



Contact Information

2026 Upper Columbia Regional Project Pre-Application

* Pre-applications due March 11, 2026 (COB)

*Complete SRFB applications due in PRISM April 17, 2026 (COB)

*Revised SRFB proposals due in PRISM May 27, 2026 (COB)

*Final revised applications due in PRISM June 22, 2026 (noon)

Project Title	Beaver Creek Confluence Acquisitions
Sponsor	Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation
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Project Summary

Please provide a description or summary of the proposed project, including project goals. The goal of the project should be to solve identified problems by addressing the root causes. Then clearly state the desired future condition.

Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation proposes to acquire two parcels near RM 36 of the Methow River to protect and allow restoration of the Beaver Creek confluence reach of the Methow River.

What are the project objectives? Objectives support and refine biological goals, breaking them down into small steps. Objectives are specific, quantifiable actions the project will complete to achieve the stated goal. Each objective should be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound).

Note: This exact question is included in the PRISM application. Example format: The project seeks to address [specify limiting factor(s)] for [limiting life stage(s)] by [specific actions proposed] to create an estimated [include specific target metrics, as described below] upon implementation in [estimated year].

The project would acquire two parcels (3322270015 and the floodplain portion of 3322270017) along the Methow River near the confluence with Beaver Creek. Parcels would be acquired within one year, and would set the stage for a restoration project in this reach (Methow Alder 4 & 5), which includes low floodplain, active bars and backchannel areas.

Budget Request

Values MAY be duplicative and do not have to equal TOTAL anticipated budget in pre-application.

Anticipated Request - SRFB \$176,410

Tributary Committee - Anticipated or Actual \$50,000

Anticipated TOTAL Budget \$225,000

Project Location

Briefly describe the location of the project This project will occur on the Methow River between RM 35.9 to RM 36.5

Latitude (decimal degrees) 48.3267

Longitude (decimal degrees) -120.0667

Project subbasin Methow

Methow Assessment Unit(s) Methow River-Alder Creek

Does the proposed project span multiple assessment units? No

Reach(es) Name Methow River Alder 04 & Methow River Alder 05

Identify the reach(es) priority/ reach ranking. Note: If the project involves work in multiple reaches, select "Multiple" and include details in the text box that will appear below. Please reference the Prioritization Web Map: <https://prioritization.ucsrb.org/>.

Rank 1 Rank 2

Multiple reaches (provide details below)

Please detail the reach-ranking of the reaches below

Methow River Alder 05 is reach rank 1; Methow River Alder 04 is reach rank 2.

Project Information

1. What species will the project benefit? Spring Chinook Steelhead Bull Trout Lamprey

2. Select the project's objectives and the associated tracking metrics Acquisition, Easements, Leases

Acquisition, Easements, Leases: Reporting Code Miles of streambank and/or Shoreline Protected by Land or Easement Acquisition

Acres by Acreage Type (easement) and/or Acres by Acreage Type (fee simple)

Floodplain Areas Protected** this reporting metric does not appear in PRISM. Work with the LE to add this metric upon completion of project.

4. Does this project already exist in Salmon Recovery Portal or PRISM?

No

5. Has this project been submitted previously for funding through the SRFB and/or other process(es)?

No

6. What category is the project?

Protection

If applicable, what is the secondary project category?

N/A

Design and Restoration Proposals

Assessment Proposals

Protection Proposals

7. What type of protection are you proposing?

Fee Simple

8. Is this protection project associated with a current or future restoration project?

Yes

9. Placement - Does the project protect important high quality habitat and/or watershed processes and to what degree

This project would protect some high quality rearing habitat in the form of deep pools with cover near the confluence with Beaver Creek, as well as low Methow River floodplain in the Twisp to Carlton reach. The project would also protect and allow active restoration of parafluvial bars in this active reach.

10. Freshwater Benefit - What would be the anticipated loss in survival, capacity or distribution for target species at the reach scale if the proposed area is not protected?

This reach of the Methow River is used extensively for rearing spring Chinook, spawning and rearing Steelhead, and has high quality holding habitat used by bull trout and steelhead.

11. Threat - How imminent is the threat of habitat degradation to the proposed land if the project is not implemented?

The owners of both properties are actively marketing them for sale, and if purchased could be cleared and developed for recreational purposes. Development of either one of these parcels would limit restoration options in this reach of river.

12. Conditions - Briefly describe if there are any conditions regarding the protection of the property that could limit the protection benefits

There are no conditions preventing fee simple acquisition and protection of these parcels.

13. Will there be public access?

Yes

Monitoring Proposals

Project Risk and Economic Benefits

1. What is the landownership?

Private, Cemetary District

2. Have you secured landowner participation in or acceptance for this project?

Yes

Please explain

The owners of the two properties are actively marketing them for sale, and they have agreed to a conservation sale at appraised value.

3. Describe any land owner requirements (e.g., design elements, right-of-ways, access agreements, liability waivers, etc.) and if/how they could affect the project

No requirements, intervening property is private common area with supportive landowners.

4. Will the project raise potential concerns for interest groups (e.g., recreational users) or the community at large (including upstream/ downstream/ adjacent landowners)?

No known concerns.

5. Who will have the responsibility to manage and maintain the project? What is the responsibility of current or future landowners?

We are proposing acquiring the property on fee simple basis. Once acquired, these parcels would facilitate active restoration of bars, islands and floodplains. In their current conditions, these parcels do not carry significant unique maintenance requirements.

6. Are other projects being proposed immediately upstream or downstream of worksite?

No

7. Please describe the risk of failure associated with this project.

Failure to acquire the parcels could limit future restoration opportunities at the confluence of this important tributary. The project is low risk, with both landowners supportive of selling at appraised value. The largest risk to this project is that one or both of the parcels appraise significantly higher than expected. Costs for acquisition are estimated based on current assessed value and professional opinion, but one of the parcels includes both an upland parcel and disjunct floodplain area, and the assessed value is not segregable.

8. Is there any public outreach planned during and/or after implementation? Does the project build community support for salmon recovery efforts?

As part of this project MSRF would work with adjacent landowners to develop opportunities for additional opportunities for both restoration or protection.

9. Does the project represent an opportunity for economic benefit? How much benefit does the project create for the dollars invested?

It is anticipated that future restoration will be developed following acquisition to take advantage of the opportunities identified in the reach assessment. All future restoration actions, including removal of the infrastructure, will use local sub contractors to increase economic benefits from state and federal restoration dollars circulation within the local and regional economy. The project also allows for public access to the Chewuch River from the county road giving recreational users access to the riparian forest.

10. Describe any partnerships, their experience, and types of contributions supporting the project.

Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation has over twenty years of managing and completing both acquisition and restoration projects. MSRF staff will coordinate with the appointed appraiser. Chris Johnson would work with the Cemetary district to complete a public purposes segregation to allow independent sale of the riparian and floodplain portion of that parcel.

Optional Section - Preparation for PRISM (SRFB applications only)

The following questions are identical to the questions RCO requires in the PRISM application for SRFB projects. If desired, sponsors can complete associated questions early and copy responses into PRISM during the "Complete Application" phase due on April x, 2026

Do you want to review and/or pre-populate PRISM questions?

