# Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. P-308 Updated Study Report (Final Technical Report)

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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

PacifiCorp Energy filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) and the associated Pre-Application Document (PAD) to commence the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Integrated Relicensing Process (ILP) of the Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project on February 22, 2011 (PacifiCorp 2011). During compilation of the PAD, PacifiCorp found there was limited information on terrestrial species and habitat specific to the Project Area. However, through agency comments on the PAD, review of historical documents, review of applicable and available databases, PacifiCorp was able to identify adequate information to indicate that rare plants, protected wildlife species, and their associated habitats exist within the Project Area. In consideration of available information, PacifiCorp conducted 5 terrestrial resource studies to gain information on the terrestrial resources and potential impacts of the Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project to these resources within a defined Study Area that included PacifiCorp and United States Forest Service (USFS) lands within 100-meters of Project facilities. The following is a list of the 5 terrestrial resource studies:

- Special Status Plant Study
- Noxious Weed Study
- Riparian and Wetland Study
- Vegetation Cover Type Study
- Wildlife Observation Study

#### 2.0 PROJECT AREA

The Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project is located on the East Fork Wallowa River approximately 11 miles outside of the City of Joseph in Northeastern Oregon. The Project impoundment/forebay lies over 1,600 meters above mean sea level. The Project operates as run-of-river; therefore there is no measurable storage. Water is instead diverted from the forebay into a flow line and penstock to the generating turbine in the Project powerhouse. Water exits the turbine and flows into an approximately 300 meters long tailrace channel that discharges into the West Fork Wallowa River. This channel has an average wetted-width of 3.1 meters and an average depth of 0.3 meter. Other specific components of the Project include:

• a 0.6-meter high, 2.8-meter-long concrete diversion dam with a 0.3-meter-wide spillway on Royal Purple Creek, which is a tributary to the East Fork Wallowa River and at elevation 1,824 meters; a 75-meter-long, 20-centimenter diameter PVC (polyvinyl chloride) pipeline discharging flows into the Wallowa Falls forebay approximately 62.5 meters upstream of the East Fork Wallowa River dam;

- an 5.5-meter-high, 38-meter-long, buttressed rock-filled timber crib dam with impervious gravel and asphalt core, having a 9-meter-wide spillway, at elevation 1,766 meters on the East Fork Wallowa River;
- a 0.2-acre forebay;
- a 1,734-meter-long steel penstock varying in diameter from 46 centimeters to 41 centimeters;
- a powerhouse containing a single generating unit with a rated capacity of 1,100 kilowatt operating under a head of 356 meters producing an average annual energy output of 7.0 GWh;
- a tailrace discharging Project flows into the West Fork Wallowa River; and,
- a 6-meter-long, 7.2-kilovolt (kV) transmission line which connects to Wallowa Falls substation.

The bypassed portion of the East Fork Wallowa River within and near the Project Boundary is approximately 2,800 meters long from the Project diversion dam to its confluence with the West Fork Wallowa River. Gradient in this reach is high, within the upper 1,600 meters (i.e., the area between the falls and the dam) averaging approximately 19 percent and the lower 1,200 meters (i.e., the area between the falls and the confluence with West Fork Wallowa River) averaging 8.5 percent. Habitat type within the Project Area is typical of mountain valleys in that it is constrained by steep topography and mountain peaks and the valley floor and lower slopes are largely forested with areas of exposed ridges, rock outcrops, and talus slopes. The Project is adjacent to the Eagle Cap Wilderness boundary, which is known to support several rare, threatened, and endangered, and/or special status plant and wildlife species.

Appendix A has the baseline relicensing maps that show the overall area, major Project features, the proposed Project Boundary, and the Study Area for the terrestrial study plans.

#### 3.0 SPECIAL STATUS PLANT STUDY

# 3.1 Objectives & Description

The primary objective of the Special Status Plant Study is to identify and map the occurrences of special status plants within the Study Area. Special Status Plants are plants listed on the Regional Forester's Special Status Species Lists for Sensitive Non-Vascular and Vascular plants on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest or have one or more of the following status:

- United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) status that is Listed Endangered, Listed Threatened, Proposed Endangered, Proposed Threatened, Candidate, Species of Concern, and Partial Status
- Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Status that is Listed Endangered, Listed Threatened, Proposed Endangered, Proposed Threatened, Candidate
- Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (ORBIC) List 1 or 2

# 3.2 Background Information

In 1991 PacifiCorp Energy was preparing for a construction project that would require ground disturbance to occur near the dam. Prior to beginning construction, PacifiCorp Energy conducted a rare plant survey to identify any special status plant species and to confirm the existence of the documented populations of *Botrychium montanum*, *B. minganense*, and *B. pinnatum* within the project area (PacifiCorp 1993). Survey results were documented in the 1993 Biological Evaluation, which lists over 157 plant species identified during the survey that included 12 species of trees, 22 species of shrubs, 94 species of forbs/herbs, 6 species of ferns, and 23 species of grasses (PacifiCorp 1993). The survey did locate the population of *Botrychium* spp., but was unable to distinguish the individual plants to species and no additional special status plants were identified during the survey.

The ORBIC has identified 25 records of special status plant species within 2-miles of the Project Area (ORBIC 2012). This list includes 2 species that are USFWS Species of Concern and one species that is an ODA Listed Threatened. Additional data was collected through consultation with the USFS Forest Service, Wallowa Valley Ranger District Botanist (J. Hutsafa 2012, pers comm.). Table 1 provides a summary of the existing data.

#### 3.3 Methods

The Study Area for special status plant surveys included all lands owned by PacifiCorp or USFS that are within 100-meters of a Project Facility. A map of this Study Area is provided in Appendix A. This is approximately 126.5 acres and includes the existing FERC boundary and the proposed Project Boundary as described in the Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project FERC No. P-308 Notice of Intent to Relicense and Pre-Application Document (PacifiCorp Energy 2011).

#### 3.3.1 Pre-field Review

Prior to beginning field surveys a pre-field review was conducted to compile all existing data sources on special status plant occurrences within 2.0-miles of the Project area. These data were collected from PacifiCorp's 1993 Biological Evaluation (PacifiCorp 1993), a 2012 review of the ORBIC data base (ORBIC 2012), and consultation with the USDA Forest

Service, Wallowa Valley Ranger District Botanist (J. Hutsafa 2012, pers. comm.). This information was compiled into a list of special status plants, their potential to exist in the Study Area, their probability of occurrence, and targeted survey time. Table 1 provides this information for vascular plants and Table 2 for non-vascular plants.

Table 1. Probability of Occurance and Targeted Survey Time for Vascular Plants with the Potential to exist within the Study Area.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Habitat Descriptions	Probability of Occurrence	Primary Survey Time
Wallowa ricegrass	Achnatherum wallowaensis	Grows in shallow, rocky soils from 3,280 – 5,250 feet	Low	Spring/Early Summer
Blue Mountain onion	Allium dictuon	Occurs at middle to upper on moderately steep with unstable substrates dominated by loose gravel.	Medium	Spring/Early Summer
Geyer's onion	Allium geyeri var. geyeri	Meadows, banks, and rock outcrops in the lowland, steppe.	Low	Late Summer
Davidson's rockcress	Arabis davidsonii	Found in subalpine forests and alpine fell fields at higher elevation.	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Hell's Canyon rock-cress	Arabis hastatula	Rocky outcrops and mountain ridges.	Low	Spring/Early Summer
Upward-lobed moonwort	Botrychium ascendens	Prefers well-drained open habitats that include alpine meadows, avalanche meadows.	Low	Spring/Early Summer
Crenulate grape fern	Botrychium crenulatum	It generally occurs in western redcedar ( <i>Thuja plicata</i> ), western hemlock ( <i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> ), and Engelmann spruce ( <i>Picea englemannii</i> ) forests with greater than 70% canopy cover.	Low	Late Summer

Common Name	Scientific Name	Habitat Descriptions	Probability of Occurrence	Primary Survey Time
Western moonwort	Botrychium hesperium	Found in open-canopied forests and meadows at higher altitudes, prefers gravelly soils.	Low	Spring/Early Summer
Slender Moonwort	Botrychium lineare	Occurs in heavily forested sites, grassy meadows, fenlike seeps, and gravelly roadsides in relatively high elevation areas. In the Wallowa Mountains, the plants have been discovered growing in packed gravel of roadside shoulders and ditches and in boulder-laden substrate in an old avalanche meadow	Medium	Spring/Early Summer
Moonwort	Botrychium lunaria	Occurs at high latitudes and altitudes in open to lightly wooded meadows and vegetated scree slopes. At lower elevations it occurs in mesic woodlands, meadows, and sparsely vegetated sand dunes. It most commonly occurs on moist but well-drained soils with a neutral pH.	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Mountain grape fern	Botrychium montanum	The preferred habitat is under old growth western red cedar on alluvial terraces along small streams where the soil is moist and high in organic matter. The other primary habitat is fens, seeps and meadows along streams where the substrate is saturated	Low	Late Summer
Twin-spike moonwort	Botrychium paradoxum	Mesic to wet subalpine mountain meadows dominated by grasses, sedges and in some cases, dense herbaceous cover.	Low	Late Summer
Stalked moonwort	Botrychium pedunculosum	Occurs in mountain meadows, roadsides, brushy secondary woodlands, and open to closed canopy forests.	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Capillary sedge	Carex capillaris	Moist to wet shorelines, bogs, fens, stream banks, and seepage slopes in the montane to alpine zones.	Medium	Late Summer
Low northern sedge	Carex concinna	Moist to dry forests in the montane and subalpine zones.	Medium	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Cordilleran Sedge	Carex cordillerana	Moist to dry meadows, shaded rocky slopes in the montane or subalpine zones.	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer

Yellow bog sedge	Carex gynocrates	Bogs, swamps, fens and wet meadows in the upper montane to alpine zones.	Low	Late Summer
Intermediate sedge	Carex media	Found near perennial streams and ponds and in moist meadows.	Medium	Late Summer
Small-footed sedge	Carex micropoda	Moist meadows, stream banks, seeps, snowbeds and areas irrigated by meltwater at various elevations.	Medium	Late Summer
Spikenard sedge	Carex nardina	Dry fellfields, ridgecrests, rock outcrops, meadows and scree slopes in the alpine zone.	Medium	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Sedge	Carex pelocarpa	Grows on alpine slopes, ridge crests, and rocky lakeshores between 8,860–12,140 ft	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Russet sedge	Carex saxatilis	Grows on poorly developed soils in wet meadows and boggy areas, especially near streams and lakes.	Low	Late Summer
Fraternal paintbrush	Castilleja fraterna	Alpine meadows and talus slopes in Wallowa Mountains.	Medium	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Steller's rock-brake	Cryptogramma stelleri	Grows on moist, shaded cliffs and ledges at middle and upper altitudes in the mountains.	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Cyperus	Cyperus lupulinus ssp. lupulinus	In well-drained, open roadsides, fields, pine barrens, and dunes.	Low	Spring/Early Summer
Bolander's spikerush	Eleocharis bolanderi	Fresh, often summer-dry meadows, springs, seeps, stream margins in elevation between 3,280–11,155 feet.	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
White cushion erigeron	Erigeron disparipilus	Dry rocky hillsides.	Medium	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Englemann's daisy	Erigeron engelmannii var. davisii	Woods, meadows, and open hillsides from foothills to mid-elevation mountains.	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Threeflowered Rush	Juncus triglumis var. albescens	An alpine species that grows in wet meadows, on edges of streams and river bars, and near snow banks. It grows in wet microsites with shallow soils or saturated sandy gravel that are subject to needle ice disturbance or frost hummocks	Low	Late Summer
Bellard's kobresia	Kobresia bellardii	Often dry to somewhat moist places in high montane areas above timberline	Low	Spring/Early Summer

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Simple kobresia	Kobresia simpliciuscula	Grows in alpine areas in moist, peaty soils found in bogs, wet meadows, and along the edges of beaver ponds. It does well in calcareous habitats having pH 5.8 to 7.2. It also grows well in frost-shattered limestone, limestone grassland, boggy calcareous meadows, sugar limestone, and calcareous springs	Low	Late Summer
Northern twayblade	Listera borealis	Generally montane in moist or wet forest conditions of variable light.	Low	Late Summer
Greenman's desert parsley	Lomatium greenmani	This species occurs between approximately 7,700 to 8,600 feet in the Wallowa Mountains. It prefers open subalpine meadows, fell fields and eroded ridge tops with islands of subalpine fir-white bark pine (Abies lasiocarpa-Pinus albicaulis)	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Least phacelia	Phacelia minutissima	Ephemerally moist open places at middle elevations (4,600 to 8,200 feet) in the mountains.	Medium	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Henderson phlox	Phlox hendersonii	Moderate to high elevation mountains.	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Small Northern bogorchid	Platanthera obtusata	A facultative wetland species that occurs in damp or wet places in forests with an average canopy cover of 50 percent, marshes, bogs, meadows, and along stream banks.	Medium	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Wallowa primrose	Primula cusickiana	Mid-montane to subalpine	Low	Spring/Early Summer
Farr's willow	Salix farriae	Wet to moist meadows and stream banks in the montane and subalpine zones	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Wolf's willow	Salix wolfii	Occurs in stream banks, springs, wet meadows, and bogs.	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Wedge-leaf saxifrage	Saxifraga adscendens ssp. oregonenesis	Moist cliffs, ledges, and scree slopes in the alpine zone	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer
Violet suksdorfia	Suksdorfia violacea	Moist rocky ledges, crevices and shady sandy places in the montane and subalpine zones	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late Summer

Mountain townsendia	Townsendia montana	Grows in meadows and granite and limestone ridges at elevations between 6,560–10,170 ft	Low	Spring/Early Summer Late
				Summer
Parry's townsendia	Townsendia	Dry rocky slopes in the alpine zone between 4,900 and	Low	Spring/Early Summer
townsendia	parryi	*		Summer
		8,200 feet		
American	Trollius laxus	Wet to moist meadows and stream	Low	Late
globeflower	var. albiflorus	banks in the subalpine		Summer
		and alpine zones		

Table 2 is a list of special-status non-vascular plants. Due to limited data on non-vascular plants, all special-status non-vascular plants have potential to exist within the study area. None of the non-vascular plants are listed on USFWS or ODA list.

Table 2. Non-Vascular Plants with the Potential to exist within the Study Area.

Common Name	Scientific Name	ORBIC Status	Jan 2008 TE&P or SSS Category	Dec 2011 TE&P or SSS Category
Liverwort	Anastrophyllum minutum	2	OR-STR	OR-SEN
Liverwort	Anthelia julacea	2	OR-STR	OR-SEN
Liverwort	Barbilophozia lycopodioides	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Moss	Encalypta brevipes	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Moss	Encalypta intermedia		OR-SEN	
Moss	Entosthodon fascicularis	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Liverwort	Harpanthus flotovianus	2	OR-STR	OR-SEN
Moss	Helodium blandowii	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Liverwort	Jungermannia polaris	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Liverwort	Peltolepis quadrata	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Liverwort	Preissia quadrata	2	OR-STR	OR-SEN
Moss	Pseudocalliergon trifarium	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Liverwort	Ptilidium pulcherrimum	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Moss	Rhizomnium nudum	2	OR-SEN	
Moss	Schistidium cinclidodonteum	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Moss	Schistostega pennata	2	SEN	OR-SEN
Moss	Splachnum ampullaceum	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Moss	Tetraphis geniculata	2	SEN	OR-SEN
Moss	Tomentypnum nitens	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Moss	Tortula mucronifolia	2	OR-SEN	OR-SEN
Lichen	Dermatocarpon meiophyllizum		SEN	
Lichen	Leptogium burnetiae	3	SEN	
Lichen	Leptogium cyanescens	2	SEN	
Lichen	Peltigera pacifica		SEN	

# 3.3.2 Field Surveys

Two field surveys were conducted by qualified Bio-Resources, Inc. staff botanists using the currently accepted Intuitive-Controlled Methodology, as described in "Survey protocols for survey and manage strategy 2 vascular plants" (Whiteaker et al. 1998). Using this method the botanist search for special status plants while traversing the entire Study Area to see a representative cross section of the major habitats and topographic features (Whiteaker et al.1998). The Study Area was physically surveyed using pedestrian methods with a wide observational swath to cover at least 40 percent of the total Study Area and leave no more than 5 percent of the Study Area not surveyed (USFS 2011). This survey was intense enough to locate all major topographic features and high probability areas and to have a representative cross-section of minor topographic features, plant associations, and moderate to low probability areas (USFS 2011).

The Study Area was surveyed twice during the 2012 growing season; a spring/early summer survey was conducted on June 13, 2012 and a late summer survey on July 31. The actual survey date attempted to occur when the highest likelihood of locating the special status plant species would occur based on the plants phenology and climatic conditions for the 2012 growing season.

Each habitat type was visited during each visit. Because several data sources identified *Botrychium* species within the Study Area, in particular near the Project forebay, all alluvial terraces along the streams and the fore bay area were considered high probability habitat and were intensely surveyed to cover 100 percent of the area during both surveys. The moist forest habitats were considered moderate probability and areas associated with open water were considered moderate to high probability habitat were targeted during the late summer survey. Moderate to low probability habitats were considered the rocky, gravely, or talus slopes and were visited during both surveys but were more intensively surveyed during the spring/early summer survey due to their well-drained soils and earlier phenology. Table 1 identifies Special Status Vascular Plant Species with low, moderate, or high potential for occurrence and describes when habitats that were primarily targeted. All non-vascular plants listed in Table 2 were considered to have a low to medium probability of occurrence in the Study Area and are considered detectible during both the Spring/Early Summer and Late Summer survey times.

#### 3.4 Results

Survey methods and processes were documented using methods described in the Documentation Section of Wallowa Falls Botanical Inventory Methodology (USFS 2011), and Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Plants Survey Field Guide (USFS 2005). No special status plant species were detected within the Study Area during either of the plant surveys. The forms documenting the survey are in Appendix B and include the following: USDA Forest Service TES Plant Survey Forms, botanical survey route map, special habitats maps, and provides a comprehensive list of vascular plants identified within the Study Area.

#### 3.5 Discussion & Conclusions

The habitats within the Study Area are largely intact with small areas of disturbance from trails, campground, roads, and project facilities. Because no special status plant species were detected within the study area, it is assumed that project operations and routine maintenance have no effect on special status plant species. However, if a project operation requires ground disturbance or vegetation removal in areas that are not routinely disturbed then an additional special status plant survey may be warranted to insure no special status plant species may be affected. Areas that are routinely disturbed would not require additional surveys and would include the roads, powerhouse, substation, forebay, dam, spillway, penstock trestles, trails, campground, tailrace, and royal purple diversion. This meets the study objective for field studies and no additional field studies are planned for 2013.

The proposed tailrace reroute was not included as part of this study because it was proposed in the summer of 2013 and located beyond the Study Area. The proposed tailrace reroute area is in a relatively undisturbed area, therefore a special status plant survey would be completed the year prior to ground disturbance. Currently there are 3 species that are federally or state listed as threatened or endangered that may occur in the vicinity of the project boundary. They are as follows:

- Greenman's desert parsley (*Lomatium greenmani*) federally listed as Species of Concern and state listed threatened.
- McFarlane's four o'clock (*Mirablilis macfarlanei*) federally listed threatened and state listed endangered.
- Spalding's catchfly (*Silene spadingii*) federally listed threatened and state listed endangered.

None of these species have suitable habitat within the Study Area or in the proposed tailrace reroute area, therefore neither the proposed tailrace reroute nor the Project operations would have an effect on these species. If future special status plant surveys find any federally or state protected plants then all applicable regulations would apply and PacifiCorp would obtain any applicable permits required before conducting activities that may affect the plant species.

#### 4.0 NOXIOUS WEED STUDY

### 4.1 Study Objectives & Description

Noxious weeds are becoming an increasing threat to native plants and habitat loss. The Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project is at the gateway to the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area. Therefore, noxious weed infestations that are undetected and/or untreated could promote the

spread of noxious weeds into the pristine habitats of the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area. The noxious weed study provided a baseline on existing weeds within the Study Area.

The goal of the noxious weed study is to identify and map noxious weed populations on the lands and aquatic areas within the Study Area. The study included all terrestrial and aquatic noxious weeds on the Oregon State Noxious Weed List and the Wallowa County Noxious Weed List.

# 4.2 Background Information

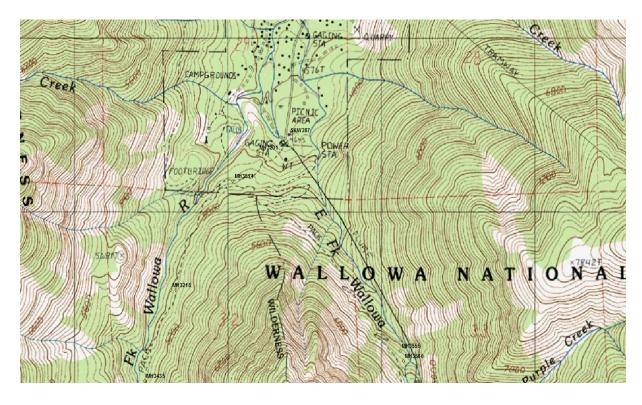
Limited data exists for noxious weed sites in and around the Project Area. Oregon Department of Agriculture's Weedmapper database is a collection of weed locations collected from federal, state, county and local weed agencies and it has identified several state listed noxious weeds in the vicinity of the Study Area (Oregon Department of Agriculture 2011). Weeds identified in this database include Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*), meadow hawkweed (*Hieracium pretense*), myrtle spurge (*Euphobia myrsinites*), spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*), and tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*).

