for osprey (i.e., within 0.75 mile of the limits of work; see Figures 2-1 through 2-4), and found a total of 17 active osprey nests. Active nests were those with adults and/or chicks observed at the nest. Biologists also observed several inactive nests. All nests were on utility poles, typically but not always on platforms installed on the pole to provide for osprey nesting.

Biologists observed three active osprey nests in the vicinity of the Iron Gate Reservoir (Figures 2-1 and 2-2). Of these, one was on a utility pole in the staging area west of the Iron Gate Dam (Photograph 2-1); one was on a utility pole along the western side of the Iron Gate Reservoir; and one was on a utility pole along Copco Road where it turns north at the upstream end of the Iron Gate Reservoir. In addition, biologists observed four active osprey nests along the Klamath River downstream of Iron Gate Dam (excluding the one described above near the dam itself). These four nests were on utility poles along Copco Road between Iron Gate Dam and Interstate 5 (Figure 2-1).



Photograph 2-1: Active Osprey Nest on a Utility Pole in the Staging Area West of the Iron Gate Dam



Biologists observed a total of five active nests in the vicinity of Copco Lake (Figure 2-3). Of these, one was on a utility pole in the parking area for the Copco No. 1 powerhouse and a second was on a utility pole along the eastern side of the Copco No. 1 Reservoir, directly upslope from the Copco No. 1 Dam. The three other active nests are atop utility poles along Copco Road along the northern side of Copco Lake. Biologists observed one inactive osprey nest atop a utility pole upslope from the Copco No. 2 Dam on the southern side of the river.

Biologists observed a total of five active osprey nests in the vicinity of the J.C. Boyle Reservoir (Figure 2-4). Of these, one nest was on a utility pole along the Klamath River just south of the J.C. Boyle Dam, and two others were atop utility poles along the southern end of the J.C. Boyle Reservoir east of the dam. Biologists observed an additional inactive nest on a utility pole in that vicinity. Biologists observed an active nest along the southeastern side of the J.C. Boyle Reservoir and an active nest atop a utility pole in the proposed J.C. Boyle disposal site.

### 2.2.2 Willow Flycatcher

Biologists observed a single willow flycatcher at two locations: in willow riparian habitat at the confluence of Jenny Creek and Iron Gate Reservoir (Figure 3-1) and along the northern shoreline of Copco Lake just south of the confluence with Beaver Creek (Figure 3-2). Willow flycatcher nesting habitat typically consists of dense riparian vegetation (e.g., Geyer and Shining willow thickets), with foraging taking place in these areas or in other riparian habitats (e.g., bigleaf maple or Oregon ash groves). The locations of these willow flycatcher habitat types are shown on Figures 3-1 through 3-3. Biologists found these habitats along the shoreline of Iron Gate Reservoir, most notably at the larger stream confluences (e.g., Scotch Creek, Camp/Dutch Creek, and Jenny Creek). Biologists also noted patches of willows along the shoreline of Copco Lake, particularly at the confluences with Beaver Creek, Raymond Gulch, and at Mallard Cove. In addition, willow flycatcher habitat is present along Fall Creek. Suitable habitat is also present just below the J.C. Boyle Dam and patches of willows occur along portions of the J.C. Boyle power canal.

### 2.2.3 Nesting Great Blue Heron

During helicopter surveys for eagles (see Section 4) biologists observed a great blue heron colony along the Klamath River in the Copco No. 2 bypass reach (Figure 4-1). Biologists noted at least 12 nests during the helicopter survey, and herons were heard vocalizing in this area by ground crews. This colony is located in riparian habitat approximately 100 feet north of the Copco No. 2 penstock (Photograph 2-2).



Photograph 2-2: Active Great Blue Heron Colony near the Copco No. 2 Penstock

#### 2.2.4 Peregrine Falcon

Biologists observed a peregrine falcon nest in a rocky outcrop north of Iron Gate Reservoir, east of Jenny Creek (Figure 4-1). A second peregrine falcon nest is known by BLM to be located on a cliff along the eastern side of the Klamath River canyon below J.C. Boyle (Hayner 2018) (Figure 4-2). BLM also provided the general location of a prairie falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) nest approximately 1 mile upstream, also along the eastern side of the canyon (Hayner 2018). Although prairie falcon is not a sensitive species in Oregon, it is protected along with nearly all other bird species under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and nest disturbance must be avoided.

#### 2.2.5 Sandhill Crane

KRRC biologists observed an active sandhill crane nest along the northwestern shore of the J.C. Boyle Reservoir (Figure 4-3). In May 2018, the nest was occupied by two adults brooding three eggs. Biologists also heard sandhill cranes vocalizing from the dense bulrush habitat along the northeastern shore of the J.C. Boyle Reservoir, where the cranes were likely nesting.

#### 2.2.6 Tricolored Blackbird

The KRRC biologists did not observe tricolored blackbird colonies in the study area. However, in June 2018, biologists observed a flock of 25 tricolored blackbirds in an agricultural field along the Yreka-Ager Road, approximately 12 miles southwest of the Iron Gate Dam. In addition, biologists observed a single male



tricolored blackbird in June 2018 among a flock of red-winged blackbirds in the bulrush habitat near the confluence of Fall Creek and the Klamath River, within the limits of work along Daggett Road.

## 2.3 Conclusions

KRRC biologists observed several special-status wildlife species in the study area during 2018 surveys, as listed in Table 2-1. Of the 33 special-status species observed, three were reptiles, 29 were birds, and one was mammalian.

Biologists observed 15 active osprey nests in the osprey study area (i.e., within 0.75 mile of proposed limits of work) (Figures 2-1 through 2-4). This number is consistent with previous PacifiCorp surveys that noted 16 active nests in the hydroelectric reach (PacifiCorp 2004). All osprey nests were on utility poles or towers, typically on platforms installed for that purpose. These osprey nests have the potential to be disturbed during proposed construction activities. Biologists will evaluate each nest site to determine the potential for disturbance; relocation or removal of some nests and nesting platforms may be needed. During the 2019 breeding season, additional nest surveys will be conducted to confirm the locations of active nests, collect additional information to determine the potential for nest disturbance during construction, and develop a plan for nest removal, exclusion, or relocation and monitoring activities.

KRRC biologists observed willow flycatchers on two occasions during the 2018 surveys. Both detections were of individual birds in willow riparian habitat. Biologists observed suitable willow flycatcher habitat most often around the Iron Gate Reservoir, but also along Copco Lake (Figures 3-1 and 3-2). Habitat was primarily associated with the confluences of larger streams, but patches of willow thickets were also found along reservoir shorelines away from streams or other apparent surface water sources. Some proposed Project activities overlap with these locations, such as bridge improvements and reservoir drawdown. As construction plans are developed, avoidance and minimization measures will be developed, if necessary. Wetland investigations in 2019 will focus on mapping and quantifying suitable willow flycatcher habitat along with other wetland habitats (e.g., tule/bulrush communities).

KRRC biologists observed several other special-status bird species during the 2018 surveys, and many are assumed to be breeding in the study area. During 2019 surveys, biologists will confirm specific nest sites and further evaluate them for potential impacts from Project activities, including:

- Great blue heron colony near the Copco No. 2 penstock – potential for disturbance from demolition activities
- Peregrine falcon nest above Iron Gate Reservoir near Copco Road – potential for disturbance from truck traffic and hauling activities
- Peregrine and prairie falcon nests in the Klamath River Canyon – potential for disturbance from demolition of J.C. Boyle power canal and/or powerhouse

KRRC biologists will continue to coordinate with CDFW, ODFW, and USFWS to obtain any new information on special-status wildlife use of the study area. One such species is the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*). Gray wolves

may occur transiently in the study area. In Oregon, the Rogue pack uses the Wood River Valley more than 10 miles northeast of Upper Klamath Lake (ODFW 2017). In California, the only currently known gray wolf pack is the Lassen Pack, which inhabits portions of Lassen and Plumas counties to the southeast of the study area (CDFW 2018a).





## Chapter 3 Northern Spotted Owl

## 3. NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL

Northern spotted owl (NSO) (*Strix occidentalis*), a federally threatened species, has the potential to occur in or near the Project area. If an NSO activity center (i.e., an area of concentrated activity of either a pair of NSO or a single territorial NSO) is located within established disturbance distances from proposed construction activities, there could be an adverse effect, such as nest abandonment. Based on USFWS guidelines, established disturbance distances are as follows: 1 mile from blasting (e.g., at the dams), 0.5 mile from helicopter use (e.g., at the reservoirs during restoration work), and 0.25 mile from heavy equipment use, rock crushing, and hauling (USFWS 2006).

The 2012 Joint Preliminary Biological Opinion included several measures specifically addressing potential effects on NSO (measures NSO 1 through 4) (NMFS and USFWS 2012). These measures included protocol-level surveys to identify any NSO activity centers (including any nesting sites) that are near proposed construction and disposal areas, to avoid or minimize the potential for disturbance during NSO nesting, roosting, or foraging activities. The KRRC developed the NSO survey plan in coordination with USFWS to outline protocol surveys to be conducted during the 2018 breeding season, as described below.

### 3.1 Methods

Based on a desktop evaluation and field reconnaissance conducted in 2017 with USFWS, the KRRC determined that NSO protocol surveys would focus on suitable habitat around J.C. Boyle Dam and associated facilities, the disposal site, and haul and access roads. Facilities associated with Copco No. 1 Dam, Copco No. 2 Dam, and Iron Gate Dam and associated reservoirs were not included based on the lack of suitable habitat for NSO. Because the Project is not anticipated to result in modification of NSO habitat, the KRRC conducted protocol surveys for noise-only disturbance following the 2012 USFWS NSO Survey Protocol (USFWS 2012).

Biologists confirmed calling routes and stations in the field to achieve complete coverage of all habitat in the survey area, allowing biologists to hear responding owls within the entire survey area. The spacing of calling stations was determined by the topography and acoustical characteristics of the area (e.g., background noise such as creeks); stations were spaced between 0.25 and 0.5 mile apart. Eighteen calling stations were initially identified, as shown on Figures 5-1 and 5-2. One calling station (Number 2) was subsequently determined to be on inaccessible private property and was therefore eliminated from the survey route.

During the 2018 breeding season, KRRC biologists conducted six NSO protocol surveys at eighteen calling stations. Field teams conducted visits in April, May, June, July (two visits), and August 2018. As required by the 2012 USFWS NSO Survey Protocol, teams of two, led by a biologist with experience conducting NSO protocol surveys, conducted all surveys. Beginning in June, field teams conducted calling at an additional location near the J.C. Boyle forebay at the end of the power canal. The new location is along the west access road, approximately 800 feet north of the junction with the east access road. The lead biologist (as defined



in the USFWS protocol) recommended calling at this location due to the presence of large conifers on the slope up toward the west from the access road.

Field teams initiated NSO surveys approximately one-half hour following sunset, and recorded weather conditions, including wind, precipitation, cloud cover, and moon phase. Surveys were not conducted under inclement weather, including rain, heavy fog, or high (> 12-mile-per-hour) winds. At each calling station, field teams used a calling device to broadcast NSO calls. Calls were broadcast for approximately 1 minute, and then biologists listened for responses for approximately 1 minute, alternating this for a total of 10 minutes at each station. Following the calling session at each station, field teams used high-intensity flashlights to briefly scan nearby trees for the presence of owls. Teams noted observations of other wildlife, including visual observations and vocalizations. Field teams also noted noises from the river or other sources (e.g., vehicles on nearby roads).

## 3.2 Findings

Field teams did not note any calling responses or visual identifications of NSO during the 2018 NSO protocol surveys. Biologists heard and saw great horned owls during several visits, and one follow-up daytime stand search confirmed the presence of a great horned owl fledgling in the vicinity of an NSO calling station. Field data sheets are provided in Appendix B.

## 3.3 Conclusions

Field teams did not detect northern spotted owls, NSO nests, or activity centers during the 2018 NSO surveys. KRRRC biologists conducted surveys consistent with the 2012 USFWS NSO Survey Protocol (USFWS 2012), with six visits spaced out over the 2018 breeding season.

USFWS has the authority to determine whether additional follow up surveys are warranted in 2019. Based on the findings of the 2018 surveys, the KRRRC does not propose additional NSO surveys for the Project. If the proposed construction locations are changed in such a way that suitable habitat would be modified, or if additional information on the presence of NSO in the study area is obtained, additional NSO surveys may be warranted in 2019.



## Chapter 4 Eagles



## 4. EAGLES

Bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 Code of Federal Regulations 668) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 United States Code §§ 701-12), and are fully protected under California law. Bald eagles are listed as Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act but are not listed in the State of Oregon. The Upper Klamath Basin provides suitable habitat for and is known to support bald eagle and golden eagle populations.

The 2012 EIS/EIR (USBR and CDFW 2012) describes measures to reduce Project impacts on bald and golden eagles. The objective of the eagle surveys was to identify, document, and confirm eagle presence and eagle use of areas that may be directly or indirectly disturbed by Project construction.

### 4.1 Existing Information

#### 4.1.1 Bald Eagle

The upper Klamath Basin provides extensive bald eagle nesting and foraging habitat and supports the largest wintering population of bald eagles in the coterminous United States (Shuford et al. 2004). In some years, as many as 117 bald eagle pairs nest and 1,100 individuals winter in the Klamath Basin (PacifiCorp 2004). Shorelines provide a rough approximation of bald eagle habitat extent as they breed, forage, and roost near water (Isaacs and Anthony 2011). Bald eagles often nest in large trees with a line of sight to water; however, nests have also been documented on rocky outcrops, on the ground, on cliffs, and on artificial structures such as power poles (USFWS 2007). Bald eagles often use the same nests for multiple years, and nesting sites are known to exist in the vicinity of the Project area.

The Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit conducted bald eagle nest surveys in the Klamath River area on March 27, 2002, and May 29, 2002 (PacifiCorp 2004). Surveyors recorded six known nests within a 10-mile buffer of the Project area, with distances to the nearest facility ranging from approximately 0.7 mile to 7.1 miles (two near J.C. Boyle Reservoir, three near the J.C. Boyle peaking reach, and one near Copco Lake). Aerial surveys conducted in 2003 found another nest approximately 540 feet southeast of Copco No. 1 Dam.

PacifiCorp (2004) documented additional bald eagle observations at the Iron Gate Reservoir, Copco Lake, and J.C. Boyle Reservoir, and at other locations along the middle and lower Klamath River. Targeted avian surveys recorded at least 37 individual sightings of bald eagles in flight, perched, or foraging in 2002, and numerous incidental sightings occurred during general wildlife surveys, facility surveys, and other field studies (PacifiCorp 2004). These data were used to establish the presence of historical nesting and foraging habitat throughout the limits of work and the surrounding area. By agency request, exact nesting locations were not published in the PacifiCorp 2004 report.

### 4.1.2 Golden Eagle

Golden eagles occur throughout northern California and Oregon, preferring open and semi-open habitats. Nesting habitat includes cliffs and trees large enough to support nest structures (e.g., pine juniper and oak trees). Foraging and nesting habitats occur throughout the vicinity of the Project area. Though natural densities for this species in southern Oregon and northern California are low, historical records indicate the presence of nesting activity on cliffs from the J.C. Boyle bypass reach to Iron Gate Reservoir (USBR and CDFW 2012). During PacifiCorp surveys, biologists observed golden eagles in several locations, including Copco Lake, Iron Gate Reservoir, and near J.C. Boyle powerhouse, but no nests were found (PacifiCorp 2004).

## 4.2 Methods

Prior to initiating field surveys, KRRRC biologists reviewed existing databases (CNDDDB and ORBIC) and reports on bald and golden eagles to locate historically known nests and territories. During 2017, the USFWS and the BLM provided an updated dataset of bald and golden eagle nests and territories that have been monitored in the region (Willy 2017 and Hayner 2017). In addition, the KRRRC obtained data from previous aerial helicopter surveys conducted in the Klamath Basin by Frank Isaacs of the Oregon Eagle Foundation (Isaacs 2017; Willy 2017).

Biologists conducted a viewshed analysis to identify the potential impact area. Using ArcGIS (ESRI, Version 10.4.1), biologists generated visibility extents using a 30-foot resolution National Elevation Dataset topographic surface and observer points derived from the limits of work (see Survey Area section below).

In defining the study area for the eagle surveys, KRRRC biologists considered the viewshed analysis and the nature, timing, and location of proposed construction activities. The study area included areas of high and low potential impact

- **High-Impact Areas:** High-impact areas include a 0.5-mile buffer surrounding the limits of work, as well as those access roads that are anticipated to have an increase in traffic and movement of heavy equipment. High-impact activities include proposed construction and demolition activities associated with the decommissioning of the dams and facilities and creation of disposal sites.
- **Low-Impact Areas:** Low-impact areas include a 2-mile buffer surrounding the limits of work, excluding the extent of each reservoir where minimal or no work will occur.

The study area encompassed the extent of the viewshed in these high- and low-impact areas and represents the portion of the habitat that may be affected by Project activities. In the 2018 surveys, biologists also opportunistically surveyed beyond the study area boundaries to account for the wide-ranging nature of the eagle species and to gain a general understanding of eagle use and occupancy in the study area.

Biologists conducted concurrent bald and golden eagle surveys. The surveys focused on areas with suitable nesting, roosting, or foraging habitat for bald and golden eagles, as well as known nest locations. The survey goals were to identify nest site locations, characterize baseline eagle nesting activity, and document other

key habitat features. Field surveys employed a variety of techniques and multiple temporal windows to capture dynamic seasonal activity. All survey data were digitally recorded through Collector for ArcGIS, using iPads (Apple, Inc.), which preserve the location and survey time for each observation. The KRRC biologists conducted field reconnaissance surveys from July 24 to 26, 2017, and from November 6 to 8, 2017. Surveyors assessed habitats in the study area, noted bird activity, and attempted to locate all previously identified nests. Additionally, because the viewshed analysis considered bare earth topography (i.e., it did not account for existing vegetation), biologists used the reconnaissance surveys to ground-truth the results of the viewshed analysis to determine where trees further limited the viewshed. Biologists spent 1 day at each dam and associated facilities and reservoir.

The 2018 bald and golden eagle survey protocol was informed by the review of existing data, information obtained during the 2017 reconnaissance surveys, discussions with the wildlife agencies, and established protocols including:

- Bald Eagle Nest Survey and Reporting Guide: Reporting Observations at Nest Sites in Oregon (Isaacs 2009),
- Protocol for Evaluating Bald Eagle Habitat and Populations in California (Jackman and Jenkins 2004), and
- Interim Golden Eagle Inventory and Monitoring Protocols (Pagel et al. 2010).

Field teams collected data using a combination of ground-based and aerial surveys (via a helicopter). Field surveys emphasized microhabitats that could support nesting eagles (e.g., rocky cliffs for golden eagles and large conifers for bald eagles). Survey efforts included:

1. Two breeding season surveys (late January through July 2018).
  - a. An initial nest search was conducted early in the breeding season (i.e., from January 29 to February 1, 2018) to determine occupancy. Two biologists conducted ground-based observations from vehicles and on foot, spending 1 day at each reservoir and corresponding dam. Surveys included observing historical nests and recording all eagle detections. For this early-breeding season survey, the survey area included all known golden eagle nests within 10 miles of the limits of work, and bald eagle nests within 2 miles. Survey distances were established in coordination with USFWS.
  - b. Two teams of two biologists conducted a second survey from June 4 to 7, 2018, to observe eagle behavior and mid-season nesting activity, and to determine the number of active nests and nestlings in the survey area. One team conducted ground-based surveys, spending 1 day at each reservoir. The second team conducted aerial helicopter surveys for 2 days, covering all reservoirs, and a ground-based survey for 1 day. All historical and newly discovered nests and locations where eagle pairs or territorial behavior had been previously observed were revisited from the ground and helicopter.
2. To identify adult and sub-adult habitat use, one additional survey was conducted from August 20 to 22, 2018, after the young had fledged. Three teams of two biologists each conducted ground-based surveys.



## 4.3 Findings

Observations of bald and golden eagles are summarized in Table 4-1. Results are summarized by location, date, species, and age. The status of each nest site observed is summarized in Table 4-2, including the proximity of the nest to the Project area and noting whether the nest was determined to be active or inactive in 2018. The number of nestlings observed at active nests is summarized in Table 4-3 by species. Observations and behavioral notes not captured in the tables are noted in the following sections.

### Reconnaissance Surveys 2017

- During the July 2017 survey, biologists located three of the four known nests within a 0.5-mile radius of the Project area (nests BE1-36, BE1-31, and BE1-32). Biologists observed one sub-adult bald eagle near nest BE1-36. This nest was presumed active for this year because substantial whitewash and prey remains (fish bones) were found under the nest. The other two nests did not exhibit conspicuous indications of activity; no whitewash, prey remains, or sub-adults were observed.
- During the November 2017 survey, biologists located one golden eagle nest and three bald eagle nests. Bald eagle nest BE1-36 contained abundant whitewash and there were prey remains at the nest site. The other two nests (BE1-31 and BE1-32) did not have signs of recent activity but were in good structural condition. The assumed golden eagle nest (GE4-206) was notably small and did not appear to be recently active. Biologists observed two nests that were not included in historical data and had the potential to be active eagle nests. Biologists attempted to view 14 historic nests that were either inaccessible or were not found.

### January – February 2018

#### Eagle Activity

- Observers recorded approximately 50 eagles, including 30 bald eagles and 20 golden eagles; however, some may have been resightings of the same individuals. Both species of eagles appeared to prefer certain perches, and surveyors noted the use of these same perches during different survey times and dates.
- Common bald eagle behavior included:
  - perching on trees and utility poles close to and within sight of the reservoirs, with several adult bald eagle pairs perched together;
  - soaring on thermals with other bald eagles and golden eagles, usually near the reservoirs but also over the Klamath River;
  - foraging in Iron Gate Reservoir; and
  - vocalizing from a perch at Copco Lake.

Table 4-1: Total Number of Eagle Observations by Site,<sup>1</sup> Survey, Species, and Age

Iron Gate Reservoir						
Survey Date	Golden Eagle Adults	Golden Eagle Sub-Adults	Golden Eagle Young of the Year	Bald Eagle Adults	Bald Eagle Sub-Adults	Bald Eagle Young of the Year
July 2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
January – February 2018 <sup>2</sup>	12	0	0	6	1	0
June 2018	8	0	2	18	5	0
August 2018	0	0	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
Copco Lake						
Survey Date	Golden Eagle Adults	Golden Eagle Sub-Adults	Golden Eagle Young of the Year	Bald Eagle Adults	Bald Eagle Sub-Adults	Bald Eagle Young of the Year
July 2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 2017	1	0	0	1	2	0
January – February 2018 <sup>2</sup>	8	0	0	6	10	0
June 2018	10	2	3	4	2	2
August 2018	0	0	4	5	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>
J.C. Boyle Reservoir						
Survey Date	Golden Eagle Adults	Golden Eagle Sub-Adults	Golden Eagle Young of the Year	Bald Eagle Adults	Bald Eagle Sub-Adults	Bald Eagle Young of the Year
July 2017	0	0	0	0	1	0
November 2017	1 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	1	0
January – February 2018 <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	6	1	0
June 2018	1	0	1	6	2	5
August 2018	2	1	0	3	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

**Notes:**

- <sup>1</sup> The number of eagles observed is influenced by the visibility at each site and should not be interpreted as relative abundance across sites. Visibility at J.C. Boyle Reservoir is poorer than at Copco Lake and Iron Gate Reservoir.
- <sup>2</sup> The number of eagles detected during the winter survey period is likely to include wintering and migratory individuals.
- <sup>3</sup> Species identification unconfirmed.

Table 4-2: Active and Inactive Bald and Golden Eagle Nests Observed in 2018 Field Surveys

Nest Name	Golden Eagle		Bald Eagle		Bald or Golden Eagle – Species not Confirmed
Nest Status in 2018	Active	Inactive	Active	Inactive	Inactive
Within 0.5 mile of Project area	1	0	1	3	2
Between 0.5 and 2 miles from Project area	2	3	0	3	0
<b>Total Nests within 2 Miles</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Outside of 2-mile buffer surrounding Project area, but within 0.5 mile of haul roads	2	0	3	0	0

Table 4-3: Number of Nestlings Observed at Each Active Nest in 2018

Nest Name	Golden Eagle Nestlings	Bald Eagle Nestlings
BE1-32	—	2
BE1-15	—	1
GE4-206	1	—
BE1-43	—	2
F_GE3	2	—
GE3-3	1	—
GE3-5	2	—
F_GE4	2	—
F_BE2 (outside of survey area)	—	2
<b>Total Number of Nestlings</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>

**Notes:**

BE = Bald eagle nest

GE = Golden eagle nest

F\_GE = New golden eagle nest found during these 2017 – 2018 surveys, not included in historically active data

F\_BE = New bald eagle nest found during these 2017 – 2018 surveys, not included in historically active data

- Golden eagle activity included:
  - perching on trees and cliffs that were not typically near or within sight of the reservoirs;
  - foraging on the ground;
  - soaring on thermals with other eagles;
  - flying in pairs; and
  - performing undulating flight behavior (i.e., breeding behavior).
- Biologists identified three potential golden eagle territories around Iron Gate Reservoir, one of which was in the 0.5-mile high-impact area. Territories were identified by observations of high levels of



golden eagle activity and/or undulating flight behavior, and observations of birds perching for long periods. At Iron Gate Reservoir, field teams identified two potential bald eagle territories, where they observed pairs of bald eagles perched. At Copco Lake, biologists identified two potential golden and bald eagle territories, based on high golden and bald eagle activity.

- Although biologists observed substantial eagle activity during the early 2018 surveys, it is difficult to determine how many of the observed birds represented resident birds, due to the potential presence of wintering and migratory birds.
- At J.C. Boyle Reservoir, there was notably less eagle activity observed than at the other two sites; however, this may have been due to low visibility at J.C. Boyle Reservoir, due to the high density of trees and limited road access. Biologists were unable to define areas of high eagle activity at J.C. Boyle Reservoir during the survey period.

### Eagle Nests

- Biologists were unable to access 26 historically active nests due to poor visibility resulting from dense tree cover, limited access through private property, or poor road conditions. Observers were able to survey the area around 15 other historical nests, including six historically active nests. The conditions of the nests varied. Some appeared old and unused, while others appeared to have been recently active.
- At J.C. Boyle Reservoir, biologists found a pair of bald eagle adults less than 100 feet from the known nest BE1-15, which was visibly in good condition. Field teams found a sub-adult bald eagle perched near what was likely an active nest, BE1-36 (based on July 2017 survey information). In a few cases where a nest was likely active and could not be observed from a distance, biologists did not approach the nest, so as not to disturb the eagles. This occurred often at J.C. Boyle due to low visibility and dense tree cover. Figures 6-1 through 6-7 present the eagle nest survey results for the 2018 survey season.

### June 2018

#### Eagle Activity

- With the exception of nestlings, some of the observations noted in Table 4-1 may have been resightings of the same eagle.
- Observed eagle activities were similar to those described above. More golden eagles were observed in the vicinity of the reservoirs during this survey than during previous surveys. Golden eagles also exhibited territorial behavior toward bald eagles and were observed vocalizing.
- Bald eagles exhibited territorial behavior toward other eagles and raptors. Most bald eagle observations were close to the reservoirs; however, there were some observations near the Klamath River or over ridgelines.

## Eagle Nests

- At J.C. Boyle Reservoir, biologists observed three bald eagle nests and one golden eagle nest, with one to two chicks observed per nest. At both Copco Lake and Iron Gate Reservoir, biologists observed three active golden eagle nests, with one to two nestlings per nest.
- Biologists estimated golden eagle nestlings to be 5 to 8 weeks old, and bald eagle nestlings to be 8 to 11 weeks old at the time of the survey. Biologists often observed adults perched or flying near these nests and occasionally visiting the nests to feed nestlings. Field teams also found several inactive nests, as well as many potential alternate nests. One of the active golden eagle nests identified was not previously recorded as an active nest. Additionally, there were several historically active nests that no longer exist. This may be a result of the nest being abandoned, the nest structure falling, the tree or surrounding forest being disturbed or logged, or the effects of a wildfire.

## August 2018

Due to several fires in the surrounding areas, conditions during the August 2018 surveys were smoky, and visibility became especially poor in the afternoon, making long-distance observations difficult.

## Eagle Activity

- Biologists observed two young-of-the-year golden eagles flying over a nest that was classified as active during the June 2018 surveys (F\_GE3). Additionally, field teams observed two young-of-the-year golden eagles flying over a new nest that was not found during previous surveys (F\_GE4). This suggests that young-of-the-year golden eagles stayed near their territories following fledging for at least a few weeks and can be detected by post-fledging surveys.
- Biologists did not observe any young-of-the-year bald eagles near their nest territories during these surveys; however, one young-of-the-year bald eagle was observed begging food from an adult bald eagle, indicating that young-of-the-year bald eagles and their parents had moved farther from their nest territories to forage elsewhere at the time of the August 2018 surveys.

## Eagle Nests

- Golden eagle nest (F\_GE4) was located on a cliff face that was surveyed by helicopter in June 2018. The nest was apparently missed at that time, although an adult golden eagle was observed nearby. The nest structure was found during the ground-based survey in August 2018, and there were two fledged eaglets in close proximity.

## 4.4 Conclusions

Biologists observed a total of nine active nests surrounding Copco Lake, Iron Gate Reservoir, and J.C. Boyle Reservoir in 2018 (Table 4-2). Five of these were golden eagle nests and four were bald eagle nests. Of the nine active nests, seven were within 0.5 mile of the Project area or more than 2 miles from the Project area

but within 0.5 mile of a haul road (high-impact areas), and two were between 0.5 mile and 2 miles from the Project area (low-impact area).

Additionally, biologists observed a total of nine inactive nests within 2 miles of the Project area (Table 4-2). It is not uncommon for eagles to suspend breeding in some years or use alternative nest sites (USFWS 2004); therefore, these inactive nests will continue to be surveyed in 2019.

Project activities (e.g., site preparation) are scheduled to begin in early 2020. Biologists will conduct three bald and golden eagle surveys in 2019 to determine nest occupancy, and to gather more information on baseline eagle activity immediately prior to construction. If the start of construction is delayed, this field schedule will be reevaluated.

Similar to the field surveys conducted in 2018, a synthesized field survey to encompass bald and golden eagle nesting habitat will include:

1. One courtship/early-breeding season survey between late January and late February. Biologists will conduct ground-based surveys on foot and in vehicles when eagles are most likely to be found near nest sites and displaying courtship behavior, to determine territory occupancy.
2. One mid-nesting season survey will be conducted between late April and early May. Biologists will conduct ground-based surveys on foot and in vehicles, and aerial surveys from a helicopter. This survey will be conducted at a time when the number and age of nestlings at each active nest, as determined from previous surveys, can be estimated.
3. One late-nesting season survey will be conducted between late June and early July. Biologists will conduct ground-based surveys on foot and in vehicles, and aerial surveys from a helicopter. This survey will be conducted at a time when the number of fledglings can be estimated, and behavior and habitat use following fledging can be observed.



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## Chapter 5 Bats

## 5. BATS

Based on a review of California and Oregon occurrence records, presence of suitable habitat, species range overlap, and previous survey results, eight bat species have potential to occur in the Project area. Yuma myotis have been previously documented at structures in the Project area (PacifiCorp 2004). Townsend's big-eared bat and Yuma myotis have been previously documented in the Klamath Basin outside of the Project area, in maternity roosts at Hoover Ranch and Salt Caves (approximately 6 miles east of Copco Lake and 9 miles downstream from the J.C. Boyle powerhouse) (Cross et al. 1998; PacifiCorp 2004).

Oregon and California state regulations provide protection for bats through general wildlife protection policies. TER-6 of the 2012 EIS/EIR (USBR and CDFW 2012) describes measures to reduce Project impacts on bats. The 2012 EIS/EIR recommended surveys to identify the locations of active bat roosts in facilities that may be affected by the dam removal. KRRC has incorporated this measure into the Project. Structures with the potential to support bats include all built structures in the Project area, bridges, and diversion tunnels. All of these features were included in the surveys.

### 5.1 Methods

The KRRC biologists conducted surveys for all bat species with potential to occur at Project structures. The objectives of the surveys were to identify which species occupy the habitat throughout the year, understand how the habitat is used throughout the year, and quantify habitat usage. A reconnaissance-level assessment was conducted from July 24 to 26, 2017. The KRRC planned a follow-up visit during the 2017 maternity season to conduct emergence surveys, but the survey was canceled due to lack of right-of-entry to PacifiCorp property for the specific survey task.

Biologists conducted four focused, seasonal bat surveys in 2018: one in late winter, two in summer, and one in fall. The 2018 seasonal bat roost surveys assessed habitat suitability and determined roosting activity at Project structures. Additionally, a biologist accompanied interior inspections of the Iron Gate and Copco diversion tunnels in February 2018.

During all surveys, KRRC biologists conducted daytime visual inspections of the interior and exterior of each facility proposed for removal or modification for indications of bat use (e.g., occupancy, guano, staining, smells, or sounds). Dead specimens were identified in the field using a dichotomous key. When live bats were found, species were identified visually to the extent possible, using night vision when needed to minimize disturbance. All surveys were conducted cautiously to avoid disturbing bats at potential roost sites. Because interior access to human-occupied houses was prohibited, those structures were assessed from the exterior only.

#### 5.1.1 Winter 2018

On February 13 and 14, 2018, a KRRC biologist participated in inspections inside the Iron Gate and Copco diversion tunnels to assess the interior habitat features. Both tunnels were accessed by a small inflatable boat, and inspections were attended by one engineer and one safety/confined space entry specialist, in addition to the KRRC biologist.

On March 1, 2018, two KRRC biologists conducted interior and exterior inspections of structures at Copco No. 1 and Copco No. 2. These winter bat surveys were originally planned for late January/early February but were delayed and were ultimately limited to the Copco No. 1 and Copco No. 2 dams due to access constraints. Care was taken to target areas where guano and staining had been seen during the 2017 survey and to minimize the potential for disturbance of hibernating bats.

### 5.1.2 Summer 2018

A team of three KRRC biologists conducted surveys from May 14 through 18, 2018, and a team of four biologists conducted surveys from June 16 through 22, 2018. In addition to interior/exterior inspections, summer efforts included dusk emergence surveys and acoustic detection at structures known to house roosting bats, and at structures where suitable roosting habitat or sign was found but occupancy was uncertain based on previous surveys. Night vision was used during all emergence surveys, and an infrared camera was used to capture images of an emergence at the Copco No. 1 C-12 gatehouse. Points of egress were documented during all emergence surveys. Two iPads (Apple, Inc.) running Echo Meter Touch 2 Pro (Wildlife Acoustics) and one Dell laptop running Sonobat software (Version 4) with a Binary Acoustics ultrasonic microphone (Binary Acoustic Technology, LLC) were deployed during all emergence surveys. Field teams conducted emergence surveys when weather conditions were suitable for the evening emergence of bats (e.g., warm temperatures and minimal rain and wind).

In May, biologists placed drop cloths around significant roost locations and inspected them during the June visits to passively assess bat activity levels. Field teams installed long-term temperature and humidity data loggers in structures with significant roosts. Biologists discussed maintenance routines, bat observations, and previous bat management techniques with PacifiCorp staff. Bridges in the Project area that are scheduled for removal or modification were also inspected.

### 5.1.3 Fall 2018

Two KRRC biologists conducted surveys from October 29 through November 1, 2018, to support the development of the Project Bat Management Plan (currently in draft). The team inspected the interior and exterior of all buildings being used by bats, and other structures that may be removed and that provide suitable roosting habitat (such as buildings that contain suitable crevices and cavities without evidence of recent bat use, bridges, and trees). Previously installed temperature data loggers were checked for maintenance and continued operation. Detailed photographs and notes were taken at each structure to document specific locations for exclusion, and to record other structural characteristics such as roofing and other building construction materials.

## 5.2 Findings

Bat survey findings are summarized in Table 5-1. Summaries of the results from the winter, summer, and fall 2018 surveys follow the table. Bat roosts were confirmed in ten buildings at Copco No. 1 and Copco No. 2, the diversion tunnel at Copco No. 1, three buildings and the diversion tunnel at Iron Gate, and one building at J.C. Boyle (Figures 7-1 through 7-5). Photographs 5-1 through 5-5 depict the exterior view of some of the structures with large roosts. Photographs 5-6 and 5-7 show the interior conditions of the diversion tunnels.



Table 5-1: 2017-2018 Bat Findings

Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Live Bats Present?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates	Additional Notes
Copco No. 1 and Copco No. 2						
Vacant House 1 (tan)	high	Yes	Yes – small numbers of bats present under exterior side panels in summer. Absent in fall and winter.	MYYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October through November 2018	None
Vacant House 2 (blue)	high	Yes	Yes – small numbers of bats present under exterior side panels in summer. Absent in fall and winter.	MYYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October through November 2018	None
Vacant House 3 (yellow-green) <sup>2</sup>	high	Yes	Yes – large colony in garage behind wood window framing and under rotting wood panels. Present in summer. Absent in fall and winter.	MYYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October through November 2018	None
Vacant House 4 (peach)	high	Yes	Yes – present between flashing and fascia board all around roof edge in summer. Absent in fall and winter.	MYYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October through November 2018	None
Vacant House #21601 (light yellow) <sup>2</sup>	high	Yes	Yes – 200 to 300 bats roosting in attic in summer. Absent in fall and winter.	MYYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October through November 2018	Temperature/humidity data logger installed.
C-11 Gatehouse (at Copco No. 1)	high	Yes	About 20 Myotis clustered in exposed roof apex (interior) in fall. Not found in summer. Not surveyed in winter.	MYYU (visual)	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	None

Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Live Bats Present?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates	Additional Notes
C-12 Gatehouse (at Copco No. 1) <sup>2</sup>	high	Yes	Yes – 2,000 to 3,000 bats present in summer. Several dozen present in fall. Not surveyed in winter.	MYYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	Temperature/humidity data logger installed. Infrared images of emergence.
Copco No. 1 powerhouse	high	Yes	Yes – several dozen bats clustered on walls in transformer bays and small numbers in lower level in summer. Absent in fall and winter.	MYYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018, October through November 2018	Abundant staining/guano on lower level but no large roosts found. Small number of COTO detected acoustically during summer emergence, but not confirmed to be present in the powerhouse.
Diversion Tunnel Outlet <sup>2</sup>	high	Yes – via emergence only.	Yes – ~100 bats emerged in summer, absent in winter.	MYYU (visual, acoustic)	February 2018 inspection, June 2018 emergence.	Small number of COTO detected acoustically on summer emergence, but not confirmed to be present inside tunnel. Highly suitable habitat.
Copco No. 2 powerhouse	high	Yes	Yes – not found during interior inspections, but confirmed summer use by evening emergence of ~50 bats.	MYYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018, October through November 2018	Six dead Myotis adults and pups found on ground level and lower level in summer. Small number of COTO detected acoustically during summer emergence, but not confirmed to be present in the powerhouse.
House 19038 (next to schoolhouse)	high	Yes – abundant guano in garage.	No	NA	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018, October through November 2018	Potential entry points noted.
Maintenance Building (next to switchyard)	high	Yes – guano and staining in garage.	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	Potential entry points noted.

Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Live Bats Present?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates	Additional Notes
Bunkhouse	mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018, October through November 2018	Potential entry points noted.
Cookhouse	mod	Yes	Yes – small number of bats present in awning over side door outside in summer. Absent in fall and winter.	MYU (visual)	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October through November 2018	No signs of interior use. Potential entry points noted.
Vacant House (light blue) on Access Road	mod	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Occupied House next to Vacant House 4	mod	Unknown	Unknown	NA	July 2017 exterior only.	No interior survey access to occupied residences. Resident stated he is not aware of any bats in the attic.
Schoolhouse	low-mod	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Haz Waste Storage/Wood Shop	low-mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018	None
Groundwater Well House (at entrance to Copco Village)	low-mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, October through November 2018	Small amount of guano on roof indicates bat use of rock crevices above/behind the structure.
Maintenance Building (next to Copco No. 2 powerhouse)	low	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018	None
Equipment Shed (in front of bunkhouse/cookhouse)	low	No	No	NA	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018	None
Copco No. 2 Dam (concrete dam and associated structures)	low	No	No	NA	July 2017	None



Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Live Bats Present?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates	Additional Notes
Tin Pumphouse (across from light blue house on Access Road)	low	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Control Center at Copco No. 2 powerhouse	low	No	No	NA	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018	None
<b>Iron Gate</b>						
Diversion Tunnel Outlet <sup>2</sup>	high	Yes – via summer evening emergence only.	Yes – several hundred bats emerged during May and June 2018 surveys. Absent in winter.	MYU (visual, acoustic)	February 2018 inspection, May 2018 emergence, June 2018 emergence	Small number of COTO detected acoustically on summer emergence, but not confirmed to be roosting inside tunnel. Highly suitable habitat.
Penstock Intake Structure <sup>2</sup>	high	Yes	Yes – several hundred bats roosting inside at top of structure in summer. Absent in fall.	MYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	Temperature/humidity data logger installed.
Communication Building/Powerhouse	high	Yes	Yes – several hundred bats emerged from concrete shaft in lower portion of powerhouse in summer. Heavy guano/staining.	MYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, May and June 2018, October through November 2018	Temperature/humidity data logger installed. Lowest, subterranean level of powerhouse not accessed due to confined space entry restriction.
Barn/Garage at Iron Gate Village	high	Yes	Yes – bats present in rafters/ceiling in summer, abundant guano. Absent in fall.	MYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017, May and June 2018, October through November 2018	Temperature/humidity data logger installed.
Residence 1 (occupied) blue/gray	mod-high (attic)	Unknown	Unknown	NA	June 2017 exterior only	No interior survey access to occupied residences.
Residence 2 (occupied) tan with green roof	mod-high (attic)	Yes	Yes – ~15 bats huddled behind clock on back porch. Potential attic access through loose screen over vent.	MYU (visual, acoustic)	July 2017 exterior only	No interior survey access to occupied residences.

Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Live Bats Present?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates	Additional Notes
Fish Holding Facilities	mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	None
Diversion Tunnel Gate Structure	mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	None
Restrooms (near powerhouse)	low-mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018	None
Emergency Spill Equipment shed	low	No	No	NA	July 2018	None
<b>J.C. Boyle</b>						
Spillway Control Center <sup>2</sup>	high	Yes	Yes – several hundred bats present in summer. Absent in fall.	MYYU (visual)	July 2017, May and June 2018, October through November 2018	Temperature/humidity data logger installed.
Office/Red Barn	high	Yes – abundant guano in attic.	No	MYYU (visual – dead specimen)	July 2017, May and June 2018, October through November 2018	Found two dead Myotis sp. adults inside the attic – desiccated.
Fish Screen House	mod-high	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	None
Fire Protection Building	mod	Yes	Yes – outside only, a few bats in exterior crevice near roof edges (western side and eastern side) in summer. Absent in fall.	MYYU (visual)	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	

Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Live Bats Present?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates	Additional Notes
Dam Communications	mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	None
J.C. Boyle powerhouse	mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	None
Maintenance Building (next to powerhouse)	low-mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October through November 2018	None
Truck Shop	low-mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, May 2018 and June 2018, October through November 2018	Maintenance staff have found a few dead bats inside over the years, but no roosting. No sign found inside. Multiple potential access points along roof at the covered parking area.
Headgate Control	low-mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018	None
Gate Control and Communications	low-mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, October through November 2018	None
Power Canal/Spillway	low	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018	None
HazMat Storage Shed	low	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Pump House	low	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Two occupied residences	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	NA	NA	No interior survey access to occupied residences.





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**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> "High" suitability was assigned to structures with bats present and/or where signs of heavy bat use were found, or to structures that showed little or no sign of use or could not be accessed but contain external or internal features generally preferred by roosting bats, such as attics/roof spaces, soffits, fascias, weather boarding, spaces between roof felt/membrane and tiles/slates, window frames, cave/cavity walls, flashing, and the like. "Moderate" suitability was assigned to structures where no bats or very few bats were found, with little or no sign of bat use, that contain points of entry/exit and limited internal and external features preferred by roosting bats. "Low" suitability for roosting was assigned to well-sealed structures with no points of entry/exit, and generally lacking cavities, crevices, and other features generally preferred by roosting bats.

<sup>2</sup> Photograph included in report

NA = Not Applicable

MYU = *Myotis yumanensis* (Yuma myotis)

COTO = *Corynorhinus townsendii* (Townsend's big-eared bat)



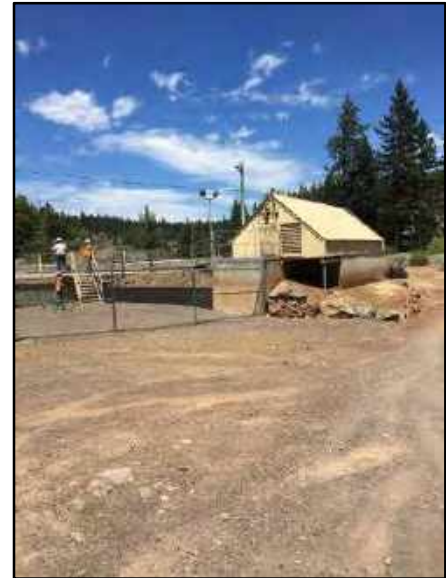
Photograph 5-1: Garage of Vacant House 3, Copco Village



Photograph 5-2: Vacant House #21601, Copco Access Road



Photograph 5-3: Penstock Intake, Iron Gate



Photograph 5-4: Spillway Control Center, J.C. Boyle

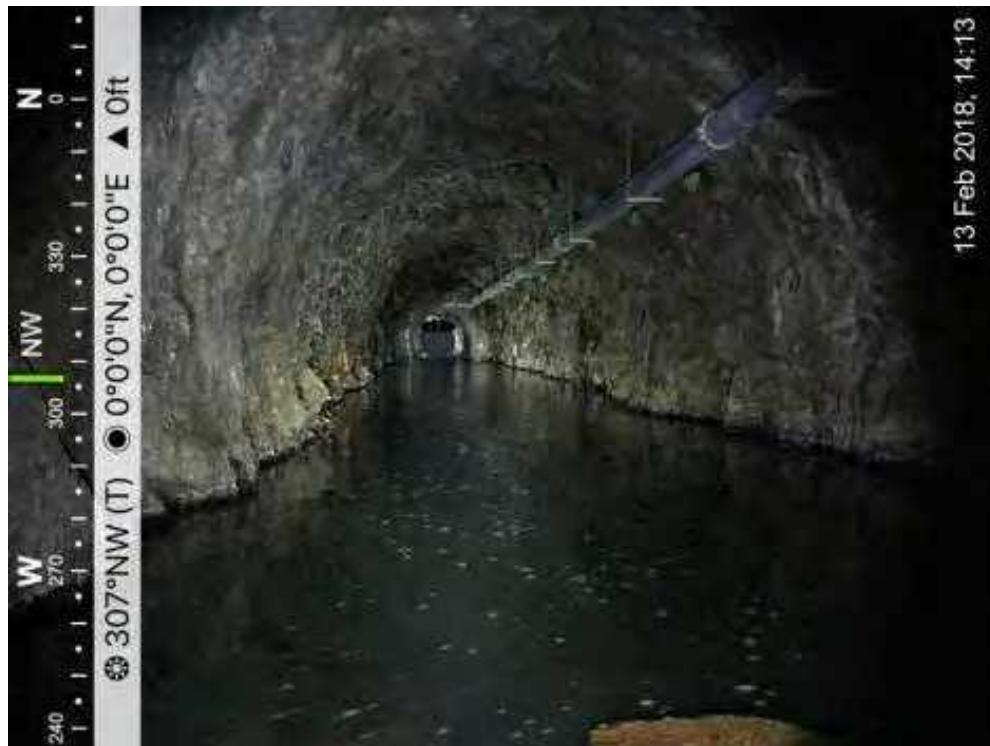


Photograph 5-5: C-12 Gatehouse, Copco No. 1

Although there is potential for other bat species to be present, the only species confirmed to be roosting in structures were Yuma myotis (*Myotis yumanensis*) (Table 5-1). The Lakeview Road Bridge at Iron Gate contains expansion joints that indicate bat use, and emergence surveys at this bridge are planned for summer 2019. The KRRRC biologists did not detect any roosting bats or signs of bat use at any other Project bridges where removal or modifications are planned.

### 5.2.1 Winter 2018

On February 13, 2018, conditions were sunny and clear. Air temperatures outside the Iron Gate tunnel were 48 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) at 12:50 P.M. Inside the tunnel, temperatures were 67°F at the entrance (1:35 P.M.) and 52°F at the terminus (1:51 P.M.). Most of the Iron Gate tunnel is rock, except for the entrance and just before the closure gate, where it is lined with reinforced concrete (25 feet at the entrance and 120 feet leading to the closure gate) (Photograph 5-6). Water depths in the tunnel ranged from 2.7 feet to 5.5 feet. The full length of the accessible portion of the tunnel—approximately 500 feet in length from the entrance to the closure gate, of which approximately 354 feet is unlined, exposed rock—was surveyed. Cliff swallow nests were observed just inside the tunnel entrance. Pigeons were present at various locations throughout the tunnel. No bats or signs of bat use were found; however, both the rock- and concrete-lined portions of the tunnel provide interior spaces and/or irregular rock surfaces suitable for use by roosting bats.



Photograph 5-6: Iron Gate Diversion Tunnel Interior Section of Unlined Rock, February 13, 2018



On February 14, 2018, conditions were sunny and clear. Air temperatures outside the Copco tunnel were 41°F at 10:15 A.M. Inside the tunnel, temperatures were 48°F at the entrance (10:20 A.M.) and 44°F at the terminus (10:30 A.M.). The entire length of the Copco tunnel is unlined, exposed rock (~160 feet) (Photograph 5-7). Water depths in the tunnel ranged from 1.1 feet to 3.2 feet. The full length of the accessible portion of the tunnel was surveyed, from the entrance to the closure gate. Cliff swallow nests and a few pigeons were observed in the tunnel. No bats or signs of bat use were found; however, the tunnel provides suitable habitat.



Photograph 5-7: Copco Diversion Tunnel Interior Substrate and Cliff Swallow Nests, February 14, 2018

On March 1, 2018, the midday outdoor temperature was 45°F. No bats were observed in any structures at Copco No. 1 and Copco No. 2, and no new signs of bat activity were found at these sites.

### 5.2.2 Summer 2018

During the May surveys, the average high daytime outdoor temperature was 74°F. In June, the average high during the day was 83°F. Biologists observed evening emergences of several hundred bats from both the Copco and Iron Gate diversion tunnels and an attic at Copco "Vacant House #21601." More than 2,000 *Myotis* spp. emerged from the Copco No. 1 C-12 gatehouse, the interior of which had not previously been inspected due to access constraints.

Field teams heard small numbers of Townsend's big-eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) during acoustic surveys outside the diversion tunnel outlets and the Copco No. 1 and Copco No. 2 powerhouses; however, it is not certain that these bats came from inside the structures or tunnels. Particularly at the Copco diversion tunnel, access limitations prohibit targeted placement of recording equipment at or near the mouth of the tunnel. Only small numbers of roosting bats have been observed emerging from the Copco powerhouses during summer surveys, despite abundant sign of previous bat use in these structures. Maintenance staff reported that sonic deterrents (Bird-X Transonic Pro) and mothballs and other naphthalene products were used in the past few years in these powerhouses in an attempt to deter bats, but that these efforts were not effective.

### 5.2.3 Fall 2018

During the week of October 29, 2018, the average high daytime outdoor temperature was 63°F. Bats were only present in two structures: the C-11 and C-12 gatehouses at Copco No. 1. Several dozen bats were counted in the attic at C-12, and about a dozen were seen in the open, at the roof apex inside C-11.

## 5.3 Conclusions

Significant bat roosts are present in many structures across the Project area. The KRRRC biologists will continue coordinating with Project engineers on plans for structure retention, modification, and removal. Sufficient information was collected to provide recommendations for take avoidance, humane exclusion, and compensatory roosting habitat for each structure. The KRRRC will provide these site-specific details in a Bat Management Plan. Seasonal surveys in 2019 will focus on structures that will require exclusion, modification, and/or replacement.

The KRRRC will develop and finalize a Bat Management Plan in 2019, prior to commencement of any Project activities that could disturb roosting bats. According to the current Project timeline, site preparation is scheduled to begin in early to mid-2020, which will include work in the diversion tunnels. Therefore, humane exclusion in these locations is anticipated to occur in fall-winter 2019. Building removal is currently scheduled to occur after reservoir drawdown, in March 2021. Therefore, exclusion and installation of replacement habitat in these locations is anticipated to occur in 2020.

The KRRRC will assess significant roosting habitat outside of buildings as Project activities such as tree removal are further refined. Although no roosting trees have yet been identified, the KRRRC will provide general recommendations for removal of potential tree-roosting habitat in the Bat Management Plan. The KRRRC will evaluate significant roosting habitat in the vicinity of major Project disturbances for its potential to be affected by noise or vibrations during ongoing survey efforts, or as otherwise dictated by the Project schedule.



## Chapter 6 Western Pond Turtle



## 6. WESTERN POND TURTLE

Western pond turtles are known to occur at Project reservoirs. The United States Geological Survey conducted visual surveys of basking turtles at J.C. Boyle Reservoir in the mid- to late-1990s and recorded turtle use (Wray 2017). The 2001-2003 PacifiCorp surveys also noted the presence of western pond turtles and suitable basking and nesting habitat at Project reservoirs (PacifiCorp 2004), as shown on Figure 8-1 through 8-3.

The western pond turtle is listed on the Oregon Sensitive Species List and is a species of special concern in California. A petition for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act is currently being considered by USFWS, with a decision regarding listing expected by 2021. In light of its special status, the KRRC conducted an evaluation of potential risks to western pond turtles during drawdown when turtles would be hibernating. In coordination with ODFW, CDFW, and USFWS, the KRRC concluded that there is potential for impacts, including mortality, to western pond turtles from the effects of drawdown and other components of the proposed action. Based on this evaluation, it was determined that the following additional investigations were warranted:

- Conduct surveys of Project reservoirs for basking western pond turtles during special-status wildlife surveys. Document turtle observations and map suitable habitat.
- Conduct a mark/recapture survey and tracking study at J.C. Boyle Reservoir to a) estimate the abundance of western pond turtles in the J.C. Boyle Reservoir area and b) obtain data on western pond turtle overwintering locations and behaviors. The methodology for the study was developed in coordination with ODFW, as described further below.

### 6.1 Methods

#### 6.1.1 Western Pond Turtle Surveys and Habitat

The KRRC biologists noted observations of western pond turtles in the 0.25-mile study area during general wildlife surveys. Biologists recorded the number of turtles, behavior, and other observations. Surveyors observed habitat along reservoir shorelines via boat.

#### 6.1.2 Western Pond Turtle Tracking Study at J.C. Boyle Reservoir

The western pond turtle tracking study was led by the KRRC, with assistance from ODFW biologists. The study was initiated during late summer, when turtles would have finished breeding but would still be active prior to the hibernation season. In coordination with ODFW, two primary objectives were identified:

1. Capture enough western pond turtles (30+) for a mark-recapture study, to produce a population estimate for the J.C. Boyle Reservoir.

2. Capture 14 western pond turtles (8 females and 6 males) and attach radio transmitters and temperature data loggers to them for a telemetry tracking study. The purpose of the telemetry study was to determine the timing and locations of western pond turtle overwintering in the J.C. Boyle Reservoir.

Field teams conducted initial trapping in August 2018, with an additional capture effort conducted in September 2018.

Trap locations are shown on Figures 9-1 and 9-2. During the August trapping event (August 6 through 12, 2018), field teams focused trapping in areas of J.C. Boyle Reservoir where turtles had been observed in the greatest numbers during previous visual surveys, including those conducted by the KRRC biologists in 2018 and historical PacifiCorp surveys (PacifiCorp 2004). This included along the western shore of the reservoir, north of the Highway 66 bridge (referred to as the “west” site, as shown on Figure 9-2); and the southeastern cove near Topsy Campground and the southwestern cove behind the floating log barrier immediately upstream of the dam (referred to together as the “south” site, as shown on Figure 9-1). During the September trapping event (September 4 through 7, 2018), field teams also deployed traps in other areas around the reservoir, including the western and eastern shores south of the bridge, the northernmost shore of the reservoir, and the mouth of Spencer Creek.

The August trapping event consisted of six nights of trapping. Field teams deployed traps in the south or west sites on alternating nights. On the first night of trapping (August 6, 2018), field teams deployed 12 traps in the south site. Due to the low capture rate, teams deployed 20 traps on each subsequent trapping night. Field teams deployed traps in the evenings between approximately 7:00 and 9:00 P.M. and collected them the next morning between approximately 7:30 and 9:30 A.M. Overnight traps were deployed for at least 12 hours each.

Due to the low capture rate, the trapping strategy was altered during the September trapping event to include day trapping, longer trap deployment, and trapping in areas outside the south and west sites. Field teams deployed traps overnight as described above for three nights (September 4 through September 6, 2018), and also deployed traps during the day on September 5 and September 6, 2018. Some of the day traps were deployed around 8:00 A.M. and retrieved in the afternoon approximately 8 hours later; others were left in place, rebaited, and allowed to run another night. In addition, field teams used hand nets to attempt to catch turtles from kayaks and during snorkeling.

The primary trapping method employed commercial opera house-style crab traps baited with canned sardines, diced clams, or cat food. Field teams placed traps near downed trees, snags, and other refugia where turtles tend to forage, and placed traps away from the shore so that terrestrial predators could not easily reach the bait. Field teams also employed hand capture, dip nets, and seine nets as secondary trapping methods. Inflatable kayaks were used to access trap sites around the reservoir.

When caught, turtles were collected in tubs and taken to land for processing in accordance with the methods described in Bury et al. (2012). Processing included recording morphometric data (e.g., size, weight, age, and gender), taking photographs, and making qualitative observations about turtle morphology.

and health. Biologists took photographs of each turtle to document size, coloration, growth rings, plastron patterns, and other identifying features. Notches were filed into the marginal shields according to the notching code described by Holland (1994), to provide identifying marks for future studies.

For the telemetry study, biologists affixed suitably sized turtles with a radio transmitter (Holohil Ltd. Model RI-2B, up to 12-month battery life) and temperature logger (Thermochron Model DS1922L). A two-part epoxy was used to affix the transmitter and temperature logger to a suitably sized costal scute toward the back of the turtle. The epoxy was nonexothermic and did not produce heat that could harm the turtle. Application of epoxy to scute sutures (where carapace growth occurs) was avoided. The epoxy was colored black with printer toner to improve camouflage. The epoxy was allowed to dry and harden before releasing the turtle back to the site where it was caught. Field teams confirmed the functionality of the radio transmitter prior to deployment. The transmitter, temperature logger, and epoxy were allowed to make up a maximum of 5 percent of total turtle body weight; smaller turtles were not considered suitable for tracking.

In accordance with the permit restrictions, the KRRC biologists turned over live bycatch of any nonnative, nonfish animals, which included only American bullfrogs (*Lithobates catesbeianus*), to ODFW for euthanization. Live bycatch of fishes included three nonnative species identified by ODFW staff as goldfish, largemouth bass, and pumpkinseed. On three occasions, small fish were found dead in traps; these all appeared to be the same species and were later identified as goldfish.

To provide environmental baseline temperature data, teams attached temperature data loggers to 250-foot cables which were deployed along a transect in the south and west trapping areas during the August event (Figures 9-1 and 9-2). Along each transect, three temperature loggers were deployed in the upland area in suitable terrestrial overwintering habitat, one data logger was placed on shore, and three were deployed in the reservoir along the weighted cable to provide information about the temperature gradient across potential in-water overwintering habitats.

## 6.2 Findings

Biologists observed western pond turtles in all three Project reservoirs during the 2018 wildlife surveys in May and June (Figures 8-1 through 8-3). Observations of turtle habitat generally agreed well with historical PacifiCorp turtle habitat mapping.

Western pond turtles were observed in the following numbers at each reservoir:

- Iron Gate Reservoir: 8
- Copco Lake: 42
- J.C. Boyle Reservoir: 46

The KRRC did not conduct formal basking surveys, so these numbers do not represent a population estimate.



During the August 2018 trapping event at J.C. Boyle, field teams deployed 112 traps over the six nights of trapping. Biologists captured a total of five individuals (three at the west site and two at the south site), for a capture rate of 4.5 percent. All turtles were caught within the first three nights of trapping. Traps with each of the three baits (sardines, clams, and cat food) resulted in captures. Attempts to capture turtles via hand capture and seine nets were unsuccessful, mainly due to the abundance of aquatic vegetation on and below the water surface. No turtles were recaptured during this event. Preliminary radio telemetry indicated that the two turtles caught and tagged at the north site had moved south of the bridge (approximately 0.5 river mile from where they were released) over the course of 2 days.

Only four of the five turtles captured during the August event were tagged with radio transmitters and temperature data loggers. One female turtle exhibited signs of an unknown shell disorder; her vertebral scutes were detaching from the carapace. The costal scutes appeared intact, but there was concern that the shell integrity would continue to deteriorate, so the team did not affix a transmitter or temperature logger to this animal.

During the September trapping event, the team deployed an equivalent of 89 traps (i.e., 89 trap deployments lasting 12 hours) over 3 days and nights of trapping. Biologists caught five turtles in traps, four of which were tagged with radio transmitters and temperature loggers. One juvenile turtle caught with a hand net was too small for a radio transmitter.

In summary, biologists outfitted a total of eight western pond turtles with transmitters and temperature loggers during the two 2018 trapping events. Trap locations and successful capture sites are shown on Figures 9-1 and 9-2. Trapping effort details and photographs are provided in Appendix C.

The trapping study did not include a formal visual survey; however, biologists observed western pond turtles throughout the J.C. Boyle Reservoir in numbers comparable to those observed in previous visual surveys. Areas of concentrated turtle use were identified by field teams near the dam and along the western shore north of the Highway 66 bridge. In addition to these areas, biologists observed 5 to 10 turtles in the large southeastern cove, and groups of 3 to 6 turtles in smaller coves around the reservoir. Biologists most commonly observed turtles basking on logs or stumps, or basking aquatically at the water surface.

## 6.3 Conclusions

Biologists observed western pond turtles in all three Project reservoirs during 2018 wildlife surveys in May and June. Field teams observed the highest number of turtles in the J.C. Boyle Reservoir.

The number of turtles caught during the two trapping events at the J.C. Boyle Reservoir (11 caught in total, eight tagged with tracking equipment) was below the targets set for the telemetry study (14 turtles) and population study (30+ turtles). Possible explanations for the low capture rate include:

- Other prey sources (aquatic snails, tadpoles, small fish, and various invertebrates) were already abundant throughout the reservoir, so turtles were not attracted to the bait. The unusually fast

growth rate and large average size of western pond turtles noted in J.C. Boyle Reservoir indicated a consistently high availability of food sources.

- Successful trapping with baited traps has been widely reported during fall months, but baited traps are generally more successful in the spring. Western pond turtles typically feed less as the summer goes on because they cannot digest food while overwintering. If the J.C. Boyle Reservoir population typically initiates overwintering in late summer, then they would likely have reduced their feeding rates and been less prone to capture in baited traps.

As part of the tracking study, the KRRC biologists are conducting winter field visits to the J.C. Boyle Reservoir to locate radio-tagged turtles. The locations of turtles will be determined to the extent feasible from shore; however, if turtles are found to be overwintering in deeper waters far from shore and more precise locations are desired, a boat may be used. The locations of overwintering radio-tagged turtles will help determine whether western pond turtles at J.C. Boyle Reservoir tend to overwinter on land or in reservoir sediments. If turtles are found overwintering in shallow sediments, the specific locations of those turtles in the reservoir will aid in determining whether they could be affected by erosion and other potential effects during drawdown.

In spring 2019, the KRRC biologists will conduct additional trapping for approximately six nights, to attempt to capture enough turtles to enable a population estimate and to recover data loggers. As with the initial trapping effort, traps will be set by inflatable kayak or by shore to the extent possible. Radio-transmitters will be used to locate the radio-tagged turtles and set traps nearby. If trapping efforts are insufficient to capture enough additional untagged turtles for a population estimate, additional efforts such as snorkeling may be used.

Biologists will also retrieve environmental data loggers measuring ambient air and water temperatures in spring 2019. Thermographs from environmental data loggers will be compared to those carried by turtles, to aid in determining whether turtles are overwintering on land or in water (and potentially at what depth in the water/sediment), and if they remain stationary or are active for part of the winter.



## Chapter 7 Special-Status Plants



## 7. SPECIAL-STATUS PLANTS

Several special-status plant species have been identified as occurring in the Project area. PacifiCorp (2004) documented several special-status plant species during extensive surveys in 2002 and 2003. In addition, the KRRRC biologists identified occurrences of special-status plant species through state and federal databases (ORBIC 2017; CNDDDB 2018; IPaC 2018); the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California (CNPS 2018a); and information obtained from USFWS (Yreka), BLM (Klamath Falls), and USFS (Klamath National Forest).

For the purposes of the surveys, special-status plants were defined to include those species with federal status (federally listed as threatened, endangered, or proposed for listing), state threatened or endangered species, species included in ONHP Lists 1 and 2, and species listed as California Rare Plant Rank 1 and 2. Where BLM and USFS lands occur in the study area, BLM and USFS Sensitive Species are also considered.

The objective of the surveys was to identify any special-status plants that are present 1) in the study area (i.e., within a 0.25-mile buffer around the Project area) and/or 2) in areas such as reservoir shorelines that may be affected by the Project.

### 7.1 Methods

Based on documented occurrences and the presence of suitable habitat, the KRRRC biologists developed a focused list of special-status plant species, as shown in Table 7-1.

Table 7-1: Special-Status Plants with Potential to Occur in or near the Project Area

Species	Status	Habitat	Location of Documented Occurrence(s)	Bloom Time	Survey Effort
Greene's mariposa-lily <i>Calochortus greenei</i>	FSC, BLM, OC, ONHP List 1, CNPS List 1B	Occurs primarily in annual grassland, wedgeleaf ceanothus chaparral, and oak and oak-juniper woodlands	Several locations around Iron Gate Reservoir	May through July	Within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Bristly Sedge <i>Carex comosa</i>	ONHP List 2	Marshes, lake shore, and wet meadows	Eastern shore of J.C. Boyle Reservoir in two locations (east of dam and south of Highway 66); also, west of dam	May through September	Along reservoir margins and within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Mountain Lady's Slipper <i>Cypripedium montanum</i>	ONHP List 4, CNPS List 4	Dry, open conifer forests, more often in moist riparian habitats	J.C. Boyle peaking reach (location details unknown)	March through August	Within the limits of work in suitable habitat

Species	Status	Habitat	Location of Documented Occurrence(s)	Bloom Time	Survey Effort
Gentner's fritillary <i>Fritillaria gentneri</i>	FE, CNPS List 1B	Cismontane woodland, chaparral; mixed hardwood-conifer vegetation dominated by Oregon oak	Habitat present in the reach along Copco Lake and Iron Gate Reservoir; no known locations	Late March to early April; April and May at higher elevations	Within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Bolander's sunflower <i>Helianthus bolanderi</i>	BLM, ONHP List 3	Occurs in yellow pine forest, foothill oak woodland, chaparral, and occasionally in serpentine substrates or wet habitats.	South of Iron Gate Reservoir near proposed disposal site; J.C. Boyle peaking reach (location details unknown)	June through October	Within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Bellinger's meadow-foam <i>Limnanthes floccosa</i> ssp. <i>bellingerana</i>	FSC, BLM, OC, ONHP List 1, CNPS List 1B	High elevation vernal pools in shallow soiled rocky meadows in spots that are at least partially shaded in the spring	J.C. Boyle peaking reach (location details unknown)	April through June	Within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Detling's silverpuffs <i>Microseris laciniata</i> ssp. <i>detlingii</i>	CNPS List 2	Chaparral and grassy openings among Oregon white oak trees	One location on the western side of Iron Gate Reservoir	May through June	Within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Egg Lake monkeyflower <i>Mimulus pygmaeus</i>	FSC, CNPS List 4	Occurs in damp areas or vernal moist conditions in meadows and open woods	East of J.C. Boyle Reservoir in two locations (north of Highway 66 and southeast of dam); west of dam in two locations in damp mudflats; also west of canal near access road in one location	May through August	Along reservoir margins and within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Holzinger's orthotrichum moss <i>Orthotrichum holzingeri</i>	CNPS List 1B.3	Found on vertical calcareous rock surfaces and at the bases of Salix bushes just above rock that is frequently inundated by seasonally high water in dry coniferous forests	Just upstream of Iron Gate Reservoir on Jenny Creek		Where in-stream work could occur at Jenny Creek at bridge
Western yampah <i>Perideridia erythrorhiza</i>	FSC, BLM, OC, ONHP List 1	Occurs in moist prairies, pastureland, seasonally wet meadows, and oak or pine woodlands, often in dark wetland soils and clay depressions	Along three drainages into the western side of J.C. Boyle Reservoir and in two locations west of canal near access road	Mid July through August	Along reservoir margins and within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Howell's yampah (Howell's false caraway) <i>Perideridia howellii</i>	ONHP List 4	Moist meadows, stream banks	One location along the drainage southeast of J.C. Boyle Reservoir; one location along the northern side of Copco Lake north of the road	July and August	Along reservoir margins and within the limits of work in suitable habitat

Species	Status	Habitat	Location of Documented Occurrence(s)	Bloom Time	Survey Effort
Yreka phlox <i>Phlox hirsuta</i>	FE, CE, CNPS List 1B	Open areas on dry serpentine soils, found at elevations ranging from 2,500 to 4,400 feet.	Not known to occur near the limits of work; no suitable ultramafic soils occur within 0.5 mile of the limits of work (NRCS 2017)	March and April	None – suitable soils not present within the limits of work
Strapleaf willow <i>Salix ligulifolia</i>	ONHP List 3	Riverbanks, wetlands, floodplains	One location west of J.C. Boyle Dam in a boulder flood channel in the dam release zone	March through June	Along reservoir margins and within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Fleshy sage <i>Salvia dorrii</i> var. <i>incana</i>	CNPS List 3	Occurs in silty to rocky soils in great basin scrub, pinyon, and juniper woodland	Three locations around Iron Gate Reservoir	May through July	Within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Pendulous bulrush <i>Scirpus pendulus</i>	BLM, ONHP List 2, CNPS List 2	Occurs along streambanks and in wet meadows	One location along Fall Creek	June through August	Along reservoir margins and within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Lemmon's silene <i>lemmonii</i>	ONHP List 3	Open pine woodlands	J.C. Boyle peaking reach to J.C. Boyle Reservoir (location details unknown)	Spring and summer	Within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Western yellow cedar <i>Callitropsis nootkatensis</i>	Petitioned for federal listing, CNPS List 4.3	Wet to moist sites, from the coastal rainforests to rocky ridgetops near the timberline in the mountains	Not documented during PacifiCorp surveys or listed on CNDDDB or ORBIC for the Project area; may occur based on information from USFWS Yreka office (May 23, 2017)		Within the limits of work in suitable habitat

**Key:**

BLM: Bureau of Land Management sensitive species—species that could easily become endangered or extinct

CE: California Endangered

CNDDDB: California Natural Diversity Database

CNPS List 1A: California Native Plant Society (CNPS)—presumed extinct in California

CNPS List 1B: rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere

CNPS List 2: rare, threatened, or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere

CNPS List 3: on the review list—more information needed

CNPS List 4: on the watch list—limited distribution

FE: Federal Endangered

FSC: Federal Species of Concern

OC: Candidate listing by Oregon Department of Agriculture

ONHP List 1: Oregon Natural Heritage Program (ONHP) threatened with extinction or presumed to be extinct throughout their entire range

ONHP List 2: threatened with extirpation or presumed to be extirpated from the State of Oregon

ONHP List 3: more information is needed before status can be determined, but may be threatened or endangered in Oregon or throughout their range

ONHP List 4: of conservation concern but not currently threatened or endangered

ORBIC: Oregon Biodiversity Information Center

USFWS: United States Fish and Wildlife Service

In consideration of the various peak bloom times of the species listed in Table 7-1, the KRRC biologists planned three surveys: early season (April), mid-season (May), and late season (July). The mid-season and part of the late season surveys were conducted in 2018. The early season survey was not conducted, due to



lack of access to PacifiCorp lands. A wildfire in the California portion of the study area in July restricted the late season survey to the J.C. Boyle Reservoir study area.

The KRRC biologists conducted focused surveys for special-status plants in the areas where construction would occur. These focused surveys followed the CDFW “Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special-Status Native Plant Populations and Sensitive Natural Communities” (CDFW 2018b). In areas along reservoir shorelines, where changes in hydrology and geomorphology could occur due to the Project, biologists focused surveys on the locations of known and potential occurrences of special-status plants documented during surveys conducted by PacifiCorp (2004) and data obtained from a desktop review of existing databases (CNDDDB, ORBIC, and CNPS).

In accordance with the CDFW protocol, detailed floristic surveys conducted in areas where construction would occur entailed identification of every plant taxon observed, to the taxonomic level necessary to determine rarity and listing status. These planned construction areas include proposed disposal sites, staging areas, utility line corridors, facility removal areas, and locations where clearing could occur for road modifications such as road widening, turnouts, equipment and material storage, and bridge replacement or modification. In these areas, biologists walked parallel transects generally spaced 5 to 10 meters apart and recorded plant species observed. Biologists also surveyed reservoir shorelines from a boat, focusing on areas of suitable habitat and locations of known and potential occurrences of special-status plants. Biologists recorded Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates for all special-status plants found, along with descriptions of habitat conditions and proximity to proposed work activities or other notable features.

## 7.2 Findings

As shown on Figures 10-1 through 10-3, the KRRC biologists identified seven special-status plant species (including one potential observation) in the study area, as follows:

- *Calochortus greenei* (Greene’s mariposa-lily) was observed in several locations in the vicinity of the Iron Gate Reservoir, including in the footprint of the Iron Gate disposal site. The species was also observed along utility corridors between the Copco No. 1 and Copco No. 2 Dams. A *Calochortus* species was observed along the southeastern side of Copco Lake in two locations, which will be revisited to confirm species identification in future surveys during the appropriate bloom time. In addition, there is one known historical observation of the species northeast of the staging areas for the Copco No. 1 Dam; however, this area could not be accessed during the 2018 surveys and will be visited in 2019.
- *Salvia dorrii* var. *incana* (fleshy sage) was observed in two locations near Iron Gate Reservoir; both locations are in proximity to but outside of the potential disturbance area associated with proposed removal of utility poles.
- A previously documented population of *Perideridia erythrorhiza* (western yampah) north of the J.C. Boyle Dam was verified. The plants are in a dry meadow and will likely be outside the area of impact from the drawdown of the reservoir.