No

Supporting Documents

[Upper Columbia Process Guide 2026](#)

[SRFB Manual 18 \(2026\)](#)

[RCO Application Resources](#)

PROJECT: 26-1640 ACQ, BEAVER CREEK CONFLUENCE ACQUISITIONS

Sponsor: Methow Salmon Recovery Found Program: Salmon State Projects Status: Application Submitted

Parties to the Agreement

PRIMARY SPONSOR

Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation

Address PO Box 755

City Twisp **State** WA **Zip** 98856-0755

Org Type Non-Gov-Nonprofit

Vendor # SWV0091539-00

UBI 602134958

Date Org created

Org Notes

[link to Organization profile](#)

Org data updated

QUESTIONS - PRIMARY SPONSOR

#1: What date was your organization created?

#2: Is your organization registered as a non-profit with the Washington Secretary of State?

Yes

#2a: Please confirm the Unified Business Identifier (UBI) shown above is correct or provide if blank.

#3: How long has your organization been involved in salmon and habitat conservation?

#4: Do your organizational documents (charter, bylaws, or articles of incorporation) include the authority for the protection or enhancement of natural resources or related activities?

Yes

#5: Do your organizational documents (charter, bylaws, or articles of incorporation) provide for an equivalent successor organization in case the nonprofit dissolves?

No

SECONDARY SPONSORS

No records to display

MANAGING AGENCY

Recreation and Conservation Office

LEAD ENTITY

Upper Columbia Salmon Rcy Bd L

QUESTIONS

#1: List project partners and their role and contribution to the project.

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External Systems

SPONSOR ASSIGNED INFO

Sponsor-Assigned Project Number

Sponsor-Assigned Regions

LINK AN EXISTING SRP PROJECT

Unlink

26-1640, Beaver Creek Confluence Acquisitions, Salmon :

Project Contacts

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Worksites & Properties

Worksite Name

#1 Beaver Creek Confluence

Acquisition	Property Name
✓	Benson
✓	Cemetery

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Worksite Map & Description

Worksite #1: Beaver Creek Confluence

WORKSITE ADDRESS

Street Address
City, State, Zip

Worksite Details

Worksite #1: Beaver Creek Confluence

SITE ACCESS DIRECTIONS

TARGETED ESU SPECIES

Species by ESU	Egg Present	Juvenile Present	Adult Present	Population Trend
Chinook-Upper Columbia River Spring, Methow River, Endangered		✓	✓	Declining
Steelhead-Upper Columbia River, Methow River, Threatened	✓	✓	✓	Declining
Chinook-Upper Columbia River Summer/Fall, Not Warranted	✓		✓	Stable

Reference or source used

Title : 2022 5-Year Review: Summary & Evaluation of Upper Columbia River Spring-run Chinook Salmon and Upper Columbia River Steelhead Corporate Authors(s) : United States. National Marine Fisheries Service. West Coast Region

TARGETED NON-ESU SPECIES

Species by Non-ESU	Notes
Lamprey	Larvae and migrating adults present
Cutthroat	Adults present in deeper pools
Bull Trout	FMO habitat, deep pools frequently support

Questions

#1: Give street address or road name and mile post for this worksite if available.

Near Milepost 29 on Hwy 153

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Project Location

RELATED PROJECTS

Projects in PRISM

PRISM Number	Project Name	Program Name	Current Status	Relationship Type	Notes
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No related project selected

Related Project Notes

Questions

#1: Did this project originate from the Shore Friendly program?

No

#2: Project location. Describe the geographic location, water bodies or habitat types, and the location of the project in the watershed, i.e. nearshore, tributary, main-stem, off-channel, etc.

The project location includes two riverfront, floodplain parcels near RM 36 on the Methow River. Together, the parcels include 1500 feet of Methow River shoreline at the confluence with Beaver Creek. The entirety of both parcels is riparian and floodplain habitat, and include cottonwood riparian forest, wetland and backwater, and gravel bar type habitats.

#3: How does this project fit within your regional recovery plan and/or local lead entity's strategy to restore or protect salmonid habitat? Cite section and page number.

Consistent with priorities for habitat protection within the Biological Strategy (RTT 2018), this project acquires and protects properties within the channel migration zone and immediately adjacent riparian areas, within areas of active channel migration and functioning habitat features (pg.18). The riparian portions of this property are relatively low-lying terrain that can support cottonwoods and other water-dependent species that are in areas where they can contribute to the aquatic food web. These parcels have additional value for helping to anchor future restoration projects in this reach. Potential restoration projects could include promoting riparian development on low bars to jump start island formation.

#4: Is this project part of a larger overall project?

No

#5: Is the project on State Owned Aquatic Lands? Please contact the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to make a determination. [Aquatic Districts and Managers](#)

No

While the properties border SOAL, private ownership and state ownership are mutually exclusive.

Property Details

Property: Benson (Worksite #1: Beaver Creek Confluence)

✓ Acquisition Planned Acquisition Date 07/15/2027

LANDOWNER

Name	Jennifer Benson
Address	PO Box 1775
City	Brewster
State	WA Zip 98812

OWNERSHIP

Instrument Type	Deed - Quit Claim
Purchase Type	Fee ownership
Term Length	Perpetuity
# Yrs	

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Type Private

Expiration Date

Note

Questions

#1: Provide a detailed description of the property. Describe the habitat types, size, and quality on site (forested riparian, floodplain, wetlands, tributary, main-stem, off-channel, bluff-backed beach, barrier beach, open coastal inlet, estuarine delta, pocket estuary, uplands, etc.), critical areas on site, and any other features that make the site unique.

The Benson Property is approximately 8 acres of forested floodplain with 1400 feet of Methow River shoreline. Riparian forest is open canopy cottonwood on low alluvial floodplain. This property is about 80% open canopy forest, and 10 % vegetated bars, and 10% open gravel bars. The entire property is within 5 vertical feet of the summer water surface.

#2: Describe adjacent land uses. Describe the property's proximity to publicly owned or protected properties in the vicinity. Attach a map or aerial photo in PRISM that illustrates this relationship.

Rural residential, agricultural and open-space are the predominant adjacent land uses. The two parcels are separated by a 12-acre common area parcel of predominantly open canopy riparian forest. The common area has zoning restrictions against building structures, and the owners are supportive of restoration. The nearest publicly owned properties are WDFW properties 1200' to the south, and WaDNR (uplands) 1400' to the east.

#3: Is the property in need of restoration?

Yes

#3a: Describe the restoration needs, planned timeframe, and funding plan for implementation.

This property has simplified habitat based on past clearing and use, and would benefit from riparian restoration and added floodplain complexity. Restoration funding will be sought separately after property acquisition is complete.

#4: What is the current use and zoning for the property?

The Benson property is undeveloped, but has had intermittent recreational use. Zoning is valley floor, Methow Review District 5 acre minimum.

#5: What is the property's Shoreline Master Plan designation?

Conservancy

#6: What portion of the property is within the 100-year floodplain and/or designated floodway?

The entire property is within FEMA 100-year floodplain and FEMA designated floodway.

#7: Why are federal, state, and local regulations insufficient to protect this property from degradation?

The property can be developed for recreational and tourist commercial uses under the Okanogan County SMP/Zoning. Such uses would greatly reduce habitat value and restoration opportunities.