Further information was received through personal communication between Mark Porter, Coordinator of the Wallowa County Cooperative Weed Management Area and Kendrick Moholt of Bio-resources, Inc on 16 May 2012 (Figure 1). Meadow Hawkweed has been located within a small area at two points (MH3555 and MH3560 in Figure 1 table) northwest of the confluence of Royal Purple Creek and East Fork Wallowa River. Another two Meadow Hawkweed sites are located south and west of the Wallowa Falls Powerhouse (MH3201 and MH5314 in Figure 1). These sites were treated with manual removal in 2011. Spotted Knapweed has been located near the main trailhead parking area at the main USFS trailhead in the Project Area (SKW3560 in Figure 1).

Figure 1: Known Noxious Weed Sites within the Study Area.

	FID	Shape *	NAME	Y_COORD	X_COORD	SPECIES	GPS	flag
F	4791	Point	MH3201	45.266263	-117.215158	MHW	11/1/10 10X10 M	0
	4808	Point	MH3218	45.25912	-117.222369	MHW	11/1/10 13 PL	0
	5025	Point	MH3435	45.254421	-117.224512	MHW	8/23/10 5X15	0
	5104	Point	MH3514	45.264769	-117.217231	MHW	9/26/10 8X5 M	0
	5145	Point	MH3555	45.256015	-117.203317	MHW	8/23/10 20X10 L	0
	5150	Point	MH3560	45.255489	-117.203023	MHW	8/23/10 10 PL L	0
	9669	Point	SKW287	45.26716	-117.212603	SKW	9/1/10 20X20 M	0

MH- Meadow Hawkweed, (Hieraceum pratense); SKW- Spotted Knapweed, (Centaurea maculosa)



# 4.3 Methods

The Study Area for noxious weed surveys included all lands owned by PacifiCorp or USFS that are within 100-meters of a Project Facility. A map of this Study Area is provided in Appendix A.

# 4.3.1 Pre-field Review

Prior to beginning field surveys a pre-field review was conducted to compile all existing data sources described above in Section 4.2 and to compile a list of the Oregon Department of Agriculture's State noxious weeds and the Wallowa County noxious weed.

Table 3: Noxious Weeds Listed by Oregon State Weed Board.

Common name	Scientific name	ODA Classification	Wallowa County
Velvetleaf	Abutilon theophrasti	В	
Biddy-biddy	Acaena novae-zelandiae	В	

Common name	Scientific name	ODA Classification	Wallowa County
Russian Knapweed	Acroptilon repens	В	A & Target
Bloodrop/Pheasant Eye	Adonis aestivalis		В
Jointed goatgrass	Aegilops cylindrica	В	B & Target
Ovate Goatgrass	Aegilops ovata	A	
Barb Goatgrass	Aegilops triuncialis	A	
Camelthorn	Alhagi pseudalhagi	A	
Tree of Heaven	Ailanthus altissima		Watch
Garlic mustard	Alliaria petiolata	B & Target	A & Target
Yellowtuft	Alyssum murale, A. corsicum	A & Target	
Ragweed	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	В	
Annual Bugloss	Anchus arvensis		В
Common bugloss	Anchusa officinalis	B &Target	A & Target
Bur Chevil	Anthriscus cauculis		Watch
Common burdock	Arctium minus		В
Absinth Wormwood	Artemissa absynthium		В
False Hoary Alyssum	Berteroa incana		A & Target
False brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	В	
White bryonia	Bryonia alba	A	A
Butterfly bush	Buddleja davidii (B. variabilis)	В	
Flowering rush	Butomus umbellatus	A	
Plumeless Thistle	Carduus acanthoides	A & Target	A & Target
Musk Thistle	Carduus nutans	В	A & Target
Italian Thistle	Carduus pycnocephalus	В	A & Target
Slender-flowered	Carduus tenuiflorus	В	

Common name	Scientific name	ODA Classification	Wallowa County
Smooth distaff Thistle	Carthamus baeticus	A	
Wooly distaff thistle	Carthamus lanatus	A & Target	
Caulerpa Seaweed	Caulerpa taxifolia		Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Long spine Sandbur	Cenchus longispinus		В
Purple Starthistle	Centaurea calcitrapa	A & Target	A & Target
Diffuse Knapweed	Centaurea diffusa	В	В
Iberian Starthistle	Centaurea iberica	A & Target	A &Target
Meadow Knapweed	Centaurea pratensis	В	A & Target
Yellow starthistle	Centaurea solstitialis	В	A
Spotted Knapweed	Centaurea stoebe (C. maculosa)	B & Target	A & Target
Squarrose knapweed	Centaurea virgata	A & Target	
Bachelor button	Centauria cyanus		В
Lambsquarter	Chenopodium berlandieri		Watch
Oxeye daisy	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum		В
Chicory	Cichorium intybus		В
Canada Thistle	Cirsium arvense	В	В
Bull Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	В	
Rush skeletonweed	Chondrilla juncea	B & Target	B & Target
Old man's beard	Clematis vitalba	В	
Dead Man's Fingers	Codium fragile tomentosoides		Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Poison hemlock	Conium maculatum	В	В
Field bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	В	В
Jubata (grass)	Cortaderia jubata	В	
Common crupina	Crupina vulgaris	В	В

Common name	Scientific name	ODA Classification	Wallowa County
Japanese dodder	Cuscuta japonica	A	
Dodder	Cuscuta spp.	В	
Toxic Algae	Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii		Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Houndstongue	Cynoglossum officinale	В	В
Yellow nutsedge	Cyperus esculentus	В	
Purple nutsedge	Cyperus rotundus	A	
Scotch Broom	Cytisus scoparius	В	A & Target & Watch
Portuguese Broom	Cytisus striatus	B & Target	
Spurge laurel	Daphne laureola	В	
Rock Snot	Didymosphenia geminate		Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Common Teasel	Dipsacus fullonum		В
Cutleaf teasel	Dipsacus laciniatus	В	
Paterson's curse	Echium plantagineum	ntagineum A & Target	
South American waterweed	Egeria densa (Elodea)	В	
Russian Olive	Elaseagnus angustifolia		
Spanish heath	Erica lusitanica	lusitanica B	
Leafy Spurge	Euphorbia esula B & Target		A & Target
Myrtle Spurge	Euphorbia myrsinites B		A & Target
Oblong spurge	Euphorbia oblongata	A	
Japanese Knotweeds	Fallopia (Polygonum) japonica	opia (Polygonum) japonica B	
Giant Knotweeds	Fallopia (Polygonum) sachalinensis	halinensis B	
Goatsrue	Galega officinalis	A	
French Broom	Genista monspessulana	В	
Shiny leaf geranium	Geranium lucidum B		

Common name Scientific name		ODA Classification	Wallowa County
Herb Robert geranium	Geranium robertianum B		
English ivy	Hedera helix (H. hibernica)	В	
Halogeton	Halogeton glomeratus	В	
Spikeweed	Hemizonia pungens	В	
Giant hogweed	Heracleum mantegazzianum	A & Target	
Orange Hawkweed	Hieracium aurantiacum	A & Target	A & Target
Yellow Hawkweed	Hieracium floribundum	A & Target	
Mouse-ear Hawkweed	Hieracium pilosella	A	
King-devil Hawkweed	Hieracium piloselloides	A	
Meadow Hawkweed	Hieracium pratense	A & Target	B & Target
Foxtail	Hordeum leporinum		Watch
Black Henbane	Hyoscyamus niger		Watch
St. Johnswort	Hypericum perforatum	В	В
Spotted Cats Ear	Hypochaeris radicata		Target & Watch
Policeman's helmet	Impatiens glandulifera	В	
Yellow flag iris	Iris pseudacorus	В	A & Target
Dyers woad	Isatis tinctoria	В	Target & Watch
Marsh Elder	Iva xanthifolia		Watch
African Water Weed	Lagarosiphon major		Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Yellow archangel	Lamiastrum galeobdolon	В	
Perennial peavine	Lathyrus latifolius	В	Watch
Lens-podded Whitetop	Lepidium chalepensis	В	
Whitetop (hoary cress)	Lepidium draba	В	A & Target
Perennial pepperweed	Lepidium latifolium	B & Target	A & Target

Common name	Scientific name	ODA Classification	Wallowa County
Hairy Whitetop	Lepidium pubescens	dium pubescens B	
Dalmatian toadflax	Linaria dalmatica	B & Target	В
Yellow Toadflax	Linaria vulgaris	В	В
Water primrose	Ludwigia peploides, L. hexapetala, L. grandiflora ssp.	В	
Purple loosestrife	Lythrum salicaria	В	A
Parrot's feather	Myriophyllum aquaticum	В	
Eurasian watermilfoil	Myriophyllum spicatum	В	
Matgrass	Nardus stricta	A & Target	
Yellow floating heart	Nymphoides peltata	A	Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Scotch Thistle	Onopordum acanthium	um acanthium B	
Taurian Thistle	Onopordum tauricum	opordum tauricum A & Target	
Small broomrape	Orabanche minor	Orabanche minor B	
Oregano	Origanum vulgare		A &Target
African rue	Peganum harmala A & Target		
Reed Canary Grass	Phalaris arundicnacea	halaris arundicnacea	
Common reed	Phragmites australiss, ssp. australis	A	Watch
Bohemian Knotweed	Polygonum bohemicus	lygonum bohemicus	
Himalayan Knotweeds	Polygonum polystachyum B		Target
Sulfur cinquefoil	Potentilla recta	В	B & Target
Toxic Algae	Prymnesium parvum		Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Kudzu	Pueraria lobata	A & Target	
Tall Buttercup	Ranunculus acris		В
Lesser celandine	Ranunculus ficaria	В	
Bur Buttercup	Ranunculus testiculatatus		В

Common name	Scientific name	ODA Classification	Wallowa County
Creeping yellow cress	Rorippa sylvestris B		
Sweet Briar Rose	Rosa eglaturia		В
Armenian (Himalayan) blackberry	Rubus armeniacus (R. procerus, R. discolor)	В	В
Russian thistle	Salsola iberica		Watch
Mediterranean sage	Salvia aethiopis	В	A & Target
Clary Sage	Salvia pratensis		Watch
Giant Salvinia	Salvinia molesta		Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Bouncing Bette	Saponaria		Watch
Tansy ragwort	Senecio jacobaea	B & Target	A &Target
White campion	Silene alba		В
Milk Thistle	Silybum marianum	В	A
Silverleaf nightshade	Solanum elaeagnifolium	A	Watch
Buffalobur	Solanum rostratum	Solanum rostratum B	
Sow Thistle	Sonchus arvensis	onchus arvensis	
Johnsongrass	Sorghum halepense	Sorghum halepense B	
Smooth Cordgrass	Spartina alterniflora	Spartina alterniflora A & Target	
Common Cordgrass	Spartina anglica A & Target		Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Dense-flowered	Spartina densiflora A & Target		Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Saltmeadow Cordgrass	Spartina patens	Spartina patens A & Target	
Spanish Broom	Spartium junceum B		
Swainsonpea	Sphaerophysa salsula	В	
Medusahead rye	Taeniatherum caput-medusae	Taeniatherum caput-medusae B B	
Saltcedar	Tamarix ramosissima	B & Target Watch	
Common Tansy	Tanacetum vulgare		A

Common name	Scientific name	ODA Classification	Wallowa County
European water chestnut	Trapa natans	A	Oregon Aquatic Weed List
Puncturevine	Tribulus terrestris	Tribulus terrestris B	
Coltsfoot	Tussilago farfara	Tussilago farfara A	
Gorse	Ulex europaeus	B & Target	
Ventenata	Ventenata dubia		В
Hydrilla Hydrilla	verticillata	verticillata A	
Spiny cocklebur	Xanthium spinosum B		
Common cocklebur	Xanthium strumarium	Watch	
Syrian bean-caper	Zygophyllum fabago	A	

Terms and definitions under the ODA Noxious Weed Control Classification System are provided below. The ODA System includes an "A" or "B" classification and may be given an additional designation of "T" (ODA 2012):

- "A" Designated Weed 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" Designated Weed 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" Designated Weed a priority noxious weed designated by the Oregon State Weed Board as a target for which the ODA will develop and implement a statewide management plan. "T" designated noxious weeds are species selected from either the "A" or "B" list.

Terms and definitions under the Wallowa County Noxious Weed Rating System are provided below. The Wallowa County System includes an "A", "B", and "Watch" list. An additional rating of "Target" may also be given to the initial rating (Wallowa Resources 2005):

- An "A" designated weed is: a priority noxious weed identified as a target weed species on which the Weed Control District will comply with a state wide management plan and/or implement a county wide plan for intensive control and monitoring. An "A" rated weed may also be a weed of known economic importance which occurs in small enough infestations to make eradication/containment possible; or one that is not known to occur here, but its presence in neighboring counties make future occurrence here seem imminent. Recommended Action: Infestations are subject to intensive control when and where found.
- A "B" designated weed is: a weed of economic importance, which is both locally abundant and abundant in neighboring counties. Recommended Action: Moderate control and or monitoring at the county level.
- Plants on the "Watch List" are weeds that are known to occur in Wallowa County and are realized to have some economic or ecological importance but are not listed as "A" or "B" due to lack of information or are currently in a review process. Recommended Action: Inventory and monitor existing infestations, elevate awareness through education, contact affected landowners. Control is encouraged but at the discretion of the landowner.

The Study Area was differentiated into three areas: high, medium, and low potential for noxious weeds using the following definitions (Appendix C):

- High potential: areas with frequent or continued soil disturbance, frequent or constant exposure to weed seed vectors, or is known to have existing noxious weeds. These include the campground, forebay area, parking lot, and portions of the USFS trail within the Study Area.
- Medium potential: areas with prior or frequent soil disturbance, but has low exposure to weed seed vectors. Examples of this would include the forebay access road and penstock.
- Low potential: areas that have intact soils and a low exposure to weed seed vectors. Examples of this would include talus slopes and forested areas away from high use areas.

This information was used to develop a survey strategy that maximized efforts in the high potential areas and provided adequate, but a reduced effort, for moderate and low potential areas.

### 4.3.2 Field Surveys

Surveys were conducted using the same Intuitive-Controlled Methodology described in "Survey protocols for survey and manage strategy 2 vascular plants" (Whiteaker et al. 1998). This is the same method used to conduct the Special Status plant surveys consequently these surveys were conducted simultaneously. The Study Area was physically surveyed using pedestrian methods with a wide observational swath to cover at least 40 percent of the total Study Area and leave no more than 5 percent of the Study Area not surveyed (USFS 2011). This survey was intense enough to locate and survey all high probability areas and to have a representative cross-section of minor topographic features, plant associations, and moderate to low probability areas (USFS 2011).

Two noxious weed field surveys within the Study Area were conducted during the 2012 growing season. These surveys were conducted by qualified Bio-Resources, Inc. staff botanists, Kendrick Moholt and Leslie Moholt, on June 13, 2012 and a second survey was conducted on July 31, 2012 by Kendrick Moholt, Leslie Moholt and Dave McCullough, Bio-Resources, Inc. staff biologist and GPS specialist. The actual survey date targeted the period when the highest likelihood of locating the noxious weeds would occur based on the plants phenology and climatic conditions for the 2012 growing season.

#### 4.4. Results

Survey methods and processes were documented on maps and using the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Noxious Weed Plant Occurrence Record. These forms and the accompanying map are available in Appendix C-2. Appendix C-3 shows the noxious weed survey maps and Appendix C-1 shows a map of the high, medium, and low potential areas. The following table shows the noxious weeds identified and their associated ODA and Wallowa County classification and abundance.

Table 4: Noxious Weeds Identified within the Study Area.

Common Name	Scientific Name	ODA	Wallowa County	Infestation Size
Meadow	Hieracium	A &		45 plants within 100 ft <sup>2</sup>
hawkweed	Pratense	Target	B & Target	20 plants within 9 ft <sup>2</sup>
St. John's Wort	Hypericum perforatum	В	В	50 plants within 80 ft <sup>2</sup>
Hann dataun ana	Cynoglossum	D	D	1 plant within 1ft <sup>2</sup>
Houndstoungue	officinale	В	В	40 plants within 100 ft <sup>2</sup>
Spotted knapweed	Centaurea stoebe	B & Target	A & Target	2 plants within 8 ft <sup>2</sup>
Common Burdock	Arctium minus		В	2 plants within ¼ mile.
Bull thistle	Circium vulgare	В		50 plants within 1.5 mile
Canada thistle	Circium arvense	В	В	1000 plants within 1.5 mile
Oxeye Daisy	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum		В	1000 plants within 1.5 mile

#### **4.5 Discussion & Conclusions**

Overall the noxious weed infestations are relatively small and can be easily controlled. This included both of the A classified weeds, hawkweed and spotted knapweed, which are priority species to control. The remaining species are classified as B and are also small populations, except for Oxeye daisy, Canada thistle, and bull thistle which have infestations that are between 50 to 1000 plants and are ubiquitous in the Study Area. All infestations were associated with the areas of high and medium noxious weed potential and were located along the maintenance road, trail, and campground. The primary source for most of the noxious weed infestations appears to be from foot and horse traffic. This meets the study objective for field studies and no additional field studies are planned for 2013.

Currently PacifiCorp has no noxious weed monitoring or management plan for the Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Facility. Treatments of the meadow hawkweed and spotted knapweed will occur during the next growing season. PacifiCorp may in the future develop a monitoring and weed management plan to control and prevent future infestations. PacifiCorp will develop best management practices to reduced noxious weed infestations due to our management actions; however, the largest source of noxious weeds appears to be recreationists (camping, hiking, and horses).

#### 5.0 WETLAND AND RIPARIAN STUDY

# **5.1 Study Objectives & Description**

The goal of the riparian and wetland study is to identify and map the estimated boundaries of wetlands and the ordinary high water mark for rivers and streams within the Study Area. The Study Area for the Wetland and Riparian study, is the same as the special status plant species

and noxious weed studies, and included all lands owned by PacifiCorp or USFS that are within 100-meters of a Project Facility. A map of this Study Area is provided in Appendix A. Once the wetland and riparian areas were identified, the appropriate Riparian Habitat Conservation Area (RHCA) standard widths were derived from appropriate categories as described in the Wallowa Whitman Land and Resource Management Plan, as amended (USFS 1990, USFS-BLM 1995):

**Table 5: Riparian Habitat Conservation Area Widths** 

Riparian Habitat Conservation Area Category	Minimum Riparian Habitat Conservation Area Standard Widths
Category 1 - Fish-bearing Stream	Stream and the area on either side of the stream extending from the edges of the active stream channel to the top of the inner gorge, or to the outer edges of the 100-year floodplain, or to the outer edges of riparian vegetation, or to a distance equal to the height of two site-potential trees, or 300 feet slope distance, whichever is the greatest.
Category 2 - Permanently-flowing non-fish bearing streams	Stream and the area on either side of the stream extending from the edges of the active stream channel to the top of the inner gorge, or to the outer edges of the 100-year floodplain, or to the outer edges of riparian vegetation, or to a distance equal to the height of one site-potential tree, or 150 feet slope distance, whichever is the greatest.
Category 3 – Ponds, lakes, reservoirs, and wetland greater than 1 acre	Consists of the body of the water or wetland and the area to the outer edges of the riparian vegetation, or to the extent of the seasonal saturated soil, or the extent of moderately and highly unstable areas, or to a distance equal to the height of one site-potential tree, or 150 feet slope distance from the edge of the maximum pool elevation of constructed ponds and reservoirs or from the edge of the wetland, pond or lake, whichever is greatest.
Category 4 - Seasonally-flowing or intermittent streams, wetlands less than 1 acre, landslides and landslide-prone areas	Must include: a. the extent of landslides and landslide prone areas b. the intermittent stream channel and the area to the top of the inner gorge. c. the intermittent stream channel or wetland and the area to the outer edges of the riparian vegetation. d. for watersheds identified as key or priority watersheds, the area from the edges of the stream channel, wetland, landslide, or landslide prone area to a distance equal to the height of one-site potential tree, or 100 feet slope distance, whichever is greatest. e. for watersheds not identified as key or priority watersheds, the area from the edges of the stream channel, wetland, landslide, or landslide prone area to a distance equal to the height of one-half site potential tree, or 50 feet slope distance, whichever is greatest.

# Additional study objectives include:

• describing the existing riparian and wetland habitat location, extent, and conditions,

- assess the Project operations effects on the riparian and wetland function in the Study Area, and
- to identify any potential management measures or opportunities to protect and improve wetland or riparian habitat condition.

### 5.2 Background Information

There is limited data available for streams and wetlands for the Study Area. The USFWS National Wetland Inventory (NWI) identified the forebay as the only wetland within the Study Area (USFWS 2010). This data was included in the analysis but the size and shape of the forebay were corrected to more accurately describe the wetland's true conditions. Most of the streams were previously mapped within the Study Area, but locations and descriptions were updated. The Wallowa County Soil maps were reviewed and only soils on private lands have been mapped, none of which are rated as hydric (Natural Resource Conservation Service 1996).

#### 5.3 Methods

Wetland and riparian boundaries were determined in the field using best professional judgment to determine the hydrology, soil, and vegetation characteristics as described in Wetland Delineation Manual (United States Army Corp of Engineers 1987), Regional Supplements to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Range (United States Army Corps of Engineers 2010), Oregon Administration Rules 141-085-0010 (146) Ordinary High Water Line, and Determining the ordinary high water mark on Streams in Washington State (Olson and Stockdale 2010).

# 5.3.1 Pre-field Work

A review of existing information, aerial imagery, topography, and other available data sources was conducted prior to beginning field work. This included available and pertinent data sources from the USFS, NRCS, and other state and federal agencies. The findings are described above in Section 5.2 Background Information.