- *Carex comosa* (bristly sedge) was observed along the J.C. Boyle Reservoir at the location of a previously documented occurrence. The plants were not in bloom during the survey, so that area will be revisited during future surveys to confirm species identification.

In addition to the species with known potential to occur discussed above, the KRRRC botanists observed three other rare plant species in the study area:

- *Mirabilis greenei* (Greene's four o'clock), CNPS 4.2, was observed in four locations along the northern side of the Klamath River, downstream of the Copco No. 2 Dam.
- *Iris longipetala* (coast iris), CNPS 4.2, was observed in one location along the northwestern shoreline of the J.C. Boyle Reservoir.
- *Lilium washingtonianum* ssp. *purpurascens* (purple-flowered Washington lily), CNPS 4.3, was observed in two locations: near the Fall Creek diversion and along the northern side of Copco Lake.

## 7.3 Conclusions

The KRRRC biologists documented special-status plants in the study area, including some locations near or in the Project area, as shown on Figures 10-1 through 10-3. Additional special-status plant surveys will be conducted in 2019 to complete surveys within the early (April) and the late (July) bloom times. In addition, biologists will visit the locations of unconfirmed sightings during the appropriate bloom times to confirm occurrences of specific species (e.g., *Carex comosa*). Additional areas insufficiently surveyed during 2018 will be covered, including the proposed Fall Creek hatchery area and bypass river reaches.

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## Chapter 8 Vegetation Communities



## 8. VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

The KRRC biologists classified and mapped vegetation communities to identify the location of sensitive natural communities that may be affected by the Project.

### 8.1 Methods

PacifiCorp mapped existing vegetation cover types/wildlife habitat in a primary study area of 0.25 mile surrounding the reservoirs, facilities, and river reaches (PacifiCorp 2004). The intent of the 2018 vegetation community mapping conducted by the KRRC was to verify the general extent of vegetation communities and classify them to the alliance level in accordance with the Manual of California Vegetation (CNPS 2018b). An alliance is a floristically defined vegetation type identified by its dominant and/or characteristic species.

In June 2018, the KRRC biologists conducted vegetation community mapping in the 0.25-mile study area. During mapping efforts, the KRRC biologists walked the length of proposed construction areas and visually classified the vegetation communities into similar (or dissimilar) groups. The team mapped polygons to delineate each area where vegetation communities and percent cover were internally consistent. In each polygon, the dominant and characteristic plant species were recorded, and the percent cover for the ground, understory, and canopy layers was noted. A list of all identified species was compiled for each polygon. Upon encountering an area with different dominant species and/or percent coverage, a new polygon, denoting a new alliance, was established. Vegetation community and coverage data were then used to classify each area by alliance in accordance with CNPS methods.

### 8.2 Findings

Biologists recorded 17 alliances in the 0.25-mile study area (Table 8-1). Vegetation communities (as alliances) are depicted on Figures 11-1 through 11-16.

Table 8-1: Vegetation Community Alliances Recorded in the Study Area

Alliance Scientific Name	Alliance Common Name	Lifeform	California Rarity	Global Rarity
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa pine forest	Tree	S4	G5
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	Oregon ash groves	Tree	S3.2	G4
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Bigleaf maple forest	Tree	S3	G4
<i>Quercus garryana</i>	Oregon white oak woodland	Tree	S3	G4
<i>Juniperus occidentalis</i>	Western juniper woodland	Tree	S4	G5
<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>	Wedgeleaf ceanothus chaparral	Shrub	S4	G4
<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>	Birchleaf mountain mahogany chaparral	Shrub	S4	G5
<i>Purshia tridentata</i>	Bitterbrush scrub	Shrub	S3	G4
<i>Prunus subcordata</i>	Klamath plum shrubland	Shrub	NA	NA
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry thicket	Shrub	S2	G4
<i>Salix lucida</i>	Shining willow grove	Tree	S3.2	G4
<i>Salix geyeriana</i>	Geyer willow thicket	Shrub	S2	G4
<i>Salix</i> sp.	Willow thicket	Tree/Shrub	NA	NA
<i>Schoenoplectus acutus</i>	Hardstem bulrush marsh	Herb	S4	G5
<i>Carex</i> sp.	Sedge meadow	Herb	NA	NA
<i>Bromus tectorum</i> – <i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>	Cheatgrass – medusahead grassland	Herb	SNR	GNR
<i>Bromus</i> ( <i>diandrus</i> , <i>hordeaceus</i> )	Annual brome grassland	Herb	SNR	GNR

#### Key

California Rarity/Global Rarity

S1/G1: Statewide/Worldwide <6 viable occurrences and/or <518 hectares

S2/G2: 6 to 20 occurrences and/or 518 to 2,590 hectares

S3/G3: 21 to 100 occurrences and/or 2,590 to 12,950 hectares

S4/G4: >100 occurrences and/or > 12,950 hectares

S5/G5: Demonstrably secure because of its worldwide abundance

SNR – State not reported

GNR – Global not reported

NA – Alliance not identified by CNPS

## 8.3 Conclusions

CDFW has ranked natural communities according to their rarity in the state of California. Natural Communities with ranks of S1-S3 are considered Sensitive Natural Communities (CDFW 2018c). Biologists identified the following sensitive natural communities in the study area:

- Oregon ash groves
- Bigleaf maple forest
- Oregon white oak woodland

- Bitterbrush scrub
- Chokecherry thicket
- Shining willow grove
- Geyer willow thicket

The KRRC did not conduct wetland surveys or focused delineations during the 2018 field season. Biologists mapped emergent wetlands along the fringes of the reservoirs and riparian habitat primarily associated with streams and drainages that flow into the reservoirs. Additional sensitive vegetation communities may be identified during wetland investigations to be carried out in 2019.

In 2019, the KRRC will delineate wetlands in the Project area in accordance with the 1987 United States Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and applicable Regional Supplements (i.e., Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region and Arid West). Additionally, the KRRC will use the Oregon Rapid Wetland Assessment Protocol to assess functional values of wetlands, as applicable to areas in Oregon. In addition, the KRRC will conduct additional mapping of wetlands and riparian habitats adjacent to reservoirs and/or associated with streams but outside the direct limits of work.





## Chapter 9 Invasive Exotic Vegetation

## 9. INVASIVE EXOTIC VEGETATION

After a close review of invasive exotic vegetation (IEV) survey findings for the Project area documented by PacifiCorp in 2002-2003 (PacifiCorp 2004), the KRRC determined that surveys reflecting current IEV conditions were required. Information on IEV locations and extent are needed to effectively plan for control of IEV in the Project area, to support restoration success.

### 9.1 Methods

In 2017 and 2018, KRRC biologists conducted surveys of invasive exotic plant species targeted by federal, state, and county agencies. The timing of these surveys corresponded to when IEV were positively identifiable (by leaf or flower) (Table 9-1). The study area included uplands around the reservoir edges and other areas within the limits of work.

Biologists conducted a partial survey in late fall of 2017, between November 10 and December 8. At that time, 15 to 20 percent of the shoreline at each reservoir was surveyed on foot. A principal survey was conducted between May 19 and June 22, 2018, in a study area that included all areas where construction activities are planned and along reservoir shorelines. Early spring surveys were planned but not executed because access was not granted by PacifiCorp.

The November 2017 surveys were conducted by two biologists, but the 2018 surveys were conducted by three to four biologists at a time. Biologists surveyed approximately 566 acres in total, which included the Project acreage above the water surface (uplands). When feasible, biologists divided into teams of two. A two-person team allowed for a fast, systematic survey of Project shorelines with one biologist walking near the shoreline below riparian vegetation and the second biologist walking in parallel along the upper portion of the bank, closer to the boundary of the Project area. Biologists kept in constant communication to ensure that each invasive species of concern was recorded accurately, and that no data were repeated or skipped.

The KRRC developed a prioritized list of invasive species (Table 9-1) based on historical data and on lists of IEV species with a potential to occur in the Project area derived from data available from the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Oregon Department of Agriculture, California Invasive Plant Council, Klamath and Siskiyou County Departments of Agriculture, and the Klamath National Forest. Biologists logged the presence of high- and medium-priority invasive species (as designated in Table 9-1, last column) with either a point representing an 8-foot-diameter circle for smaller populations, or a polygon representing a larger IEV population. If multiple species were present in the same area, they were all included in the GPS data of either the point or polygon. Because areas of invasive vegetation can serve as seed banks for the Project site, areas of dense invasive coverage outside the limit of work were also recorded. These areas will be used to inform the invasive species removal plan but were not used to calculate the area of IEV coverage.

Table 9-1: Prioritized List of IEV Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	CDFA <sup>1</sup>	ODA <sup>2</sup>	Cal-IPC <sup>3</sup>	Klamath County <sup>4</sup>	Siskiyou County <sup>5</sup>	Klamath NF <sup>6</sup>	# of Agencies <sup>7</sup>	Priority <sup>8</sup>
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	skeleton weed	AW	B & T	Moderate	A	CA-A	High	5	High
<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	diffuse knapweed	AW	B	Moderate	A	CA-A	High	4	High
<i>Centaurea virgata</i> ssp. <i>squar.</i>	squarrose knapweed	NR	A & T	Moderate	A	CA-A	High	4	High
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	leafy spurge	AW	B & T	NR	B	CA-A	High	4	High
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch thistle	AW	B	High	B	CA-A	High	4	High
<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	Russian knapweed	BW	NR	Moderate	A	CA-A	High	3	High
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	plumeless thistle	AW	NR	limited	A	NR	High	3	High
<i>Centaurea stoebe</i> ssp. <i>micr.</i>	spotted knapweed	NR	B	High	B	CA-A	High	3	High
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch broom	BW	B	High	A	CA-C	High	3	High
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	perennial pepperweed	BW	B & T	High	B	NR	High	3	High
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	purple looserstrife	BW	B	High	A	NR	High	3	High
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	musk thistle	AW	B	Moderate	B	CA-A	High	2	High
<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	Japanese knotweed	BW	NR	Moderate	A	NR	High	2	High
<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>	Dalmatian toadflax	NR	B	Moderate	B	CA-A	High	2	High
<i>Onopordum tauricum</i>	Taurian thistle	AW	A	NR	NR	NR	High	2	High
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	field sowthistle	AW	NR	NR	NR	NR	High	2	High
<i>Tamarix parviflora</i>	small flower tamarisk	NR	NR	High	NR	NR	High	2	High
<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	alkanet	NR	B & T	NR	NR	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Bromus madritensis</i> ssp. <i>rubens</i>	foxtail brome	NR	NR	High	NR	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	cheatgrass	NR	NR	High	NR	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	yellow starthistle	CW	B	High	B	CA-C	Moderate	1	Medium
<i>Cirsium ochrocentrum</i>	Beaumont thistle	AW	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	field bindweed	CW	B & T	NR	NR	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	bearded creeper	AW,Q	B	Limited	NR	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	teasel	NR	B	Moderate	A	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Elymus caput-medusae</i>	medusahead	CW	B	High	C	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	fennel	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	High	1	Medium





Scientific Name	Common Name	CDFA <sup>1</sup>	ODA <sup>2</sup>	Cal-IPC <sup>3</sup>	Klamath County <sup>4</sup>	Siskiyou County <sup>5</sup>	Klamath NF <sup>6</sup>	# of Agencies <sup>7</sup>	Priority <sup>8</sup>
<i>Halogeton glomeratus</i>	saltlover	AW	B	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	dyer's woad	BW	B	Moderate	A	CA-B	Moderate	1	Medium
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	butter and eggs	NR	B	Moderate	A	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canary grass	NR	B & T	Not Listed	NR	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Himalayan blackberry	NR	B	High	NR	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Salvia aethiops</i>	Mediterranean sage	BW	B	Limited	B	NR	High	1	Medium
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	puncture vine	CW	B	Limited	B	NR	High	1	Medium
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	spiny clotbur	NR	B	None	A	NR	NR	1	Medium
<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>	goatgrass	BW	B	Watch	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Avena barbata</i>	slender oat	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Brassica nigra</i>	black mustard	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	ripgut grass	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada thistle	BW	B	Moderate	B	CA-B	Moderate	0	Low
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bull thistle	NR	B	Moderate	C	CA-C	Low	0	Low
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	poison hemlock	NR	B	Moderate	B	NR	Low	0	Low
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	tall fescue	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	summer mustard	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	foxtail barley	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Klamath weed	CW	B	Limited	B	NR	Low	0	Low
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	hoary cress	BW	NR	Moderate	B	NR	Moderate	0	Low
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	oxeye daisy	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	white horehound	NR	B	Limited	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	pennyroyal	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>	Himalayan knotweed	BW	NR	Watch	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	common sheep sorrel	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	0	Low
<i>Torilis arvensis</i>	field hedge parsley	NR	NR	Moderate	NR	NR	NR	0	Low

Notes: (Lighter cells indicate a high priority to the corresponding agency)

### 1. CDFA: California Noxious Weed List (CDFA 2018); Ratings descriptions as follows:

- "A" A pest of known economic or environmental detriment and is either not known to be established in California or it is present in a limited distribution that allows for the possibility of eradication or successful containment. If found entering or established in the state, A-rated pests are subject to state (or commissioner when acting as a state agent) enforced action involving eradication, quarantine regulation, containment, rejection, or other holding action.
- "B" A pest of known economic or environmental detriment and, if present in California, it is of limited distribution. At the discretion of the individual county agricultural commissioner they are subject to eradication, containment, suppression, control, or other holding action.
- "C" A pest of known economic or environmental detriment and, if present in California, it is usually widespread. If found in the state, they are subject to regulations designed to retard spread or to suppress at the discretion of the individual county agricultural commissioner. There is no state enforced action other than providing for pest cleanliness.
- "Q" An organism or disorder suspected to be of economic or environmental detriment, but whose status is uncertain because of incomplete identification or inadequate information.
- "W" This notation indicates that a plant is included in the CCR Section 4500 list of California State Noxious Weeds.

### 2. ODA Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System (ODA 2018). (Equivalent to the Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council (PNW-IPC). Ratings descriptions as follows:

- A A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent. Recommended action: Infestations are subject to eradication or intensive control when and where found.
- B A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but which may have limited distribution in some counties. Recommended action: Limited to intensive control at the state, county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.
- T A designated group of weed species that are selected and will be the focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. Action against these weeds will receive priority.

### 3. Cal-IPC. The Cal-IPC Plant Inventory (Cal-IPC 2018). Ratings descriptions as follows:

- High These species have severe ecological impacts on physical processes, plant and animal communities, and vegetation structure. Their reproductive biology and other attributes are conducive to moderate to high rates of dispersal and establishment.
- Moderate These species have substantial and apparent-but generally not severe-ecological impacts on physical processes, plant and animal communities, and vegetation structure. Their reproductive biology and other attributes are conducive to moderate to high rates of dispersal, though establishment is generally dependent upon ecological disturbance.
- Limited These species are invasive but their ecological impacts are minor on a statewide level or there was not enough information to justify a higher score. Their reproductive biology and other attributes result in low to moderate rates of invasiveness. Ecological amplitude and distribution are generally limited, but these species may be locally persistent and problematic.



**Alert** An Alert is listed on species with High or Moderate impacts that have limited distribution in California, but may have the potential to spread much further.

**Watch** These species have been assessed as posing a high risk of becoming invasive in the future in California.

#### 4. KCBC. Noxious Weeds in Klamath County for the year 2019 (KCBC 2019). Ratings descriptions as follows:

- A A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the county in small enough infestations to make eradication/containment possible, or if not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring counties make future occurrence in Klamath County seem imminent.
- B A weed of economic importance which in some parts of the county is abundant but may have limited distribution in other parts of the county. Where implementation of a fully integrated county wide management plan is infeasible, biological control shall be the main control approach.
- C A weed which in most parts of the county is abundant. While not subject to enforcement regulations, these species can cause similar economic and ecological impacts as other noxious weed species. Education and control recommendations will be the main approach.

#### 5. SDA. Identification and Characteristics of Invasive Noxious Weed Infestations. (SDA 2015). Ratings:

- A "A" Rated: A pest of known economic or environmental detriment and is either not known to be established in California or it is present in a limited distribution that allows for the possibility of eradication or successful containment. A-rated pests are prohibited from entering the state. A-rated pests are subject to state (or commissioner) enforced action involving eradication, quarantine regulation, containment, rejection, or other holding action.
- B "B" Rated: A pest of known economic or environmental detriment and it is of limited distribution. Subject to state endorsed holding action and eradication to provide for containment. At the discretion of the individual county agricultural commissioner they are subject to eradication, containment, suppression, control, or other holding action.
- C "C" Rated: A pest of known economic or environmental detriment and is usually widespread. They are subject to regulations designed to retard spread or to suppress at the discretion of the individual county agricultural commissioner. There is no state enforced action other than providing for pest cleanliness.

#### 6. USFS-KNF: KNF Noxious Weed and Non-native Invasive Plant List (USFS 2013). Ratings descriptions as follows:

- High These species are currently either limited in distribution, highly invasive, or not present on the KNF. Treatment may vary by location.
- Moderate These species are generally common and are treated on a case by case basis depending on location (Wilderness and Research Natural Area (RNA) increase the priority for treatment).
- Low These species are either widespread throughout the KNF or are not considered to be highly invasive in our area. Usually not treated unless located in a high priority area, such as Wilderness or RNA.

#### 7. Number of Agencies Considering Plant a High Priority for Eradication

#### 8. IEV Survey and Control Priority



Cal-IPC = California Invasive Plant Council  
CDFA = California Department of Food and Agriculture  
IEV = Invasive Exotic Vegetation  
KCBC = Klamath County Board of Commissioners  
KNF = Klamath National Forest  
ODA = Oregon Department of Agriculture  
SDA = Siskiyou Department of Agriculture  
USFS = United States Forest Service

The majority of the study area was accessible by foot, except for the southern end of J.C. Boyle Reservoir and the southeastern side of Iron Gate Reservoir. South of Highway 66, J.C. Boyle Reservoir narrows between two rock face cliffs for approximately 0.75 mile. The majority of the southeastern side of Iron Gate is inaccessible because there are no roads, and steep cliffs border the reservoir. For these areas, biologists surveyed from a boat, landing along the shoreline to walk selected accessible areas. For areas too steep to survey by foot, biologists carefully maneuvered the boat to the shoreline and used a pair of binoculars to identify plants.

Ninety percent of the area surrounding Copco Lake is privately owned; consequently, access from the landside was not permitted in most areas. However, during the summer survey in 2018, the water levels in the reservoir were 10 to 15 feet lower than the high water mark, and the biologists were able to use this extended shoreline area to walk along the reservoir without trespassing on any private land.

## 9.2 Findings

Tables 9-2, 9-3, and 9-4 list the IEV species found in the areas surrounding the J.C. Boyle Reservoir, Copco Lake, and Iron Gate Reservoir, respectively. The area values were calculated as the area where each species was dominant in the survey area. Percent cover represents the area of the dominant species in the study area, divided by the total area of the study area (excluding the reservoir footprints themselves). Figures 12-1 through 12-26 depict the IEV vegetation communities, based on the dominant species, as shown in the tables. Although the figures show invasive species recorded beyond the Project boundary, only areas of invasive species within the limits of work were used to calculate the extent of each species.

Table 9-2: Invasive Exotic Vegetation Extent in the J.C. Boyle Reservoir Uplands

Scientific Name	Common Name	Area (square feet)	Area (acres)	Percent Cover
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	cheatgrass	288,780	6.629	4.29%
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	teasel	209,250	4.804	3.11%
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canarygrass	206,210	4.734	3.07%
<i>Elymus caput-medusae</i>	medusa head	190,960	4.384	2.84%
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	yellowstar thistle	61,690	1.416	0.92%
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bull thistle	49,260	1.131	0.73%
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	whitetop	46,510	1.068	0.69%
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	pennyroyal	17,040	0.391	0.25%
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch thistle	13,620	0.313	0.20%
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	sheep sorrel	6,370	0.146	0.09%
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	field bindweed	1,670	0.038	0.02%
<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>	Dalmatian toadflax	1,530	0.035	0.02%
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Himalayan blackberry	1,330	0.030	0.02%
<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	Russian knapweed	990	0.023	0.01%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,095,210</b>	<b>25.142</b>	<b>16.26%</b>

Table 9-3: Invasive Exotic Vegetation Extent in Copco Lake Uplands

Scientific Name	Common Name	Area (square feet)	Area (acres)	Percent Cover
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	yellowstar thistle	262,320	6.022	4.42%
<i>Elymus caput-medusae</i>	medusa head	237,180	5.445	4.00%
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Himalayan blackberry	234,590	5.385	3.96%
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canarygrass	199,440	4.578	3.36%
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	teasel	91,680	2.105	1.55%
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	cheatgrass	56,790	1.304	0.96%
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	whitetop	8,010	0.184	0.14%
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	pennyroyal	6,680	0.153	0.11%
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bull thistle	2,210	0.051	0.04%
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	poison hemlock	1,260	0.029	0.02%
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	puncture vine	730	0.017	0.01%
<i>Bromus madritensis</i> ssp. <i>rubens</i>	foxtail chess	240	0.006	0.00%
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	musk thistle	100	0.002	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,101,230</b>	<b>25.281</b>	<b>18.57%</b>

Table 9-4: Invasive Exotic Vegetation Extent in the Iron Gate Reservoir Uplands

Scientific Name	Common Name	Area (square feet)	Area (acres)	Percent Cover
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	yellowstar thistle	4,331,510	99.438	36.13%
<i>Elymus caput-medusae</i>	Medusa head	3,631,210	83.361	30.29%
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	teasel	321,720	7.386	2.68%
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	cheatgrass	318,740	7.317	2.66%
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Himalayan blackberry	179,260	4.115	1.50%
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	field bindweed	64,500	1.481	0.54%
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canarygrass	43,300	0.994	0.36%
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	poison hemlock	29,730	0.682	0.25%
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	spiny cocklebur	16,040	0.368	0.13%
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	puncture vine	9,200	0.211	0.08%
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	dyers woad	3,230	0.074	0.03%
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	whitetop	2,860	0.066	0.02%
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	pennyroyal	150	0.003	0.00%
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	butter and eggs	50	0.001	0.00%
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bull thistle	50	0.001	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,951,550</b>	<b>205.498</b>	<b>74.67%</b>



## 9.3 Conclusions

Yellowstar thistle (106.88 acres and 18.89 percent cover of Project uplands) and medusa head (93.19 acres and 16.47 percent cover of Project uplands) were dominant throughout the entire Project area. Cheatgrass, teasel, reed canary grass, and Himalayan blackberry each cover between 9 and 16 acres (i.e., 1 to 3 percent) of the total Project upland area. IEV species present in the upland areas of the Project having less than 2 acres of coverage each include field bindweed, whitetop, bull thistle, poison hemlock, pennyroyal, spiny cocklebur, Scotch thistle, puncture vine, sheep sorrel, dyer's woad, Dalmatian toadflax, Russian knapweed, foxtail chess, musk thistle, and butter and eggs.

At J.C. Boyle Reservoir, the dominant IEV species differ from those identified throughout the rest of the study area. The reason for this may be J.C. Boyle Reservoir's higher elevation, closed canopy forest coverage, and gradual slopes. Cheatgrass, teasel, reed canarygrass, and medusa head make up the dominant species at the J.C. Boyle Reservoir area.

The dominant IEV species at the Copco Lake area are yellowstar thistle, medusa head, and Himalayan blackberry. In comparison to the landscape surrounding the J.C. Boyle Reservoir, uplands surrounding Copco Lake are drier due to their lower elevation, lack of overstory cover, and higher evapotranspiration rate.

The dominant IEV species at the Iron Gate Reservoir are yellowstar thistle, medusa head, and teasel. The upland areas at this reservoir are the driest of all due to their low elevation, openness, and high evapotranspiration rate.

The findings and conclusions of the IEV surveys are being used to inform the Reservoir Area Management Plan, including selecting methods for IEV eradication and control during Project implementation.

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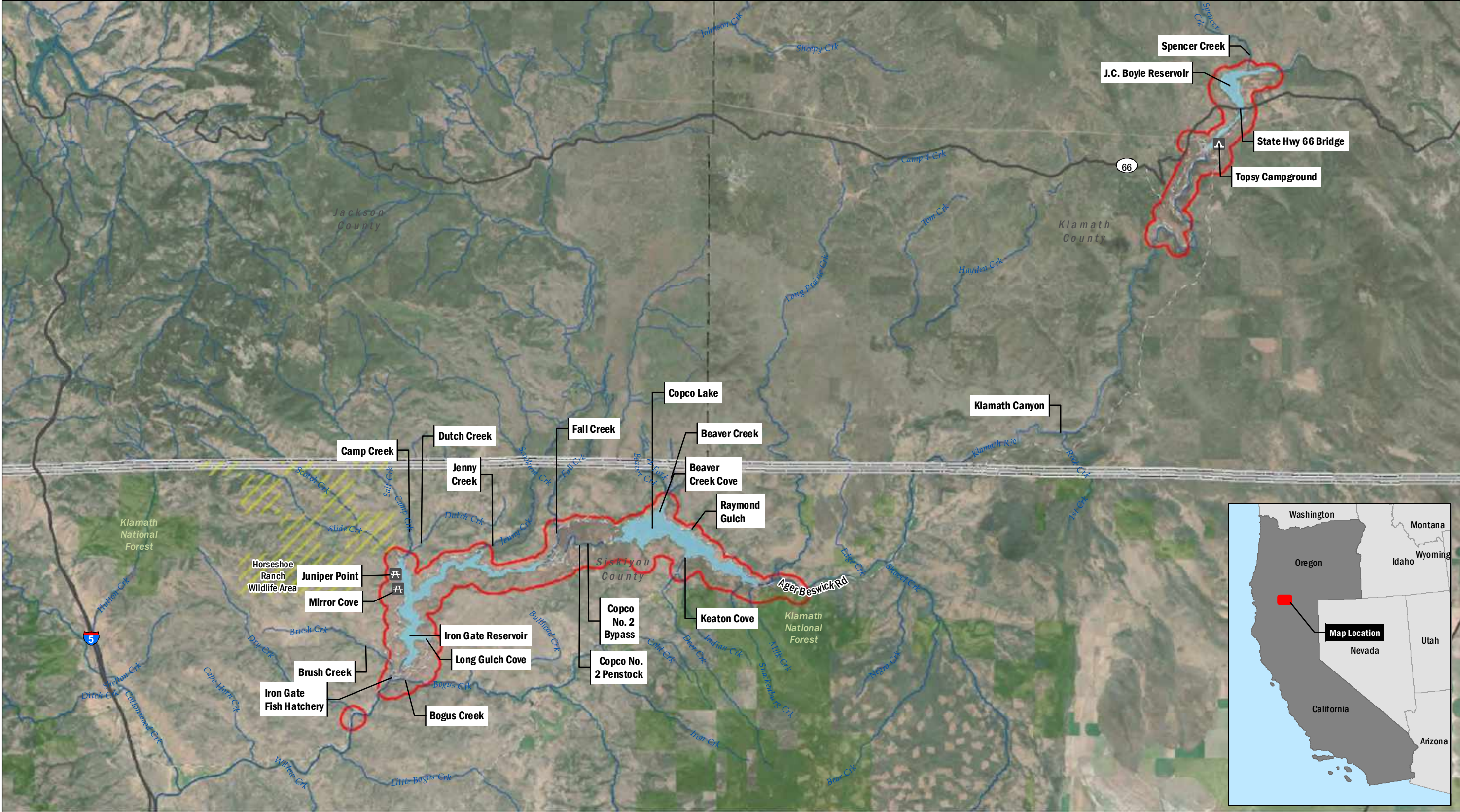
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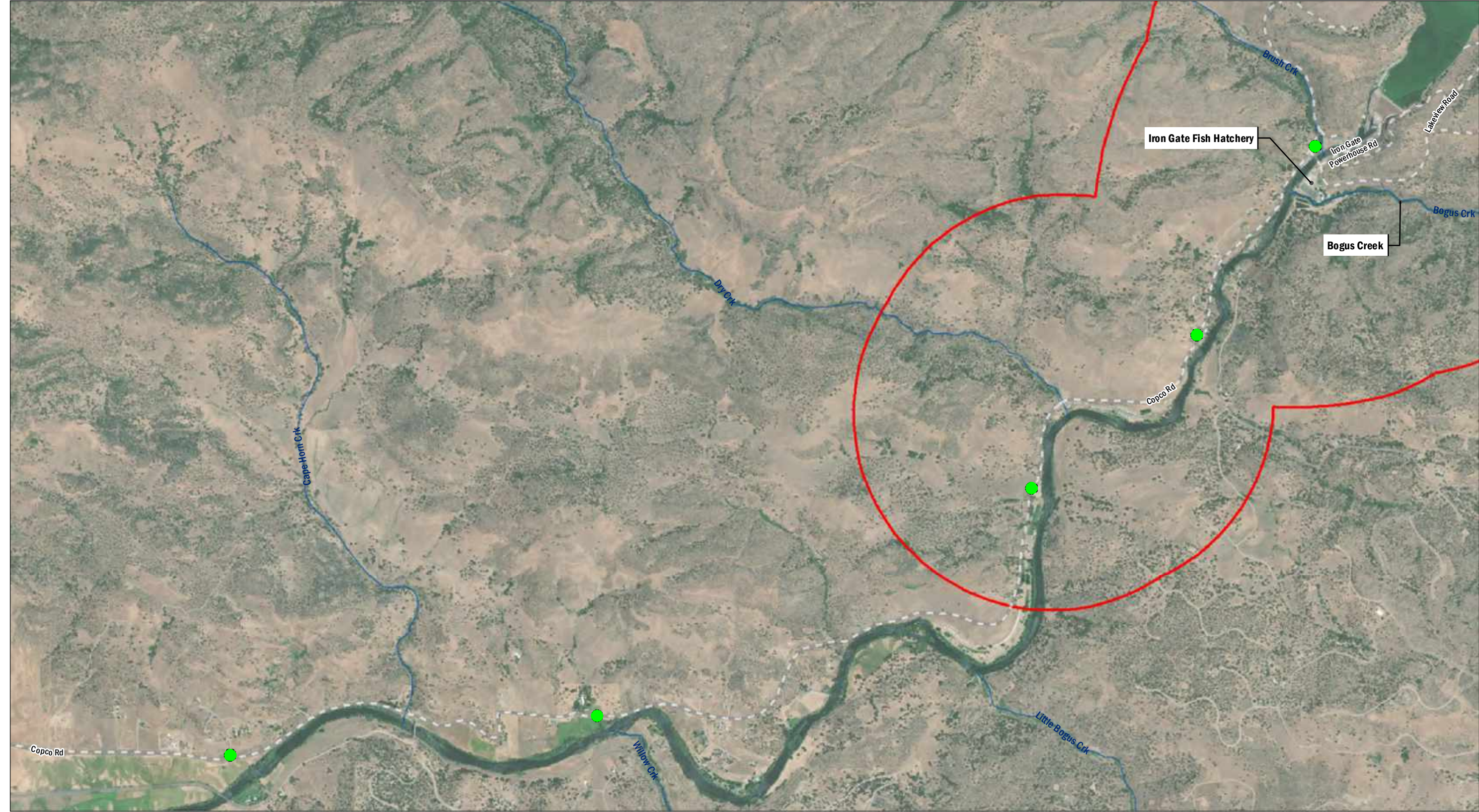
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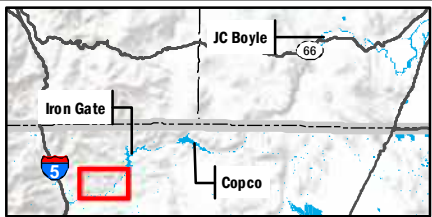
**FIGURE 1-1**  
*Overall Project Map and Terrestrial Resources Study Area*





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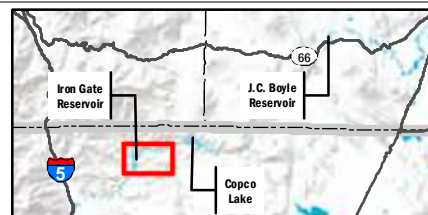
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*Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)*  
*Observations and Nest Locations*  
*Klamath River (Below Iron Gate Dam)*





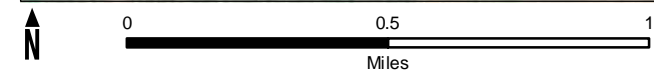
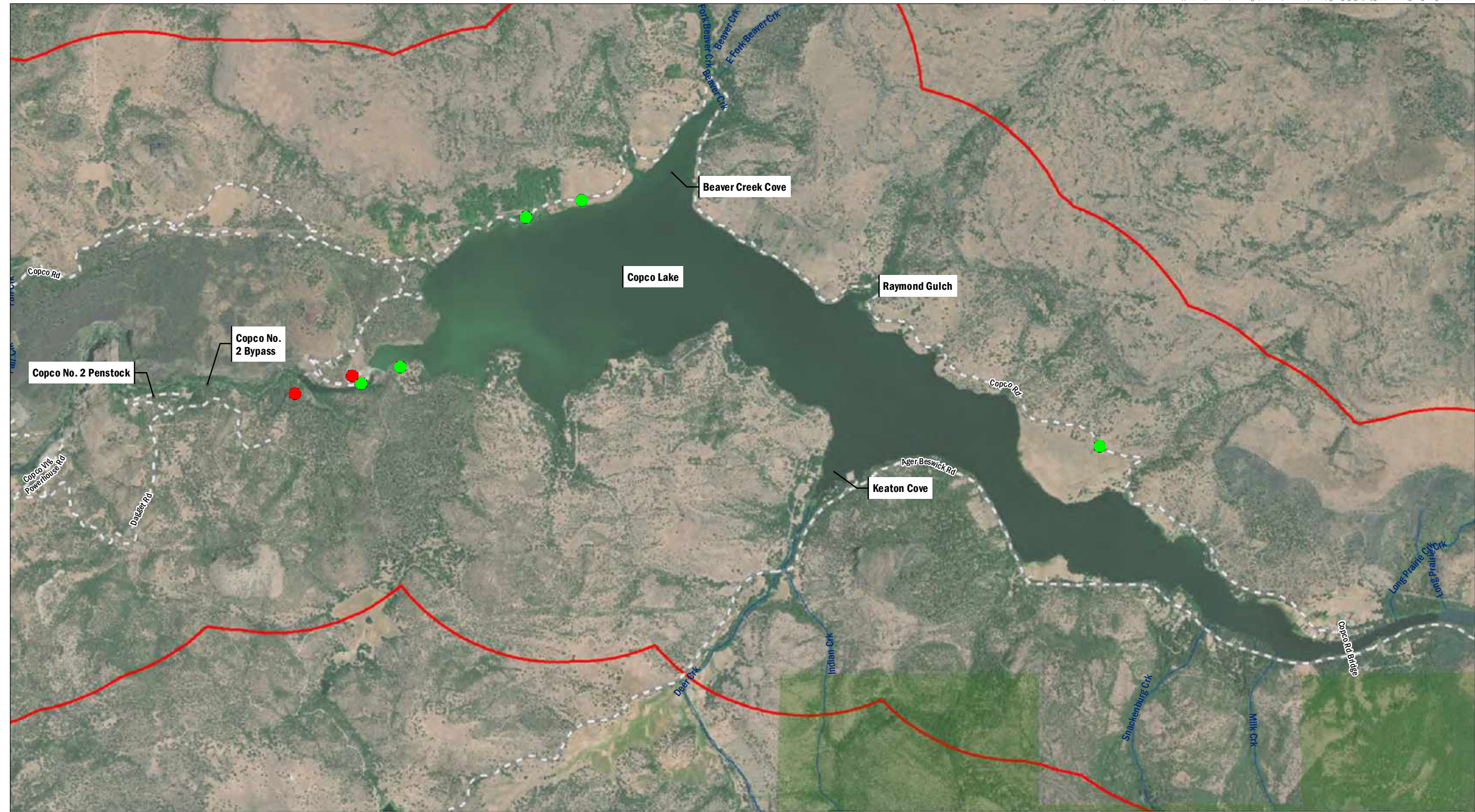
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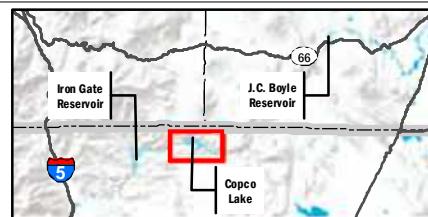
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*Observations and Nest Locations*  
*Iron Gate Reservoir*





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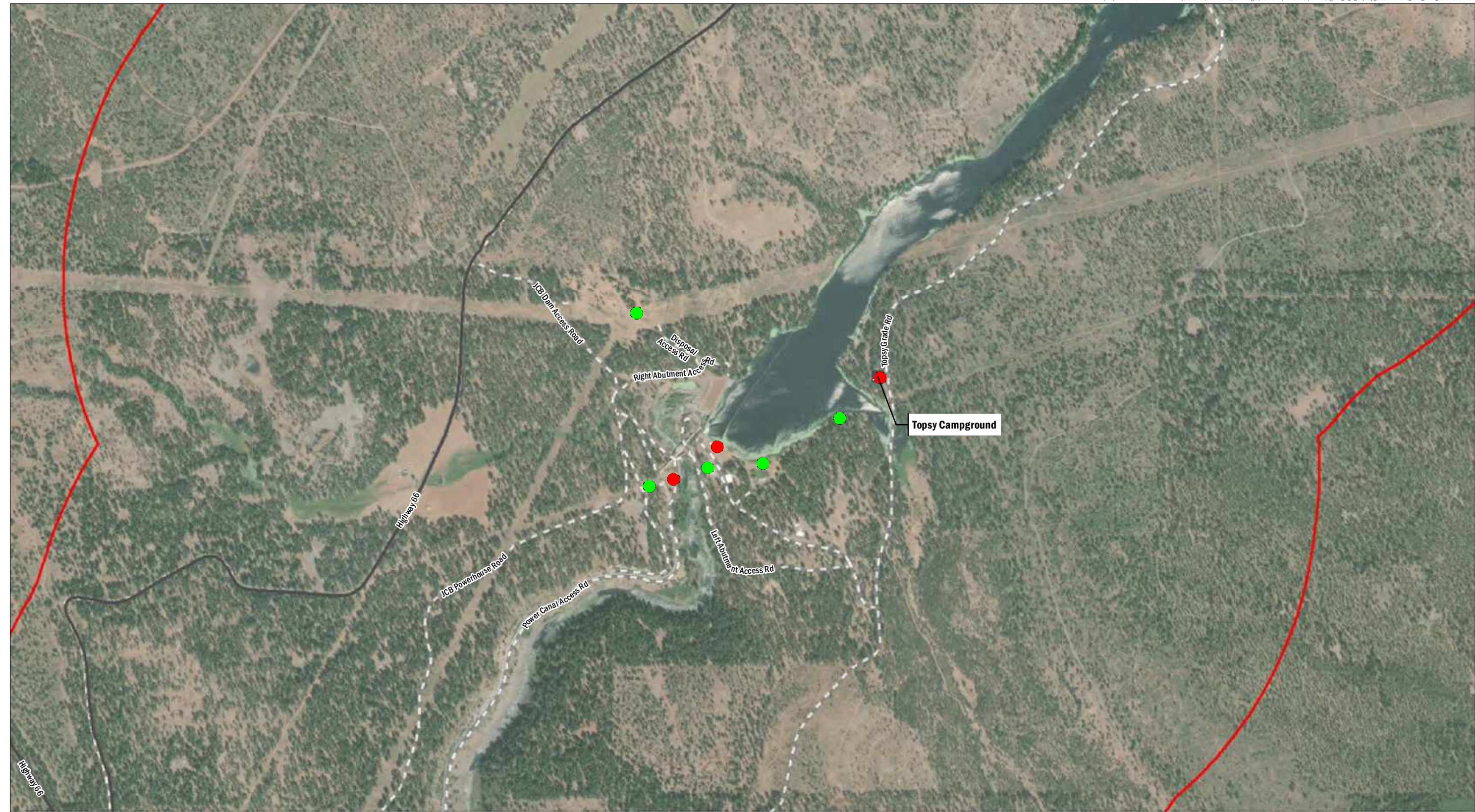
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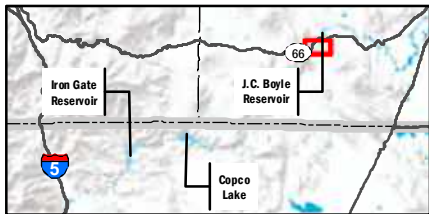
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Observations and Nest Locations  
Copco Lake





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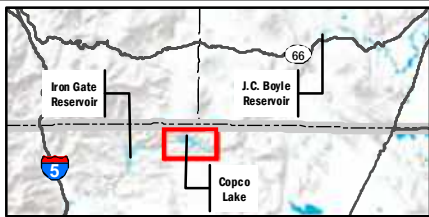
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*Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)*  
*Observations and Nest Locations*  
*J.C. Boyle Reservoir*





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- Willow Flycatcher Observation
- Willow Flycatcher Habitat
  - Bigleaf maple forest
  - Geyer willow thicket
  - Oregon ash grove
  - Shining willow grove
  - Willow thickets

- State
- County
- Stream
- Access Route
- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

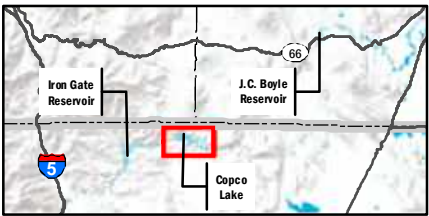
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*2018 Willow Flycatcher Habitat and Observations*  
*Iron Gate Reservoir*





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- Willow Flycatcher Observation
- Willow Flycatcher Habitat
  - Bigleaf maple forest
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  - Oregon ash grove
  - Shining willow grove
  - Willow thickets

- State
- County
- Stream
- Access Route
- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

## FIGURE 3-2

2018 Willow Flycatcher Habitat and Observations  
Copco Lake





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- Willow Flycatcher Observation
- Willow Flycatcher Habitat
  - Bigleaf maple forest
  - Geyer willow thicket
  - Oregon ash grove
  - Shining willow grove
  - Willow thickets

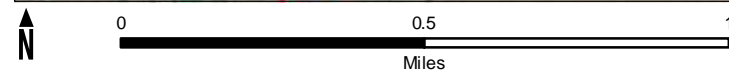
- State
- County
- Stream
- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer
- Access Route

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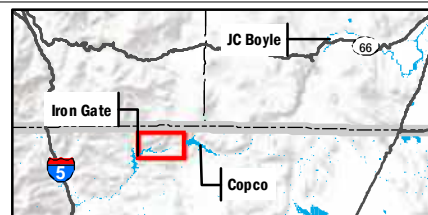
2018 Willow Flycatcher Habitat and Observations  
J.C. Boyle Reservoir and Canal





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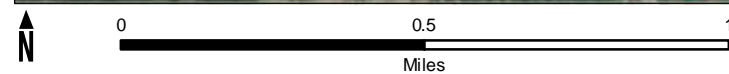


- Great Blue Heron Colony
- Sand Hill Crane Nest
- Peregrine Falcon Nest

- State
- County
- Stream
- Access Route
- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

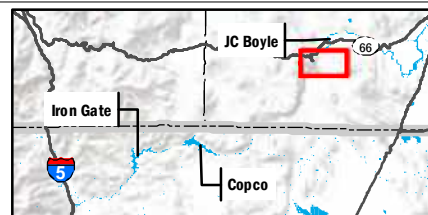
**FIGURE 4-1**  
*Other Special Status Wildlife Observations  
Iron Gate Reservoir*













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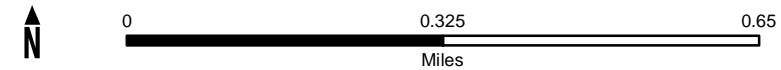
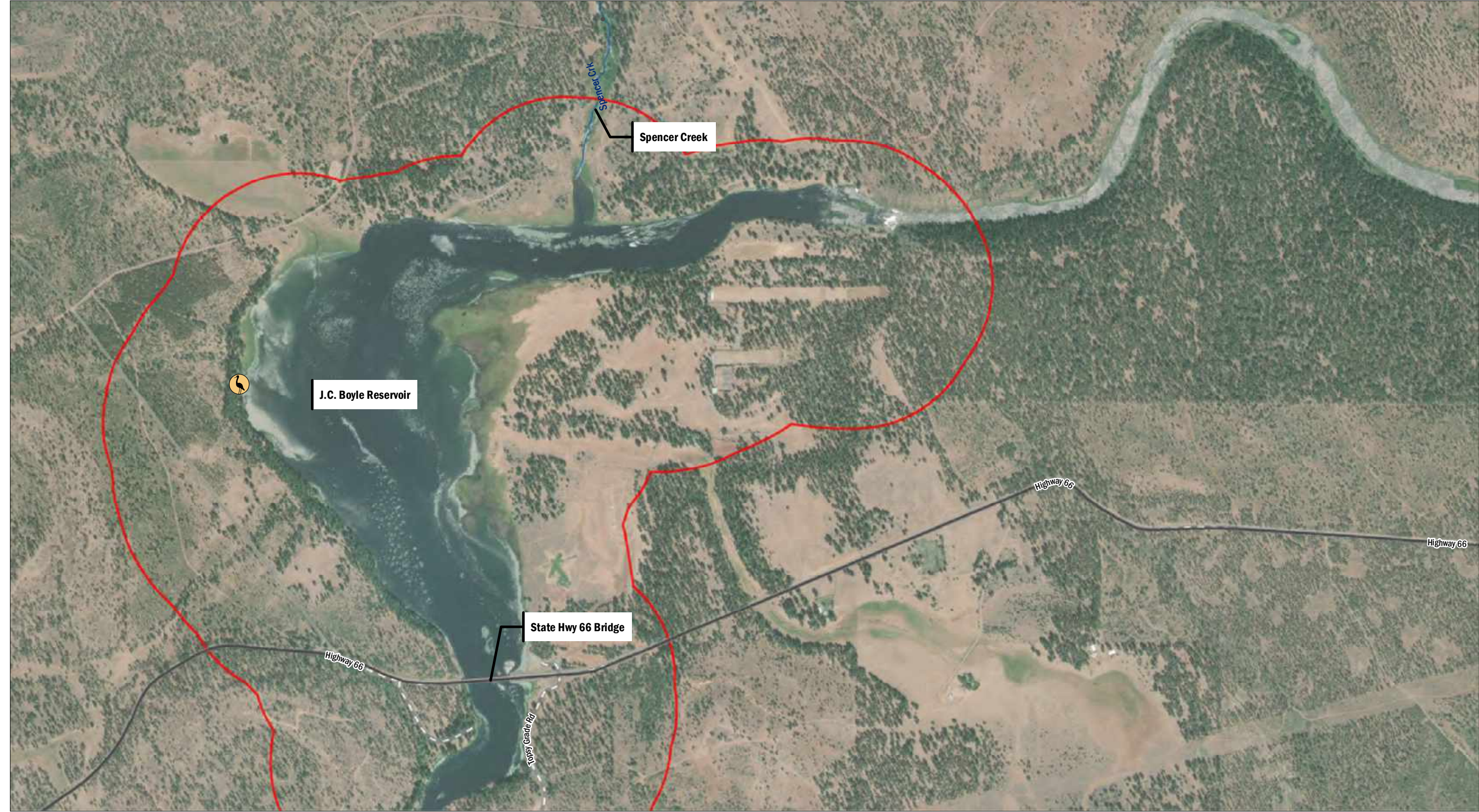


-  Great Blue Heron Colony
-  Sand Hill Crane Nest
-  Peregrine Falcon Nest
-  State
-  County
-  Primary Road
-  Access Route
-  0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

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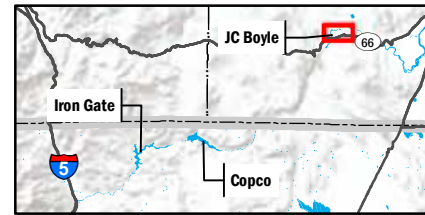
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Klamath River (Below J.C. Boyle Dam)*





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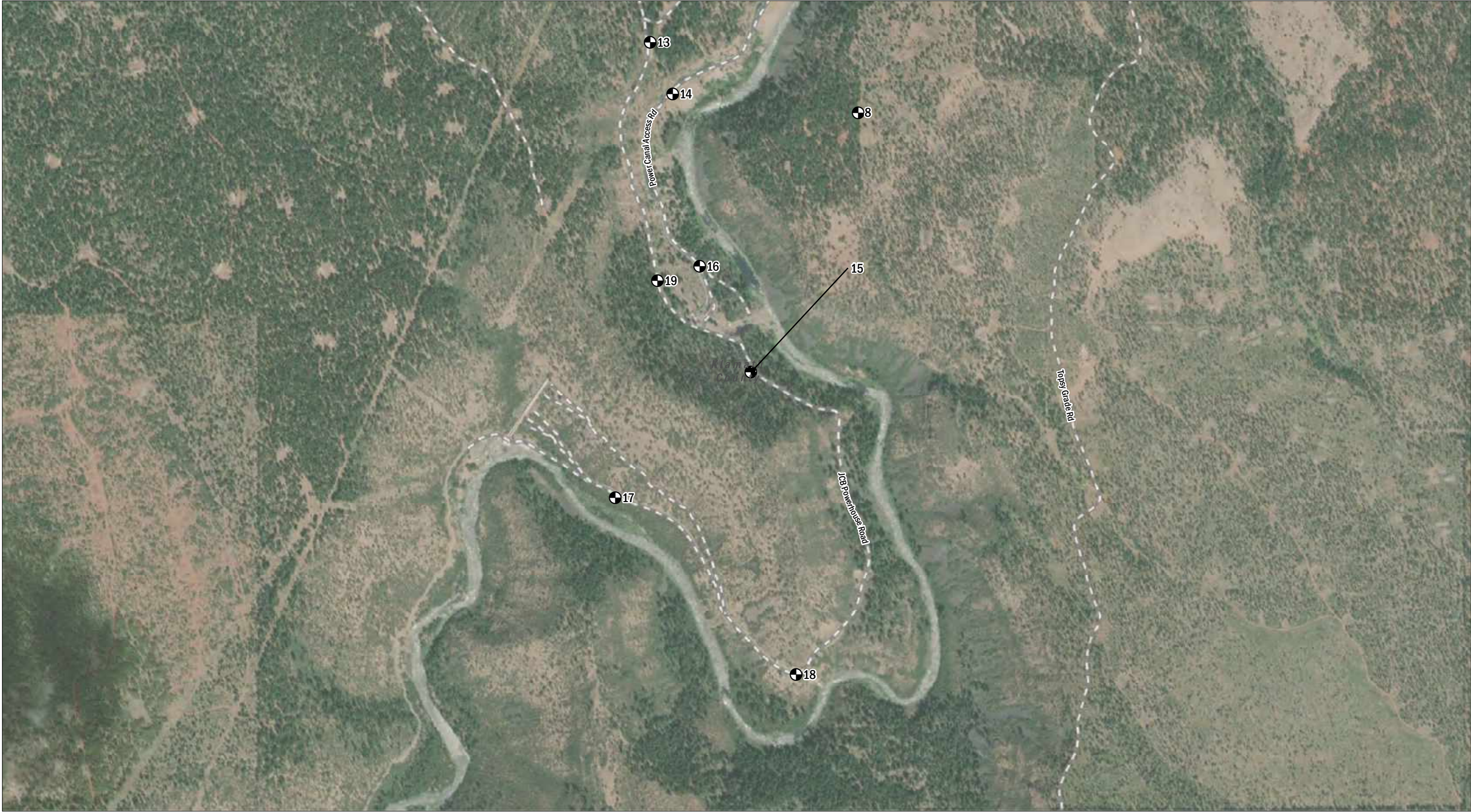


- Great Blue Heron Colony
- Sand Hill Crane Nest
- Peregrine Falcon Nest

- State
- County
- Stream
- Primary Road
- Access Route
- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

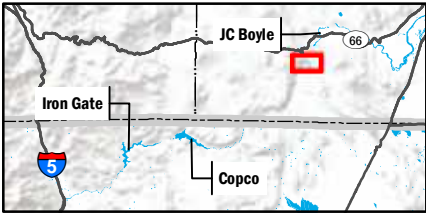
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*Other Special Status Wildlife Observations  
J.C. Boyle Reservoir*





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NSO Calling Station



State



County

Secondary Road



Access Route

## FIGURE 5-1

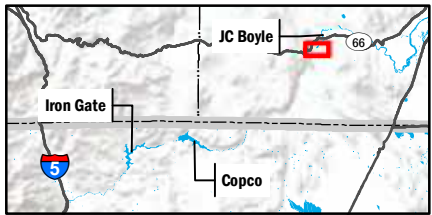
Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) Calling Stations  
J.C. Boyle Lower Stations





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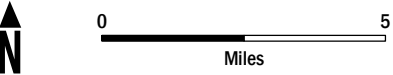
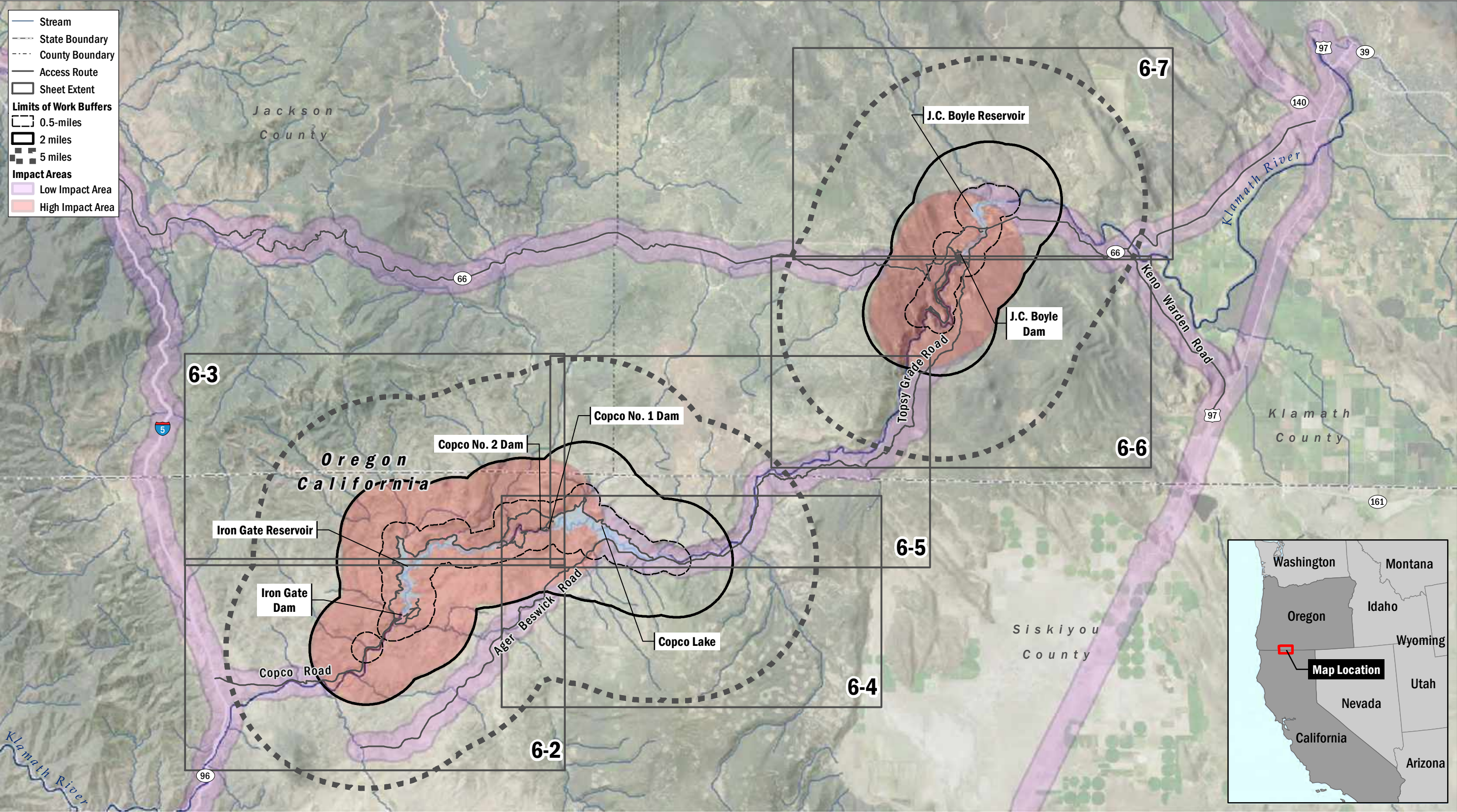


NSO Calling Station

- State
- County
- Stream
- Primary Road
- Access Route

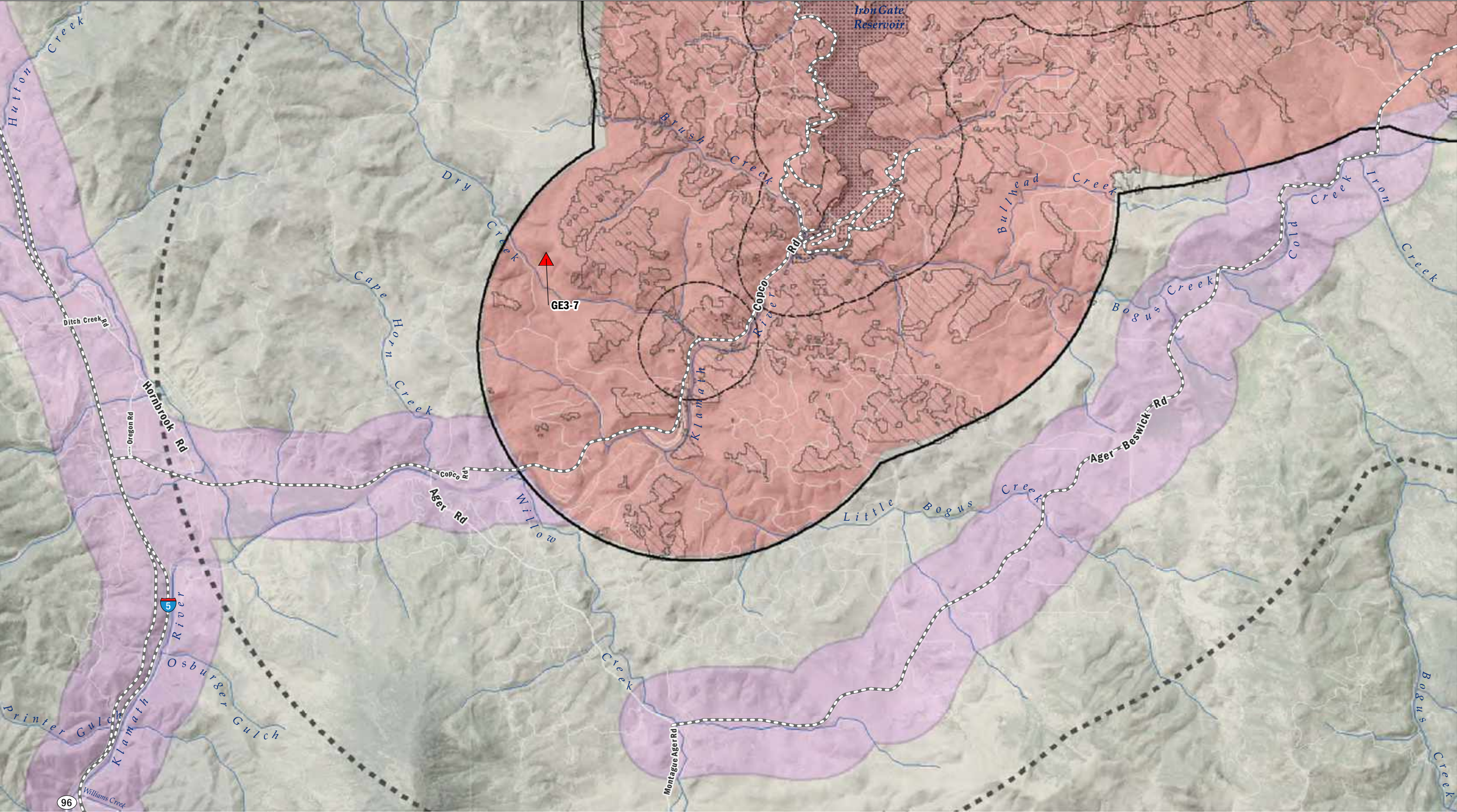
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J.C. Boyle Upper Stations*



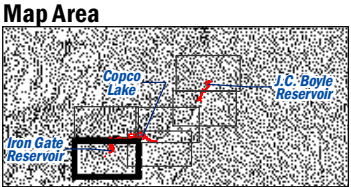


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- Limits of Work
- 2-Mile Viewshed from Limits of Work

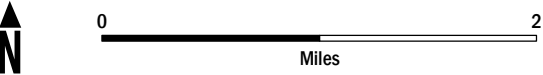
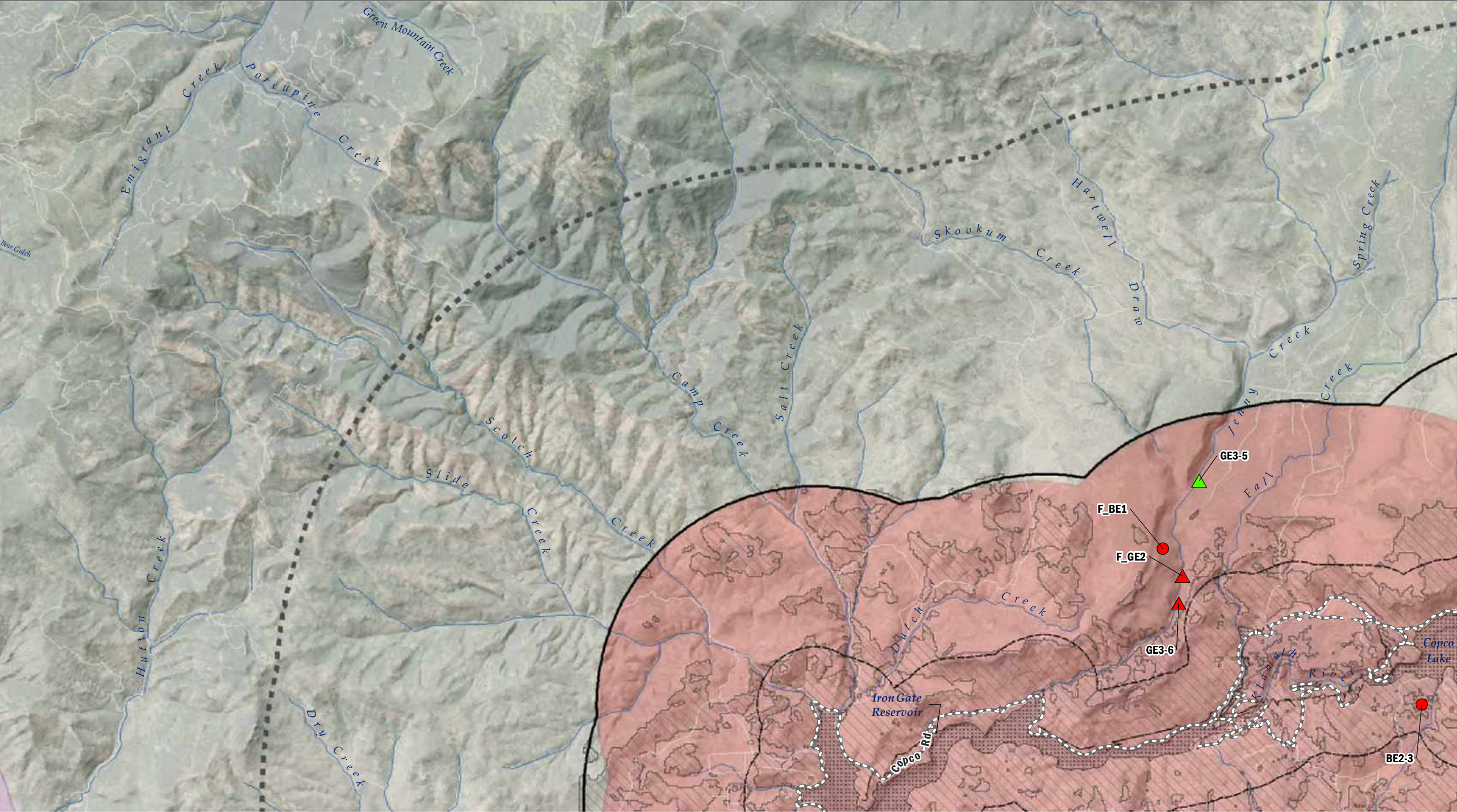
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- Eagle Nest Active Status
- Inactive, Golden Eagle

- Limits of Work Buffers
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  - 5 miles

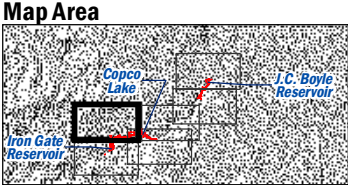
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2018 Eagle Nest Survey Results  
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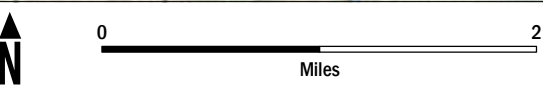
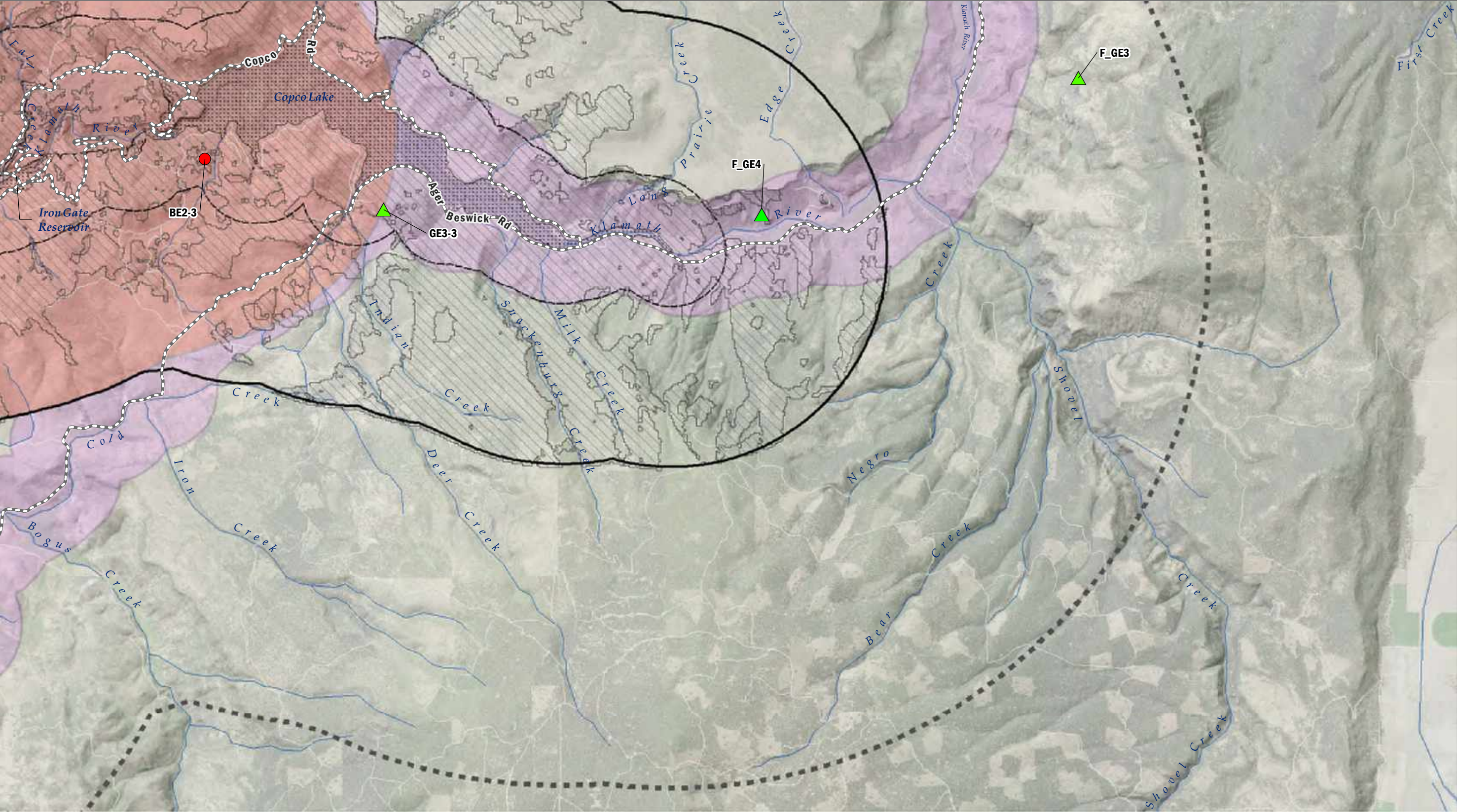
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- Eagle Nest Active Status**
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  - Inactive, Golden Eagle

- Limits of Work Buffers**
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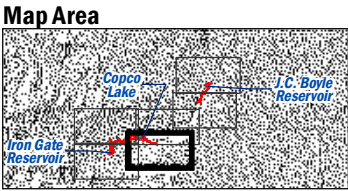
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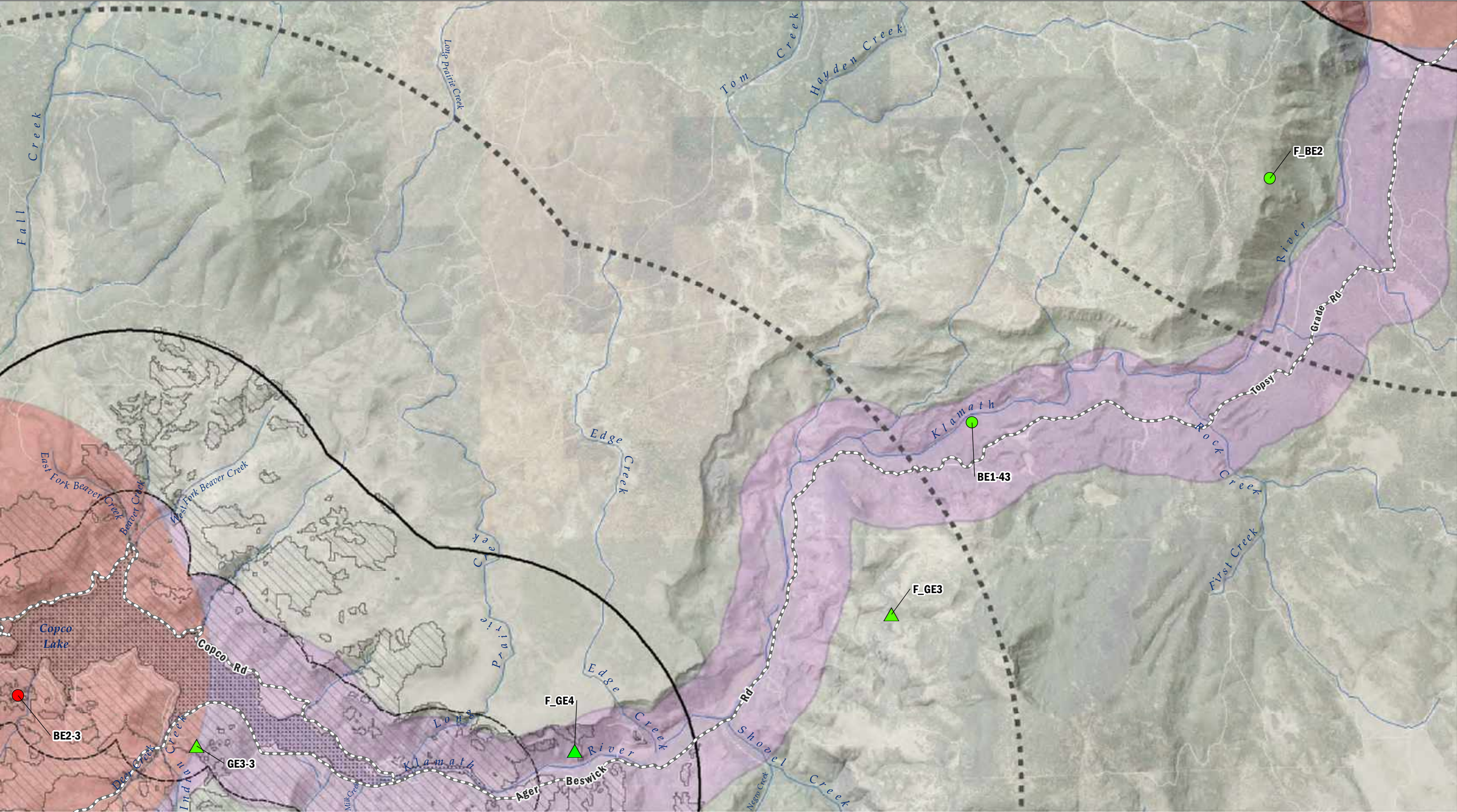
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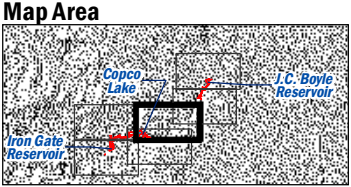
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  - 2 miles
  - 5 miles

**FIGURE 6-4**  
2018 Eagle Nest Survey Results  
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- Access Routes
- Limits of Work
- 2-Mile Viewshed from Limits of Work

