



## Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration  
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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

September 6, 2013

In reply refer to: KEC-4

Dear Landowner/interested party:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) intends to fund the purchase of three properties in Okanogan County, WA. The properties include:

Salmon Creek Meadow – 40 acres of riparian habitat along Salmon Creek  
Salmon Creek Pond – 154 acres of riparian habitat along Salmon Creek

When the purchase is complete, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CCT) will own and manage the property for fish and wildlife conservation purposes and BPA will receive a conservation easement to ensure that the habitat values on the property are always protected. BPA is sending this letter to inform nearby residents and other interested parties of this land purchase.

The funding will be provided as part of BPA's ongoing efforts to protect, restore and enhance habitat for Upper Columbia steelhead as mitigation for the construction and operation of the dams in the Columbia River basin, and would satisfy some of BPA's requirements identified in the National Marine Fisheries Service 2008 Biological Opinion that guides the protection of salmon and steelhead listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Enclosed you will find a map detailing this land transaction. BPA has prepared a memo and environmental checklist documenting that no further environmental review of this funding action is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This documentation, known as a categorical exclusion, was approved on August 29, 2013, and is posted on BPA's website at: [http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental\\_services/categorialexclusions.aspx](http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/categorialexclusions.aspx).

The CCT will provide long-term stewardship for the land and will develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of habitat on the property. The CCT will provide the opportunity for the public to review and comment on the draft plan. BPA will review the plan and must approve it before it is implemented. Management actions may include fencing repair or construction to protect the land from livestock grazing. If BPA proposes to fund any of these activities, we will conduct additional environmental review under NEPA and other statutes as appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding this land purchase, please feel free to contact the project manager, Sandra Fife at 503-230-3678. You can also call toll free 800-622-4519. Please refer to the “Aeneas Creek Spring,” “Salmon Creek Meadow,” or “Salmon Creek Pond” land acquisitions.