#8: Has the applicant requested and/or received a "waiver of retroactivity" from the RCO for the property in question? If yes, what was the seller's name, the approval date, and waiver number?

No

#9: Does the applicant hold an option or purchase and sale agreement for the property? If yes, what date will it expire?

No

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Property: Cemetery (Worksite #1: Beaver Creek Confluence)

✓ Acquisition Planned Acquisition Date 07/15/2027

LANDOWNER

Name Okanogan County Cemetery District #2
Address PO Box 1293
City Twisp
State WA Zip 98856
Type Local

OWNERSHIP

Instrument Type Deed - Quit Claim
Purchase Type Fee ownership
Term Length Perpetuity
Yrs
Expiration Date
Note

Questions

#1: Provide a detailed description of the property. Describe the habitat types, size, and quality on site (forested riparian, floodplain, wetlands, tributary, main-stem, off-channel, bluff-backed beach, barrier beach, open coastal inlet, estuarine delta, pocket estuary, uplands, etc.), critical areas on site, and any other features that make the site unique.

The Cemetery parcel is approximately 6 acres of forested floodplain and wetland habitats. This parcel includes about 200 feet of Methow River shoreline and adjacent alluvial gravel bar. A backwater side channel with emergent wetlands runs along the toe of the forested floodplain on the southern side of the property. The toe of a glacial terrace forms the east boundary of the property. The majority of this property is about 5-8 vertical feet above the summer water surface in the adjacent part of the river. This property is about 75% floodplain forest, 10% hillslope, 5% gravel bar and 10% wetlands. This property has access through the adjacent agricultural property.

#2: Describe adjacent land uses. Describe the property's proximity to publicly owned or protected properties in the vicinity. Attach a map or aerial photo in PRISM that illustrates this relationship.

Agricultural, rural residential, and open-space are the predominant adjacent land uses. The two parcels are separated by a 12-acre common area parcel of predominantly open canopy riparian forest. The common area has zoning restrictions against building structures, and the owners are supportive of restoration. The nearest publicly owned properties are WDFW properties 1200' to the south, and WaDNR (uplands) 1400' to the east.

#3: Is the property in need of restoration?

Yes

#3a: Describe the restoration needs, planned timeframe, and funding plan for implementation.

This property has simplified habitat based on past clearing and use, and would benefit from riparian restoration and added floodplain complexity. Restoration funding will be sought separately after property acquisition is complete.

#4: What is the current use and zoning for the property?

This property is undeveloped, but has a history of off-road vehicle trespass and clearing. Zoning is valley floor, Methow Review District, 5 acre minimum.

#5: What is the property's Shoreline Master Plan designation?

Conservancy

#6: What portion of the property is within the 100-year floodplain and/or designated floodway?

The entire parcel is within FEMA designated 100-year floodplain, with about 1/3 of the property within FEMA designated floodway.

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#7: Why are federal, state, and local regulations insufficient to protect this property from degradation?

The Cemetery district has initiated the process to sell the subject property. The property can be developed for recreational and tourist commercial uses under the Okanogan County SMP/Zoning. Such uses would greatly reduce habitat value and restoration opportunities.

#8: Has the applicant requested and/or received a "waiver of retroactivity" from the RCO for the property in question? If yes, what was the sellers name, the approval date, and waiver number?

No

#9: Does the applicant hold an option or purchase and sale agreement for the property? If yes, what date will it expire?

No

Project Proposal

Project Description

The project would acquire two parcels (3322270015 and the floodplain portion of 3322270017) along the Methow River near the confluence with Beaver Creek. Parcels would be acquired within one year and would set the stage for a restoration project in this reach (Methow Alder 4 &5), which includes low floodplain, active bars and backchannel areas.

Project Questions

#1: Problem statement. What are the problems your project seeks to address? Include the source and scale of each problem. Describe the site, reach, and watershed conditions. Describe how those conditions impact salmon populations. Include current and historic factors important to understand the problems.

These parcels provide the opportunity to secure about 13 acres of riparian floodplain habitat in the Methow River- Alder Creek assessment unit. While the properties can not be developed for residential use, Okanogan County codes do allow for commercial and recreational actions within the floodplain, that includes clearing, road and trail construction, camping and tourist commercial activities. Purchasing these parcels will immediately and permanently prevent such uses and creates opportunities for future restoration of this relatively unconfined section of the Methow River at a relatively low cost.

#2: Describe the limiting factors, and/or ecological concerns, and limiting life stages (by fish species) that your project expects to address.

Purchasing and protecting these parcels will help protect the unacceptable riparian limiting factors (Riparian canopy cover and disturbance), protect existing backwater alcove and floodplain connectivity and off-channel habitats, and offer opportunities to restore wood dynamics and off-channel/ side-channel habitats. Unacceptable limiting factors for the reach: Cover-wood, Summer base flow, floodplain connectivity, off-channel side channels, pool quantity and quality, riparian disturbance, riparian canopy cover, temperature.

#3: **Project Goals.** What are the project goals? The goal of the project should be to solve identified problems by addressing the root causes. Then clearly state the desired future condition. Include which species and life stages will benefit from the outcome, and the time of year the benefits will be realized. **Example Goals and Objectives**

The immediate project goal is to acquire and protect 13 acres of floodplain, side-channel and riparian habitat along the Methow River. Acquiring the parcels will permanently prevent degradation and offer immediate opportunities for future restoration. Without this acquisition these parcels will be sold and could be cleared for recreational or tourist commercial uses.

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#4: **Project Objectives.** What are the project objectives? Objectives support and refine biological goals, breaking them down into smaller steps. Objectives are specific, quantifiable actions the project will complete to achieve the stated goal. Each objective should be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound). **Example Goals and Objectives**

This objective of these acquisitions is to increase restoration opportunities for island and bar habitat enhancement and backwater alcove habitats that are in close proximity to larger actions completed on the Methow River and Lower Beaver Creek. Acquisition would provide immediate protection of approximately 13 acres in two separate parcels along the Methow River. The properties include approximately 13 acres of floodplain and riparian habitat adjacent to more than 1,600 feet of Methow River shoreline. Acquisition would provide unified and permanent protection needed to facilitate future restoration in concert with adjacent riparian properties, that could be expanded to include actions on DNR SOAL lands to connect actions across the width of the river corridor.

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#5: **Scope of work and deliverables.** Provide a detailed description of each project task/element. With each task/element, identify who will be responsible for each, what the deliverables will be, and the schedule for completion.

MSRF proposes to acquire the subject properties through fee simple title.
Acquisition of the Benson property would secure the entire property without need for any boundary adjustment.
Acquisition of floodplain portion of the Cemetery District parcel (approximately 6 acres) would be segregated from the existing 13 acre parcel utilizing a public purposes segregation process. The District's attorney has already secured approval from Okanogan County for the segregation.
The final purchase price for each property would be determined through an appraisal process approved by both funders.