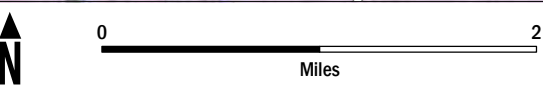
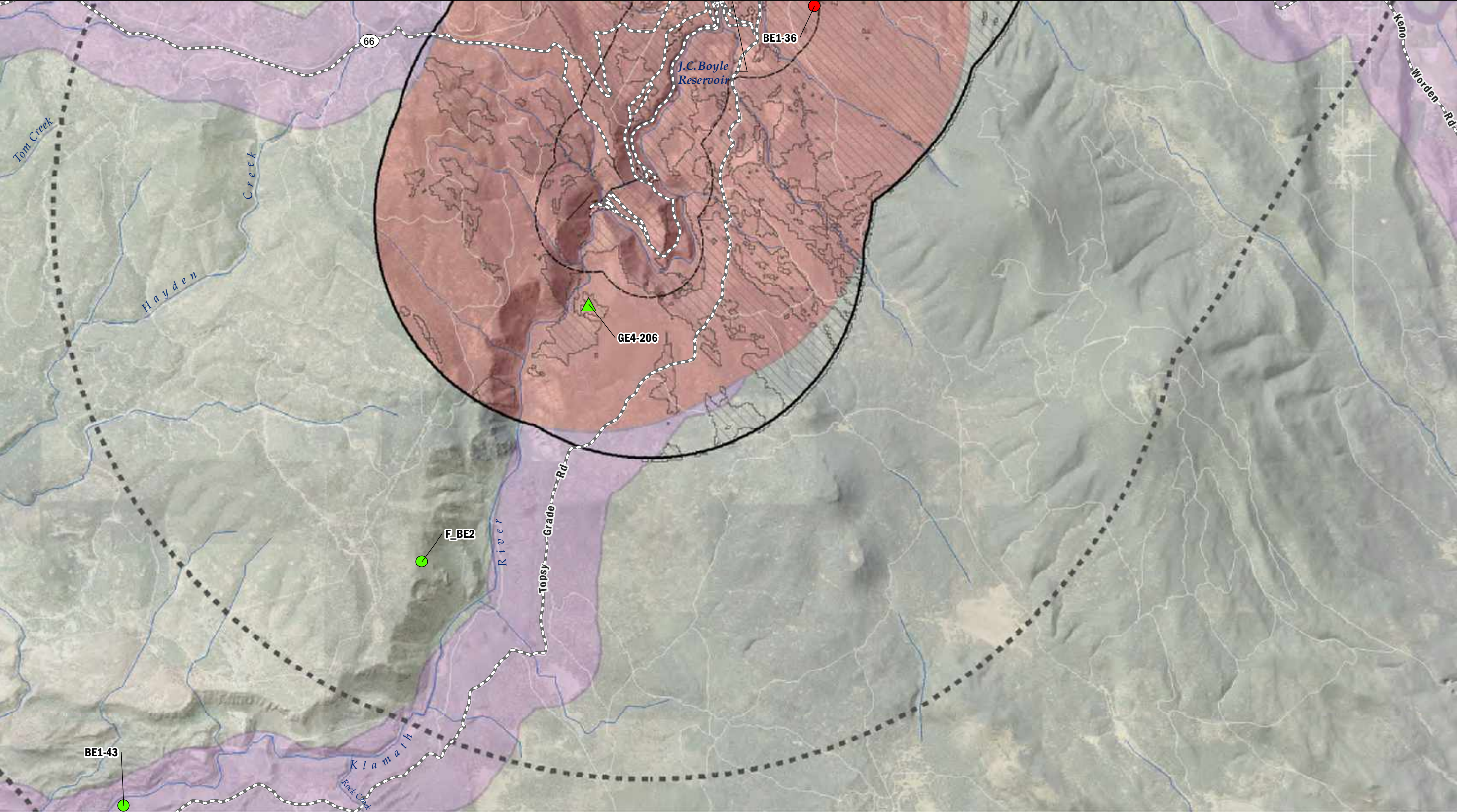
- Impact Areas**
- Low Impact Area
  - High Impact Area

- Eagle Nest Active Status**
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  - Active, Golden Eagle
  - Inactive, Bald Eagle

- Limits of Work Buffers**
- 0.5-miles
  - 2 miles
  - 5 miles

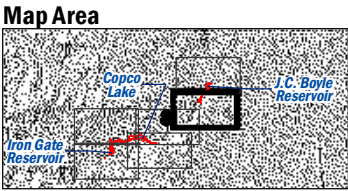
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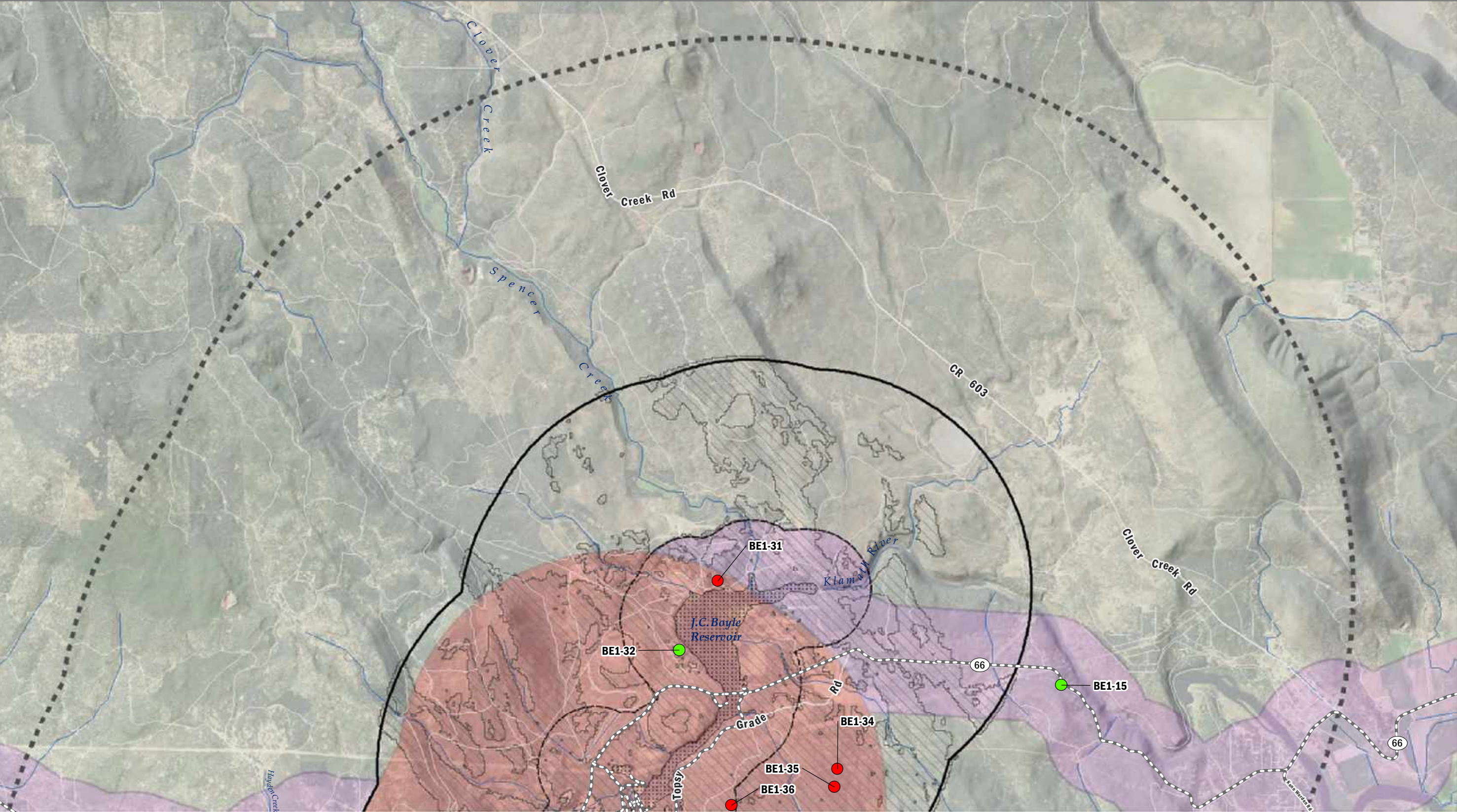
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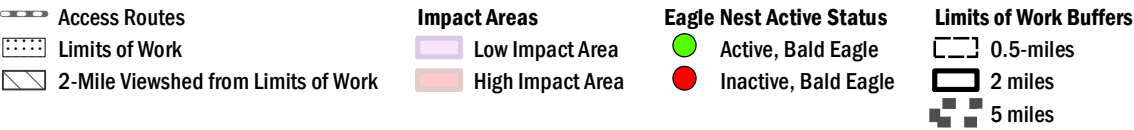
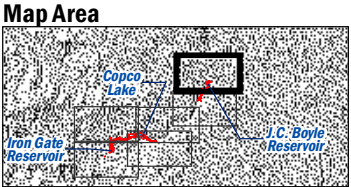
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| Limits of Work                      | High Impact Area | Active, Golden Eagle | 2 miles   |
| 2-Mile Viewshed from Limits of Work |                  | Inactive, Bald Eagle | 5 miles   |

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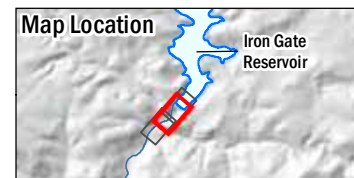
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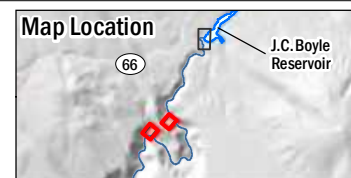
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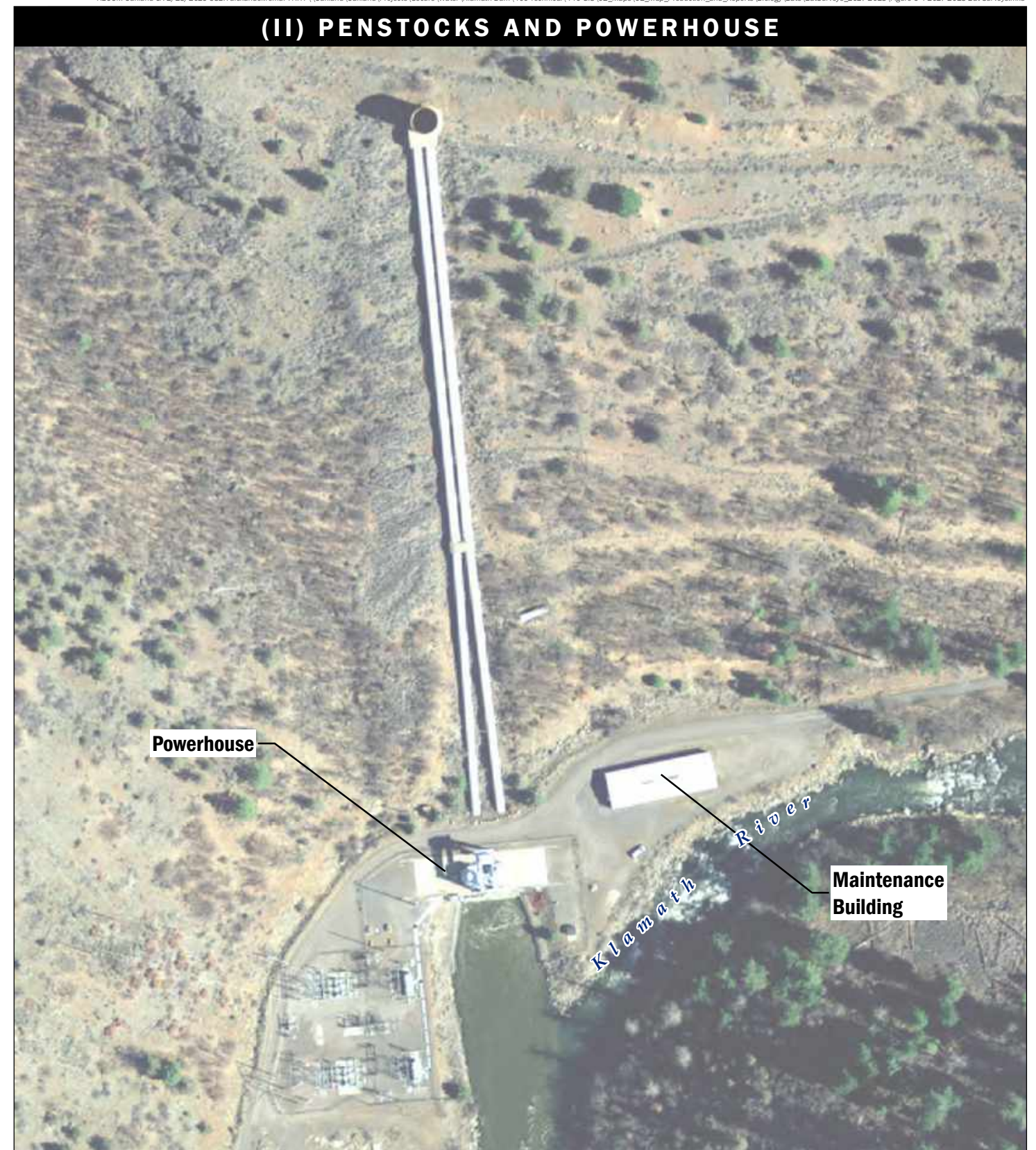
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**FIGURE 7-1**  
2017-2018 Bat Surveys  
Iron Gate Dam Area



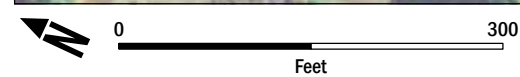
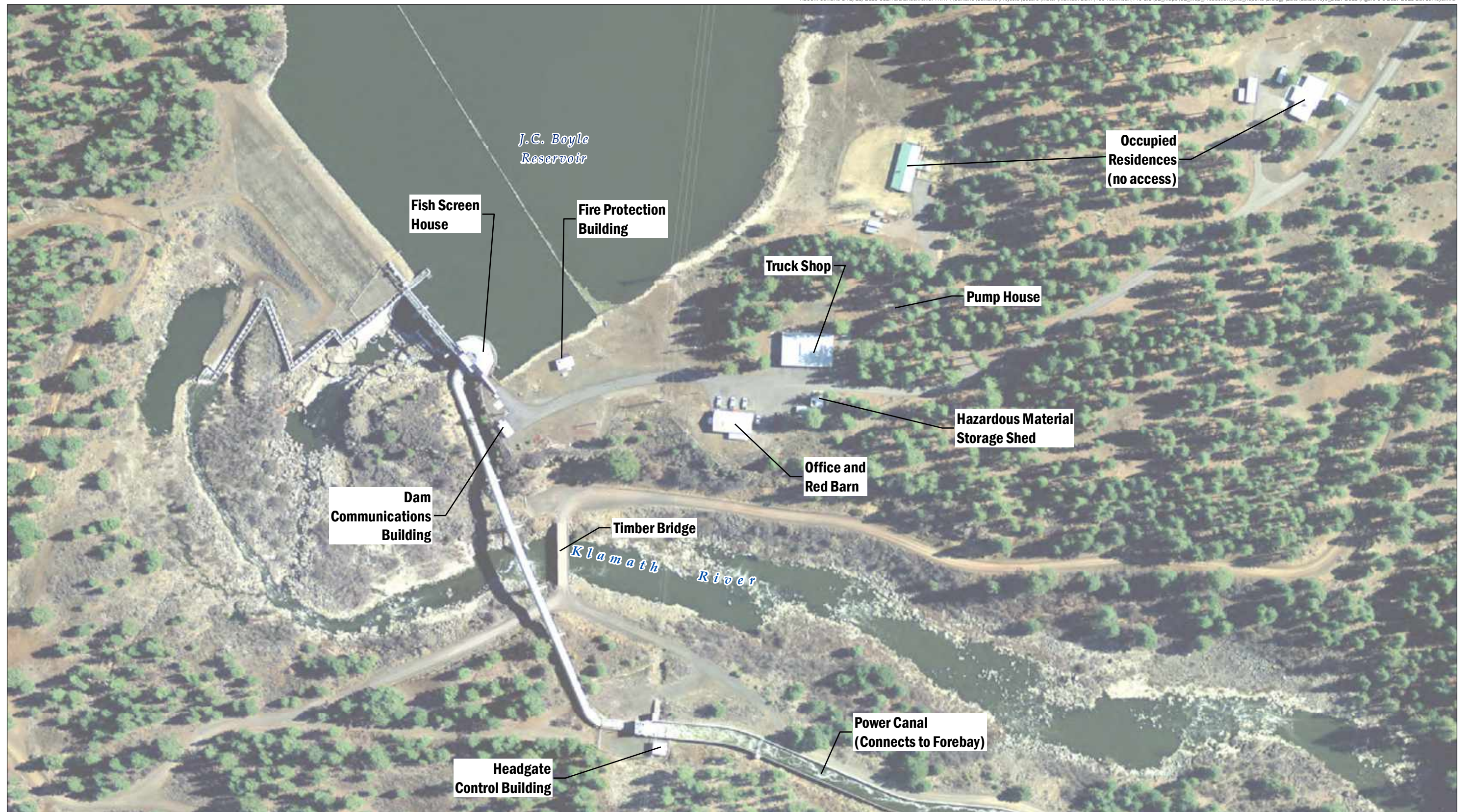


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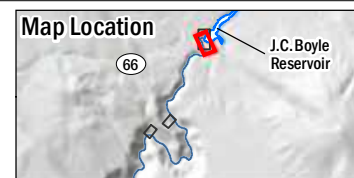


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2017-2018 Bat Surveys  
J.C. Boyle Forebay and Spillway Area,  
Penstocks and Powerhouse Area





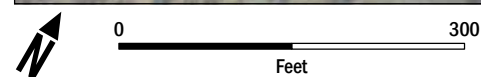
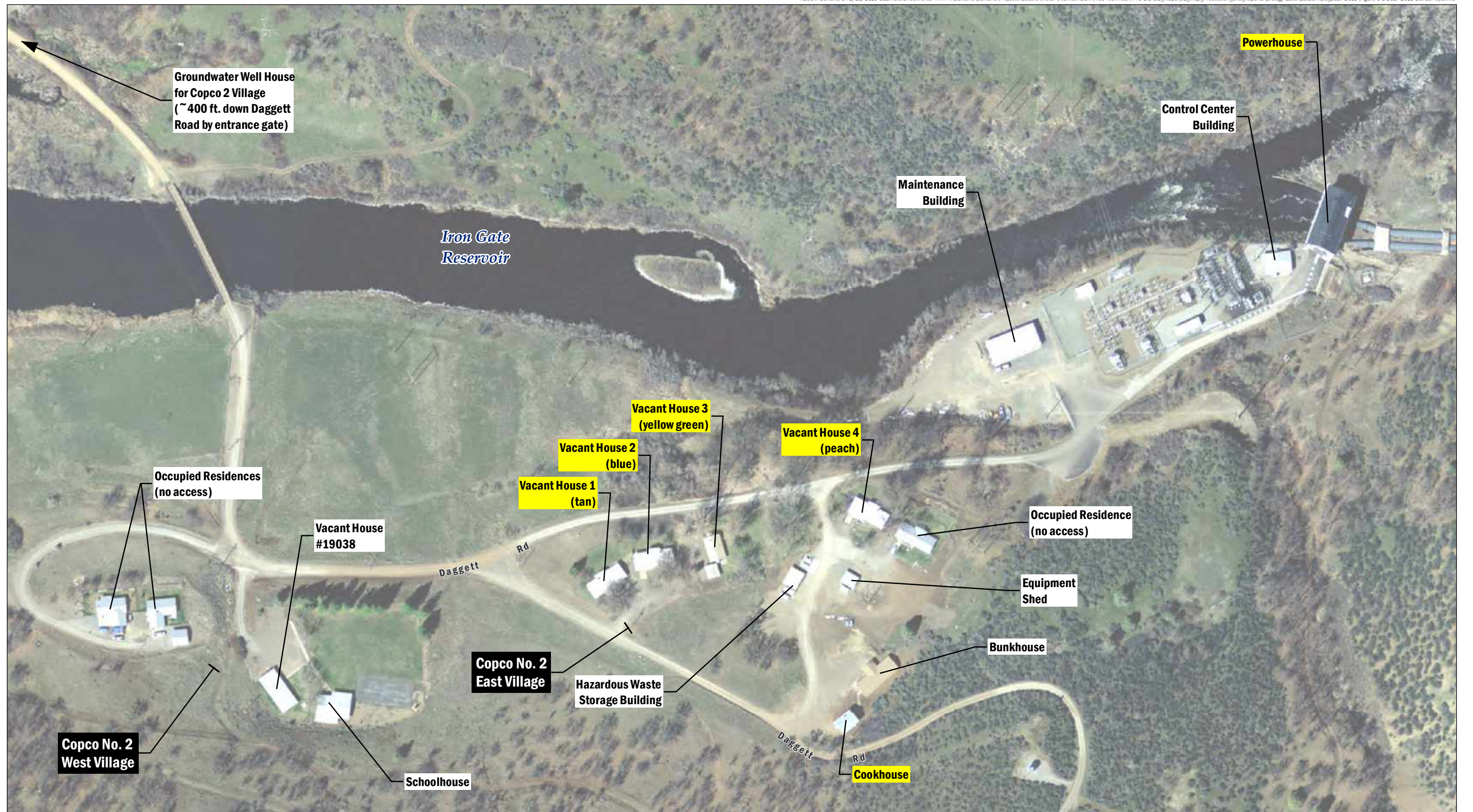
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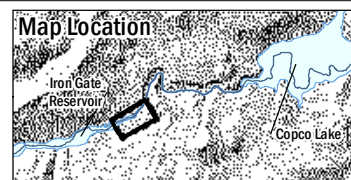
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2017-2018 Bat Surveys  
J.C. Boyle Dam Area





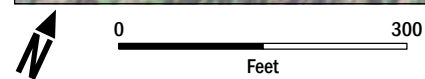
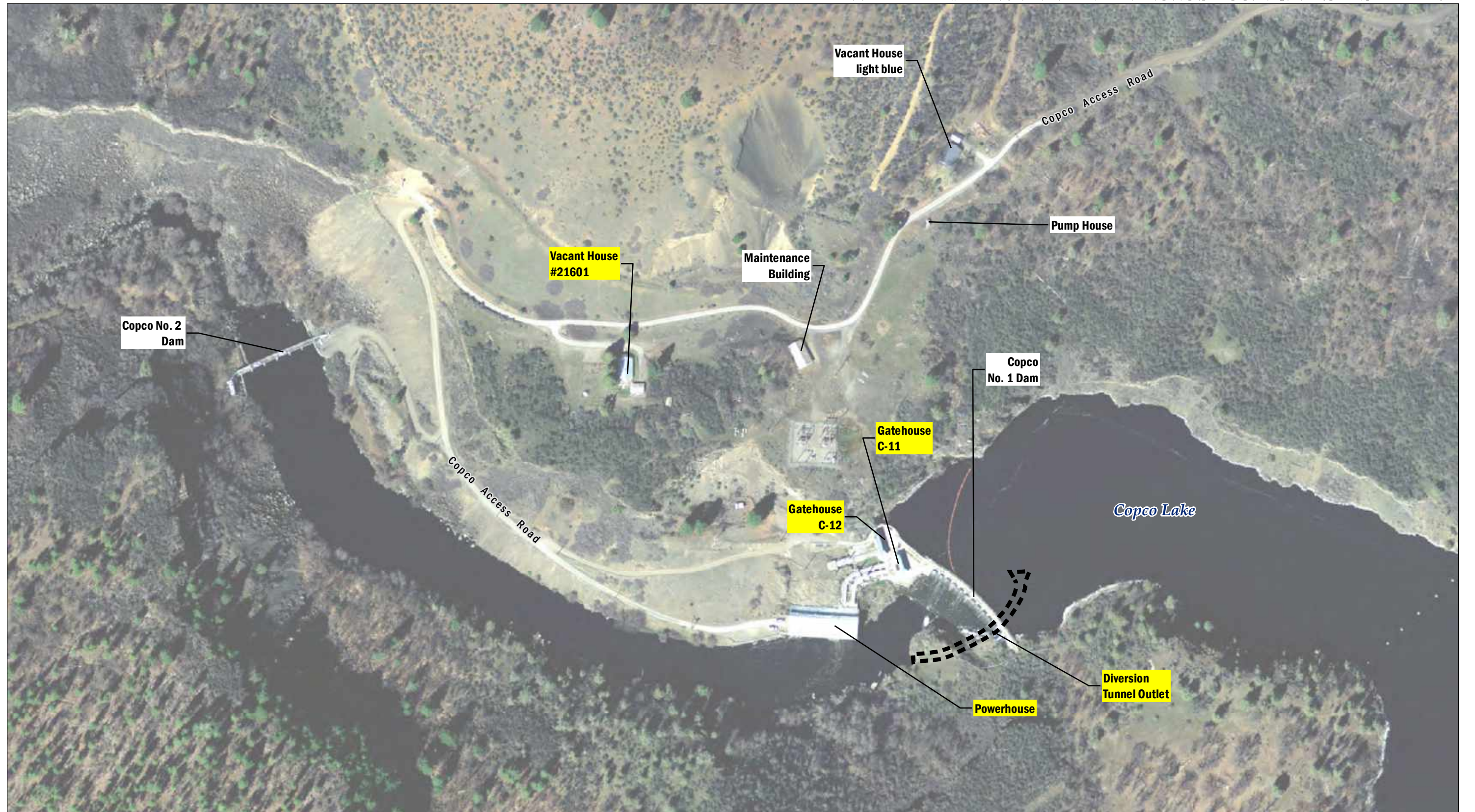
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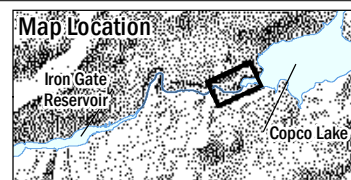
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*2017-2018 Bat Surveys  
Copco No. 2 Powerhouse Area*





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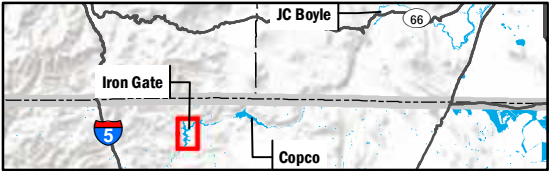
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2017-2018 Bat Surveys  
Copco No. 1 Dam Area and  
Copco No. 2 Dam Area





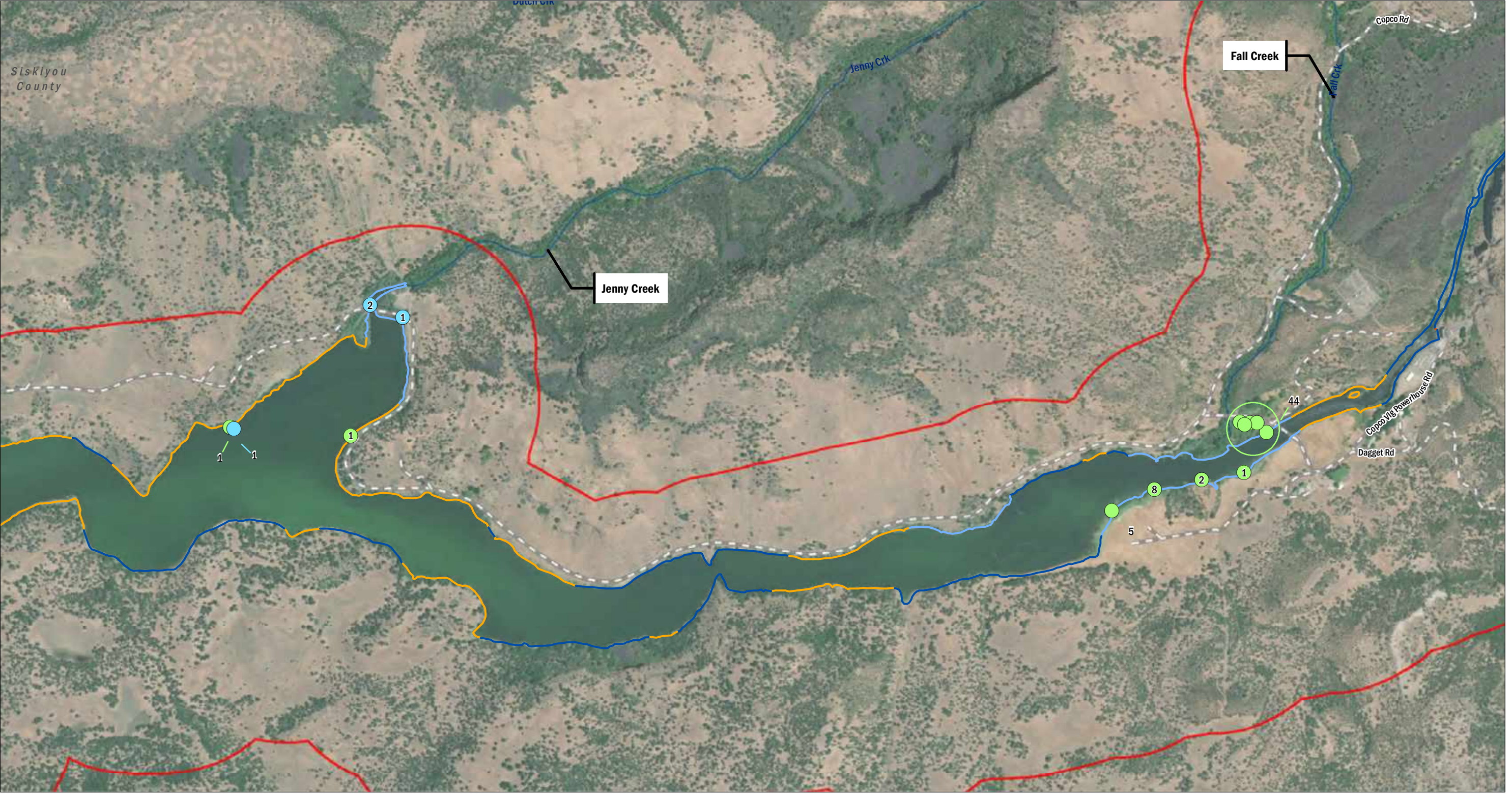
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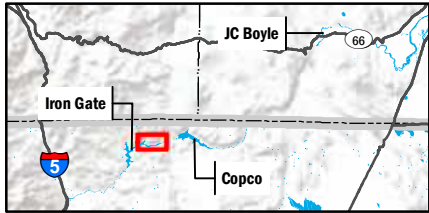
**FIGURE 8-1A**  
*Western Pond Turtle Sightings and Habitat  
Iron Gate Reservoir*





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- 2018 Western Pond Turtle Observations
- Historical Western Pond Turtle Observations (PacifiCorp 2004)
- Historical Turtle Habitat (PacifiCorp 2004)
- Basking
- Basking & Nesting
- No Habitat
- Not Surveyed
- State
- County
- Stream
- Access Route
- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

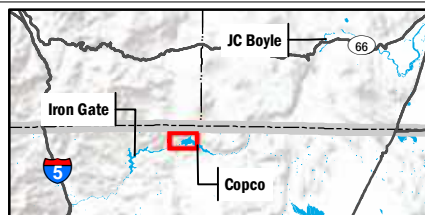
**FIGURE 8-1B**  
*Western Pond Turtle Sightings and Habitat*  
*Iron Gate Reservoir*





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- Historical Turtle Habitat (PacifiCorp 2004)
- Basking
- Basking & Nesting
- No Habitat
- Not Surveyed
- State
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- Stream
- Access Route
- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

## FIGURE 8-2A

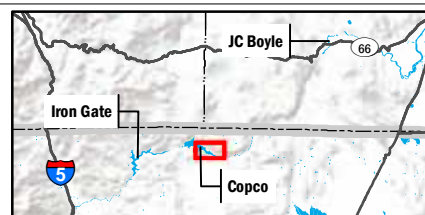
Western Pond Turtle Sightings and Habitat  
Copco Lake





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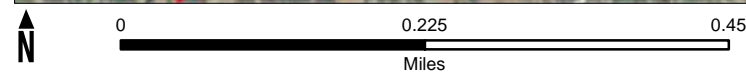
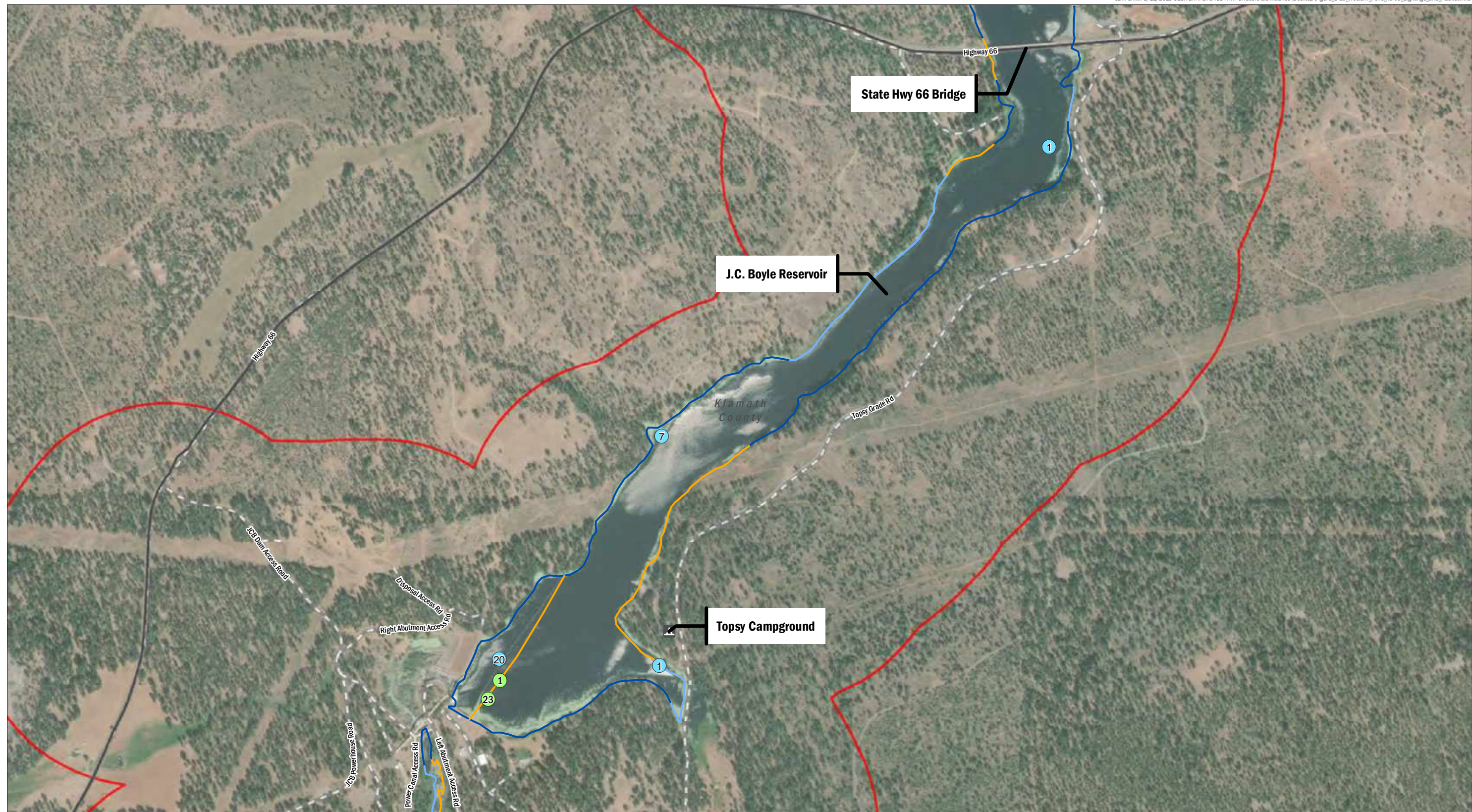
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- State
- County
- Stream
- Access Route
- ▭ 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

## FIGURE 8-2B

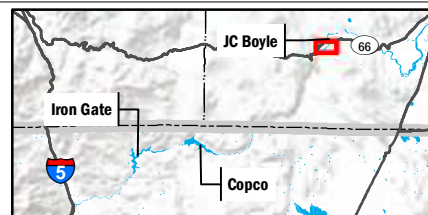
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Copco Lake*





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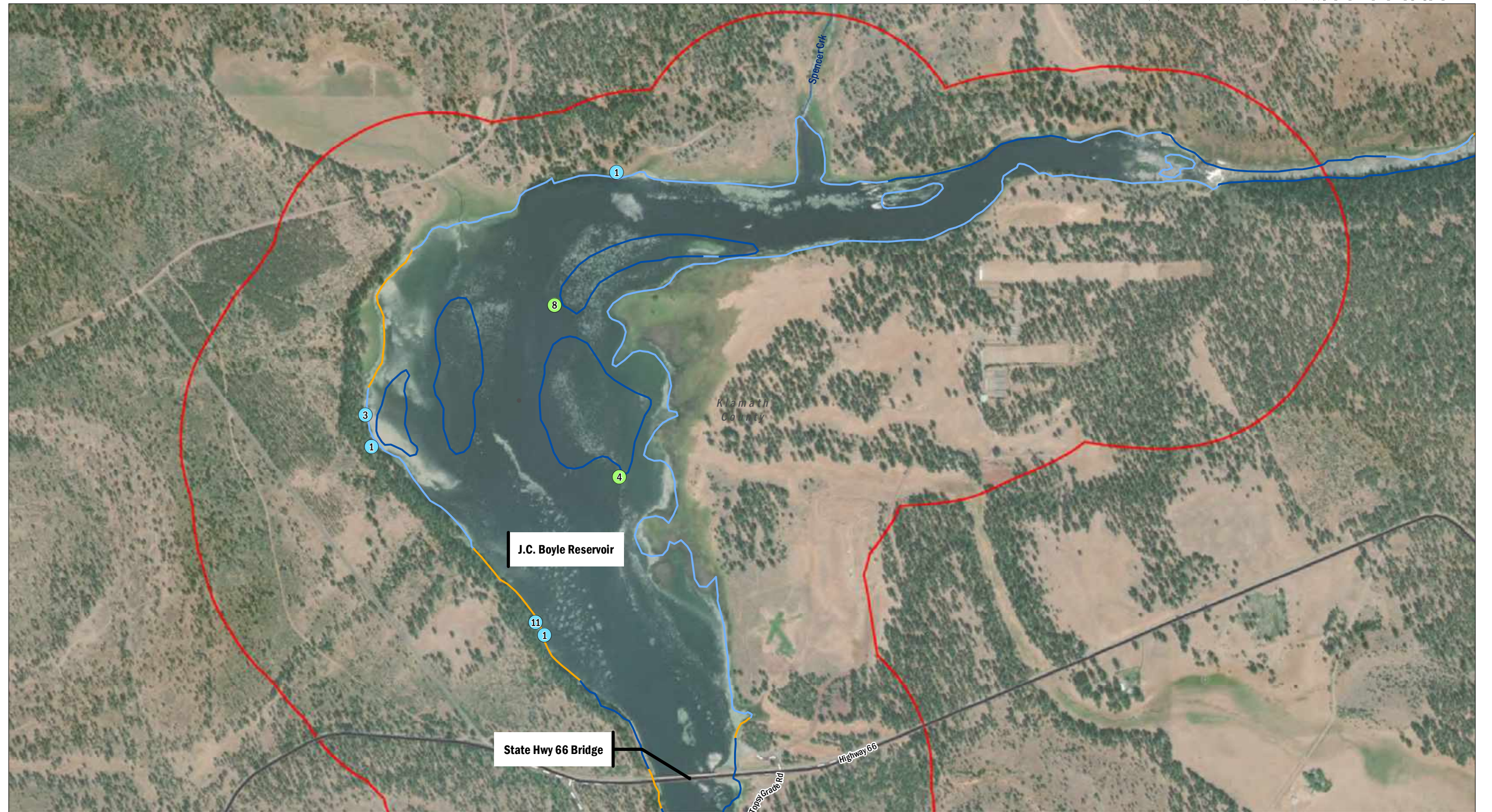
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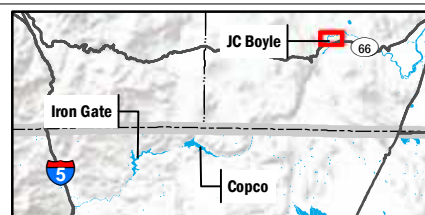
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*Western Pond Turtle Sightings and Habitat*  
*J.C. Boyle Reservoir*





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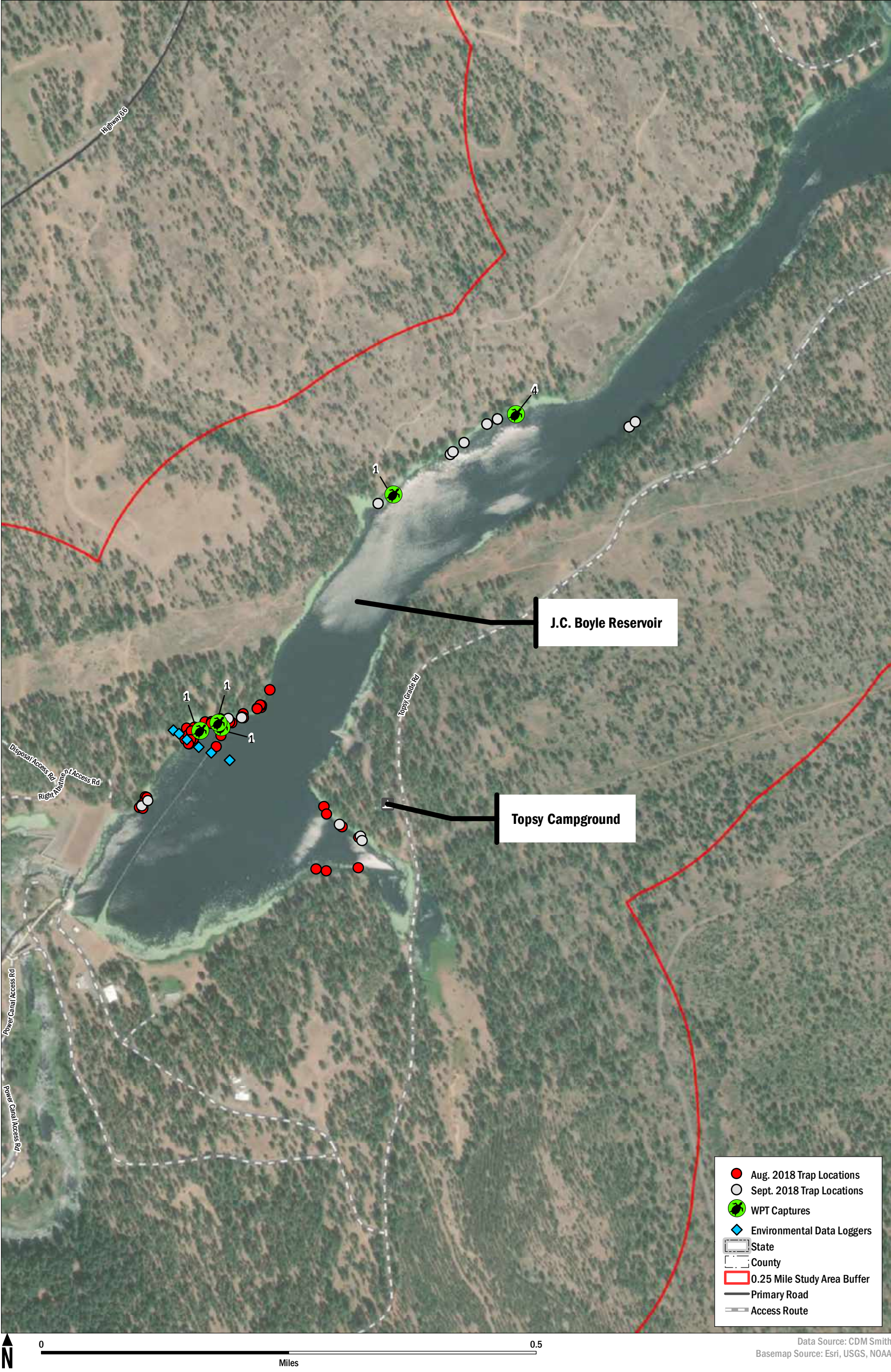
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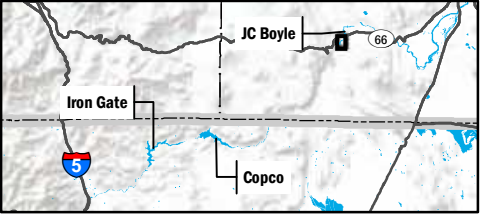
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Western Pond Turtle Sightings and Habitat  
J.C. Boyle Reservoir



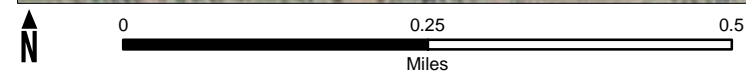
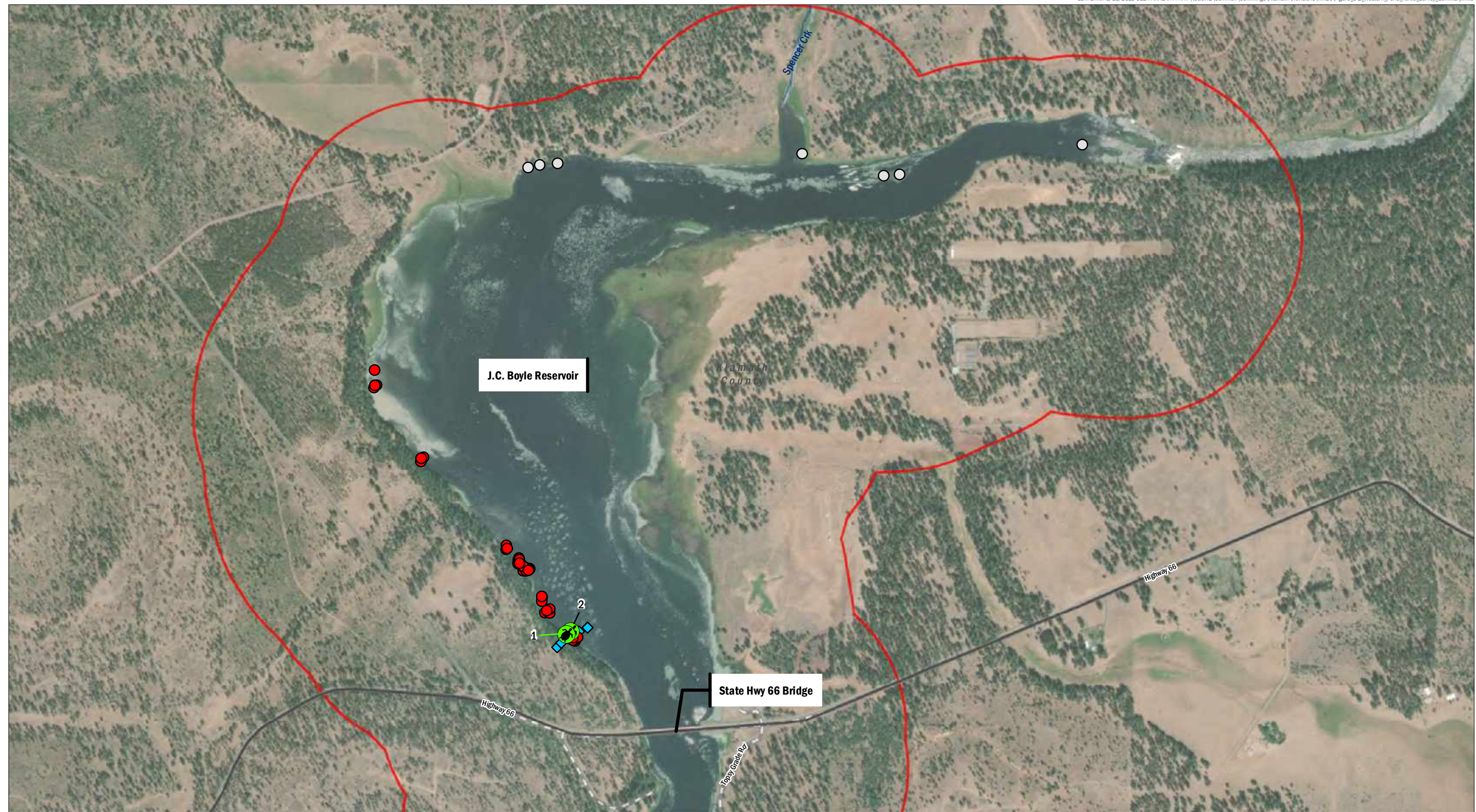


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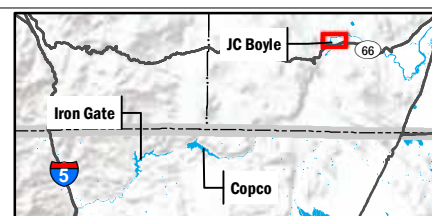
**FIGURE 9-1**  
*2018 Western Pond Turtle Survey Summary*  
*J.C. Boyle Reservoir - South*





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- WPT Captures
- ◆ Environmental Data Loggers

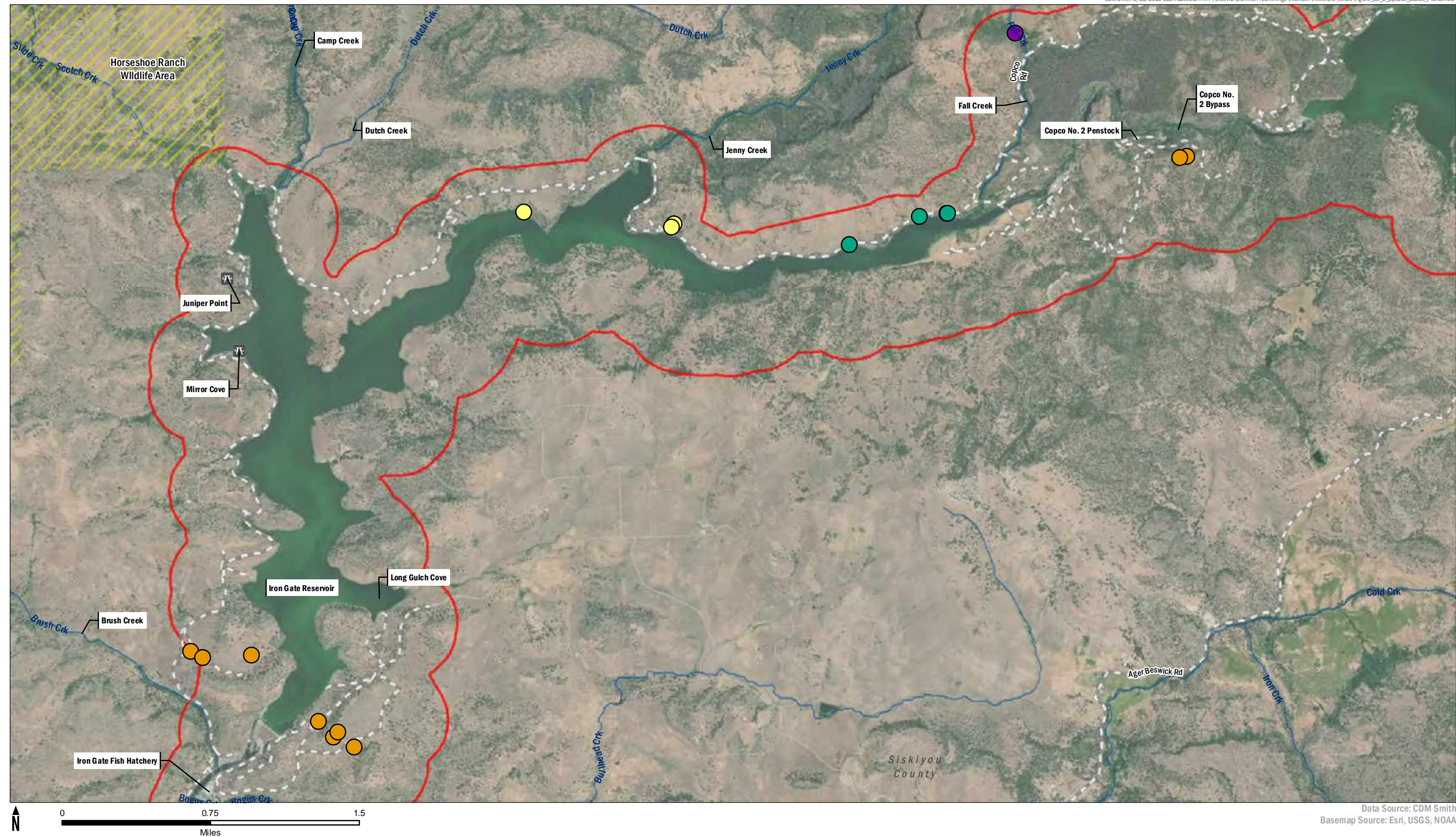
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- County
- Stream
- Primary Road
- Secondary Road
- Access Route

- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

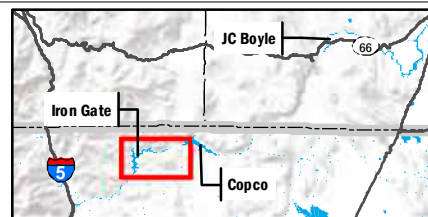
## FIGURE 9-2

2018 Western Pond Turtle Survey Summary  
J.C. Boyle Reservoir - North





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2018 Special Status Plants Observations

- Greene's Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus greenei*)
- Washington Lily (*Lilium washingtonianum* ssp. *purpurascens*)
- Greene's Four O'Clock (*Mirabilis greenei*)
- Fleshy Sage (*Salvia dorei*)

Primary Road

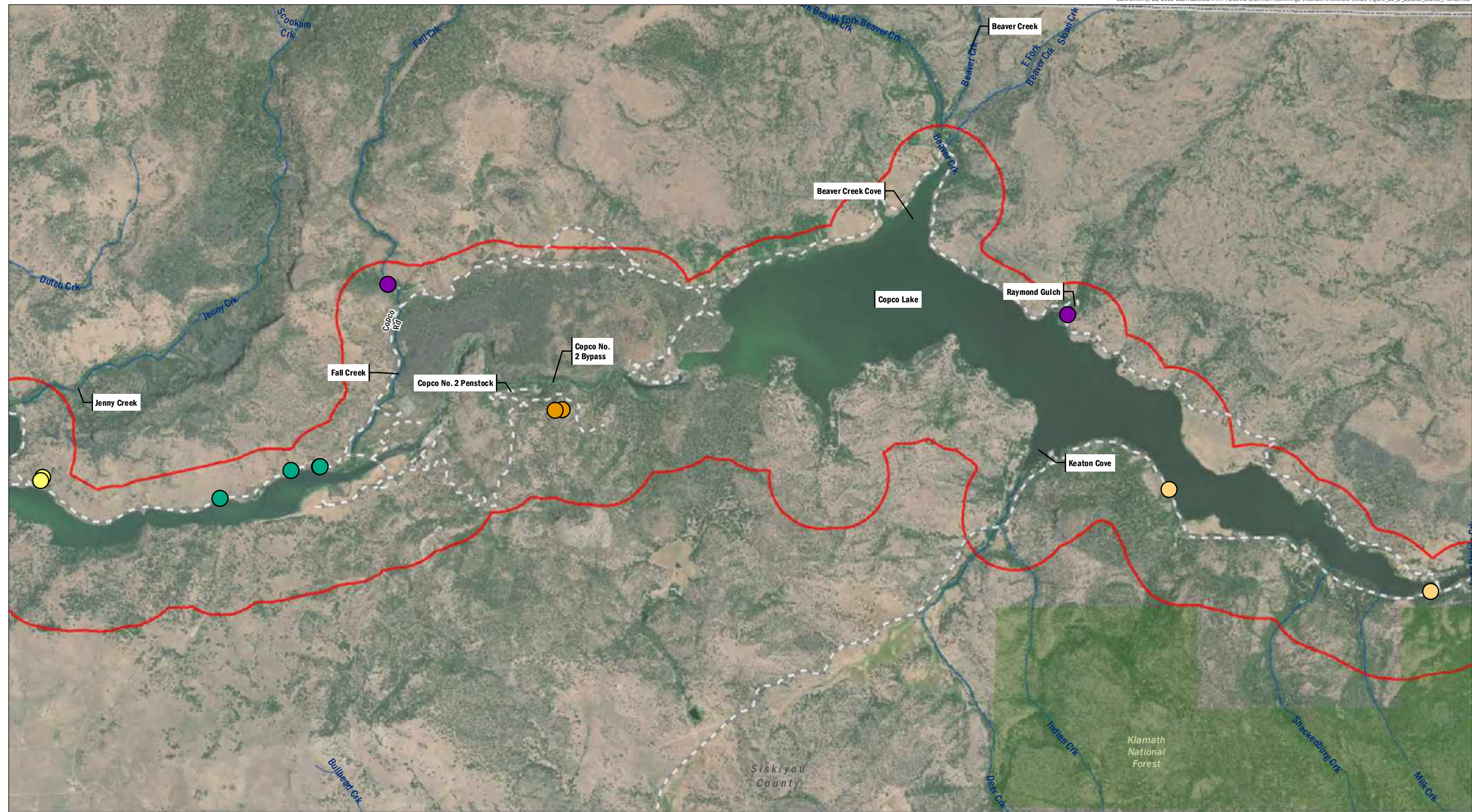
Access Route

Stream

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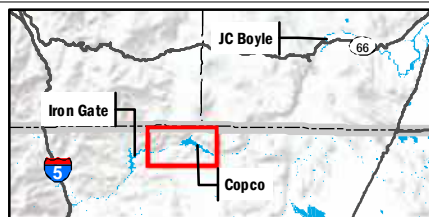
**FIGURE 10-1**  
*2018 Special-Status Plant Surveys  
Iron Gate Reservoir*





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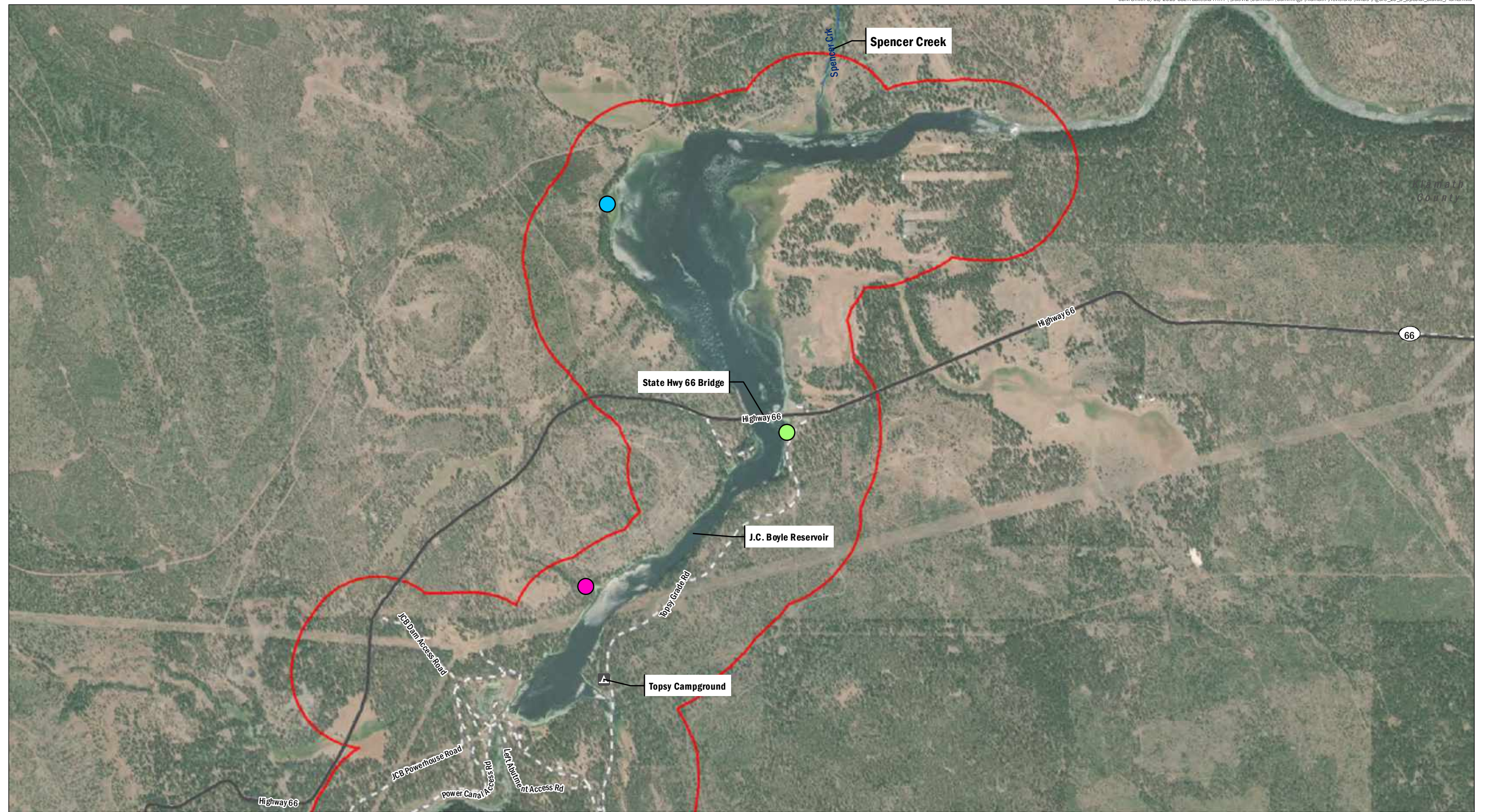
2018 Special Status Plants Observations

- Orange circle: Greene's Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus greenei*)
- Yellow circle: *Calochortus* sp.
- Purple circle: Washington Lily (*Lilium washingtonianum* ssp. *purpurascens*)
- Teal circle: Greene's Four O'Clock (*Mirabilis greenei*)
- Light green circle: Fleshy Sage (*Salvia dorii*)

- Red outline: 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer
- Grey outline: State
- White outline: County
- Blue line: Stream
- Grey line: Access Route

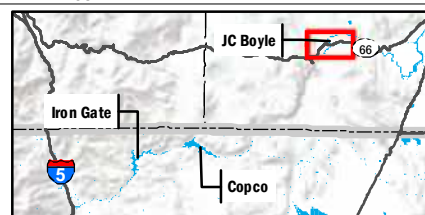
**FIGURE 10-2**  
2018 Special-Status Plant Surveys  
Copco Lake





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2018 Special Status Plants Observations

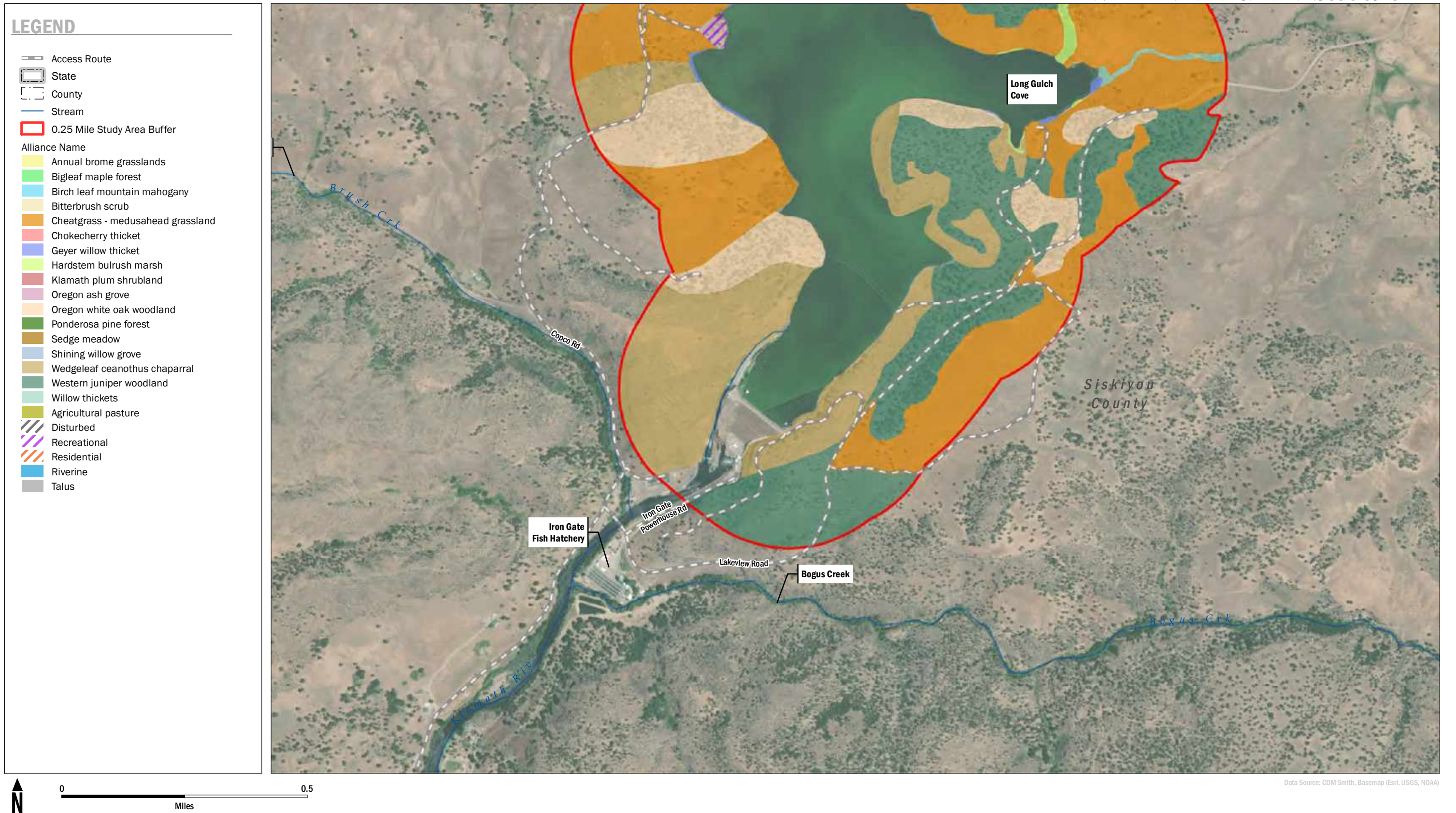
- Green circle: Bristly Sedge (*Carex comosa*)
- Cyan circle: Coast Irises (*Iris longipetala*)
- Magenta circle: Western Yampah

- Thick black line: Primary Road
- Thin black line: Access Route
- Blue line: Stream
- Red outline: 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

**FIGURE 10-3**

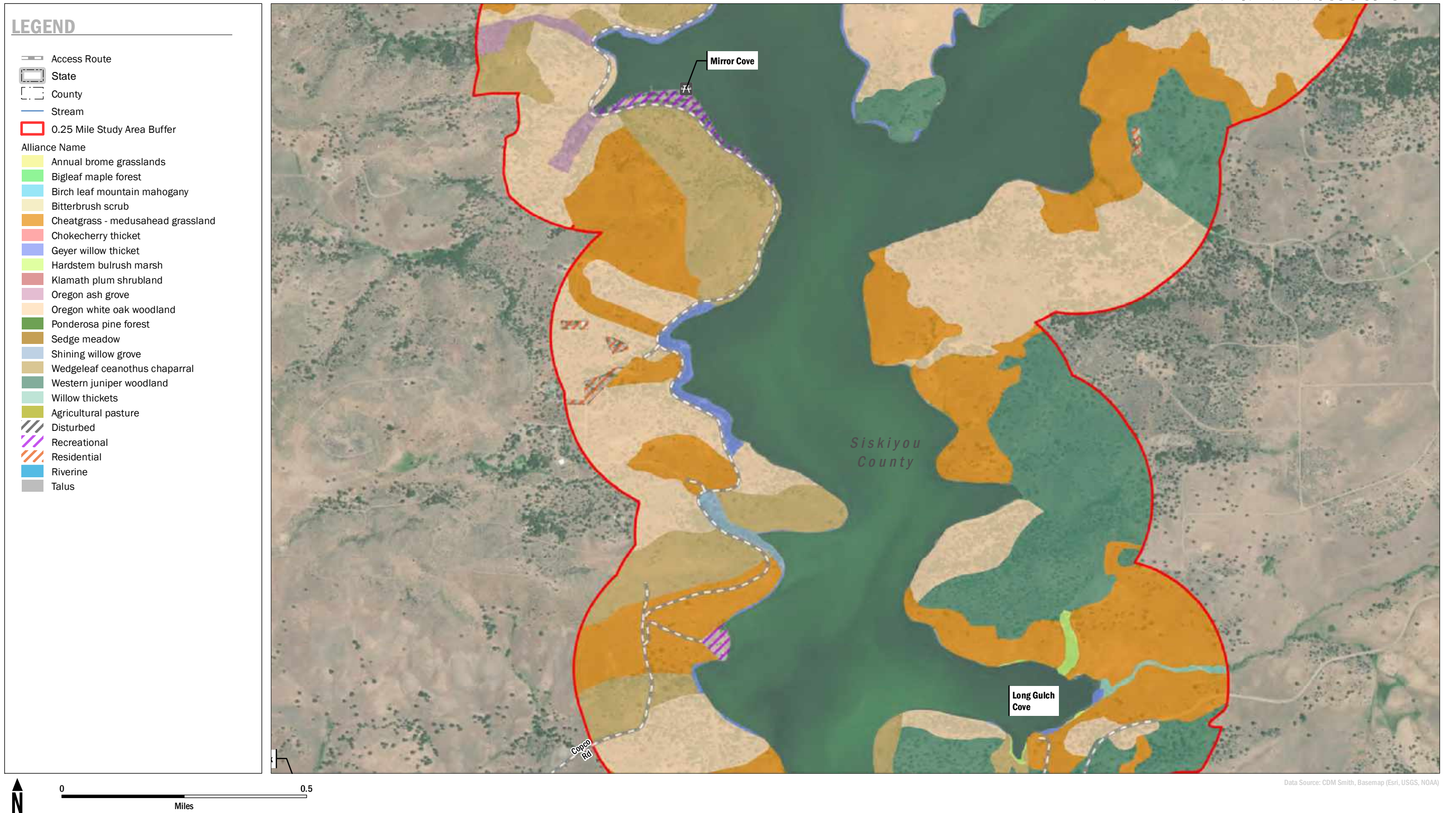
2018 Special-Status Plant Surveys  
J.C. Boyle Reservoir



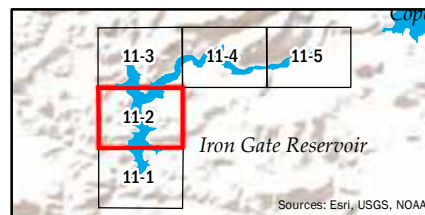


**FIGURE 11-1**  
Vegetation Communities  
Iron Gate Reservoir

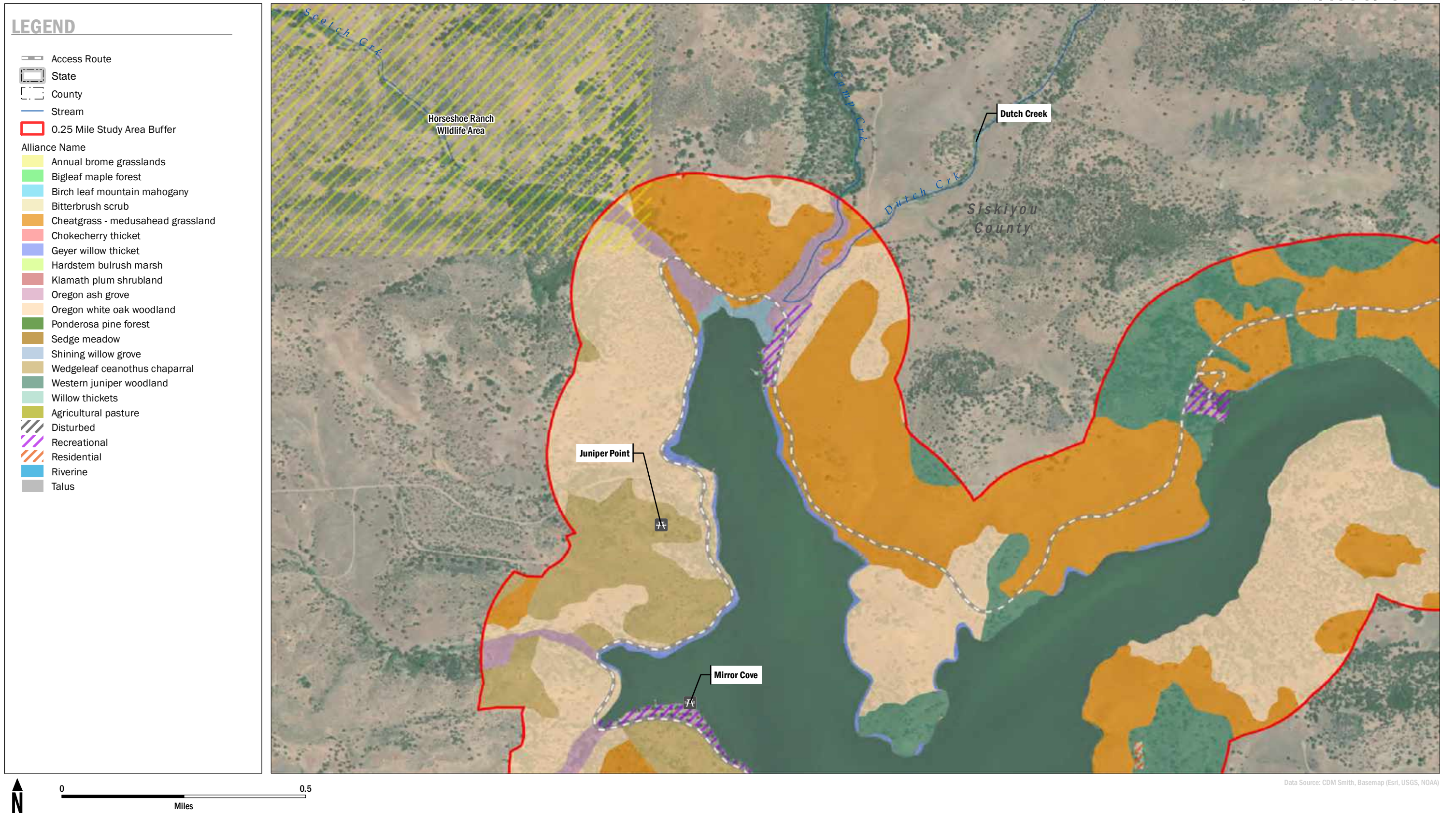




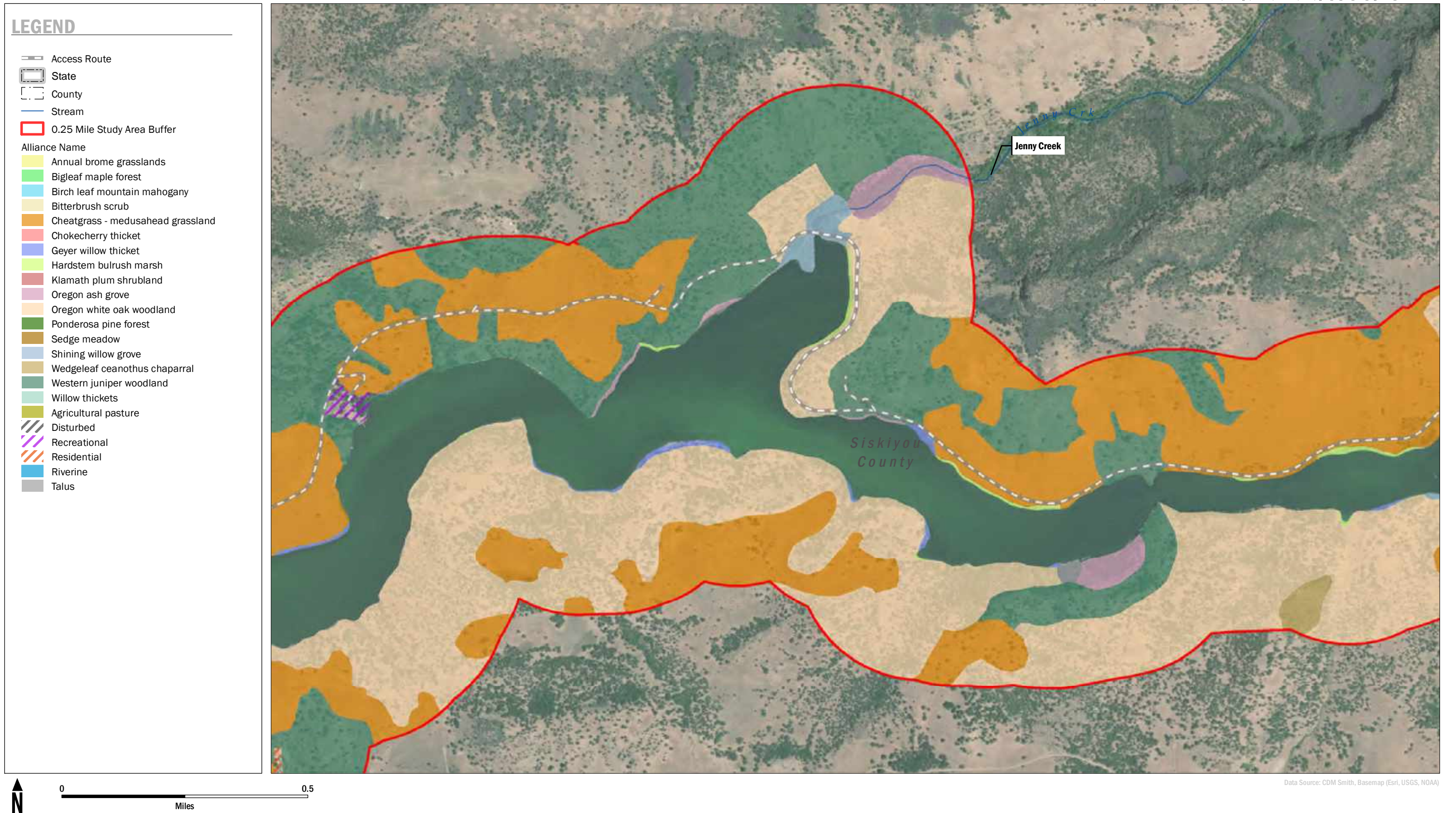
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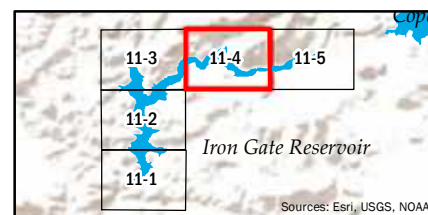