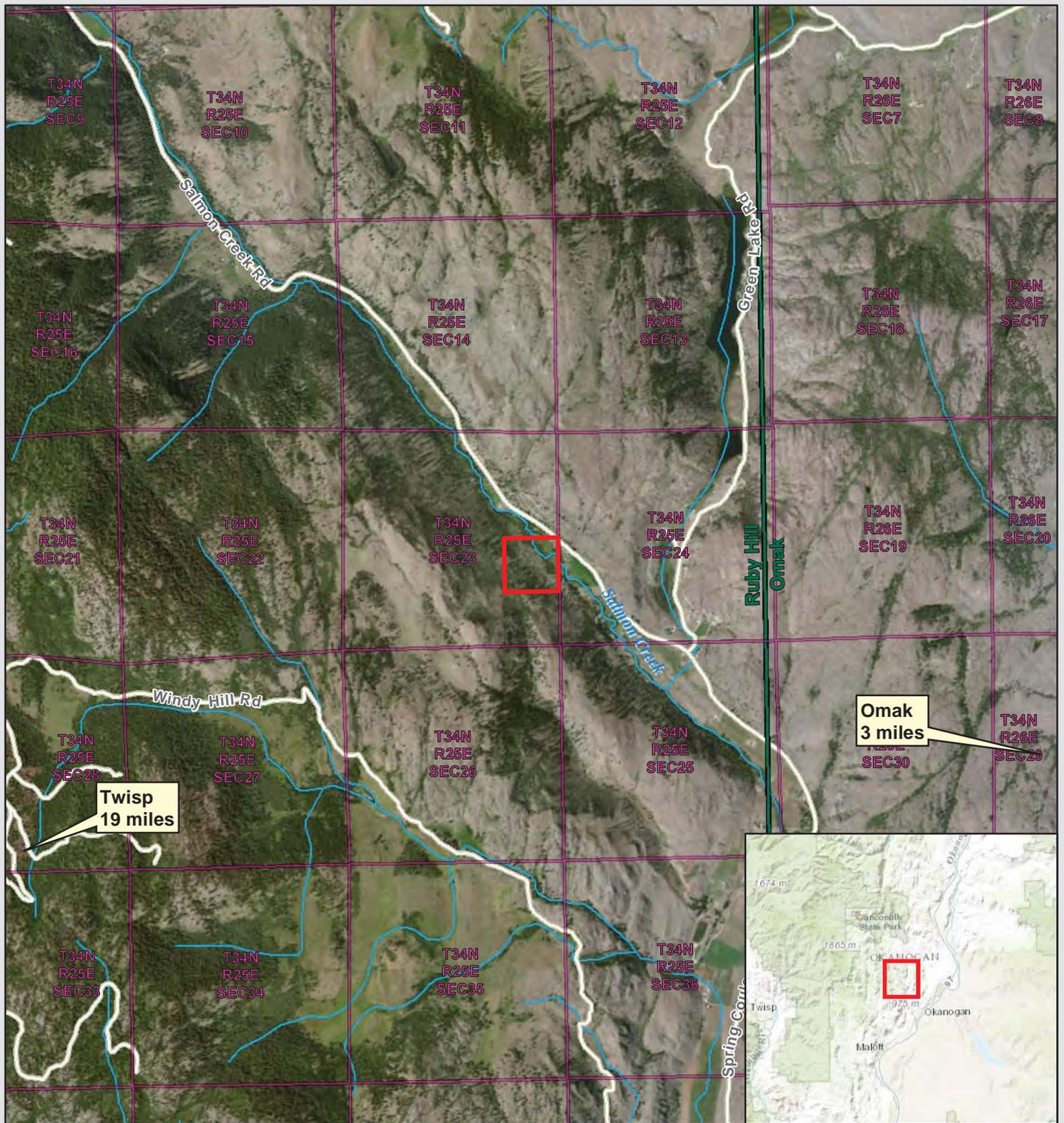
Sincerely,

*/s/ Ted Gresh*

Ted Gresh

Environmental Protection Specialist – KEC-4

Enclosure: Vicinity Map



# Salmon Creek Meadow Property Acquisition

## Public Notification Map

Ruby Hill Quadrangle  
 Okanogan County, WA  
 (40 Acres)

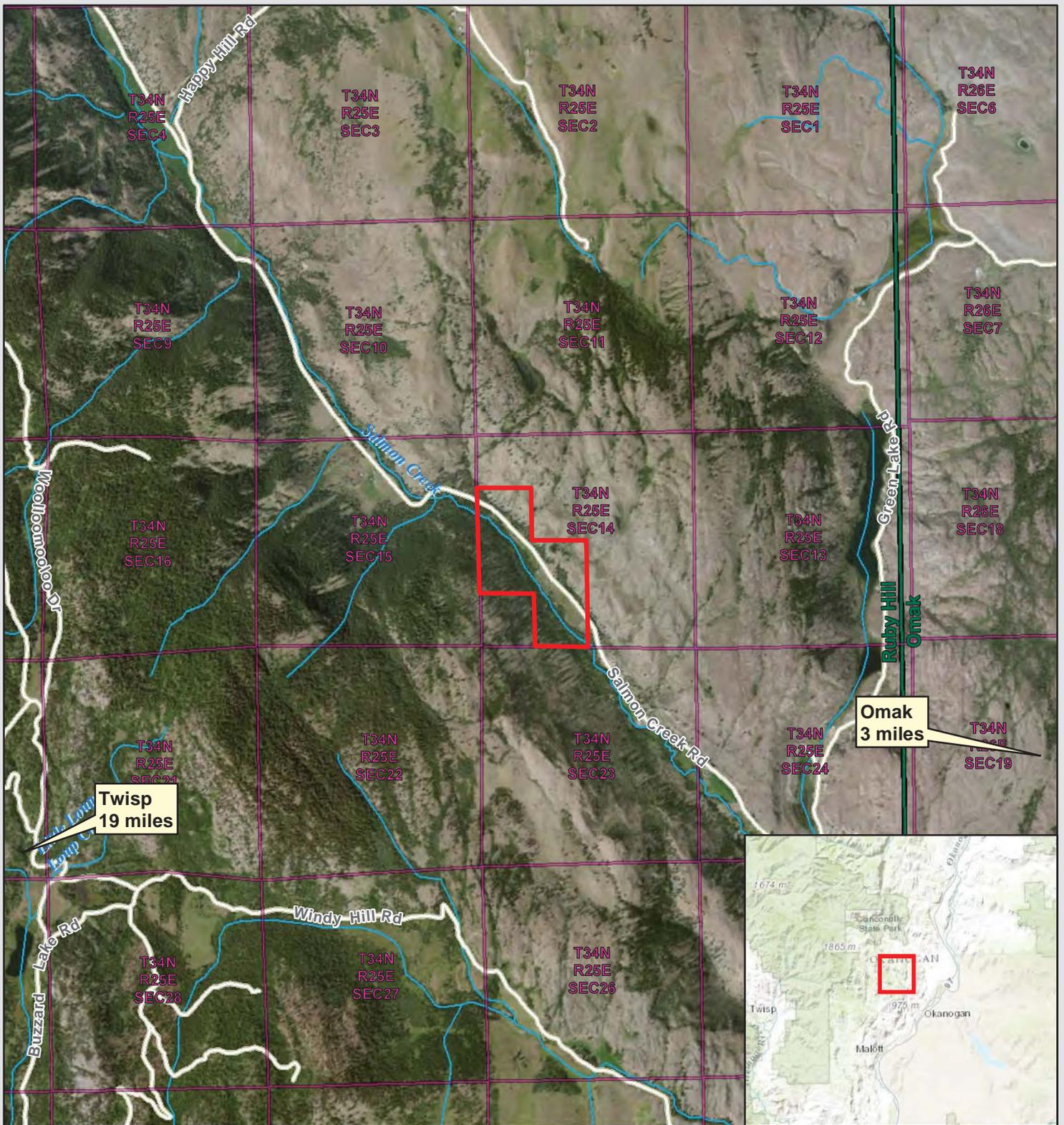
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# Salmon Creek Pond Property Acquisition