All deliverables are the responsibility of MSRF staff. Deliverables are as follows:

1. Coordinate with RCO and Tributary Habitat Committees to secure updated appraisal/review, pending notification of grant award. Target date: October 2026
2. Initiate title review to ensure that all encumbrances and exceptions are fully documented for appraisal purposes.
3. Negotiate purchase and sale agreements with sellers. Outcome: Reliable standards for performance of purchase. Target date: October 2026.
4. Finalize purchase agreement to incorporate appraisal values following acceptance of appraisals by each funder. Target date: January 2027.
5. Finalize title review (if required) to ensure that all encumbrances and exceptions are fully documented.
6. Complete public purposes segregation through Okanogan County. Outcome: clear legal segregation of target property. Target date: April 2027.
7. Prepare draft deeds of right for RCO and HCP Tributary Committee review. Outcome: Tributary Committee/RCO approval of the conditions within the proposed Deed of Right. Target date: April 2027.
8. Develop baseline survey and stewardship agreements to address interim and long term uses. Target date: June 2027.
9. Acquisition closing. Outcome: clear title subject to acceptance of title report and appraised values. Target date: June 2027.
10. Record DOR documents and provide to RCO and HCP Tributary Committees. Outcome: transfer of development rights completed. Target date: July 2027.
11. Project Complete – acquisition completed and protections in place. Target date: September 2027.
12. Final report and invoices to RCO/HCP Trib Comm leading to final approval and payment by funders. Target date: December 2027.

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#6: **Assumptions and Constraints.** What are the assumptions and physical constraints that could impact whether you achieve your objectives? Assumptions and constraints are external conditions that are not under the direct control of the project, but directly impact the outcome of the project. These may include ecological and geomorphic factors, land use constraints, public acceptance of the project, delays, or other factors. How will you address these issues if they arise?

The project assumes that MSRF and the current owners will reach mutual agreement on the value of the property to be acquired. MSRF developed the application based on values provided by the landowner and Okanogan County assessments. The seller recognizes that the value will have to be confirmed through an approved appraisal process and has consented to submission of the application.

The adjacent common area property offers potential to expand future restoration beyond the acquisition due to supportive landowners. While the current landowners are supportive of reconnecting the lower laying part of this common area floodplain, they are not supportive of potential actions that require extensive excavation or clearing.

#7: **Previous Lessons Learned.** How have lessons learned from completed projects or monitoring studies informed this project?

MSRF has more than 20 years of experience with land acquisition and stewardship/management in the Methow watershed in support of restoration projects and habitat protection. MSRF has a proven history of implementing projects on properties we have acquired and collaborating with others to expand benefits onto adjacent properties. MSRF currently manages more than 500 acres of protected habitat in coordination with multiple funders and project sponsors.

#8: **Project Alternatives.** Describe the alternatives considered and why the preferred was chosen.

The owners of both properties indicated that they were interested in selling in the near future. We discussed possible conservation easement options - neither were interested, given the low total value of the properties.

#9: How were stakeholders consulted in the development of this project? Identify the stakeholders, their concerns or feedback, and how those concerns were addressed.

MSRF was contacted directly by both landowners seeking assistance. We have been in direct communication with the neighboring private and public landowners, who support the protection of these parcels and future habitat restoration project on the acquisition property and adjacent private and public lands.

#10: **Climate Change.** Does your project address or accommodate the anticipated effects of climate change?

Yes

#10a: How will your project be climate resilient given future conditions?

The Cemetery property has a well-established back water alcove area that provides off-channel habitat during most years. Protecting and enhancing ground water fed side channel habitat will improve refuge during potentially flashier water flows suggested by climate models as the Methow moves towards a rain driven flow model.

#10b: How will your project increase habitat and species adaptability?

Increasing riparian vegetation on islands and bar habitats and enhancing seasonal and perennial side channel habitat is expected to provide a wider area of diverse habitat than currently available in the mainstem Methow.

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#11: **Project Team Experience.** Describe the project management team's experience managing this type of project. Describe other projects where they have successfully used a similar approach.

MSRF has been actively involved in habitat protection and enhancement projects for 25 years in the Methow Watershed. MSRF is actively involved with land acquisition and management where such actions support future implementation and development of restoration projects. MSRF has engaged in property acquisition and management since 2002 and currently manages 400 + acres of owned land. Project experience has been focused on protection of in-stream, riparian and floodplain habitats while balancing residential and agricultural land uses. Our restoration experience includes in-stream habitat complexity, floodplain reconnection, riparian restoration, irrigation efficiency, and passage improvement projects. A short list of similar acquisition/protection projects managed by MSRF is provided below:

- Twisp River Ponds – Seven properties 2002-2006
- Chewuch River Floodplain – 3 properties in the Lower Chewuch 2006-08
- Upper Beaver Creek Acquisition – 138 acres 2011
- Whitefish Island Acquisitio

#12: **Veteran Involvement.** Will veterans (including the veterans conservation corps) be involved in the project? If yes, please describe.

No

Acquisition Supplemental

#1: Do you plan to restrict or limit general public availability or use of the site in any way? If yes, describe the type of restriction, the portion of the project area that will be restricted (an illustrative map may be requested), and the reason(s) the public will be restricted.

No

#2: Is this a reach-scale or geographic envelope project?

No

#3: Will this project use grant funds (or match) to acquire upland acreage?

No

#4: Describe the long-term stewardship and maintenance obligations for the acquisition project.

MSRF currently owns over 580 acres in 66 parcels. These two parcels would be managed within the maintenance and stewardship of our current holdings and would not significantly increase MSRF's obligations. These parcels are undeveloped and support native floodplain habitats with no driving access. These parcels would be managed to support ecological function and processes and may support future restoration.

Acquisition Metrics

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Property: Benson (Worksite #1: Beaver Creek Confluence)

REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Miles of Streambank and/or Shoreline Protected by Land or Easement Acquisition 0.30

Land

Clean up of hazardous substances required (yes/no) No

Total cost for Land \$48,000

Acres by Acreage Type (fee simple)		Acres
	Riparian	7.91
	Total	7.91

Acres zoned as agricultural land 0

Existing structures on site No structures on site

Market value of property improvements \$0

INCIDENTALS

Agency Indirect (Acq)

Total cost for Agency Indirect (Acq) \$1,008

Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title

Total cost for Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title \$4,000

Environmental Audits

Total cost for environmental audits \$202

Stewardship plan

Total cost for Stewardship plan \$675

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (ACQ)

Administrative costs (Acq)

Total cost for Administrative costs (Acq) \$1,305

Property: Cemetery (Worksite #1: Beaver Creek Confluence)

REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Miles of Streambank and/or Shoreline Protected by Land or Easement Acquisition 0.04

Land

Clean up of hazardous substances required (yes/no) No

Total cost for Land \$112,000

Acres by Acreage Type (fee simple)		Acres
	Riparian	4.75
	Uplands	0.30
	Wetlands	0.65
	Total	5.70

Acres zoned as agricultural land 0

Existing structures on site No structures on site

Market value of property improvements \$0

INCIDENTALS

Boundary line adjustment

Total cost for Boundary line adjustment \$3,000

Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title

Total cost for Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title \$4,000

Environmental Audits

Total cost for environmental audits \$220

Stewardship plan

Total cost for Stewardship plan \$675

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (ACQ)

Administrative costs (Acq)

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Total cost for Administrative costs (Acq)

\$1,325

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Worksite Metrics

Worksite: Beaver Creek Confluence (#1)