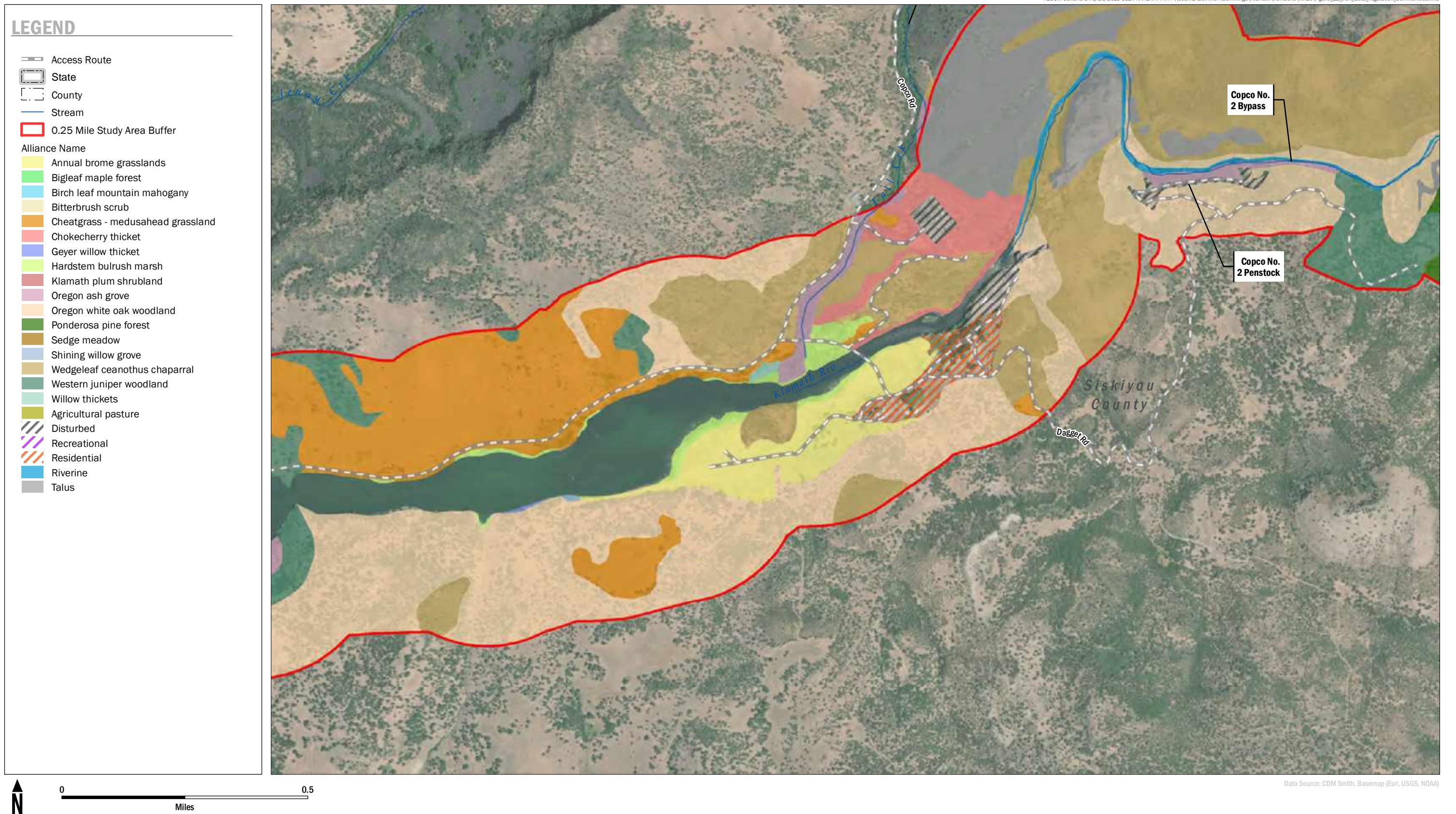


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**FIGURE 11-4**  
*Vegetation Communities*  
*Iron Gate Reservoir*





**FIGURE 11-5**  
*Vegetation Communities*  
*Iron Gate Reservoir*



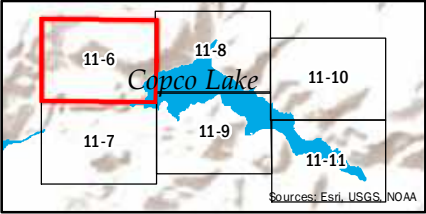
LEGEND

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- State
- County
- Stream
- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer
- Alliance Name
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  - Bigleaf maple forest
  - Birch leaf mountain mahogany
  - Bitterbrush scrub
  - Cheatgrass - medusahead grassland
  - Chokecherry thicket
  - Geyer willow thicket
  - Hardstem bulrush marsh
  - Klamath plum shrubland
  - Oregon ash grove
  - Oregon white oak woodland
  - Ponderosa pine forest
  - Sedge meadow
  - Shining willow grove
  - Wedgeleaf ceanothus chaparral
  - Western juniper woodland
  - Willow thickets
  - Agricultural pasture
  - Disturbed
  - Recreational
  - Residential
  - Riverine
  - Talus



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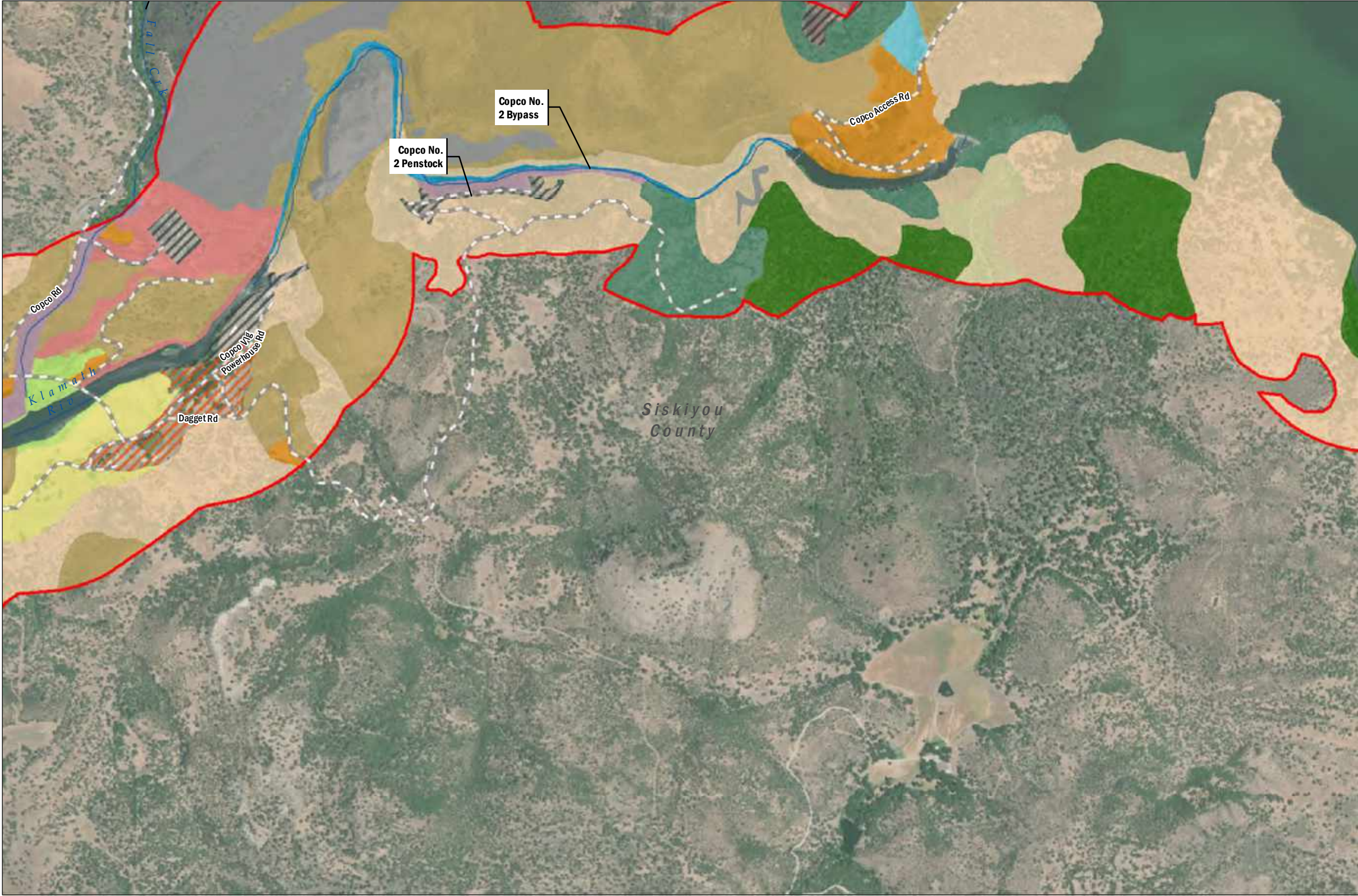


**FIGURE 11-6**  
Vegetation Communities  
Copco Lake

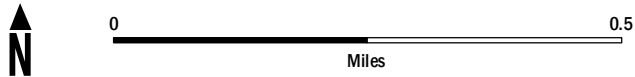


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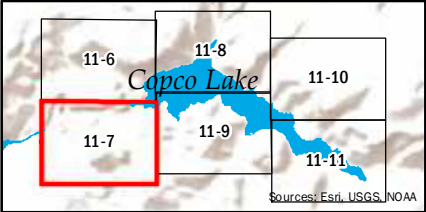
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  - Willow thickets
  - Agricultural pasture
  - Disturbed
  - Recreational
  - Residential
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  - Talus



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**FIGURE 11-7**  
Vegetation Communities  
Copco Lake

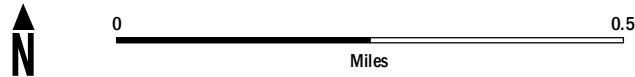


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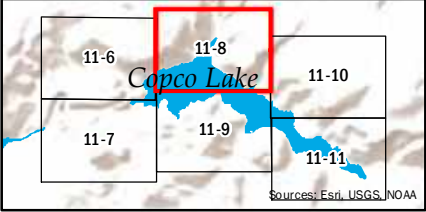
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  - Residential
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  - Talus



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**FIGURE 11-8**  
Vegetation Communities  
Copco Lake



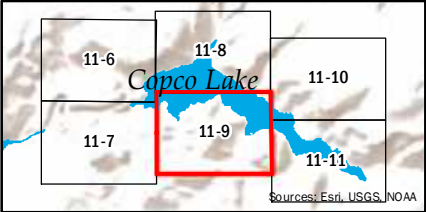
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  - Residential
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**FIGURE 11-9**  
Vegetation Communities  
Copco Lake

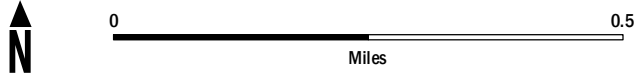


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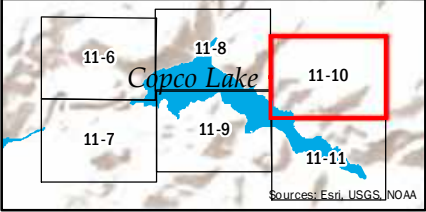
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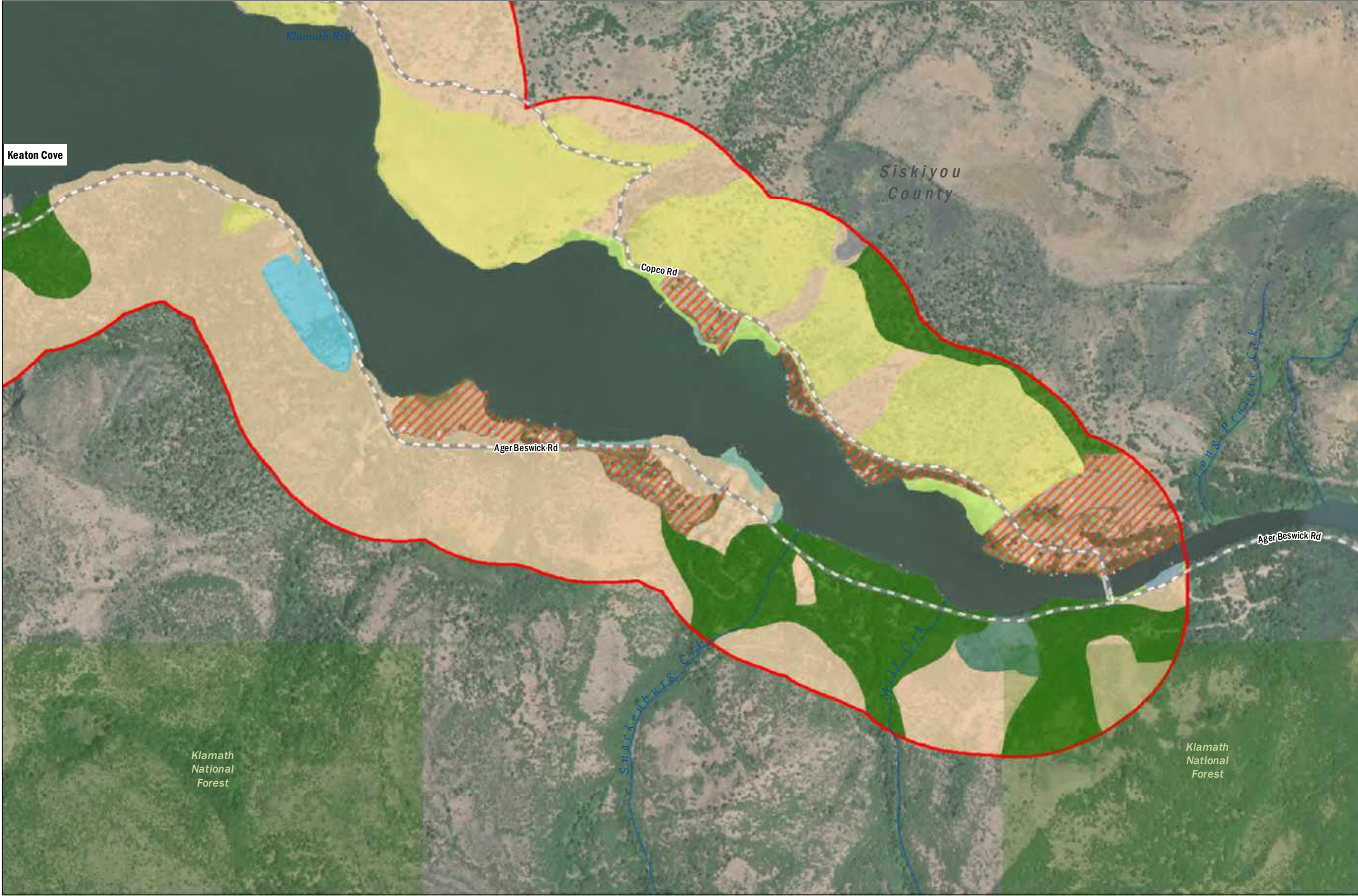


**FIGURE 11-10**  
Vegetation Communities  
Copco Lake

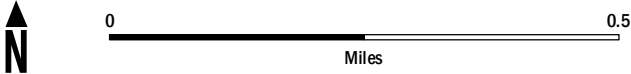


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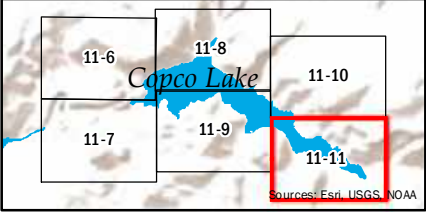
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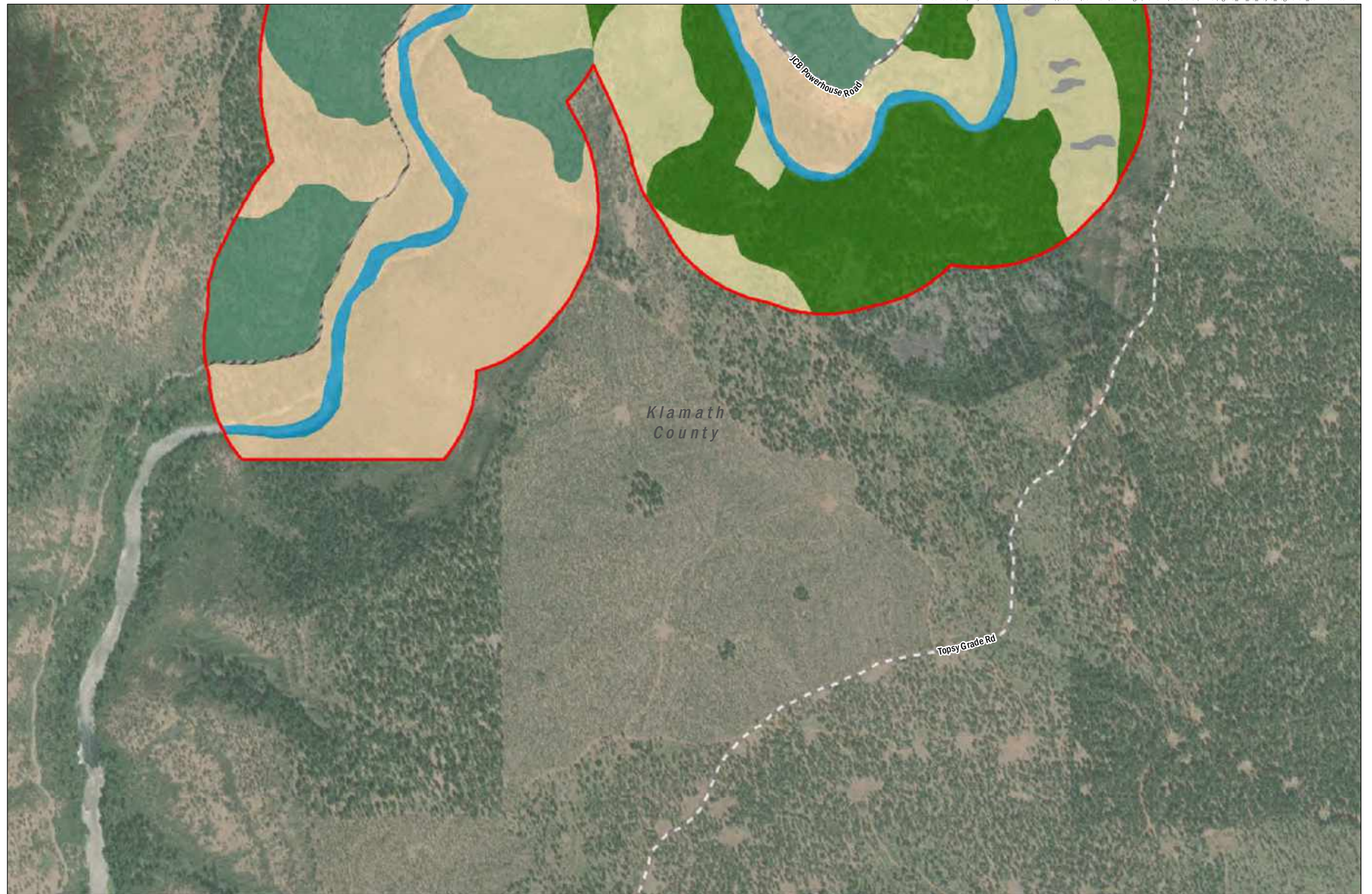


**FIGURE 11-11**  
Vegetation Communities  
Copco Lake



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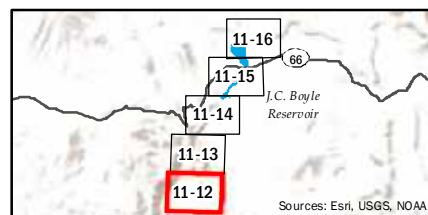


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**FIGURE 11-12**  
Vegetation Communities  
JC Boyle Reservoir

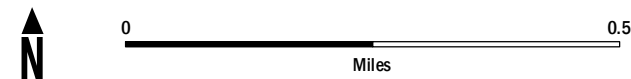


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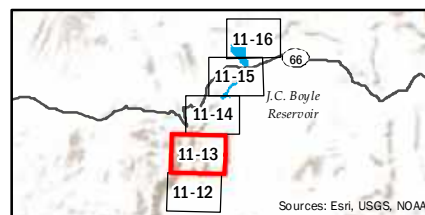
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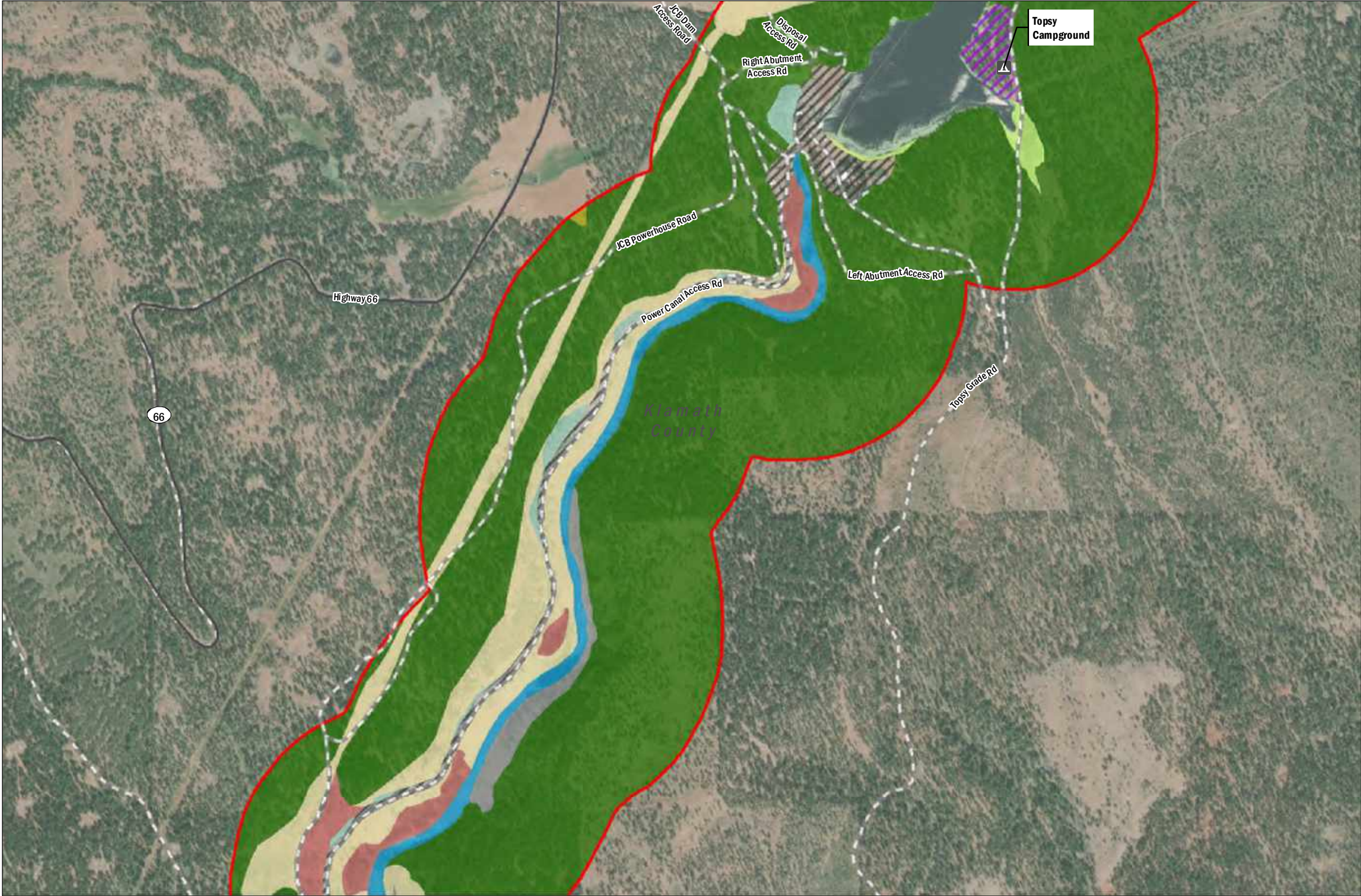


**FIGURE 11-13**  
Vegetation Communities  
JC Boyle Reservoir

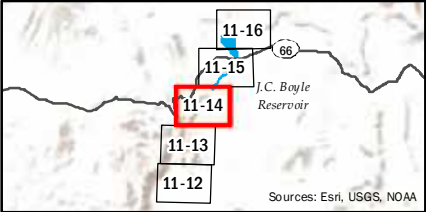


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  - Willow thickets
  - Agricultural pasture
- Disturbed
- Recreational
- Residential
- Riverine
- Talus



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**FIGURE 11-14**  
*Vegetation Communities*  
*JC Boyle Reservoir*



## LEGEND

-  Access Route
-  State
-  County
-  Stream
-  0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer
- Alliance Name
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  -  Bigleaf maple forest
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  -  Bitterbrush scrub
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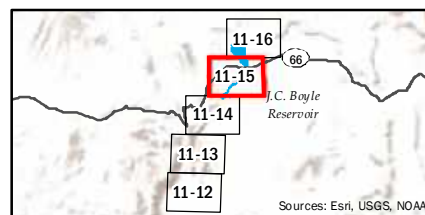


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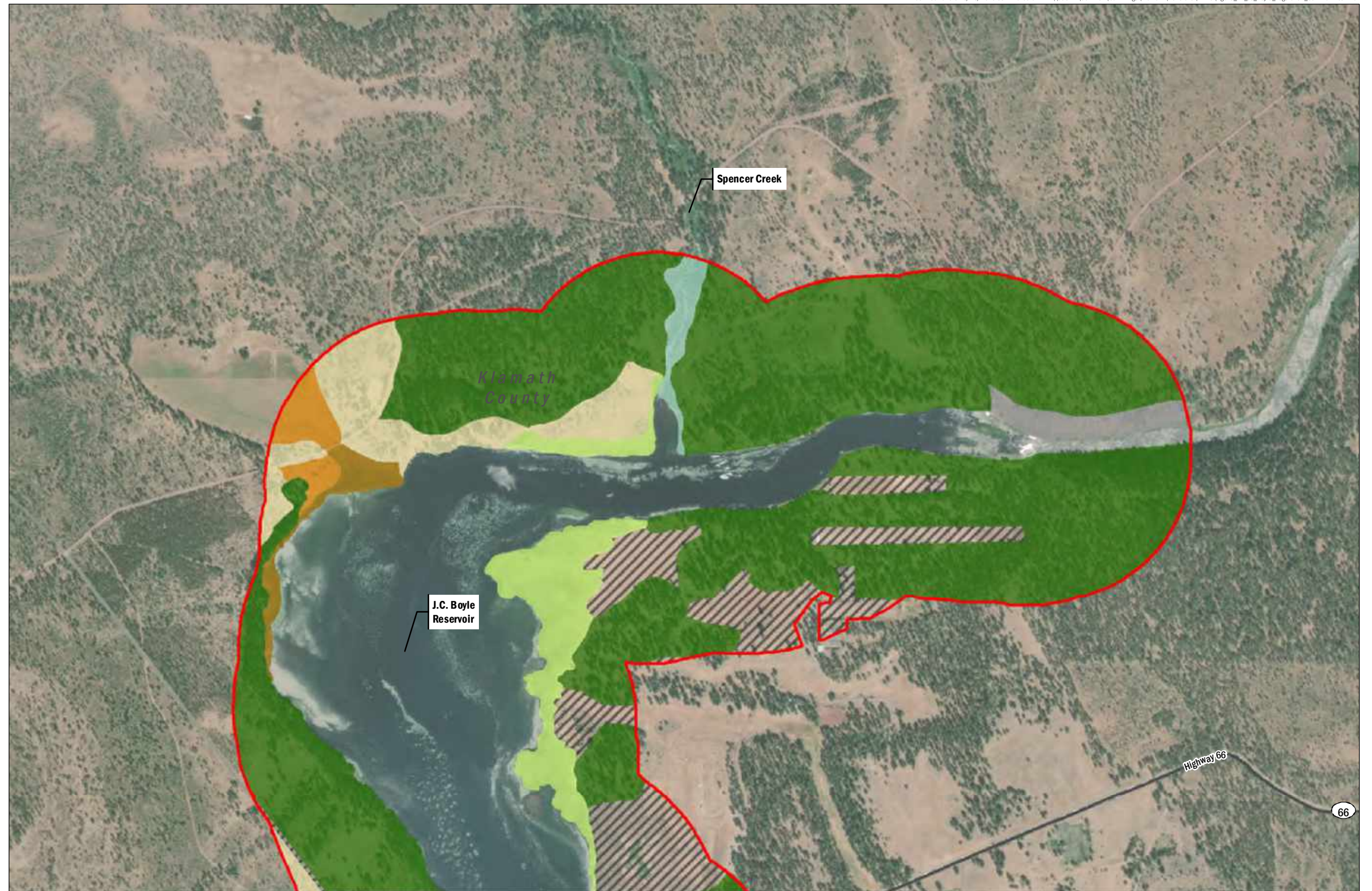


**FIGURE 11-15**  
Vegetation Communities  
JC Boyle Reservoir



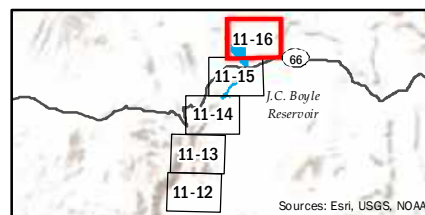
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-  State
-  County
-  Stream
-  0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer
- Alliance Name
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-  Bigleaf maple forest
-  Birch leaf mountain mahogany
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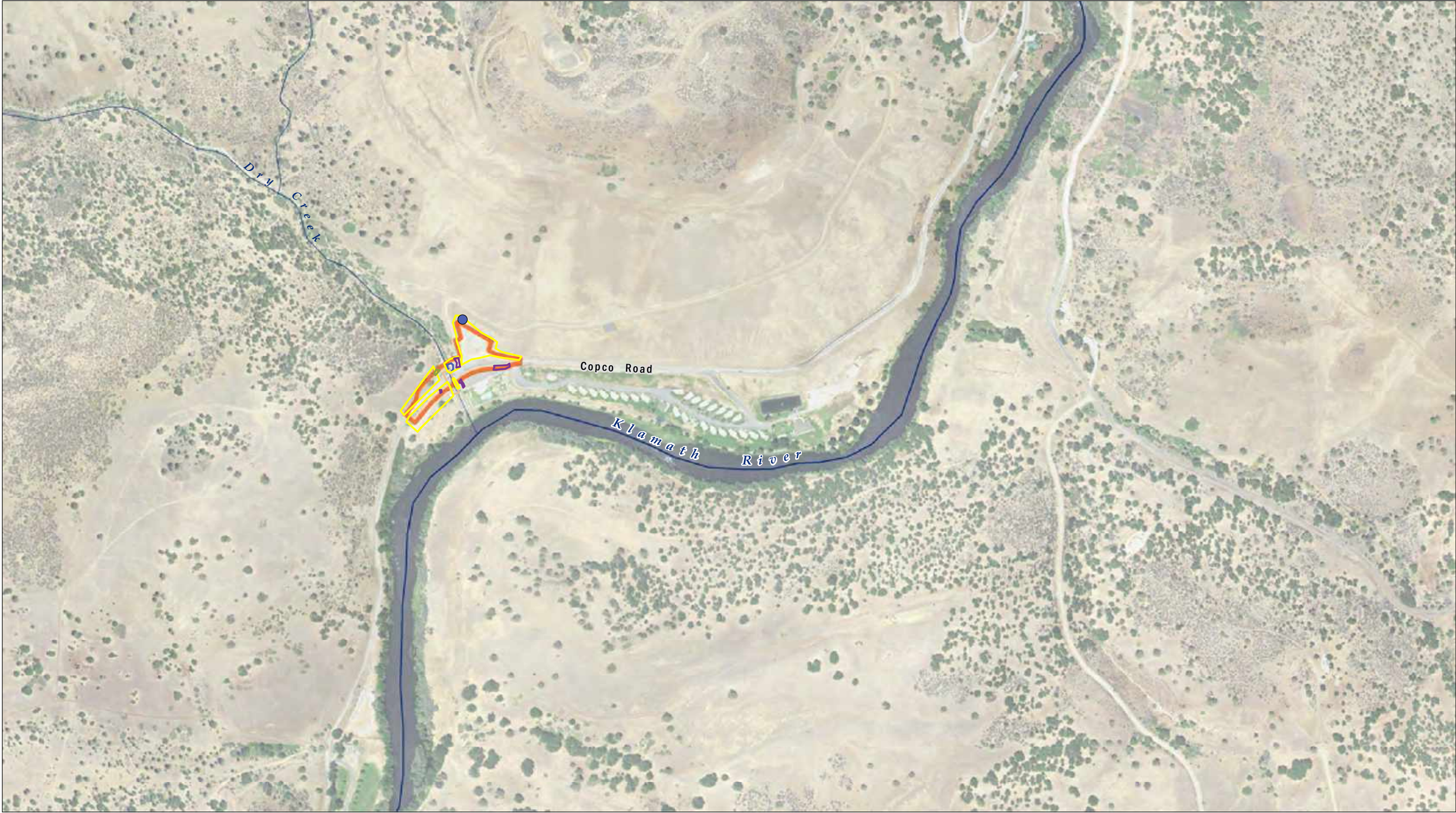
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**FIGURE 11-16**  
Vegetation Communities  
JC Boyle Reservoir



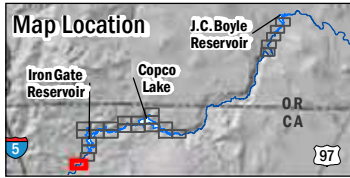


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PROJECTION  
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- Klamath River
- Streams
- Limits of Work

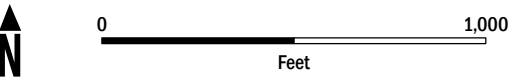
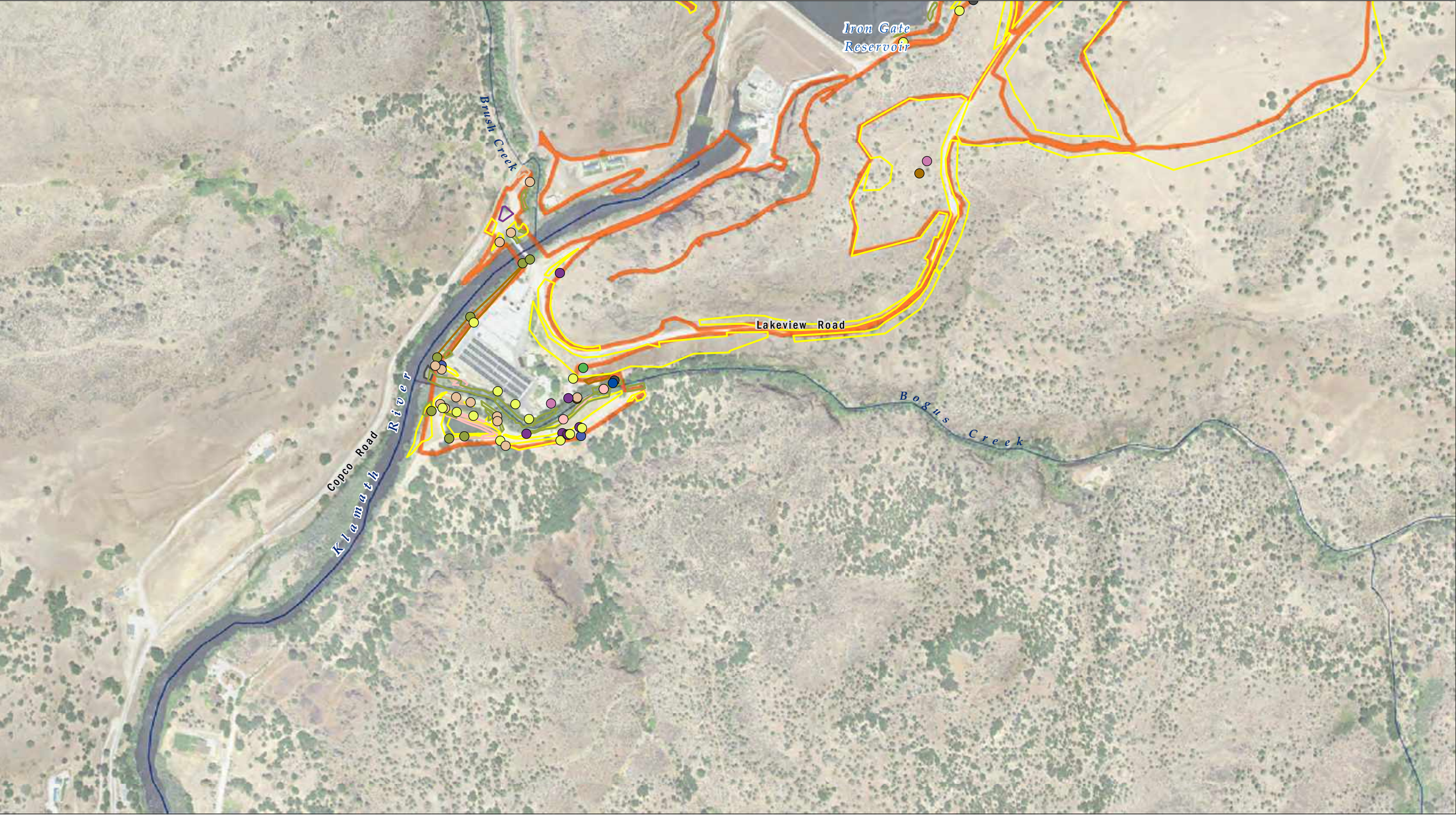
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- Species - Surveyed Polygon
- Centaurea solstitialis
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- Rubus armeniacus
- Tribulus terrestris

## FIGURE 12-1

*Invasive Exotic Vegetation Observations*



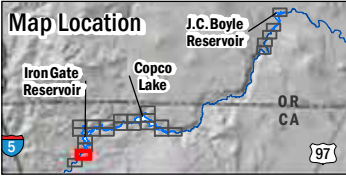


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- Klamath River
- Streams
- Limits of Work

- Species - Surveyed Point**
- Bromus tectorum
  - Centaurea solstitialis
  - Convolvulus arvensis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Elymus caput-medusae

- Isatis tinctoria
- Phalaris arundinacea
- Rubus armeniacus
- Tribulus terrestris
- Cirsium vulgare
- Conium maculatum

- Species - Surveyed Polygon**
- Bromus tectorum
  - Centaurea solstitialis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Rubus armeniacus

- Tribulus terrestris
- Conium maculatum
- Lepidium draba

**FIGURE 12-2**  
*Invasive Exotic Vegetation Observations*



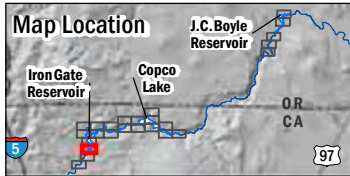


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- Species - Surveyed Point**
- Bromus tectorum
  - Centaurea solstitialis
  - Convolvulus arvensis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Elymus caput-medusae

- Phalaris arundinacea
  - Rubus armeniacus
  - Lepidium draba
  - Mentha pulegium
- Species - Surveyed Polygon**
- Bromus tectorum

- Centaurea solstitialis
- Convolvulus arvensis
- Dipsacus fullonum
- Elymus caput-medusae
- Rubus armeniacus

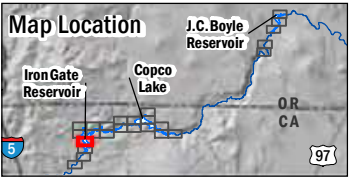
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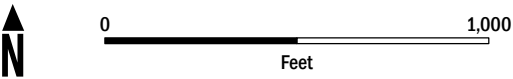
- Species - Surveyed Point**
- Convolvulus arvensis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Elymus caput-medusae
  - Isatis tinctoria
  - Linaria vulgaris

- Species - Surveyed Polygon**
- Phalaris arundinacea
  - Rubus armeniacus
  - Xanthium spinosum
  - Bromus tectorum
  - Centaurea solstitialis

- Dipsacus fullonum
- Elymus caput-medusae
- Isatis tinctoria
- Phalaris arundinacea
- Rubus armeniacus
- Xanthium spinosum

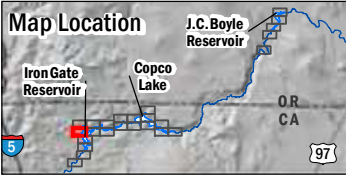
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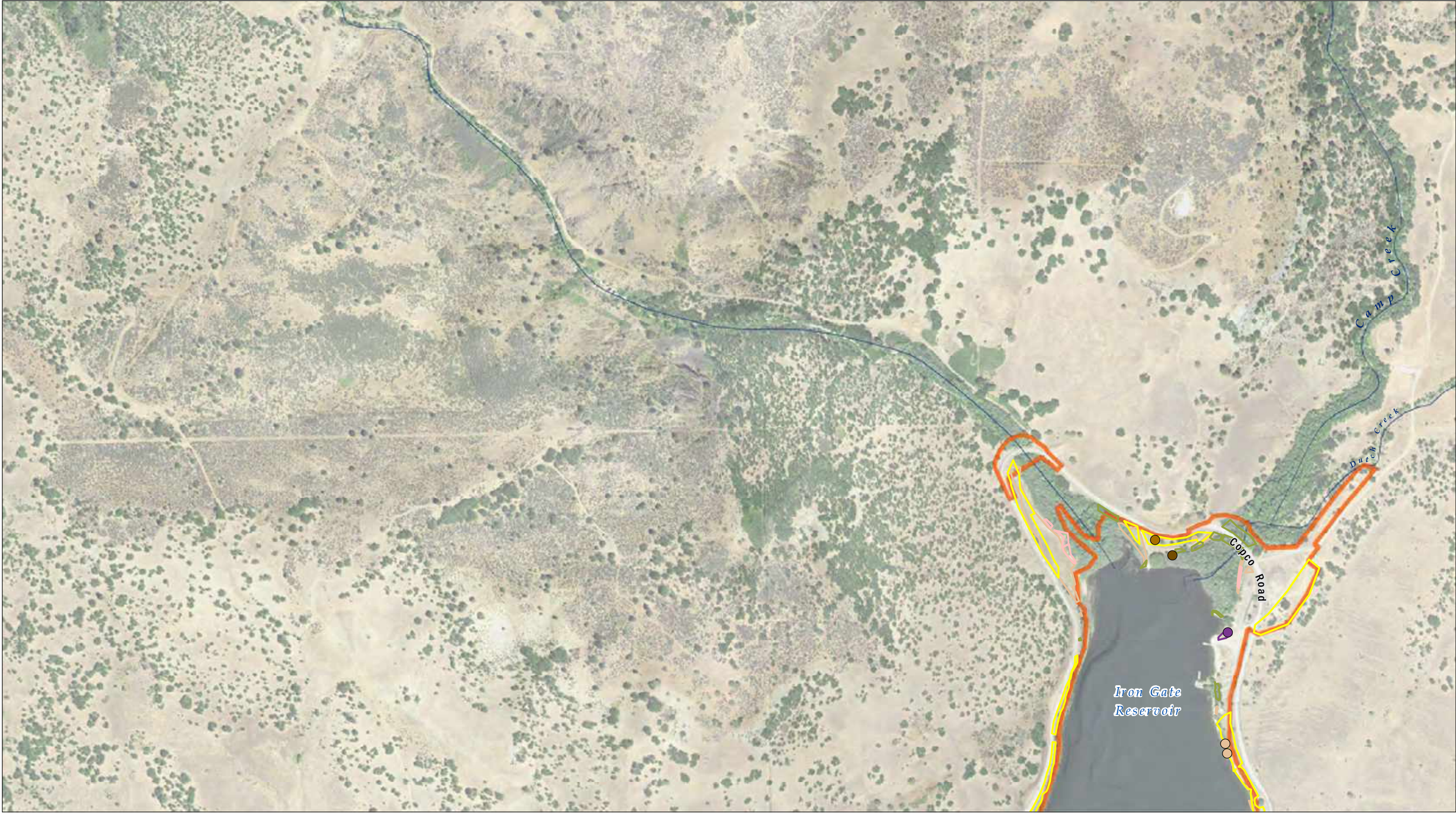
- Klamath River
- Streams
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- Species - Surveyed Point
- Bromus tectorum
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Elymus caput-medusae
  - Mentha pulegium

- Species - Surveyed Polygon
- Centaurea solstitialis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Rubus armeniacus

**FIGURE 12-5**  
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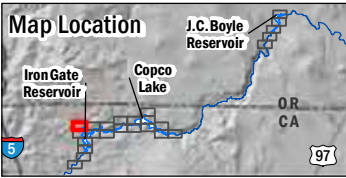


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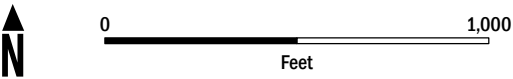
- Klamath River
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- Species - Surveyed Point
- Bromus tectorum
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Phalaris arundinacea
  - Tribulus terrestris

- Species - Surveyed Polygon
- Centaurea solstitialis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Rubus armeniacus
  - Tribulus terrestris
  - Conium maculatum

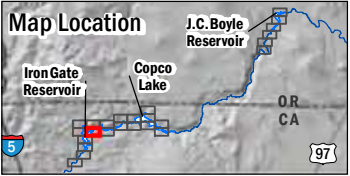
**FIGURE 12-6**  
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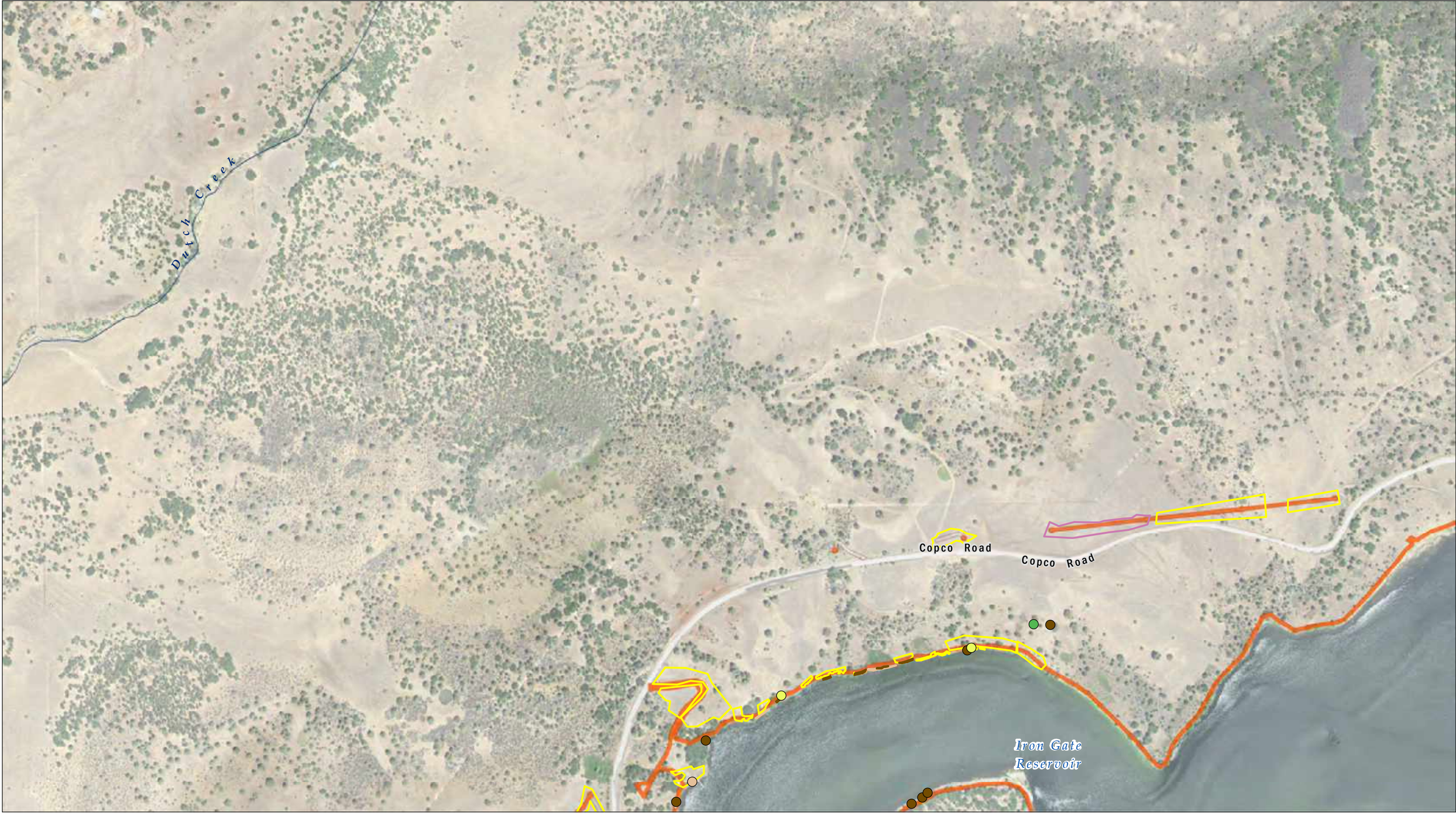
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- Streams
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- Species - Surveyed Point**
- Centaurea solstitialis
  - Phalaris arundinacea
  - Rubus armeniacus
- Species - Surveyed Polygon**
- Centaurea solstitialis

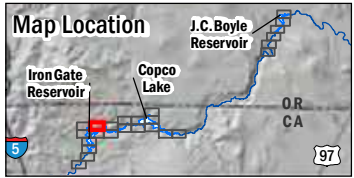
- Dipsacus fullonum
- Elymus caput-medusae
- Phalaris arundinacea
- Rubus armeniacus
- Xanthium spinosum

**FIGURE 12-7**  
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- Species - Surveyed Point**
- Centaurea solstitialis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Isatis tinctoria
  - Phalaris arundinacea

- Species - Surveyed Polygon**
- Centaurea solstitialis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Elymus caput-medusae
  - Phalaris arundinacea

**FIGURE 12-8**  
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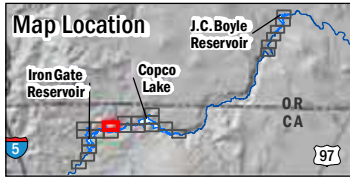
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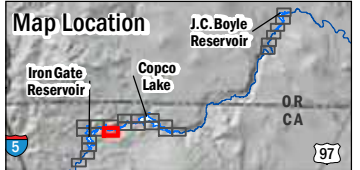
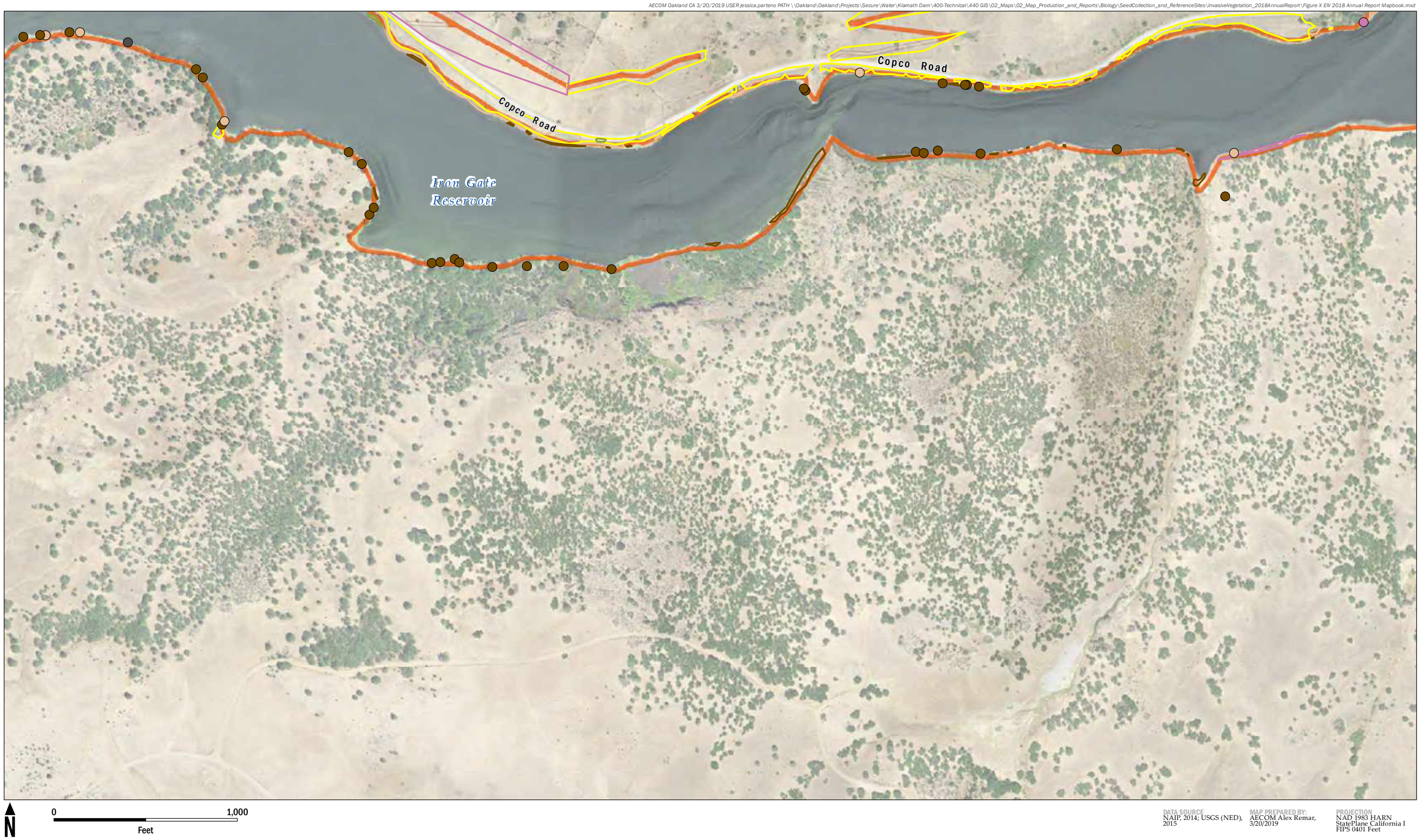
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**Species - Surveyed Point**  
● *Dipsacus fullonum*  
● *Phalaris arundinacea*  
**Species - Surveyed Polygon**  
■ *Bromus tectorum*  
■ *Centaurea solstitialis*

■ *Dipsacus fullonum*  
■ *Elymus caput-medusae*  
■ *Phalaris arundinacea*  
■ *Rubus armeniacus*

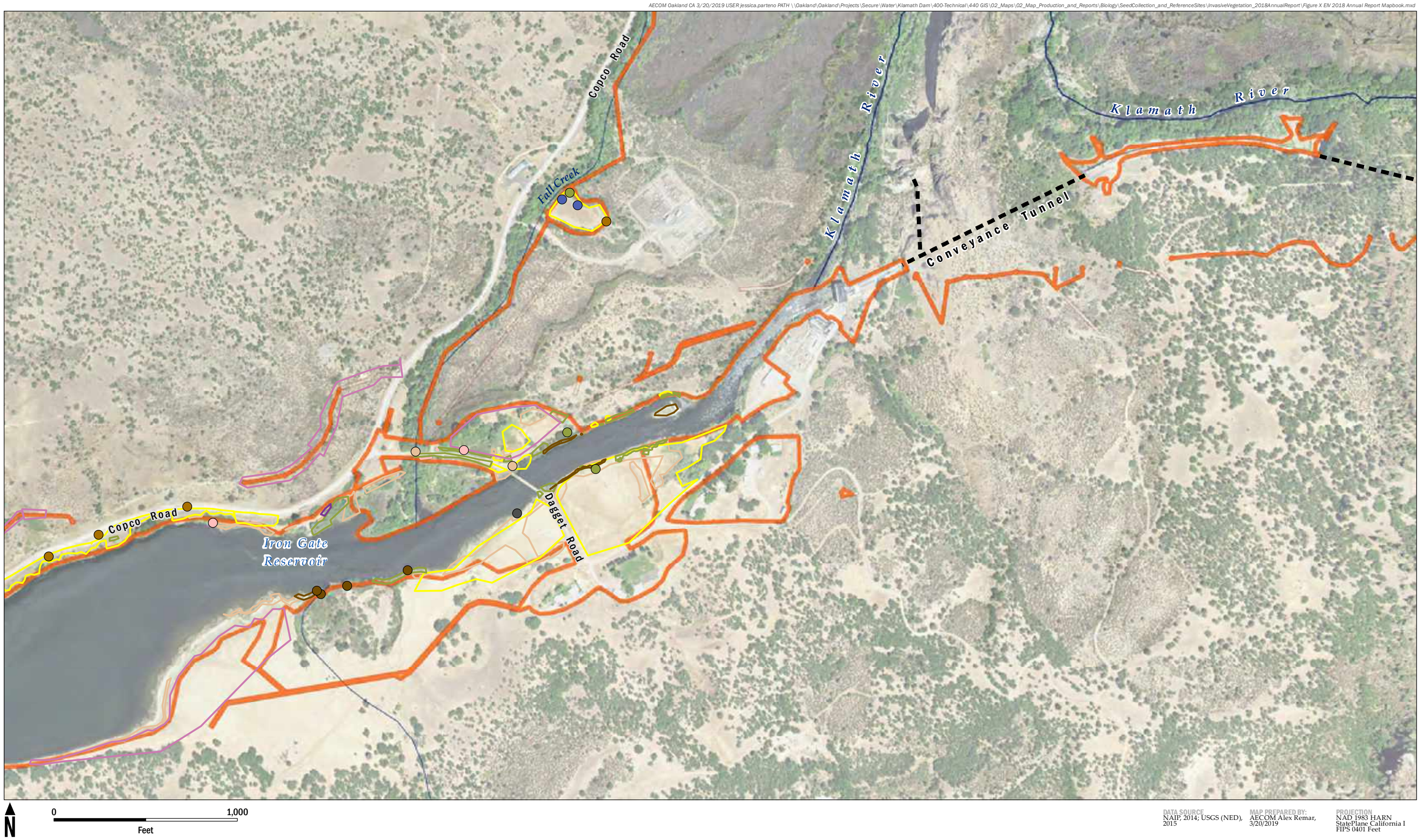
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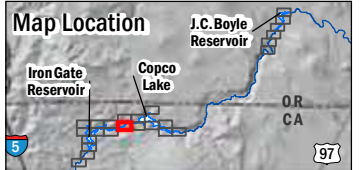


**FIGURE 12-10**  
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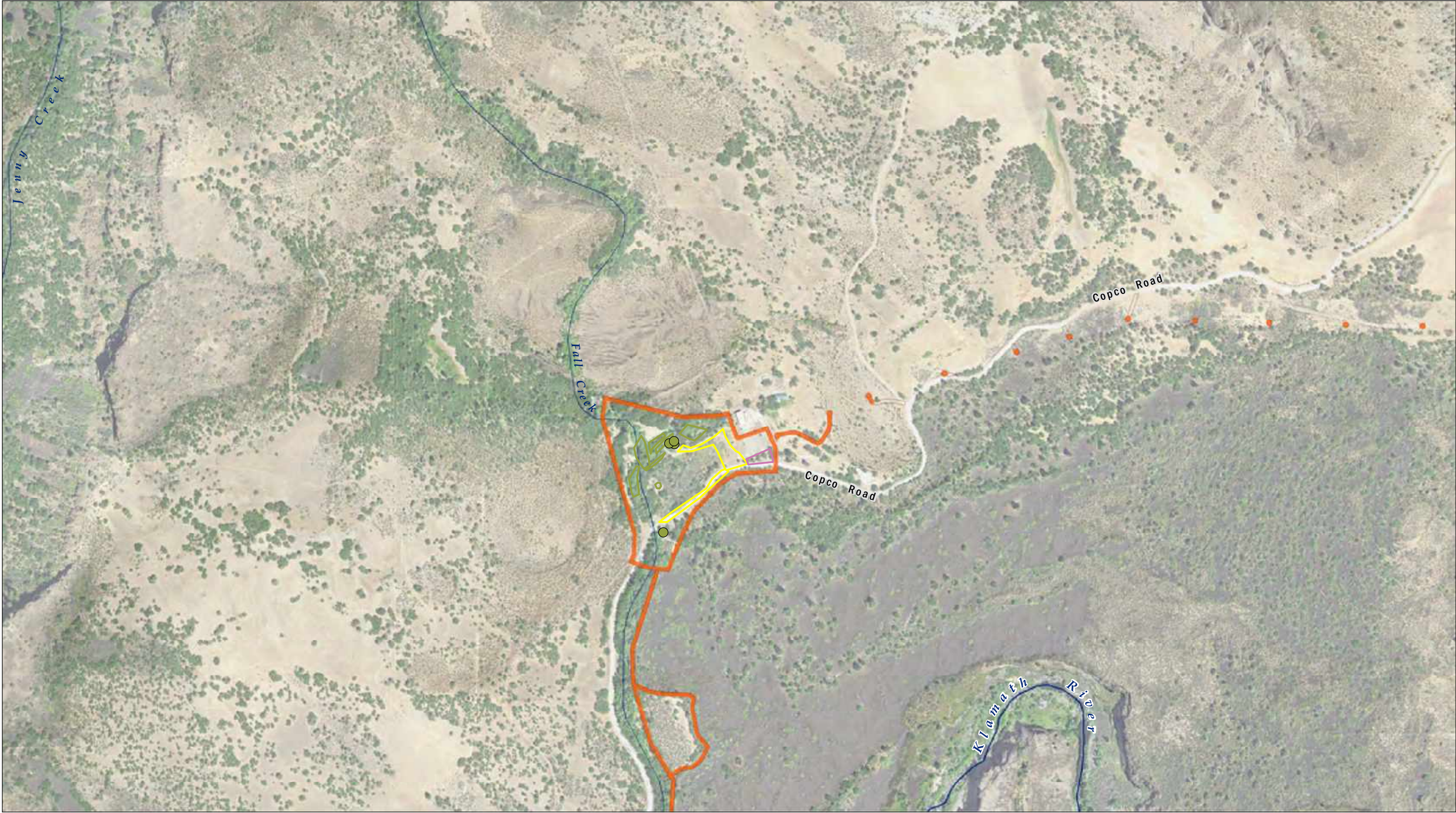
- Species - Surveyed Point**
- Bromus tectorum
  - Convolvulus arvensis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Phalaris arundinacea
  - Rubus armeniacus

- Species - Surveyed Polygon**
- Centaurea solstitialis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Elymus caput-medusae

- Phalaris arundinacea
- Rubus armeniacus
- Tribulus terrestris
- Conium maculatum

**FIGURE 12-11**  
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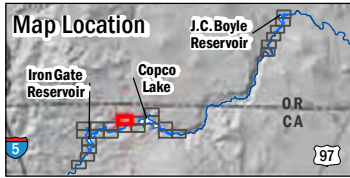


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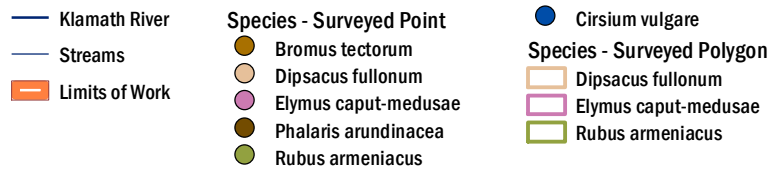
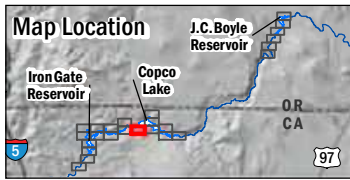
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- Species - Surveyed Point
- Rubus armeniacus
- Species - Surveyed Polygon
- Centaurea solstitialis
  - Elymus caput-medusae
  - Rubus armeniacus

**FIGURE 12-12**

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**FIGURE 12-13**  
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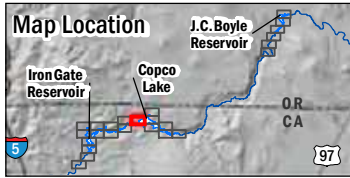


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- Species - Surveyed Point
- *Dipsacus fullonum*
  - *Phalaris arundinacea*
  - *Rubus armeniacus*
  - *Cirsium vulgare*

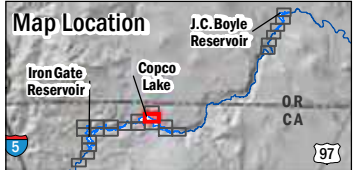
- Species - Surveyed Polygon
- *Bromus tectorum*
  - *Centaurea solstitialis*
  - *Dipsacus fullonum*
  - *Rubus armeniacus*

**FIGURE 12-14**  
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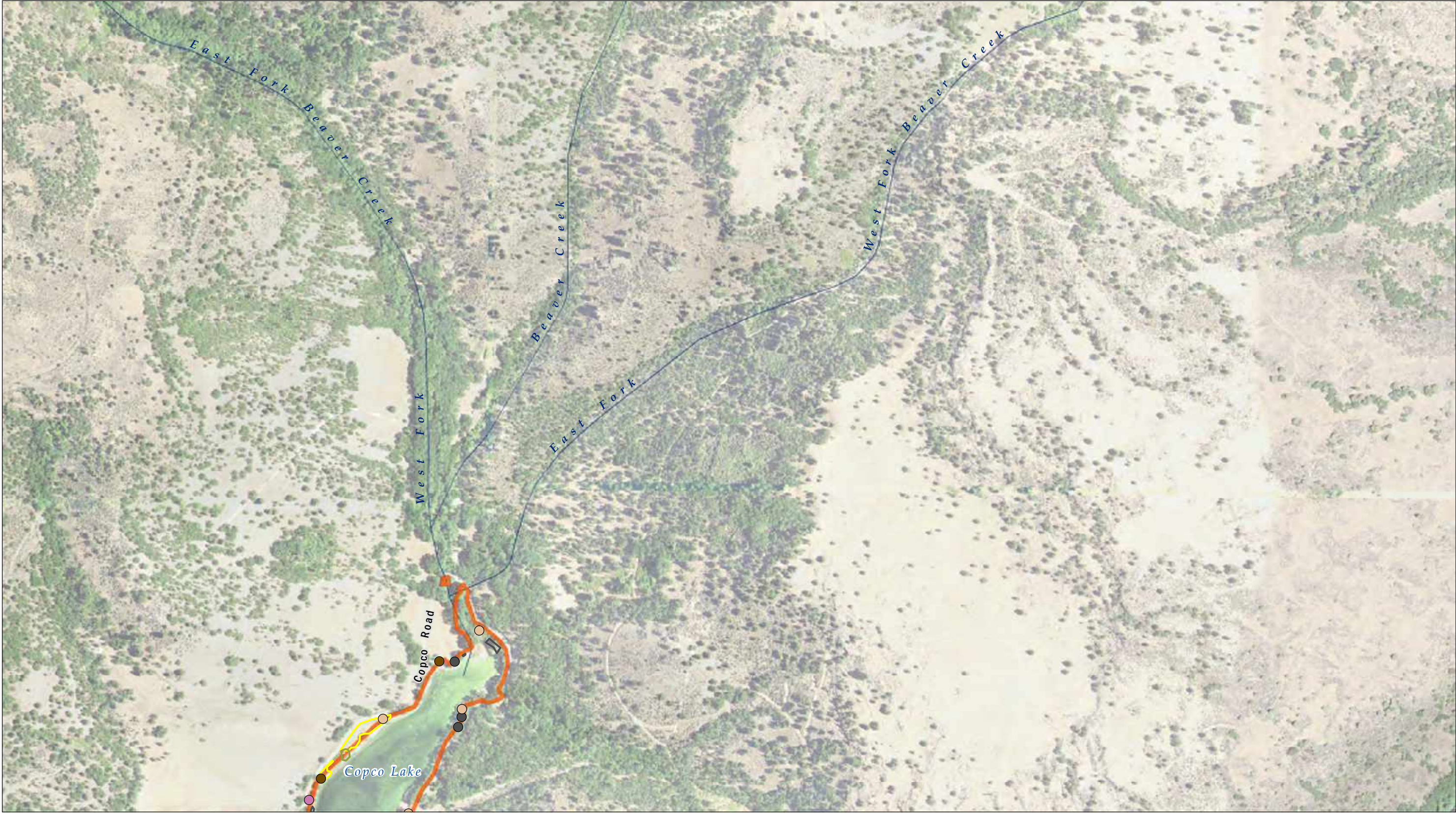
- Species - Surveyed Point**
- Bromus tectorum
  - Centaurea solstitialis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Elymus caput-medusae
  - Phalaris arundinacea

- Species - Surveyed Polygon**
- Bromus tectorum
  - Centaurea solstitialis
  - Dipsacus fullonum

- Rubus armeniacus
- Lepidium draba
- Elymus caput-medusae
- Phalaris arundinacea
- Rubus armeniacus
- Lepidium draba

**FIGURE 12-15**  
*Invasive Exotic Vegetation Observations*



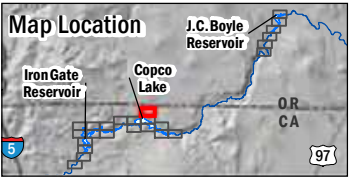


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Species - Surveyed Point

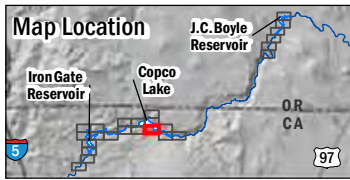
- *Dipsacus fullonum*
- *Elymus caput-medusae*
- *Phalaris arundinacea*
- *Lepidium draba*

Species - Surveyed Polygon

- *Centaurea solstitialis*
- *Dipsacus fullonum*
- *Rubus armeniacus*
- *Lepidium draba*

**FIGURE 12-16**  
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**FIGURE 12-17**  
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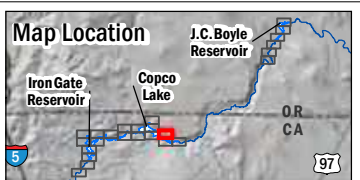




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**Species - Surveyed Point**  
● Bromus madritensis ssp. rubens  
● Bromus tectorum  
● Centaurea solstitialis  
● Dipsacus fullonum  
● Elymus caput-medusae

**Species - Surveyed Polygon**  
■ Bromus madritensis ssp. rubens  
■ Centaurea solstitialis

■ Dipsacus fullonum  
■ Elymus caput-medusae  
■ Phalaris arundinacea  
■ Rubus armeniacus  
■ Lepidium draba

**FIGURE 12-18**  
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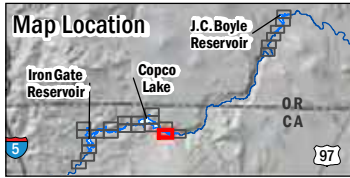


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- Species - Surveyed Point**
- Centaurea solstitialis
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Elymus caput-medusae
  - Phalaris arundinacea
  - Rubus armeniacus