# **5.3.2 Field Surveys**

To locate the wetland/riparian areas, field personnel traversed the Study Area to observe a representative sample of all major plant communities and topographic features. A greater emphasis was on areas that have topographic features and/or vegetation that are known to support wetland and/or riparian areas or it was identified as a wetland/riparian area in prefield data review

Because riparian and wetland areas are closely associated to each other and are evaluated using the same environmental parameters (soil, vegetation, and hydrology) they were combined into a single study. However these parameters are defined and evaluated differently for wetlands and riparian areas; therefore a stream and/or wetland boundary was determined differently using the methods described below.

The preferred time to identify wetland and riparian parameters is during the growing season and following peak average flows, which are typically between mid-June and August. Therefore, the field surveys were completed simultaneously with the vegetation cover type surveys between June 12 and 14 and July 3 and 5, 2012.

#### 5.3.2.1 Wetland

Wetlands were determined based on methods and environmental parameters (vegetation, hydrology and obvious soil characteristics) as described in Wetland Delineation Manual (United States Army Corp of Engineers 1987) and the Regional Supplement for Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (United States Army Corp of Engineers 2010). Once a wetland was identified, it was classified according to the United States Fish and Wildlife Classification System (Cowardin et al. 1979).

# Vegetation

Vegetation was evaluated using the "Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation" method as described in the Regional Supplement for Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (United States Army Corps of Engineers 2010). This is where all dominant species across all strata are rated as Obligate or Facultative Wet, or Facultative based on the latest plant list approved by United States Army Corp of Engineers for the Northwest Region 9. The stratum is defined as having 5 percent or more total plant cover. If a stratum has less than 5 percent cover during the growing season, then those species and their cover values can be combined into another stratum for sampling purposes. For example, if either the tree or woody vine strata have less than 5 percent cover, then any trees or vines present may be combined with the sapling/shrub stratum (United States Army Corps of Engineers 2010). For the western mountain region the stratums are as follows:

- Tree stratum— Consists of woody plants 3 in. or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.
- Sapling/shrub stratum

  Consists of woody plants less than 3 in. DBH, regardless of height.
- Herb stratum— Consists of all herbaceous (non-woody) plants, including herbaceous vines, regardless of size.

• Woody vines—Consists of all woody vines, regardless of height.

# **Hydrology**

Wetland hydrology is defined as the area that is inundated either permanently or periodically at mean depths less than 6.6 feet or soil that is saturated to the surface at some time during the growing season. This will be determined by observing any of the following (United States Army Corps of Engineers 2010):

- Surface water
- High water table
- Saturation

Evidence of recent inundation include: water marks, sediment deposits, drift deposits, algal mat or crust, iron deposits, surface soil cracks, sparsely vegetated concave surface, aquatic invertebrates, water stained leaves, and drainage patterns.

#### Soils

Wetlands have soils that are classified as hydric when they possess characteristics that are associated with reducing soil conditions (United States Army Corps of Engineers 1987). Determining if soil meets the definition of a wetland soil is not as apparent as it is for the the hydrological and vegetation indicators. Therefore if an area met the definition for both wetland vegetation and hydrology, then no soil evaluation was conducted. If an area met the definition for wetland vegetation or hydrology, but not both, then soils were more closely evaluated. Site information, other than vegetation and hydrology, that indicated hydric soils include (United States Army Corps of Engineers 2010):

- Slope the site is level or nearly level so that surface water would collect and not readily run off.
- Slope shape Hillside with convergent slopes so the surface or groundwater is directed toward a central stream or swale.
- Landform Soil is on a low terrace or floodplain that may be subject to seasonal high water tables or flooding or is at the toe of a slope where runoff may tend to collect or where groundwater may emerge at or near the surface.
- Soil materials A restrictive layer in the soil could slow or prevent the infiltration of water, perhaps resulting in a perched water table or hill slope seep. Restrictive layers

include consolidated bedrock, cemented layers, layers of silt or substantial clay content, or strongly contrasting soil textures (e.g., silt over sand).

# 5.3.2.2 Riparian

The edge of the active channel or ordinary high water mark for all streams and rivers within 300 feet of the Study Area were identified and mapped using the methods based on environmental parameters (vegetation, hydrology and obvious soil characteristics) as described in Oregon Administration Rules 141-085-0010 (146) Ordinary High Water Line, and Determining the ordinary high water mark on Streams in Washington State (Olson and Stockdale 2010).

# Vegetation

Areas below the ordinary high water mark are frequently disturbed resulting in a lack of vegetation or will favor vegetation that can tolerate frequent disturbance, such as willows, cottonwoods, or grasses. Depending on the frequency of disturbance the ordinary high water mark may be the lowest extent of woody vegetation or totally void of vegetation.

# **Hydrology**

Indicators to determine the extent of high water may occur during flood events that were well above the ordinary high water mark. Therefore, hydrological indicators should be combined with other parameters. Indicators for the ordinary high water marks include:

- The top of the zone of washed roots
- Clear natural line impressed on a bank
- Presence of litter and debris
- Silt stained leaves, silt lines on tree trunks
- Top of the zone of washed roots (roots exposed in the bank)
- Elevation of floating debris
- Elevation below which no fine debris (needles, leaves, cones) occur

#### Soils

Soil indicators may not be as apparent as high water and vegetation, but obvious soils changes such as the transition area between soil and rock, gravel, or cobble and the top of a bank.

#### 5.4 Results

The Study Area is comprised of a v-shaped valley with relatively steep slopes so topographical indicators for streams are fairly apparent and wetlands are limited to few areas with flat terrain, such as in the campground and near the forebay. Only a few additional wetlands, seeps and/or seasonal flowing streams were located within the study area and most of the existing streams/rivers locations were corrected. Most of the bypass reach of the East Fork Wallowa River is inaccessible due to steep terrain, but where it was accessible points were taken to more accurately map the river alignment on aerial imagery. The map provided in Appendix D shows the wetland and stream/river locations with the associated Riparian Habitat Conservation Area (RHCA).

Riparian habitat along the West Fork Wallowa River has been drastically changed by recent large flood events. The most recent event in 2010 has almost completely scoured out all of the vegetation leaving bare rock and remnant black cottonwood trees (*Populus baslsamifera L.* ssp. *trichocarpa*). Since the last flood, some early successional vegetation is beginning to reestablish and it is likely this area will begin to develop more typical riparian vegetation characteristics within the next few years.



Figure 2: West Fork Wallowa River Riparian Habitat.

Due to the steep gradient of the East Fork Wallowa River, the river has limited hydrological influence on the vegetation. The gradient and constrained topography forces increases in flow to increase the water velocity instead of the water depth; as a result, the river rarely flows over its banks. There is no apparent transition from riparian influenced vegetation to upland vegetation. The photo to the right shows a typical section of the East Fork Wallowa River in the bypass reach during peak June flows in 2010.



Figure 3: East Fork Wallowa River bypass reach.

The tailrace channel flows are controlled by power generation so water levels rarely extend beyond its banks. As a result, the hydrological influence on vegetation is mostly confined to the banks. The photo below shows the main channel tailrace in the campground during peak June flows.



Figure 4: Main channel tailrace in the campground.

A total of 5 wetlands were found within the study area including the forebay, which was identified in the NWI. The additional wetlands were small wetlands, less than 1.0 acre in size and include two small wetlands in the campground area in the northern portion of the Study area and two small wetlands associated with springs near the forebay.

The Tailrace Wetland is approximately 0.03 acre Palustrine Emergent Wetland. The wetland hydrology is the result of flooding and ponding from a secondary channel of the tailrace side

channel and partially diverted flows from a small active beaver dam at the mouth of the tailrace main channel. The vegetation is dominated with herbaceous hydrophytes plants such as arrowleaf grounsel (*Senecio triangularis*) and reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*). However, this site was revisited on February 1, 2013 by Bio-Resources botanist, Kendrick Moholt, to verify the identification of the reed canarygrass. He was able to confirm that the grass is not reed canarygrass but was unable to identify the plant to species because of its poor condition during the winter, but it was determined to be a type of wheatgrass (*Agropyron* spp.)



Figure 5: Photo of Tailrace Wetland taken from the northeast corner facing southwest.

The Campground Wetland is approximately 0.05 acre palustrine emergent wetland. The wetland hydrology appears to be stable and persist throughout the growing season. The source is unclear. It is either from a spring beneath the slope, is from subterranean flow from the main channel tailrace, or a combination of both. The water flows from the ground at the toe of the slope at the south end of the wetland, flows as sheet flow to the north until it goes subterranean just before the campsite access-road. The return flows are likely to the main channel tailrace. The vegetation is dominated with herbaceous hydrophyte plants that include western buttercup (*Ranunculus occidentalis*), bog wintergreen (*Pyrola asarifolia spp. Asarfolia*) and reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*). As described above this site was revisited on February 1, 2013 by Bio-Resources botanist, Kendrick Moholt, to verify the

identification of the reed canary grass. He was able to confirm that the grass is not reed canarygrass, but a type of wheatgrass (*Agropyron* spp.)



Figure 6: Campground Wetland taken from southern end facing north.

The Forebay Wetland is the only NWI wetland identified within the Study Area. The NWI database described the wetland as 0.44 acre freshwater pond, or more specifically as palustrine consolidate bottom that is permanently flooded by a dike (USFWS 2010). Because the forebay is typical in that it has steep banks, consistent flows, and a relatively constant water level, it lacks emergent vegetation except at the point where the East Fork Wallowa River meets the forebay. As a result the entire forebay meets the palustrine unconsolidated bottom criteria. The wetland actually is smaller than described in NWI and is only 0.30 acres.

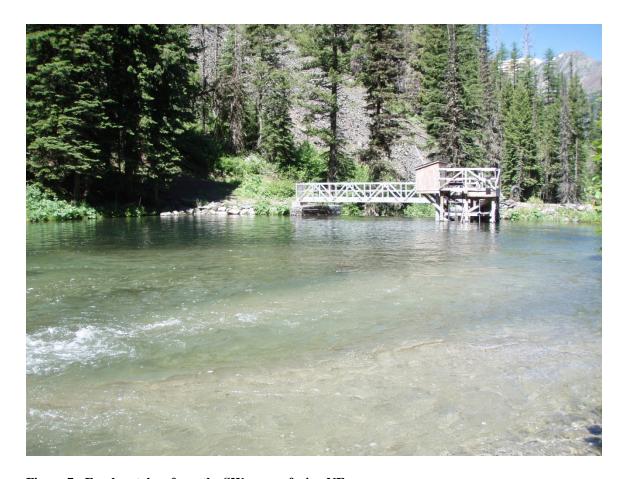


Figure 7: Forebay taken from the SW corner facing NE.

Trail Wetland #1: This wetland is located between the East Fork Wallowa River and the Wallowa Falls Maintenance Road and is bisected by the spur trail from the maintenance road to the 1804 East Fork Trail. The water appears to be from a spring that is approximately 25 feet upslope from the trail. The wetland meets the definition of palustrine scrub-shrub wetland because the entire wetland is dominated with Sitka alder (*Alnus sinuate*) with lesser amounts red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea* L. ssp. sericea,), western buttercup (*Ranunculus occidentalis*), Scouler's willow (*Salix scouleriana*), Rocky Mountain maple (*Acer glabrum var. douglasii*), and cow-parsnip (*Heracleum lanatum*) scattered throughout the wetland.



Figure 8: This is the Trail Wetland #1 taken from the bridge facing SW up the spur trail.

Trail Wetland #2: This wetland is 0.19 acres in size and is along the 1804 East Fork Trail just north of the dam. It begins at the base of a talus slope approximately 20 feet above the trail and extends to the banks of the East Fork Wallowa River. The water appears to be from a spring or seep that flows under the talus slope and surfaces as sheet flow. The wetland meets the definition of palustrine scrub-shrub wetland because the entire wetland is dominated with Sitka alder (*Alnus sinuate*) with lesser amounts of red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea* L. ssp. sericea), Scouler's willow (*Salix scouleriana*), and sticky currant (*Ribes viscosissimum var. viscosissimum*) scattered throughout the wetland.



Figure 9: Trail Wetland #2 taken from the northern end facing south.

#### **5.5 Discussion & Conclusions**

The goal was to identify the location of the wetlands and streams that should be avoided, protected, or enhanced while implementing management activities and to apply Riparian Habitat Conservation Area standard widths to these areas. Due to the constraints in the topography and the nature of hydroelectric facilities, management actions within the RHCA cannot be entirely avoided. By applying these RHCA, future management activities can avoid these areas when feasible and habitat enhancement projects can focus on these sites.

Overall the riparian habitat is intact and largely undisturbed by project activities. For the entire study area only 6.6 percent or 8.37 acres is developed lands that are within the RHCA and the remaining acres are undisturbed habitat. Because the wetlands occur in areas with more gentle terrain they are also adjacent to developed areas, such as the campground or as in the case of the forebay wetland created by the dam. As a result, the RHCA surrounding the forebay, campground, and tailrace wetlands are not entirely undisturbed and partially managed for no or very low growing vegetation. Future management should be evaluated for potential impacts to adjacent wetlands and where feasible look for opportunities to enhance the wetland's RHCA where feasible.

Presently the only ground disturbing activity scheduled to occur within riparian habitat is the proposed tailrace reroute. The tailrace reroute was proposed in the summer of 2013 and is located beyond the Study Area. As a result it was not included as part of this Study. However additional permits will be required prior to constructing the proposed tailrace and a wetland delineation and ordinary high water mark determination will be completed the year prior to ground disturbance. Because the tailrace reroute will redirect flows from the West Fork Wallowa River back to the East Fork Wallowa River, it is assumed that the existing tailrace channels and associated wetlands (i.e., Campground and Tailrace wetlands) would eventually dry and become dominated with upland vegetation.

Also, any additional proposed management activities that require ground disturbance and will occur within an RHCA, a wetland delineation or ordinary high water mark determination should be conducted to identify the exact boundary. This meets the study objective for field studies and no additional field studies are planned for 2013.

#### 6.0 VEGETATION COVER STUDY

#### **6.1 Study Objectives & Description**

The goal of this study is to identify and classify vegetation cover types within the Study Area. This information was compiled to create a detailed Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database of cover types location, distribution, and extent within the Study Area. The Study Area for vegetation cover study included all lands owned by PacifiCorp or USFS that are within 100-meters of a Project Facility. A map of this Study Area is provided in Appendix A. This database provides a baseline of habitat quantity and quality; identifies unique habitats and habitats that may potentially support threatened, endangered, and rare species, and the ability to assess the Project operations impacts to habitats or to avoid impacts to habitats

### **6.2 Background Information**

There is limited vegetation cover type data available for the Study Area. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest maintains an existing vegetation dataset that includes georeferenced information on vegetation cover types (USFS 2012). This dataset was reviewed but ultimately not included in this analysis because the data was too large of scale to provide detailed information for the Study Area and the classification types were too broad. The USFWS National Wetland Inventory identifies the forebay as the only wetland within the Study Area (United States Fish and Wildlife Service 2010). This data was included in the analysis but the size and shape of the forebay were corrected to more accurately describe the wetland true conditions.

#### 6.3 Methods

The Vegetation Cover Type Study consists of creating a base map in the pre-field work and verifying the data with field surveys.

#### 6.3.1 Pre-field Work

An ArcMap project map was created of the Study Area, topography, stream and wetland data, roads, trails, and the most recent aerial imagery available. This ArcMap project was used to delineate distinct plant communities and natural landscape breaks, such as ridgelines or draws, into discrete polygons. The minimum size polygon is 1 acre, except for unique habitats such as rock outcrops or wetlands.

## **6.3.2 Field Surveys**

Field surveys to ground-truth the vegetation cover type polygon's boundaries and to assign the appropriate plant association groups to each polygon were conducted between June 12-14 and July 3-5. The ArcMap dataset created in the pre-field work was loaded on to a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit, which allowed for real time data correction while in the field. An attempt was made to visit each polygon from at least one point; however, due to talus slopes and steep topography several polygons were inaccessible. For those polygons that were inaccessible they were evaluated to the best ability from a vantage point. For polygons that were accessible, the biologist would attempt to find a point that was representative of the vegetation and would conduct a rapid vegetation assessment that collected the following data:

- Accurate polygon locations in Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates Zone 11
- Representative photographs
- Species and estimated cover for dominant and subdominant trees and shrubs
- Estimated average DBH of dominant trees for forested habitats
- Estimated stand age

Identify major tree/shrub/grass-forb-fern community types to determine the appropriate plant association group for each polygon by using the appropriate guides:

- Plant Associations of Wallowa-Snake Province (Johnson and Simon 1987)
- Mid-Montane Wetland Plant Associations of the Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests (Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997)

• Deep Canyon and Subalpine Riparian and Wetland Plant Associations of the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests (Wells2006)

For areas void of vegetation, the substrate (e.g., water, rock) will be identified. The rock mostly consisted of a talus slope that was either void of vegetation or dominated with various shrubs or aspen.

#### **6.4 Results**

Although some portions of the Study Area were inaccessible, most of these areas could be evaluated from vantage points. Combine this with available aerial imagery and knowledge of adjacent and similar habitats, every polygon within the Study Area was able to have a PAG assigned to it. The dominant plant associations belong to either the subalpine fir (*Abies lasiocarpaa*) or the grand fir (*Abies grandis*) series which had a clear transition from grand fir to subalpine fir at 4,500 feet in elevation.

The most common forest cover types within the Study Area are in the Grand fir series and comprise 60.87% of the Study Area. The grand fir series was almost entirely the Grand fir/Big Huckleberry (*Vaccinium membranaceum*) with the Grand fir/Twinflower (*Linnaea borealis*) present in the drier sites, and one stand of Grand fir/Queens cup (*Clintonia uniflora*) was located in a shady mesic area. Within this series the stands aged based on diameter breast height (DBH) are mostly mature (DBH  $\geq$  20 inches) and mid-successional (DBH ranging between 12 to 18 in.). Stand density is highly variable with canopy covers ranging from 15 to 100%, this largely contributed to past disturbances such as fires, storm damage and/or poor rocky soil conditions.

The other forested PAGs within the Study Area include the Subalpine fir/Big Huckleberry which comprise 14% of the total Study Area. The stand age ranges from seedling to mature depending on past disturbances and aspect. As a result, the canopy cover ranges widely from 15 to 70%. Other forest types include small isolated pockets of Ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*)/snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*) on a rocky ridge and black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera L. ssp. trichocarpa*)/pacific willow (*Salix lucida*) by the West-fork Wallowa River. Combined, these two PAGs are less than 2% of the total study area.

Not all areas within the Study Area met the PAG descriptions. Therefore, to account for these areas some vegetation cover types were created. This included developed, wetland, rock outcrops, and talus slope areas. The developed areas were identified as Developed (DEV) and include project facilities and roads. Talus slopes were divided into 3 categories Talus (TALU) for areas that were bare rock with less than 25% vegetation cover, Talus-shrub (TALU-SHRU) are talus slopes with mixed shrub cover that  $\geq$  25 percent, and talus slopes that had quacking aspen tree (*Populus tremuloides*) cover that is  $\geq$  25 percent as Talus/Aspen (TALU-POTR). The rock outcrops with barren rock cliffs or sparse vegetation were denoted as rock outcrop (RO). The wetlands did not meet any the PAG descriptions, so the USFWS Classification of Wetland and Deepwater Habitats of the United States system was used

(Cowardin et al. 1979). the study area.	The following table shows the percent and total acres per type with	hin

Table 6: Plant Association Group Types and Acres within the Study Area.

PAG Name	PAG Code	Number of Acres within the Study Area	Total Percent of the of Study Area
Black Cottonwood/Pacific willow	POTR2/SALA2	1.35	1.07
Developed	DEV	1.58	1.25
Grand Fir/ Queen's Cup	ABGR/CLUN	1.75	1.38
Grand Fir/Twinflower	ABGR/LIBO2	15.24	12.05
Grand Fir/Big Huckleberry	ABGR/VAME	59.73	47.22
Palustrine Emergent	PEM	0.11	0.09
Palustrine Scrub Shrub	PSS	0.34	0.27
Palustrine Unconsolidated Bottom	PUB	0.28	0.22
Ponderosa Pine/Common Snowberry	PIPO/SYAL	1.03	0.81
Rock Outcrop	RO	1.55	1.23
Subalpine Fir/Big Huckleberry	ABLA2/VAME	18.24	14.42
Talus	TALU	9.78	7.73
Talus/Aspen	TALU/POTR	7.74	6.12
Talus/Shrubland	TALU/SHRU	7.78	6.15
	Total	126.50	

### **6.5 Discussion & Conclusions**

There are only 15 different PAGs within the study area. The maps provided in Appendix E show that the Study Area is primarily forested cover with black cottonwood, grand fir, ponderosa pine, and/or subalpine fir plant association groups that comprise a total of 76.95% of the Study Area. Talus is the second most common habitat type comprising 20.00 % of the study area. The other habitat types within the Study Area include 0.58% of wetlands, 1.23% rock outcrops, and 1.25 % of developed. These maps provide a baseline to guide management actions to avoid the more unique habitat types when planning ground disturbing management activities, and provide information on potential habitat for special status species

within the Study Area. This meets the study objective for field studies and no additional field studies are planned for 2013.

#### 7.0 WILDLIFE OBSERVATION STUDY

Wildlife studies to document the presence of terrestrial species and, in particular, two amphibian species, the Rocky Mountain tailed frog (*Ascaphus montanus*) and Columbia spotted frog (*Rana luteiventris*), within the Study Area were conducted in May and August of 2012.