Miles of Stream and/or Shoreline Treated or Protected (C.0.b)	0.32
Project Identified In a Plan or Watershed Assessment (C.0.c)	Twisp to Carlton Reach Assessment and (Cardon 2017) the Biological Strategy (RTT 2018), this project acquires and protects properties within the channel migration zone and immediately adjacent riparian areas, within areas of active channel migration and functioning habitat features (pg.18). The riparian portions of this property are relatively low-lying terrain that can support cottonwoods and other water-dependent species that are in areas where they can contribute to the aquatic food web.
Priority in Recovery Plan	In priority area, addressing unacceptable limiting factors.
Type Of Monitoring (C.0.d.1)	None
Monitoring Location (C.0.d.2)	No monitoring completed

Overall Project Metrics

COMPLETION DATE

Projected date of completion	12/27/2027
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PROJECT ACQUISITION

Acquisition Primary Purpose	Habitat Conservation Habitat Restoration
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ACQUISITION COST ESTIMATES

Property: Benson (Worksite #1: Beaver Creek Confluence)

Work Type	Estimated Cost	Property Value Determination: Estimate of Value
Agency Indirect (Acq)	\$1,008	
Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title	\$4,000	
Environmental Audits	\$202	
Land	\$48,000	
Stewardship plan	\$675	
Subtotal:	\$53,885	
Administration:	\$1,305	
Total Estimate For Property:	\$55,190	

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Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title	\$4,000	
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Land	\$112,000	
Stewardship plan	\$675	
Subtotal:	\$119,895	
Administration:	\$1,325	
Total Estimate For Property:	\$121,220	

Summary

Total Estimated Costs	\$173,780
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Without Admin:
 Total Estimated Admin: \$2,630
 Total Estimated Acquisition Costs: \$176,410

Cost Summary

	Estimated Cost	Project %	Admin/AA&E %
<u>Acquisition Costs</u>			
Land/Incidentals	\$173,780		
Admin	\$2,630		1.52 %
SUBTOTAL	\$176,410	100.00 %	
Total Cost Estimate	\$176,410	100.00 %	

Funding Request and Match

FUNDING PROGRAM

Salmon State Projects \$176,410 100.000000

SPONSOR MATCH

Questions

#1: Explain how you determined the cost estimates

Cost estimates for acquisition are based on county assessment data, and owner estimates of value. Actual purchase prices will be determined by appraisal, and both sets of landowners have indicated a willingness to accept appraised value. Additional costs (title and fees) are estimates based on costs for similar acquisitions.

Other Funding

OTHER FUNDING DETAILS

Other Funds: Monetary Funding	Local Grant	
Amount		\$50,000
Funding Organization		Tributary Committees
Grant Program		Habitat Conservation Plan
Other Funding Detail Total:		\$50,000

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resource Areas

Worksite #1: Beaver Creek Confluence

Area: Benson

#1: Provide a description of the project actions at this worksite (acquisition, development and/or restoration activities that will occur as a part of this project)

Acquisition.

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None

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None

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Neither property has a known history of past use. Both properties are within the 100-year floodplain and, as such, have not been developed for residential use. The Benson property was platted prior to the 1900's for real estate speculation, but has no history of development. It is likely that both properties may have been used for agricultural grazing.

#5: Will a federal permit be required to complete the scope of work on the project areas located within this worksite?

No

#6: Are you utilizing Federal Funding to complete the scope of work? This includes funds that are being shown as match or not.

Unknown

If PAC-SRF funds are available, we would prefer federal funds, otherwise no federal funds.

#7: Do you have knowledge of any previous cultural resource review within the project boundaries during the past 10 years?

No

#8: Is the worksite located within an existing park, wildlife refuge, natural area preserve, or other recreation or habitat site?

No

#9: Are there any structures over 45 years of age within this worksite? This includes structures such as buildings, tidegates, dikes, residential structures, bridges, rail grades, park infrastructure, etc.

No

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Project Permits

Permits and Reviews	Issuing Organization	Applied Date	Received Date	Expiration Date	Permit #
Archaeological & Cultural Resources (EO 21-02)	DAHP				

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Attachments

Required Attachments

7 out of 7 done

Applicant Resolution/Authorizations	✓
CCA Tribal Notification	✓
Cost Estimate	✓
Landowner Acknowledgement	✓
Map: Parcel map	✓
Photo	✓
RCO Fiscal Data Collection Sheet	✓

PHOTOS (JPG, GIF)

Photos (JPG, GIF)



708082 Primary # 708083 Secondary

PROJECT DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOS

Project Documents and Photos

File Type	Attach Date	Attachment Type	Title	Person	File Name, Number Associations	Shared
	05/27/2026	Visuals	Beaver Confluence Acquisition Site Tour.pdf	JessicaG	Beaver Confluence Acquisition Site Tour.pdf, 716789	✓
	05/27/2026	Application Document	Beaver-Creek-Confluence-Acquisitions (Jotform).pdf	JessicaG	Beaver-Creek-Confluence-Acquisitions (Jotform).pdf, 716785	✓
	04/17/2026	Project Application Report	Project Application Report, 26-1640A (sub 04/17/26 15:54:12)	JessicaG	Project Application Report - 26-1640 (submitted 04-17-2026_15-54-12).pdf, 708096	✓
	04/17/2026	Photo	River at Benson.jpg	BrianF	image004.jpg, 708083	✓
	04/17/2026	Photo	Benson Property.jpg	BrianF	image002.jpg, 708082	✓
	04/17/2026	Map	Vicinity Map Beaver Creek Confluence with nearby public and protected	BrianF	Vicinity Map Beaver Creek Confluence with nearby public and protected.pdf, 708071	✓
	04/17/2026	Map: Parcel map	Parcel Map Beaver Creek Confluence.pdf	BrianF	Parcel Map Beaver Creek Confluence.pdf, 708070	✓
	04/17/2026	Map	Location map - Topo Beaver Creek Confluence.pdf	BrianF	Location map - Topo Beaver Creek Confluence.pdf, 708069	✓
	04/17/2026	Map	Beaver Creek Confluence Relative Elevation Map.pdf	BrianF	Beaver Creek Confluence Relative Elevation Map.pdf, 708068	✓
	04/17/2026	Map	Beaver Creek Confluence Reach.pdf	BrianF	Beaver Creek Confluence Reach.pdf, 708067	✓
	04/17/2026	Map	Beaver Creek Confluence Location map - Watershed View.pdf	BrianF	Beaver Creek Confluence Location map - Watershed View.pdf, 708066	✓
	04/17/2026	Cost Estimate	Beaver Confluence Sal Cost Estimate.xlsx	BrianF	Beaver Confluence Sal Cost Estimate.xlsx, 708059	✓
	04/15/2026	Applicant Resolution/Authorizations	ApplicantAuthorizationResolution 26-1640.pdf	MarleneF	ApplicantAuthorizationResolution 26-1640.pdf, 707199	✓
	04/14/2026	RCO Fiscal Data Collection Sheet	Fiscal Data Collection & NICRA for 2026 Apps.pdf	MarleneF	Fiscal Data Collection & NICRA for 2026 Apps.pdf, 706966	✓
	04/13/2026	CCA Tribal Notification	MSRF Placeholder CCA Tribal Notification.docx	JessicaG	MSRF Placeholder CCA Tribal Notification.docx, 706777	✓
	04/13/2026	Landowner Acknowledgement	Beaver Creek Cemetery Board acknowledgement form.pdf	JessicaG	Beaver Creek Cemetery Board acknowledgement form.pdf, 706641	✓