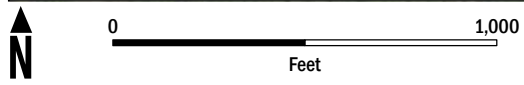
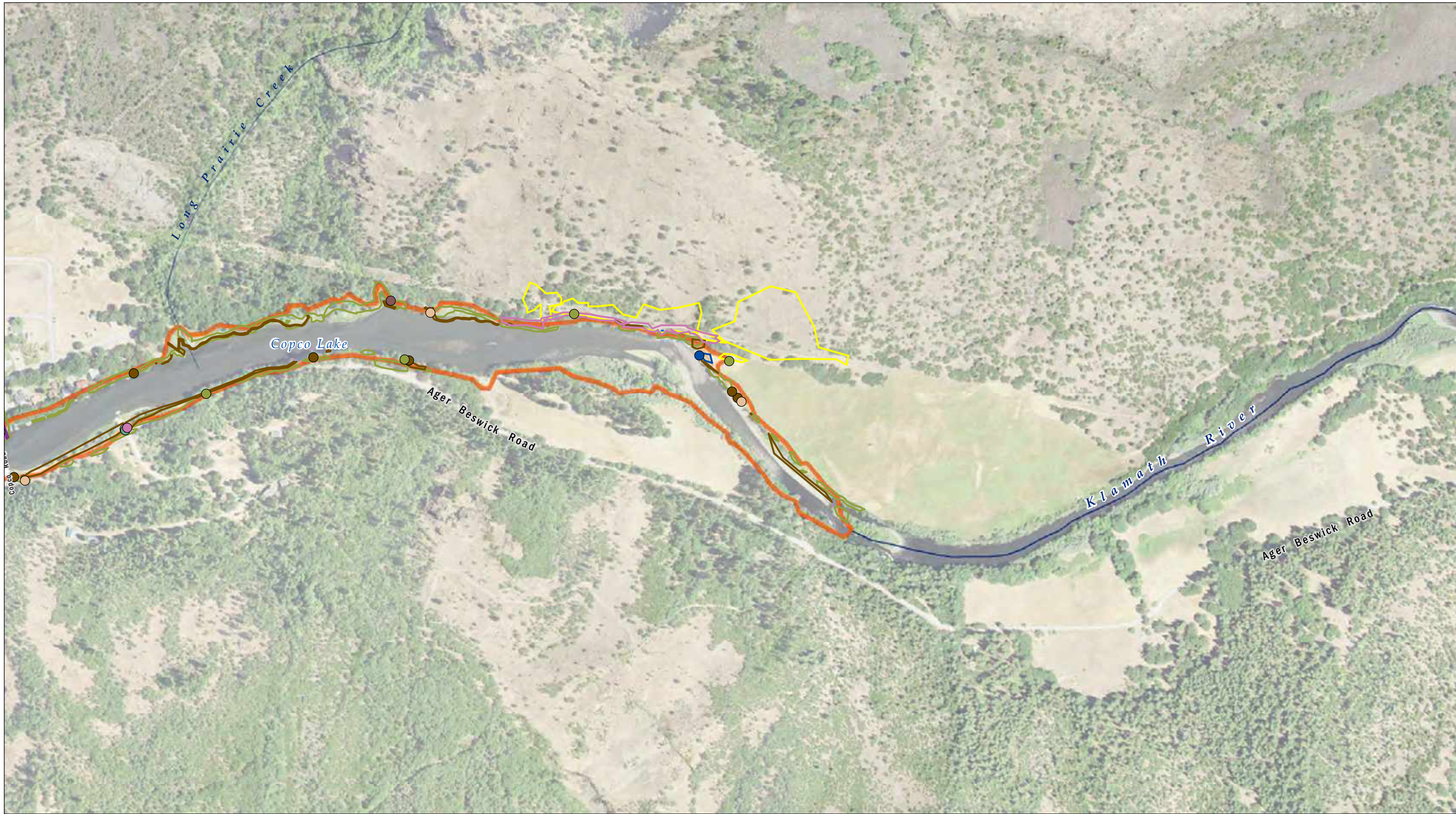
- Species - Surveyed Polygon**
- Centaurea solstitialis
  - Dipsacus fullonum

- Bromus diandrus
- Conium maculatum
- Marrubium vulgare

- Elymus caput-medusae
- Phalaris arundinacea
- Rubus armeniacus
- Tribulus terrestris
- Conium maculatum

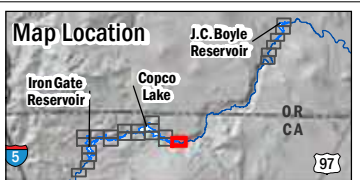
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- Species - Surveyed Point**
- Carduus nutans
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Elymus caput-medusae
  - Phalaris arundinacea
  - Rubus armeniacus

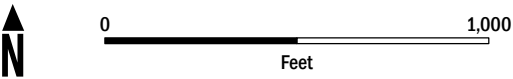
- Species - Surveyed Polygon**
- Bromus diandrus
  - Cirsium vulgare
  - Conium maculatum
  - Marrubium vulgare
  - Centaurea solstitialis

- Dipsacus fullonum
- Elymus caput-medusae
- Phalaris arundinacea
- Rubus armeniacus
- Tribulus terrestris
- Aegilops cylindrica

- Cirsium vulgare

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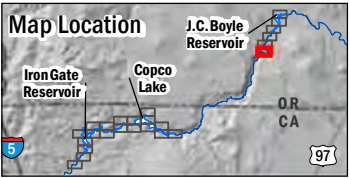


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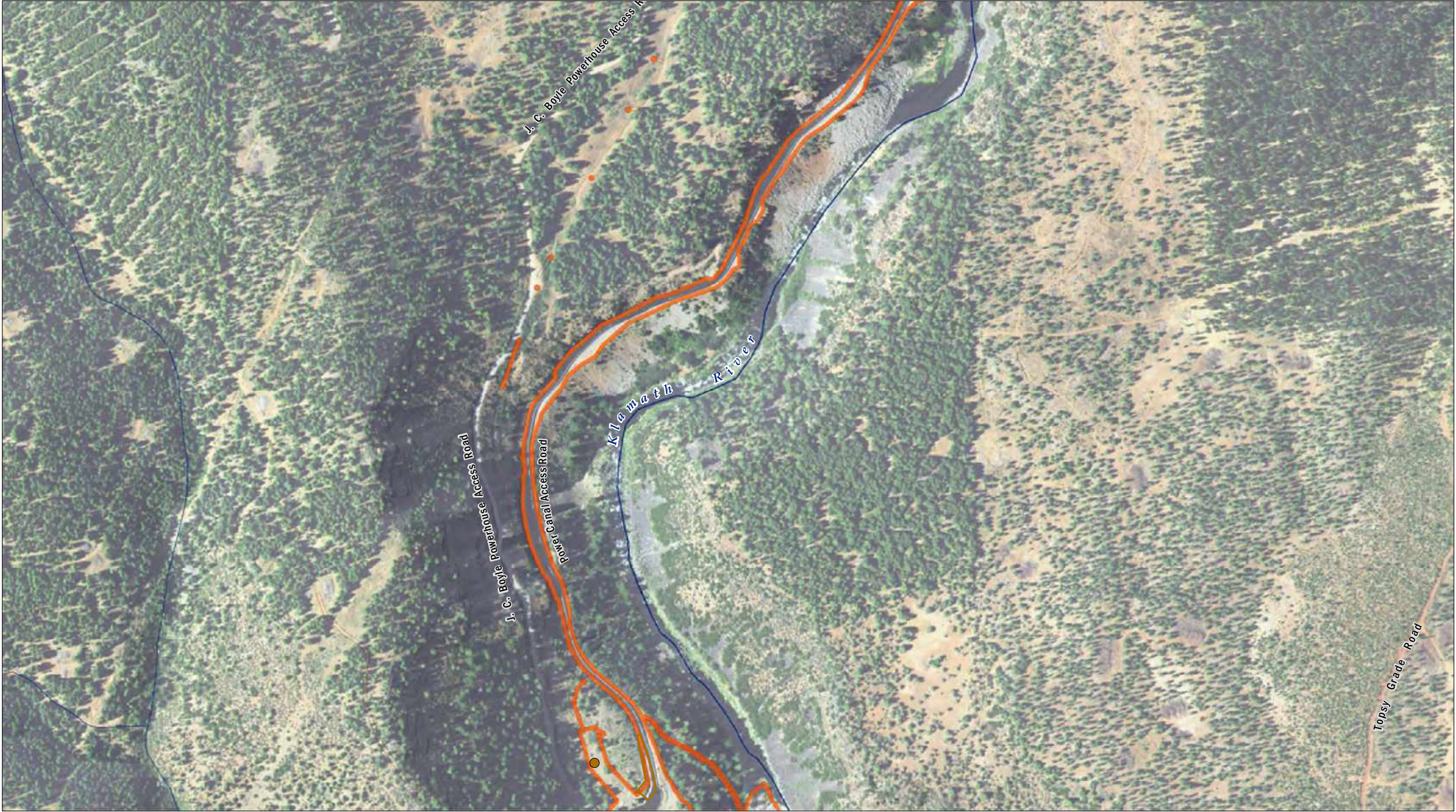
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- Species - Surveyed Point
- *Centaurea solstitialis*
- Species - Surveyed Polygon
- *Bromus tectorum*
  - *Centaurea solstitialis*
  - *Elymus caput-medusae*
- *Phalaris arundinacea*

**FIGURE 12-21**  
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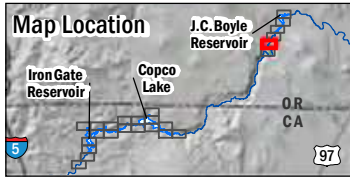


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- Species - Surveyed Point
- Bromus tectorum
- Species - Surveyed Polygon
- Bromus tectorum

**FIGURE 12-22**

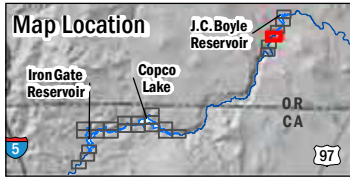
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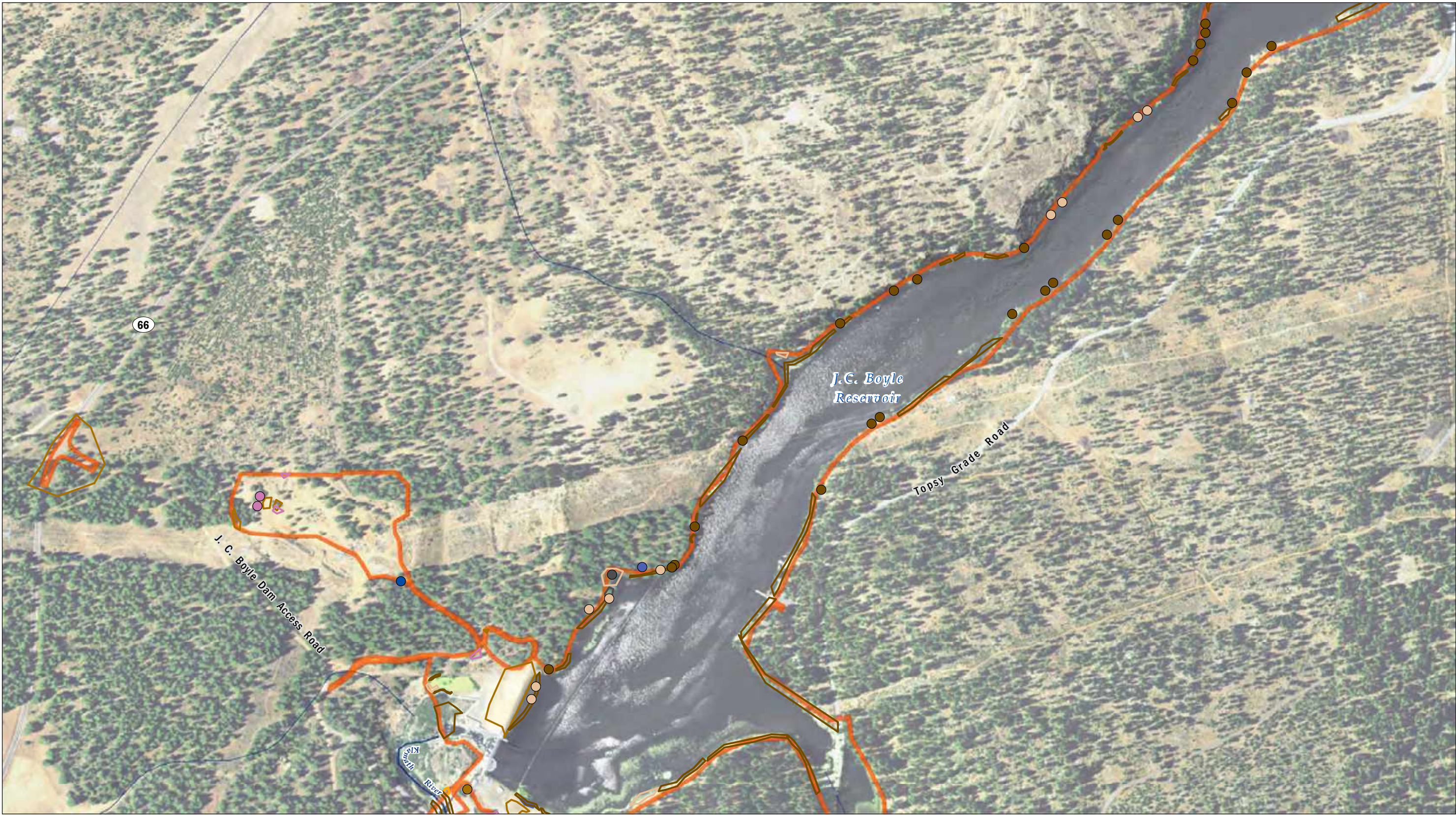
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**Species - Surveyed Point**  
● *Dipsacus fullonum*  
● *Elymus caput-medusae*  
**Species - Surveyed Polygon**  
■ *Onopordum acanthium*  
■ *Bromus tectorum*

■ *Convolvulus arvensis*  
■ *Dipsacus fullonum*  
■ *Elymus caput-medusae*  
■ *Phalaris arundinacea*  
■ *Lepidium draba*

**FIGURE 12-23**  
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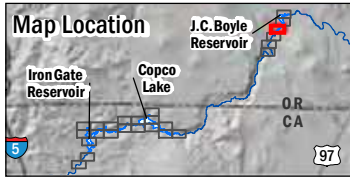


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**Species - Surveyed Point**  
● Bromus tectorum  
● Convolvulus arvensis  
● Dipsacus fullonum  
● Elymus caput-medusae  
● Phalaris arundinacea

**Species - Surveyed Polygon**  
■ Onopordum acanthium  
■ Bromus tectorum  
■ Convolvulus arvensis

■ Dipsacus fullonum  
■ Elymus caput-medusae  
■ Phalaris arundinacea  
■ Lepidium draba

**FIGURE 12-24**  
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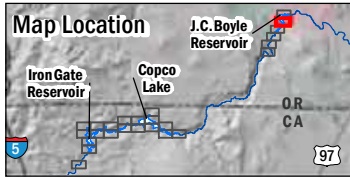


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- Species - Surveyed Point
- Bromus tectorum
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Phalaris arundinacea
  - Cirsium vulgare
  - Lepidium draba

- Species - Surveyed Polygon
- Bromus tectorum
  - Dipsacus fullonum
  - Phalaris arundinacea
  - Rubus armeniacus

**FIGURE 12-25**

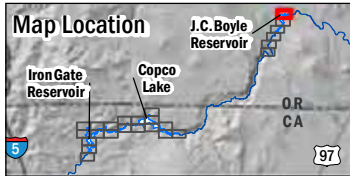
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DATA SOURCE: NAIP, 2014; USGS (NED), 2015  
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**Species - Surveyed Point**  
● Dipsacus fullonum  
● Elymus caput-medusae  
● Phalaris arundinacea  
● Cirsium vulgare  
● Hypericum perforatum

**Species - Surveyed Polygon**  
□ Dipsacus fullonum  
□ Elymus caput-medusae  
□ Phalaris arundinacea  
□ Cirsium vulgare

□ Lepidium draba

**FIGURE 12-26**  
*Invasive Exotic Vegetation Observations*





## Appendix B Northern Spotted Owl Survey Data Sheets



Visit 1: April 24-25, 2018

Surveyor(s): Lidia D'Amico, AECOM; Jennifer Jones, CDM Smith

4/24/2018 Klamath Dam NSO Detection Surveys				
Weather: 68 F, partly cloudy, 0-5mph wind NE				
Station	Begin Time	End Time	NSO Detection	Notes
5	20:43	20:53	No	Canada Geese heard calling from reservoir
4	21:15	21:25	No	
7	21:40	21:50	No	
14	22:00	22:10	No	Bats heard
16	22:19	22:30	No	Heard frogs and bats
15	22:36	22:46	No	Bat species flyover
18	22:52	23:02	No	
17	23:10	23:20	No	Site adjacent to the Klamath River, ambient noise from river

4/25/2018 Klamath Dam NSO Detection Surveys				
Weather: 64 F, clear, 0-4 mph wind WNW				
Station	Begin Time	End Time	NSO Detection	Notes
8	20:35	20:45	No	Bat species flyover
12	21:00	21:10	No	Surveyed from edge of stand, walked into area approximately 260 feet from access road.
6	21:25	21:35	No	Site adjacent to off-site recreation area; bonfire pit.
10	21:40	21:50	No	Performed outside of Pacificorp Property; stood at edge of boundary. Saw raccoons
11	22:02	22:12	No	Great-horn owl detected
9	22:35	22:45	No	
13	22:55	23:05	No	

Note: Did not survey stations located on PacificCorp property (Stations 1 and 3) due to lack of access agreement. Unable to access proposed Station 2 (west of dam); station is behind fence on private property.



# NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection?	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BAOW Detection:	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Date:** 5/29/2018      **Site Name:** J.C. Boyle Dam

**Surveyor(s):** Jennifer Jones, Kent Barnes

**Visit #:** 2    **Outing #** 1

**Weather (circle one):**    Precipitation:    None    Trace    Drizzle    Light    Heavy    Snow

Cloud cover:    Clear    Partly/Cloudy    Overcast    Fog

Moon phase:    Full    Half    Quarter    None

Wind: 0 1 2 3 4 5      Temp: 54

Rain In prior 24hrs: YES    ☒ NO

**Type of Survey:**    ACS    SC    CC    FO    RV    AV    OPP

ACS=Activity Center Search. SC=Station calling. CC=Continuous Calling. FO=Follow Up Outing. RV=Reproductive Visit. AV=Additional Visit. OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
17	2107	2119	Chorus Frogs	NR
18	2128	2140	Quiet	NR
15	2150	2200		NR
16	2210	2221	Chorus Frogs	NR
14	2229	2241	Crickets	NR
7	2250	2303	Unidentified Raptor call	NR
11	2318	2334	Great Horned Owl very distant Coyote vocalizations toward reservoir	NR
10	2341	2358	Second group of coyote vocalizations off toward the East	NR
5	2410	2421		NR



# NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection? Y ☒  
BAOW Detection: Y ☒

Date: 5/30/2018 Site Name: J.C. Boyle Dam Site

Surveyor(s): Jennifer Jones, Kent Barnes

Visit #: 2 Outing #: 2

Weather (circle one): Precipitation: None ☒ Trace ☐ Drizzle ☐ Light ☐ Heavy ☐ Snow ☐

Cloud cover: Clear ☐ Partly/Cloudy ☐ Overcast ☒ Fog ☐

Moon phase: Full ☒ Half ☐ Quarter ☐ None ☐

Wind: 0 ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ Temp: 55 Rain In prior 24hrs: YES ☒ NO ☐

Type of Survey: ACS ☐ SC ☒ CC ☐ FO ☐ RV ☐ AV ☐ OPP ☐

ACS=Activity Center Search. SC=Station calling. CC=Continuous Calling. FO=Follow Up Outing. RV=Reproductive Visit. AV=Additional Visit. OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
12	2106	2127	Great horned owl call before survey started—Quiet during	NR
8	2133	2146		NR
6			Did not call teenagers having campfire at survey station	NR
1	2222	2236	Human noise from campground across reservoir	NR
4	2250	2302	Fighter jet noise from base in Kfalls,	NR
9	2312	2325		NR
13	2331	2341		NR
3	2352	2403		NR



# NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection?	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
BAOW Detection:	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Date: 6/11/2018 Site Name: J. C. Boyle Dam

Surveyor(s): Kent Barnes, Jennifer Jones Visit #: 3 Outing #: 1

Weather (circle one): Precipitation: None Trace Drizzle Light Heavy Snow

Cloud cover: Clear Partly/Cloudy Overcast Fog

Moon phase: Waning Crescent

Wind: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Temp: 62 f Rain In prior 24hrs: YES ☒ NO

Type of Survey: ACS ☒ SC CC FO RV AV OPP

ACS=Activity Center Search. SC=Station calling. CC=Continuous Calling. FO=Follow Up Outing. RV=Reproductive Visit. AV=Additional Visit. OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
17	2116	2128	River noise	NR
18	2138	2149	Crickets and River noise	NR
15	2201	2212		NR
19	2220	2232	This is new point added on this date. Chorus frogs below us by weir.	NR
13	2240	2250	Quiet	NR
9	2258	2309	Quiet	NR
4	2319	2329	Great horned owl very distant, from the north- no bearing taken	NR
3	2341	2351	Quiet	NR
1	2400	2412	Great horned owls calling still distant but closer than before, possible pair. No bearing taken	NR



# NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection?	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAOW Detection:	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date: 6/12/2018 Site Name: J. C. Boyle Dam

Surveyor(s): Kent Barnes, Jennifer Jones Visit #: 3 Outing #: 2

Weather (circle one): Precipitation: None Trace Drizzle Light Heavy Snow

Cloud cover: Clear Partly/Cloudy Overcast Fog

Moon phase: Waning Crescent

Wind: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Temp: 60 f

Rain In prior 24hrs: YES ☒ NO

Type of Survey: ACS SC CC FO RV AV OPP

ACS=Activity Center Search. SC=Station calling. CC=Continuous Calling. FO=Follow Up Outing. RV=Reproductive Visit. AV=Additional Visit. OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
8	2115	2127	Nighthawks calling and diving prior to and throughout survey. Osprey call from cliffs over the Klamath River just after survey ended	NR
12	2142	2152	Quiet	NR
6	2205	2219	Quiet	NR
10	2227	2239	Unknown owl contact call (not <i>strix</i> ) Possible great horned owl. Bearing 300°. Follow up survey should occur.	NR
11	2255	2306	Quiet	NR
7	2322	2333	River noise	NR
14	2342	2352	Crickets	NR
16	2402	2415	Chorus frogs	NR
5	2434	2446	Quiet	NR



# NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection?	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BAOW Detection:	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Date: 6/13/2018 Site Name: J. C. Boyle Dam

Surveyor(s): Kent Barnes, Jennifer Jones Visit #: 3 Outing #: 2

Weather (circle one): Precipitation: None Trace Drizzle Light Heavy Snow

Cloud cover: Clear Partly/Cloudy Overcast Fog

Moon phase: New

Wind: 0 1 2 3 4 5

Temp: \_\_\_\_\_

Rain In prior 24hrs: YES ☒ NO

Type of Survey: ACS SC CC FO RV AV OPP

ACS=Activity Center Search. SC=Station calling. CC=Continuous Calling. FO=Follow Up Outing. RV=Reproductive Visit. AV=Additional Visit. OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
10	1015	1115	Research indicated that our detection the evening before most likely had been a female great horned owl protecting a nest. This follow up survey was conducted to search for this nest. We proceeded from call station 10 and headed Northwest in the general direction of the owl call from the previous night. We used NSO electronic calls in an attempt to solicit a response. We called with 2-3 minute duration approximately every 10 minutes. While conducting our stand search we found no structure, whitewash, feathers, or pellets indicative of nesting owls. While returning to our vehicles Jennifer visually located a fledgling great horned owl. Downy feathers were still visible but the fledgling appeared to have flight capabilities.	



## NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection?	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N
BAOW Detection:	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N

Date: 7/13/18 Site Name: J. C. Boyle Dam

Surveyor(s): Mathew Petty, Kent Barnes Visit #: 4 Outing #: 1

Weather (circle one): Precipitation: None Trace Drizzle Light Heavy Snow  
 Cloud cover: Clear Partly/Cloudy Overcast Fog Thunder Storms in Area  
 Moon phase: Full Half Quarter None New Moon  
 Wind: 0 2 3 4 5 Temp: 82 f Rain In prior 24hrs: YES NO

Type of Survey: ACS SC CC FO RV AV OPP

ACS=Activity Center Search. SC=Station calling. CC=Continuous Calling. FO=Follow Up Outing. RV=Reproductive Visit. AV=Additional Visit. OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
10	2050	2102	Mourning doves in trees above station, great horned owl call	NR
6	2115	2128	Multiple bats	NR
12	2146	2156	Car noise on access road- no visual	NR
8	2215	2225	Osprey call very agitated by NSO calls, possible nest	NR
11	2243	2253		NR
5	2317	2329	Audible bat wing beats, truck noise	NR
3	2343	2354	Quiet	NR
1	2412	2423	Deer near call station, at least gave alarm call (snort)	NR
4	2444	2454	Quiet	NR



# NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection? Y ☒  
BAOW Detection: Y ☒

Date: 7/14/18 Site Name: J. C. Boyle Dam

Surveyor(s): Mathew Petty, Kent Barnes Visit #: 4 Outing #: 2

Weather (circle one): Precipitation: None Trace Drizzle Light Heavy Snow

Cloud cover: Clear Partly/Cloudy Overcast Fog

Moon phase: Full Half Quarter None Waxing Crescent

Wind: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Temp: 82 f Rain In prior 24hrs: YES ☒ NO

Type of Survey: ACS SC CC FO RV AV OPP

ACS=Activity Center Search. SC=Station calling. CC=Continuous Calling. FO=Follow Up Outing. RV=Reproductive Visit. AV=Additional Visit. OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
17	2058	2110	Bats observed, river noise	NR
18	2122	2134	Quiet	NR
15	2146	2158	Quiet	NR
19	2212	2224	Matt heard movement in canopy, source unidentified	NR
13	2235	2247	Wood rat in bushes (visual)	NR
9	2254	2307	Motorcycles on Route 66, unidentified chirp after end of NSO calling (once)	NR
16	2316	2328	River noise	NR
14	2336	2347	Crickets	NR
17	2404	2415	Bull Frogs	NR



# NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection?	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BAOW Detection:	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Date: 7/21/18 Site Name: J. C. Boyle Dam

Surveyor(s): Mathew Petty, Kent Barnes

Visit #: 4 Outing #: 2

Weather (circle one): Precipitation: None Trace Drizzle Light Heavy Snow

Cloud cover: Clear Partly/Cloudy Overcast Fog Hazy Smoke

Moon phase: Full Half Quarter None Waxing gibbous

Wind: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Temp: 75 f Rain In prior 24hrs: YES NO

Type of Survey: ACS SC CC FO RV AV OPP

ACS=Activity Center Search. SC=Station calling. CC=Continuous Calling. FO=Follow Up Outing. RV=Reproductive Visit. AV=Additional Visit. OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
17	2108	2119	One bat observation	NR
18	2127	2138	Quiet, night hawk call as finishing NSO calls	NR
15	2154	2206	Quiet	NR
19	2212	2223	Cricket Noise	NR
13	2229	2240	Electrical noise in overhead power lines	NR
9	2248	2259	Quiet	NR
4	2308	2319	Car stopped on Route 66, no visual	NR
3	2330	2340	Quiet	NR
1	2348	2358	Quiet	NR



# NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection? Y ☒  
BAOW Detection: Y ☒

Date: 7-22-18 Site Name: J. C. Boyle Dam

Surveyor(s): Jennifer Jones, Kent Barnes Visit #: 5 Outing #: 2

Weather (circle one): Precipitation: None Trace Drizzle Light Heavy Snow  
Cloud cover: Clear Partly/Cloudy Overcast Fog Thunder Storms in Area  
Moon phase: Full Half Quarter None Waxing Gubbous  
Wind: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ Rain In prior 24hrs: YES NO

Type of Survey: ACS SC CC FO RV AV OPP

ACS=Activity Center Search, SC=Station calling, CC=Continuous Calling, FO=Follow Up Outing, RV=Reproductive Visit, AV=Additional Visit, OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
16	2101	2112	Bats observed, crickets	NR
14	2122	2133	Bats observed (one larger than others- big brown bat?)	NR
7	2145	2157	Quiet	NR
10	2208	2218	Quiet (No GHOW response)	NR
8	2235	2247	Osprey called back- less agitated than previous encounter at this location	NR
12	2304	2314	Quiet	NR
6	2330	2341	Quiet	NR
11	2354	2405	Quiet	NR
5	2421	2435	Coyotes, Bull Frogs, Unknown avian call- not strix	NR



# NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection?	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BAOW Detection:	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Date: 8/8/2018 Site Name: J. C. Boyle Dam

Surveyor(s): Jennifer Jones, Kent Barnes Visit #: 6 Outing #: 1

Weather (circle one): Precipitation: None Trace Drizzle Light Heavy Snow  
 Cloud cover: Clear Partly/Cloudy Overcast Fog Smokey conditions- low visibility  
 Moon phase: Full Half Quarter None Wanning Crescent  
 Wind: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Temp: 77 Rain In prior 24hrs: YES NO

Type of Survey: ACS SC CC FO RV AV OPP

ACS=Activity Center Search, SC=Station calling, CC=Continuous Calling, FO=Follow Up Outing, RV=Reproductive Visit, AV=Additional Visit, OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
5	2026	2038	Cattle lowing, nighthawks overhead, motorcycles on road, mule deer at call station, unknown raptor call.	NR
			While in-route from station 5 to station 7, we made visual encounter of owl flying across the road. We stopped and used NSO call to try and solicit a response, I heard one call from GHOW very distant, this was not confirmed by Jennifer. Call duration was about 5 minutes.	NR
7	2109	2120	Crickets, Quiet	NR
14	1933	1951	Batteries in the digital caller died mid-way through survey. Extended survey to compensate. Quiet.	NR
16	2200	2211	Very dark, smoke blocking stars, low visibility.	NR
15	2217	2228	River noise	NR
18	2237	2248	Quiet, river noise	NR
17	2258	2309	Quiet	NR
19	2319	2330	Crickets	NR
13	2337	2347	Powerline buzz	NR
9	2355	245	Quiet	NR



# NSO Survey Data Sheet

NSO Detection? Y ☒  
BAOW Detection: Y ☒

Date: 8/9/2018 Site Name: J. C. Boyle Dam

Surveyor(s): Jennifer Jones, Kent Barnes Visit #: 6 Outing #: 2

Weather (circle one): Precipitation: None Trace Drizzle Light Heavy Snow  
Cloud cover: Clear Partly/Cloudy Overcast Fog Smoky, low visibility  
Moon phase: Full Half Quarter None Waning gibbous  
Wind: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Temp: 85 Rain In prior 24hrs: YES NO

Type of Survey: ACS SC CC FO RV AV OPP

ACS=Activity Center Search, SC=Station calling, CC=Continuous Calling, FO=Follow Up Outing, RV=Reproductive Visit, AV=Additional Visit, OPP=Opportunistic Sitting

Call Point	Start Time	End Time	Results: spp., Sex, Direction from Surveyor, UTM's, waypoint name.	Response
4	2030	2041	Cattle lowing to north, vehicles on HWY 66, Robin Call	NR
3	2050	2101	Quiet, one visual-small boat	NR
1	2113	2126	Cattle lowing, motorcycles on HWY 66, single hoot non-strix possible GHOW	NR
	2143	2150	Turtle crews notified us of an incidental owl detection they made north of the Topsy campground, possible strix. We stopped and used the digital caller, with both NSO and BDOW calls, we heard no response.	NR
11	2201	2213	Cattle lowing, visual detection of GHOW, flew in and sat on branch approximately 20 meters from the call station. It made no calls.	NR
8	2235	2247	Quiet, Crickets	NR
12	2305	2316	Crickets	NR
6	2333	2345	Quiet	NR
10	2355	2404	Quiet	NR





## Appendix C Western Pond Turtle Trapping Study Summary Data and Photographs



# Summary of 2018 J.C. Boyle Western Pond Turtle Trapping Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Night</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i># of traps</i>	<i># of traps that caught turtles</i>	<i># turtles captured</i>	<i># transmitters applied</i>
8/6	1	S	12	1	1	1
8/7	2	W	20	2	3	2
8/8	3	S	20	1	1	1
8/9	4	W	20	0	0	0
8/10	5	S	20	0	0	0
8/11	6	W	20	0	0	0
9/4	7	W, S, O	10	0	0	0
9/5	8	W, S, O	37*	2	5	4
9/6	9	W, S, O	42*	0	1**	0
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>

S – South

W – West

O – Other

\*includes day and night trapping

\*\*turtle caught by hand capture





Photo 1. Commercial opera-style crab trap used for turtle trapping





Photo 2. Side view of trap





Photo 3. Deployment of trap near fallen tree, South site





Photo 4. Deployment of trap near rock face, South site





Photo 5. Deployment of trap near fallen tree, West site





Photo 6. Western pond turtle (WPT), male, captured 8/7 at South site.





Photo 7. Weight measurement using spring scale





Photo 8. Radio transmitter and temperature logger attached to WPT.





Photo 9. WPT, female, caught 8/8 at West site.





Photo 10. Checking female WPT for eggs





Photo 11. Vertebral scutes of female WPT detaching from carapace, indicating unknown shell disease





Photo 12. WPT, male, caught 8/8 at West site.





Photo 13. Morphometric measurements using calipers





Photo 12. WPT, male, caught 8/8 at West site.





Photo 13. Shell height measurement





Photo 14. Plastron of male WPT showing growth rings (used to estimate age) and unique plastron pattern





Photo 15. WPT, female, caught 8/9 at South site. With radio tracker and temperature logger attached.





Photo 16. Filing identification mark into marginal shields





Photo 17. WPT with identification notches on marginal shields. Note notches at front and rear shields.





<u>MARK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CapHist</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>AGE+</u>	<u>CL</u>	<u>cl</u>	<u>cw</u>	<u>PL</u>	<u>pl</u>	<u>pw</u>	<u>Ht</u>	<u>Wt</u>
100	8/7/2018	1	M	>10	20+	163.0	159.5	117.7	149.4	143.5	82.9	53.4	552

100

Transmitter

Freq 151.790







MARK	DATE	CapHist	SEX	AGE	AGE+	CL	cl	cw	PL	pl	pw	Ht	Wt
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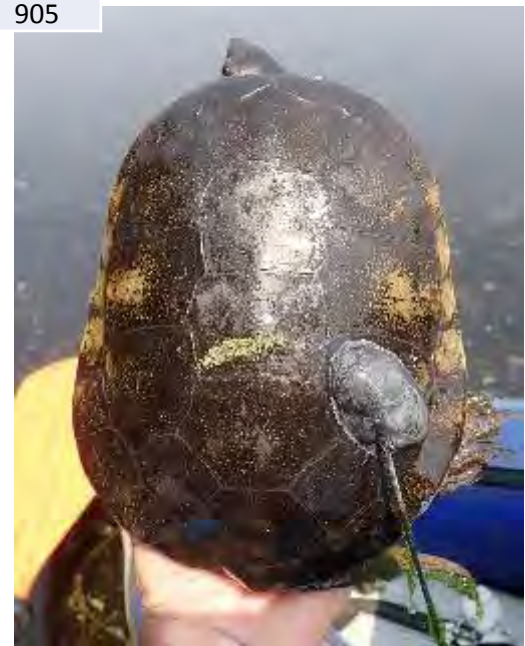
Peeling verbal shields,  
No transmitter applied



Photo 19. WPT morphology data







MARK	DATE	CapHist	SEX	AGE	AGE+	CL	cl	cw	PL	pl	pw	Ht	Wt
102	8/8/2018	1	M	99	99	187.7	186.1	140.1	166.1	159.5	97.3	64.8	905

102

- Transmitter  
Freq **151.701**

Photo 20. WPT morphology data





MARK	DATE	CapHist	SEX	AGE	AGE+	CL	cl	cw	PL	pl	pw	Ht	Wt
103	9/5/2018	1	F	3	4	121.3	117.0	97.3	112.2	110.2	63.4	44.0	258



103

- Juvenile
- No Transmitter



Photo 21. WPT morphology data





MARK	DATE	CapHist	SEX	AGE	AGE+	CL	cl	cw	PL	pl	pw	Ht	Wt
104	9/5/2018	1	M	99	99	180.9	175.1	131.8	165.0	153.5	89.6	60.0	782



104

- Transmitter  
Freq **151.750**



Photo 22. WPT morphology data





MARK	DATE	CapHist	SEX	AGE	AGE+	CL	cl	cw	PL	pl	pw	Ht	Wt
105	9/5/2018	1	F	20	20+	166.3	164.0	119.4	156.0	150.0	186.9	61.5	718

105

- Transmitter  
Freq **151.760**



Photo 23. WPT morphology data





MARK	DATE	CapHist	SEX	AGE	AGE+	CL	cl	cw	PL	pl	pw	Ht	Wt
106	9/5/2018	1	F	20	20+	170.7	167.4	126.4	157.5	151.1	90.6	65.0	765

106

- Transmitter  
Freq **151.729**



Photo 24. WPT morphology data





MARK	DATE	CapHist	SEX	AGE	AGE+	CL	cl	cw	PL	pl	pw	Ht	Wt
107	9/5/2018	1	M	99	99	188.8	186.9	141.0	170.9	163.0	195.5	62.5	865

107

- Transmitter  
Freq **151.770**



Photo 25. WPT morphology data





MARK	DATE	CapHist	SEX	AGE	AGE+	CL	cl	cw	PL	pl	pw	Ht	Wt
108	9/6/2018	1	J	2	2	97.3	94.5	81.2	92.7	89.7	52.4	36.0	144



108

- No Transmitter



Photo 26. WPT morphology data





MARK	DATE	CapHist	SEX	AGE	AGE+	CL	cl	cw	PL	pl	pw	Ht	Wt
119	8/8/2018	1	M	9	10	163.0	160.1	123.6	151.8	148.2	87.7	54.3	600



119

- Transmitter  
Freq **151.919**



Photo 27. WPT morphology data





<u>MARK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CapHist</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>AGE+</u>	<u>CL</u>	<u>cl</u>	<u>cw</u>	<u>PL</u>	<u>pl</u>	<u>pw</u>	<u>Ht</u>	<u>Wt</u>
120	8/9/2018	1	F	99	99	178.8	176.4	143.0	171.7	164.2	100.5	71.5	975

120

- Transmitter  
Freq **151.820**

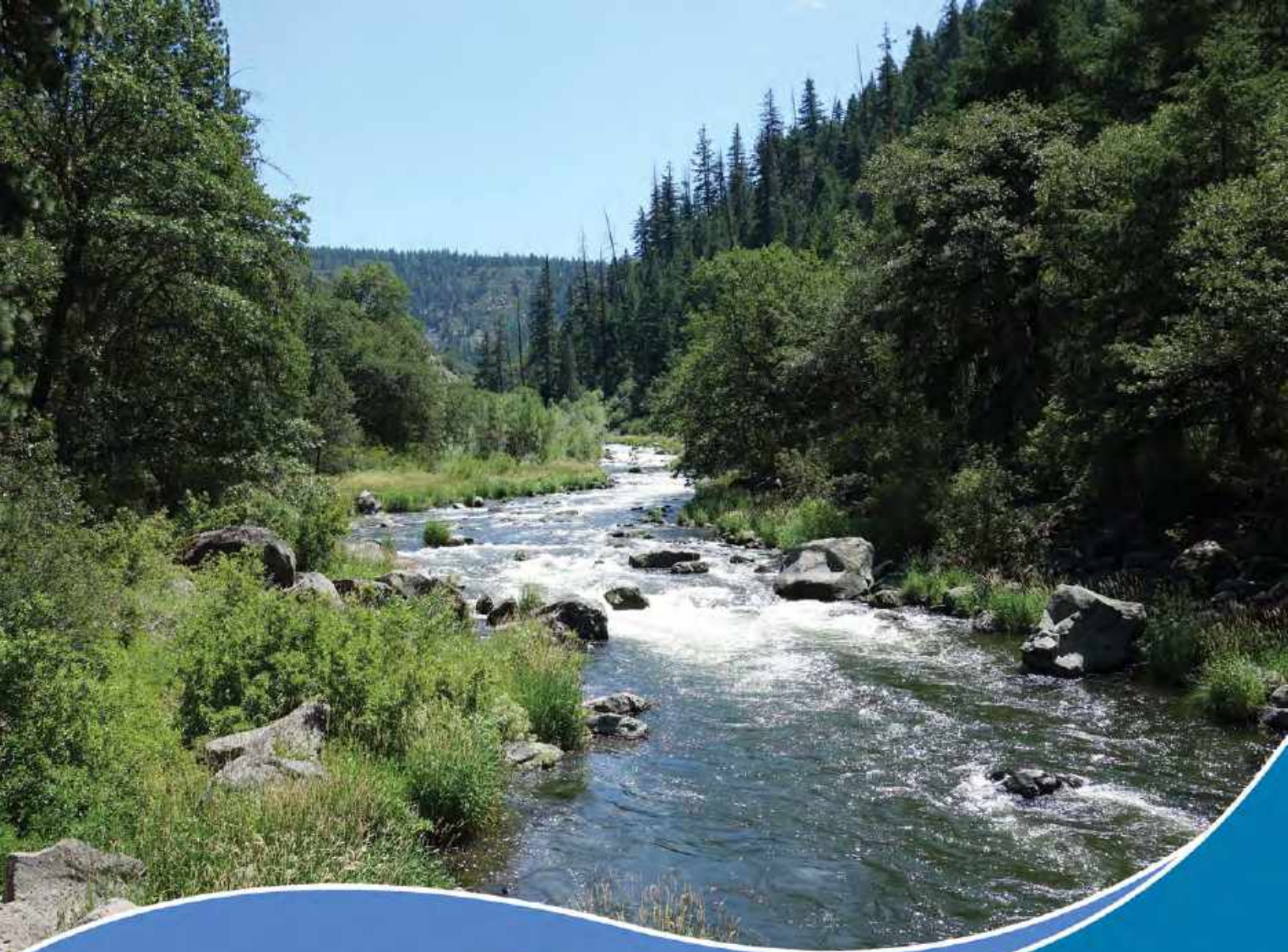


Photo 28. WPT morphology data









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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CE	California Endangered
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMR	capture-mark-recapture
CNDDDB	California Natural Diversity Database
CNPS	California Native Plant Society
COTO	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i> (Townsend's big-eared bat)
FE	Federal Endangered
FSC	Federal Species of Concern
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
IPaC	USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation Database
KRRC	Klamath River Renewal Corporation
MYU	<i>Myotis yumanensis</i> (Yuma myotis)
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
OC	Candidate listing by Oregon Department of Agriculture
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
ODSL	Oregon Department of State Lands
OHWM	ordinary high-water mark
ONHP	Oregon Natural Heritage Program
ORBIC	Oregon Biodiversity Information Center
ORWAP	Oregon Rapid Wetland Assessment Protocol
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Project	Klamath River Renewal Project
RCB	riparian corridor boundary
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USBR	United States Bureau of Reclamation
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
WPT	western pond turtle



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# **Chapter 1 Introduction**



# 1. INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the terrestrial resources surveys conducted in 2019 for the Klamath River Renewal Project (Project). The Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC) and its consultants carried out field investigations to collect existing condition information on the following terrestrial resources:

- Bald and golden eagles
- Bats
- Western pond turtles (WPTs)
- Special-status plants
- Wetlands

KRRRC initiated several of these surveys in 2018. This report provides a summary of both 2018 and 2019 findings for the resources listed above. KRRRC completed surveys for other terrestrial resources in 2018, as described in the 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resource Survey Report (KRRRC 2019a). Section 7 provides a correction to the willow community data previously reported in the 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resources Survey Report (KRRRC 2019a).

## 1.1 Purpose of the Terrestrial Resources Surveys

Information on the existing condition of terrestrial resources in the Project area is needed to inform the ongoing Project design and regulatory permit processes. Early Project planning identified information gaps, as described in previous studies and regulatory compliance documents, including the 2012 Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (USBR and CDFW 2012) and the Joint Preliminary Biological Opinion (NMFS and USFWS 2012).

## 1.2 Study Area

For each resource listed above, this report describes the methods followed during field investigations. Methods were based on survey work plans developed in close coordination with federal and state resource agencies, including the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The survey work plans are available in Appendix J of the Definite Plan (KRRRC 2018).

Unless otherwise noted, surveys were conducted within 0.25 mile of dams and structures to be removed, disposal sites, and haul and access roads (collectively referred to as the study area). The 0.25-mile study area is shown in Figure 1-1 and was developed in cooperation with the resource agencies listed above during development of the survey work plans. Surveys for eagles and bats used different study areas, which are described in the respective sections of this report. This report summarizes the findings of the surveys. Figures cited in the text of this report are provided in Appendix A, and figures updated from the 2018 Annual



Terrestrial Resources Survey Report (KRRRC 2019a) are provided in Appendix B. Appendix C provides a list of all plant and wildlife species observed during field investigations.



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## **Chapter 2 Eagles**



## 2. EAGLES

Bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 Code of Federal Regulations 668) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 United States Code §§ 701-12), and are fully protected under California law. Bald eagles are listed as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act, but do not have listing status in the State of Oregon. The upper Klamath Basin provides suitable habitat for and is known to support bald eagle and golden eagle populations. Existing information on bald and golden eagles in the Klamath Basin and results from the 2017-2018 eagle surveys can be found in the Klamath River Renewal Project 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resources Survey Report (KRRRC 2019a).

### 2.1 Methods

KRRRC developed the approach to the 2019 field surveys based on previous work, including a desktop review of historical and current nest data; a Geographic Information System (GIS) viewshed analysis conducted in 2017 and 2018 that helped define the study area; development of a survey plan in coordination with state and federal agencies; and results of previous eagle surveys (PacifiCorp 2004, KRRRC 2018, KRRRC 2019a).

#### 2.1.1 Study Area

KRRRC defined the study area by the viewshed analysis (KRRRC 2019a) and the nature, timing, and location of proposed construction activities. The terms used to describe the study area are defined below.

- The limits of work are those defined in the Definite Plan for the Lower Klamath Project (KRRRC 2018).
- High-impact areas include a 1-mile buffer surrounding the limits of work anticipated to have high-impact activities (excluding the extent of the reservoir where no work will occur). High-impact activities include proposed construction and demolition activities associated with the decommissioning of the dams and facilities, and creation of disposal sites.
- Low-impact areas include a 0.5-mile buffer surrounding the limits of work, as well as those access roads that are anticipated to have an increase in traffic and movement of heavy equipment.

The study area encompassed the extent of the viewshed in the high impact areas and low impact areas. The study area defined here is intended to represent the portion of habitat that may be affected by Project activities. In 2019, KRRRC biologists surveyed beyond this defined area to account for potential future changes to the Project area and activities and to gain a general understanding of eagle use and occupancy surrounding the Project area.



## 2.1.2 Field Surveys

Qualified KRRC avian biologists conducted bald eagle and golden eagle surveys concurrently. The surveys focused on areas with suitable nesting, roosting, or foraging habitat for bald and golden eagles, as well as known nest locations. The goal of the surveys was to determine nest site locations in the study area and to determine baseline eagle use and other key habitat features. Additionally, by monitoring eagle behavior at nests prior to construction, it will be easier to identify changes in behavior that may occur during construction. Field surveys employed a variety of techniques and multiple temporal windows to capture seasonal activity. Biologists recorded all survey data digitally through Collector for ArcGIS, using iPads (Apple, Inc.) which preserve the location and time of the observation. Table 2-1 summarizes the 2019 survey date and type.

**Table 2-1 Eagle Survey Types and Dates**

Survey Type	Survey Date
Ground-based early breeding season survey	February 18 , 2019
Ground-based and helicopter mid-breeding season survey	May 21 through 23, 2019
Ground-based and helicopter late-breeding season survey	June 13 through 19, 2019

### 2019 Surveys

KRRC biologists used binoculars and spotting scopes when surveying for nest occupancy. Teams were able to view the entire study area using a combination of ground-based surveys on foot and in vehicles, and aerial surveys from a helicopter. In the field, biologists emphasized surveys on microhabitats that could support nesting eagles (e.g., rocky cliffs for golden eagles, large conifers for bald eagles). Biologists surveyed all nests that were historically active. Biologists recorded detailed data based on the guidelines and datasheets provided in the protocols (see field survey protocol in KRRC 2019a). The surveys included three breeding season surveys (February through June 2019), as follows:

1. To determine occupancy, biologists conducted an initial nest search early in the breeding season, from February 18 through 20, 2019, when eagles were most likely to be found near nest sites. The timing of this survey was informed by findings from the 2018 surveys. By estimating the age of chicks in May 2018, biologists were able to determine what winter survey timing would capture the most eagle activity at nests. In this survey, six biologists conducted ground-based observations from vehicles and on foot for 3 days, spending 1 day at each reservoir and corresponding dams. Biologists conducted this first inventory and monitoring survey during courtship, when the adults were mobile and conspicuous. Surveys included observing historical nests and recording all eagle detections in the study area. Biologists also documented courtship behavior and areas of high eagle activity to follow up on during the May and June 2019 surveys. For this early-breeding season survey, biologists extended the study area to include observations at all golden eagle nests within 10 miles of the limits of work, and bald eagle nests within 2 miles. Biologists established survey distances in coordination with wildlife agencies.



2. Biologists conducted a second survey from May 21 through 23, 2019, to observe eagle behavior and mid-season nesting activity, and to determine the number of active nests and nestlings in the study area. Biologists based the survey timing on the results of the 2018 surveys to observe nests when they contained nestlings and to avoid disturbing nests when they were most vulnerable. Three teams of two biologists conducted this survey. Two teams conducted ground-based surveys for 3 days, spending 1 day at each reservoir. The second team conducted aerial helicopter surveys for 2 days, covering all reservoirs; and a ground-based survey for 1 day. Biologists thoroughly surveyed locations where eagle pairs or territorial behavior were observed during previous surveys from the ground and during helicopter surveys. Additionally, biologists surveyed all historical and newly discovered nests from the helicopter and from the ground when accessible.
3. Biologists conducted a late breeding season survey from June 13 through 19, 2019, when the nestlings were near fledging age. One team of three biologists conducted ground-based surveys for 7 days at all reservoirs, and one team of two biologists conducted helicopter surveys for 1 day, covering all reservoirs.

## 2.2 Findings

### 2.2.1 Field Surveys

#### February 2019

##### Eagle Activity

Biologists observed approximately 117 eagles in the study area, of which 78 were bald eagles and 39 were golden eagles; however, many of these could have been resightings of the same individuals. Common bald eagle behavior observed included subadults and adults perching on trees and utility poles near and in sight of the reservoirs. Biologists observed several adult bald eagle pairs perched together, and exhibiting courtship behavior, acting territorial, vocalizing, performing undulating flight (breeding behavior), visiting nests, and nest-building. Biologists observed bald eagles soaring on thermals with other bald eagles and golden eagles, usually near the reservoirs but also over the Klamath River. Biologists also observed bald eagles foraging in the reservoirs. Biologists observed golden eagles perching on trees and cliffs that were not typically near the reservoirs. Biologists also observed golden eagles foraging on the ground, soaring on thermals with other eagles, flying in pairs, and performing undulating (breeding behavior) flight. Both species of eagles appeared to prefer certain perches and were observed using these same perches during different survey times and days.

At Iron Gate Reservoir and Copco Lake, biologists were able to discern areas of high eagle activity, which had the potential to include nest sites. Biologists observed thirteen potential bald and golden eagle territories surrounding Iron Gate Reservoir. In these areas, biologists observed high eagle activity, undulating flight, or pairs of adult eagles perching for long periods. Additionally, biologists identified five potential golden and



bald eagle territories around Copco Lake with high golden and bald eagle activity. Biologists thoroughly surveyed these areas during subsequent field surveys in May and June of 2019.

At J.C. Boyle Reservoir, there was significantly less eagle activity observed than at the other two sites, with only seven eagles observed. However, this may have been due to the lower visibility at J.C. Boyle, resulting from the high density of trees and limited road access surrounding the reservoir. Biologists noted three potential bald eagle territories where high eagle activity or courtship behavior was observed. Biologists thoroughly surveyed these areas during subsequent field surveys in May and June of 2019. Due to the presence of potential wintering and migratory birds in the area, it is difficult to determine how many of the observed birds represented resident birds. Table 2-2 presents the number, age, and species of eagles observed at each reservoir.

**Table 2-2 Total Number of Eagle Observations by Site, Survey, Species, and Age**

Iron Gate Reservoir <sup>1</sup>						
Survey Date	Golden Eagle Adults	Golden Eagle Subadults	Golden Eagle Young of the Year	Bald Eagle Adults	Bald Eagle Subadults	Bald Eagle Young of the Year
February 2019 <sup>2</sup>	18	1	0	19	1	0
May 2019	2	0	0	12	6	2
June 2019	2	0	0	6	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
Copco Lake <sup>1</sup>						
Survey Date	Golden Eagle Adults	Golden Eagle Subadults	Golden Eagle Young of the Year	Bald Eagle Adults	Bald Eagle Subadults	Bald Eagle Young of the Year
February 2019 <sup>2</sup>	19	0	0	15	28	0
May 2019	17	0	3	13	10	3
June 2019	6	1	2	2	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>6</b>
J.C. Boyle Reservoir <sup>1</sup>						
Survey Date	Golden Eagle Adults	Golden Eagle Subadults	Golden Eagle Young of the Year	Bald Eagle Adults	Bald Eagle Subadults	Bald Eagle Young of the Year
February 2019 <sup>2</sup>	0	1	0	13	2	0
May 2019	2	0	0	8	0	5
June 2019	0	0	0	3	0	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> The number of eagles observed is influenced by the visibility at each site and should not be interpreted as relative abundance across sites. Visibility at J.C. Boyle Reservoir is poorer than at Copco and Iron Gate Reservoirs.

<sup>2</sup> The number of eagles detected during the winter survey period is likely to include wintering and migratory individuals.



## Eagle Nests

Biologists were unable to access 26 historically active nests because of poor visibility, resulting from dense tree cover, limited access through private property, or poor road conditions. In the case of the 19 remaining nests where access was not limited, observers were able to survey the area and look for eagle activity. Biologists observed bald eagles visiting three historically active nests, and one new nest. Biologists also observed golden eagles visiting three historically active nests, and one new nest. Out of the 26 inaccessible historically active nests, biologists observed bald eagles in the vicinity of four bald eagle nests and golden eagles in the vicinity of five golden eagle nests. This suggested that the inaccessible nests could be active. The conditions of the accessible nests varied. Some nests appeared to be old and unused, while other nests appeared to have been recently active. Biologists also located several observation points that provided exceptional visibility, allowing survey of historically active areas for eagle activity and occupancy. Details of the nest observations are provided in the following paragraphs, and nest locations are shown on Figures 2-1 through 2-6. Historically active nests that were not observed in the 2017-2019 KRRC surveys are excluded from the figures. All nests that were active in 2019, active in 2018, or found to be inactive are depicted on the figures.

At Iron Gate Reservoir, biologists observed a bald eagle pair nest-building at one new bald eagle nest location that had not been historically documented (F19\_BE1). No other nests at Iron Gate were accessible by car; however, biologists were able to observe adult bald and golden eagle pairs in the vicinity of each historically active nest (four golden eagle nests and one bald eagle nest: GE3-7, GE3-5, F\_GE2, GE3-6, and F\_BE1).

At Copco Lake, biologists observed a golden eagle pair perching near and landing in one new golden eagle nest location (F19\_GE1) that had not been historically documented. Additionally, biologists observed nest building at one historically active golden eagle nest (GE3-3) within 0.5 mile of the limits of work. Biologists observed a golden eagle pair visiting an existing golden eagle nest (F\_GE4) and a bald eagle pair visiting an existing bald eagle nest (BE1-43) outside of the 0.5-mile buffer, but within 0.5 mile of access roads between Copco and J.C. Boyle reservoirs. Several nests were not accessible from the ground (five golden eagle nests and four bald eagle nests); however, biologists observed an adult golden eagle in the vicinity of one historically active nest (GE3-8).

Biologists observed bald eagle adults visiting two existing bald eagle nests (BE1-31, BE1-32) at J.C. Boyle Reservoir. Additionally, biologists observed adult bald eagle activity in the vicinity of two other historically active bald eagle nests (BE1-34, BE1-35), but these nests were not accessible from the ground. Most existing nests at J.C. Boyle were inaccessible due to snowy and icy road conditions.

## May 2019

### Eagle Activity

Biologists observed several adult bald and golden eagles at all reservoirs, some subadults, and nestlings in active nests. Biologists observed an estimated 21 adult golden eagles, in addition to 3 nestlings described



below. Except for the nestlings, some of these observations may have been resightings of the same eagle. Golden eagle activity included perching near, flying around, and visiting active nests, often in pairs. Biologists also observed golden eagles foraging over land and flying over ridgelines and the reservoirs. Golden eagles exhibited territorial behavior toward bald eagles and other birds.



**Photograph 2-1 Two Bald Eagle Nestlings at Nest F19\_BE1**

Biologists observed an estimated 33 bald eagle adults and 16 subadults, in addition to the 10 nestlings described below. Except for the nestlings, some of these may have been resightings of the same individual. Bald eagle activity included perching near, flying around, defending, and visiting active nests; and feeding chicks. Bald eagles exhibited territorial behavior toward other eagles and raptors and were observed perching and flying around the reservoirs. Bald eagles were also

observed soaring on thermals, vocalizing, engaging in courtship behavior, foraging, and flying in pairs. Most bald eagle observations were close to the reservoirs; however, there were some observations near the Klamath River or over ridgelines. Table 2-2 presents the number, age, and species of eagles observed at each reservoir; nest locations are shown on Figures 2-1 through 2-6.

## **Eagle Nests**

Biologists observed a total of seven active bald eagle nests, each with one or two nestlings present; and two golden eagle nests, each with one or two nestlings present. Biologists found one new active bald eagle nest within 0.5 mile of the limits of work (F19\_BE5).

At Iron Gate Reservoir, biologists observed one active bald eagle nest (F19\_BE1) immediately adjacent to Copco Road and the reservoir. There were two chicks about 6 to 8 weeks old in the nest, often with one or



both bald eagle adults perched nearby. Biologists observed one inactive bald eagle nest (F\_BE1), which was also inactive in 2018, within 2 miles of the limits of work. Biologists observed two inactive golden eagle nests (GE3-6, F\_GE2) within 2 miles of the limits of work, both of which were also inactive in 2018. Biologists observed one inactive golden eagle nest, which was also inactive in 2018, within 2 miles of the limits of work (GE3-7). Biologists were unable to locate the nest structure of one golden eagle nest that was active in 2018 (GE3-6), within 2 miles of the limits of work.

At Copco Lake, biologists observed two active bald eagle nests at Copco Lake. One of these nests (BE2-3) was within 0.5 mile of the limits of work and contained two nestlings about 8 weeks old, with an adult perched nearby. The other nest (BE1-43) was within 0.5 mile of an access road but more than 2 miles from the limits of work and contained one large chick about 9 weeks old, with an adult perching and flying nearby. The only active golden eagle nests for the 2019 surveys were at Copco Lake. Biologists observed one nest (F19\_GE1) that was newly discovered in February 2019 and was within 0.5 mile of the limits of work; this nest contained two 1.5- to 2-week-old nestlings, with an adult perched and flying nearby. The other nest (F\_GE3) was within 5 miles of the limits of work and contained one unattended nestling, about 4 to 5 weeks old. Biologists observed two inactive golden eagle nests at Copco Lake. Both nests (GE3-3, and F\_GE4) were active in 2018, and biologists observed nest-building activity at these nests during the February 2019 surveys. Biologists observed three subadult bald eagles flying in the territory of nest GE3-3, with no golden eagles defending the nest territory, and therefore confirmed that this nest was inactive in 2019.

Biologists observed four active bald eagle nests around J.C. Boyle Reservoir, including one nest that had not been observed in previous surveys (F19\_BE5). Three of these nests (F19\_BE5, BE1-36, and BE1-32) were within 0.5 mile of the limits of work, and one of these nests (F\_BE2) was within 5 miles of the limits of work. Nest F19\_BE5 had a large nest structure in good condition, with 2 adults perched nearby, exhibiting territorial behavior. Based on the behavior of the adults, biologists assumed that this nest was active and that a chick was nearby; however, the nest was empty. Nests BE1-36 and BE1-32 both contained two nestlings approximately 8 weeks old. Nest F\_BE2 contained one nestling approximately 9 weeks old. Biologists observed two inactive bald eagle nests. One of these nests (BE1-31) was within 0.5 mile of the limits of work; the other (BE1-15), which was active in 2018, was within 2 miles of the limits of work and within 0.5 mile of an access road. Biologists could not find the nest structure of one bald eagle nest that was inactive in 2018 (BE1-35). Biologists observed one inactive golden eagle nest (GE4-206), which had been active in 2018, within 2 miles of the limits of work.

## June 2019

### Eagle Activity

Biologists observed an estimated 11 adult bald eagles, four subadult bald eagles, and 12 nestlings. Except for the nestlings, some of these observations may have been resightings of the same eagle. Bald eagle adults were perching by reservoirs and in or near nests; foraging; feeding chicks; and flying over nests, reservoirs, and ridgelines. Subadult bald eagles were flying, perching by reservoirs, and foraging.



Biologists observed approximately eight adult golden eagles, one subadult golden eagle, and two nestlings during the June 2019 survey. Except for the nestlings, some of these observations may have been resightings of the same eagle. Biologists observed golden eagles flying over ridgelines and flying around, perching near, and visiting nests. Biologists also observed golden eagle adults flying in pairs and vocalizing near nests. Table 2-2 presents the number, age, and species of eagles observed at each reservoir.

## Eagle Nests

Biologists observed ten active nests during the June 2019 survey: eight bald eagle nests, each with one or two nestlings present; and two golden eagle nests, each with one or two nestlings present. Biologists found one new active bald eagle nest (F19\_BE7) containing two nestlings near the 0.5-mile buffer of the limits of work at J.C. Boyle Reservoir in proximity to a historical nest. Biologists found one new inactive bald eagle nest north of Iron Gate Reservoir, within 0.5 mile of the limits of work; one new inactive golden eagle nest that was in good condition, on a cliff face north of the Copco No. 2 Dam, within 0.5 mile of the limits of work (F19\_GE2); and a cavity in a cliff face that could be suitable golden eagle nest habitat, at the northeastern edge of Copco Lake where it meets the Klamath River (F19\_GE4).

At Iron Gate Reservoir, biologists observed one active bald eagle nest (F19\_BE1) immediately adjacent to Copco Road at Iron Gate Reservoir, within 0.5 mile of the limits of work. This nest contained two large nestlings approximately 11 weeks old, and an adult was observed feeding these chicks. Biologists found one new inactive bald eagle nest, north of Iron Gate Reservoir within 0.5 mile of the limits of work (F19\_BE6). Biologists observed one inactive golden eagle nest (GE3-7) within 2 miles of the limits of work, which was inactive in 2018. Additionally, three golden eagle nests (GE3-5, GE3-6, and F\_GE2) observed to be active or inactive during 2018 surveys were not found during aerial surveys.

At Copco Lake, biologists observed two active bald eagle nests. Nest BE2-3 was within 0.5 mile of the limits of work and contained two large nestlings about 11 weeks old, with one adult perched nearby. Nest BE1-43 was within 0.5 mile of an access road, but more than 2 miles from the limits of work and contained one large nestling about 12 weeks old. Biologists observed two active golden eagle nests at Copco Lake. One of these nests (F19\_GE1) was within 0.5 mile of the limits of work; the other (F\_GE3) was within 5 miles of the limits of work. Due to the survey angle from the ground and the adult obscuring the view from the helicopter, biologists could only confirm one nestling in nest F19\_GE1, which had two nestlings in May 2019. At nest F\_GE3, biologists observed one chick approximately 7 weeks old in the cliff nest, and an adult visiting the nest. Biologists observed two inactive golden eagle nests at Copco Lake. One of these nests (F\_GE4) was active in 2018, with breeding activity observed near nest F\_GE4 during the February 2019 surveys, but was confirmed empty through both aerial surveys (May and June 2019). The second inactive golden eagle nest (GE3-3) was confirmed inactive during the May 2019 survey and was therefore not surveyed during the June 2019. Biologists found an empty cliff cavity that could be suitable golden eagle nest habitat (F19\_GE4) and should be surveyed during future eagle surveys. This potential nest site is categorized as inactive on Figures 2-1 through 2-6, but is not included in Table 2-3.



**Table 2-3 Active and Inactive Bald and Golden Eagle Nests Observed in 2019 Field Surveys**

Nest Name	Golden Eagle		Bald Eagle	
	Active	Inactive	Active	Inactive
Within 0.5 mile of Project footprint	1	2	5	2
Between 0.5 and 2 miles from Project footprint	0	4	1	2
<b>Total Nests within 2 Miles</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
Outside of 2-mile buffer surrounding Project footprint, but within 0.5 mile of haul roads	0	0	2	1

At J.C. Boyle Reservoir, biologists observed five active bald eagle nests, one of which was a new nest (F19\_BE7) observed during the June 2019 survey. Four of these nests (F19\_BE5, BE1-36, BE1-32, and F19\_BE7) were within 0.5 mile of the limits of work, and one of these nests (F\_BE2) was within 5 miles of the limits of work. At nest F19\_BE5, biologists were able to confirm one nestling in the nest, about 8 to 9 weeks old. This nest appeared empty in the May 2019 survey. Nest BE1-36 had one chick about 10 weeks old and one adult perched nearby. This nest contained two nestlings in May 2019. Nest F\_BE2 contained one chick about 11 weeks old. Nests BE1-32 and F19\_BE7 each contained two chicks approximately 10 to 11 weeks old. Biologists observed two inactive bald eagle nests. One of these nests (BE1-31) was within 0.5 mile of the limits of work; the other (BE1-15), which was active in 2018, was within 0.5 mile of an access road. One bald eagle nest found inactive in 2018 was not found in 2019 (BE1-35). One golden eagle nest (GE4-206) which had been active in 2018 was inactive in 2019, within 1 mile of the limits of work. Biologists searched the surrounding trees for alternate nests for GE4-206, because this nest is in a dead tree and is therefore less suitable for nesting; the search was unsuccessful.

## 2.3 Conclusions

Biologists observed a total of ten active nests at Copco, Iron Gate, and J.C. Boyle Reservoirs in 2019. Two are golden eagle nests and eight are bald eagle nests. Nine of these nests are within 2 miles of the limits of work or within 0.5 mile of haul roads (Table 2-3).

Additionally, biologists observed eleven inactive nests within 2 miles of the limits of work or within 0.5 mile of haul roads. Five of these are presumed bald eagle nests and six are presumed golden eagle nests, based on historical use data and 2018 surveys. Biologists also observed one potential golden eagle nest site within 0.5 mile of the limits of work. It is not uncommon for eagles to suspend breeding in some years or use alternative nest sites (USFWS 2004); therefore, these inactive nests will continue to be surveyed in the future.

The 2019 survey results showed a higher number of successful bald eagle nests than golden eagle nests in the study area (Table 2-4). However, in 2018, there were more successful golden eagle nests than bald eagle nests in the study area. Several nests that were active in 2018 were not active in 2019, demonstrating that eagles could be suspending breeding in some years in the study area. There are more bald eagle nests surrounding J.C. Boyle Reservoir than there are surrounding Copco and Iron Gate Reservoirs, and there are more golden eagle nests surrounding Copco and Iron Gate Reservoirs than surrounding J.C. Boyle Reservoir. Trends in eagle activity cannot be compared across reservoirs due to different levels of visibility and access.



**Table 2-4 Summary of Active and Inactive Eagle Nests from 2017 through 2019 Surveys**

Species	Nest Name	Nest Status	Number of Nestlings in 2018 or 2019
Bald Eagle	BE1-15	Active in 2018	1
Bald Eagle	BE1-31	Inactive	0
Bald Eagle	BE1-32	Active in 2019	2
Bald Eagle	BE1-35	Inactive	0
Bald Eagle	BE1-36 <sup>1</sup>	Active in 2019	2
Bald Eagle	BE1-43	Active in 2019	1
Bald Eagle	BE2-3	Active in 2019	2
Bald Eagle	F_BE1	Inactive	0
Bald Eagle	F_BE2	Active in 2019	1
Bald Eagle	F19_BE1	Active in 2019	2
Bald Eagle	F19_BE5	Active in 2019	1
Bald Eagle	F19_BE6	Inactive	0
Bald Eagle	F19_BE7	Active in 2019	2
Golden Eagle	F_GE2	Inactive	0
Golden Eagle	F_GE3	Active in 2019	1
Golden Eagle	F_GE4	Active in 2018	2
Golden Eagle	F19_GE1 <sup>1</sup>	Active in 2019	2
Golden Eagle	F19_GE2	Inactive	0
Golden Eagle	GE3-3	Active in 2018	1
Golden Eagle	GE3-5	Active in 2018	2
Golden Eagle	GE3-6	Inactive	0
Golden Eagle	GE3-7	Inactive	0
Golden Eagle	GE4-206	Active in 2018	1
Golden Eagle	F19_GE4	Potential Future Nest Site	0

**Notes:**

BE = Bald eagle nest

GE = Golden eagle nest

F19\_GE = New golden eagle nest found during the 2019 surveys, not included in historically active data or the 2017-2018 surveys

F19\_BE = New bald eagle nest found during the 2019 surveys, not included in historically active data or the 2017-2018 surveys

<sup>1</sup> For some nests, the number of nestlings decreased by one from May to June 2019. This table reflects the highest number of nestlings observed at each nest.



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## **Chapter 3 Bats**



## 3. BATS

In 2019, KRRRC biologists conducted targeted surveys at structures where either 1) additional data were sought to supplement previous summer surveys (2017-2018) for bats; or 2) evidence of bat use had been found during previous inspections, but summer roosting had not been confirmed. The 2017-2018 survey methods and results are described in the 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resources Survey Report (KRRRC 2019a).

### 3.1 Methods

A team of four KRRRC biologists conducted evening emergence and acoustic surveys for bats from June 12 through 15, 2019, at structures at J.C. Boyle, Iron Gate, and Copco. KRRRC biologists targeted the following structures where additional data were sought to supplement previous summer surveys (2017-2018); or where evidence of bat use had been found during previous inspections, but summer roosting had not been confirmed:

- J.C. Boyle red barn
- Iron Gate diversion tunnel outlet
- Iron Gate powerhouse
- Lakeview Road bridge (at Iron Gate entrance)
- Maintenance Building on Copco Access Road
- Copco No. 1 gatehouse C-12
- Copco No. 1 diversion tunnel outlet

KRRRC biologists used night vision during all emergence surveys and documented points of egress. During all emergence surveys, KRRRC biologist used iPads (Apple, Inc.) running Echo Meter Touch 2 Pro (Wildlife Acoustics) and a laptop running Sonobat software (Version 4) with a Binary Acoustics ultrasonic microphone (Binary Acoustic Technology, LLC). Field teams conducted emergence surveys when weather conditions were suitable for the evening emergence of bats (e.g., warm temperatures and minimal rain and wind).

### 3.2 Findings

All bat survey findings from 2017 through 2019 are summarized in Table 3-1; the structures surveyed in 2019 are indicated by green rows. A summary of the 2019 survey results follows the table.



**Table 3-1 2017-2019 Bat Survey Findings**

Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Bat Roosting Confirmed?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates (all years)	Additional Notes
Iron Gate						
Lakeview Road Bridge	High	Yes	Yes – 200 bats estimated during summer emergence.	MYU	October 2018, June 2019	First emergence survey in June 2019.
Diversion Tunnel Outlet	High	Yes	Yes – 200 bats estimated during summer emergence. Absent in winter.	MYU	February 2018 (interior), May-June 2018 (emergence only), June 2019 (emergence only)	None
Powerhouse	High	Yes	Yes – 400 bats estimated during summer emergence.	MYU	July 2017, May and June 2018, October 2018, June 2019	None
Penstock Intake Structure	High	Yes	Yes – several hundred bats roosting inside at top of structure in summer.	MYU	July 2017, June 2018, October 2018	None
Barn/Garage at Iron Gate Village	High	Yes	Yes – bats present in rafters/ceiling in summer.	MYU	July 2017, May and June 2018, October 2018	None
Residence 1 (occupied) blue/gray	Mod-high (attic)	Unknown	Unknown	NA	June 2017 (exterior only)	No interior survey access to occupied residences.
Residence 2 (occupied) tan with green roof	Mod-high (attic)	Yes	Yes – 15 (estimated) bats found huddled behind clock on back porch in summer. Potential attic access through loose screen over vent.	MYU	July 2017 (exterior only)	No interior survey access to occupied residences.
Fish Holding Facilities	Mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October 2018	None
Restrooms (near powerhouse)	Low - mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018	None
Emergency Spill Equipment shed	Low	No	No	NA	July 2018	None



Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Bat Roosting Confirmed?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates (all years)	Additional Notes
Copco No. 1 Diversion Tunnel Outlet	High	Yes	Yes – 100 bats estimated during summer emergence.	None	February 2018 inspection, June 2018 emergence	Access limitations prohibit safe, targeted placement of acoustic recording equipment at or near the mouth of the tunnel.
C-12 Gatehouse at Copco No. 1	High	Yes	Yes – 2,000 to 3,000 bats estimated during summer emergence. Several dozen present in late October.	MYUU	July 2017, June 2018, October-November 2018, June 2019	Maternity roost; largest roost found on Project site. Gatehouses C-11 and C-12 are the only Project structures found to have bats present in late October/early November.
C-11 Gatehouse at Copco No. 1	High	Yes	Yes – 100 bats estimated during summer emergence. Approximately 20 bats clustered in interior roof apex in late October.	MYUU	July 2017, June 2018, October-November 2018	Gatehouses C-11 and C-12 are the only Project structures found to have bats present in late October/early November.
Copco No. 1 powerhouse	High	Yes	Yes – several dozen bats clustered on walls in transformer bays and small numbers in lower level in summer.	MYUU	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018, October through November 2018	Abundant staining/guano on lower level but no large roosts found. Small number of COTO detected acoustically during summer emergence, but not confirmed to be present in the powerhouse.
Vacant House (light blue) on Copco Access Road	Mod	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Maintenance Building (next to switchyard on Copco Access Road)	High	Yes	Yes – 30 bats estimated on summer emergence.	<i>Myotis</i> spp.	July 2017, June 2018, October-November 2018, June 2019	First emergence survey in June 2019. One COTO call detected on emergence.
Tin Pumphouse (across from light blue house on Copco Access Road)	Low	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Groundwater Well House (at entrance to Copco Village)	Low - mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, October-November 2018	None
Vacant House 1 (tan)	High	Yes	Yes – small numbers of bats present under exterior side panels in summer.	MYUU	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October-November 2018	None



Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Bat Roosting Confirmed?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates (all years)	Additional Notes
Vacant House 2 (blue)	High	Yes	Yes – small numbers of bats present under exterior side panels in summer.	MYYU	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October-November 2018	None
Vacant House 3 (yellow-green)	High	Yes	Yes – large colony present in summer, in garage behind wood window framing and under rotting wood panels.	MYYU	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October-November 2018	None
Vacant House 4 (peach)	High	Yes	Yes – present between flashing and fascia board all around roof edge in summer.	MYYU	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October-November 2018	None
Vacant House #21601 (light yellow)	High	Yes	Yes – 300 bats estimated during summer emergence.	MYYU	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October-November 2018	Presumed maternity roost.
Occupied House next to Vacant House 4	Mod	Unknown	Unknown	NA	July 2017 exterior only.	No interior survey access to occupied residences. Resident stated he is not aware of any bats in the attic.
House 19038 (next to schoolhouse)	High	Yes	No	NA	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018, October-November 2018	None
Bunkhouse	Mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018, October-November 2018	None
Cookhouse	Mod	Yes	Yes – small number of bats present in awning over side door outside in summer.	MYYU	July 2017, February 2018, May and June 2018, October-November 2018	None
Equipment Shed (in front of bunkhouse/cookhouse)	Low	No	No	NA	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018	None
Schoolhouse	Low - mod	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Hazardous Waste Storage/Wood Shop	Low - mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018	None



Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Bat Roosting Confirmed?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates (all years)	Additional Notes
Copco No. 2 powerhouse	High	Yes	Yes – 50 bats estimated during summer emergence.	MYYU	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018, October-November 2018	Six dead Myotis adults and pups found on ground level and lower level in summer. Small number of COTO detected acoustically during summer emergence, but not confirmed to be present in the powerhouse.
Maintenance Building (next to Copco No. 2 powerhouse)	Low	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018	None
Copco No. 2 Dam (concrete dam and associated structures)	Low	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Control Center at Copco No. 2 powerhouse	Low	No	No	NA	July 2017, February 2018, June 2018	None
<b>J. C. Boyle</b>						
Office/Red Barn	High	Yes	No	None	July 2017, May and June 2018, October 2018, June 2019	June 2019 survey conducted from outside of perimeter fence due to gate access constraint. Two desiccated dead MYYU found in attic in 2017. No live bats found to-date.
Spillway Control Center	High	Yes	Yes – several hundred bats present in summer.	MYYU	July 2017, May and June 2018, October 2018	Presumed maternity roost.
Fish Screen House	Mod-high	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October 2018	None
Fire Protection Building	Mod	Yes	Yes – outside only, a few bats day roosting in exterior crevices near roof edges (western side and eastern side) in summer.	MYYU	July 2017, June 2018, October 2018	None
Dam Communications	Mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October 2018	None



Building Name	Suitability <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of Bat Use?	Bat Roosting Confirmed?	Species Confirmed	Survey Dates (all years)	Additional Notes
J.C. Boyle powerhouse	Mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October 2018	None
Maintenance Building (next to powerhouse)	Low - mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018, October 2018	None
Truck Shop	Low - mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, May 2018 and June 2018, October 2018	None
Headgate Control	Low - mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018	None
Gate Control and Communications	Low - mod	No	No	NA	July 2017, October 2018	None
Power Canal/Spillway	Low	No	No	NA	July 2017, June 2018	None
HazMat Storage Shed	Low	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Pump House	Low	No	No	NA	July 2017	None
Two occupied residences	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	NA	NA	No interior survey access to occupied residences.