## 7.1 Study Objectives & Description

The goal of the wildlife study was to collect baseline information on the occurrence, distribution, and relative abundance of wildlife species within the Study Area. The Study Area for wildlife observation study included all lands owned by PacifiCorp or USFS that are within 100-meters of a Project Facility. A map of this Study Area is provided in Appendix A. The study documented all wildlife detections with special emphasis on species identified on one or more of the following lists:

- USFWS status that is Listed Endangered, Listed Threatened, Proposed Endangered, Proposed Threatened, Candidate, Species of Concern, and Partial Status
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife List of Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species
- ORBIC List 1 or 2
- Regional Forester's Special Status Species Lists for Sensitive Vertebrates and
- Federally Threatened, Endangered, and Proposed
- Management Indicator Species for the Wallowa Whitman National Forest

Appendix F provides a list of the ORBIC rare, threatened, and endangered, candidate, or special status wildlife species in Wallowa County, their federal, state, and ORBIC status, brief description of habitat, and whether or not the species or its associated habitat is known to exist within the Project vicinity. This list was originally compiled as Table 3.5-1 in the Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project FERC No. P-308 Notice of Intent to Relicense and Pre-Application Document (PacifiCorp 2011). Appendix F also provides the Regional Forester's Special Status Species Lists for Sensitive Vertebrates and Federally Threatened, Endangered, and Proposed species and the Management Indicator Species list (USFS 2010). The USFWS list for Wallowa County is provided in Appendix F.

#### 7.2 Background Information

There is limited available data on wildlife use within the Project Area. However within the Project vicinity (within 2.0 miles of the Project Area), both a bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) nest and roost have been documented in the ORBIC database (ORBIC 2010). The USFS comments on the PAD state that bald eagle use is high near the Project Area's campground. This is a known foraging area for eagles when kokanee (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) are spawning and the area is suspected to be a roost (USFS 2011). The ORBIC database also has a 1984 record for the Wallowa rosy-finch (*Leucosticte tephrocotis wallowa*) within the Project vicinity (ORBIC 2010b).

#### 7.3 Methods

#### 7.3.1 Pre-field Review

Prior to conducting field surveys, the special status wildlife species lists were updated and existing data was compiled. The list of special status wildlife were compiled by reviewing the current versions of the lists described above in Section 7.2 and in Appendix F, as well as the ORBIC Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species of Oregon list.

## 7.3.2 Field Surveys

Due to the size of the Study Area and the broad scope of the study objective to document wildlife presence, no formal protocol surveys were implemented. Instead a biologist completed a pedestrian survey of the Study Area to document all wildlife species or sign (e.g. nest, tracks, scats, burrows, egg masses etc.) that were encountered.

Surveys were conducted twice during 2012, one in May and the second in August. Both were conducted during normal seasonal conditions (i.e., avoiding days that are excessively above or below average temperatures). The biologist walked the Study Area to cover a representative area for each general habitat type, including aquatic habitats, such as the forebay, tailrace, streams, rivers and the associated riparian habitats within the Study Area.

Both the visual-encounter and dip net surveys were used to determine the presence/absence of amphibians, in particular the Rocky Mountain tailed and Columbia spotted frogs. Surveys included all stream, river, and wetland habitats within the Study Area that can safely be accessed. Most of the East Fork Wallowa River is inaccessible because of the steep slopes and high gradient of the upper bypass reach, so the biologist attempted to find access at various points to conduct surveys.

Survey methods for amphibians were similar to the methods described in the Interagency Special Status Species and Sensitive Species Program Conservation Assessments (Tait 2007 and Olson 2011). Surveys were conducted at the same time as the general wildlife

observation surveys and were timed to meet preferred time/weather conditions for observing frog activities. The visual encounter method was conducted during both the spring and late-summer surveys by walking along the rivers, streams, and wetlands to identify egg masses, and/or adult frogs. Dip nets were used to capture and identify any egg masses, adults, or larvae that were observed.

The lower bypass reach, Royal Purple Creek, and the tailrace (main and side channel) each had 10 randomly selected areas surveyed with dip nets, for a minimum total of 30 dip net stations. This was conducted in the late summer, which is the optimum time to detect larva. This was achieved by one biologist placing the dip net flush to the bottom of the stream, while another biologist moved and lifted up rocks, logs, and other debris to dislodge any larva that was within 2 meters upstream of the dip net. The placement of the dip net stations was dependent on the total length of the area surveyed and accessibility to the stream. Efforts were made to select a wide array of areas within the stream.

The forebay was thoroughly searched for any egg masses, adults or larvae. Because the forebay is a relatively small area (0.30 acre) with the best suitable breeding amphibian habitat along the shoreline, and at East Fork Wallowa River inflow, the entire area could be searched by lifting most rocks or logs within the forebay.

#### 7.4 Results

The following table lists all species detected during the wildlife surveys and/or anecdotally while conducting other surveys. The abundance column described the frequency these species were detected. Species with less than 5 occurrences were considered uncommon.

Table 7: Species Detected within the Study Area.

Common Name	Species Name	Status <sup>1</sup>	Abundance
American dipper	Cinclus mexicanus	None	Common
American robin	Turdis migratorius	None	Common
Beaver	Castor Canadensis	None	Uncommon
Black bear	Ursus americanus	None	Uncommon
Black-headed grosbeak	Pheucticus melanocephalius	None	Uncommon
Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis	None	Common
Golden-crowned kinglet	Regulus satrapa	None	Common
Mac Gillivary's warbler	Oporornis philadephia	None	Common
Mountain chickadee	Poecile gambeli	None	Common
Mule deer	Odocoileus hemionus heminous	None	Common
Northern flicker	Colaptes aurauys	None	Common
Norway rat	Rattus norvegicus	None	Uncommon
Olive-sided flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	Federal Status - SOC	Common
		State Status –SV ORBIC List - 4	
Common Name	Species Name	Status <sup>1</sup>	Abundance
Pika	Ochotona princeps	None	Uncommon

Pileated woodpecker	Dryocopus pileatus	Federal Status- none State –SV WWNF – Management Indicator Species	Uncommon
Pine siskin	Carduelis pinus	None	Uncommon
Red-breasted nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	None	Uncommon
Red squirrel	Tamiasciurus hudonicus	None	Common
Rocky Mountain tailed frog	Ascaphus montanus	Federal Status – SOC State Status – SV ORBIC List – 2	Uncommon
Ruby-crowned kinglet	Regulus calendula	None	Uncommon
Snowshoe hare	Lepus americanus	None	Uncommon
Swainson's thrush	Catharus ustulatus	None	Common
Townsend's warbler	Dendroica tonewnsendi	None	Common
Western tanager	Piranga ludoviciana	None	Common
Western terrestrial garter snake	Thamnophis elegans	None	Uncommon
Western wood peewee	Contopus sordidulus	None	Common
White-crown sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys	None	Common
Winter wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	None	Common
Yellow-rumped warbler	Dendroica coronata	None	Common

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Status codes: Federal SOC= species of concern State SV= sensitive-vulnerable, ORBIC 2=threatened with extirpation from the state of Oregon, and ORBIC 4= contains taxa which are of conservation concern but are not currently threatened or endangered (ORBIC 2010a).

No egg masses were detected during any of the surveys and the August surveys detected two Rocky Mountain tailed frogs. Both were located in the East Fork Wallowa River reach directly upstream of the forebay. The detection included one juvenile and one adult frog within proximity of each other. Although no tailed frogs were detected within the bypass reach of the East Fork Wallowa River or the tailrace channels, these areas provide suitable habitat for all life stages of the tailed frogs; therefore it is assumed that tailed frogs could be found throughout the Study Area.



Figure 10: Photo of the Rocky Mountain Tailed Frog located within the Study Area.



Figure 11: The East Fork Wallowa River reach above the forebay.

#### 7.5 Discussion & Conclusions

No threatened or endangered species were detected within the Study Area. However due to the Study Areas proximity to the Eagle Cap Wilderness, it is possible that protected species, such the wolverine, Canada lynx, and/or gray wolf, have potential to exist in the Study Area. These species have huge home ranges, in which the Study Area would only be a small portion and it assumed that the project footprint and operations would have negligible effect to these species.

The two State Sensitive Vulnerable avian species which were detected within the Study Area, the Olive-sided flycatcher and pileated woodpecker, are not likely to be affected by project operations. Both species are threatened by habitat loss and currently the project requires no vegetation removal. If future management actions require large areas of vegetation removal then snags and taller perch trees should be retained, where feasible.

The Rocky Mountain tailed-frog is a federal species of concern and state listed as sensitive-vulnerable. Even though the only tailed frogs that were detected within the Study Area were directly above the forebay, it is assumed that tailed frogs may exist in the East Fork Wallowa River and the tailrace channels, based on the available suitable habitat. Major threats to Rocky Mountain tailed frog are activities that affect stream flow, sedimentation, and water temperature (Olson 2011). Project operations have the potential to adversely affect stream flow and sedimentation. The largest impact would be sedimentation as a result of forebay flushing that occurs at least annually to remove sediment that builds up behind the dam in the

forebay. This causes a substantial temporary increase in turbidity in the bypass reach of the East Fork Wallowa River and this typically occurs following peak flows in June and prior to fall weather of September. Due to the 3-year larval life stage of Rocky Mountain tailed frogs, it is anticipated that forebay flushing has an adverse effects on their eggs, hatchlings, and larva below the dam. The dam is operated as a run-of-river project, so fluctuations with stream flow levels in the bypass reach are natural. That is stream flows will increase when flows spill over the dam during peak flow events, but these increased flows would occur naturally. However, the tailrace may be dewatered as needed for maintenance. Dewatering the tailrace would adversely affect any egg, hatchling, or larval Rocky Mountain tailed frog within the tailrace. This meets the study objective for field studies and no additional field studies are planned for 2013.

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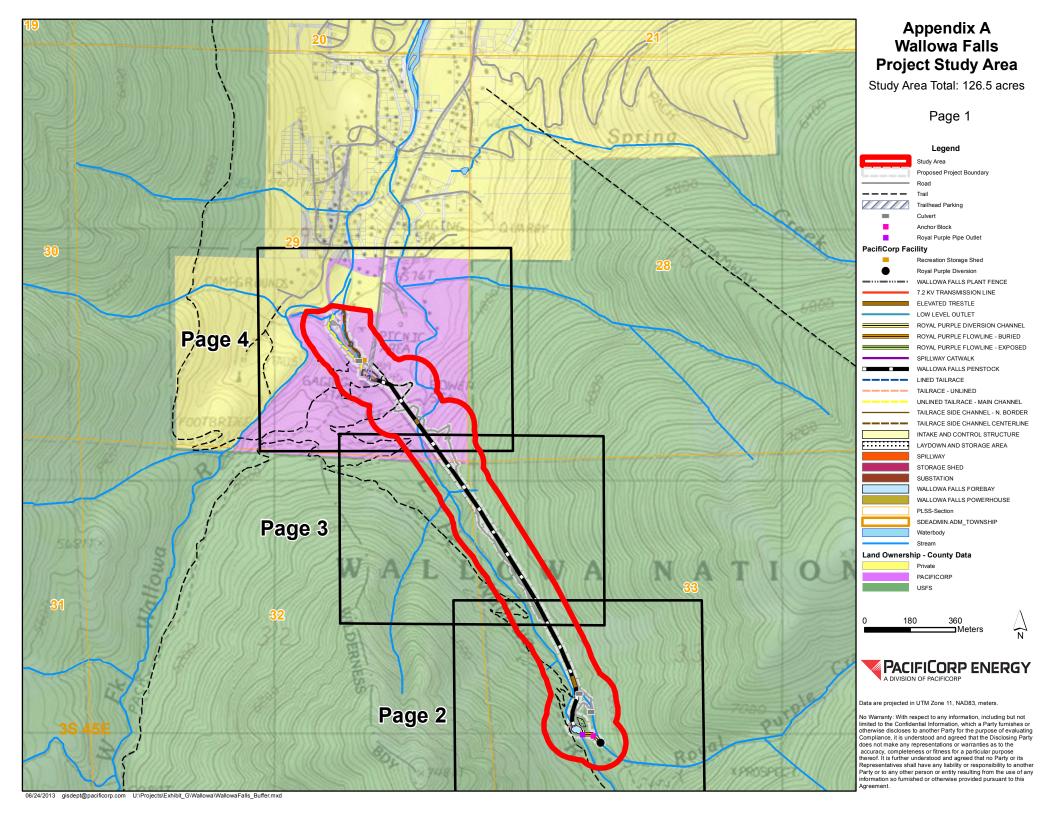
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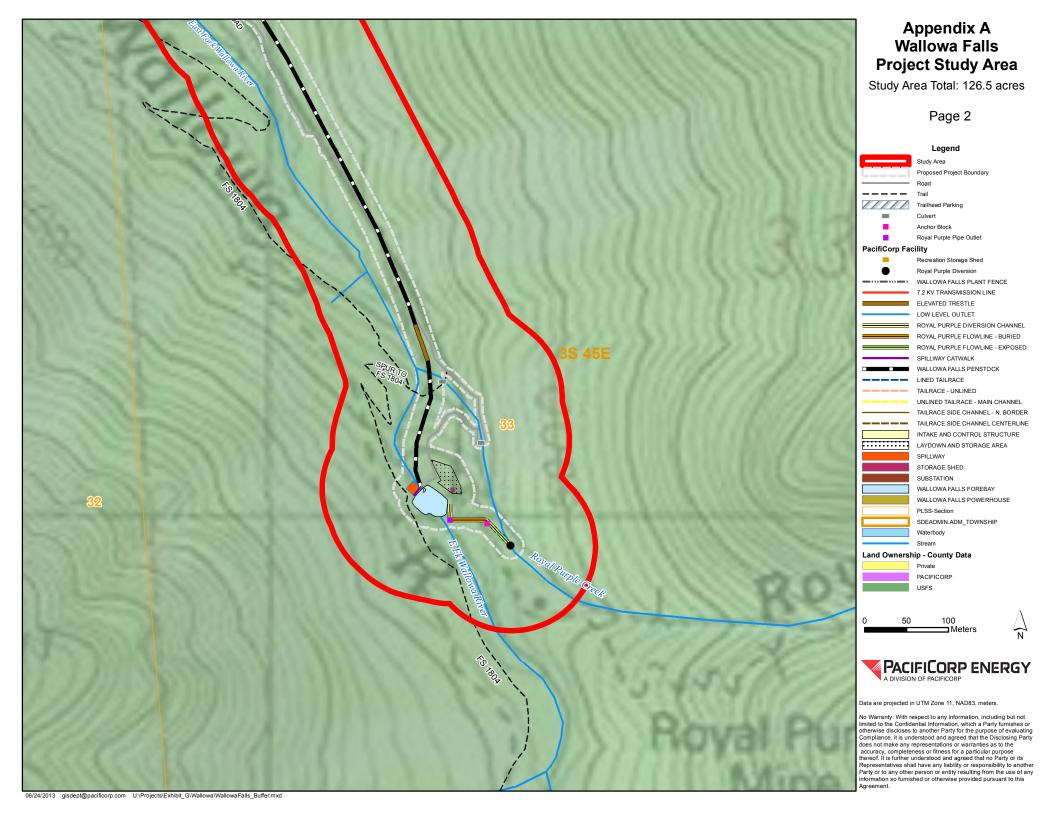
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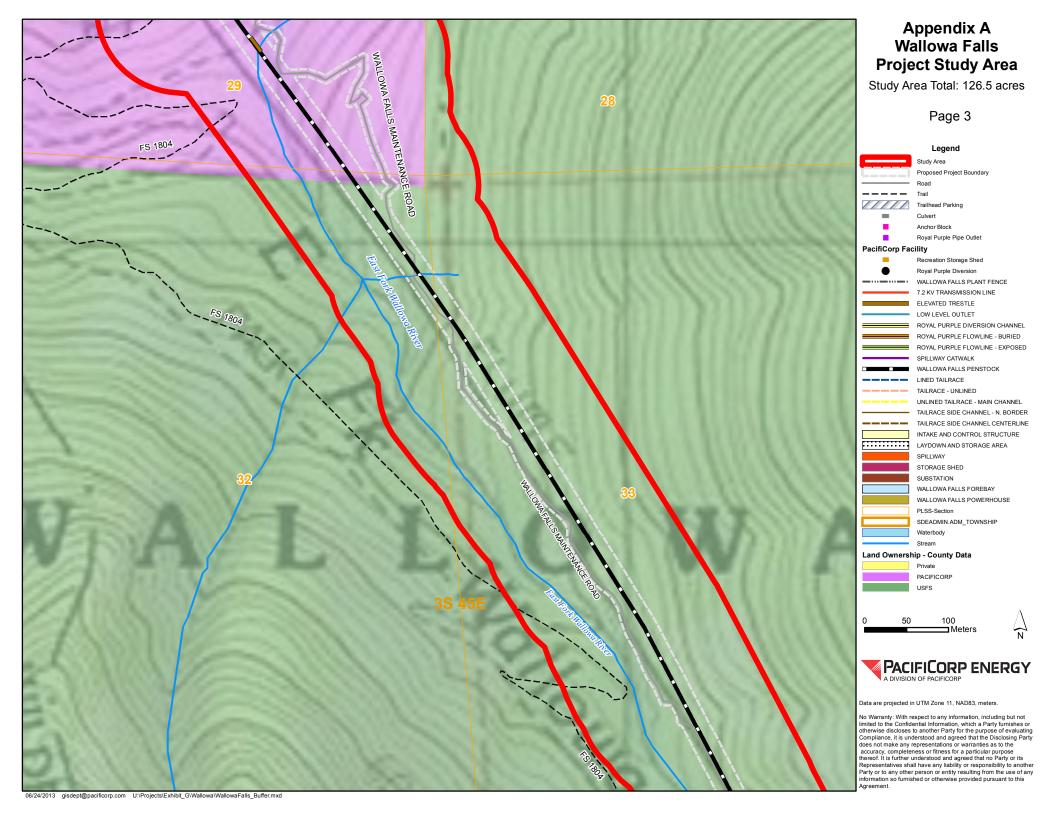
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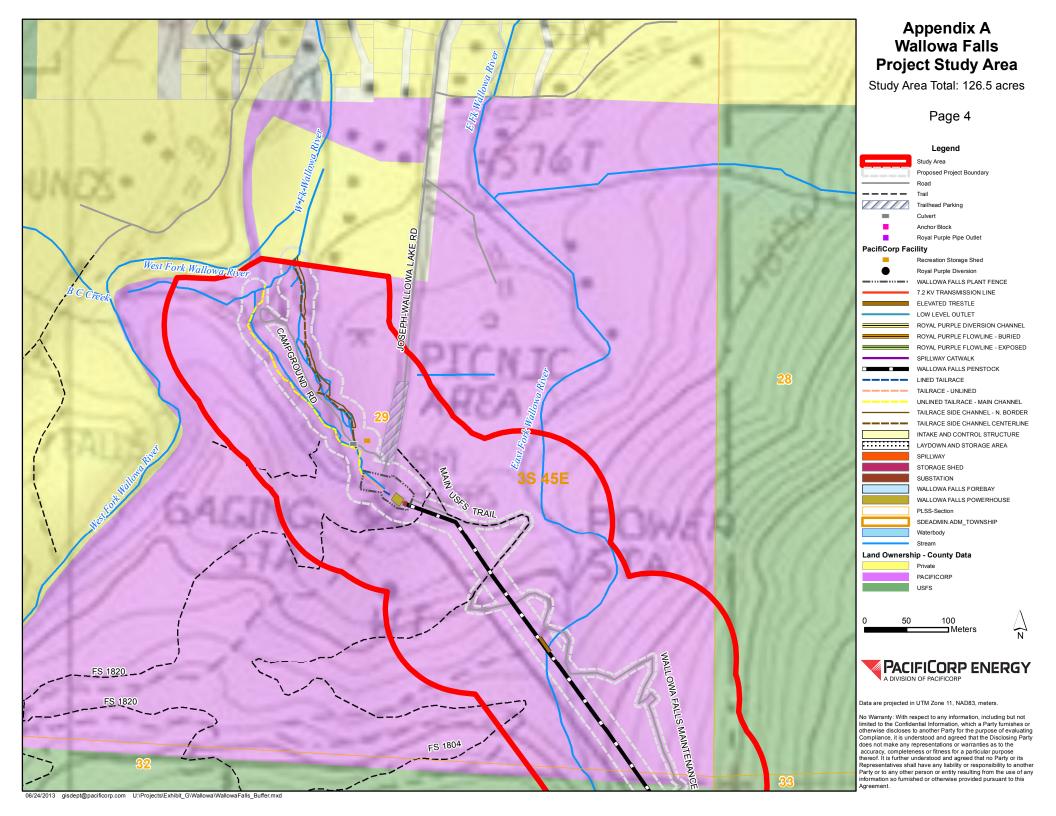
## APPENDIX A

Wallowa Falls Project Study Area Map









## Appendix B

## USDA Forest Service TES Plant Survey Field Forms

Botanical Survey Map

Special Habitat Map

Comprehensive Plant Species List

## APPENDIX B-1 USDA Forest Service TES Plant Survey Field Form

(® = Required Fields)

#### **General Information**

1) Survey ID: ® (to be assigned by USFS)	2) SURVEY NAME: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project		
3) SURVEY STATUS: ® Complete	4) Source of Work: Contract		

5) Survey Type: ® Focused (Intuitive Controlled)

6) Survey Focus: ® Terrestrial, Riparian, Features

7) Estimate of Survey Area Size (acres): ® 126.5 acres

8) Elevation: Min: 4	580' <b>Max:</b> 6000'	000' Average: 9) Elevation UOM:			
10) State: ®	11) County: ®	12) Region: ®	13) Forest: ®	14) District: ®	
Oregon	Wallowa	R-6	Wallowa-Whitman	Eagle Cap R. D.	

**15) Parameters of Survey** (Describe any ecological parameters, criteria or combinations of these used to focus the survey. (I.e., north slopes, specific habitat types, certain soils within certain forest conditions, etc.):

General survey with high probability habitat for rare plants and noxious weeds targeted (talus slope, riparian areas, meadows, disturbed areas).