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Application Status

Application Due Date: 06/22/2026

Status Name	Status Date	Submitted By	Submission Notes
Application Submitted	04/17/2026	Jessica Goldberg	
Preapplication	03/26/2026		

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information in this application is true and complete, and if artificial intelligence (AI) was used to prepare this application, I accept full responsibility for ensuring its accuracy and compliance. I understand incomplete applications will be rejected by RCO and that I may be asked to submit additional documentation before evaluation or approval of this project. I understand that if a grant is awarded to my project, I will be bound by all representations and commitments in this application, which RCO may enforce to the fullest extent permitted by law. (Jessica Goldberg, 04/17/2026)

Date of last change: 05/27/2026

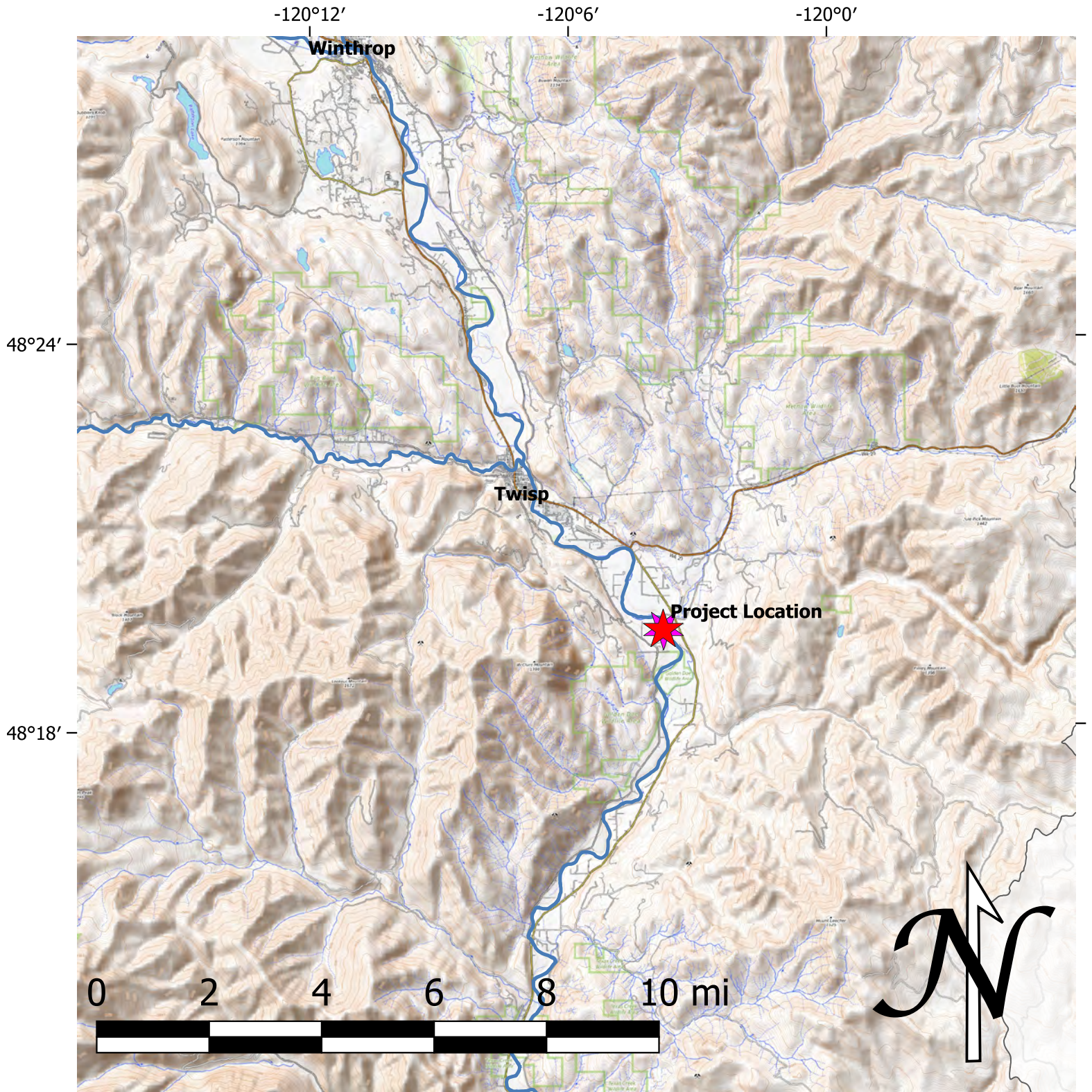
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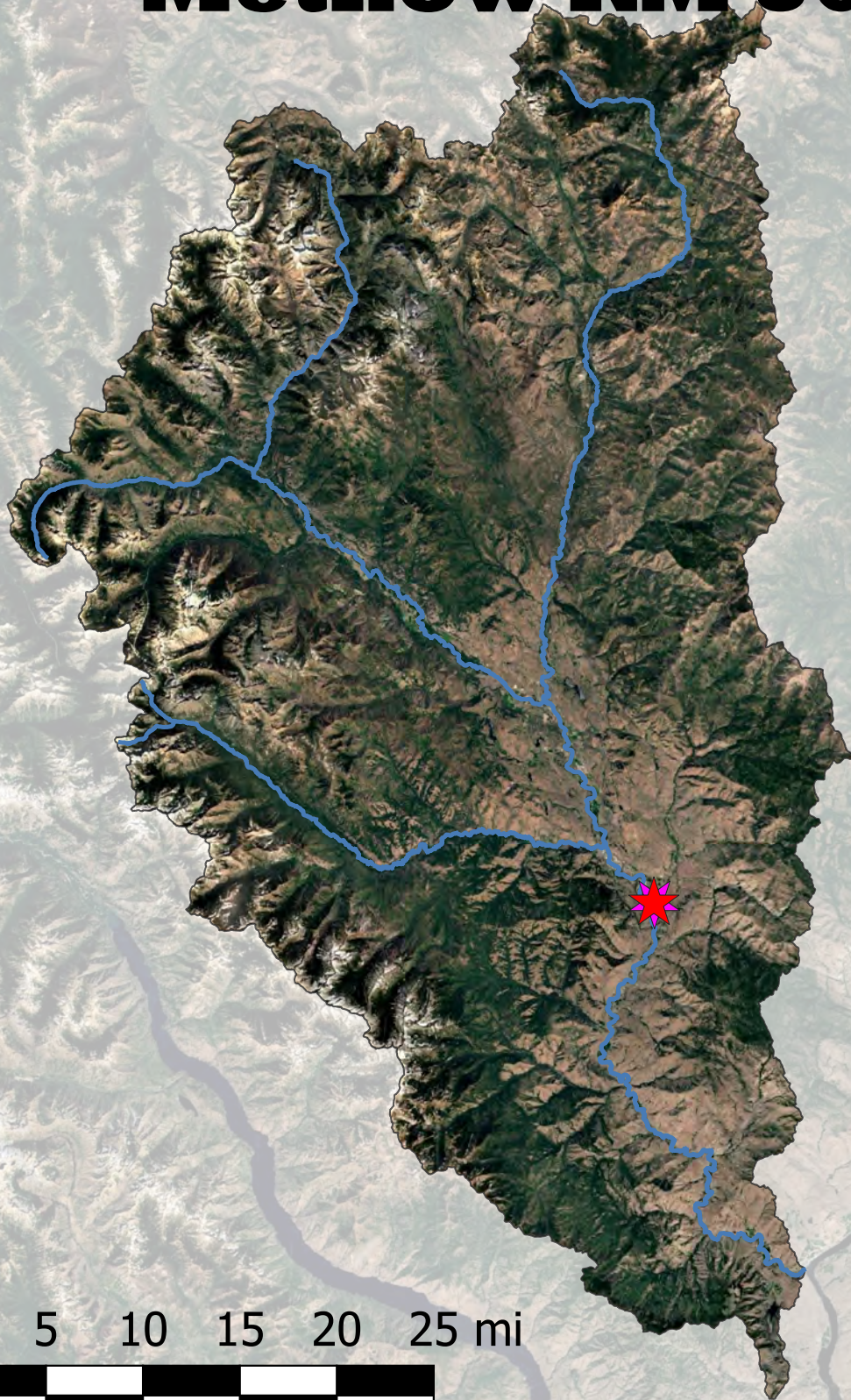
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SRFB #	26-1640
Sponsor	Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation