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> "High" suitability was assigned to structures with bats present and/or where signs of heavy bat use were found, or to structures that showed little or no sign of use or could not be accessed but contain external or internal features generally preferred by roosting bats, such as attics/roof spaces, soffits, fascias, weather boarding, spaces between roof felt/membrane and tiles/slats, window frames, cave/cavity walls, flashing, and the like. "Moderate" suitability was assigned to structures where no bats or very few bats were found, with little or no sign of bat use, that contain points of entry/exit and limited internal and external features preferred by roosting bats. "Low" suitability for roosting was assigned to well-sealed structures with no points of entry/exit, and generally lacking cavities, crevices, and other features generally preferred by roosting bats.

<sup>2</sup> Photograph included in report

NA = Not Applicable

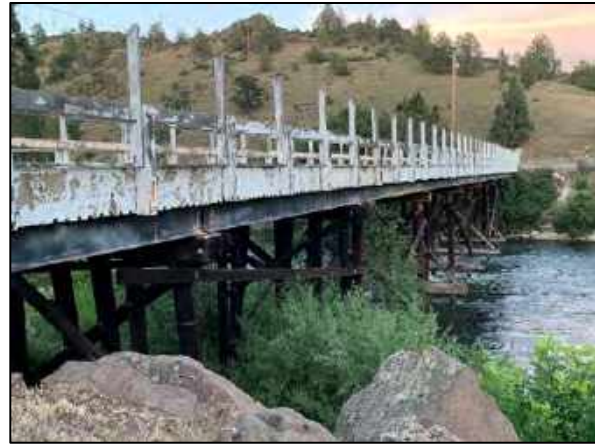
MYU = *Myotis yumanensis* (Yuma myotis)

COTO = *Corynorhinus townsendii* (Townsend's big-eared bat)





**Photograph 3-1 Maintenance Building on Copco Access Road, June 15, 2019**



**Photograph 3-2 Lakeview Road Bridge, June 12, 2019**

During the June 2019 surveys, bat emergences occurred when the average evening outdoor temperature was 75 degrees Fahrenheit. KRRC biologist confirmed bat roosts in six of the seven structures surveyed. Figures 3-1 through 3-5 show all structures across the Project area where active bat roosts have been confirmed during surveys from 2017-2019. Photographs 3-1 and 3-2 depict the exterior view of the Maintenance Building and Lakeview Road Bridge prior to emergence surveys.

Biologists observed evening emergences of approximately 100 bats from the Copco diversion tunnel and approximately 200 bats from the Iron Gate diversion tunnel. More than 2,000 *Myotis* spp. emerged from the Copco No. 1 C-12 gatehouse. As before, more than 400 bats emerged from the below-grade draft pipe channels at the Iron Gate powerhouse. At the J.C. Boyle red barn, no bats were seen emerging from the structure. Big brown bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*) and hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*) were identified acoustically in small numbers in flight nearby. The results of the June 2019 surveys at these five structures are consistent with the emergence and acoustic surveys conducted at these same locations in 2018.

Biologists surveyed the Lakeview Road Bridge and Maintenance Building for emergence and acoustic detections for the first time in June 2019. At the Lakeview Road bridge, biologists observed bats emerging from three discrete locations underneath the bridge. Most of the acoustic detections at this location were not definitively classified; however, a small number of Yuma myotis were confirmed. At the Maintenance Building, most of the calls showed characteristics of *Myotis* spp. These were primarily auto-classified as Yuma myotis and California myotis (*Myotis californicus*), with a small number of long-legged myotis (*Myotis volans*) and/or western small-footed myotis (*Myotis ciliolabrum*). Because these species are difficult to distinguish acoustically, the species detected at this structure are collectively reported as *Myotis* spp. One call at the Maintenance Building was auto-classified as Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) and later confirmed by manual vetting. KRRC biologist observed many bats circling around the open area at the back of the building and foraging among the trees behind the building; therefore, the Townsend's big-



eared bat call confirmed the species presence in the vicinity but did not confirm the species to be roosting inside of the structure.

Additionally, during meetings with the design-build contractor in September 2019, KRRRC biologists were informed that an engineering team observed one bat in a cavity in a historic concrete gate control structure on the upstream side of the Copco No. 1 dam (Figure 3-3) in March 2018. This structure has not been inspected by KRRRC biologists to-date for potential bat roosting.

### **3.3 Conclusions**

Surveys conducted from 2017-2019 confirmed that significant bat roosts are present in many structures across the Project area.





## **Chapter 4 Western Pond Turtle**



## 4. WESTERN POND TURTLE

### 4.1 Introduction

KRRC biologists completed general wildlife surveys and noted observations of WPTs in the 0.25-mile study area in 2018, as described in the 2018 Annual Report (KRRC 2019a). In accordance with condition 4.c of the Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification issued by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, KRRC conducted a study of WPTs at J.C. Boyle Reservoir. This study was conducted by KRRC biologists in partnership with ODFW from August 2018 through April 2019. This study was implemented to inform key knowledge gaps about native turtles. This study had two primary objectives: 1) to estimate the WPT population size and 2) to determine the timing and locations of WPT overwintering behavior. The results of the study are summarized here. For more detail, figures, and data, please see the full report, Western Pond Turtle Study Report, J.C. Boyle Reservoir (KRRC 2019b).

To assess the population size, KRRC biologists conducted capture-mark-recapture (CMR) in areas known to be used by turtles. In addition, biologists conducted a springtime basking survey to provide a rough estimate of relative abundance. It should be noted that visual surveys do not provide rigorous estimates of population size or density.

Biologists used radio telemetry to track adult turtles through the winter and determine the overwinter timing and location of refugia for WPTs in J.C. Boyle Reservoir. Biologists used temperature data loggers, some attached to radio-tagged turtles and some installed along a transect from upland to deeper waters, to compare temperatures associated with turtle locations with the baseline environmental temperatures. This comparison required the recapture of radio-tagged animals in spring 2019 to retrieve transmitters and recover temperature data.

As described in the 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resources Survey Report (KRRC 2019a), KRRC biologists carried out trapping events and installed environmental temperature loggers in August and September of 2018. Radios and temperature loggers were affixed to eight turtles.

Additional field efforts completed by KRRC biologists in 2019 included:

- Monthly radio-telemetry surveys to identify overwintering habitat and characterize seasonal movement patterns
- Trapping for CMR and for recovery of telemetry equipment and temperature data loggers
- A springtime basking survey to provide a rough estimate of relative abundance
- Retrieval of environmental data loggers to collect baseline temperature data



The WPT Study Report, J.C. Boyle Reservoir (KRRC 2019b) provides additional details of the methods and findings of the study.

## 4.2 Methods

### 4.2.1 Fall 2018 – Winter 2019

#### Telemetry Surveys

Field teams completed telemetry surveys during monthly site visits from November 2018 through April 2019 to ascertain the overwintering habits (timing and location) of the eight radio-tagged WPT. KRRC tested all equipment and found that telemetry receiver accuracy was consistently under 6.5 feet (2 meters). The equipment typically provided locations that were within the margins of error for handheld Global Positioning System (GPS). Locations were recorded using a handheld GPS (Garmin Map78s), with error typically between 10 to 16 feet (3 and 5 meters).

### 4.2.2 Spring 2019

#### Trapping and Recovery of Data Loggers

KRRC biologists conducted trapping for CMR and for recovery of telemetry equipment and temperature data loggers in spring of 2019, with site visits on April 3 through 5 and April 23 through 29. Considering the low trap capture success in 2018, the team chose to focus the spring trapping on recapture of radio-tagged WPT to recover the transmitters and temperature data loggers. Trapping was therefore targeted in areas where

radio-tagged WPT were found to be present based on telemetry. All eight turtles were successfully radio-located prior to trap deployment in April.

Biologists placed twenty traps around the reservoir near large woody debris, rock crevices, and other refugia near where radio-tagged turtles were detected. Traps were left in place near radio-tagged turtles and were checked one or more times each day. Bait was replaced as necessary. If telemetry indicated that radio-tagged



Photograph 4-1 Deployment of Turtle Trap near Large Woody Debris



turtles were no longer in the area, traps were repositioned near the radio-tagged turtle's new location and rebaited.

On April 27, 2019, KRRC retrieved the environmental data loggers that had been placed along land-to-water transects in the summer of 2018 to collect baseline environmental temperature data.

## Basking Surveys

Biologists completed formal basking surveys from April 23 through 29, 2019. These surveys consisted of visually inspecting various basking habitats, such as rock faces, exposed stumps, and downed trees throughout the study area. Biologists recorded the locations of all basking turtles using a handheld GPS unit.

## 4.3 Findings

### 4.3.1 Telemetry Study

All eight radio-tagged animals were located via telemetry during each site visit, with the two exceptions noted below. KRRC biologists tracked the approximate travel paths based on monthly telemetry checks for each individual turtle. The telemetry results from the end of summer, through fall and winter and into early spring, are summarized below:

- On September 7, 2018, biologists successfully radio-located seven of the eight turtles. One turtle (#701) only had a faint signal that could not be accurately triangulated.
- On November 14, 2018, biologists located all eight turtles at the reservoir shoreline, apparently inside bank cavities or under large woody debris at the water's edge. Although no radio-tagged turtles were visible, cavities in the bank, crevices, and root wads were visible. Based on telemetry signals, some radio-tagged turtles appeared to be fewer than 3 feet into the bank. Some radio-tagged turtles were located under root wads of standing trees or stumps. Openings to these refugia were often just below the water surface but were completely exposed when the water level was low. Turtles were in the zone exposed to regular fluctuations of reservoir water levels.
- On December 10, 2018, seven of the eight turtles appeared to be in the same locations recorded on the previous visit in November. One turtle had moved, apparently to avoid ice pack.
- On January 29, 2019, there were no recorded movements for any of the turtles; all eight animals appeared to be in the same locations as in December.
- On February 22, 2019, four of the eight turtles had moved short distances (<5 meters) from their overwinter sites, while the other four appeared to be in the same locations reported in December and January.
- On March 5, 2019, most radio-tagged turtles exhibited short distance movements, and by March 13, 2019, telemetry information indicated that turtles were becoming more active.



- From April 3 through 5, 2019, radio-tagged turtles were actively moving throughout the reservoir. Biologists observed some turtles basking. By April 23 through 29, 2019, basking turtles were abundant, and radio-tagged turtles were frequently moving over long distances.

### 4.3.2 Spring Recapture Efforts

In early April (April 3 through 5), telemetry data indicated that turtles had left overwinter refugia and were actively moving throughout the J.C. Boyle Reservoir. No turtles were caught in baited traps, but two turtles were hand-captured with a dip net. Biologists observed turtles basking on the first day, but observations declined dramatically over the 3-day visit as a large winter storm advanced.

During a second visit in April (April 23 through 29, 2019), weather conditions were more favorable, and biologists regularly observed basking turtles. It appeared that most radio-tagged turtles were moving away from overwinter sites (i.e., shoreline refugia) to more typical spring/summer-use microhabitats during the day (i.e., areas with aerial basking perches, such as woody debris, emergent rocks, and the floating log boom near the dam).

Biologists captured several turtles during the first few days of trapping, but the capture rate declined after the first day. Turtles, including radio-tagged individuals, were consistently observed near trap locations, but the capture rate remained low. Eleven new turtles were caught in traps in 2019, but no recaptures occurred. One radio transmitter (radio #919) was recovered from a trap, but it was no longer attached to the turtle, indicating that the radio-tagged turtle had entered the trap and later escaped. A few turtles were caught by dip net; however, seine netting, snorkeling, and a drift fence trap did not capture any turtles. Due to extremely low underwater visibility and high water levels, active methods of turtle capture were not effective.

Due to the lower-than-required number of captures and recaptures, the CMR data were insufficient to calculate a valid population estimate. A larger sample size and higher proportion of recaptures would be required to produce a valid population estimate.



**Photograph 4-2 Releasing a Captured Western Pond Turtle**

### 4.3.3 Basking Observations

During basking surveys, KRRC biologists observed a maximum of 35 turtles in 1 day. As observed in previous surveys, WPT used a variety of basking habitats, including exposed rock features and large woody debris. Biologists consistently observed the greatest numbers of basking turtles at the northern end of the floating log boom near the J.C. Boyle Dam; more than a dozen turtles were observed here at one time on several occasions.

### 4.3.4 Temperature Monitoring

Biologists successfully recovered environmental temperature data from 9 of the 16 environmental temperature loggers. Thermographs from a land-to-water transect reveal distinct signatures between land and water sensors. Based on the environmental thermographs, the greatest temperature fluctuations occurred at the shoreline sensor, which was nearest to where radio-tagged turtles in this study overwintered. However, temperatures in turtle refugia are unknown because no functional temperature loggers were recovered from the study animals. Only one data logger was recovered from a turtle, but the data were not recoverable due to water damage.

## 4.4 Conclusions

The study of WPTs occupying the J.C. Boyle Reservoir area had two primary objectives: to generate a population estimate for WPTs at the J.C. Boyle Reservoir and to gain information about their overwintering habits. The number of turtles captured and recaptured was insufficient to produce a statistically valid population estimate, but visual surveys confirmed that WPTs are common in the reservoir. Frequent observations of juveniles indicated that the reservoir supports a reproducing population of turtles.

The telemetry study determined that all eight radio-tagged animals overwintered in refugia at the reservoir shoreline. It must be noted that this study was limited in scope and describes the behavior of a subset of turtles at J.C. Boyle Reservoir. Literature on WPT overwinter habits demonstrate that turtles in different systems often behave differently. The findings of this study should be cautiously applied to turtles in the other Project reservoirs. Additional information of WPT life cycle and habitat requirements can be found in previous Project documents (AECOM and CDM Smith 2017).





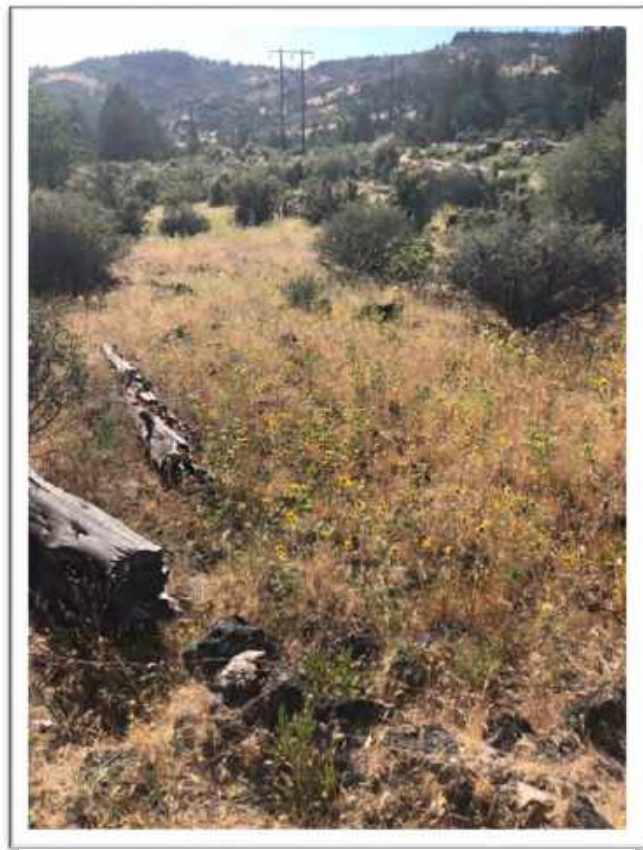
## **Chapter 5 Special-Status Plants**

## 5. SPECIAL-STATUS PLANTS

### 5.1 Introduction

KRRC defined special-status plants to include those species with federal status (federally listed as threatened, endangered, or proposed for listing); state threatened or endangered species, and species on the Oregon Natural Heritage Program Lists 1 to 4 and California Rare Plant Rank 1 to 4. BLM and USFS Sensitive Species are also considered where BLM and USFS lands occur in the study area. The list of special status species in Oregon and California was refined to those with the potential to occur in the project area based on available habitat types and historical records. The species with potential to occur are listed in Table 5-1.

KRRC biologists identified special-status plant species with the potential to occur in the Project area, based on historical records and review of plant databases. PacifiCorp (2004) documented several special-status plant species during extensive surveys in 2002 and 2003. In addition, KRRC biologists identified documented occurrences of special-status plant species through reviews of state and federal databases, including the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (ORBIC), the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB), and the USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation database (ORBIC 2017, IPaC 2018, CNDDDB 2018). Other sources of information on special-status plant species in the Project area include the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California, USFWS – Yreka, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Klamath Falls, and the United States Forest Service (USFS) – Klamath National Forest. Table 5-1 shows the documented occurrences for each species with the potential to occur in the project area. If a special status species was previously documented (e.g., on ORBIC, CNDDDB) within the project area, it was included in the list of species with the potential to occur even if available habitat did not appear to be present.



**Photograph 5-1** Survey Transect near Copco No. 1 Dam



**Table 5-1 Preliminary List of Special-Status Plants with Potential to Occur**

Species	Status	Habitat	Location of Documented Occurrence(s)	Bloom Time	Proposed Survey Effort
Western yellow cedar ( <i>Callitropsis nootkatensis</i> )	Petitioned for federal listing, CNPS List 4.3	Wet to moist sites, from the coastal rainforests to rocky ridgetops near the timberline in the mountains	Not documented during PacifiCorp surveys or listed on CNDDB or ORBIC for the Project area; may occur based on information from USFWS Yreka office (May 23, 2017)	NA	In construction areas in suitable habitat
Greene's mariposa-lily ( <i>Calochortus greenei</i> )	FSC, BLM, OC, ONHP List 1, CNPS List 1B	Occurs primarily in annual grassland, wedgeleaf ceanothus chaparral, and oak and oak-juniper woodlands	Several locations around Iron Gate Reservoir (PacifiCorp 2004; CNDDB 2018)	May through July	In construction areas in suitable habitat
Bristly Sedge ( <i>Carex comosa</i> )	ONHP List 2	Marshes, lake shore, and wet meadows	East Shore of J.C. Boyle Reservoir in two locations (east of Dam and south of Highway 66); also, west of dam (ORBIC 2017)	May through September	Along reservoir margins and in construction areas in suitable habitat
Mountain Lady's Slipper ( <i>Cypripedium montanum</i> )	ONHP List 4, CNPS List 4	Dry, open conifer forests, more often in moist riparian habitats	J.C. Boyle peaking reach (location details unknown) (PacifiCorp 2004)	March through August	In construction areas in suitable habitat
Gentner's fritillary ( <i>Fritillaria gentneri</i> )	FE, CNPS List 1B	Cismontane woodland, chaparral and mixed hardwood-conifer vegetation dominated by Oregon oak	Habitat present in the reach along Copco and Iron Gate Reservoirs; no known locations	Late March to early April; April and May at higher elevations	In construction areas in suitable habitat
Bolander's sunflower ( <i>Helianthus bolanderi</i> )	BLM, ONHP List 3	Occurs in yellow pine forest, foothill oak woodland, and chaparral, and occasionally in serpentine substrates or wet habitats	South of Iron Gate Reservoir near alternative disposal site, J.C. Boyle peaking reach (location details unknown) (PacifiCorp 2004)	June through October	In construction areas in suitable habitat
Washington lily ( <i>Lilium washingtonianum</i> ssp. <i>purpurascens</i> )	CNPS List 4	Forest openings, chaparral, burned clearcuts, and roadsides	Several locations around Copco Lake, including near Copco Road along the seep area (KRRC 2019a)	June through August	Within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Bellinger's meadow-foam ( <i>Limnanthes floccosa</i> ssp. <i>Bellingerana</i> )	FSC, BLM, OC, ONHP List 1, CNPS List 1B	High elevation vernal pools in shallow soiled rocky meadows in spots that are at least partially shaded in the spring	J.C. Boyle peaking reach (location details unknown) (PacifiCorp 2004)	April through June	In construction areas in suitable habitat

Species	Status	Habitat	Location of Documented Occurrence(s)	Bloom Time	Proposed Survey Effort
Detling's silverpuffs ( <i>Microseris laciniata</i> ssp. <i>detlingii</i> )	CNPS List 2	Chaparral and grassy openings among Oregon white oak trees	One location on the western side of Iron Gate Reservoir (CNDDDB 2018)	May and June	In construction areas in suitable habitat
Egg Lake monkeyflower ( <i>Mimulus pygmaeus</i> )	FSC, CNPS List 4	Occurs in damp areas or vernal moist conditions in meadows and open woods	East of J.C. Boyle Reservoir in two locations (north of Highway 66 and southeast of Dam); west of Dam in two locations in damp mudflats; also west of canal near access road in one location (PacifiCorp 2004)	May through August	Along reservoir margins and in construction areas in suitable habitat
Greene's four o'clock <i>Mirabilis greenei</i>	CNPS List 4	Dry slopes and flats among juniper and foothill woodlands, and grasslands	Along the western side of the Iron Gate Reservoir (KRRRC 2019a)	May and June	Within the limits of work in suitable habitat
Holzinger's orthotrichum moss ( <i>Orthotrichum holzingeri</i> )	CNPS List 1B.3	Found on vertical calcareous rock surfaces and at the bases of <i>Salix</i> bushes just above rock that is frequently inundated by seasonally high water in dry coniferous forests	Just upstream of Iron Gate Reservoir on Jenny Creek (CNDDDB 2018)	N/A	Where in-stream work could occur at Jenny Creek at bridge
Western yampah ( <i>Perideridia erythrorhiza</i> )	FSC, BLM, OC, ONHP List 1	Occurs in moist prairies, pastureland, seasonally wet meadows, and oak or pine woodlands, often in dark wetland soils and clay depressions	Along three drainages into the western side of J.C. Boyle Reservoir, and in two locations west of the canal near the access road (PacifiCorp 2004)	Mid July and August	Along reservoir margins and in construction areas in suitable habitat
Howell's yampah (Howell's false caraway) ( <i>Perideridia howellii</i> )	ONHP List 4	Moist meadows and stream banks	One location along the drainage southeast of J.C. Boyle Reservoir; one location along the northern side of Copco Lake north of the road (PacifiCorp 2004)	July and August	Along reservoir margins and in construction areas in suitable habitat
Yreka phlox ( <i>Phlox hirsuta</i> )	FE, CE, CNPS List 1B	Open areas on dry serpentine soils and at elevations ranging from 2,500 to 4,400 feet	Not known to occur near construction areas; no suitable ultramafic soils occur within 0.5 mile of construction areas (NRCS 2017)	March and April	None – suitable soils not present in construction areas
Strapleaf willow ( <i>Salix ligulifolia</i> )	ONHP List 3	Riverbanks, wetlands, and floodplains	One location west of J.C. Boyle Dam in a boulder flood channel in the dam release zone (ORBIC 2017)	March through June	Along reservoir margins and in construction areas in suitable habitat



Species	Status	Habitat	Location of Documented Occurrence(s)	Bloom Time	Proposed Survey Effort
Fleshy sage ( <i>Salvia dorrii</i> var. <i>incana</i> )	CNPS List 3	Occurs in silty to rocky soils in great basin scrub, pinyon, and juniper woodland	Three locations around Iron Gate Reservoir (PacifiCorp 2004)	May through July	In construction areas in suitable habitat
Lemmon's silene ( <i>Silene lemmonii</i> )	ONHP List 3	Open pine woodlands	J.C. Boyle peaking reach to J.C. Boyle Reservoir (location details unknown) (PacifiCorp 2004)	Spring and Summer	In construction areas in suitable habitat

Key:

BLM: Bureau of Land Management sensitive species -species that could easily become endangered or extinct.

CE: California Endangered

CNDDDB: California Natural Diversity Database

CNPS List 1A: California Native Plant Society (CNPS)-Presumed extinct in California

CNPS List 1B: rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere

CNPS List 2: rare, threatened, or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere

CNPS List 3: on the review list – more information needed

CNPS List 4: on the watch list – limited distribution

FE: Federal Endangered

FSC: Federal Species of Concern

OC: Candidate listing by Oregon Department of Agriculture

ONHP List 1: Oregon Natural Heritage Program threatened with extinction or presumed to be extinct throughout their entire range

ONHP List 2: threatened with extirpation or presumed to be extirpated from the State of Oregon

ONHP List 3: more information is needed before status can be determined, but may be threatened or endangered in Oregon or throughout their range

ONHP List 4: of conservation concern but not currently threatened or endangered

ORBIC: Oregon Biodiversity Information Center

USFWS: United States Fish and Wildlife Service

As described in the 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resources Survey Report (KRRRC 2019a), KRRRC began conducting special-status plant surveys in 2018 to identify any special-status plants that are currently present 1) within a 0.25-mile buffer around the Project area, defined as the dams and structures to be removed, the disposal sites, the haul and access roads that may undergo improvements, and the reservoirs; and/or 2) in areas such as reservoir shorelines that may be affected by the Project. Findings of KRRRC surveys in 2018 and 2019 are presented below.

## 5.2 Methods

KRRRC biologists conducted surveys for special status plants with the potential to occur in the project area. Prior to the surveys, KRRRC biologists compiled a list of special-status plant species with potential to occur within the limits of work based on documented occurrences and the presence of suitable habitat, as shown in Table 5-1. Surveys were timed to coincide with the bloom time for each species, and the surveys for each species were based on an understanding of the potential habitat suitability in the Project area. The entire limits of work were surveyed for special status plants; however, a focused floristic survey was conducted in areas where there would be construction disturbance. Focused floristic surveys were also conducted where habitat conditions are expected to change due to reservoir drawdown and there were also suitable habitat and locations of known and potential occurrences of special-status plants.

The focused surveys followed the CDFW “Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special-Status Native Plant Populations and Sensitive Natural Communities” (CDFW 2018). In areas along reservoir shorelines, where changes in hydrology and geomorphology could occur due to the Project, surveys were focused on the locations of known and potential occurrences of special-status plants documented during surveys conducted by PacifiCorp (2004) and data obtained from a desktop review of existing databases (CNDDDB, ORBIC, and CNPS).

Following the CDFW protocol, KRRC biologists conducted detailed floristic surveys that entailed identification of every plant taxon observed, to the taxonomic level necessary to determine rarity and listing status. The construction areas include proposed disposal sites (including those considered alternative disposal sites), staging areas, utility line corridors, facility removal areas, and locations where clearing could occur for road modifications such as road widening, turnouts, equipment/material storage, and bridge replacement. In these areas, biologists walked parallel transects generally spaced 5 to 10 meters apart and recorded plant species observed. Biologists also used a boat to survey reservoir shorelines, focusing on areas of suitable habitat and locations of known and potential occurrences of special-status plants. GPS coordinates were recorded for all observed special-status plants, along with descriptions of habitat conditions and proximity to proposed work activities or other notable features.

In consideration of the various peak bloom times of the focal species listed in Table 5-1, the KRRC biologists planned three surveys: early season (April), mid-season (May), and late season (July). The mid-season and part of the late season surveys were conducted in 2018, as described in the 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resources Survey Report (KRRC 2019a). The April early season survey was not conducted in 2018, due to lack of access to PacifiCorp lands. A July 2018 wildfire in the California portion of the study area restricted the late-season survey to the J.C. Boyle Reservoir study area. Therefore, KRRC planned follow-up surveys in 2019 to include the April early-season survey and the July late-season survey (California only). Additionally, any areas that were insufficiently surveyed during 2018 were surveyed in 2019. This included the proposed

Fall Creek Hatchery area and river reach between Copco and Iron Gate Reservoirs. Lastly, biologists visited the locations of unconfirmed, historical sightings during the appropriate bloom times to confirm the occurrences of specific species.



**Photograph 5-2 Bristly Sedge (*Carex comosa*)**

The April 2019 special-status plant survey was specifically scheduled to coincide with the bloom time of Gentner’s fritillary. During survey planning, KRRC biologists obtained information from CDFW and USFS botanists on the 2019 phenology at known reference populations to confirm the appropriate timing of the survey in the Project area. Biologists visited a reference population of Gentner’s fritillary in Jacksonville, Oregon on April 21, 2019 to confirm that the species was blooming. Biologists took this

opportunity to familiarize themselves with the morphological and habitat characteristics of the species to aid in differentiating it from the more common fritillary species, scarlet fritillary (*Fritillaria recurva*), which is very similar in appearance and occupies the same habitat.



The July 2019 special-status plant survey was scheduled to coincide with the late-blooming species shown in Table 5-1, including Greene's mariposa-lily, Bolander's sunflower, Howell's yampah, fleshy sage, and pendulous bulrush. KRRC biologists conducted the survey in the vicinity of Iron Gate Reservoir and Copco Lake from July 15 through July 19, 2019. In addition, during the week of July 22 through July 26, 2019, an AECOM biologist visited the locations of special-status plant observations from the July 2018 survey in the vicinity of J.C. Boyle Reservoir.

## 5.3 Findings

As shown on Figures 5-1 through 5-3 and presented in Table 5-2 below, biologists identified eight special-status plant species in the Project area during the 2018 and 2019 surveys, as follows:



**Photograph 5-3** Greene's Mariposa-lily (*Calochortus greenii*)

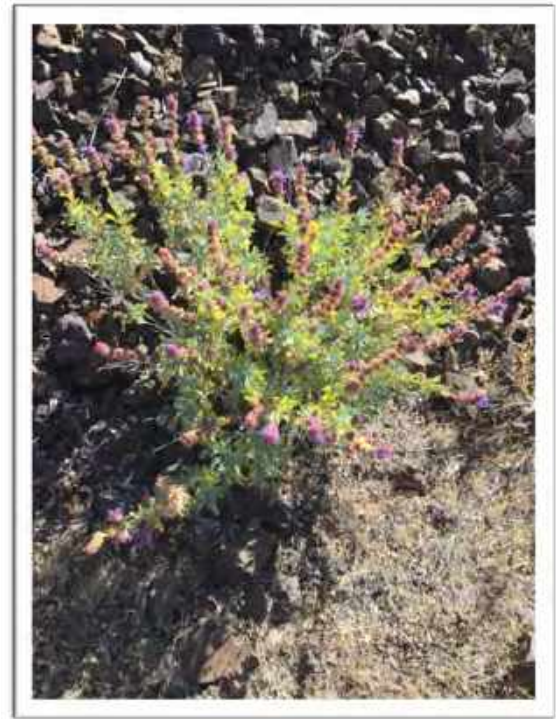
- Greene's mariposa-lily (*Calochortus greenii*): KRRC biologists observed numerous *Calochortus* plants in construction areas in the Project area, including at the Iron Gate alternative upland disposal site and along utility corridors in the vicinity of Iron Gate Reservoir and Copco Lake during surveys completed in April 2019. Although plants were not in bloom when first observed in April 2019; the species designation was confirmed as *Calochortus greenii* when sites were revisited in July 2019.
- Detling's silverpuffs (*Microseris laciniata* ssp. *detlingii*). KRRC biologists confirmed a previously documented CNDDDB occurrence at the Iron Gate alternative upland disposal site. New occurrences were also observed and mapped along utility corridors along the southeastern side of the Iron Gate Reservoir and south of the Copco No. 2 bypass reach.
- Bristly sedge (*Carex comosa*): In July 2019, KRRC biologists observed and mapped plants throughout the wetland complex along the eastern shore of the J.C. Boyle Reservoir. The location of a historical occurrence south of the Highway 66 bridge was visited during the field surveys and *Carex* was present, but because the plants were not in flower, the species is unconfirmed south of the bridge.
- Bolander's sunflower (*Helianthus bolanderi*): In July 2019, KRRC biologists observed and mapped plants in utility corridors along the northern side of Iron Gate Reservoir and between Iron Gate Reservoir and Copco Lake. Biologists also observed and mapped one occurrence along the eastern side of the J.C. Boyle Reservoir in July 2019.

**Table 5-2 Special-Status Plant Observations by Reservoir**

Species	Observation Location		
	Iron Gate Reservoir	Copco Lake	J.C. Boyle Reservoir
Greene's mariposa-lily ( <i>Calochortus greenei</i> )	Several locations in the vicinity of the Iron Gate Reservoir, including within the footprint of the Iron Gate alternative upland disposal site	Along utility corridors between the Copco No. 1 and Copco No. 2 Dams, and between Copco No. 2 Dam and Daggett Road bridge	
Detling's silverpuffs ( <i>Microseris laciniata</i> ssp. <i>detlingii</i> )	Present in the Iron Gate alternative upland disposal site; also along utility corridor on the southeastern side of the reservoir	Along the utility corridor between Copco No. 2 Dam and Daggett Road Bridge	
Bolander's sunflower ( <i>Helianthus bolanderi</i> )	Present in the Iron Gate disposal area east of the dam; present in the transmission line corridor to west of Jenny Creek confluence	Observed in the transmission line corridor northwest of the reservoir	A large group was observed on the eastern shore in Klamath Sportsman's Park
Fleshy Sage ( <i>Salvia dorrii</i> var. <i>incana</i> )	Two locations near Iron Gate Reservoir; both in proximity to but outside of the construction footprint for removal of utility poles		
Western Yampah ( <i>Perideridia erythrorhiza</i> )			North of the J.C. Boyle Dam in a dry meadow; will likely be outside the area of impact from the drawdown of the reservoir
Bristly Sedge ( <i>Carex comosa</i> )			Observed in three locations in Klamath Sportsman Park wetlands on the eastern shore north of the Highway 66 bridge
Greene's Four O'clock ( <i>Mirabilis greenei</i> )	Observed in the utility corridor on the northeastern side of the reservoir	Observed in four locations along the northern side of the Klamath River, downstream of the Copco No. 2 Dam	
Purple-flowered Washington Lily ( <i>Lilium washingtonianum</i> ssp. <i>Purpurascens</i> )	Near the Fall Creek diversion	Along the northern side of Copco Lake; several observations in mountain seep-associated wetlands along the northwestern shore of the reservoir	
Strapleaf willow ( <i>Salix ligulifolia</i> )			Observed along the river just downstream of the J.C. Boyle Dam



- Purple-flowered Washington lily (*Lilium washingtonianum* ssp. *purpurascens*): Biologists recorded a potential observation at one location near the Fall Creek diversion in July 2019. The plant was not in bloom; however, the location is consistent with a confirmed observation of the species in 2018. In July 2019, KRRRC biologists observed several plants in bloom, enabling a positive identification, along Copco Road on the northern side of Copco Lake and coinciding with a series of hillside seeps.
- Greene's four o'clock (*Mirabilis greenei*): In April and July 2019, KRRRC biologists observed this species in two locations where disturbances resulting from utility pole removal may occur: 1) near the location of the fleshy sage described below, and 2) north of the Klamath River approximately 0.3 mile west of the intersection of Copco Road and Daggett Road.
- Western yampah (*Perideridia erythrorhiza*): In July 2019, KRRRC biologists verified a previously documented population north of the J.C. Boyle Dam. The plants were in a dry meadow and would likely be outside of the area impacted by drawdown of the reservoir.
- Fleshy sage (*Salvia dorrii* var. *incana*): In July 2019, KRRRC biologists confirmed a previously documented CNDDDB occurrence and mapped a population near a culvert along the southeastern side of the Iron Gate Reservoir. Several plant locations along utility corridors on the northern side of Iron Gate Reservoir were also recorded.
- Strapleaf willow (*Salix ligulifolia*): In July 2019, KRRRC biologists confirmed a previously documented ORBIC occurrence along the river just below the J.C. Boyle Dam.



**Photograph 5-4 Fleshy Sage (*Salvia dorrii* var. *incana*)**

## 5.4 Conclusions

In summary, the KRRRC biologists documented special-status plants in the Project area, including at locations that will potentially be disturbed during construction. These findings are consistent with findings of previous surveys conducted in 2018.

Special-status plant surveys have been completed in accordance with the survey work plan (see Appendix J of the Definite Plan [KRRRC 2018]). KRRRC is not planning additional surveys.

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## **Chapter 6 Wetlands**



## 6. WETLANDS

### 6.1 Introduction

Wetland and riparian habitats occur throughout the Project area wherever persistent surface water features occur (e.g., streams, seeps, springs, Project reservoirs, or other sources of hydrology). Wetlands are regulated at both the state and federal levels by resource agencies including the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), CDFW, and the Oregon Department of State Lands (ODSL); riparian habitats are only subject to jurisdiction by California agencies (i.e., CDFW and the State Water Resources Control Board). Restoration of the historical Klamath River channel following dam removal is expected to result in a net increase of wetland and riparian acreage; however, some areas may experience a reduction or a loss of associated water sources resulting from reservoir drawdown. This could result in the temporary or permanent loss of some wetlands or riparian areas that primarily depend on reservoir waters for hydrology. Consequently, KRRC developed wetland investigation methodologies in close coordination with USACE, ODSL, and CDFW to characterize existing conditions for wetlands and other waters (including riparian habitats in California). The methodology included determining the primary hydrology source maintaining each assessment area. The results of the wetland delineation work are provided in detail in the separate *2019 Wetland Investigation Summary Report* (KRRC 2020).



**Photograph 6-1** Wetland along Shoreline of Copco Lake

To evaluate potential direct impacts on existing habitats, KRRC wetland scientists delineated wetlands in the portions of the Project area where ground-disturbing activities are anticipated to occur (e.g., disposal sites). KRRC wetland scientists also mapped wetlands along the reservoir margins, stream-associated wetlands, and non-wetland riparian vegetation outside of direct construction areas that may experience changes in hydrological conditions resulting from reservoir drawdown or the removal of other dam infrastructure.

## 6.2 Methods

Prior to the field investigations, KRRC scientists identified wetland investigation sites through a review of previous vegetation and wetland surveys and pertinent agency databases. This included PacifiCorp surveys conducted in 2002 (as reported in PacifiCorp 2004), 2018 KRRC vegetation community mapping (KRRC 2019a), high-resolution aerial imagery, the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (USFWS 2019), and the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey (NRCS 2019).

KRRC wetland scientists conducted wetland delineation and mapping field surveys from May 6 through May 17, 2019, and from July 15 through July 25, 2019. KRRC wetland scientists delineated wetlands in accordance with the 1987 United States Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and the Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region Regional Supplement. In the Oregon portion of the Project, scientists applied the Oregon Rapid Wetland Assessment Protocol (ORWAP) to assess functional values of wetlands in construction areas, as described in Section 6.2.2.

The May 2019 investigations focused primarily on areas where ground-disturbing activities are planned to occur (e.g., disposal areas, staging areas, or bridge replacements) and where hydrology sources were identified to be independent of the Klamath River or Project reservoirs. The July 2019 investigations focused on mapping wetlands along and adjacent to reservoir shorelines and sections of the Klamath River within the limits of work, and on confirming preliminary findings by revisiting areas where problematic conditions were encountered in May 2019. Survey teams mapped non-wetland riparian areas on the California side of the Project in both May and July. Non-wetland riparian areas were not mapped in Oregon; however, the vegetation community mapping does identify willow-dominated communities that are often indicators of riparian conditions (see Section 7 for an update to willow vegetation community mapping provided in the 2018 annual report [KRRC 2019a]).

### 6.2.1 Wetland Delineation

In accordance with the USACE methodology, KRRC scientists first identified areas that exhibited potential wetland characteristics (e.g., hydrophytic vegetation) and then conducted evaluations of representative wetland determination plots to determine whether the area met the requirements for hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology. Field crews selected determination plots in areas with conditions that were representative of the entire wetland area. Figures 6-1, 6-2, and 6-3 depict the areas investigated for wetlands in the vicinity of Iron Gate Reservoir, Copco Lake, and J.C. Boyle Reservoir, respectively. In addition to the areas shown on the figures, the entire reservoir margin was also surveyed.

When the presence of a wetland was confirmed, field teams mapped the wetland boundary to submeter accuracy using a handheld GPS device (Trimble Geo 7X). For sites containing a defined stream channel, wetland scientists mapped the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) and the riparian corridor boundary (RCB) to delineate the extent of federal (e.g., OHWM constitutes waters of the United States) and state jurisdictional boundaries (e.g., RCB constitutes waters of the State under CDFW jurisdiction). In areas where private property or safety concerns prevented access to wetlands or riparian vegetation, surveyors used an alternative mapping approach. This consisted of using ArcGIS Collector, a mobile data collection application that provides a map-driven interface that allows the user to capture spatial data from a distance. Collector



was only used to map study areas where line of sight was unimpeded and mapped points could be corroborated with visual observations and aerial imagery.

In several cases, multiple wetlands exhibited sufficiently similar soil, vegetation, and hydrological conditions that they could be appropriately characterized by a single set of paired wetland and upland USACE determination plots recorded for a single representative wetland. For example, wetlands dominated by hardstem bulrush (*Schoenoplectus acutus*) occurring intermittently along the shoreline of each reservoir consistently exhibited very similar characteristics in terms of vegetation, hydrology, and soils. Given their similarity, these wetlands were characterized by at least one representative determination plot at each reservoir. Using this approach, at least one representative set of paired wetland and upland determination plots was evaluated for each wetland type observed at each reservoir.

### 6.2.2 Oregon Rapid Wetland Assessment Protocol

Based on direction from ODSL, KRRC wetland scientists conducted an additional wetland functions and values assessment in the Oregon portion of the Project area using the ORWAP. ORWAP consists of a series of field and desktop evaluations that provide a standardized, regionally tailored, rapid procedure for estimating the functions and values of wetlands occurring in the state of Oregon (Adamus et al. 2016). ORWAP was conducted in areas where the hydrology is independent from the Klamath River or J.C. Boyle Reservoir (e.g., J.C. Boyle alternative upland disposal site).



**Photograph 6-2 Wetland with Hydrology Independent of the Reservoirs**

### 6.2.3 Riparian Vegetation Mapping

CDFW jurisdiction includes ephemeral, intermittent, and perennial watercourses, and can extend to habitats adjacent to watercourses. Wetlands and riparian vegetation near watercourses would be considered “habitats adjacent to watercourses” and are thus subject to jurisdiction by the CDFW under Sections 1600 through 1616 of the California Fish and Game Code. To delineate CDFW jurisdictional boundaries, KRRRC wetland scientists mapped riparian areas associated with relatively permanent (e.g., reservoir, river, perennial stream, spring, or pond) and semi-permanent (e.g., ephemeral channels) water bodies within the limits



**Photograph 6-3 Riparian Vegetation at Jenny Creek**

of work. Riparian areas generally had hydrophytic vegetation but failed to meet one or more of the remaining wetland parameters (i.e., hydrology and hydric soils), and thus were classified as non-wetland, riparian habitat. KRRRC wetland scientists determined the upslope edge of riparian areas by mapping the line where vegetation transitioned from hydrophytic vegetation to vegetation more representative of dry, upland areas in terms of species composition and density. Upland habitat typically consisted of sparsely vegetated, rocky hillslopes. The riparian boundary was mapped to submeter accuracy using a handheld GPS device or ArcGIS Collector, as previously described for wetland delineations.

Riparian delineation methods were informed by definitions and procedures described in the California Riparian Habitat Joint Venture’s 2006 Comparison of Methods to Map California Riparian Areas (Collins et al. 2006).

### 6.2.4 Determination of Hydrology Source

KRRRC wetland scientists evaluated the primary source of hydrology for each wetland and riparian area to determine whether the hydrology was mainly dependent on reservoir waters or on other sources. Hydrology was characterized according to the following classifications:





**Photograph 6-4 Wetlands along Spencer Creek**

- **Reservoir-dependent:** the primary hydrology is associated with one of the Project reservoirs.
- **Infrastructure-dependent:** the primary hydrology is associated with infrastructure related to operation of the dams that will be removed as part of the Project (e.g., the Copco wood-stave penstock).
- **Non-reservoir-dependent:** the primary hydrology is associated with the Klamath River, a stream or seep, precipitation, or another source.

## 6.3 Findings

A summary of survey findings organized by reservoir area is provided in the following sections. Total wetland and riparian acreages by reservoir are presented in Table 6-1 and described below.

**Table 6-1 Summary of 2018-2019 Wetland Investigation Findings**

	Location		
	Iron Gate Reservoir	Copco Lake	J.C. Boyle Reservoir
<b>Total Wetlands</b>	<b>21.2 acres</b>	<b>12.9 acres</b>	<b>40.0 acres</b>
Reservoir-Dependent <sup>1</sup> Wetlands	9.6 acres	9.4 acres	38.1 acres
Non-Reservoir-Dependent Wetlands	11.6 acres	3.5 acres	1.9 acres
<b>Total Riparian Vegetation<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>40.8 acres</b>	<b>32.2 acres</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Reservoir-Dependent Vegetation	10.2 acres	5.3 acres	n/a
Non-Reservoir-Dependent Riparian Vegetation	30.6 acres	26.9 acres	n/a

**Notes:**

- 1 This total also includes acreage for areas that are dependent on dam-related infrastructure to support wetland hydrology.
- 2 Riparian areas not mapped in Oregon.

### 6.3.1 Iron Gate Reservoir Area

KRRC wetland scientists characterized 134 individual wetlands and 122 riparian zones in the Iron Gate Reservoir area. This area comprised the following 17 general assessment areas between the proposed Fall Creek fish hatchery and the western extent of the proposed limits of work (Figure 6-1):

- Dry Creek Bridge
- Lakeview Road Bridge
- Iron Gate Disposal Area
- Long Gulch Cove
- Iron Gate Culvert 1
- Iron Gate Culverts 2 and 3
- Mirror Cove South Culvert
- Mirror Cove North Culvert
- Juniper Point Culvert
- Scotch Creek
- Camp Creek
- Wanaka Springs Recreation Site
- Jenny Creek Bridge and Cove
- Reservoir Margin
- Yreka Water Supply Pipeline Crossing Area
- Fall Creek Confluence, Daggett Road Bridge, and Staging Areas
- Fall Creek Bridge and Fish Hatchery

These assessment areas correspond to areas where direct impacts resulting from ground-disturbing activities may occur, such as culvert/bridge replacement and upgrades (e.g., Scotch Creek, Dutch Creek, Camp Creek, and Lakeview Road Bridge), recreation site restoration (e.g., Wanaka Springs Recreation Site), and infrastructure improvements (e.g., Fall Creek Hatchery and Yreka Water Supply Pipeline Crossing Area). In addition, these locations represent areas where hydrological changes are expected to affect existing wetlands (e.g., Jenny Creek and Reservoir Margin). Additional sites were evaluated along access routes to characterize existing conditions in the event that future plans require road modifications (e.g., Mirror Cove North and South and Iron Gate Culverts 1 through 3). As noted in Table 6-1, KRRC wetland scientists mapped 21.2 acres of wetlands and 40.8 acres of non-wetland riparian vegetation for areas associated with Iron Gate Reservoir. In all, 9.6 acres of wetland and 10.2 acres of riparian area were classified as dependent on reservoir hydrology.

### 6.3.2 Copco Lake Area

KRRC wetland scientists characterized 110 individual wetlands and 52 riparian zones in the Copco Lake area. This area comprised the following 14 general assessment areas between the Copco powerhouse and the eastern extent of the limits of work in California, east of the Copco Road Bridge (Figure 6-2):

- Copco No. 2 Wooden Penstock
- Transmission Corridor Pasture
- Copco Borrow Site, Staging Area, and Disposal Area
- Northern Shore Seeps
- Northern Shore Cove #1
- Beaver Creek Confluence and Culvert
- Patricia Road Culverts
- Raymond Gulch
- Northern Shore Cove #2
- Mallard Cove
- Northern Shore Cove #3
- Northern Shore Cove #4
- Shoreline East of Copco Road Bridge
- Reservoir Margin



These assessment areas can be broadly categorized as either areas where ground-disturbing work is anticipated to occur (e.g., Copco Borrow Site, Staging Area and Disposal Area, Copco No. 2 Wooden Penstock, Raymond Gulch, and Beaver Creek Confluence and Culvert) or areas where changes in hydrological conditions resulting from reservoir drawdown are anticipated (e.g., Mallard Cove and Reservoir Margin). As previously noted, some additional sites were evaluated in the event that future road modifications are required (e.g., North Shore Seeps, Northern Shore Cove 1 to 4, and Patricia Road Culverts). As noted in Table 6-1, wetland scientists mapped 12.9 acres of wetlands and 32.2 acres of riparian vegetation in the Copco Lake area. In all, 9.4 acres of wetland and 5.3 acres of riparian area were classified as reservoir-dependent or infrastructure-dependent.

### 6.3.3 J.C. Boyle Reservoir Area

KRRC wetland scientists characterized 46 individual wetlands in the J.C. Boyle Reservoir area. This area comprised the following 16 general assessment areas, encompassing the extent of the proposed limits of work in the state of Oregon (Figure 6-3):

- Powerhouse and Tailrace
- Access Road South of Scour Hole
- J.C. Boyle Power Canal and Access Road
- Power Canal Exit Ramp
- Rafter Access Point
- Base of J.C. Boyle Dam
- J.C. Boyle Alternative Upland Disposal Site
- Southwest Cove
- Topsy Campground Cove
- Ephemeral Stream – Western Shore
- Ephemeral Drainage – Eastern Shore
- Pioneer Park Day Use Area
- Klamath Sportsman’s Park
- Northwestern Shore
- Spencer Creek Cove and Northern Shore
- Reservoir Margin

Several assessment areas correspond with areas where deconstruction activities will take place (e.g., Powerhouse and tailrace, J.C. Boyle Power Canal and access road, Power Canal exit ramp, and Access road south of scour hole) and areas where road improvements may occur (e.g., northwestern shore and ephemeral stream east), while others represent sites where wetland impacts associated with reservoir drawdown are anticipated (e.g., Klamath Sportsman’s Park, Spencer Creek Cove and northern shore, and reservoir margins). As noted in Table 6-1, wetland scientists mapped 40.0 acres of wetlands in the J.C. Boyle Reservoir area. In all, 38.1 acres of wetland were classified as dependent on reservoir hydrology. Non-wetland riparian areas were not mapped at J.C. Boyle.

## 6.4 Conclusions

KRRC wetland scientists conducted field investigations in May and July of 2019 to characterize and delineate wetlands and riparian zones in the Project area. These efforts were carried out to describe existing environmental conditions and inform the ongoing Project design and regulatory permit processes. The wetland and riparian area delineations are described in detail in a Wetland Delineation Report.

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## **Chapter 7 Errata: 2018 Vegetation Community Mapping**



## 7. ERRATA: 2018 VEGETATION COMMUNITY MAPPING

This section outlines revisions made to the 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resources Survey Report (KRRRC 2019a) subsequent to its distribution as a final report.

During vegetation community mapping in 2018, sandbar willow (*Salix exigua*) was misidentified as Geyer willow (*Salix geyeriana*) in wetlands around the margins of Iron Gate Reservoir and Copco Lake. In addition to correcting the species identification, these errata clarify that Geyer willow thickets, considered a sensitive natural community by CDFW, are not present in the California portion of the Project area. Similarly, bitterbrush scrub, a sensitive natural community in California, is not present in the California portion of the Project area.

The following tables list all revisions to the 2018 report. Table 7-1 lists the changes that apply to the text and Table 7-2 lists changes to the figures in Appendix A of the 2018 report (KRRRC 2019a). The corrected figures (Figures 3 and 11) are included in Appendix B of this 2019 survey report.

**Table 7-1 Text Errata from 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resources Survey Report (KRRRC 2019a)**

Previous Text	Revised Text	Page Number	Chapter or Section Number
Geyer	Sandbar	19	2.2.2 Willow Flycatcher
Bitterbrush scrub	Bitterbrush scrub (found only in Oregon portion of the study area)	64	Table 8-1: Vegetation Alliances Recorded in the Study Area
Not applicable (revised text indicates a new row in Table 8-1)	<i>Salix exigua</i> ; Sandbar willow thicket; Shrub; S4.2; G5	64	Table 8-1: Vegetation Alliances Recorded in the Study Area
Geyer willow thicket	Geyer willow thicket (found only in Oregon portion of the study area)	64	Table 8-1: Vegetation Alliances Recorded in the Study Area
Biologists identified the following sensitive natural communities in the study area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oregon ash groves</li> <li>• Bigleaf maple forest</li> <li>• Oregon white oak woodland</li> <li>• Bitterbrush scrub</li> <li>• Chokecherry thicket</li> <li>• Shining willow grove</li> <li>• Geyer willow thicket</li> </ul>	Biologists identified the following sensitive natural communities in the California portion of the study area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oregon ash groves</li> <li>• Bigleaf maple forest</li> <li>• Oregon white oak woodland</li> <li>• Chokecherry thicket</li> <li>• Shining willow grove</li> </ul>	64 and 65	8.3 Conclusions

**Table 7-2 Figure Errata from 2018 Annual Terrestrial Resources Survey Report (KRRC 2019a, Appendix A)**

Previous Text	Revised Text	Figure Numbers
Geyer willow thicket	Sandbar willow thicket	Figures 3-1 through 3-3; 2018 Willow Flycatcher Habitat and Observations
Geyer willow thicket	Sandbar willow thicket	Figures 11-1 through 11-16 Vegetation Communities



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## **Chapter 9 List of Preparers**



## 9. LIST OF PREPARERS

**Table 8-1 List of Preparers**

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Kacey Bates	Master of Geospatial Information Science and Technology; B.S. Environmental Science	3 years of experience in GIS, geospatial analysis, task automation (Python), data management, cartographic design, water resources, watershed delineation, floodplain delineation, and development of field data collection forms (Collector for ArcGIS, Survey123).
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Name	Education	Qualifications
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Name	Education	Qualifications
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Suzanne Wilkins, AICP, ENV SP	B.S. Business Administration	30 years of experience in environmental planning, CEQA/NEPA; regulatory permitting and compliance, and sustainable infrastructure planning.

**Notes:**

CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act

GIS = Geographic Information System

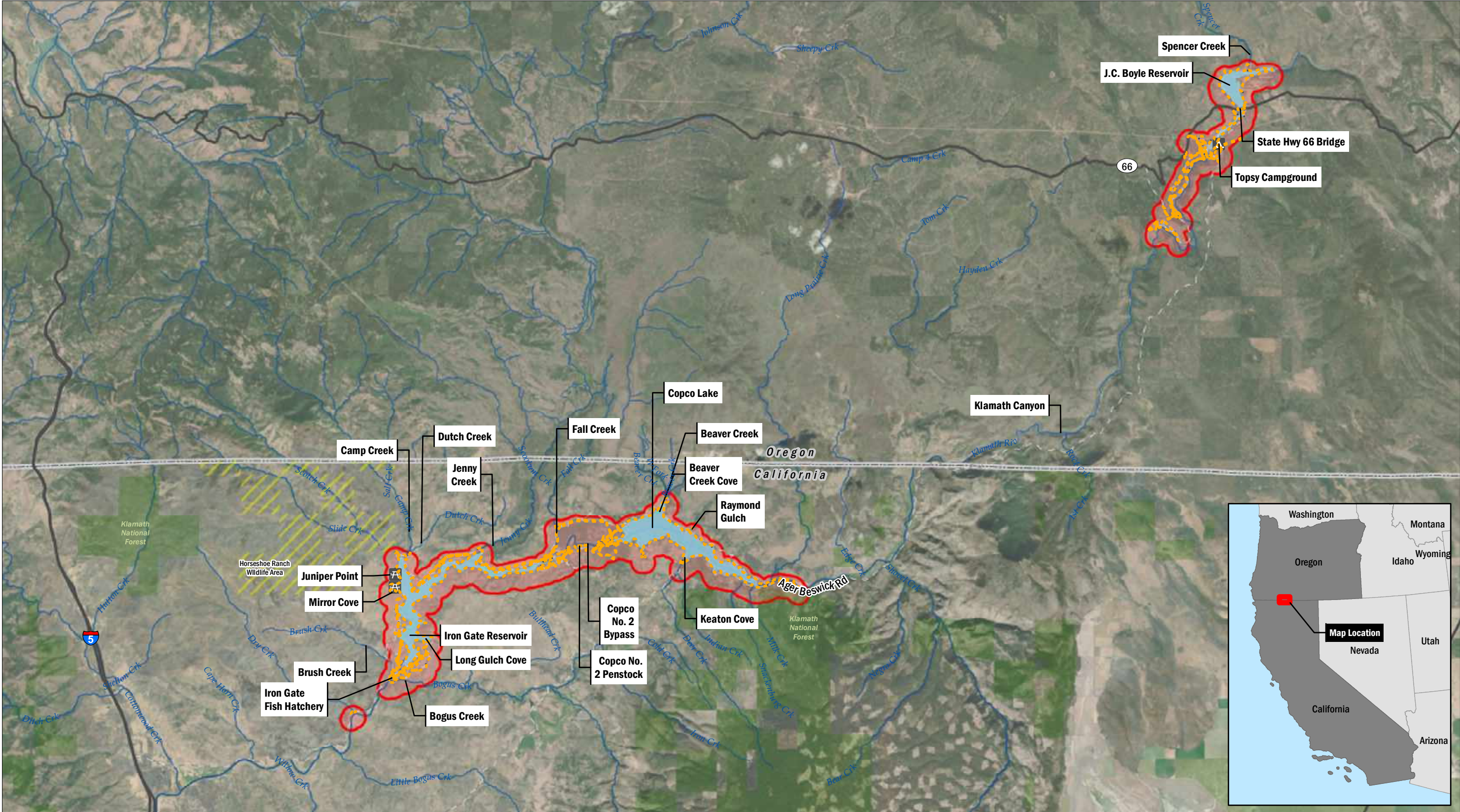
NEPA = National Environmental Policy Act

OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration

USACE = United States Army Corps of Engineers

## Appendix A Figures





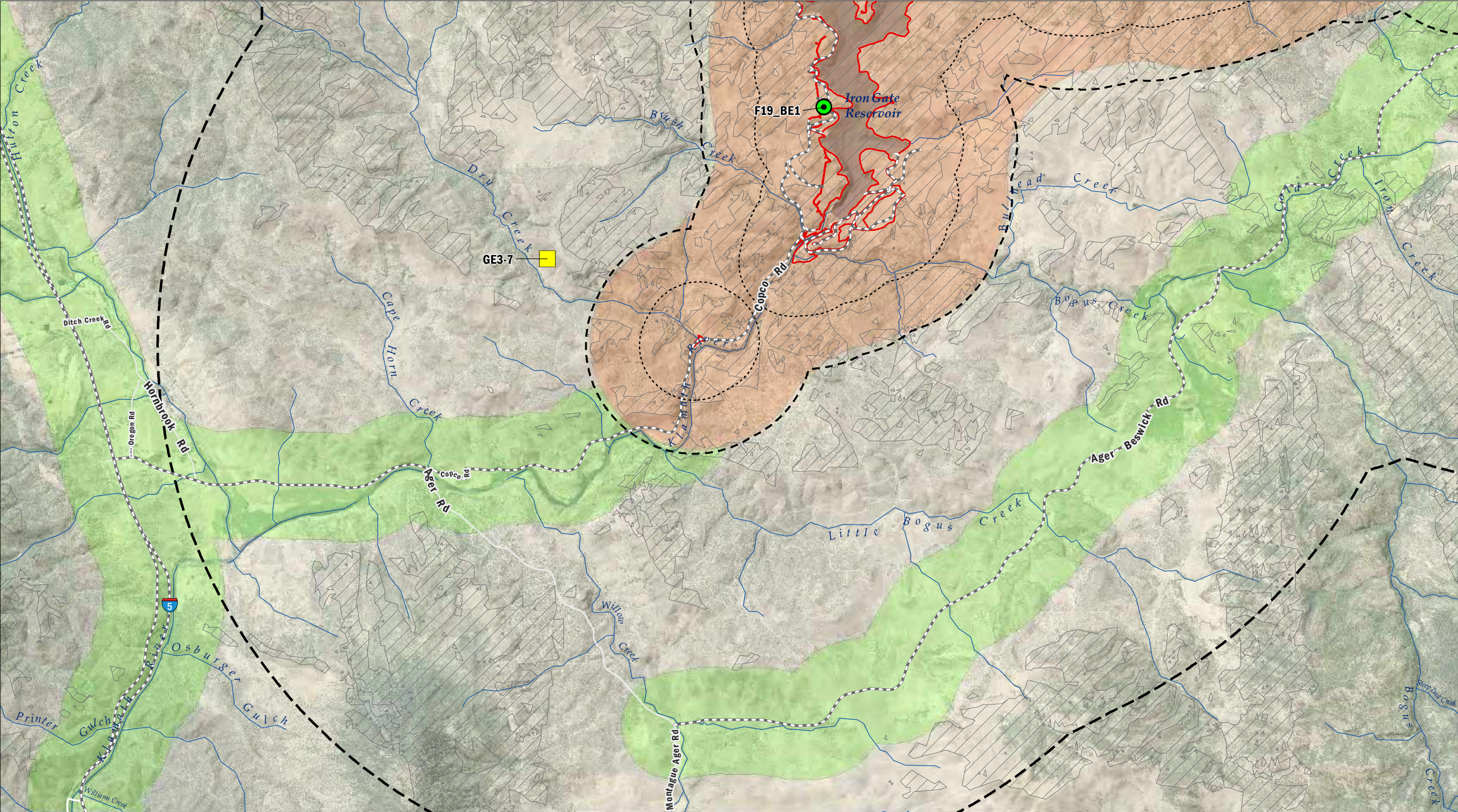
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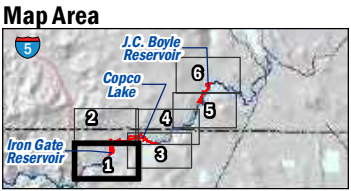
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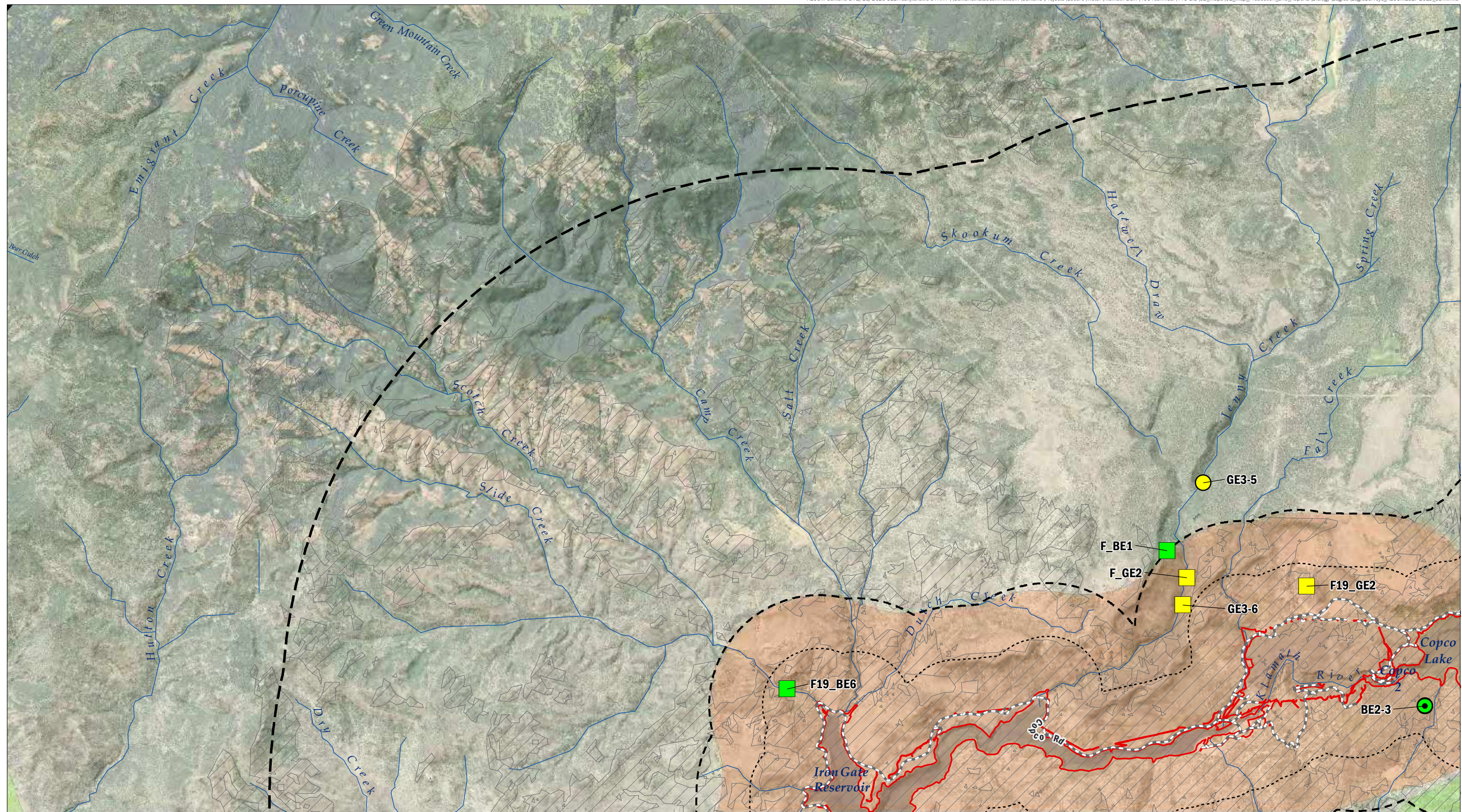
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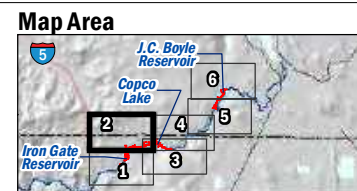
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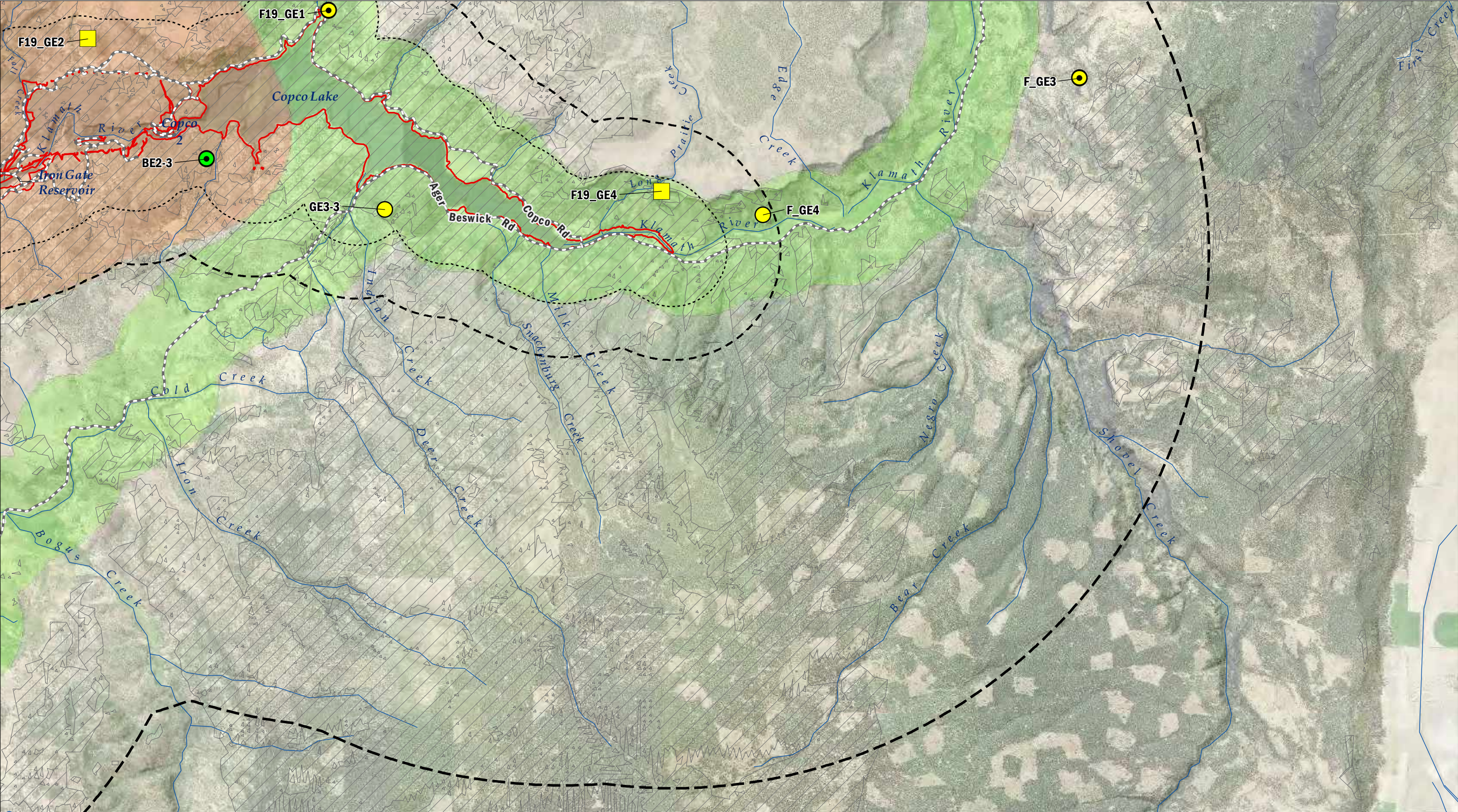
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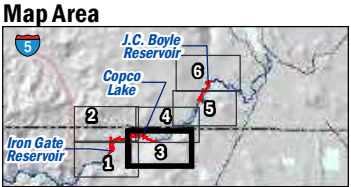
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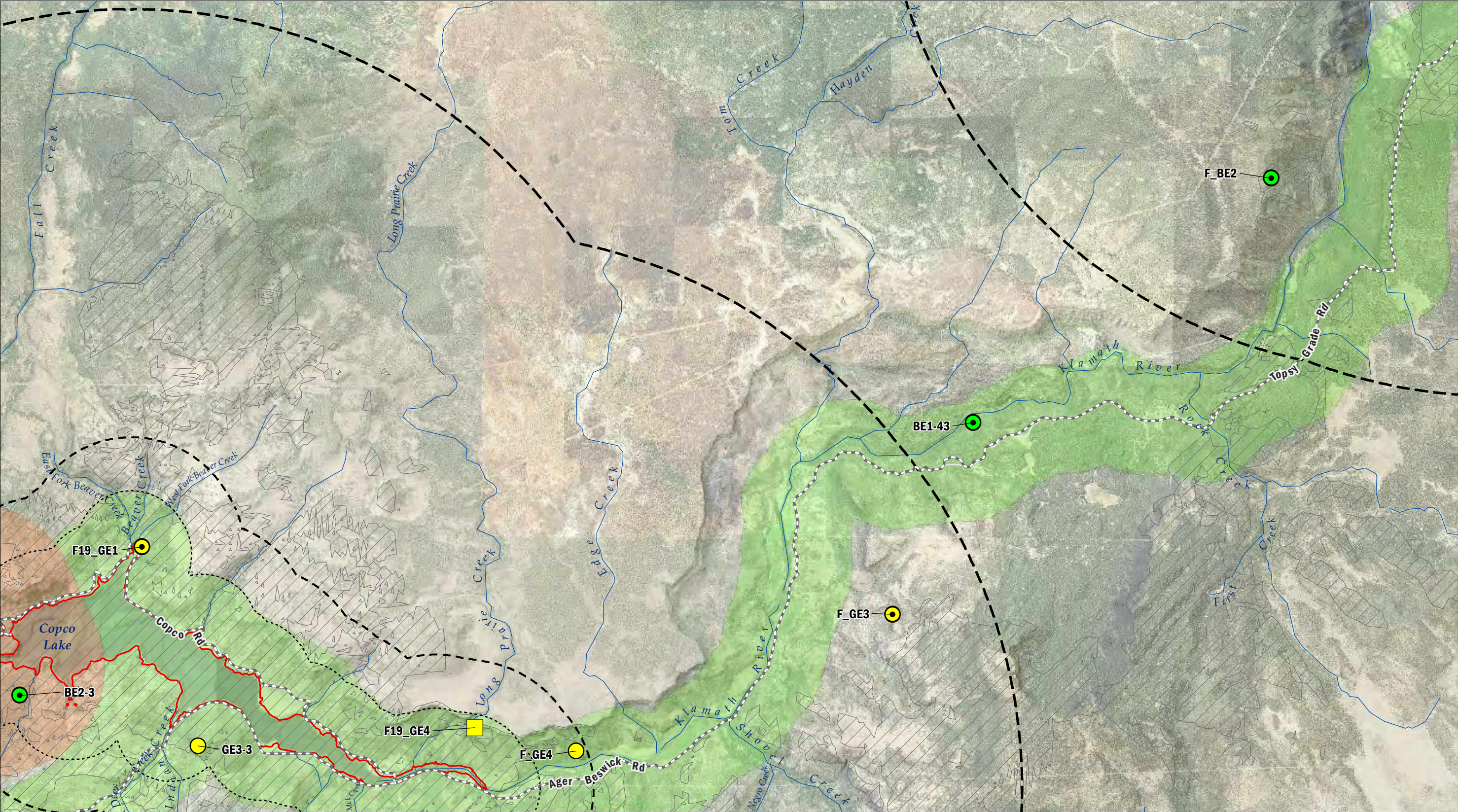
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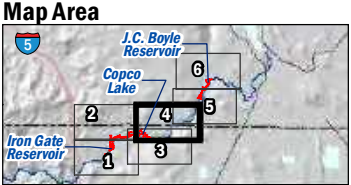
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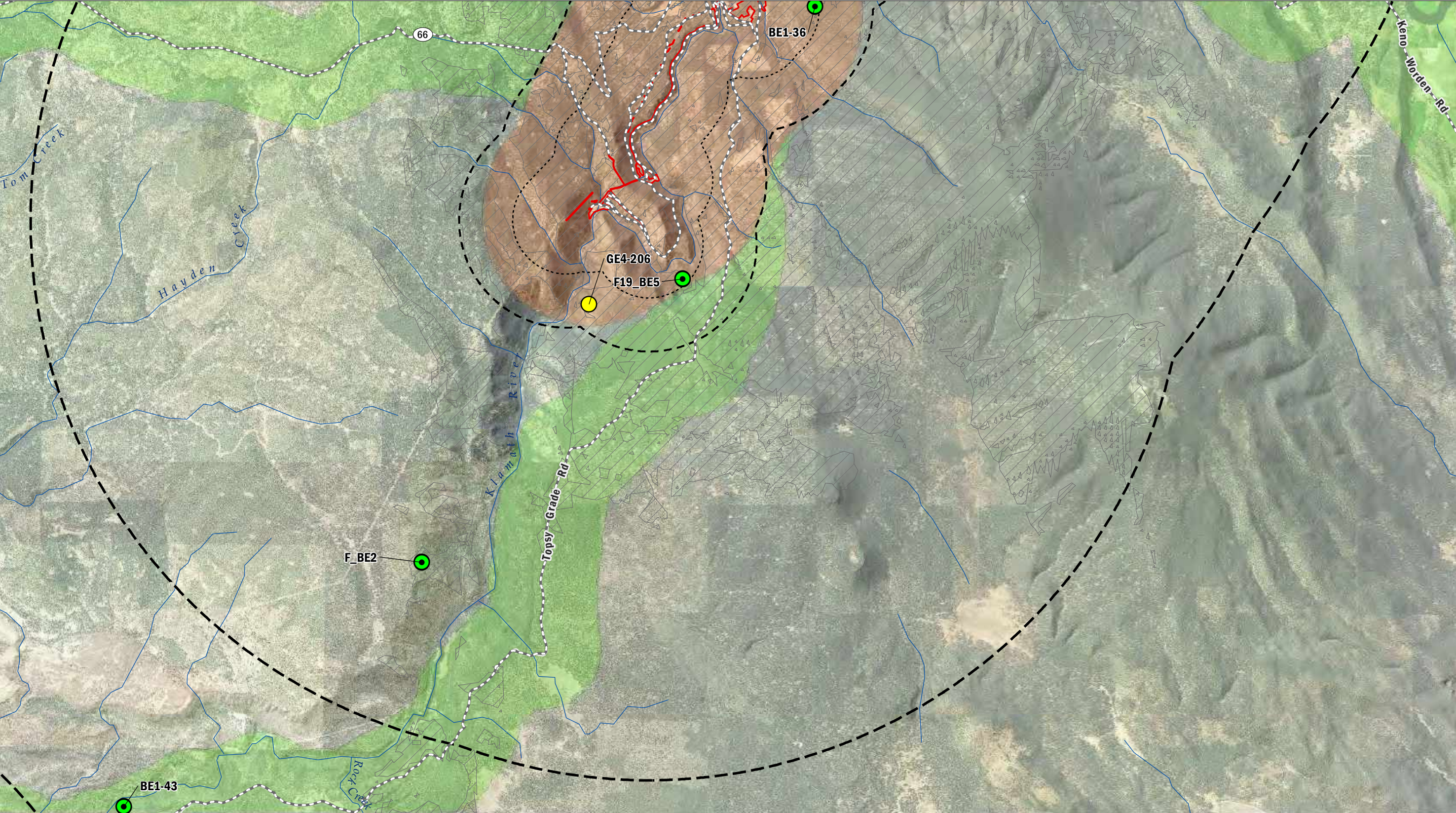
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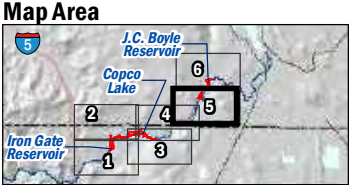
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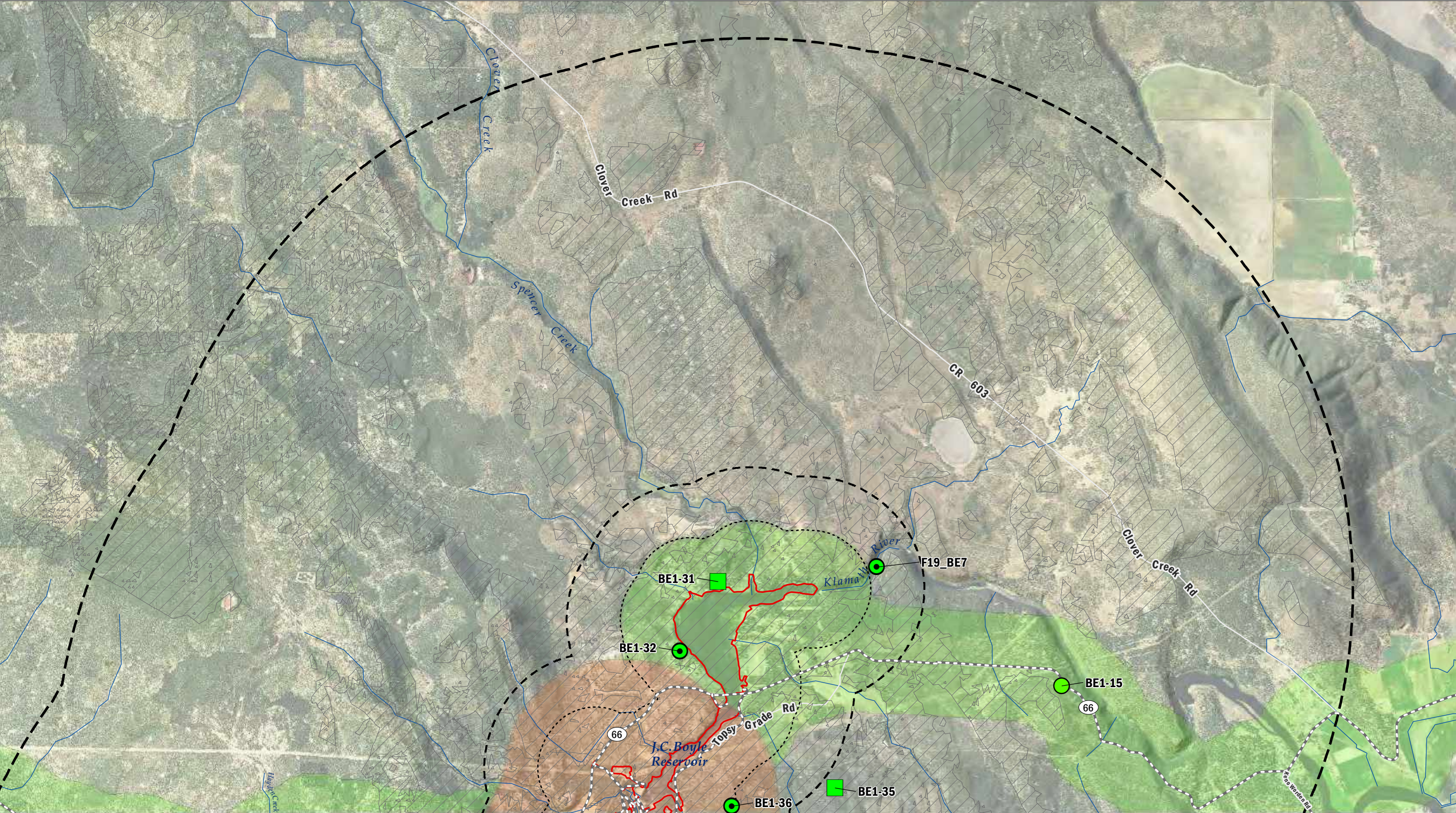
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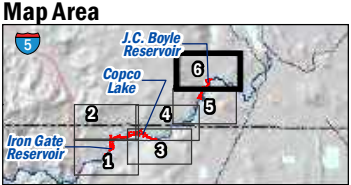
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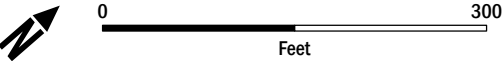
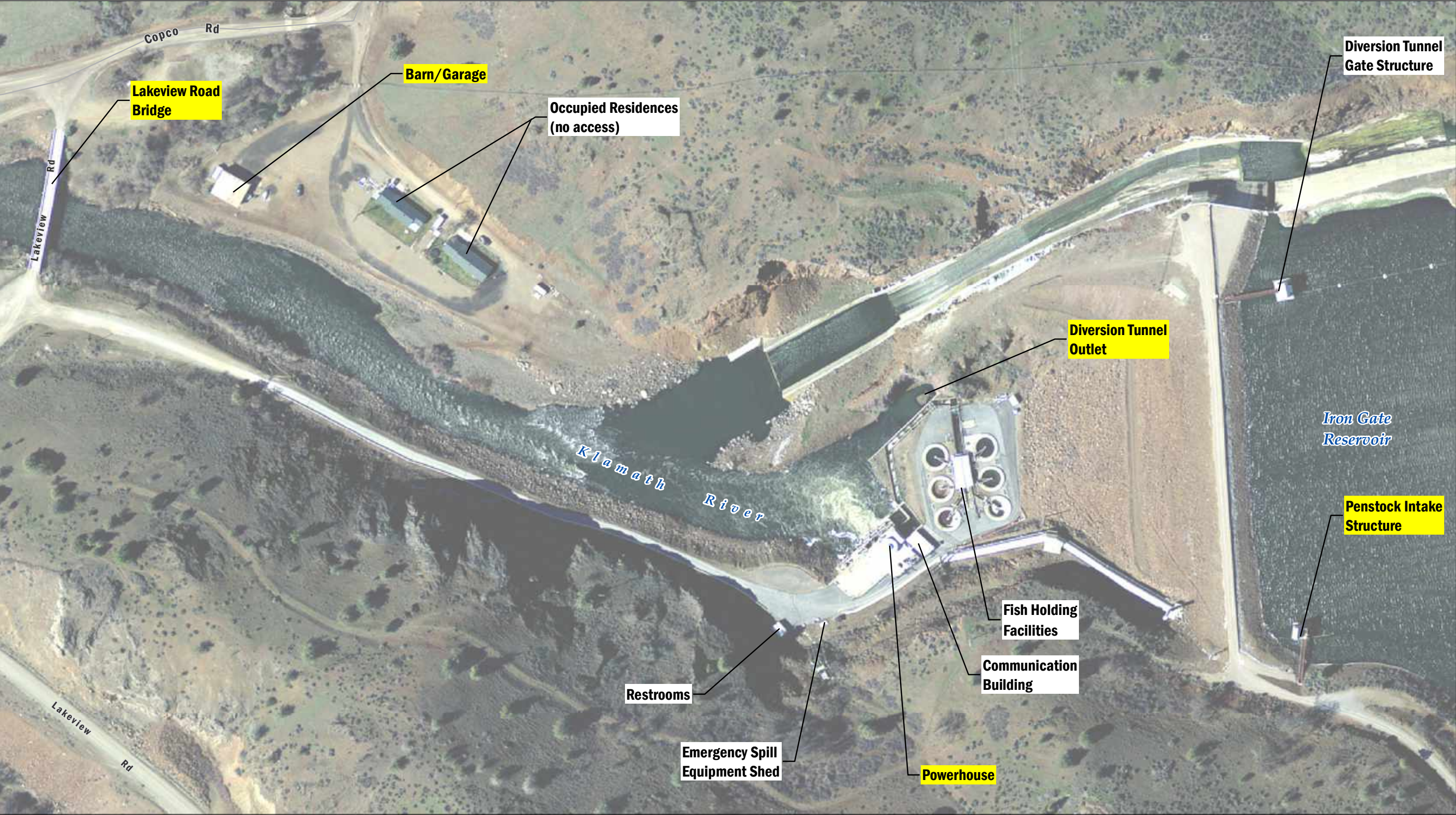
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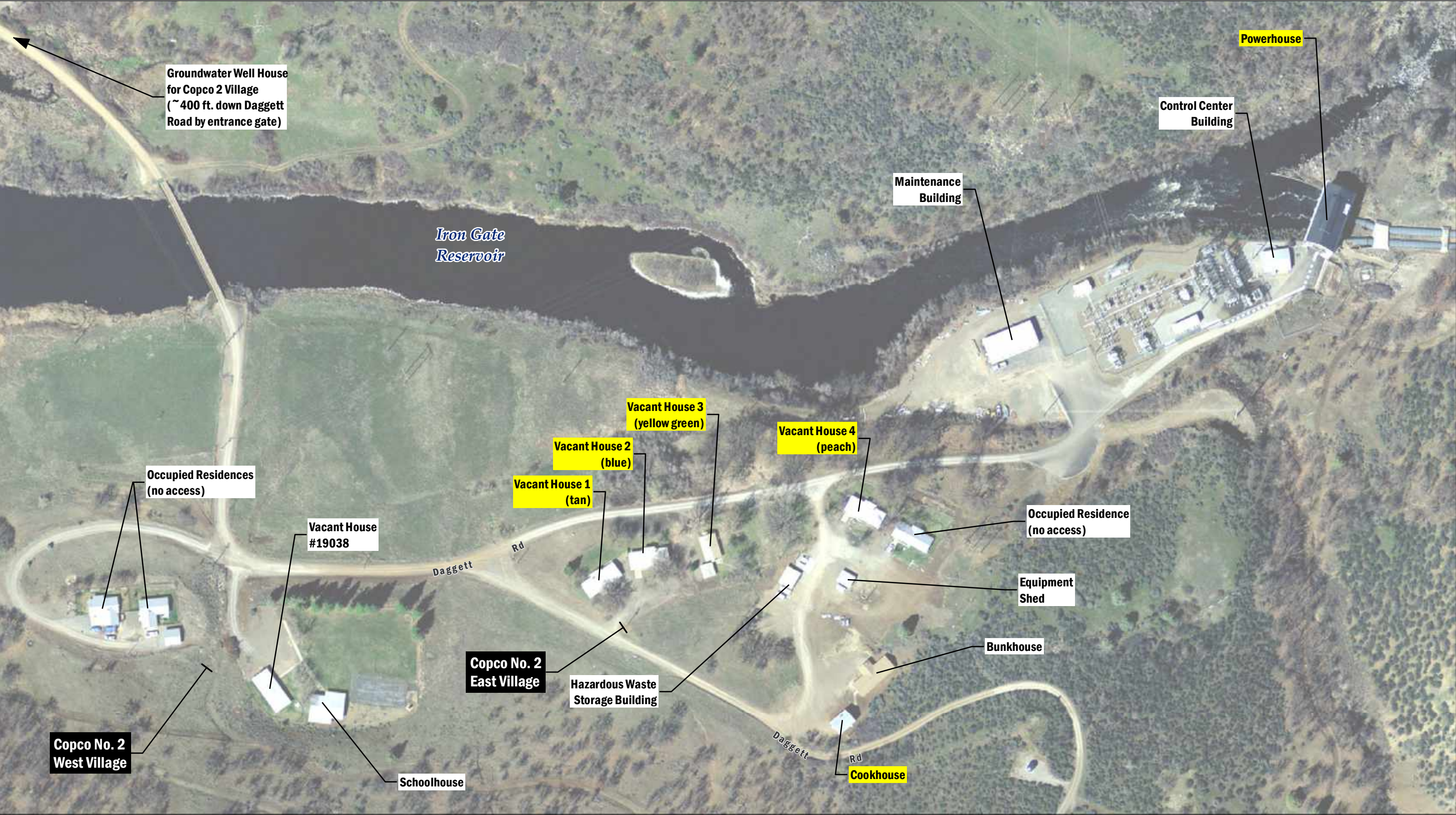
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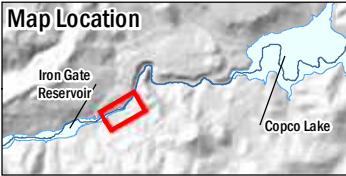
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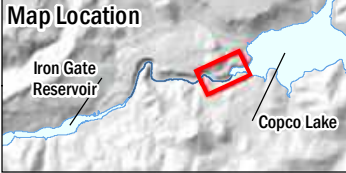
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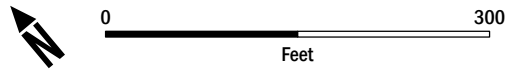
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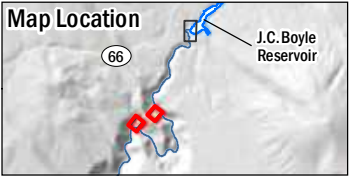
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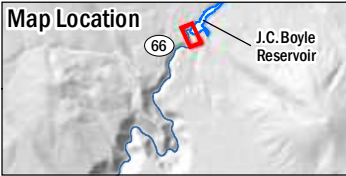
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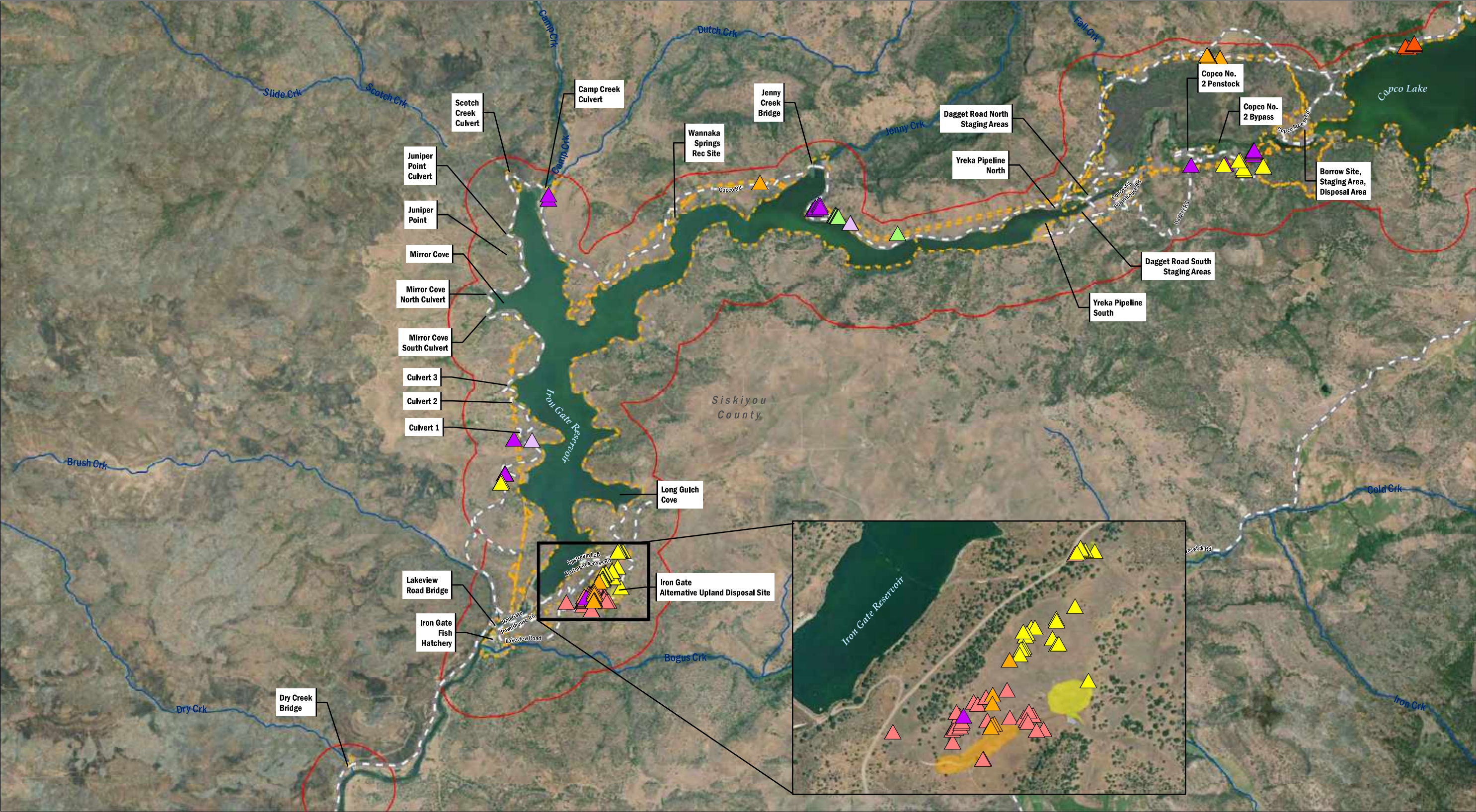
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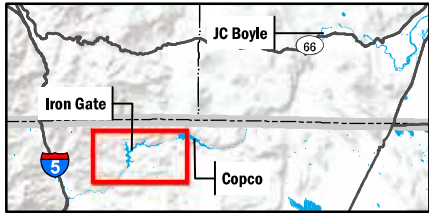
**FIGURE 3-5**  
2017-2019 Bat Surveys  
J.C. Boyle Dam Area





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**Legend**

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- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer
- Access Route
- Special Status Plants (Points)
  - Bolander's sunflower
  - Bristly sedge

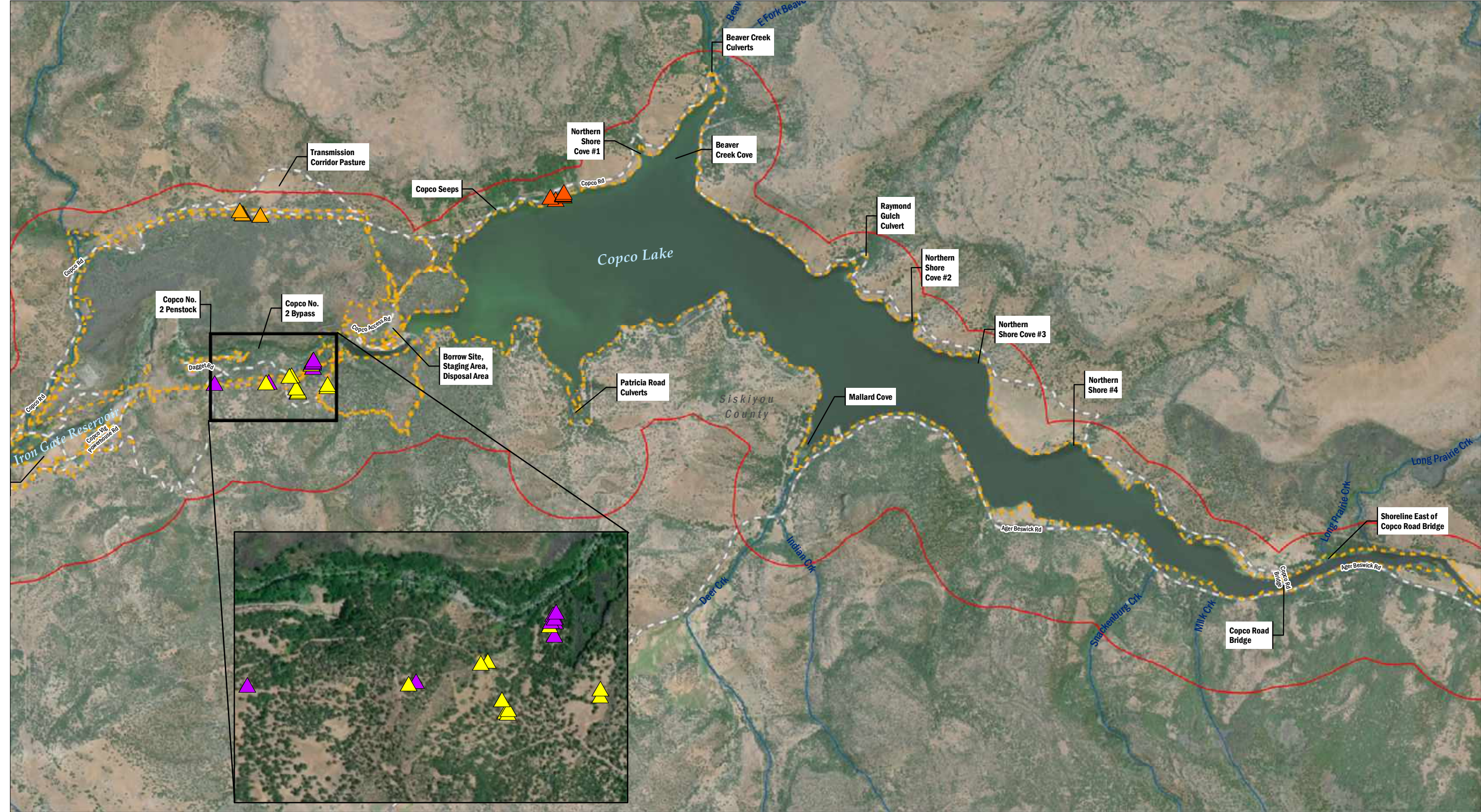
- Calochortus sp.
- Detling's silverpuffs
- Fleshy sage
- Greene's four o'clock
- Greene's mariposa-lily
- Purple-flowered Washington lily

**Special Status Plants (Polygons)**

- Bolander's Sunflower
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- Greene's mariposa-lily
- Western Yampah

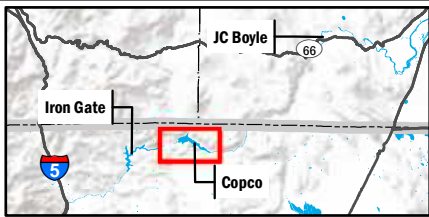
**FIGURE 5-1**  
*2019 Special Status Plants  
Iron Gate Reservoir*





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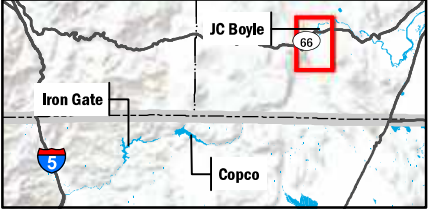
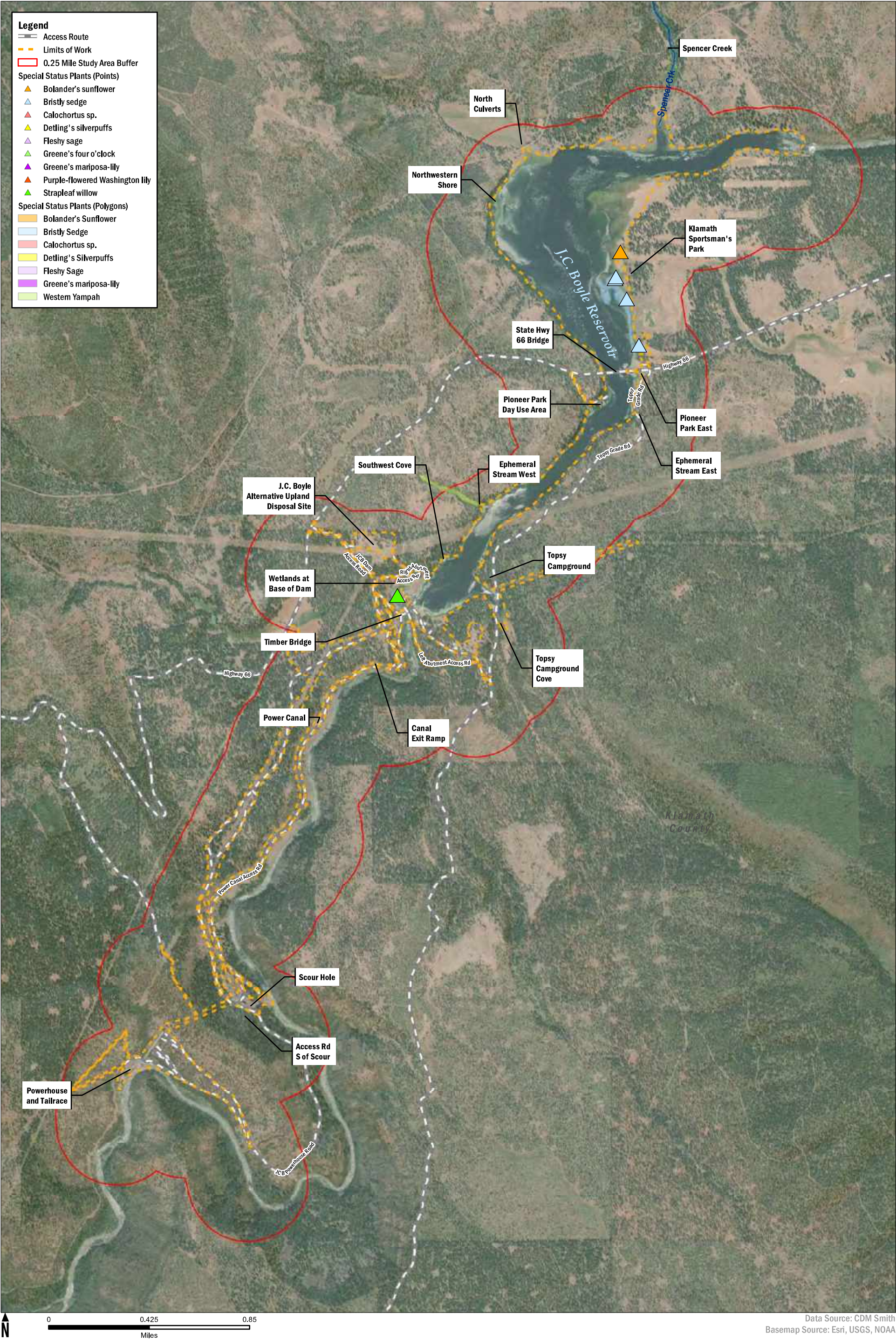
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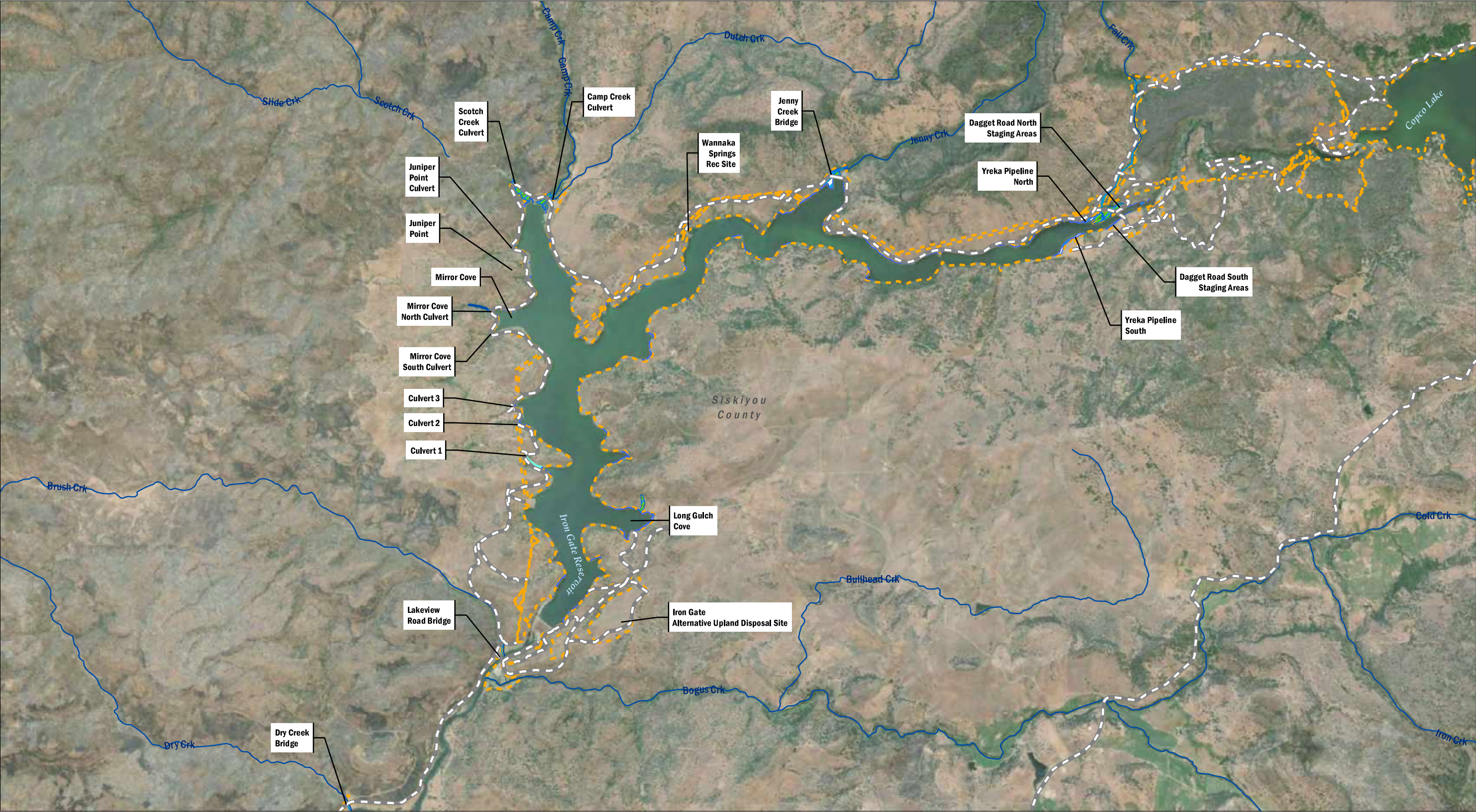
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*Copco Lake*



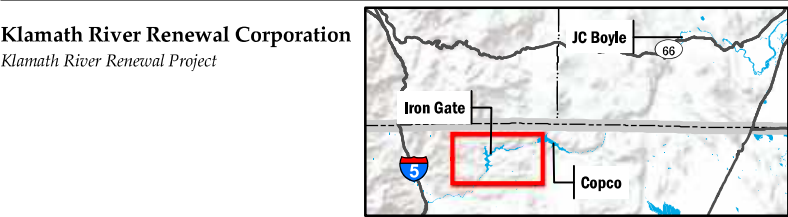


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J.C. Boyle Reservoir





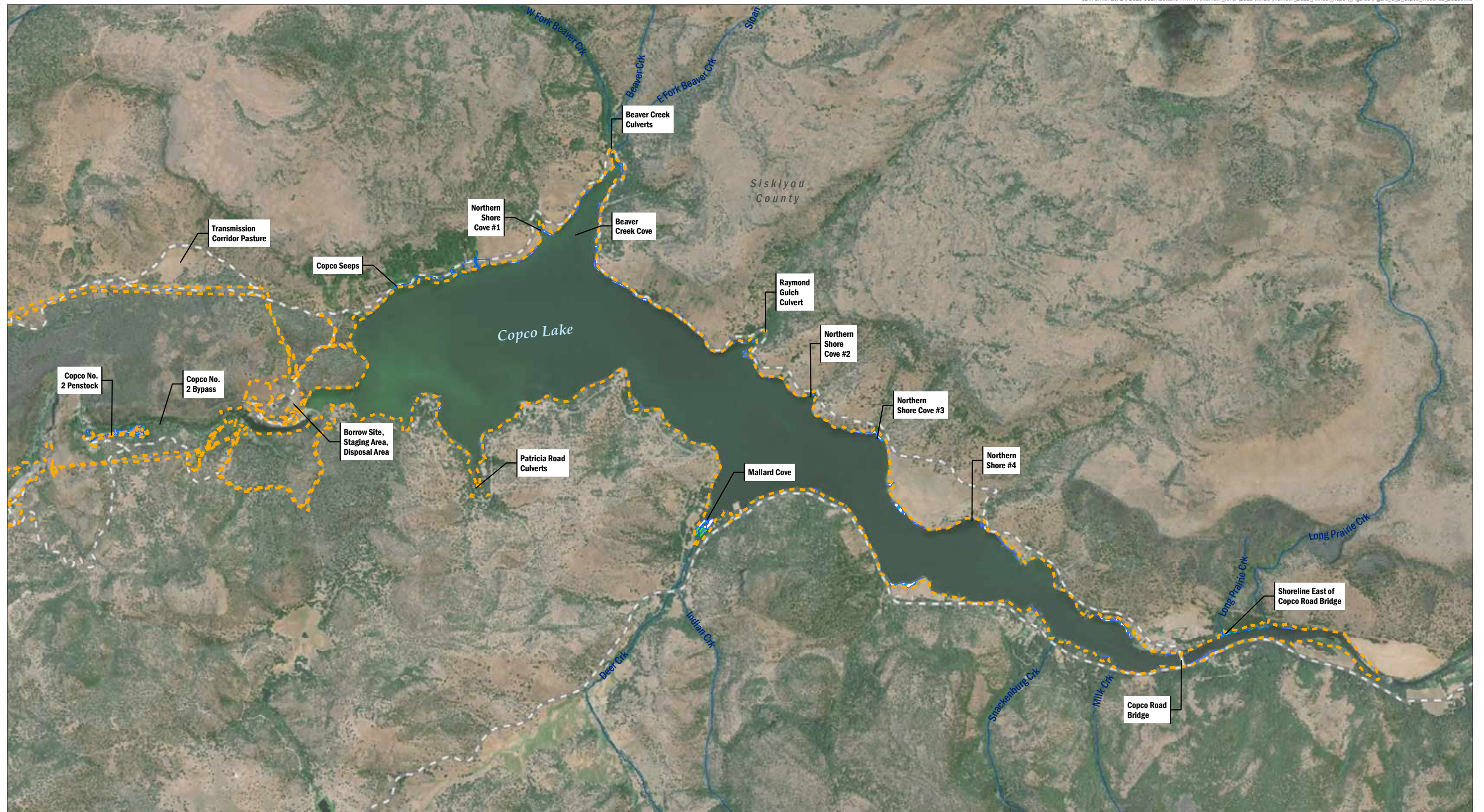
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- Legend**
- Limits of Work
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  - Intermittent Stream
  - Stream Channel
- Wetland Designation**
- Reservoir Dependent
  - Non-Reservoir Dependent

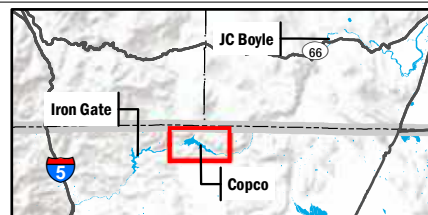
**FIGURE 6-1**  
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Iron Gate Reservoir





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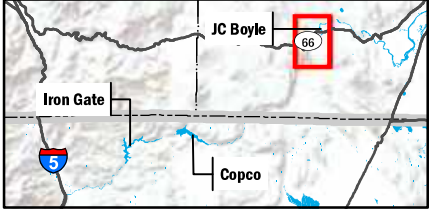
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- Access Route
  - Wetland Designation
    - Reservoir Dependent
    - Non-Reservoir Dependent
    - Infrastructure Dependent

**FIGURE 6-2**  
2019 Wetland Surveys  
Copco Lake





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- Legend**
- Access Route
  - Stream Channel
  - Limits of Work
  - Wetland Designation
    - Reservoir Dependent
    - Non-Reservoir Dependent

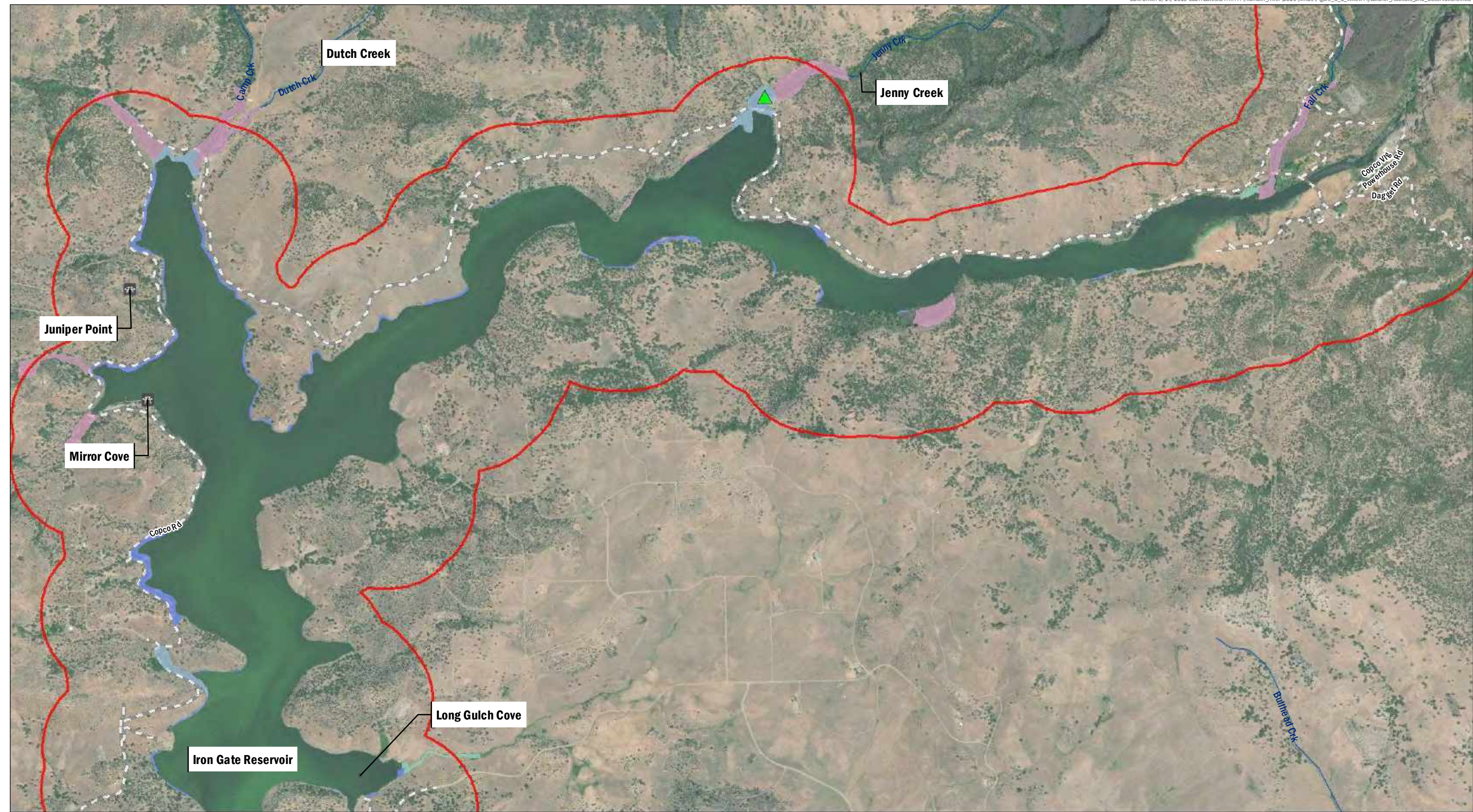
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J.C. Boyle Reservoir





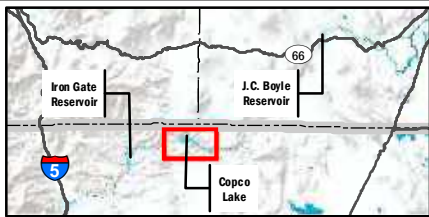
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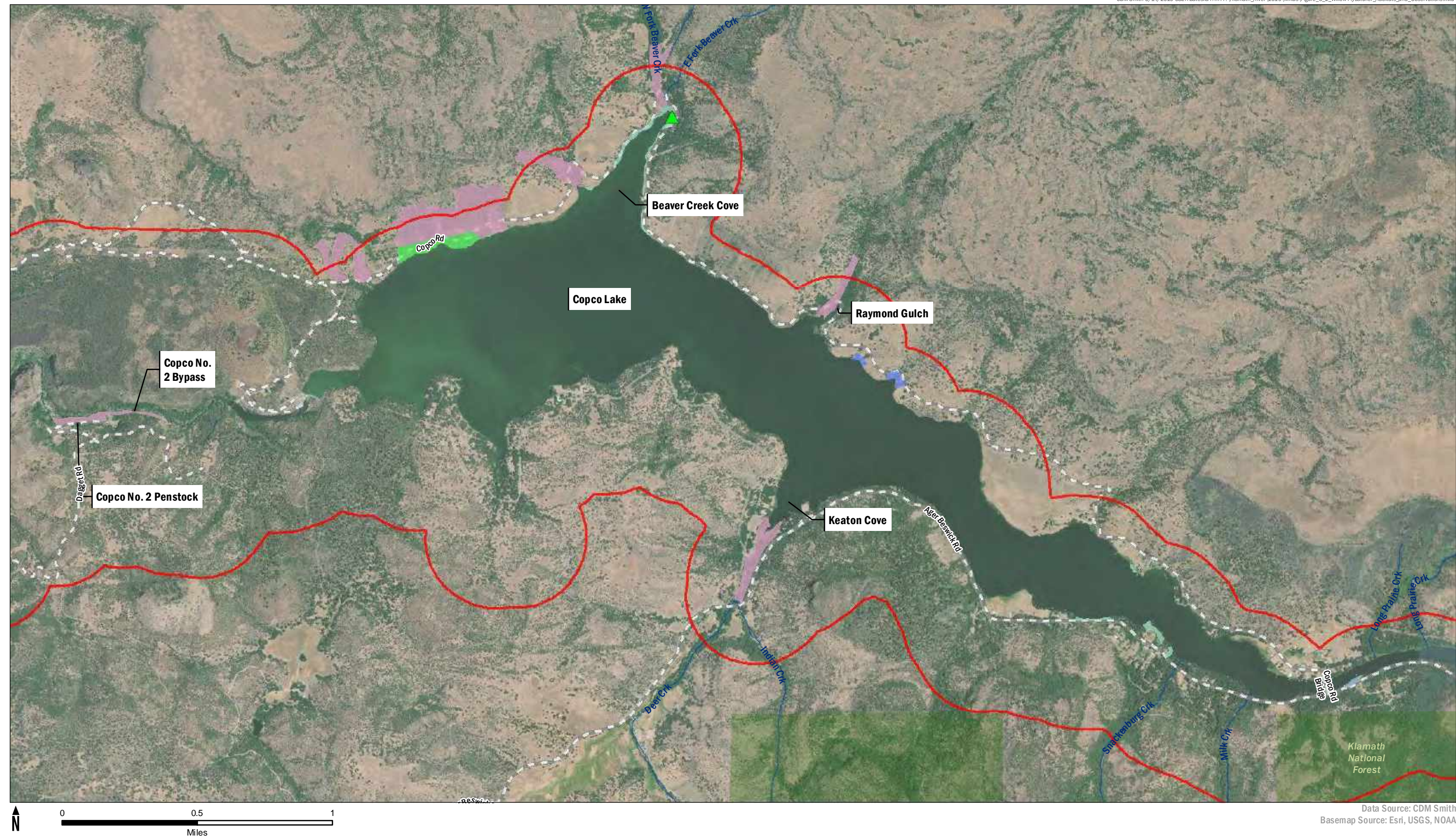


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  - Sandbar willow thicket
  - Oregon ash grove
  - Shining willow grove
  - Willow thickets

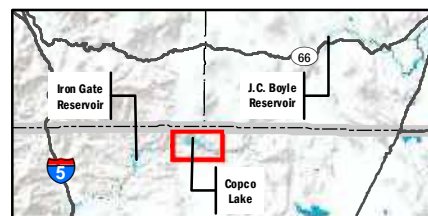
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- Stream
- Access Route
- 0.25 Mile Study Area Buffer

**FIGURE 3-1**  
*2018 Willow Flycatcher Habitat and Observations*  
*Iron Gate Reservoir*





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## FIGURE 3-2

2018 Willow Flycatcher Habitat and Observations  
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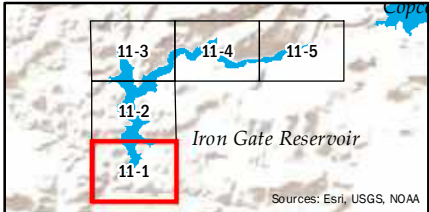
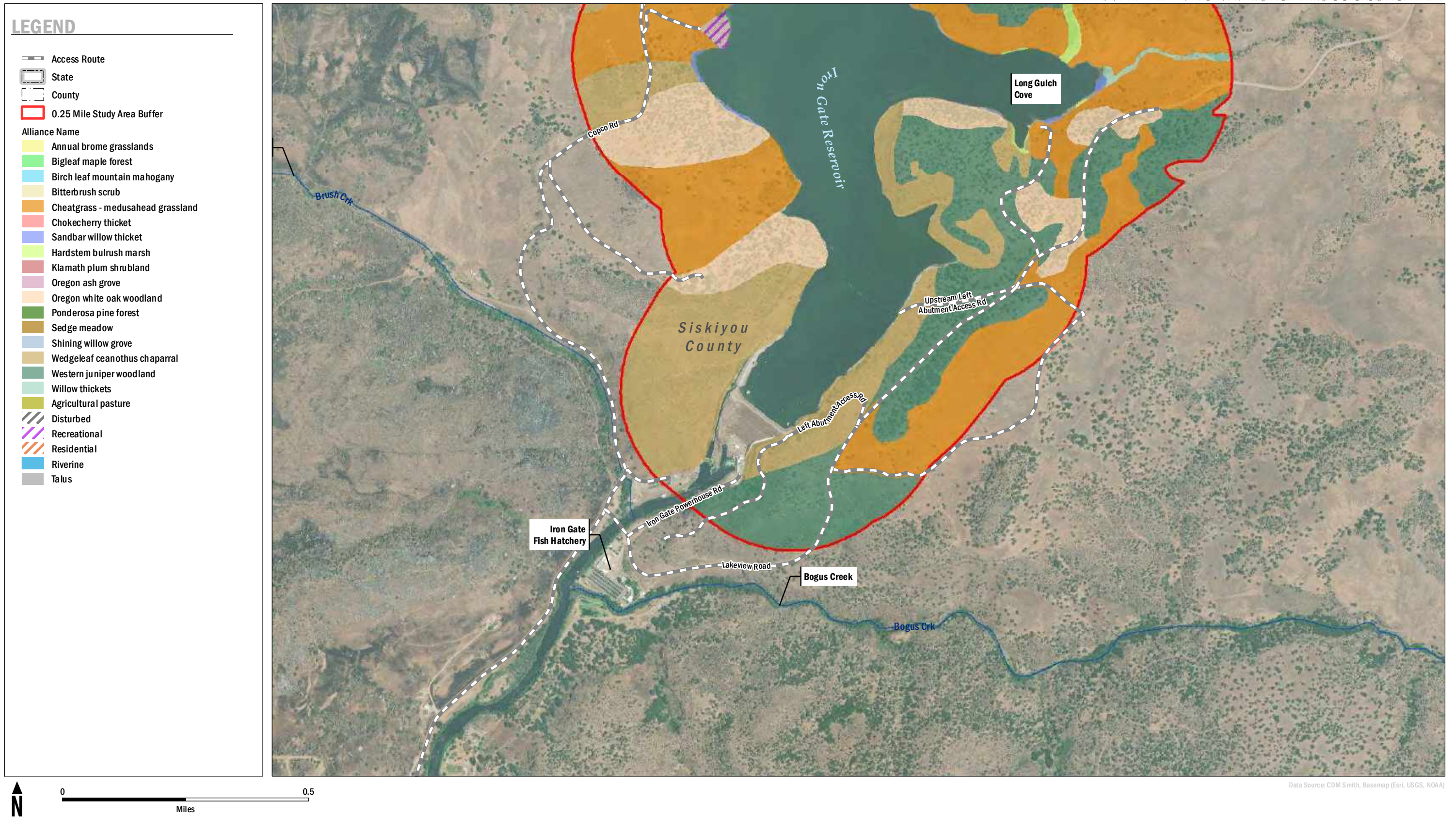
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**FIGURE 3-3**  
*2018 Willow Flycatcher Habitat and Observations  
J.C. Boyle Reservoir and Canal*





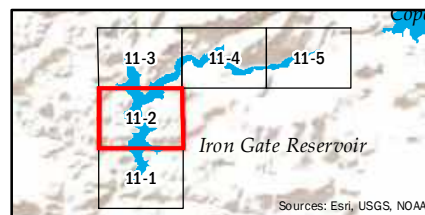
**FIGURE 11-1**  
*Vegetation Communities*  
*Iron Gate Reservoir*





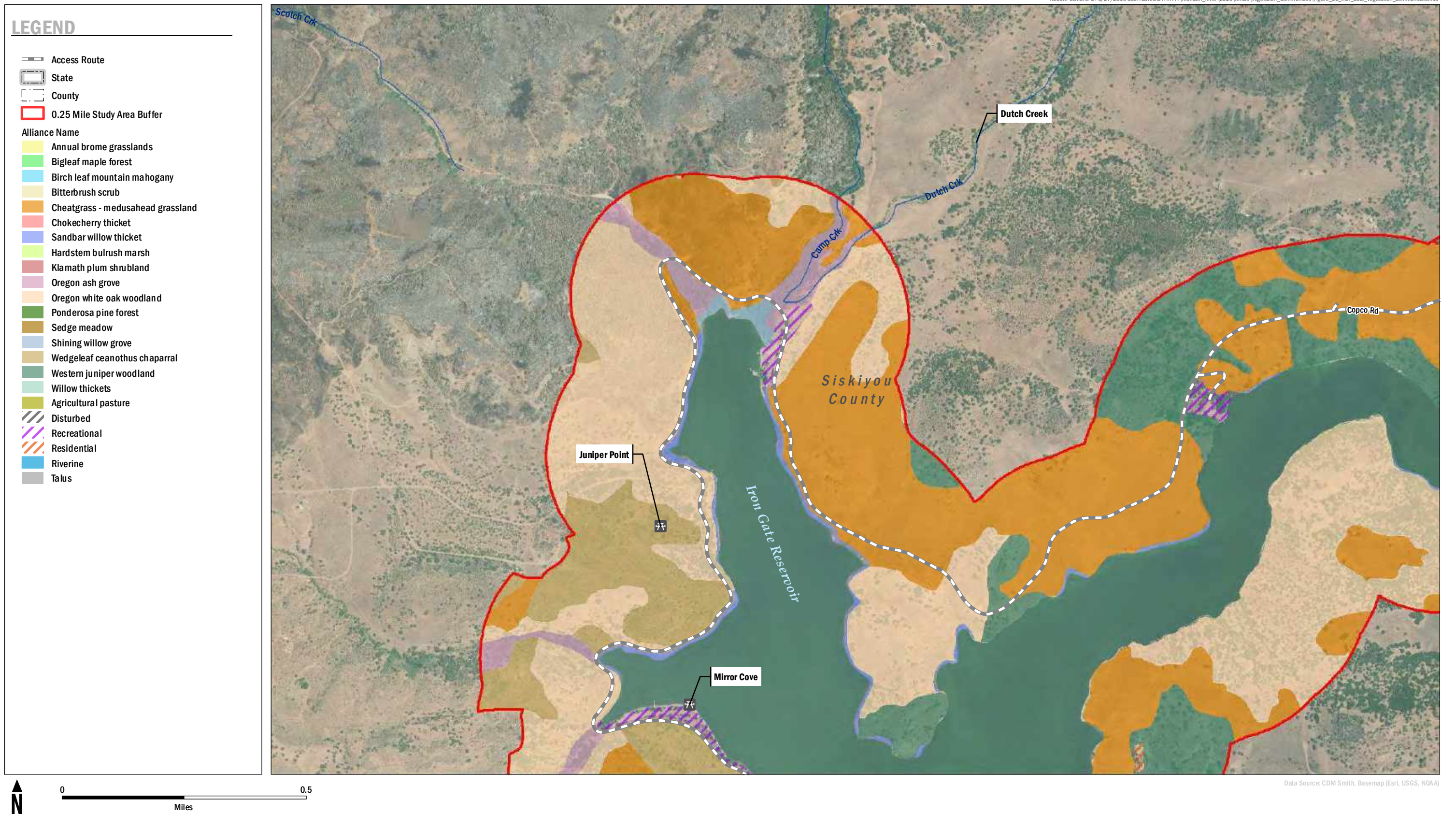
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**FIGURE 11-2**  
Vegetation Communities  
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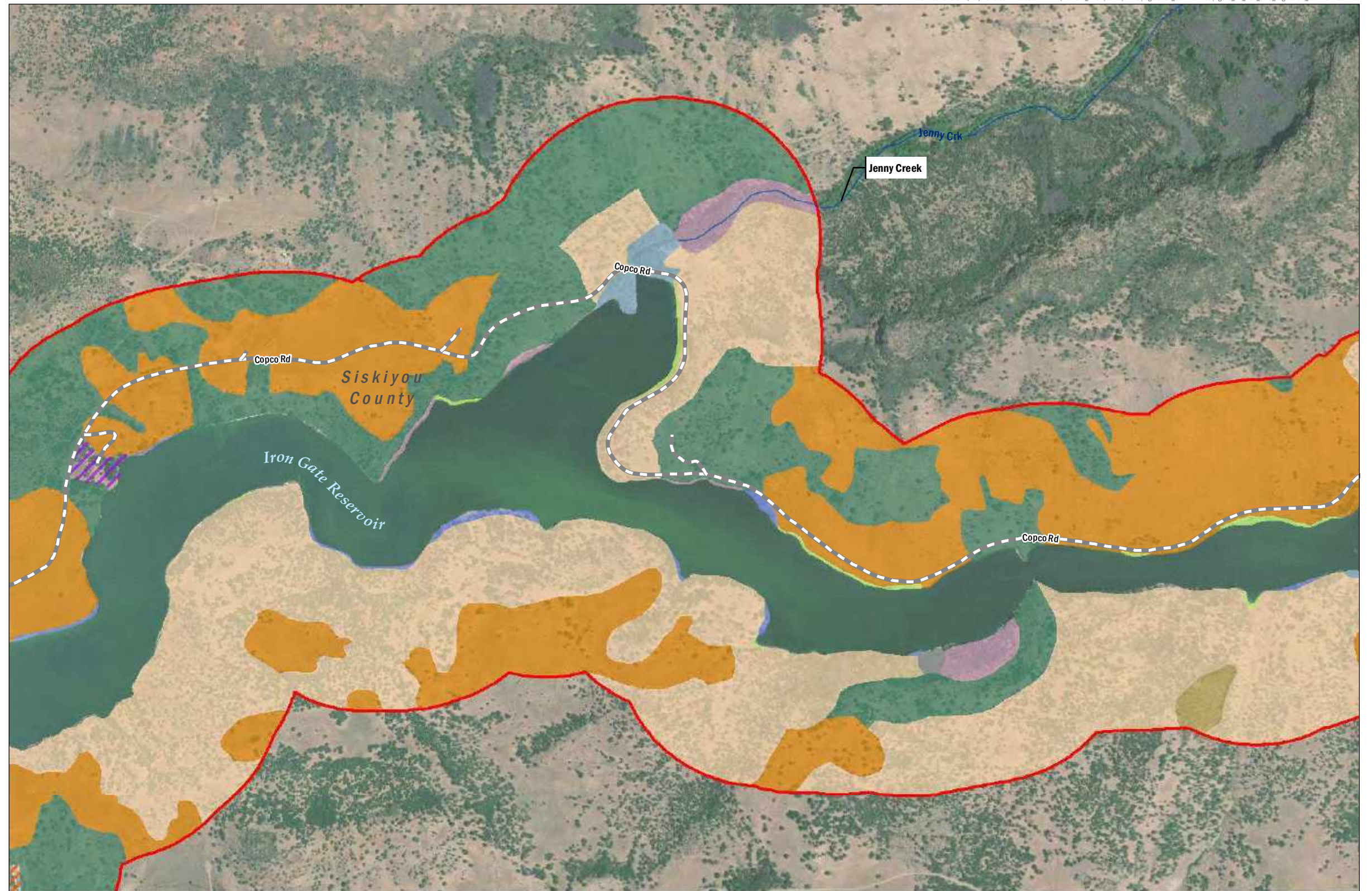






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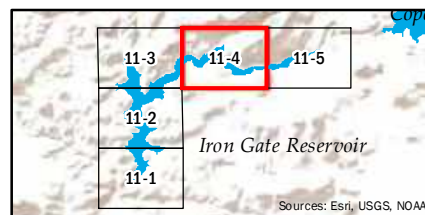


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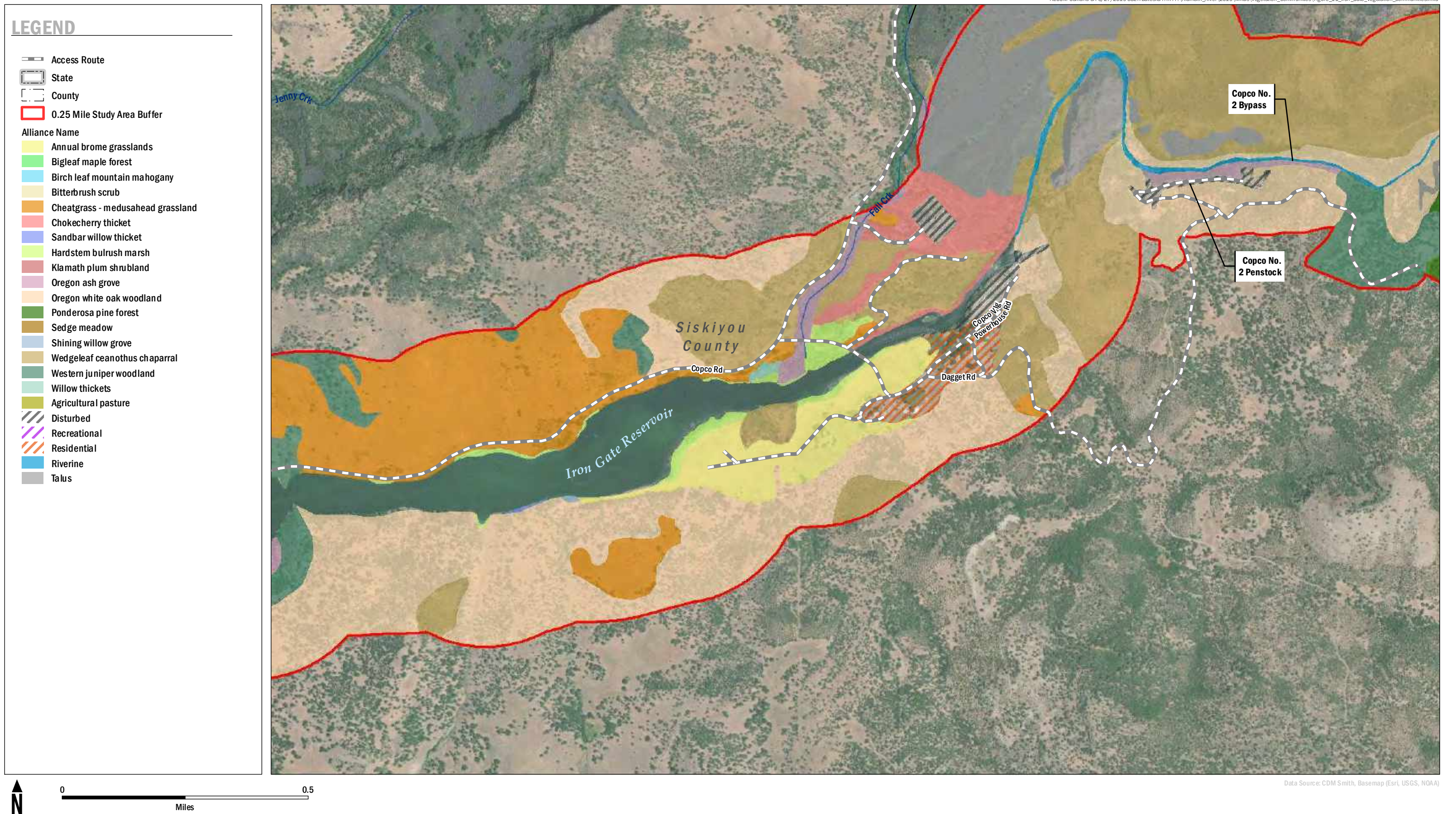
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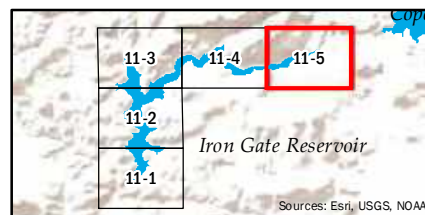


**FIGURE 11-4**  
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Iron Gate Reservoir

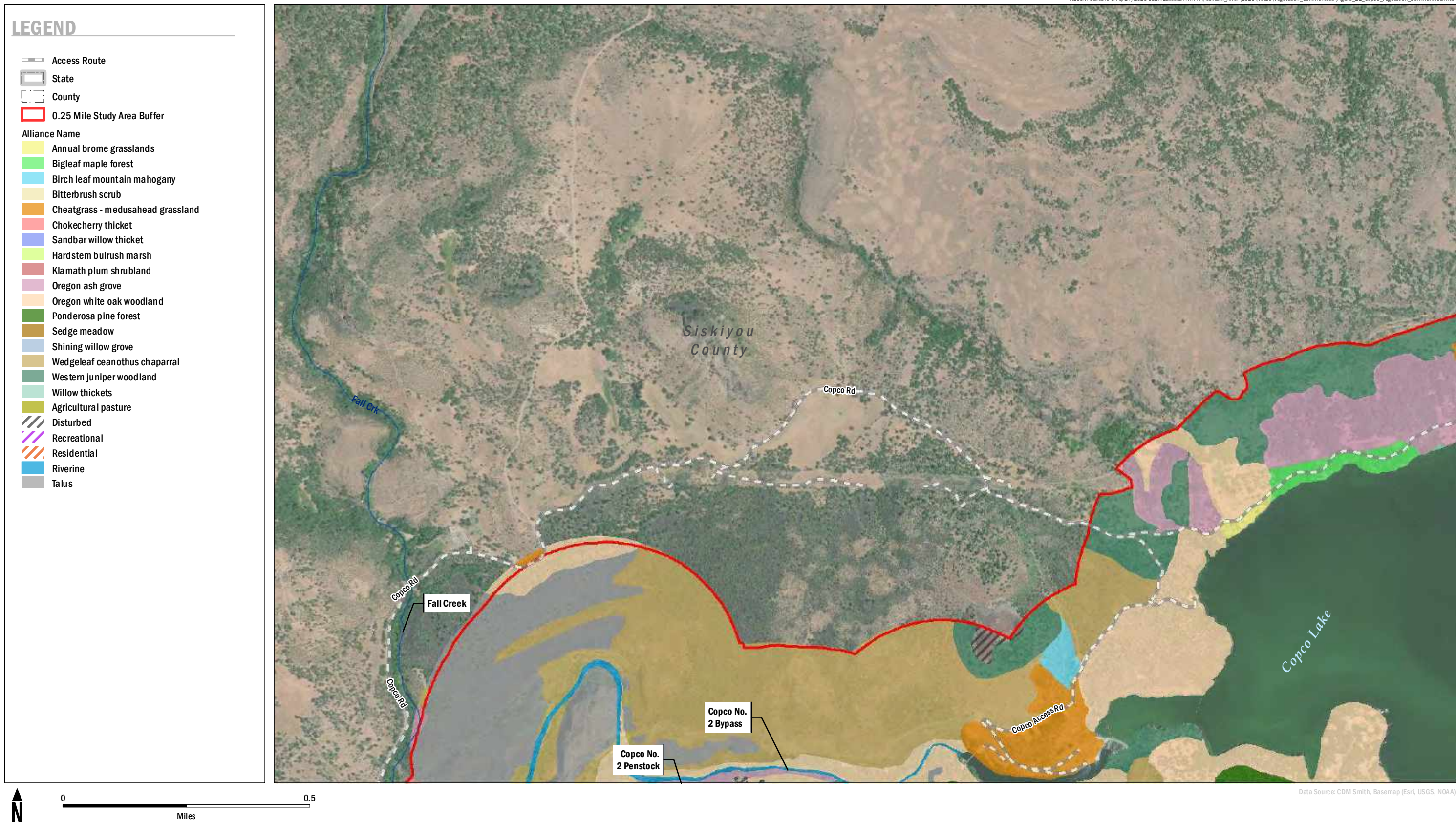




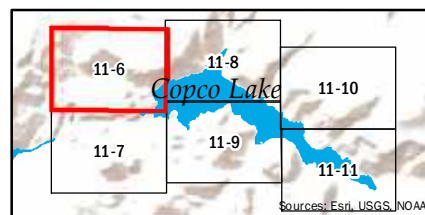
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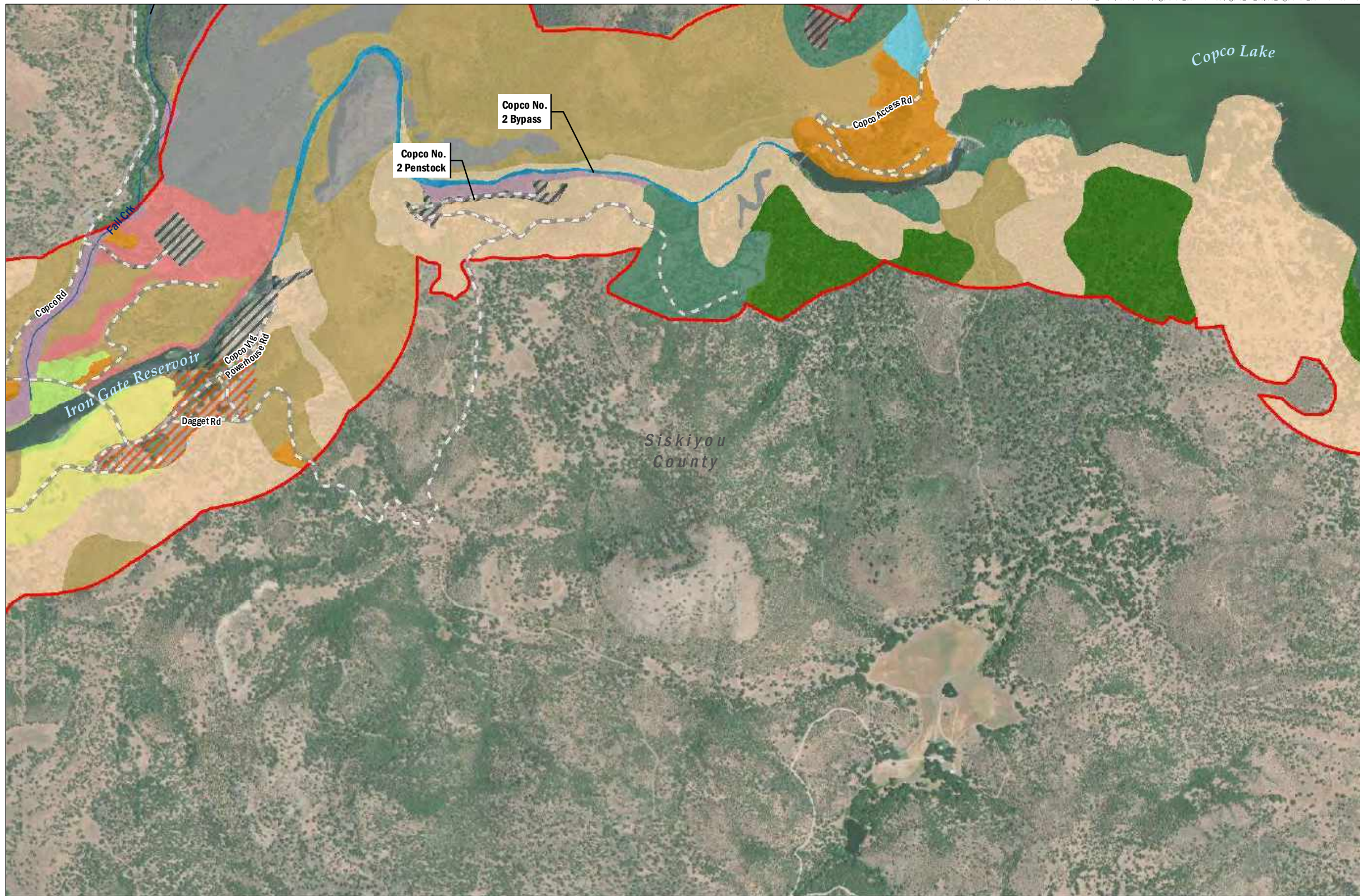


**FIGURE 11-6**  
Vegetation Communities  
Copco Lake



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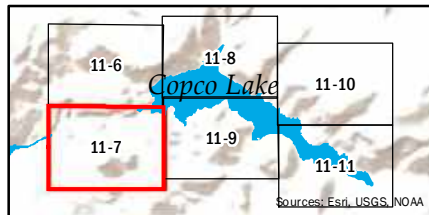


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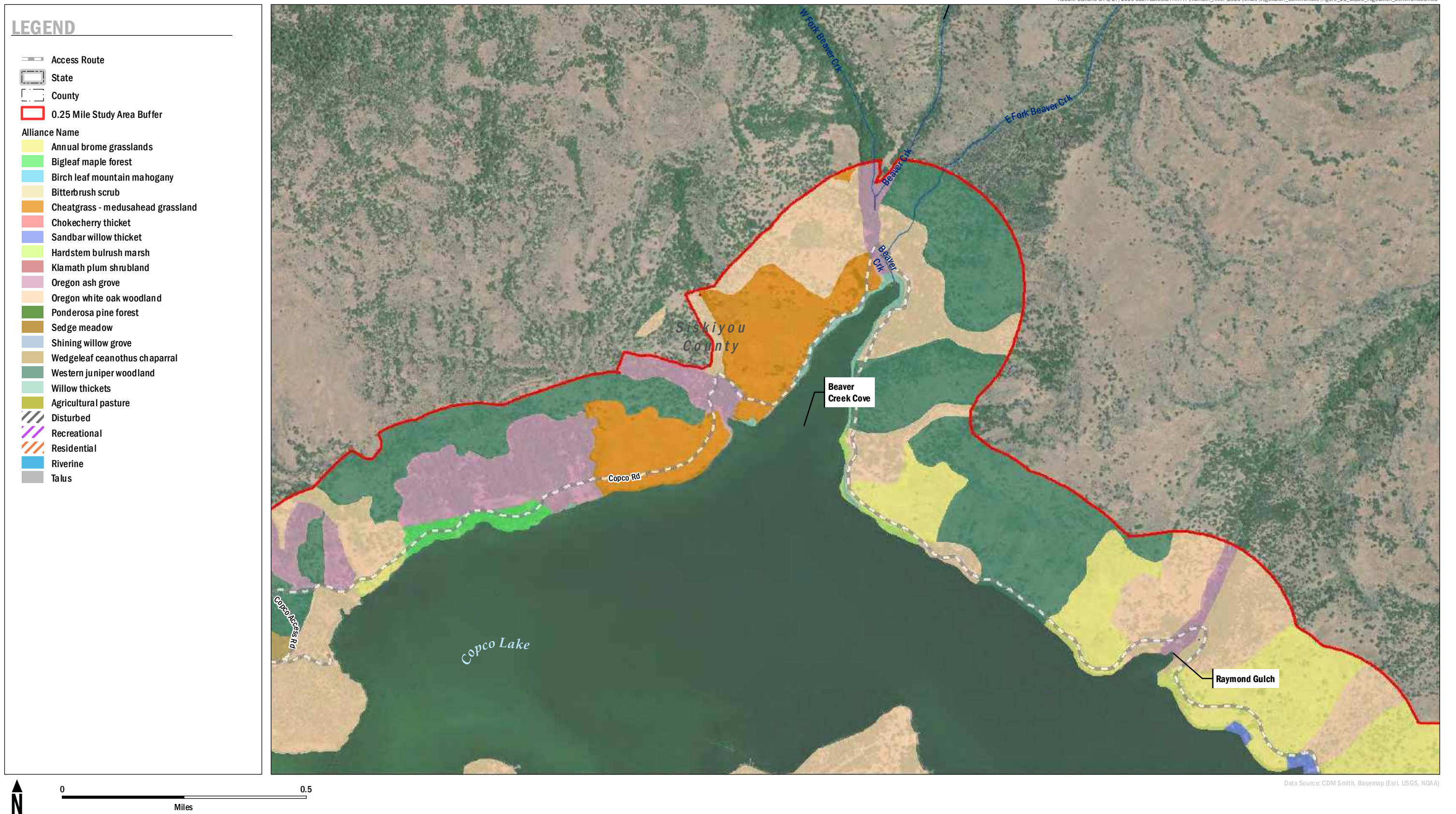
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**FIGURE 11-7**  
*Vegetation Communities*  
*Copco Lake*