16) Survey Comments (Directions, area description, specific comments by visit date, etc.):

Project area contains a campground, picnic area, hiking trail (horse & human), hydro-electric powerhouse, flume (85% underground, 15% exposed), maintenance road, maintenance cabin, dam and small reservoir. The project area follows the East Fork of the Wallowa River from its confluence with Royal Purple Creek downstream to the campground. The forest canopy is composed of areas of PIPO/PSME/ABGR and other areas that are predominantly ABGR with little vegetative understory, but lots of downed trees. Special habitats(aspen stands, bolder field, springs) were found in the survey area. No *Botrychium montanum* were found during two revisits (June 13, 2012 and July 31, 2012) to a known (1991) site. No other TES plant species were found. Several noxious weed species were found: *Hieracium pratense, Cynoglossum officinale, Arctium minus, Centaurea stoebe, Hypericum perforatum, Chrysanthemum leucanthemum, Cirsium arvense.* 

## **Survey Visits**

Required. Enter a Date (MM/DD/YYYY) and Examiners for each visit made.

17) VISIT DATE ® 18) LAST NAME ® AND FIRST NAME OF EXAMINERS FOR EACH VISIT			
June 13, 2012	Moholt, Kendrick and Moholt, Leslie of BioResources, Inc.		
July 31, 2012	Moholt, Kendrick and Moholt, Leslie and McCullough, Dave of BioResources, Inc.		

## **Target Species**

**Required.** List all targeted plant species (TES, special forest products, or other species of concern) that are the focus of the survey. Enter all the species individually using the NRCS *PLANTS* code and/or scientific name. All columns are required.

19) ®	<b>20)</b> ®	21) ® Suitable	22) ® Plant	23)®
NRCS Plant	Scientific Name	habitat found	found	FS Site ID(s) for EOs
Code				(If EO forms completed)
ACWA4	Achnatherum wallowaensis	No	No	
ALDI3	Allium dictuon	No	No	
ALGEG	Allium geyeri var. geyeri	Yes	No	
ARDA	Arabis davidsonii	Yes	No	
ARHA2	Arabis hastatula	Yes	No	
BOAS2	Botrychium ascendens	Yes	No	
BOCR	Botrychium crenulatum	Yes	No	
BOHE5	Botrychium hesperium	Yes	No	
BOLI7	Botrychium lineare	Yes	No	
BOLU	Botrychium lunaria	Yes	No	
ВОМО	Botrychium montanum	Yes	No	E.O. 1340
ВОРА	Botrychium paradoxum	Yes	No	
BOPE	Botrychium pedunculosum	Yes	No	
CACA12	Carex capillaris	Yes	No	
CACO3	Carex concinna	Yes	No	
CACO81	Carex cordillerana	Yes	No	
CAGY2	Carex gynocrates	Yes	No	
CAME9	Carex media	Yes	No	
CAMI16	Carex micropoda	Yes	No	
CANA2	Carex nardina	No	No	
CAPE5	Carex pelocarpa	No	No	
CASA2	Carex saxatilis	Yes	No	
CAFR2	Castilleja fraterna	Yes	No	
CRST	Cryptogramma stelleri	Yes	No	
CYLUL	Cyperus lupulinus ssp. lupulinus	Yes	No	
ELBO	Eleocharis bolanderi	Yes	No	
ERDI4	Erigeron disparipilus	Yes	No	
EREND	Erigeron engelmannii var. davisii	Yes	No	
JUTRA	Juncus triglumis var. albescens	Yes	No	
KOBE	Kobresia bellardii	Yes	No	
KOSI	Kobresia simpliciuscula	Yes	No	
LIBO	Listera borealis	Yes	No	
LOGR2	Lomatium greenmani	No	No	
PHMI7	Phacelia minutissima	Yes	No	
PHHE9	Phlox hendersonii	Yes	No	

19) ® NRCS Plant Code	20) ® Scientific Name	21) ® Suitable habitat found	22) ® Plant found	23) ® FS Site ID(s) for EOs (If EO forms completed)
PLOB	Platanthera obtusata	Yes	No	
PRCU	Primula cusickiana	Yes	No	
SAFA	Salix farriae	Yes	No	
SAWO	Salix wolfii	Yes	No	
SAADO	Saxifraga adscendens ssp. oregonenesis	No	No	
SUVI	Suksdorfia violacea	Yes	No	
томо	Townsendia montana	Yes	No	
TOPA	Townsendia parryi	Yes	No	
TRLAA	Trollius laxus var. albiflorus	Yes	No	

**TES Plant Survey Field Form** 

## Species List of Surveyed Area

*Optional.* List other species found during the survey. Record the NRCS *PLANTS* Code, scientific name or both. Indicate habitat (locally defined), lifeform and cover abundance (all optional). Indicate non-native plants with "X"

**24) Completeness of species list:** Complete **25) Cover Method** (if cover recorded):

26) Comments (e.g. details about species list approach, habitat focus, vegetation types or structure, etc.):

27)	28)	20) 116	30)	31)	32)
NRCS Plant Code	Scientific Name	29) Life Form	Habitat	% Cover or Class	Non- native
ABGR	Abies grandis	TR			
ABLA	Abies lasiocarpa	TR			
ACGLD4	Acer glabrum var. douglasii	SH			
ACMI2	Achillea millefolium	FB			
ACCOC3	Aconitum columbianum var. columbianum	FB			
ACRU2	Actaea rubra	FB			
ADBI	Adenocaulon bicolor	FB			
AGUR	Agastache urticifolia	FB			
AGSC5	Agrostis scabra	GR			
ALVIS	Alnus sinuata	TR			
AMAL2	Amelanchier alnifolia	SH			

27)	28)		30)	31)	32)
NRCS Plant Code	Scientific Name	29) Life Form	Habitat	% Cover or Class	Non- native
i iami oodo					
ANMA	Anaphalis margaritacea	FB			
ANPI	Anemone piperi	FB			
ANAR3	Angelica arguta	FB			
ANRA	Antennaria racemosa	FB			
ANUM	Antennaria umbrinella	FB			
AQFL	Aquilegia flavescens	FB			
ARHIG	Arabis hirsuta var. glabrata	FB			
ARMI2	Arctium minus	FB			Х
ARCO9	Arnica cordifolia var. cordifolia	FB			
ARLA8	Arnica latifolia var. latifolia	FB			
ARLU	Artemisia ludoviciana	FB			
MARE11	Berberis repens	SH			
BRIN2	Bromus inermis	GR			Х
BRVU	Bromus vulgaris var. vulgaris	GR			
CARU	Calamagrostis rubescens	GR			
CAMA5	Calochortus macrocarpus	FB			
CABU	Calypso bulbosa	FB			
CACOL4	Cardamine cordifolia var. lyallii	FB			
CAGE2	Carex geyeri	GR			
CAHO5	Carex hoodii	GR			
CAPR5	Carex praegracilis	GR			
CAHIA2	Castilleja hispida var. acuta	FB			
CAMIM5	Castilleja miniata var. miniata	FB			
CEANO	Ceanothus sp.	SH			
CEST8	Centaurea stoebe	FB			Х
CEFOV2	Cerastium vulgatum	FB			
CELE3	Cercocarpus ledifolius	SH			
CHUM	Chimaphila umbellata	FB			
CHLE2	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	FB			Х
CIAL	Circaea alpine	FB			
CIAR4	Cirsium arvense	FB			Х
CICA6	Cirsium canovirens	FB			
CIVU	Cirsium vulgare	FB			Х
CLCOC2	Clematis columbiana var. columbiana	FB			
CLUN2	Clintonia uniflora	FB			

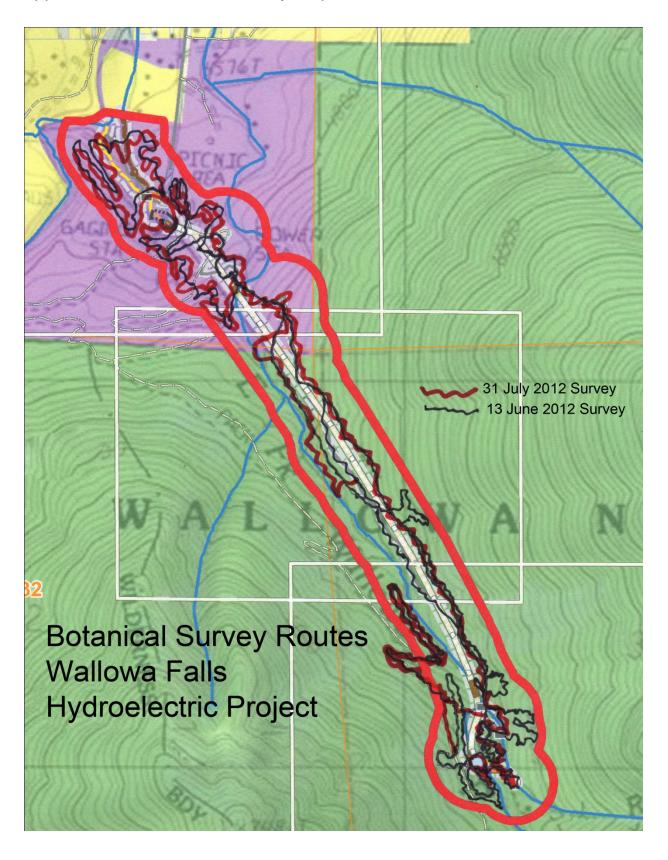
27)	28)	00) 1 :6-	30)	31)	32)
NRCS	Scientific Name	29) Life Form	Habitat	% Cover or Class	Non- native
Plant Code					
COLI2	Collomia linearis	FB			
COPA3	Collinsia parviflora	FB			
COMA25	Corallorhiza maculata	FB			
CRAC3	Cryptogramma crispa var. acrostichoides	FB			
CYOF	Cynoglossum officinale	FB			Х
CYMO2	Cypripedium montanum	FB			
CYFR2	Cystopteris fragilis	FB			
DAGL	Dactylis glomerata	GR			
DEEL	Deschampsia elongata	GR			
PRHOT	Disporum trachycarpum	FB			
DRVE2	Draba verna	FB			
EPAN4	Epilobium angustifolium	FB			
EPMI	Epilobium minutum	FB			
EQAR	Equisetum arvense	FB			
EQHY	Equisetum hyemale	FB			
FEIDI2	Festuca idahoensis var. idahoensis	GR			
FRVE	Fragaria vesca	FB			
FRVI	Fragaria virginiana	FB			
GATR3	Galium triflorum	FB			
GEMAP	Geum macrophyllum var. perincisum	FB			
GOOB2	Goodyera oblongifolia	FB			
HAMI	Hackelia micrantha	FB			
HEMA80	Heracleum lanatum	FB			
HEGRT	Heuchera grossularifolia var. tenuifolia	FB			
HIAL2	Hieracium albiflorum	FB			
HICA10	Hieracium pratense	FB			Х
HODI	Holodiscus discolor	SH			
HYCA4	Hydrophyllum capitatum	FB			
НҮРЕ	Hypericum perforatum	FB			Х
JUCOM2	Juniperus communis var. montana	SH			
JUSC2	Juniperus scopulorum	SH			
KEGA	Kellogia galioides	FB			
KOMA	Koeleria cristata	GR			
LAOC	Larix occidentalis	TR			
LICA2	Linanthus septentrionalis	FB			

27)	28)		30)	31)	32)
NRCS	Scientific Name	29) Life Form		% Cover	Non-
Plant Code		Form	Habitat	or Class	native
Flant Code					
LESE17	Linnaea borealis	FB			
LIBO3	Ligusticum canbyi	FB			
LIPA5	Lithophragma parivflora	FB			
LOUT2	Lonicera utahensis	FB			
LUMUM2	Luzula campestris var. multiflora	GR			
LYAN2	Lycopodium annotinum	FB			
MADI6	Matricaria matricarioides	FB			
MEPAB	Mertensia paniculata var. borealis	FB			
MIGR	Microsteris gracilis	FB			
MIGU	Mimulus guttatus var. guttatus	FB			
MILE2	Mimulus lewisii	FB			
MIST3	Mitella stauropetala	FB			
MOUN3	Monotropa uniflora	FB			
MOLI4	Montia linearis	FB			
CLPEP	Montia perfoliata	FB			
OSBE	Osmorhiza chilensis	FB			
PERAA	Pedicularis racemosa var. alba	FB			
PEDED2	Penstemon deustus var. deustus	FB			
PEFR3	Penstemon fruticosus	FB			
PEGL5	Penstemon globosus	FB			
PEVE2	Penstemon venustus	FB			
PEGA3	Perideridia gairdneri	FB			
РННА	Phacelia hastata	FB			
PHLE4	Philadelphus lewisii	FB			
PHAL2	Phleum alpinum	GR			
PHPR3	Phleum pratense	GR			Х
PHMA5	Physocarpus malvaceus	SH			
PIEN	Picea engelmannii	TR			
PICO	Pinus contorta	TR			
PIPO	Pinus ponderosa	TR			
PLLA	Plantago lanceolata	FB			Х
PLMA2	Plantago major var. major	GR			Х
POBU	Poa bulbosa	GR			Х
POPR	Poa praetensis	GR			Х
POSE	Poa scabrella	GR			

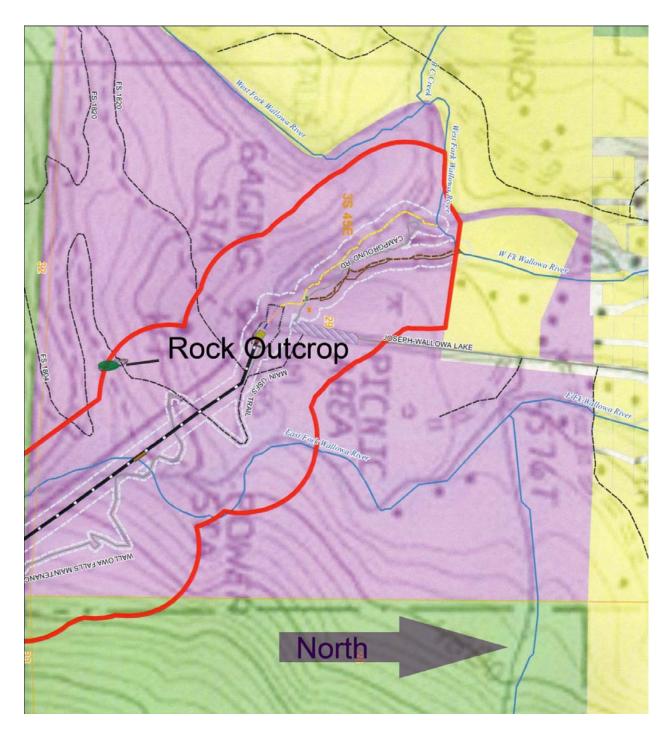
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NRCS	Scientific Name	29) Life Form	Habitat	% Cover or Class	Non- native
Plant Code					
POMU	Polystichum minutum var. minutum	FB			
POCA3	Polemonium pulcherrimum var. calycinum	FB			
POTR5	Populus tremuloides	FB			
POBAT	Populus trichocarpa	FB			
POPU9	Potentilla gracilis var. pulcherrima	FB			
PSME	Pseudotsuga menziesii	FB			
PTAQ	Pteridium aquilinum	FB			
PTAN2	Pterospora andromedea	FB			
PYCH	Pyrola chlorantha	FB			
ORSE	Pyrola secunda	FB			
MOUN2	Pyrola uniflora	FB			
RAOC	Ranunculus occidentalis	FB			
RARE3	Ranunculus repens	FB			Х
RAUNP	Ranunculus uncinatus var. parviflorus	FB			
RILA	Ribes lacustre	SH			
RIVI3	Ribes viscosissimum var. viscosissimum	SH			
ROGY	Rosa gymnocarpa	SH			
RUIDS2	Rubus idaeus var. gracilipes	SH			
RUPA	Rubus parviflorus	SH			
RUOC2	Rudbeckia occidentalis var. occidentalis	FB			
RUAC3	Rumex acetosella	FB			
SASC	Salix scouleriana	SH			
SANIC5	Sambucus cerulea	SH			
SAOD2	Saxifraga arguta	FB			
SELA	Sedum lanceolatum	FB			
SETR	Senecio triangularis var. triangularis	FB			
SHCA	Shepherdia canadensis	SH			
MARAA	Smilacina racemosa	FB			
MAST4	Smilacina stellata	FB			
SOSC2	Sorbus scopulina	TR			
SPBE2	Spiraea betulifolia	SH			
SYAL	Symphoricarpos albus	SH			
TAOF	Taraxacum officinale	FB			Х
THOC	Thalictrum occidentale	FB			
TRDU	Tragapogon dubius	FB			Х

27) NRCS Plant Code	28) Scientific Name	29) Life Form	30) Habitat	31) % Cover or Class	32) Non- native
TRRE3	Trifolium repens	FB			Х
TRLO	Trifolium longipes	FB			
URDI	Urtica dioica	FB			
VASC	Vaccinium scoparium	SS			
VECA2	Veratrum californicum	FB			
VETH	Verbascum thapsus	FB			Х
VIAMA3	Vicia americana var. truncata	FB			
VICAR	Viola canadensis var. rugulosa	FB			

Appendix B-2 Botanical Survey Map

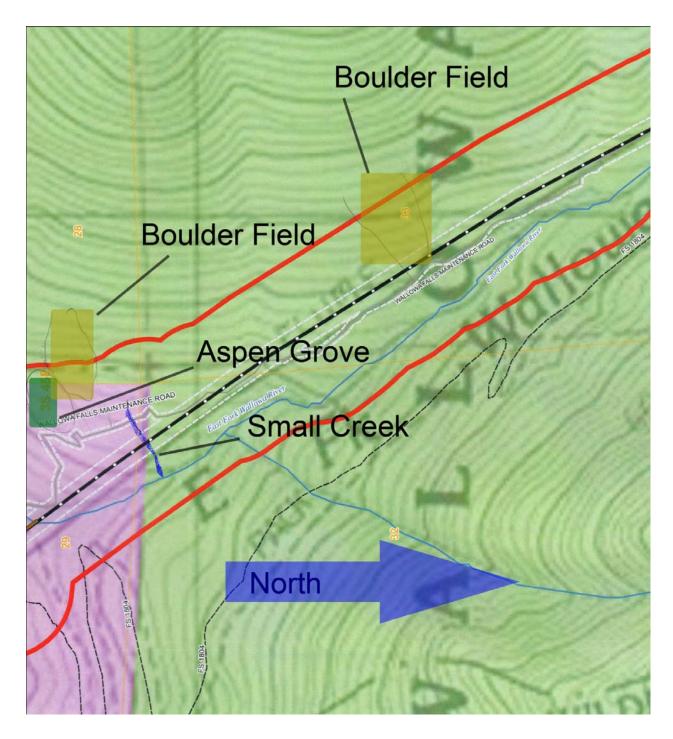


Appendix B-3 Special Habitat Maps



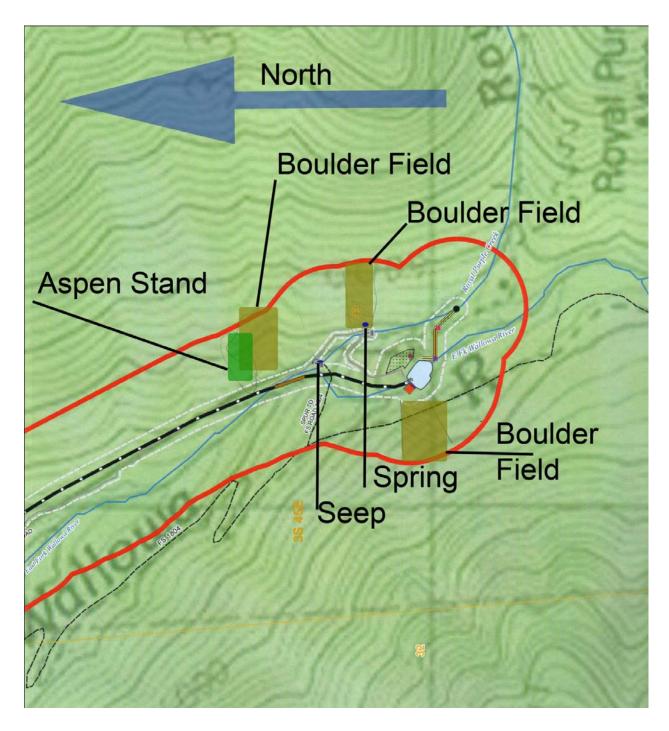
Special habitats in the northern end of the Study Area.

