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We are writing to let you know that The Nature Conservancy (the Conservancy) is transferring ownership of the Dunstan Homestead Preserve on the Middle Fork of the John Day River to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (the Tribes). This is an extension of a decades-long partnership between our organizations. Together, we have acquired nearly 3,000 acres and 11.5 miles of the river plus many cold-water tributaries on the Middle Fork John Day to protect and restore fish and wildlife habitat.

The Conservancy purchased the Dunstan Homestead in 1990. Over the past twenty-five years, the Conservancy managed and restored habitat on the 1,200-acre Dunstan Homestead Preserve and worked collaboratively with neighbors and partners to advance research, monitoring and management on public and private lands in the surrounding Middle Fork John Day watershed.

The John Day River Basin is part of the ancestral homeland of the Tribes. They have managed conservation properties on the Middle Fork John Day River since 2001 with the acquisition of the nearby Oxbow property and the Forrest property, acquired in 2002. The Tribes staff offices in Prairie City, on the Forrest Conservation Area and in John Day, and are engaged in conservation and restoration work that benefits fish habitat throughout the basin.

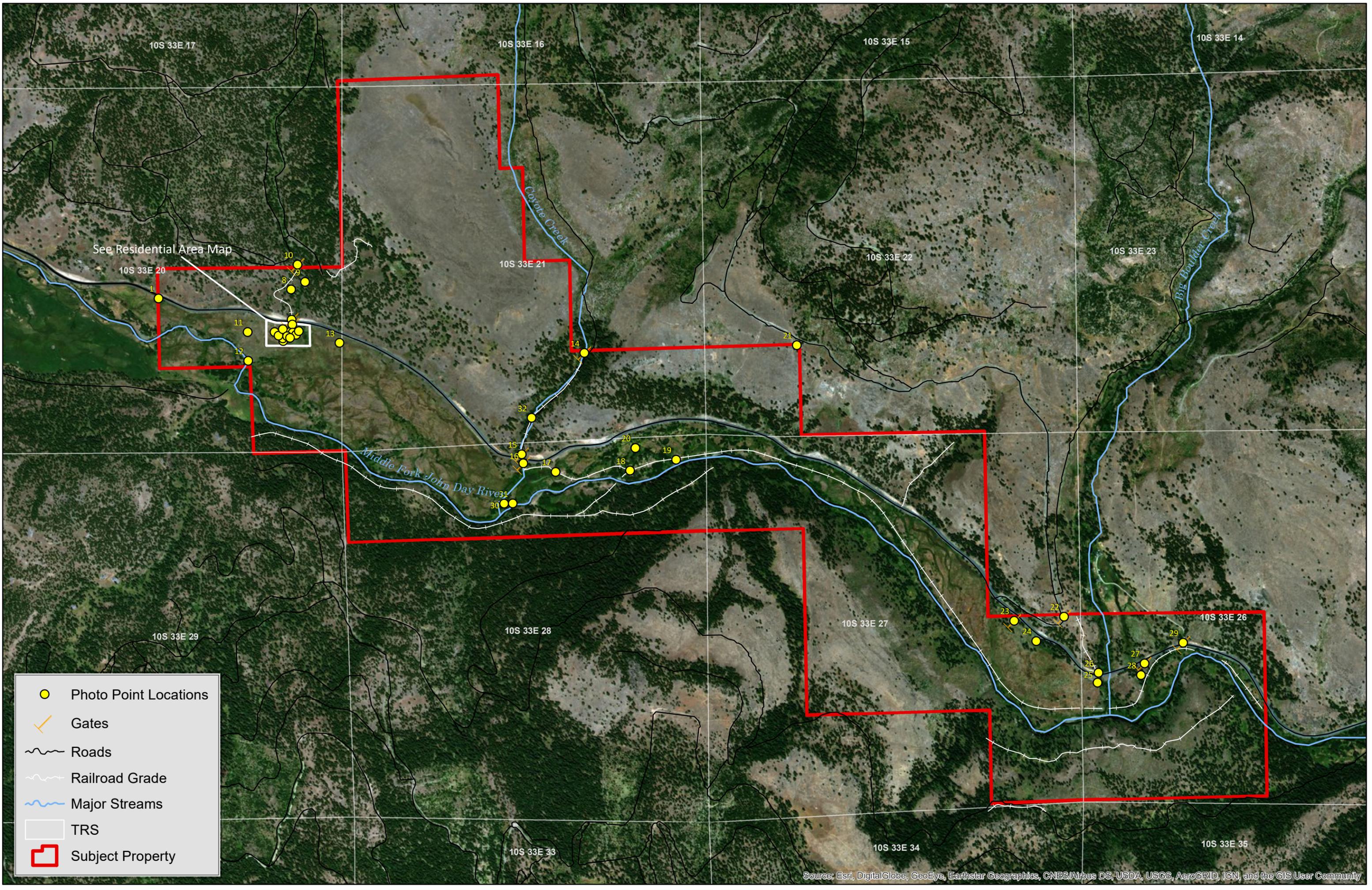
The Tribes have been managing the Dunstan Preserve for the Conservancy for nearly three years, and transfer of the property is expected to be completed this spring. At closing, the Tribes will grant a conservation easement to the Bonneville Power Administration. The Conservancy continues to have a strong interest in the conservation and natural resource values in the John Day basin and both of our organizations are excited by the opportunity to extend our partnership. Future management of the Dunstan property will be very similar to The Conservancy's past management, and public access will continue. Taxes which are paid in-lieu by the Conservancy will continue to be paid in-lieu by the Tribes.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Cochran at the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation at 541-553-2003 or Jana Holm at The Nature Conservancy at 503-802-8145.

Sincerely,

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See Residential Area Map

- Photo Point Locations
- ✂ Gates
- ~ Roads
- ~ Railroad Grade
- ~ Major Streams
- TRS
- ▭ Subject Property