## Public Notification Map

Ruby Hill Quadrangle  
 Okanogan County, WA  
 (156 Acres)

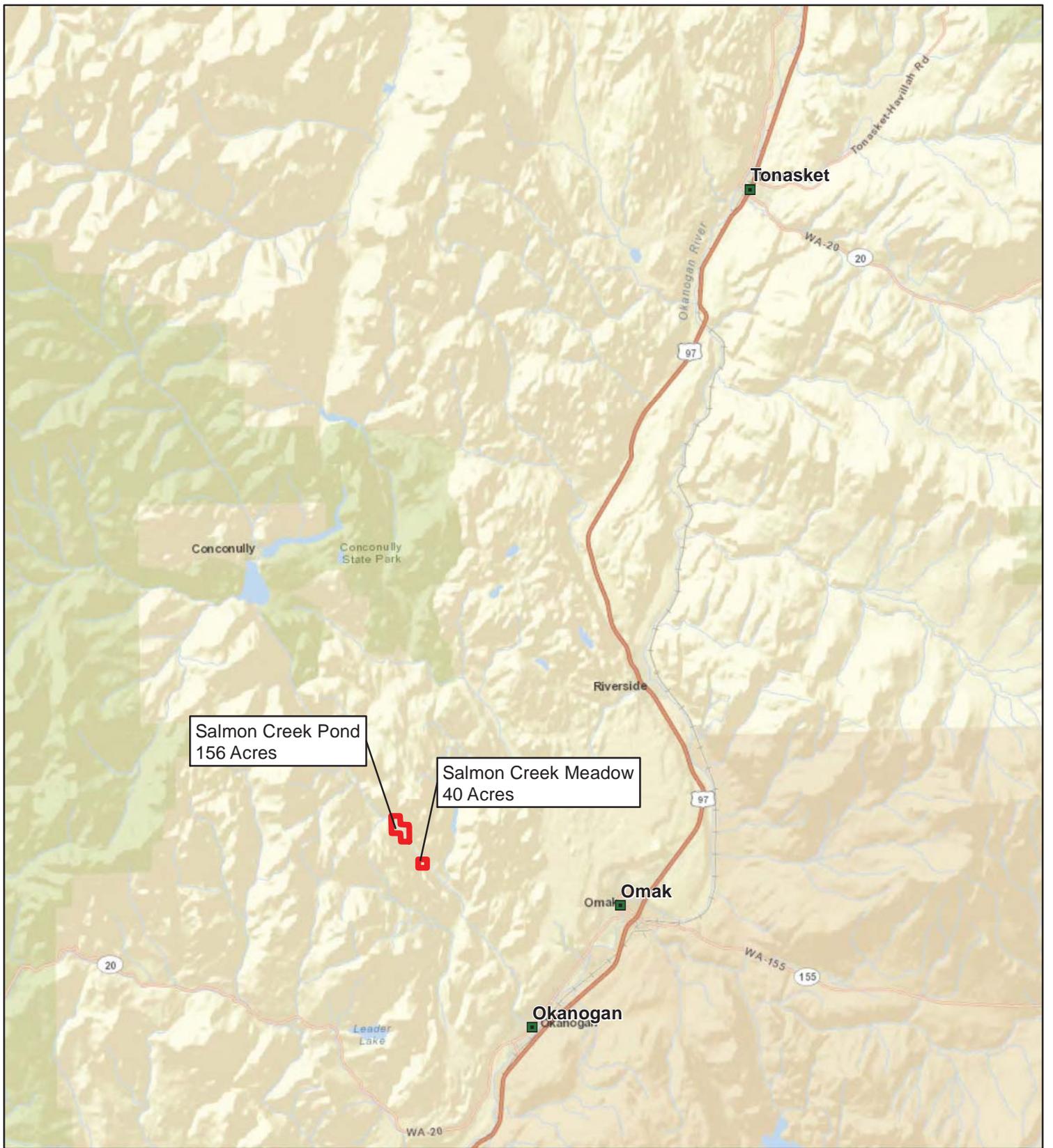
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**Land Purchase Project  
Salmon Creek Pond and  
Salmon Creek Meadow Properties  
Overview Map**  
Okanogan County, WA

 Land Purchase Property

August 27, 2013