Appendix B-3 Special Habitat Maps



Special habitats in the middle of the Study Area

Appendix B-3 Special Habitat Maps



Special habitats in the southern end of the Study Area

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Symbol	Synonym Symbol	Species Name	Common Name	Family Name
ABGR		Abies grandis	grand fir	PINACEAE
ABLA		Abies lasiocarpa	subalpine fir	PINACEAE
ACGLD4		Acer glabrum var. douglasii	Rocky Mountain maple	ACERACEAE
ACMI2		Achillea millefolium	yarrow	ASTERACEAE
ACCOC3		Aconitum columbianum var. columbianum	Columbian monkshood	RANUNCULACEAE
ACRU2		Actaea rubra	baneberry	RANUNCULACEAE
ADBI		Adenocaulon bicolor	pathfinder	ASTERACEAE
AGUR		Agastache urticifolia	nettle-leaf horse mint	LABIATAE
AGSC5		Agrostis scabra	tickle-grass	POACEAE
ALVIS	ALSI3	Alnus sinuata	Sitka alder	BETULACEAE
AMAL2		Amelanchier alnifolia	western service berry	ROSACEAE
ANMA		Anaphalis margaritacea	common pearly-everlasting	ASTERACEAE
ANPI		Anemone piperi	Piper's anemone	RANUNCULACEAE
ANAR3		Angelica arguta	sharptooth angelica	APIACEAE
ANRA		Antennaria racemosa	raceme pussy-toes	ASTERACEAE
ANUM		Antennaria umbrinella	umber pussy-toes	ASTERACEAE
AQFL		Aquilegia flavescens	yellow columbine	RANUNCULACEAE
ARHIG		Arabis hirsuta var. glabrata	hairy rockcress	BRASSICACEAE
ARMI2		Arctium minus	common burdock	ASTERACEAE
ARCO9		Arnica cordifolia var. cordifolia	heart-leaf arnica	ASTERACEAE
ARLA8		Arnica latifolia var. latifolia	mountain arnica	ASTERACEAE
ARLU		Artemisia ludoviciana	western mugwort	ASTERACEAE
MARE11	BERE	Berberis repens	Oregon grape	BERBERIDACEAE
BRIN2		Bromus inermis	smooth brome	POACEAE
BRVU		Bromus vulgaris var. vulgaris	Columbia brome	POACEAE
CARU		Calamagrostis rubescens	pinegrass	POACEAE
CAMA5		Calochortus macrocarpus		LILIACEAE
CABU		Calypso bulbosa	calypso orchid	ORCHIDACEAE
CACOL4		Cardamine cordifolia var. lyallii	large mountain bittercress	BRASSICACEAE
CAGE2		Carex geyeri	elk sedge	CYPERACEAE
CAHO5		Carex hoodii	Hood's sedge	CYPERACEAE
CAPR5		Carex praegracilis		CYPERACEAE
CARO5		Carex rossii	Ross' sedge	CYPERACEAE
CAHIA2		Castilleja hispida var. acuta		SCROPHULARIACEAE
CAMIM5		Castilleja miniata var. miniata	common paintbrush	SCROPHULARIACEAE
CEANO		Ceanothus sp.	wild lilac RHAMNACEAE	
CEST8		Centaurea stoebe	spotted knapweed	ASTERACEAE

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Symbol	Synonym Symbol	Species Name	Common Name	Family Name	
CEFOV2	CEVU	Cerastium vulgatum	common cerastium	CARYOPHYLLACEAE	
CELE3		Cercocarpus ledifolius	mountain mahagony	ROSACEAE	
CHUM		Chimaphila umbellata	prince's pine	ERICACEAE	
LEVU	CHLE80	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	oxeye daisy	ASTERACEAE	
CIAL		Circaea alpine	enchanter's nightshade	ONAGRACEAE	
CIAR4		Cirsium arvense	Canadian thistle	ASTERACEAE	
CICA6		Cirsium canovirens	gray-green thistle	ASTERACEAE	
CIVU		Cirsium vulgare	bull thistle	ASTERACEAE	
CLCOC2		Clematis columbiana var. columbiana	Columbia clematis	RANUNCULACEAE	
CLUN2		Clintonia uniflora	bead-lily	LILIACEAE	
COPA3		Collinsia parviflora	small-flowered blue-eyed Mary	SCROPHULARIACEAE	
COLI2		Collomia linearis	narrow-leaf collomia	POLEMONIACEAE	
COMA25		Corallorhiza maculata	spotted coral-root	ORCHIDACEAE	
CRAC3	CRCRA2	Cryptogramma crispa var. acrostichoides	rock-brake	POLYPODIACEAE	
CYOF		Cynoglossum officinale	hound's tongue	BORAGINACEAE	
CYMO2		Cypripedium montanum	mt. lady's slipper	ORCHIDACEAE	
CYFR2		Cystopteris fragilis	bladder –fern	POLYPODIACEAE	
DAGL		Dactylis glomerata	orchard grass	POACEAE	
DEEL		Deschampsia elongata	slender hairgrass	POACEAE	
PRHOT	DITR6	Disporum trachycarpum	wartberry fairy-bell	LILIACEAE	
DRVE2		Draba verna	spring whitlow-grass	BRASSICACEAE	
EPAN		Epilobium angustifolium	fireweed	ONAGRACEAE	
EPMI		Epilobium minutum	small flowered willow- weed	ONAGRACEAE	
EQAR		Equisetum arvense	common horsetail	EQUISETACEAE	
EQHY		Equisetum hyemale	common scouring-rush	EQUISETACEAE	
FEIDI2		Festuca idahoensis var. idahoensis	Idaho fescue	POACEAE	
FRVE		Fragaria vesca	woods strawberry	ROSACEAE	
FRVI		Fragaria virginiana	strawberry	ROSACEAE	
GATR3		Galium triflorum	fragrant bedstraw	RUBIACEAE	
GEMAP	GEMAP2	Geum macrophyllum var. perincisum	Oregon avens	ROSACEAE	
GOOB2		Goodyera oblongifolia	rattlesnake orchid	ORCHIDACEAE	
HAMI		Hackelia micrantha	blue stickseed	BORAGINACEAE	
HEMA80	HELA4	Heracleum lanatum	cow-parsnip	APIACEAE	
HEGRT		Heuchera grossularifolia var. tenuifolia	gooseberry leaved alumroot SAXIFRAGACEA		
HIAL2		Hieracium albiflorum	white-flowered hawkweed	ASTERACEAE	

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HICA10	HIPR	Hieracium pratense	Meadow Hawkweed	ASTERACEAE	
Symbol	Synonym Symbol	Species Name	Common Name	Family Name	
HYCA4		Hydrophyllum capitatum	ball-head waterleaf	HYDROPHYLLACEAE	
HODI		Holodiscus discolor	oceanspray	ROSACEAE	
НҮРЕ		Hypericum perforatum	St. John's wort	CLUSIACEAE	
JUCOM2		Juniperus communis var. montana	common juniper	CUPRESSACEAE	
JUSC2		Juniperus scopulorum	Rocky mountain juniper	CUPRESSACEAE	
KEGA		Kellogia galioides	Kellogia	RUBIACEAE	
KOMA	KOCR	Koeleria cristata	prairie junegrass	POACEAE	
LAOC		Larix occidentalis	western larch	PINACEAE	
LICA2		Linanthus septentrionalis	northern linanthus	POLEMONIACEAE	
LESE17	LISE	Linnaea borealis	western twinflower	CAPRIFOLIACEAE	
LIBO3		Ligusticum canbyi	Canby's lovage	APIACEAE	
LIPA5		Lithophragma parivflora		SAXIFRAGACEAE	
LOUT2		Lonicera utahensis	Utah honeysuckle	CAPRIFOLIACEAE	
LUMUM2	LUCAM3	Luzula campestris var. multiflora	field woodrush	JUNCACEAE	
LYAN2		Lycopodium annotinum	stiff clubmoss	LYCOPODIACEAE	
MADI6	MAMA11	Matricaria matricarioides	pineapple weed	ASTERACEAE	
MEPAB		Mertensia paniculata var. borealis	tall bluebells	BORAGINACEAE	
MIGR		Microsteris gracilis	microsteris	POLEMONIACEAE	
MIGU		Mimulus guttatus var. guttatus	yellow monkey-flower	SCROPHULARIACEAE	
MILE2		Mimulus lewisii	great purple monkey- flower	SCROPHULARIACEAE	
MIST3		Mitella stauropetala	side-flowered mitella	SAXIFRAGACEAE	
MOUN3		Monotropa uniflora	indian pipe	ERICACEAE	
MOLI4		Montia linearis	narrow-leaved montia	PORTULACACEAE	
CLPEP	MOPE3	Montia perfoliata	miner's lettuce	PORTULACACEAE	
OSBE	OSCH	Osmorhiza chilensis	sweet-cicely	APIACEAE	
PERAA		Pedicularis racemosa var. alba	leafy lousewort	SCROPHULARIACEAE	
PEDED2		Penstemon deustus var. deustus	hot-rock penstemon	SCROPHULARIACEAE	
PEFR3		Penstemon fruticosus		SCROPHULARIACEAE	
PEGL5		Penstemon globosus		SCROPHULARIACEAE	
PEVE2		Penstemon venustus	lovely penstemon	SCROPHULARIACEAE	
PEGA3		Perideridia gairdneri	Gairdner's Yampah	APIACEAE	
РННА		Phacelia hastata	white-leaf phacelia	HYDROPHYLLACEAE	
PHLE4		Philadelphus lewisii	mockorange HYDRANGEAC		
PHAL2		Phleum alpinum	alpine timothy POACEAE		
PHPR3		Phleum pratense	common timothy	POACEAE	
PHMA5		Physocarpus malvaceus	ninebark	ROSACEAE	

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PIEN		Picea engelmannii	Engelmann spruce	PINACEAE
Symbol	Synonym Symbol	Species Name	Common Name	Family Name
PIPO		Pinus ponderosa	ponderosa pine	PINACEAE
PICO		Pinus contorta	lodgepole pine	PINACEAE
PLLA		Plantago lanceolata	ribwort	PLANTAGINACEAE
PLMA2		Plantago major	common plantain	PLANTAGINACEAE
POBU		Poa bulbosa	bulbous bluegrass	POACEAE
POPR		Poa praetensis	Kentucky bluegrass	POACEAE
POSE	POSC	Poa scabrella	pine bluegrass	POACEAE
POCA3	POPUC	Polemonium pulcherrimum var. calycinum	showy polemonium	POLEMONIACEAE
POMU		Polystichum minutum var. minutum	sword-fern	POLYPODIACEAE
POTR5		Populus tremuloides	quaking aspen	SALICACEAE
POBAT	POTR15	Populus trichocarpa	black cottonwood	SALICACEAE
POPU9	POGRP	Potentilla gracilis var. pulcherrima	soft cinquefoil	ROSACEAE
PSME		Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas-fir	PINACEAE
PTAQ		Pteridium aquilinum	bracken fern	POLYPODIACEAE
PTAN2		Pterospora andromedea	pine drop	ERICACEAE
PYCH		Pyrola chlorantha	green winter-green	ERICACEAE
ORSE	PYSE	Pyrola secunda	side-bells pyrola	ERICACEAE
MOUN2	PYUN	Pyrola uniflora	single delight	ERICACEAE
RAOC		Ranunculus occidentalis	western buttercup	RANUNCULACEAE
RARE3		Ranunculus repens	creeping buttercup	RANUNCULACEAE
RAUNP		Ranunculus uncinatus var. parviflorus	little buttercup	RANUNCULACEAE
RILA		Ribes lacustre	swamp gooseberry	GROSSULARIACEAE
RIVI3		Ribes viscosissimum var. viscosissimum	sticky current	GROSSULARIACEAE
ROGY		Rosa gymnocarpa	bald-hip rose	ROSACEAE
RUIDS2	RUIDG	Rubus idaeus var. gracilipes	red raspberry	ROSACEAE
RUPA		Rubus parviflorus	thimbleberry	ROSACEAE
RUOC2	RUOCO2	Rudbeckia occidentalis var. occidentalis	black head	ASTERACEAE
RUAC3		Rumex acetosella	Field sorrel	POLYGONACEAE
SASC		Salix scouleriana	Scouler's willow	SALICACEAE
SANIC5	SACE3	Sambucus cerulea	blue elderberry	CAPRIFOLIACEAE
SAOD2	SAAR13	Saxifraga arguta	brook saxifrage	SAXIFRAGACEAE
SELA		Sedum lanceolatum	lance-leaved stonecrop	CRASSULACEAE
SETR		Senecio triangularis var. triangularis	arrowleaf groundsel	ASTERACEAE
SHCA		Shepherdia canadensis	buffalo-berry	ELAEAGNACEAE

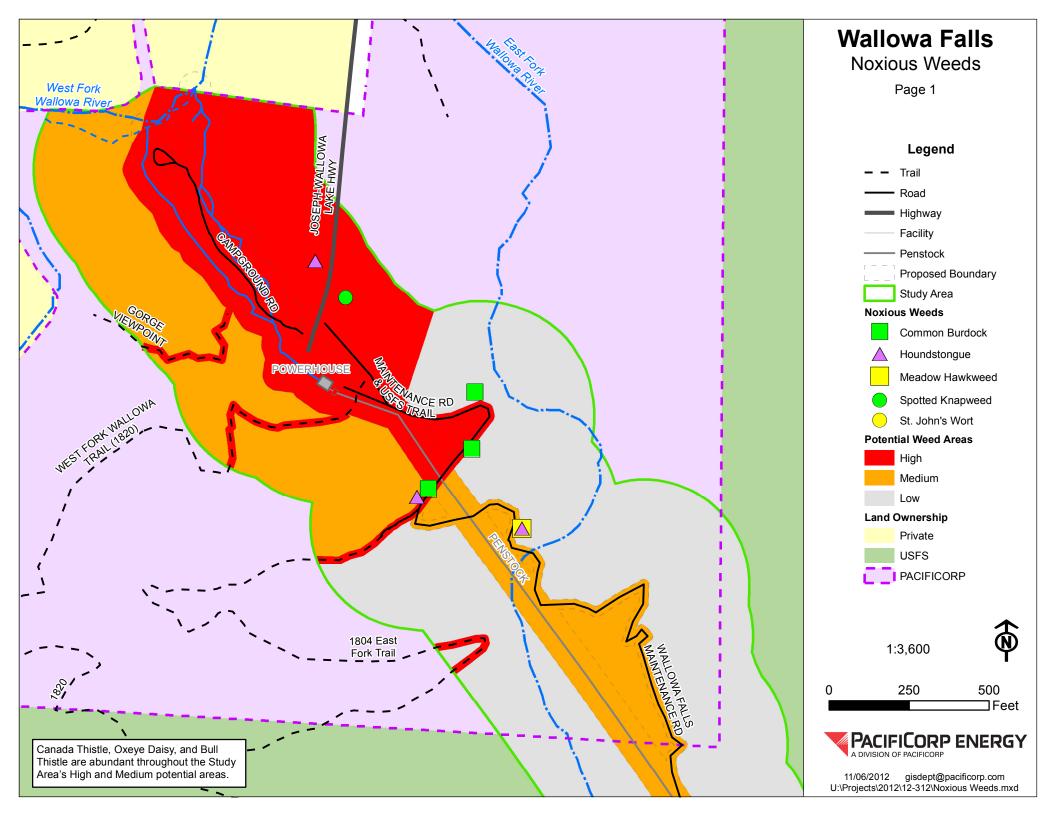
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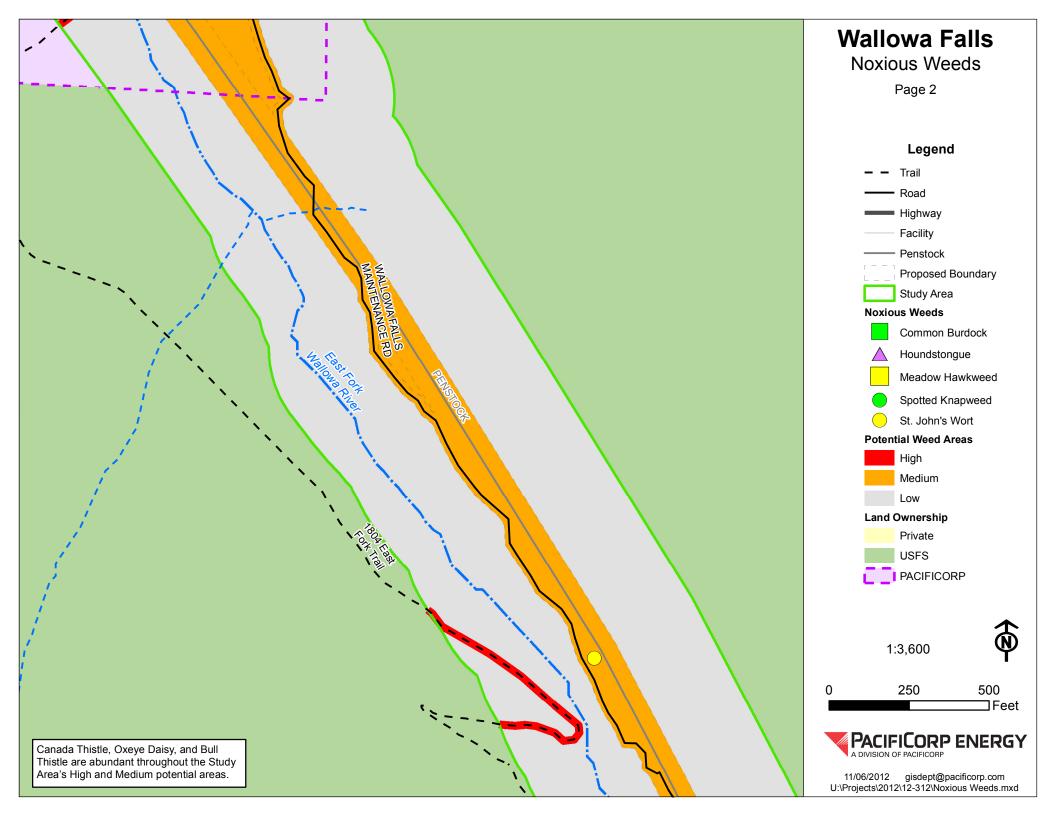
MARAA	SMRA	Smilacina racemosa	false Solomon-seal	LILIACEAE
MAST4	SMST	Smilacina stellata	starry Solomon plume	LILIACEAE
Symbol	Synonym Symbol	Species Name	Common Name	Family Name
SPBE2		Spiraea betulifolia	birch-leaved spiraea	ROSACEAE
SOSC2		Sorbus scopulina	mountain-ash	ROSACEAE
SYAL		Symphoricarpos albus	common snowerry	CAPRIFOLIACEAE
TAOF		Taraxacum officinale	dandelion	ASTERACEAE
THOC		Thalictrum occidentale	western meadowrue	RANUNCULACEAE
TRDU		Tragapogon dubius	yellow salsify	ASTERACEAE
TRLO		Trifolium longipes	stalked clover	FABACEAE
TRRE3		Trifolium repens	white clover	FABACEAE
URDI		Urtica dioica	stinging nettle	URTICACEAE
VASC		Vaccinium scoparium	grouse whortleberry	ERICACEAE
VECA2		Veratrum californicum	California false hellebore	LILIACEAE
VETH		Verbascum thapsus	common mullein	SCROPHULARIACEAE
VIAMA3	VIAMT2	Vicia americana var. truncata	American vetch	FABACEAE
VICAR		Viola canadensis var. rugulosa	western canada violet	VIOLACEAE
WOSC		Woodsia scopulina	Rocky mountain woodsia	POLYPODIACEAE

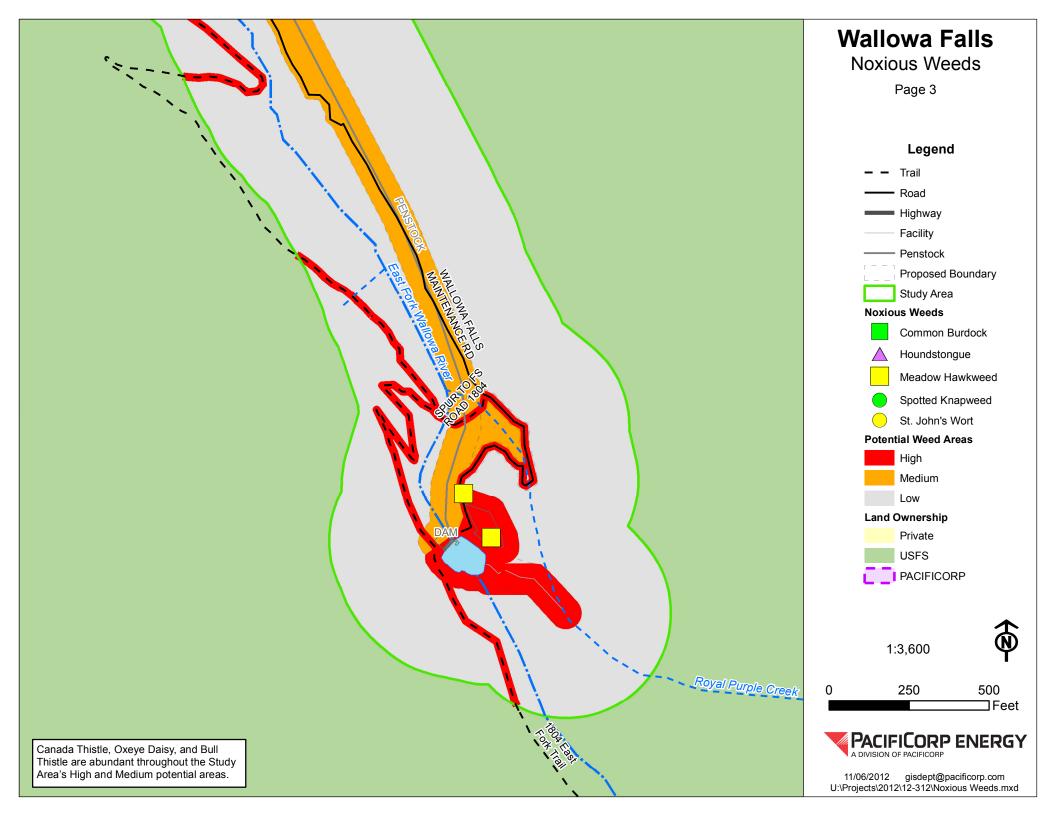
### Appendix C

### Noxious Weed Priority Areas Map

# Noxious Weed Plant Occurrence Record Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Survey Route Map







Listed: Yes	Category: Wallowa County "A" List
SCIENTIFIC NAME: Hieracium pratense	COMMON NAME: Meadow Hawkweed
PROJECT: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project	DISCOVERY DATE: 31 July 2012
LOCATION	
RANGER DISTRICT: Eagle Cap Ranger District	COUNTY: Wallowa County, OR
QUAD(S): Joseph, OR	
LEGAL SUBDIVISION: T3S, R45E Sec. 29 SE of SE	
GPS-datum/lat&long (decimal, degree): Easting 0483577 Northing 5012260	
LOCATION (directions, landmarks, etc): Approximately ¾ upbefore wooden bridge, west side of trail. Site is flagged with so	
LAND OWNER: PacifiCorp	
DATES OF FIELDWORK: 31 July 2012	BY: <u>Leslie Moholt, Bio Resources, Inc.</u>
INFESTATION	
SIZE OF SITE: 1 meter x 1 meter	NUMBER OF PLANTS: 20 stems
DESCRIPTION (phenology, age class, density, etc.): 100% flo	owering
VOUCHER (collector and number, where stored): No coll	lection made
SUITABILITY FOR MONITORING:	

ASPECT: 40°	SLOPE: <u>10%</u>
Upland: Yes	Site Composition: Edge of trail
e, plant associations, soil type	e, etc.): <u>Grassy disturbed opening in mixed</u>
Foot and horse traffic	
ion	
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trol efforts): Herbicide applic	cation and/or manual removal
JOB TITLE: Contractor	DATE: 31 July 2012
	Upland: Yes  De, plant associations, soil type  Foot and horse traffic  ion

Figure 2C-2.1 Hieracium pratense noxious weed site.