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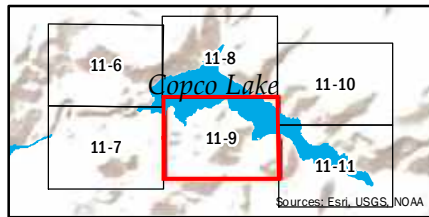


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**FIGURE 11-9**  
Vegetation Communities  
Copco Lake



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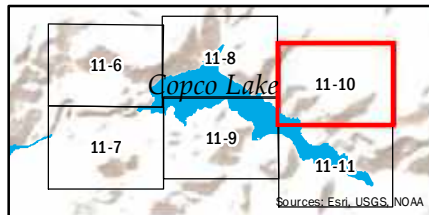
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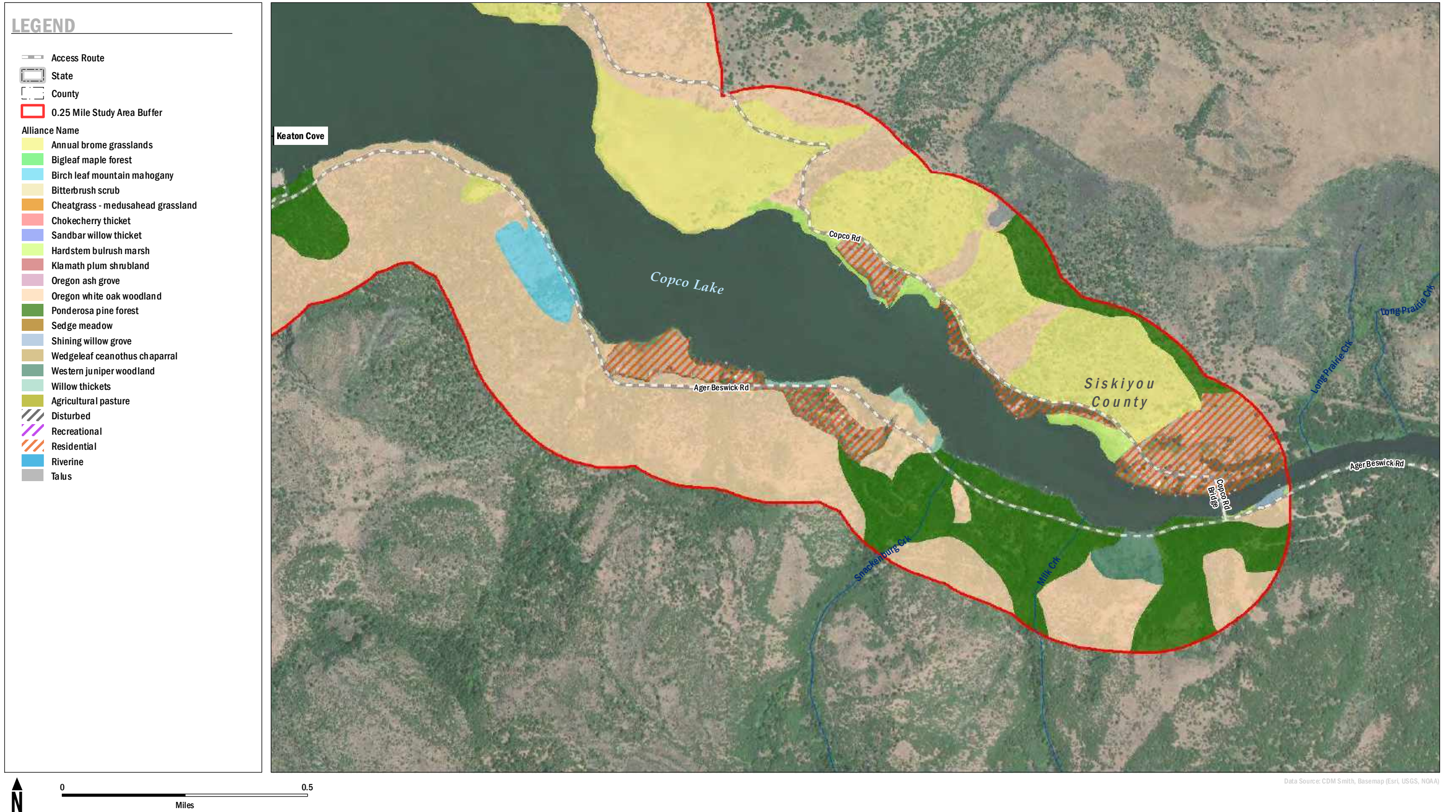


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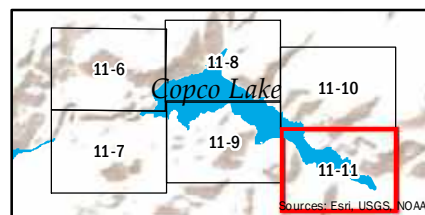


**FIGURE 11-10**  
*Vegetation Communities*  
*Copco Lake*



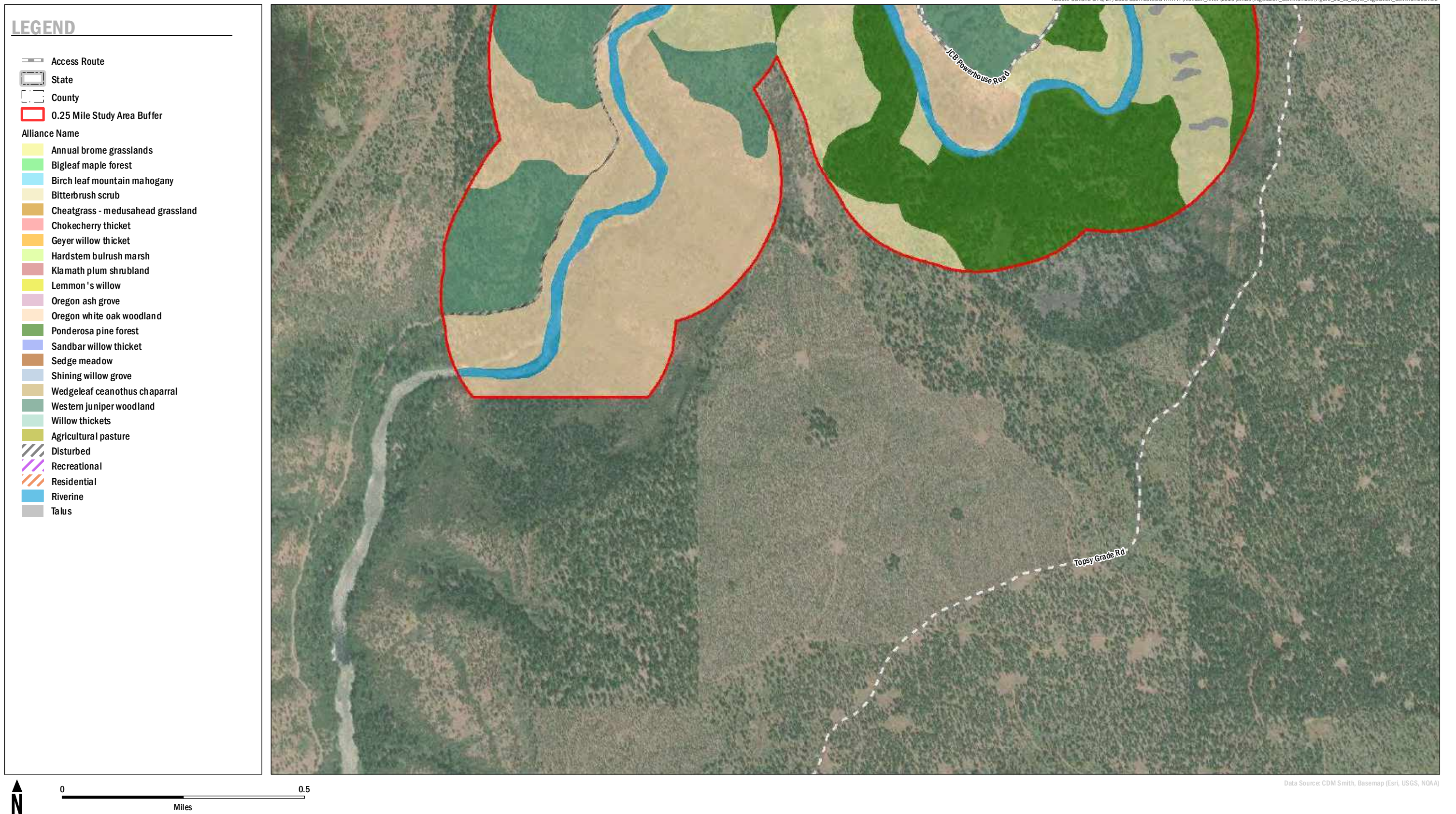


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**FIGURE 11-11**  
Vegetation Communities  
Copco Lake





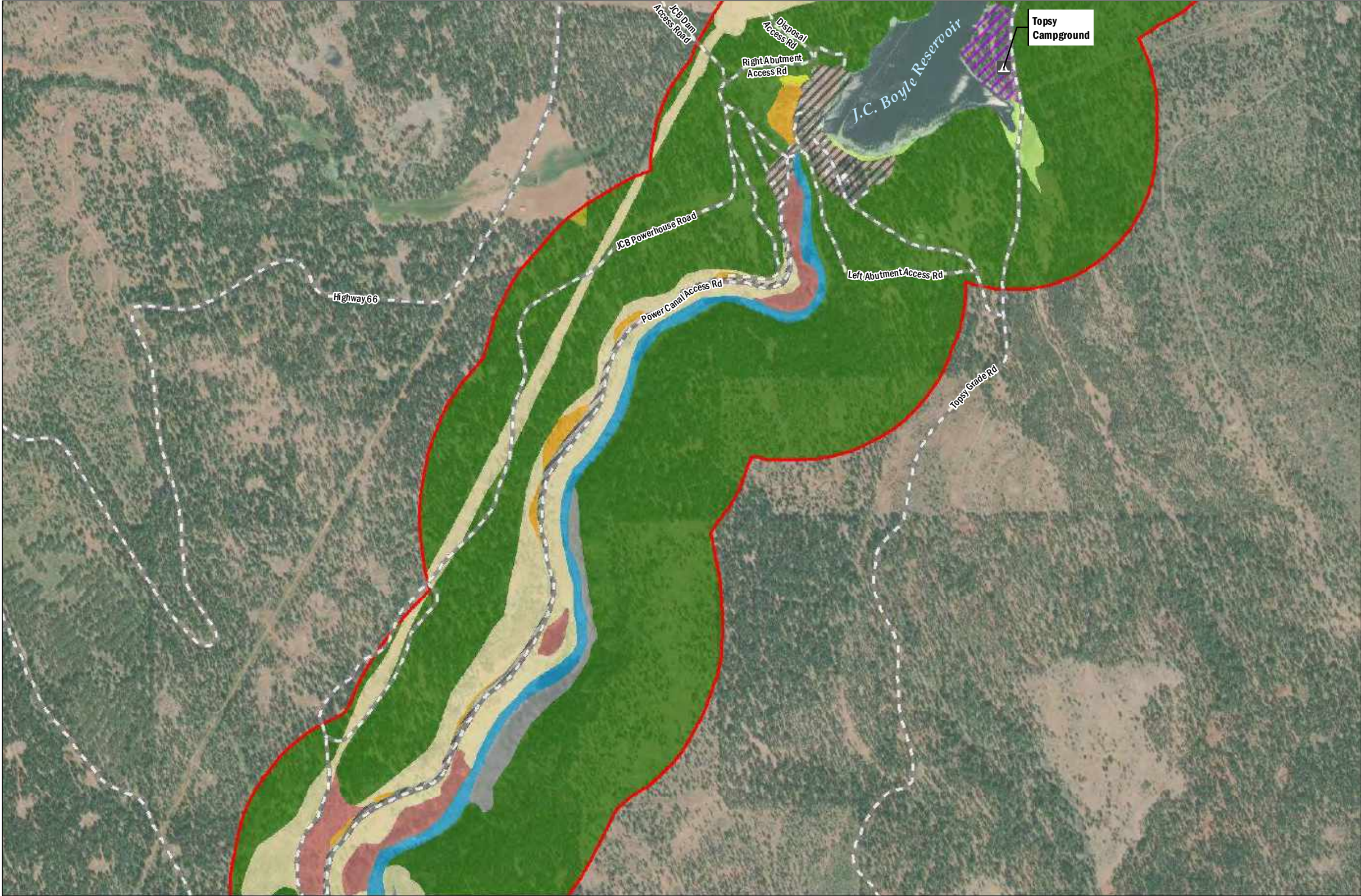




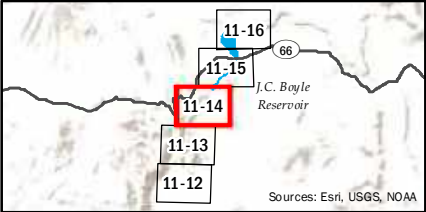


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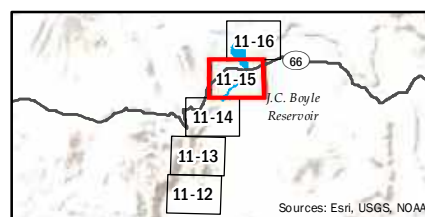


**FIGURE 11-14**  
*Vegetation Communities*  
*JC Boyle Reservoir*



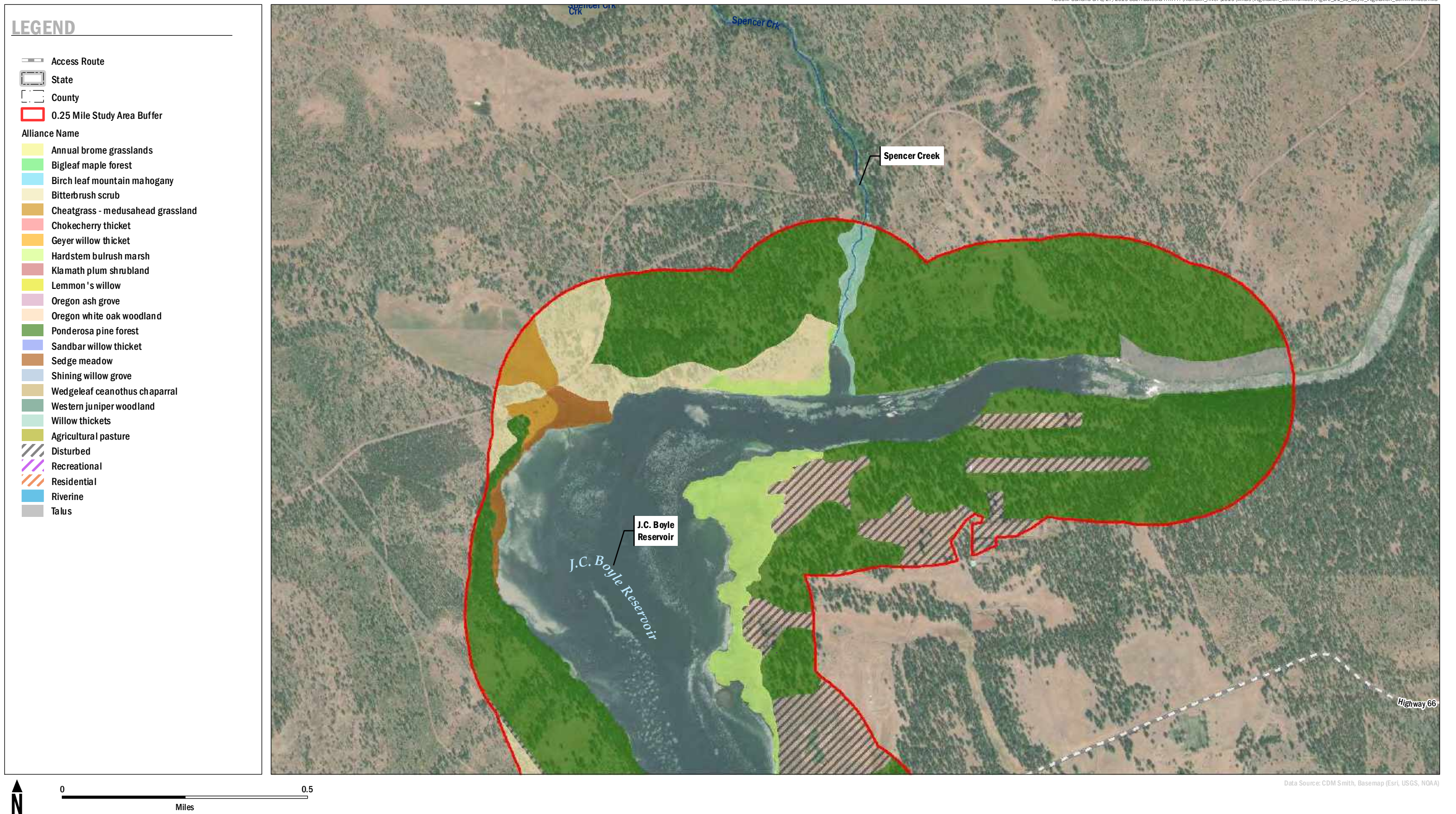


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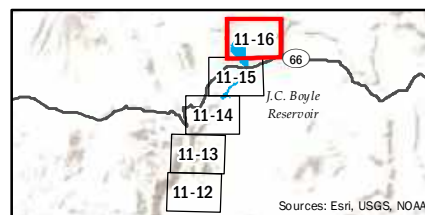


**FIGURE 11-15**  
*Vegetation Communities*  
*JC Boyle Reservoir*





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**FIGURE 11-16**  
Vegetation Communities  
JC Boyle Reservoir





## Appendix C Species Observed during Field Studies



# Appendix C

## Species Observed During Field Studies

### Plant Species Observed

#### J.C. Boyle Project Area

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow
<i>Acmispon americanus</i>	american bird's foot trefoil
<i>Agoseris grandiflora</i>	giant mountain dandelion
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	white alder
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	service berry
<i>Angelica sp.</i>	angelica
<i>Antennaria argentea</i>	silvery everlasting
<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	spreading dogbane
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Big sagebrush
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	mugwort
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	common sagebrush
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	cheat grass, downy chess
<i>Carex comosa</i>	bristly sedge
<i>Carex nebrascensis</i>	nebraska sedge
<i>Carex sp.</i>	sedge
<i>Castilleja applegatei</i>	wavy leaf paintbrush
<i>Castilleja miniata</i>	great red paintbrush
<i>Ceanothus prostratus</i>	mahala mats
<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i>	birch leaf mountain mahogany
<i>Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus</i>	green rabbitbrush
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bullthistle
<i>Clarkia rhomboidea</i>	tongue clarkia
<i>Collinsia parviflora</i>	Maiden blue-eyed Mary
<i>Collomia grandiflora</i>	large flowered collomia
<i>Collomia tinctoria</i>	Yellow-staining Collomia
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	bindweed, orchard morning-glory
<i>Dieteria canescens</i>	hoary aster
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	wild teasel
<i>Drymocallis glandulosa</i>	sticky cinquefoil



Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Eleocharis sp.</i>	spikerush
<i>Elymus elymoides</i>	squirreltail
<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	blue wildrye
<i>Elymus repens</i>	Common couch grass
<i>Epilobium brachycarpum</i>	willow herb
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	slender willow herb
<i>Ericameria bloomeri</i>	Goldenbush
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	rubber rabbitbrush
<i>Erigeron inornatus</i>	rayless fleabane
<i>Erigeron philadelphicus</i>	philadelphia fleabane
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	sulphur buckwheat
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	common woolly sunflower
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Starksbill
<i>Erythranthe guttata</i>	yellow monkey flower
<i>Festuca bromoides</i>	brome fescue
<i>Festuca myuros</i>	rattail sixweeks grass
<i>Fragaria sp.</i>	wild strawberry
<i>Galium boreale</i>	Northern bedstraw
<i>Grindelia sp.</i>	gumweed
<i>Helianthus bolanderi</i>	bolander's sunflower
<i>Holosteum umbellatum</i>	jagged chickweed
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	meadow barley
<i>Hordeum spp.</i>	Barley
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	klamathweed
<i>Iris chrysophylla</i>	Yellow-leaf iris
<i>Iris missouriensis</i>	western blue flag
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	wire rush
<i>Juncus occidentalis</i>	slender juncus
<i>Juncus sp.</i>	rush
<i>Juniperus occidentalis</i>	western juniper
<i>Lathyrus sp.</i>	pea
<i>Lemna sp.</i>	duckweed
<i>Lithospermum ruderae</i>	western gromwell
<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	pink honeysuckle
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	bird's-foot trefoil
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>	silvery lupine
<i>Madia glomerata</i>	Mountain tarweed
<i>Madia sp.</i>	tarweed
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Hollyleaved barberry
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	pennyroyal
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Common monkeyflower
<i>Monardella odoratissima</i>	mountain monardella



Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Navarettia sp.</i>	navarettia
<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	oso berry
<i>Osmorhiza berteroi</i>	sweetcicely
<i>Penstemon deustus</i>	hot-rock penstemon
<i>Perideridia erythrorhiza</i>	Western yampah
<i>Persicaria sp.</i>	smartweed
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canary grass
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	cultivated timothy
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa pine
<i>Plagiobothrys sp.</i>	popcorn flower
<i>Plagiobothryis mollis</i>	Popcorn flower
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	english plantain
<i>Poa bulbosa</i>	bulbous blue grass
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	kentucky blue grass
<i>Poa secunda</i>	pine bluegrass
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	knotweed, knotgrass
<i>Potentilla anserina ssp. anserina</i>	silver weed cinquefoil
<i>Potentilla glandulosa</i>	Sticky cinquefoil
<i>Potentilla gracilis</i>	Five-finger cinquefoil
<i>Prunella vulgaris var. lanceolata</i>	mountain selfheal
<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	Bittercherry
<i>Prunus subcordata</i>	pacific plum, sierra plum
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	douglas fir
<i>Purshia tridentata</i>	antelope bush
<i>Quercus garryana</i>	oregon oak
<i>Ranunculus occidentalis</i>	Western buttercup
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Golden currant
<i>Ribes velutinum</i>	Desert gooseberry
<i>Rosa sp.</i>	rose
<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Woods rose
<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	thimbleberry
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	sheep sorrel
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	curly dock
<i>Salix exigua</i>	narrowleaf willow
<i>Salix geyeriana</i>	geyer's willow
<i>Salix lasiandra</i>	pacific willow
<i>Salix lemmonii</i>	lemmon's willow
<i>Salix ligulifolia</i>	strapleaf willow
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	mountain bog bulrush
<i>Senecio hydrophilus</i>	alkali marsh ragwort
<i>Sidalcea sp.</i>	checker mallow



Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Sisymbrium altissimum</i>	tumble mustard
<i>Sparganium eurycarpum</i>	broadfruit bur reed
<i>Spheonoplectus acutus</i>	Tule bulrush
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	douglas spiraea
<i>Stellaria longipes</i>	Long-stalked Starwort
<i>Stipa sp.</i>	needlegrass
<i>Symphiotrichum sp.</i>	aster
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	snowberry
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	common dandelion
<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	yellow salsify
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	white clover
<i>Triteleia hyacinthina</i>	wild hyacinth
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Broad-leaved cattail
<i>Verbascum blattaria</i>	moth mullein
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	woolly mullein
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	water speedwell

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Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	big leaf maple
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow
<i>Achnatherum occidentale</i>	Western needleglass
<i>Agoseris grandiflora</i>	giant mountain dandelion
<i>Agoseris heterophylla</i>	Mountain dandelion
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	white alder
<i>Alyssum desertorum</i>	desert madwort
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	service berry
<i>Amsinckia menziesii</i>	common fiddleneck, small-flowered fiddleneck
<i>Amsinckia retrorsa</i>	rigid fiddleneck
<i>Angelica californica</i>	California angelica
<i>Angelica sp.</i>	angelica
<i>Antennaria dimorpha</i>	gray cushion pussytoes
<i>Anthemis cotula</i>	dog fennel
<i>Antirrhinum vexillocalyculatum</i>	wiry snapdragon
<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	spreading dogbane
<i>Arctium minus</i>	common burdock
<i>Arctostaphylos patula</i>	greenleaf manzanita
<i>Artemesia tridentata</i>	Big sagebrush
<i>Asclepias cordifolia</i>	purple milkweed
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	narrow leaf milkweed



Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	showy milkweed
<i>Astragalus filipes</i>	basalt milkvetch
<i>Astragalus lentiginosus</i>	Freckled milkvetch
<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i>	arrow leaved balsamroot
<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>	mountain grape
<i>Bidens frondosa</i>	sticktight
<i>Bidens</i> spp.	
<i>Blepharipappus scaber</i>	blepharipappus
<i>Boechera</i> sp.	rockcress
<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	ripgut grass
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Soft brome
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	cheat grass, downy chess
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	incense cedar
<i>Calochortus greenei</i>	Greene's mariposa lily
<i>Calochortus greenei</i>	Greene's mariposa lily
<i>Calochortus tolmiei</i>	hairy star tulip
<i>Cardamine oligosperma</i>	idaho bittercress
<i>Carex multicaulis</i>	stick sedge
<i>Carex</i> sp.	sedge
<i>Castilleja attenuata</i>	valley tassels
<i>Castilleja tenuis</i>	Indian paintbrush
<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>	buck brush
<i>Ceanothus integerrimus</i>	deer brush
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	batchelor's button
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	yellow star-thistle
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	sticky mouse-ear chickweed
<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i>	birch leaf mountain mahogany
<i>Chenopodium</i> sp.	lamb's quarters
<i>Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus</i>	Yellow rabbitbrush
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	chicory
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	canada thistle
<i>Cirsium occidentale</i> var. <i>candidissimum</i>	snowy thistle
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bullthistle
<i>Clarkia rhomboidea</i>	tongue clarkia
<i>Clarkia</i> sp.	clarkia
<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i>	miner's lettuce
<i>Claytonia rubra</i>	red stemmed spring beauty
<i>Collinsia parviflora</i>	blue-eyed mary
<i>Collomia grandiflora</i>	large flowered collomia
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	poison hemlock
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	bindweed, orchard morning-glory



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<i>Crepis occidentalis</i>	western hawk's beard
<i>Crocidium multicaule</i>	spring gold
<i>Cryptantha</i>	cryptantha
<i>Descurainia sophia</i>	herb sophia
<i>Dichelostemma capitatum</i>	blue dicks
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	wild teasel
<i>Draba verna</i>	whitlow grass
<i>Dysphania botrys</i>	jerusalem oak goosefoot
<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>	barnyard grass
<i>Elymus caput-medusae</i>	medusa head
<i>Elymus elymoides</i>	squirreltail
<i>Elymus ponticus</i>	tall wheat grass
<i>Epilobium brachycarpum</i>	willow herb
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	slender willow herb
<i>Epilobium densiflorum</i>	willow herb
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	common horsetail
<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>	scouringrush horsetail
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	rubber rabbitbrush
<i>Erigeron inornatus</i>	rayless fleabane
<i>Eriogonum nudum</i> var. <i>pubiflorum</i>	hairy flowered buckwheat
<i>Eriogonum vimineum</i>	wicker-stem wild buckwheat
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	common woolly sunflower
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	redstem filaree
<i>Eryngium</i> cf. <i>articulatum</i>	coyote thistle
<i>Erythranthe guttata</i>	yellow monkey flower
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	california poppy
<i>Eschsholzia californica</i>	California poppy
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	idaho fescue, blue bunchgrass
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	oregon ash
<i>Fritillaria recurva</i>	scarlet fritillary
<i>Galium aparine</i>	cleavers
<i>Garrya fremontii</i>	fremont's silk tassel
<i>Grindelia camporum</i>	gumweed
<i>Helianthus bolanderi</i>	bolander's sunflower
<i>Heracleum maximum</i>	common cowparsnip
<i>Holosteum umbellatum</i>	jagged chickweed
<i>Hordeum jubatum</i>	fox tail barley
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	wall barley
<i>Hosackia crassifolia</i>	broad leaved lotus
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	wire rush
<i>Juncus occidentalis</i>	slender juncus
<i>Juniperus occidentalis</i>	western juniper



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<i>Kickxia elatine</i>	sharp point fluellin
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	prickly lettuce
<i>Lactuca virosa</i>	poison wild lettuce
<i>Lagophylla ramosissima</i>	common hareleaf
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	henbit
<i>Lathyrus nevadensis</i>	purple peavine
<i>Lemna minor</i>	duckweed
<i>Lemna sp.</i>	duckweed
<i>Lilium pardalinum</i>	california tiger lily
<i>Lilium washingtonianum ssp. purpurascens</i>	purple flowered washington lily
<i>Lilium washingtonianum ssp. purpurascens</i>	purple flowered Washington lily
<i>Lithophragma sp.</i>	woodland stars
<i>Lomatium californicum</i>	celery weed
<i>Lomatium cf. utriculatum</i>	hog fennel
<i>Lomatium dissectum</i>	fern leaved lomatium
<i>Lomatium nudicaule</i>	pestle lomatium
<i>Lomatium triternatum</i>	lewis's lomatium
<i>Lonicera ciliosa</i>	Orange honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	pink honeysuckle
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	bird's-foot trefoil
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>	silvery lupine
<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>	miniature lupine
<i>Luzula comosa</i>	Wood rush
<i>Lythrum hyssopifolia</i>	hyssop loosestrife
<i>Madia glomerata</i>	Mountain tarweed
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	cheeseweed, little mallow
<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Pineapple weed
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	white sweetclover
<i>Mentzelia laevicaulis</i>	giant blazingstar
<i>Microseris laciniata ssp. detlingii</i>	detling's silverpuffs
<i>Microsteris gracilis</i>	slender phlox
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	yellow monkey flower
<i>Muscari botryoides</i>	common grape hyacinth
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	watercress
<i>Penstemon deustus</i>	hot-rock penstemon
<i>Penstemon humilis</i>	Low beardtongue
<i>Perideridia</i>	yampah
<i>Persicaria sp.</i>	smartweed
<i>Phacelia heterophylla</i>	varileaf phacelia
<i>Phacelia ramosissima</i>	branching phacelia



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<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canary grass
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	wild mock orange
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	cultivated timothy
<i>Phlox speciosa</i>	showy phlox
<i>Phoradendron sp.</i>	mistletoe
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	ponderosa pine, western yellow pine
<i>Plagiobothrys hispidus</i>	Cascade popcorn flower
<i>Plagiobothrys sp.</i>	popcorn flower
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	english plantain
<i>Plantago major</i>	Common plantain
<i>Plectritis macrocera</i>	plectritis
<i>Poa bulbosa</i>	bulbous blue grass
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	kentucky blue grass
<i>Poa secunda</i>	Sandberg bluegrass
<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	bitter cherry
<i>Prunus subcordata</i>	pacific plum, sierra plum
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	chokecherry
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	douglas fir
<i>Quercus garryana</i>	oregon oak
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	california black oak
<i>Ranunculus occidentalis</i>	western buttercup
<i>Ranunculus testiculatus</i>	Curveseed butterwort
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	fragrant sumac
<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Skunkbush
<i>Ribes sp.</i>	gooseberry
<i>Ribes velutinum</i>	desert gooseberry
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	himalayan blackberry
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	california blackberry
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	curly dock
<i>Rumex salicifolius</i>	willow leaved dock
<i>Salix exigua</i>	narrowleaf willow
<i>Salix lasiandra</i>	pacific willow
<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	scouler's willow
<i>Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea</i>	blue elderberry
<i>Schoenoplectus acutus var. occidentalis</i>	tule
<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	redwood
<i>Sisymbrium altissimum</i>	tumble mustard
<i>Sisymbrium altiusimum</i>	Tall tumbled mustard
<i>Solidago velutina</i>	three-nerve goldenrod
<i>Stellaria media</i>	common chickweed



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<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	snowberry
<i>Symphoricarpos mollis</i>	Creeping snowberry
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	common dandelion
<i>Torilis arvensis</i>	tall sock-destroyer
<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i>	western poison oak
<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	yellow salsify
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	puncture vine
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Suckling clover
<i>Trifolium hirtum</i>	Rose clover
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	stinging nettle
<i>Verbascum blattaria</i>	moth mullein
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	woolly mullein
<i>Verbascum Thapsus</i>	Woolly mullein
<i>Veronica americana</i>	American speedwell
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	water speedwell
<i>Veronica persica</i>	persian speedwell
<i>Vitis californica</i>	california wild grape
<i>Wyethia angustifolia</i>	narrow leaved mule ears

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Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow
<i>Acmispon americanus</i>	american bird's foot trefoil
<i>Agoseris grandiflora</i>	giant mountain dandelion
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	white alder
<i>Alyssum desertorum</i>	desert alyssum
<i>Amaranthus blitoides</i>	prostrate pigweed
<i>Amsinckia menziesii</i>	common fiddleneck, small-flowered fiddleneck
<i>Anthemis cotula</i>	dog fennel
<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	spreading dogbane
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	narrow leaf milkweed
<i>Astragalus filipes</i>	basalt milkvetch
<i>Blepharipappus scaber</i>	blepharipappus
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	california brome
<i>Bromus laevipes</i>	narrow flowered brome
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	cheat grass, downy chess
<i>Calochortus greenei</i>	Greene's mariposa lily
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	shepherd's purse
<i>Castilleja attenuata</i>	valley tassels
<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>	buck brush



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<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	yellow star-thistle
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	chicory
<i>Cirsium cymosum</i> var. <i>canovirens</i>	gray-green thistle
<i>Cirsium occidentale</i> var. <i>candidissimum</i>	snowy thistle
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bullthistle
<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i>	miner's lettuce
<i>Collinsia parviflora</i>	blue-eyed mary
<i>Collomia grandiflora</i>	large flowered collomia
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	bindweed, orchard morning-glory
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	american dogwood
<i>Crepis occidentalis</i>	western hawk's beard
<i>Croton setiger</i>	turkey-mullein
<i>Cryptantha</i>	cryptantha
<i>Cuscuta</i> sp.	Dodder
<i>Descurainia sophia</i>	herb sophia
<i>Dichelostemma capitatum</i>	blue dicks
<i>Dieteria canescens</i>	hoary aster
<i>Draba verna</i>	whitlow grass
<i>Eleocharis</i> sp.	spikerush
<i>Elymus caput-medusae</i>	medusa head
<i>Elymus spicatus</i>	blue bunch wheat grass
<i>Epilobium brachycarpum</i>	willow herb
<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>	scouringrush horsetail
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	rubber rabbitbrush
<i>Erigeron</i> sp.	horseweed
<i>Eriodictyon californicum</i>	yerba santa
<i>Eriogonum luteolum</i> var. <i>luteolum</i>	golden buckwheat
<i>Eriogonum nudum</i> var. <i>pubiflorum</i>	hairy flowered buckwheat
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	sulphur buckwheat
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	redstem filaree
<i>Festuca myuros</i>	rattail sixweeks grass
<i>Frasera albicaulis</i>	whitestem fraseria
<i>Galium aparine</i>	cleavers
<i>Geum triflorum</i>	old man's beard
<i>Helianthus bolanderi</i>	bolander's sunflower
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	mustard
<i>Holosteum umbellatum</i>	jagged chickweed
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	wall barley
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	klamathweed
<i>Juniperus occidentalis</i>	western juniper
<i>Lagophylla ramosissima</i>	common hareleaf



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<i>Leptosiphon sp.</i>	babystars
<i>Lomatium cf. utriculatum</i>	hog fennel
<i>Lomatium triternatum</i>	lewis's lomatium
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>	silvery lupine
<i>Lupinus microcarpus</i> var. <i>microcarpus</i>	chick lupine
<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	pineapple weed
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	white sweetclover
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	pennyroyal
<i>Mentzelia laevicaulis</i>	giant blazingstar
<i>Microseris laciniata</i> ssp. <i>detlingii</i>	detling's silverpuffs
<i>Microsteris gracilis</i>	slender phlox
<i>Mirabilis greenei</i>	Greene's four o'clock
<i>Monardella odoratissima</i>	mountain monardella
<i>Penstemon sp.</i>	penstemon
<i>Perideridia</i>	yampah
<i>Persicaria sp.</i>	smartweed
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canary grass
<i>Phlox speciosa</i>	showy phlox
<i>Phoradendron sp.</i>	mistletoe
<i>Plagiobothrys sp.</i>	popcorn flower
<i>Poa bulbosa</i>	bulbous blue grass
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	knotweed, knotgrass
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	common purslane
<i>Quercus garryana</i>	oregon oak
<i>Ranunculus testiculatus</i>	tubercled crowfoot
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	fragrant sumac
<i>Ribes sp.</i>	gooseberry
<i>Salvia dorrii</i> var. <i>incana</i>	fleshy sage
<i>Scutellaria antirrhinoides</i>	snapdragon skullcap
<i>Sisymbrium altissimum</i>	tumble mustard
<i>Symphiotrichum sp.</i>	aster
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	snowberry
<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	yellow salsify
<i>Trichostema lanceolatum</i>	vinegarweed
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	woolly mullein
<i>Veronica persica</i>	persian speedwell
<i>Vitis californica</i>	california wild grape
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	cocklebur



## Wildlife Species Observed

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Birds</b>	
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>
Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>
Mountain Quail	<i>Oreortyx pictus</i>
California Quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>
Sooty Grouse	<i>Dendragapus fuliginosus</i>
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>
Clark's Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>
Common loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>
Common Poorwill	<i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>
White-throated Swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>
Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>
Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>
Allen's Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus sasin</i>
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
Sandhill Crane	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>
Western Gull	<i>Larus occidentalis</i>
California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>
Franklin's Gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>



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Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>
American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
Ferruginous Hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>
Lewis's Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>
Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>
Red-breasted Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>
Pileated woodpecker	<i>Drycopus pileatus</i>
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>
Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>
Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>
Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>
Hutton's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>
Cassin's Vireo	<i>Vireo cassinii</i>



Common Name	Scientific Name
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>
California Scrub-Jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>
Clark's Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>
Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica hudsonia</i>
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Purple martin	<i>Progne subis</i>
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>
Mountain Chickadee	<i>Poecile gambeli</i>
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>
Oak Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>
Bushtit	<i>Psaltirparus minimus</i>
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>
Pygmy Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pygmaea</i>
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>
Rock Wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>
Canyon Wren	<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>
American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>
Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>
Mountain Bluebird	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>
Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>
Pine Siskin	<i>Spinus pinus</i>



Common Name	Scientific Name
House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>
Purple Finch	<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>
American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>
California Towhee	<i>Melospiza crissalis</i>
Green-tailed Towhee	<i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>
Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>
Slate-colored Junco	<i>Junco h. hyemalis</i>
Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>
Bullock's Oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Tricolored Blackbird	<i>Agelaius tricolor</i>
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>
Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis celata</i>
Nashville Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis ruficapilla</i>
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>
Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>
Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>
Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>
<b>Mammals</b>	
California kangaroo rat	<i>Dipodomys californicus</i>
California ground squirrel	<i>Otospermophilus beecheyi</i>
Golden-mantled ground squirrel	<i>Callospermophilus lateralis</i>
Yellow-pine chipmunk	<i>Tamias amoenus</i>
Allen's chipmunk	<i>Neotamias senex</i>



Common Name	Scientific Name
Antelope squirrel	<i>Ammospermophilus</i> sp.
Douglas' squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus douglasii</i>
Western gray squirrel	<i>Sciurus griseus</i>
Black-tailed jackrabbit	<i>Lepus californicus</i>
Opossum	<i>Didelphimorphia</i> sp.
Raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>
Yuma myotis	<i>Myotis yumanensis</i>
Myotis sp.	<i>Myotis</i> sp.
Townsend's western big-eared bat	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii townsendii</i>
Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>
Black-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>
big-horned sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>
Black bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>
Bobcat	<i>linx rufus</i>
Mountain lion	<i>Puma concolor</i>
American mink	<i>Neovison vison</i>
North American beaver	<i>Castor canadensis</i>
River otter	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>
Feral horse	<i>Equus ferus</i>
Cow	<i>Bos taurus</i>
<b>Reptiles</b>	
Western pond turtle	<i>Actinemys marmorata</i>
Western fence lizard	<i>Sceloporus occidentalis</i>
Sagebrush lizard	<i>Sceloporus graciosus</i>
California alligator lizard	<i>Elgaria multicarinata</i>
California red-sided garter snake	<i>Thamnophis sirtalis infernalis</i>
Garter snake	<i>Thamnophis</i> sp.
Western yellow-bellied racer	<i>Coluber constrictor mormon</i>
Western rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus oreganus</i>
California mountain kingsnake	<i>Lampropeltis zonata</i>
California kingsnake	<i>Lampropeltis getula californiae</i>
<b>Amphibians</b>	
Northern tree frog	<i>Hyla versicolor</i>
Sierran treefrog	<i>Pseudacris sierra</i>
Western toad	<i>Anaxyrus boreas</i>
American bullfrog	<i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i>







## **Appendix B**

### **Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan**





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## **1.0 Introduction**

The Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan described herein is a sub-plan of the Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan to be implemented as part of the Proposed Action for the Lower Klamath Project (Project). The geographic area that encompasses dam removal related activities that are a part of the Proposed Action is depicted in Appendix A - Figure 1 (Limits of Work). For the purpose of the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan, the management measures will be conducted within (1) the State of Oregon and (2) the Limits of Work, including any associated buffers for specific species as described in the following sections (together, the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary).

### **1.1 Purpose of Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan**

The purpose of the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan is to state the measures the Renewal Corporation will implement to avoid and minimize impacts to terrestrial and wildlife species (excluding bald and golden eagles) within the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary. Avoidance and minimization measures for bald and golden eagles are provided in the Bald and Golden Eagle Conservation Plan.

### **1.2 Relationship to Other Management Plans**

The Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan supports elements of all construction-related management plans. So as not to duplicate information, elements from these management plans are not repeated herein but are, where appropriate, referred to in this Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan.

## **2.0 Designated Biologist(s)**

The Renewal Corporation will use designated biologists (DB) with appropriate species-related qualifications to undertake the management measures described herein. DB qualifications will vary depending on each species. DB qualifications will be coordinated and reviewed with ODFW at least 30 days prior to the start of the work activities that would require the management measures described herein. Construction crews will receive training on Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan management measures, including special-status species identification, and will be trained to support the Renewal Corporation's implementation of the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan.

### **2.1 Field Crew Training**

Before any ground-disturbing work (including vegetation clearing and grading) begins in the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary, the Renewal Corporation will conduct mandatory biological resources awareness training for all construction personnel and the construction foreman. This training will inform the crews of special status species that could be present on site. The training will include a discussion of:



- Species identification,
- Habitat requirements,
- Protection status,
- Management measures,
- Necessary response actions if a crew member finds a species within the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary during construction activities, and
- What to do if an injured species is found.

Upon completing the training, all employees will sign an acknowledgment form stating that they attended the training and understand the applicable management measures. The Renewal Corporation will give an updated training to any new personnel and to all personnel if there is a change in the status of a special status species. The Renewal Corporation will also issue species identification cards for the species identified in Table 3-1 to shift supervisors. These cards will have photos and descriptions of the applicable species and will describe the actions that will be taken if a special status species is identified during construction.

All management measures with respect to WPT and non-listed amphibians and reptiles will be undertaken by ODFW.

### 3.0 Management Measures

Proposed Action work activities during the pre-drawdown, drawdown, demolition and removal, and restoration phases have the potential to impact special and non-special status species, particularly in the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary. The Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan describes the management measures the Renewal Corporation will implement within the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary to protect the special status species shown in Table 3-1 and the non-special status reptiles, amphibians, bats and nesting birds shown in Table 3-2. Appendix A - Figures contains all figures referenced in Section 3.

Finally, the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan provides guidelines for herbicide application and wetland buffers.

**Table 3-1. Protected Species Covered in the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan**

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	OREGON STATE LISTING	FEDERAL STATUS
Western Pond Turtle	<i>Actinemys marmorata</i>	Sensitive	Under Review
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	Sensitive	Not Listed
Northern Spotted Owl	<i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i>	Threatened	Threatened
Gray Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	Endangered	De-listed



**Table 3-2. Species Specific Management Measures**

<b>SPECIES IMPACTED</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT MEASURES</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b>
Western Pond Turtle	VES Surveys (as defined below, Section 3.1.1) prior to construction	ODFW
	VES Surveys during drawdown	
	Rescue and relocation prior to construction and during draw-down and construction	ODFW
	Entrapment prevention and exclusion	Renewal Corporation
Non-listed reptiles and amphibians	VES Surveys concurrently with WPT surveys	ODFW/Renewal Corporation
	Rescue and relocation during construction	ODFW/Renewal Corporation
	Entrapment prevention and exclusion	Renewal Corporation
Nesting Birds (including Willow Flycatcher, Cliff Swallow and Great Blue Heron)	Limit vegetation removal and trimming to areas where construction or restoration actions (ground disturbance) are occurring.	Renewal Corporation
	Limit vegetation removal/trimming (other than willow cutting and harvesting) to September 1 <sup>st</sup> to April 1 <sup>st</sup> (outside the nesting season).	
	Limit willow cutting harvesting to September 1 <sup>st</sup> to January 31 <sup>st</sup> .	
	Leave transmission/distribution poles with active osprey nests in place and insert nest deterrents prior to nesting season (March - September).	
	Depending on stress behavior and other factors, potentially establish a set-back for construction actions or alter timing of construction.	
	Remove Cliff Swallow nests	



Northern Spotted Owl	Modification of habitat limited work window: September 1 and February 28	Renewal Corporation
Gray Wolves	Contact CDFW and potentially implement management measures	Renewal Corporation
Bats	Conduct structural removals within the designated seasonal timeframe	Renewal Corporation
	Visually check for bats prior to structural removal	Renewal Corporation
	Partially dismantle structures and use best practices when removing trees	Renewal Corporation

### **3.1 Western Pond Turtle Management Measures**

Previous surveys have documented western pond turtle (WPT) presence throughout the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary (PacifiCorp 2004b; AECOM 2019). WPT utilization of the habitat includes nesting, over-wintering, foraging, and basking and are described fully and identified in the WPT study report (AECOM 2019).

Pre-drawdown, drawdown, demolition and removal, and restoration work activities may potentially impact WPT located in the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary. Management measures to be implemented by ODFW include pre-construction surveys, drawdown surveys and rescue and relocation protocol, all as described in more detail in this Section 3.1. In addition, Section 3.8 contains management measures for entrapment and exclusion protocol.

A digital map of previous identified overwintering sites (AECOM 2019) will be developed and provided to ODFW prior to the start of pre-drawdown construction activities. Previously identified overwintering sites will be flagged and observed for possible activity prior to commencement of preconstruction and reservoir drawdown activities. ODFW will be provided with maps and/or electronic tools that depict the project disturbance limits, access roads and other project features, documented wintering sites and delineated potential suitable nesting habitat within 500-meters of the J.C. Boyle reservoir shoreline. ODFW will also be given access to the project WPT survey database to view all previously collected data. The database and associated mapping interface will be regularly updated so that biological resource data will be available to ODFW.

Renewal Corporation will cooperate with ODFW, which will lead WPT surveys, relocation efforts, and other Renewal Corporation WPT management measures during pre-construction, drawdown, demolition, removal, and restoration activities. The Renewal Corporation and ODFW will enter into an agreement regarding the performance of these measures. All work performed by ODFW will be performed by qualified individuals, as determined by ODFW. ODFW will use WPT protocols developed by CDFW, ODFW and the Renewal Corporation. It



will undertake this work no later than three (3) months prior to pre-drawdown activities when conducting surveys, handling, and relocation of WPT.

### **3.1.1 Pre-construction surveys**

The Renewal Corporation will develop a master schedule of all in-water construction activities three months prior to their start date. Work activities that take place below the ordinary high-water mark are considered in-water work. This schedule will also include a list of other activities that might occur in the vicinity of WPT overwintering sites that have been identified by the Renewal Corporation, as described in the WPT study report (KRRC 2019).

The Renewal Corporation will notify ODFW no later than seven days prior to the start of any construction or other potential disturbing work activities in WPT habitat areas. An ODFW biologist will perform Visual Estimation Surveys (VES) of the immediate work zone and adjacent work area prior to in-water work events. “VES Surveys” means surveys completed using approved protocol visual encounter surveys, which will be developed by CDFW, ODFW, and the Renewal Corporation no later than three (3) months prior to the start of pre-drawdown construction activities. Surveys will consist of visual observations for potential dens, burrows, or WPT in the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary. If the ODFW biologist observes a WPT during this survey, rescue and relocation will occur, if needed.

### **3.1.2 Reservoir Drawdown Surveys**

During the J.C. Boyle reservoir drawdown phase, an ODFW biologist will conduct J.C. Boyle Reservoir area surveys for stranded or otherwise affected WPT. Upon discovery of WPT, an ODFW biologist will capture and relocate the individual, as deemed appropriate by ODFW. Survey protocols and reporting requirements shall be consistent with previously mentioned methods, as developed by ODFW, CDFW and the Renewal Corporation no later than three (3) months prior to pre-drawdown activities.

### **3.1.3 Post Drawdown/Reservoir Restoration Surveys**

Upon completion of the J.C. Boyle reservoir drawdown phase, an ODFW biologist will conduct J.C. Boyle Reservoir area surveys for stranded or otherwise affected WPT. Surveys will be conducted by foot and/or unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) according to developed protocols. The survey area will include suitable WPT nesting areas within 500 meters of the reservoir shoreline. The definition of suitable nesting habitats will be based on topographic considerations and other relevant factors. The Renewal Corporation will notify ODFW in the event WPT are observed in or in proximity to an active work area starting with reservoir drawdown until dam removal and priority tributary restoration work activities are complete. Upon discovery of WPT, an ODFW biologist will capture and relocate the individual, as deemed appropriate by ODFW. Upon capture and prior to being relocated, biological data for the captured individual will be collected and recorded. The specifics of the biological information to be collected will be further defined by the Renewal Corporation and ODFW in the WPT rescue and relocation protocol.



### **3.1.4 Relocation plan**

The Renewal Corporation will cooperate with ODFW will establish final protocols for the relocating of any WPT no later than three (3) months prior to the start of reservoir drawdown. Captured individuals will be relocated to previously identified WPT habitat on public land outside of the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary as determined by ODFW. This relocation area may be subject to management by ODFW. WPT may be subject to a temporary holding zone as deemed appropriate by ODFW.

## **3.2 Amphibian and Reptile Management Measures**

### **3.2.1 VES Surveys**

Surveys for other reptiles and amphibians will occur concurrently with surveys for WPT. The Renewal Corporation will be supported by a qualified ODFW biologist or trained staff when observing native reptiles or amphibians in the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary during work activities. In addition, construction personnel will be trained on avoidance and minimization measures as described above.

### **3.2.2 Rescue and Relocation**

If observed, the reptile or amphibian will be avoided and encouraged to leave the area of their own volition. If the amphibian or reptile is not capable of leaving the work area of its own volition or does not promptly leave the work area, an ODFW biologist will attempt to capture and relocate the individual outside the work area, if feasible. Section 3.8 contains additional management measures for entrapment and exclusion protocol. These actions will occur in coordination with construction activities to avoid delays to construction.

## **3.3 Nesting Birds – Management Measures**

Previous surveys of the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary have identified nesting bird utilization (AECOM 2019; 2020). During these surveys, species identified included great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*), cliff swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*), osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), and willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*). Proposed Action work activities, including pre-drawdown, drawdown, demolition and removal, and restoration, may affect these species. The Renewal Corporation will implement the following management measures during the Proposed Action work activities. They will apply to all nesting birds; additional provisions for special-status species are described below. See the Bald and Golden Eagle Conservation Plan for additional management measures for bald eagles and golden eagles.

### **3.3.1 Pre-construction Survey Protocol**

The Renewal Corporation will conduct pre-construction VES surveys for native nesting birds if habitat removal activities will occur during the primary nesting period of April 1-July 31. These surveys will focus on identifying potential nesting habitats located within areas where construction and restoration crews will remove trees and vegetation. These surveys will determine if any birds are nesting and may potentially be affected by habitat removal.



The survey protocol will consist of walking evenly spaced transects, which maximize visual survey coverage of the work area. These surveys will be completed in the mornings after sunrise, no more than one week prior to habitat disturbance. The Renewal Corporation will scan brush, grassland, and canopy for nests and avian nesting behavior. If the Renewal Corporation observes a nest in the nesting period, subsequent surveys may occur prior to construction to monitor the nest for activity or to further determine status (e.g., eggs have hatched, nestlings present). A nest with eggs, chicks, or nestlings will be considered 'active'.

### **3.3.2 Nesting Bird Disturbance Avoidance**

To avoid disturbance to nesting birds, the Renewal Corporation will use its professional judgment to implement the following management measures in respect of nests identified during a survey:

- Vegetation removal and trimming will be limited to areas where construction or restoration actions (ground disturbance) are occurring.
- The Renewal Corporation will limit vegetation removal/trimming (other than willow cutting and harvesting) to September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> (outside the nesting season), to the extent practicable.
- The Renewal Corporation will limit willow cutting harvesting to September 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>, if practicable.
- The Renewal Corporation intends to leave transmission/distribution poles with active osprey nests in place and, as appropriate, install nest deterrents prior to nesting season (March – September).
- Observe the nest during construction to determine if the bird is exhibiting stress behaviors, which include visual displays, human interactions, and other visual behavioral displays of agitation (*Cornell Ornithology 2019*).
- If the bird is exhibiting stress behaviors, establish a set-back for construction actions, if practicable given other factors including the construction schedule and nature of construction.
- Alter the timing of construction activity if practicable given other factors including the construction schedule.

If tree and vegetation removal must occur during nesting season (e.g., unanticipated activity, unanticipated delays, or vegetation re-grew during the growing season), the Renewal Corporation will conduct a nesting bird survey prior to vegetation removal and avoid any active nests, if practicable. In addition, the Renewal Corporation may need to remove vegetation in order to remediate fish passage barriers.

The Renewal Corporation may remove the nest and clear the area if the nest is not active. Upon discovery of an active nest during Proposed Action work activities and within the nesting season, the Renewal Corporation will assess the nest and occupants for visual signs of distress. If the nest is in a location where Proposed Action work activities may disturb the species, such as power pole removal with active immature birds, the Renewal Corporation will follow the steps described above.



If an active nest is in an area that needs to be cleared to facilitate construction and the nest will be disturbed due to such clearing the Renewal Corporation will inform ODFW and discuss a potential resolution that would not delay construction.

Specific avoidance measures for cliff swallows and willow flycatcher are described below.

#### **3.3.2.1 Cliff Swallow**

The J. C. Boyle dam crest facilities have known, or the potential for, cliff swallow nests. The DB will survey these facilities between October and February (non-nesting season) and remove all unoccupied nests in structures that are scheduled to be modified or removed.

#### **3.3.2.2 Willow Flycatcher**

Tree and vegetation removal may occur in willow flycatcher habitat (see Appendix A – Figure 2) during the pre-construction and drawdown phases of the Proposed Action. Any vegetation removed or modified will be the minimum amount necessary to accomplish the task. Removal of nesting habitat will occur during the non-nesting season of most songbirds which occurs between September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, as described above.

If the Renewal Corporation documents a willow flycatcher nest within an active construction disturbance area, the Renewal Corporation will follow the avoidance disturbance actions described above.

Restoration activities may require minimal willow flycatcher habitat removal after the drawdown year. The Renewal Corporation will avoid removal of willow flycatcher suitable habitat (see Appendix A – Figure 2) during the willow flycatcher nesting season (June 1 – July 31).<sup>1</sup> If the Renewal Corporation documents a willow flycatcher pair nesting within the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary, the Renewal Corporation will follow the avoidance disturbance actions described above.

Since the restoration phase will extend several years, there may be newly established riparian vegetation requiring minimal disturbance to prevent volitional fish passage barriers from forming or to remove newly formed barriers to volitional fish passage. Because (1) newly established riparian patches would not likely provide habitat for willow flycatcher due to their early growth state, patch size, and overall lack of structural complexity and (2) the actions will be temporary and minimal in scale, pre-disturbance surveys will not be conducted.

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<sup>1</sup> These dates were established in consultation with CDFW.



### 3.4 Northern Spotted Owl

USFWS has designated northern spotted owl critical habitat within one mile of the J.C. Boyle Dam (USFWS 2012). The J.C. Boyle powerhouse access road realignment vegetation removal activities will occur between September 1 and February 28. All activities in this road realignment and construction will be in compliance with the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion.

### 3.5 Gray Wolf

Gray wolves do not currently rendezvous or den in the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary; however, previous observations have documented wolves in the surrounding counties. The Renewal Corporation will contact the ODFW staff identified in Appendix B - Agency Contacts prior to pre-construction activities to determine if there is potential wolf activity in the area where construction will occur. During Proposed Action work activities, ODFW will provide the Renewal Corporation with any information regarding gray wolves' status. If the Renewal Corporation observes gray wolves within the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary, the Renewal Corporation will immediately contact ODFW.

If gray wolves, rendezvous sites, or denning sites are observed within the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary in Oregon, the Renewal Corporation will coordinate with ODFW's wolf biologist to determine the best management measures, which may include reduced driving speeds, signage on haul roads, limited operating periods, disturbance buffers, and avoidance of key areas.

### 3.6 Bats

The Renewal Corporation conducted bat occupancy surveys at facilities impacted by the Proposed Action. During these surveys, surveyors assessed potential bat roosting features (e.g., buildings, bridges, trees) for bat utilization. A total of two structures were confirmed to have bat activity associated with them, as shown in Table 3-3, Appendix A – Figure 3.

**Table 3-3. Bat Roosting Locations**

PROJECT FEATURE	STRUCTURE	HABITAT FEATURES AND ENTRY POINTS
J.C. Boyle	Spillway Control Center Building	Cavities in the interior of the building; crevices behind the roof fascia and under corrugated metal siding; and entry gaps at eaves, roof, and ridge cap.
	Staging area trees	Snag pine with cavity; crevices in exfoliating bark in snag pine and potentially beneath exfoliating bark and snag pine; and canopy that is potential spring/summer/fall habitat for obligate, tree-roosting bat species.



The Renewal Corporation's management measures include seasonal considerations with respect to structure and tree removal, visual surveys prior to structure and tree removal, phased removal, and barricading remaining structures to exclude bats, all as described below.

The Renewal Corporation will implement structure removal activities with consideration of seasonal bat behavior. This will minimize potential impacts to bats in their maternity state, bat pups, and hibernating bats. The following time periods represent the best preferred dates for structure removal:

- March 1 to April 15 and/or
- September 1 to October 15.

If bat-containing building removal cannot occur during these time periods, removal will occur when nighttime temperatures are above 45 degrees, or at such other time as is determined in consultation with ODFW.

The Renewal Corporation will conduct visual survey at the appropriate time of day or night for bats or signs of recent use prior to structure and tree removing construction activities to determine if the facility or tree is subject to the above considerations.

If the Renewal Corporation detects bats in a fabricated structure, removal will occur in two phases.

**Phase 1:** Construction staff will remove portions of the structure to alter the temperature, ambient light, and natural airflow. These include windows, roofs, siding/walls. This structure will be left undisturbed overnight to allow bats to vacate.

**Phase 2:** Construction staff will perform the final demolition of the structure the following day.

Likewise, if the Renewal Corporation detects bats in trees designated for removal, construction staff will remove these trees in two phases. Construction staff will remove tree branches in the initial phase. The tree will then be left undisturbed overnight to allow bats to vacate.

Construction staff will fell the tree on the following day. Alternative tree removal protocol includes allowing a felled tree to remain in place for 24-hours prior to chipping or removal. Construction staff will carry out either of these tree removal protocols when practicable.

Structures that will remain intact include portal outlets, tunnels, and other water conveyance structures. These structures will be permanently closed and barricaded with concrete rubble, earth fill, and/or steel plates when evening temperatures are above 45 degrees.



### **3.7 Other Special Status Species**

#### **3.7.1 Wildlife**

Special status species that were not identified during the pre-construction wildlife monitoring but have the potential to occur in the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary include: foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*) and Oregon spotted frog (*Rana pretiosa*) (AECOM 2019; 2020). No formal survey efforts will be performed for these species but incidental observations of these species during general wildlife surveys will be noted and reported by the Renewal Corporation to the ODFW (see Section 4).

#### **3.7.2 Plants**

The Renewal Corporation commissioned special status plant species surveys in and around the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan in 2018 and 2019 (AECOM 2019; 2020). Surveyors did not identify any federally or state-listed plant species during these surveys.

### **3.8 Entrapment and Exclusion**

The Renewal Corporation will fence construction areas such as trenches or pipes that could entrap wildlife (both small and large mammals, amphibians, reptiles), when feasible. The Renewal Corporation will implement additional exclusion fencing or other appropriate measures in coordination with ODFW to reduce the likelihood that special status species access construction work areas within the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary. The Renewal Corporation will make daily observations of the fenced areas and fencing for any entrapped species.

Construction crews will place escape ramps in any material open hole or trench left open overnight. These can be in the form of a 2" x 6" board. All constructed holes or trenches will be inspected daily for entrapped wildlife throughout the construction period and prior to fill. Any wildlife discovered will first be allowed to escape voluntarily. If an entrapped individual will not voluntarily escape, the Renewal Corporation will use its best professional judgment in removing and relocating the entrapped individual, if practicable.

### **3.9 Herbicide Application**

The Renewal Corporation may apply herbicides approved by EPA and Oregon Department of Pesticide Regulation, to control the spread of Invasive Exotic Vegetation (IEV) in the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary, as needed. The Renewal Corporation will apply all approved herbicides according to labeling directions. The Reservoir Area Management Plan identifies the Renewal Corporation's management measures to avoid impacts to special status species. Please refer to that plan for additional information.

### **3.10 Wetland Buffer**

Non-dam removal construction activities (e.g., staging areas, temporary spoils, construction trailer sites) may occur near wetland habitats. The Renewal Corporation will review construction



designs to identify if any temporary construction sites are near existing non-reservoir dependent wetlands. If temporary construction sites are near non-reservoir dependent wetlands, the Renewal Corporation will establish a minimum 20- foot wetland buffer prior to construction activities to minimize unnecessary impacts to wetlands. The Renewal Corporation will review delineated wetland locations within the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan Boundary and identify wetlands that will require a buffer, see Appendix A – Figure 4. The Renewal Corporation will demarcate the 20-foot buffer with flagging or fencing as needed.

## **4.0 Reporting**

The Renewal Corporation will report the activities outlined in the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan as described below.

### **4.1 Monthly Reports**

The Renewal Corporation will provide monthly status reports no later than 10 days after the end of each month. Monthly reports will be provided during the year prior to drawdown (Year 0), the drawdown year (Year 1), and one year following drawdown (Year 2). Monthly reporting after Year 2 will only occur in months where construction activities have the potential to disturb species, and the management measures identified by the Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan are required. These reports will be submitted to FERC, USFWS, ODEQ and ODFW.

Monthly status reporting will include a summary of the following:

1. Western pond turtle (WPT) survey methods and results, including WPT observations, weather conditions during surveys, frequency, and duration of survey efforts, actions taken to rescue/relocate WPT (including the number of WPT relocated and which relocation area they were released at) and data collected on handled individuals as identified in Section 2.1. This will be in addition to the WPT reporting described in Section 4.3.
2. Willow flycatcher survey methods and results including detections, weather conditions during surveys, survey efforts, nesting or occupied status of habitat surveyed, any ODFW coordination to date and measures implemented.
3. Avian nesting survey methods and results including weather conditions during surveys, survey efforts, duration of surveys, any active or inactive nests encountered, any ODFW coordination to date and measures implemented.
4. Bat visual survey results including weather conditions during surveys, measures taken to exclude bats from facilities prior to removal and removal activities.
5. Incidental special status species observations made in connection with VES surveys.
6. Location of wetland buffers.
7. Crew training completed to date.



## **4.2 Annual Reporting**

The Renewal Corporation will provide annual status reports by January 30 of every year to FERC, USFWS, and ODFW detailing the application of management measures, construction status, and agency consultation. The Renewal Corporation will prepare annual reports beginning the year prior to drawdown (Year 0) through the FERC issued final surrender order year.

### **4.2.1 Western Pond Turtle Reporting**

The Renewal Corporation will cooperate with ODFW to prepare the final WPT report. This report will include the following information:

- Survey timing (which covers multiple life stages),
- Survey frequency,
- Survey locations,
- Relocation areas with suitable habitat, and
- Survey methodology.

The Renewal Corporation will submit the WPT final compliance report within 30 days of Proposed Action completion. This report will identify all activities that took place as a part of pre-and post-construction surveys for WPT. The Renewal Corporation has the discretion to establish when the Proposed Action is complete for WPT based on prior year survey results. Renewal Corporation will submit the report to FERC, ODEQ, ODFW and USFWS.

This report will include the following:

- All individuals handled during rescue and relocation,
- Location, date, time, and duration of the handling,
- Enumeration of species handled,
- Identification of species life stage and health,
- Identification of capture personnel,
- Stream, transport, and receiving water temperatures,
- Location, date, and time of release.
- The Renewal Corporation shall prepare and submit to DEQ an Annual Compliance Report by April 1 for the preceding year that presents the results of mitigation efforts undertaken pursuant to the WPT Rescue and Relocation Plan in accordance with Condition 11(e) of the section 401 water quality certification.



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## **Appendix A**

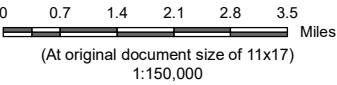
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



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**Figure 1. Limits of Work  
and Restoration**  
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-  Maximum Restoration Footprint
-  Access\_Routes

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**Notes**  
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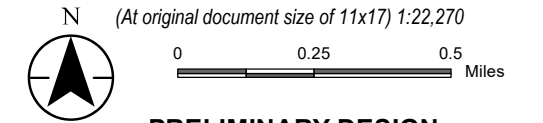


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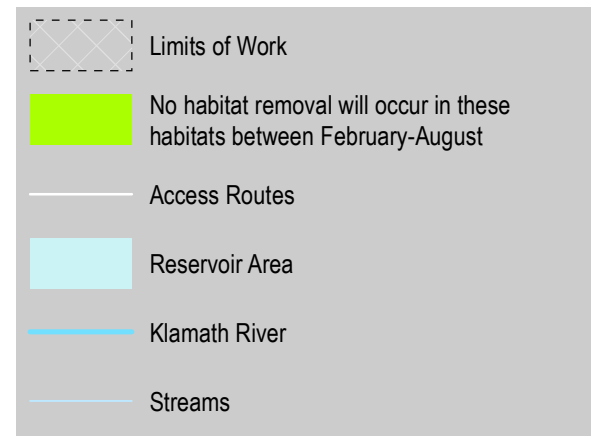
## Figure 2. Willow Flycatcher Habitat

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**Figure 3. Structures with Potential Bat Roosts, Oregon**

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**Structures with Potential Bat Roosts**

- 1 Spillway Control Center Building
- Limits of Work
- Klamath River

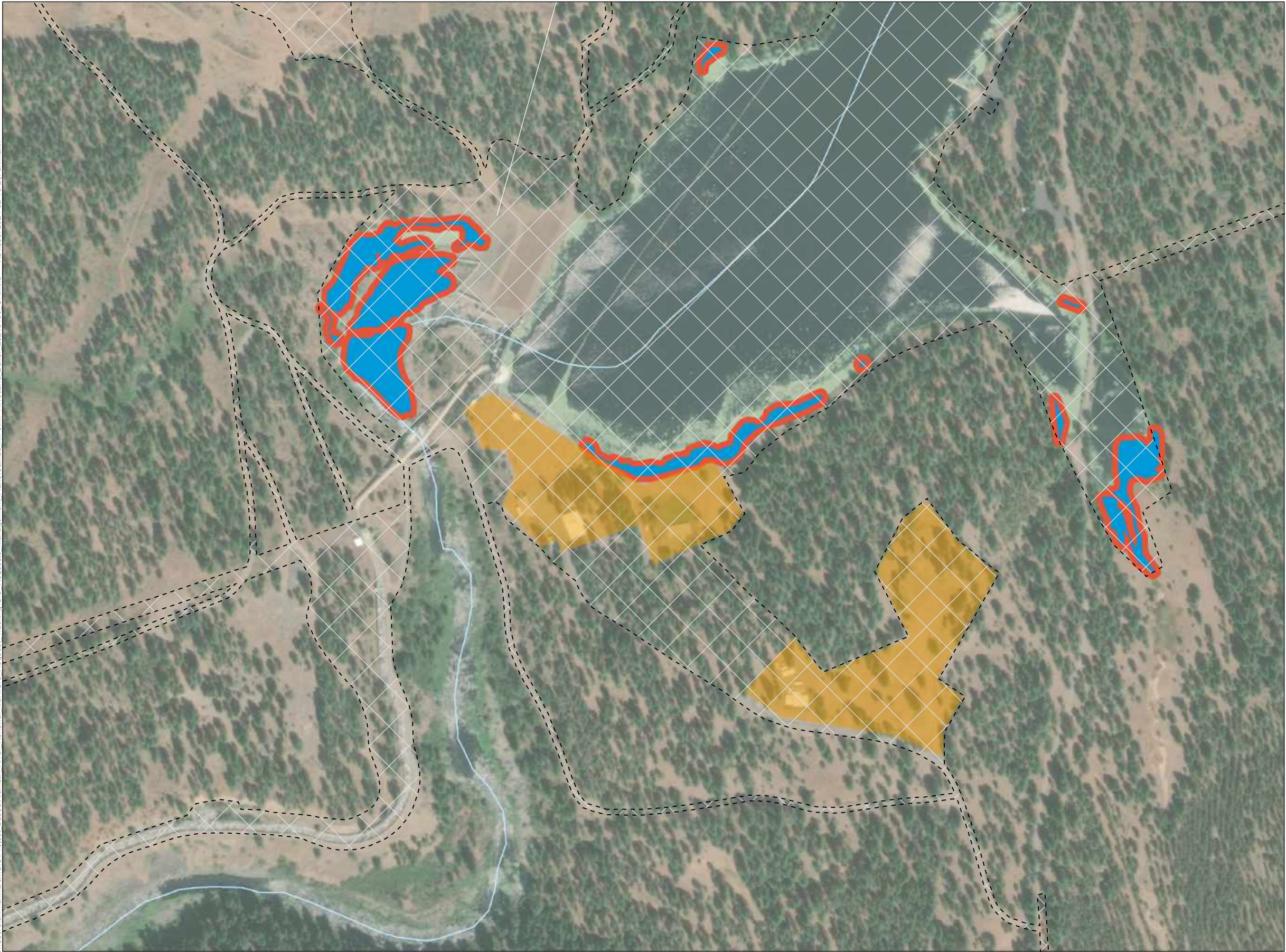


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**Figure 4. Wetland Buffers**

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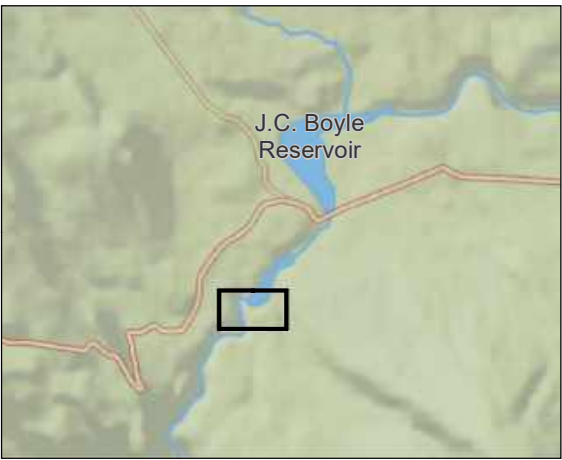
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-  Wetlands
-  20 ft buffer
-  Staging Areas
-  Limits of Work
-  Klamath River



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## **Appendix B**

### **Agency Contacts**



**Willow Flycatcher**

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**Non-special Status Nesting Birds**

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife: [NAME][EMAIL][PHONE]

**Gray Wolf**

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife: [NAME][EMAIL][PHONE]



## **Appendix C**

### **Bald and Golden Eagle Management Plan**



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*This plan will be developed in coordination with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the Proposed Action in accordance with the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668c). An updated plan or status report will be filed with FERC by December 2021.*

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## **Appendix D**

### **Consultation Record**



## Consultation Record

Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan				
Sub-Plan	Agency	Date of Agency Plan Submittal	Agency Comments Received Date	Date of Call to Resolve Agency Comments
<b>Oregon Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan</b>	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality	January 8, 2021	January 26, 2021	January 25, 2021
	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	January 8, 2021	January 24, 2021	January 25, 2021
<b>California Terrestrial and Wildlife Management Plan</b>	United States Fish and Wildlife Service	January 8, 2021	Pending	January 25, 2021
	California State Water Resource Control Board	January 8, 2021	Pending	January 25, 2021
	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	January 8, 2021	January 22, 2021	January 25, 2021
<b>Bald and Golden Eagle Management Plan</b>	United States Fish and Wildlife Service	Pending	Pending	Pending
	California State Water Resource Control Board	Pending	Pending	Pending
	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Pending	Pending	Pending
	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Pending	Pending	Pending