	OVERALL PROJECT Cost	GRANT REQUEST Amount	PRISM MATCH Amount	OTHER FUNDING NOT REPORTED AS MATCH IN PRISM Amount	Budget Check
<u>Sheet #1 Acquisition</u>					
Property Costs	\$ 200,000	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	0
Incidental Costs	\$ 19,400	\$ 12,775	\$ -	\$ 6,625	0
Administrative Costs	\$ 7,010	\$ 3,635	\$ -	\$ 3,375	0
Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
STotal	\$ 226,410	\$ 176,410	\$ -	\$ 50,000	0
<u>Sheet #2 Design</u>					
Design Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
STotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
<u>Sheet #3 Restoration</u>					
Construction Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
AA&E	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
STotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
Totals	\$ 226,410	\$ 176,410	\$ -	\$ 50,000	0

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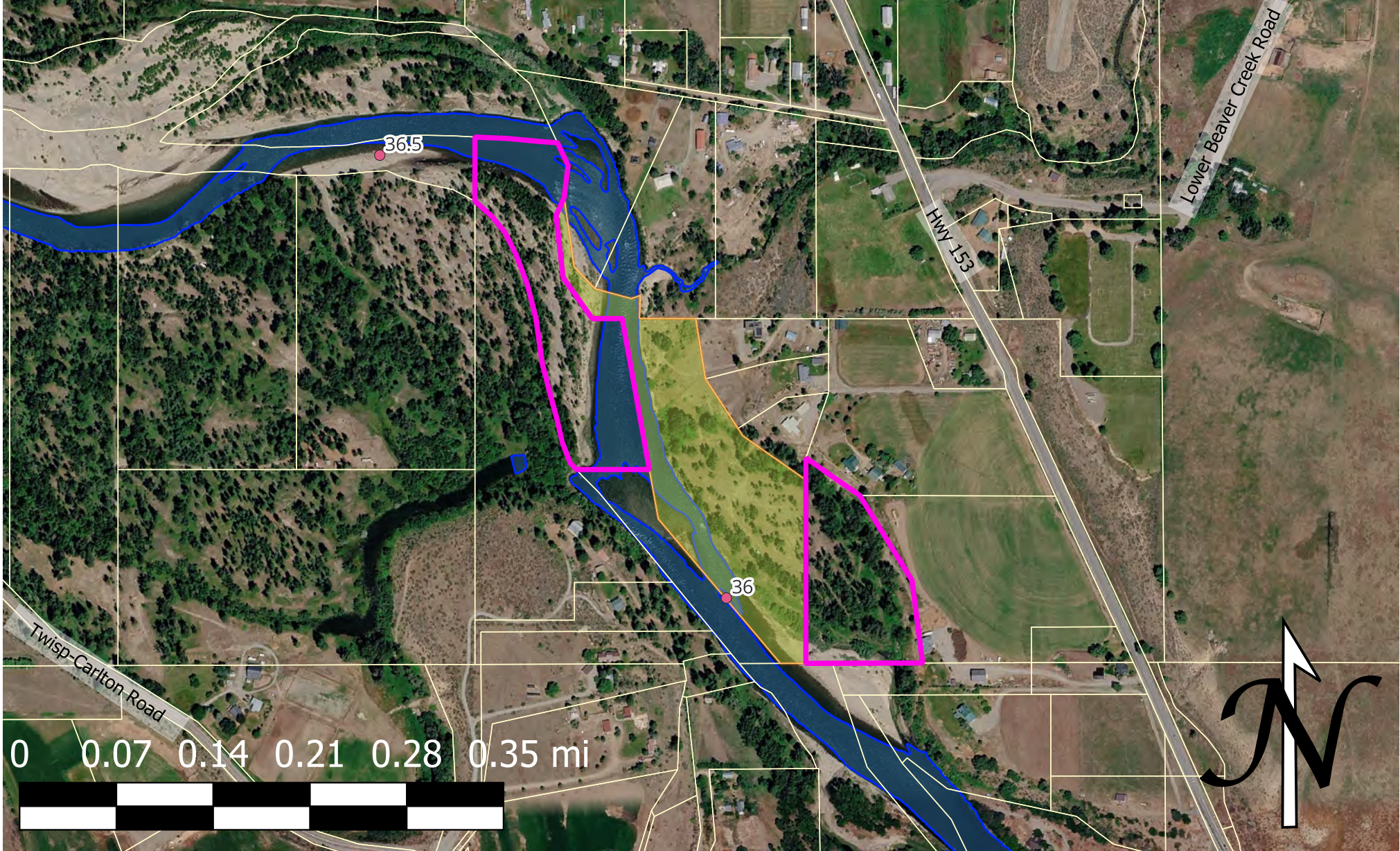
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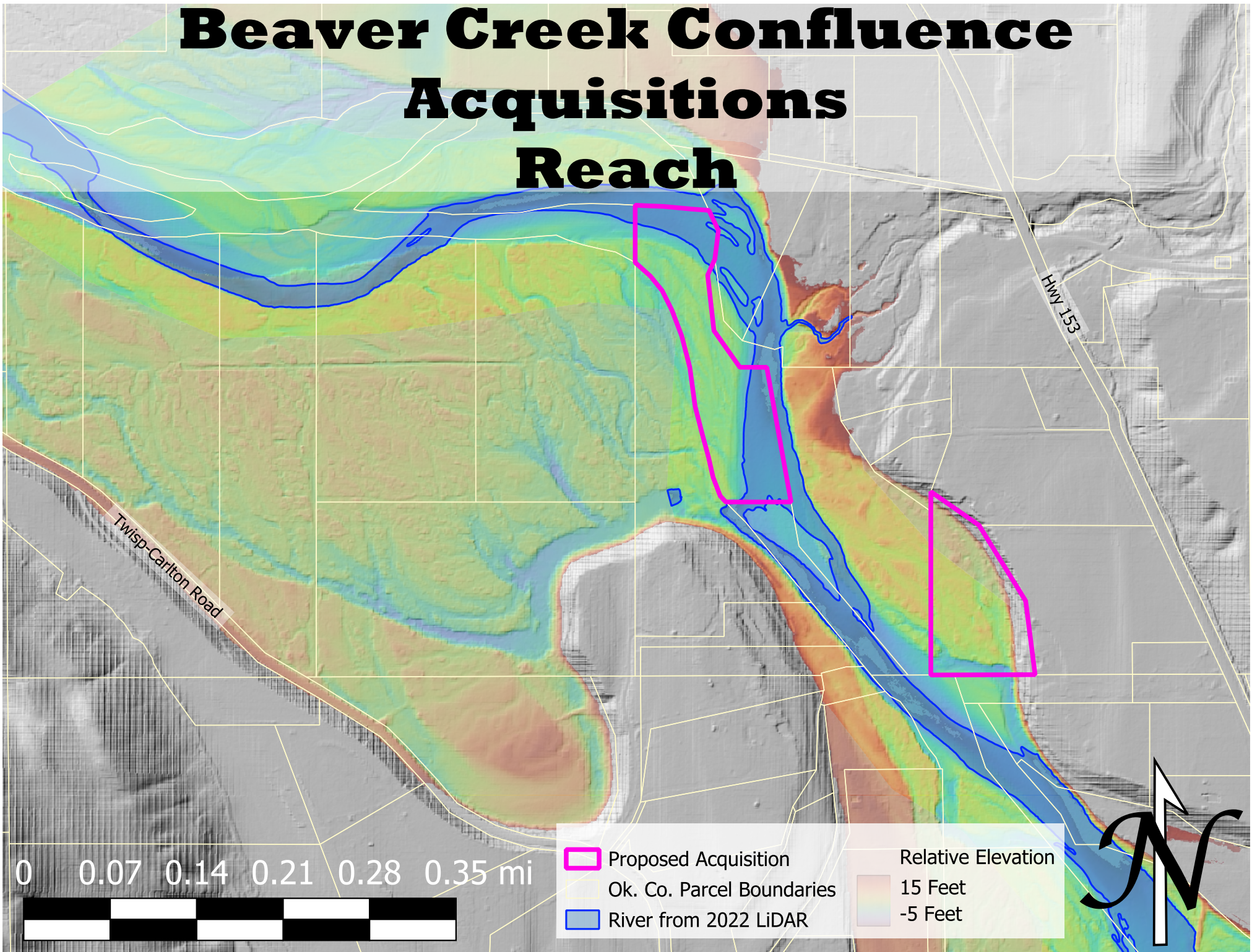
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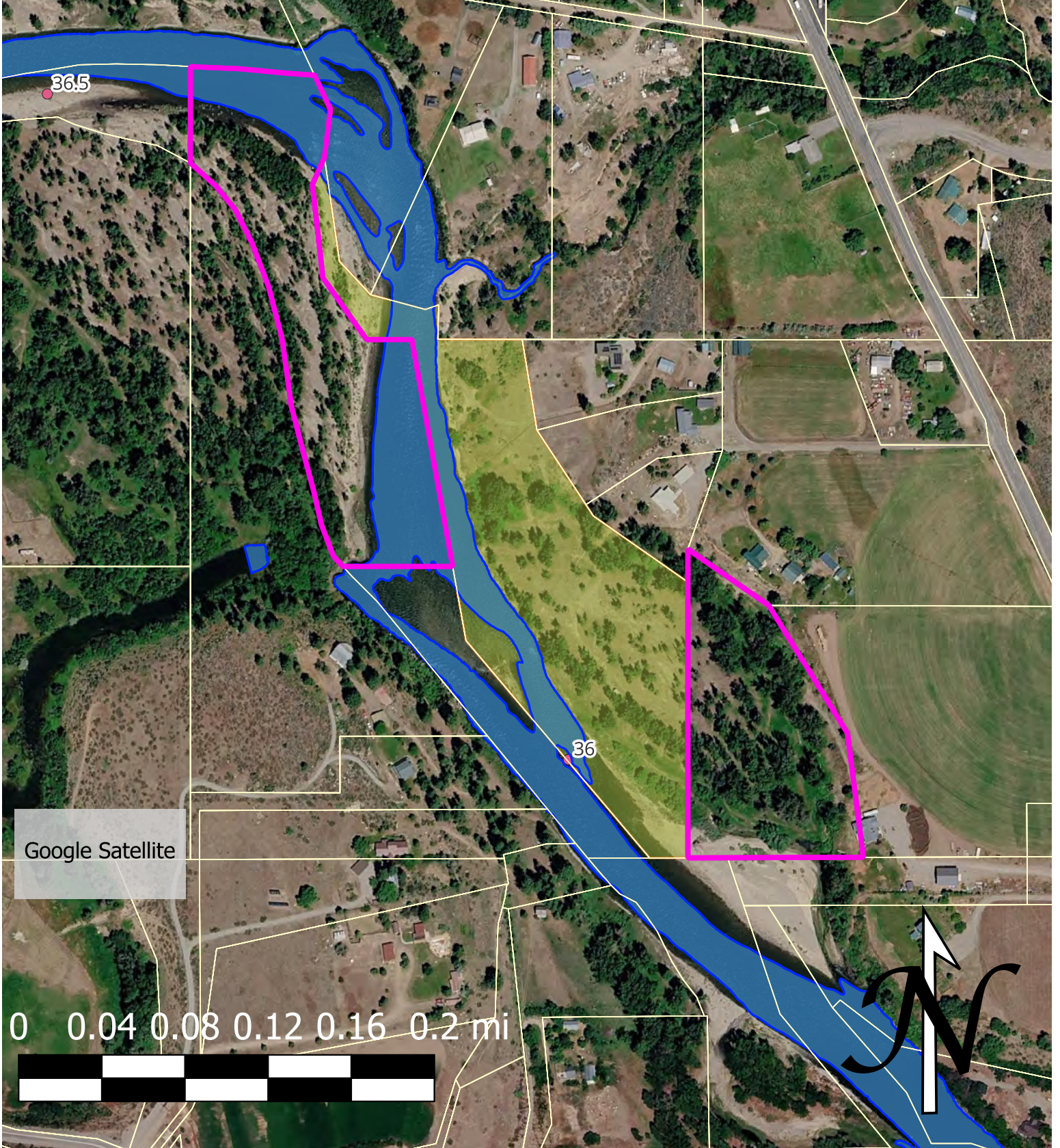
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Beaver Creek Confluence Acquisitions Parcel Map

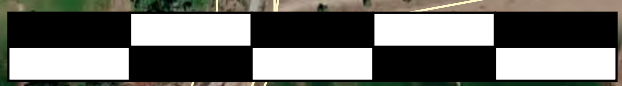


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Google Satellite

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Beaver Creek Confluence Acquisitions Vicinity

Methow River

Land Ownership

- Proposed Acquisition
- Common Space
- WDFW
- WA State DNR
- US Forest Service
- BLM
- Conservation Easements
- Ok. Co. Parcel Boundaries

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