	Listed: Yes	Category: Wallowa County "B" List		
SCIENTIFIC NAME: Arctium minus		COMMON NAME: Common Burdock		
PROJECT: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric	DISCOVERY DATE: 31 July 2012			
LOCATION				
RANGER DISTRICT: Eagle Cap Rang	ger District	COUNTY: Wallowa County, OR		
QUAD(S): Joseph, OR				
LEGAL SUBDIVISION: T3S, R45E S	ec. 29 SE of SE			
GPS-datum/lat&long (decimal, degree):	Easting 0483488 Northing 5012298	0483529 5012336		
LOCATION (directions, landmarks, etc): trailhead on side of trail and the second is		approximately ¼ mile up Wallowa Lake Trail from ail on side of trail.		
LAND OWNER: PacifiCorp				
DATES OF FIELDWORK: 31 July 2012	·	BY: <u>Leslie Moholt, Bio Resources, Inc.</u>		
INFESTATION				
SIZE OF SITE: ½ mile x 3 feet		NUMBER OF PLANTS: 2		
DESCRIPTION (phenology, age class, density, etc.): 100% vegetative				
VOUCHER (collector and number, who	ere stored): No colle	ection made		
SUITABILITY FOR MONITORING:				

ELEVATION: <u>4737-4725</u>	ASPECT: <u>140°</u>	SLOPE: <u>40%</u>		
Riparian:	Upland: Yes	Site Composition: <u>Trail side</u>		
DESCRIPTION (microhabitat, timber typconifer (PIPO/PSME/ABGR) forest	e, plant associations, soil typ	e, etc.): Edge of human/horse trail in mixed		
NATURE OF DISTURBANCE (if any):	Foot and horse traffic			
MONITORING STATUS: First detection				
ERADICATION METHODS USED (if any): None				
RECOMMENDATIONS (for further control efforts): Herbicide application or manual removal				
PHOTOS:				



Listed: Yes	Category: Wallowa County "A" List
SCIENTIFIC NAME: Centaurea stoebe	COMMON NAME: Spotted Knapweed
PROJECT: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project	DISCOVERY DATE: 31 July 2012
LOCATION	
RANGER DISTRICT: Eagle Cap Ranger District	COUNTY: Wallowa County, OR
QUAD(S): Joseph, OR	
LEGAL SUBDIVISION: T3S, R45E Sec. 29 NW of SE	
GPS-datum/lat&long (decimal, degree): Easting 0483409 Northing 5012480	
LOCATION (directions, landmarks, etc): Relocation of known	site SKW287. Population is 58°, 25 feet from
northwestern-most metal hitching post at Wallowa Lake Trail tr	ailhead.
LAND OWNER: PacifiCorp	
DATES OF FIELDWORK: 31 July 2012	BY: Leslie Moholt, Bio Resources, Inc.
INFESTATION	
SIZE OF SITE: 1' x 8'	NUMBER OF PLANTS: 2
DESCRIPTION (phenology, age class, density, etc.): 100% ve	getative, rosettes about 10" in diameter
VOUCHER (collector and number, where stored): No collector	ection made
SUITABILITY FOR MONITORING:	

ELEVATION: 4634'	ASPECT: <u>270°</u>	SLOPE: 20%
Riparian: packing	Upland: Yes	Site Composition: <u>Staging area for horse</u>
DESCRIPTION (microhabitat, timber typmixed conifer (PIPO/PSME/ABGR) fores		e, etc.): Highly disturbed grassy opening in
NATURE OF DISTURBANCE (if any):	Foot and horse traffic	
MONITORING STATUS:		
ERADICATION METHODS USED (if any): None		
RECOMMENDATIONS (for further contpopulation. Otherwise, manual removal or		
PHOTOS:		





#### NOXIOUS WEED PLANT OCCURRENCE RECORD

#### WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST Noxious Weed

Listed: Yes Category: Wallowa County "A" List SCIENTIFIC NAME: <u>Hieracium pratense</u> COMMON NAME: Meadow Hawkweed DISCOVERY DATE: 31 July 2012 PROJECT: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project LOCATION RANGER DISTRICT: Eagle Cap Ranger District COUNTY: Wallowa County, OR \_\_\_\_ QUAD(S): Joseph, OR LEGAL SUBDIVISION: T3S, R45E Sec. 33 SE 1/4 GPS-datum/lat&long (decimal, degree): Easting 0484195 Northing 5011062 LOCATION (directions, landmarks, etc): Marked with solid blue flagging. 160° NNW of shack/cabin at Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project dam (southern end of Wallowa Falls Maintenance Road). LAND OWNER: United States Forest Service DATES OF FIELDWORK: 31 July 2012 BY: Kendrick Moholt, Bio Resources, Inc. **INFESTATION** NUMBER OF PLANTS: ~45 SIZE OF SITE:  $100 \text{ f}^2$ DESCRIPTION (phenology, age class, density, etc.): 20% in bloom, the rest basal rosettes only VOUCHER (collector and number, where stored): No collection made

SUITABILITY FOR MONITORING:

ELEVATION: <u>5790'</u>	ASPECT: NNE	SLOPE: <u>5%</u>		
Riparian:	Upland: Yes	Site Composition: <u>road</u>		
DESCRIPTION (microhabitat, timber typ	be, plant associations, soil typ	e, etc.): <u>trail/roadside</u>		
NATURE OF DISTURBANCE (if any):	Maintenance Road			
MONITORING STATUS: First detection				
ERADICATION				
METHODS USED (if any): Hand pulled				
RECOMMENDATIONS (for further control efforts): Herbicide application				
PHOTOS:				



Figure 2C-2.4.1 <u>Hieracium pratense</u> noxious weed site.



Figure 2C-2.4.2 *Hieracium pratense* noxious weed site.

Listed: Yes	Category: Wallowa County "B" List			
SCIENTIFIC NAME: <u>Hypericum perforatum</u>	COMMON NAME: St. John's Wort			
PROJECT: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project	DISCOVERY DATE: 31 July 2012			
LOCATION				
RANGER DISTRICT: Eagle Cap Ranger District	COUNTY: Wallowa County, OR			
QUAD(S): Joseph, OR				
LEGAL SUBDIVISION: T3S, R45E Sec. 33 NW 1/4				
GPS-datum/lat&long (decimal, degree): Easting 0484018 Northing 5011521				
LOCATION (directions, landmarks, etc): <u>Approximately 1 mil-Road (NE of the FS1804 trail switchback on the Sec. 32/33 bord</u>				
LAND OWNER: <u>United States Forest Service</u>				
DATES OF FIELDWORK: 31 July 2012	BY: Kendrick Moholt, Bio Resources, Inc.			
INFESTATION				
SIZE OF SITE: $80 \text{ f}^2$	NUMBER OF PLANTS: ~50			
DESCRIPTION (phenology, age class, density, etc.): <u>Early blooming</u>				
VOUCHER (collector and number, where stored): No collection made				
SUITABILITY FOR MONITORING:				

ELEVATION: 5500'	ASPECT: <u>230°</u>	SLOPE: 2%
Riparian: U	Upland: Yes	Site Composition:
DESCRIPTION (microhabitat, timber type,	, plant associations, soil type	e, etc.): <u>Trailside on side slope</u>
NATURE OF DISTURBANCE (if any): $\underline{T}$	`rail	
MONITORING STATUS: First detection	o <u>n</u>	
ERADICATION METHODS USED (if any): None		
RECOMMENDATIONS (for further contro does not expand. Population should be mon		n; bio-control may be adequate if population
PHOTOS:		
REPORTER: Kendrick Moholt J	IOB TITLE: Contractor	DATE: <u>31 July 2012</u>



Figure 2C-2.5 Hypericum perforatum noxious weed site.

### NOXIOUS WEED PLANT OCCURRENCE RECORD

#### WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

	Listed:	<u>Yes</u>	Category: Wallowa County "A" List	
SCIENTIFIC NAME: Chrysanthemum l	eucanthem	um	COMMON NAME: Oxeye Daisy	
PROJECT: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric	c Project		DISCOVERY DATE: 31 July 2012	
LOCATION				
RANGER DISTRICT: Eagle Cap Range	ger District	<u> </u>	COUNTY: Wallowa County, OR	
QUAD(S): <u>Joseph, OR</u>				
LEGAL SUBDIVISION: T3S, R45E S NW of SW, SE of SW	ec. 29, SW	½; Sec. 32	2, NE of NE; Sec. 33, NW of NW, SW of NW,	
GPS-datum/lat&long (decimal, degree):	From	Easting Northing	0483259 5012652	
	То		0484159 5011062	
LOCATION (directions, landmarks, etc): staging areas at trailhead and along trail u			om campground and picnic area through disturbed and cabin area.	
LAND OWNER: PacifiCorp and United	States Fore	st Service		
DATES OF FIELDWORK: 31 July 2012			BY: <u>Leslie Moholt, Bio Resources, Inc.</u>	
INFESTATION				
SIZE OF SITE: 1 ½ miles x 10'-300' wid	de		NUMBER OF PLANTS: 1000's	
DESCRIPTION (phenology, age class, density, etc.): 100% flowering				
VOUCHER (collector and number, who	ere stored)	: No colle	ection made	
SUITABILITY FOR MONITORING:				

ELEVATION: <u>4576'-5790'</u>	ASPECT: variable	SLOPE: <u>0-70%</u>		
Riparian:	Upland: Yes			
DESCRIPTION (microhabitat, timber type, plant associations, soil type, etc.): <u>Grassy disturbed opening in mixed conifer (PIPO/PSME/ABGR) forest and trail side along heavily used trail.</u>				
NATURE OF DISTURBANCE (if any): Foot and horse traffic				
MONITORING STATUS: First detection				
ERADICATION METHODS USED (if any): None				
RECOMMENDATIONS (for further control efforts):				
PHOTOS:				

REPORTER: Leslie Moholt JOB TITLE: Contractor DATE: 31 July 2012



	Listed:	<u>Yes</u>	Category	: Wallowa County "B" List
SCIENTIFIC NAME: Cirsium arvense			COMMON	NAME: Canada Thistle
PROJECT: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project		DISCOVER	RY DATE: 31 July 2012	
LOCATION				
RANGER DISTRICT: Eagle Cap Range	ger District	t	COUNTY:	Wallowa County, OR
QUAD(S): Joseph, OR				
LEGAL SUBDIVISION: T3S, R45E S NW of SW, SE of SW	ec. 29, SW	' ½; Sec. 3	2, NE of NE	; Sec. 33, NW of NW, SW of NW,
GPS-datum/lat&long (decimal, degree):	From	Easting Northing		0483259 5012652
	То			0484159 5011062
LOCATION (directions, landmarks, etc): staging areas at trailhead and along trail u				
LAND OWNER: PacifiCorp and United	States Fore	est Service		
DATES OF FIELDWORK: 31 July 2012	2		BY: <u>Leslie</u>	Moholt, Bio Resources, Inc.
INFESTATION				
SIZE OF SITE: 1 ½ miles x 10'-300' wid	de		NUMBER (	OF PLANTS: 1000's
DESCRIPTION (phenology, age class, density, etc.): 30% flowering, 70% vegetative				
VOUCHER (collector and number, where stored): No collection made				
SUITABILITY FOR MONITORING:				

ELEVATION: <u>4576'-5790'</u>	ASPECT: variable	SLOPE: <u>0-70%</u>		
Riparian:	Upland: Yes	Site Composition:		
DESCRIPTION (microhabitat, timber type, plant associations, soil type, etc.): <u>Grassy disturbed opening in mixed conifer (PIPO/PSME/ABGR)</u> forest and trail side along heavily used trail.				
NATURE OF DISTURBANCE (if any): Foot and horse traffic				
MONITORING STATUS: First detection				
ERADICATION METHODS USED (if any): None				
RECOMMENDATIONS (for further control efforts):				
PHOTOS:				
REPORTER: Leslie Moholt	JOB TITLE: Contractor	DATE: 31 July 2012		



Listed: Yes	Category: Wallowa County "B" List		
SCIENTIFIC NAME: Cynoglossum officinale	COMMON NAME: Hounds' Tongue		
PROJECT: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project	DISCOVERY DATE: 31 July 2012		
LOCATION			
RANGER DISTRICT: Eagle Cap Ranger District	COUNTY: Wallowa County, OR		
QUAD(S): Joseph, OR			
LEGAL SUBDIVISION: T3S, R45E Sec. 29 NW of SE			
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GPS-datum/lat&long (decimal, degree): Easting 0483297			
Northing 5012651			
LOCATION (directions, landmarks, etc): PacifiCorp Campgron			
area; scattered individuals across the road from the campground	l, near the metal hitching posts		
LAND OWNER: PacifiCorp			
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DATES OF FIELDWORK: 31 July 2012	BY: Leslie Moholt, Bio Resources, Inc.		
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INFESTATION			
SIZE OF SITE: 100' x 100'	NUMBER OF PLANTS: 30-40		
DESCRIPTION (phenology, age class, density, etc.): 90% vegetative, 10% in seed			
VOUCHER (collector and number, where stored): No collection made			
SUITABILITY FOR MONITORING:			

ELEVATION: <u>4627'-4634'</u>	ASPECT: <u>260°</u>	SLOPE: <u>10%-70%</u>		
Riparian:	Upland: Yes	Site Composition:		
DESCRIPTION (microhabitat, timber type, plant associations, soil type, etc.): <u>Grassy disturbed opening in mixed conifer (PIPO/PSME/ABGR) forest around Wallowa Lake Trail trailhead and nearby campground.</u>				
NATURE OF DISTURBANCE (if any): Foot and horse traffic				
MONITORING STATUS: First detection				
ERADICATION METHODS USED (if any): None				
RECOMMENDATIONS (for further control efforts): Herbicide application and/or manual removal				
PHOTOS:				



Listed: Ye	S Category: Wallowa County "B" List		
SCIENTIFIC NAME: Cynoglossum officinale	COMMON NAME: Hounds' Tongue		
PROJECT: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project	DISCOVERY DATE: 31 July 2012		
LOCATION			
RANGER DISTRICT: Eagle Cap Ranger District	COUNTY: Wallowa County, OR		
QUAD(S): Joseph, OR			
LEGAL SUBDIVISION: T3S, R45E Sec. 29 SE of S	<u>E</u>		
GPS-datum/lat&long (decimal, degree): Easting 0483577 Northing 5012260			
LOCATION (directions, landmarks, etc): Near wooden bridge, ~ ¾ mile up Wallowa Lake Trail			
LAND OWNER: PacifiCorp			
DATES OF FIELDWORK: 31 July 2012	BY: Leslie Moholt, Bio Resources, Inc.		
INFESTATION			
SIZE OF SITE: 1' x 1'	NUMBER OF PLANTS: 1		
DESCRIPTION (phenology, age class, density, etc.): 100% vegetative			
VOUCHER (collector and number, where stored): No collection made			
SUITABILITY FOR MONITORING:			

ELEVATION: 4813	ASPECT: 40°	SLOPE: <u>10%</u>		
Riparian:	Upland: Yes	Site Composition:		
DESCRIPTION (microhabitat, timber type, plant associations, soil type, etc.): <u>Side of trail, grassy disturbed opening in mixed conifer (PIPO/PSME/ABGR)</u>				
NATURE OF DISTURBANCE (if any):	Foot and horse traffic			
MONITORING STATUS: First detection				
ERADICATION METHODS USED (if any): None				
RECOMMENDATIONS (for further control efforts): Herbicide application and/or manual removal				
PHOTOS:				
REPORTER: Leslie Moholt	JOB TITLE: Contractor	DATE: 31 July 2012		



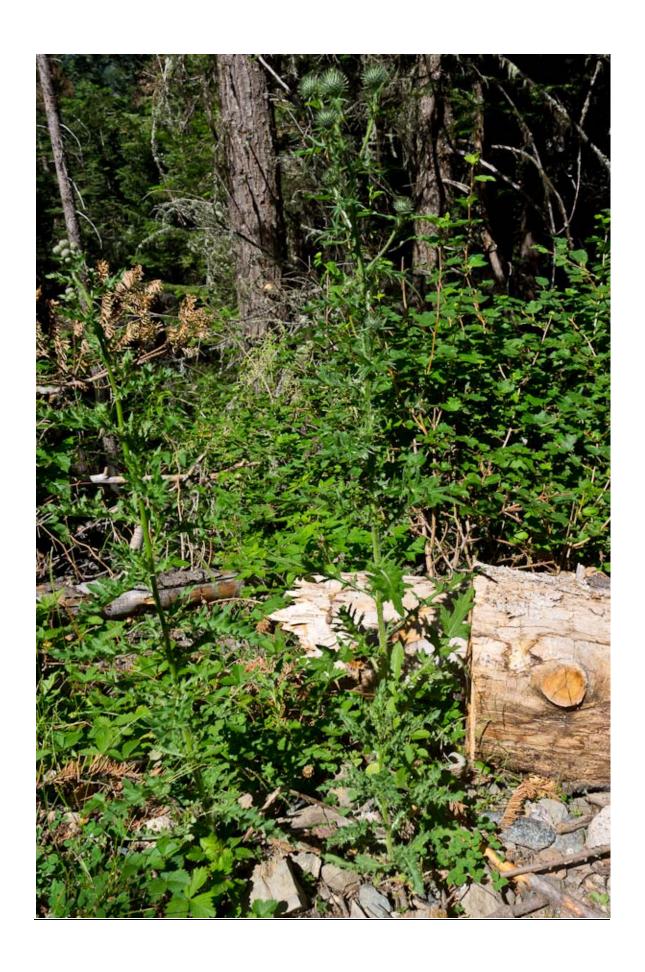
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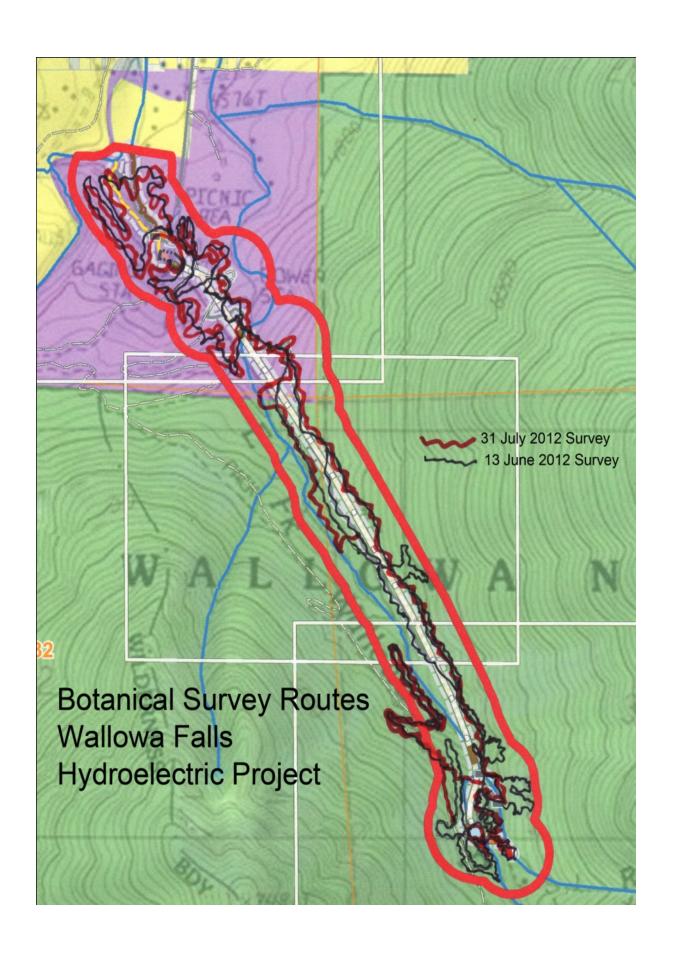
State "B"	Listed: Yes	Category: Wallowa County "B"	
<u>List</u>			
SCIENTIFIC NAME: Cirsium vulgare	COMMON NAME: Bull Thistle	<u></u>	
	ic Project	DISCOVERY DATE: 31 July	
2012	<u>—</u>		
<u>LOCATION</u>			
	ger District	COUNTY: Wallowa County,	
OR	<del></del> -		
QUAD(S): Joseph, OR			
QUAD(S). Joseph, OK	_		
LEGAL SURDIVISION: T3S R45ES	Sec. 29, SW 1/4; Sec. 32, NE of NE; Sec.	33 NW of NW SW of NW NW of	•
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GPS-datum/lat&long (decimal, degree)	: From	Easting	0483259
	То	0484159	
		5011062	
LOCATION (directions, landmarks, etc	c): Population extends from campground	d and picnic area through disturbed	
staging areas at trailhead and along trai	l up to and including dam and cabin area	<u>l.</u>	
LAND OWNER: PacifiCorp and United	ed States Forest Service	_	
DATES OF FIELDWORK: 31 July 20	12 BY: Leslie Moholt, Bio Resources, 1	<u>Inc.</u>	
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<u>INFESTATION</u>			
SIZE OF SITE: 1 ½ miles x 10'-300' v	vide	NUMBER OF PLANTS: 50	_
DESCRIPTION (phenology, age class,	density, etc.): 80% in bud, 20% vegetat	<u>ive</u>	
VOUCHER (collector and number, who	ere stored): No collection made		

#### **SUITABILITY FOR MONITORING:**

ELEVATION: 4576'-5790'	ASPECT: variable	SLOPE: 0-70%
Riparian:	Upland: Yes	Site Composition:
DESCRIPTION (microhabitat, timbe	er type, plant associations, soil type,	etc.): Grassy disturbed opening in mixed
conifer (PIPO/PSME/ABGR) forest	and trail side along heavily used trai	<u>il.</u>
NATURE OF DISTURBANCE (if a	ny): Foot and horse traffic	
MONITORING STATUS: First det	ection	
<b>ERADICATION</b>		
METHODS USED (if any): None	<u> </u>	
RECOMMENDATIONS (for furthe	r control efforts):	
PHOTOS:		
REPORTER: Leslie Moholt	IOB TITLE: Contractor	DATE: 31 July 2012

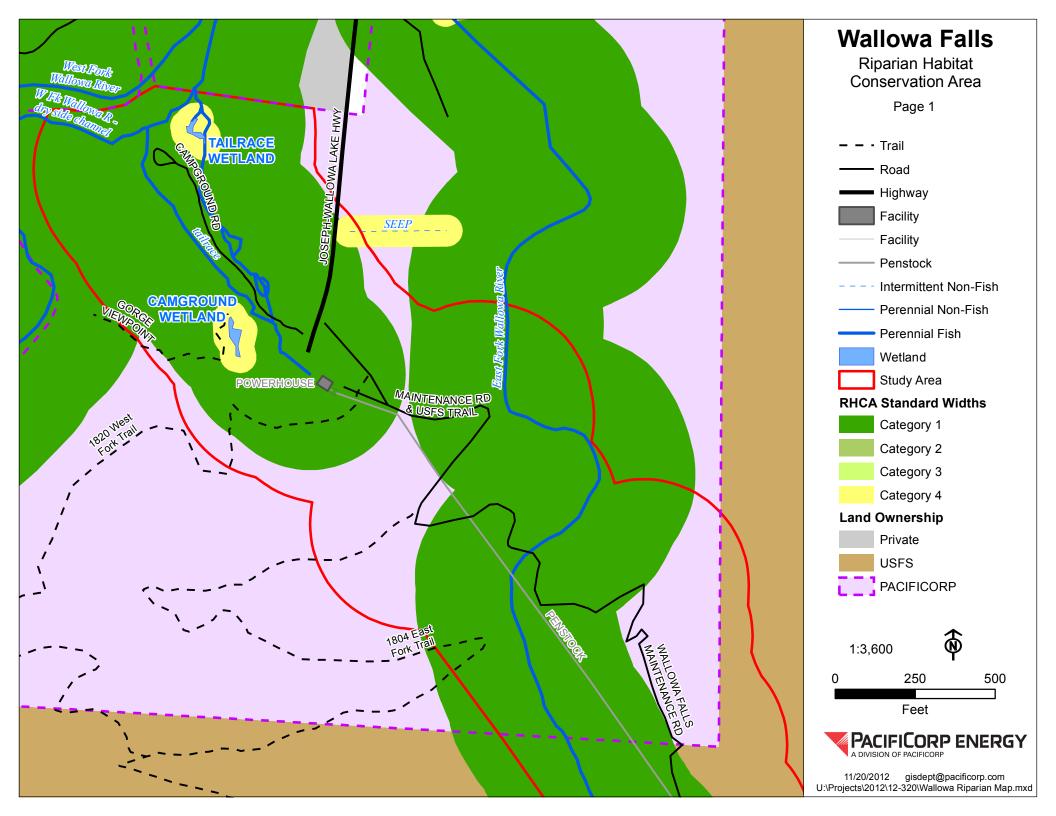


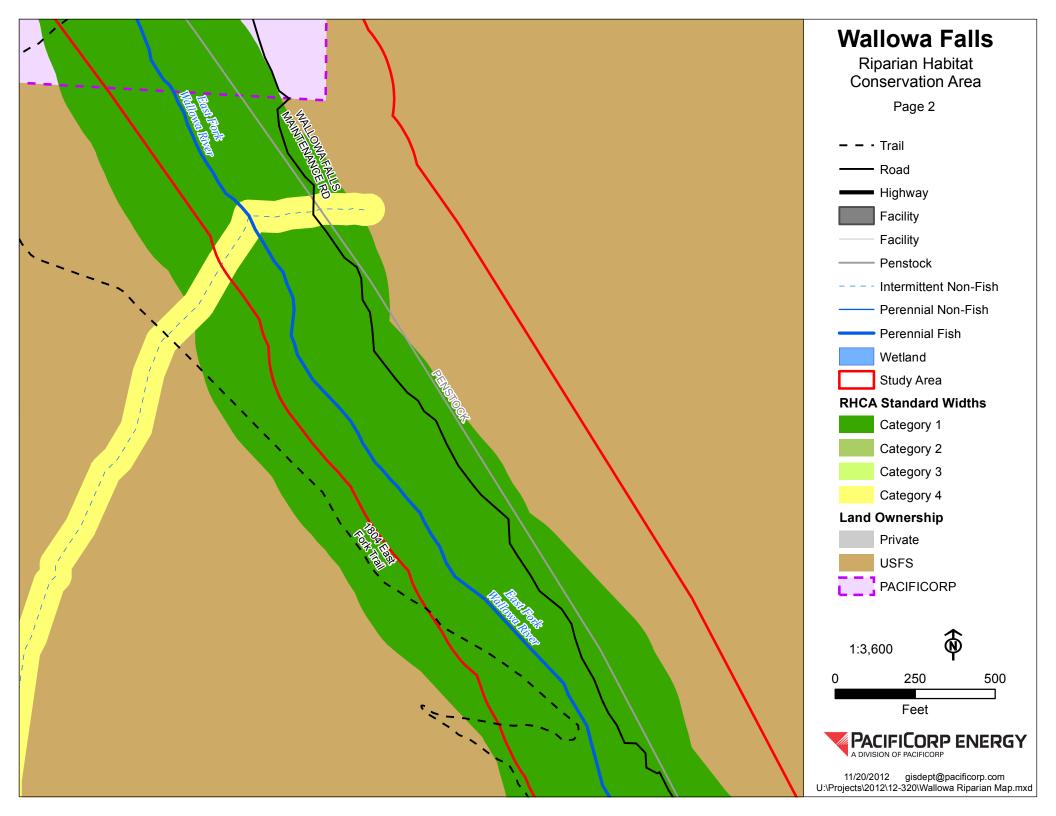


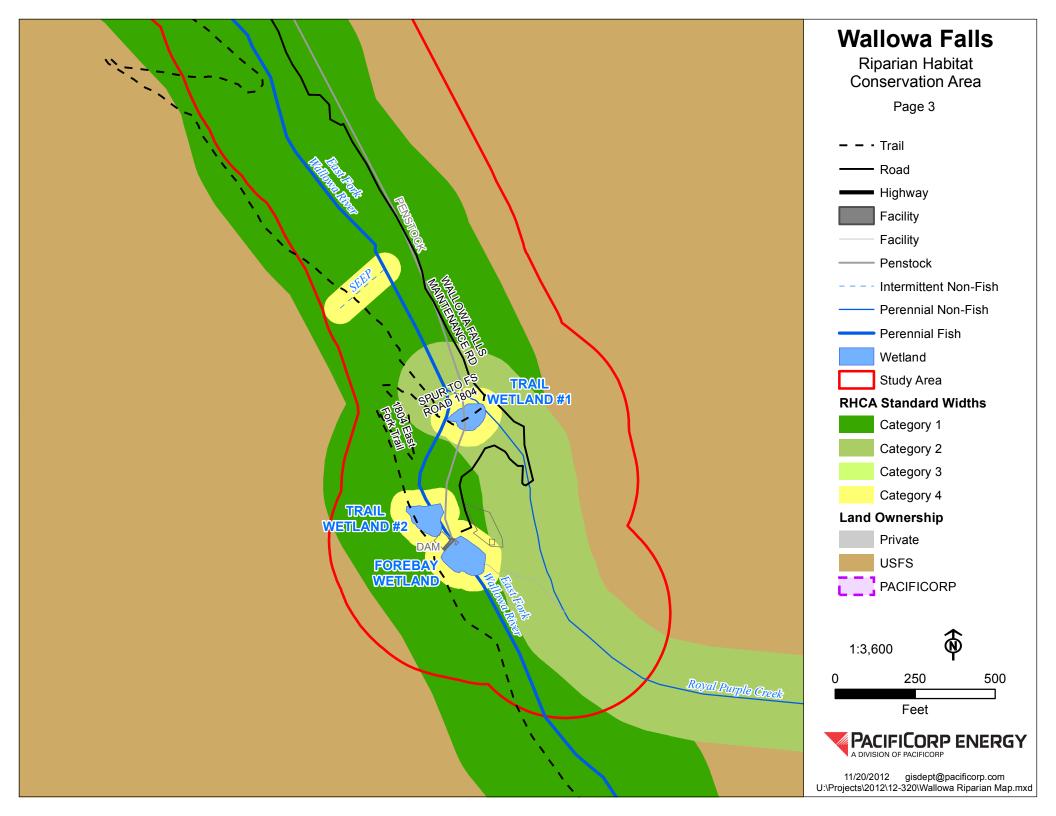


### Appendix D

Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas within the Study Area Map

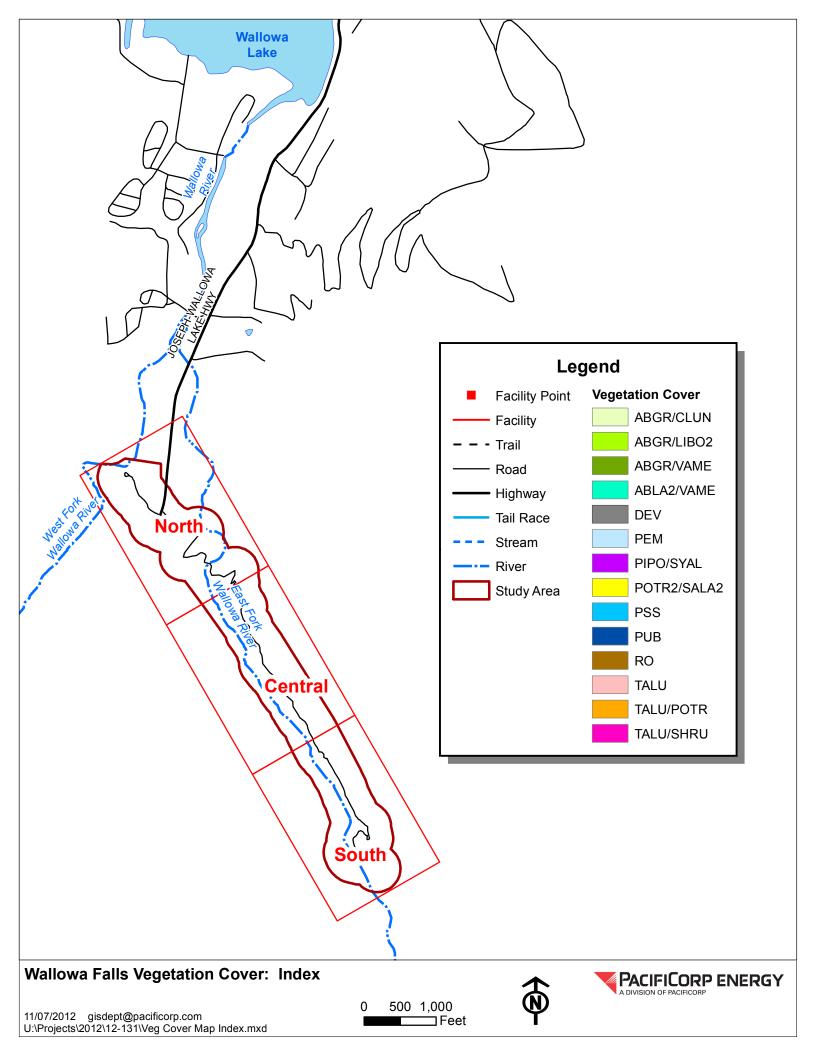


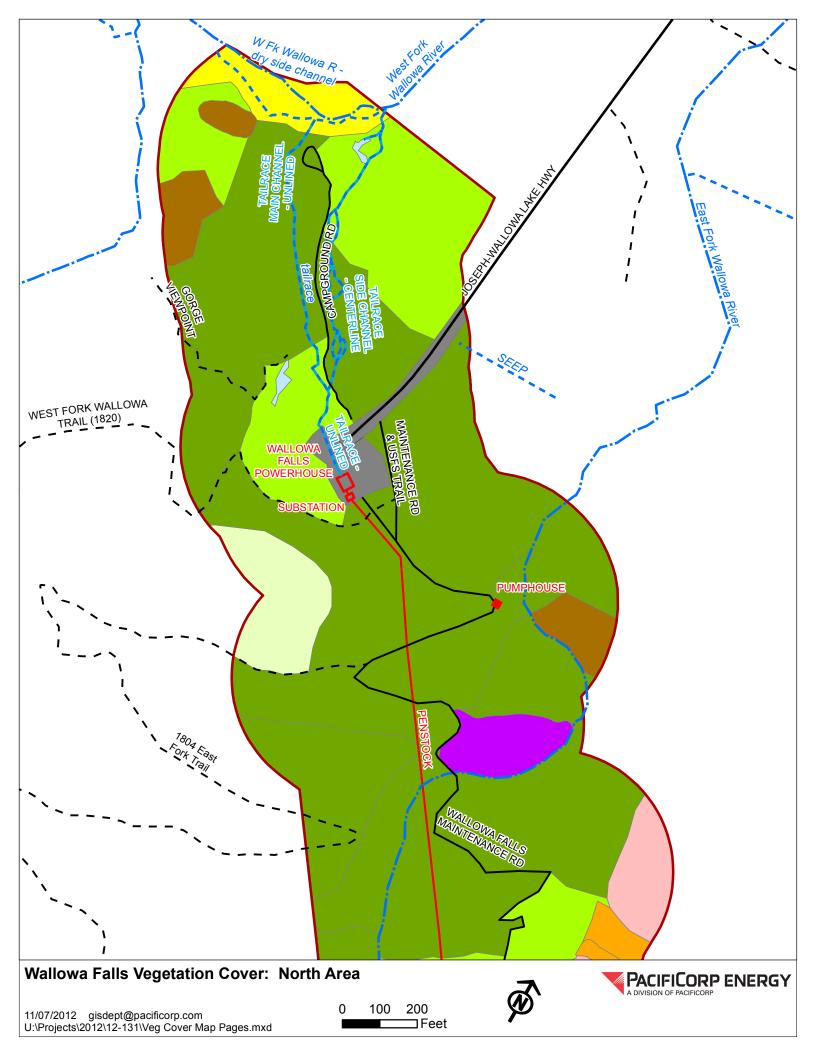


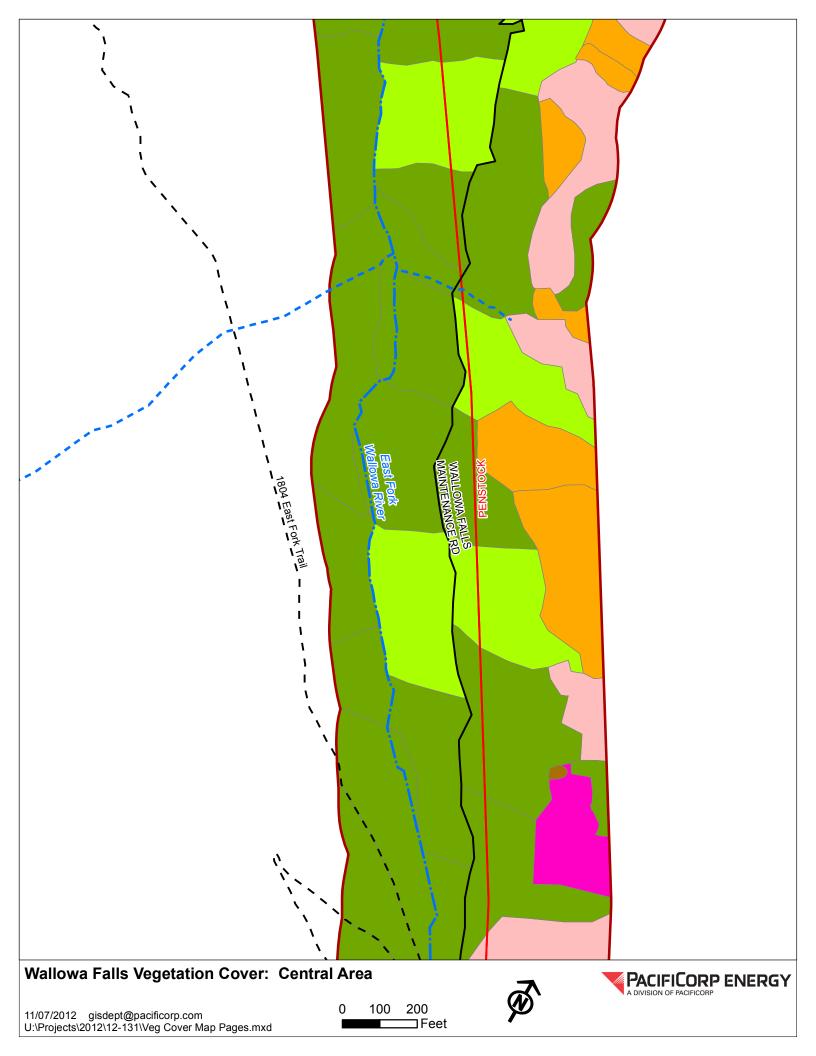


# Appendix E

Vegetation Cover Types within the Study Area Map









### Appendix F

Oregon Biodiversity Information Center List of Rare, Threatened and Endangered, Candidate, or Special Status Wildlife Species in Wallowa County

Regional Forester's Special Status Species Lists for Sensitive Vertebrates and Federally Threatened, Endangered, and Proposed

Management Indicator Species and Forestwide Standards and Guidelines

Federally Listed, Proposed, Candidate Species, and Species of Concern under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Wildlife Service which may occur within Wallowa County, Oregon.

Table 3.5-1 Oregon Biodiversity Information Center List of Rare, Threatened and Endangered, Candidate, or Special Status Wildlife Species in Wallowa County.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	State Status	ORBIC Status	Habitat	Species present in the Project Vicinity	Habitat within the Project Vicinity
Amphibians							
Rocky Mountain tailed frog	Ascaphus montanus	SOC	SV	2	Cold, clear, rocky perennial streams in mature forests (Washington Herp Atlas 2009).	Suspected	Yes
Columbia spotted frog	Rana luteiventris	С	SV	2	Slow-flowing streams, ponds, springs, and marshes with emergent vegetation. Egg masses are placed in areas where they receive little or no shading from vegetation. Waters that remain aerobic and do not freeze to the sediments (such as springs and creeks) are most likely necessary for winter survival in areas subject to freezing. (Washington Herp Atlas 2009).	Suspected	Yes
Birds		•					
Northern goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	SOC	SV	4	Mature stands with large trees, a high canopy closure, and an open understory. The stands are generally located on moderate slopes, benches, toe of slope, level ground, and typically close to perennial water (Marshall et al. 2003).	Suspected	Yes
Grasshopper Sparrow	Ammpdramus savannarum		SV	2	In Oregon their distribution is restricted to grasslands (Marshall et al. 2003).	No	No
Western burrowing owl	Athene cunicularia hypugaea	SOC	SC	4	Open grasslands and shrub-steppe areas including rangelands, pastures, golf course, and airports (Marshall et al. 2003).	No	No
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola			2	High-elevation forested lakes. It uses cavities and artificial best boxes in trees close to water to nest. In migration and winter they use sheltered freshwater lakes, ponds, sewage ponds, slow-moving rivers, bays, and backwaters (Marshall et al. 2003).	Suspected	No

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	State Status	ORBIC Status	Habitat	Species present in the Project Vicinity	Habitat within the Project Vicinity
Ferruginous hawk	Buteo regalis	SOC	SV	4	Open country such as grasslands, shrub steppe, desert woodlands. Nest on cliffs and ledges, isolated trees, or riparian woodlands (Csuti et al. 1997, Marshall et al. 2003).	No	No
Swainson's hawk	Buteo swainsoni		SV	4	Open country such grasslands, sagebrush flats, juniper woodlands, and larger meadows in mountainous regions (Csuti et al. 1997).	No	No
Yellow-billed cuckoo	Coccyzus americanius	С	SC	2-ex	Large expanses of riparian forest that include Oregon Ash ( <i>Fraxinus latifolia</i> ), black cottonwood, and willow ( <i>Salix</i> spp.) (Marshall et al. 2003).	No	No
Olive-sided flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	SOC	SV	4	Conifer forests with uneven age or open canopy stand with tall trees and snags for perching (Csuti et al. 1997)	Yes - observed	Yes
Bobolink	Doliochonyx oryzivorus		SV	2	Open prairies, grasslands, wet meadows, pastures, and grain crops (Csuti et al. 1997).	No	No
Pileated woodpecker	Dryocopus pileatus		SV	4	Dense mixed conifer forests in late-seral stages with large diameter trees and snags (Marshall et al. 2003).	Yes-observed	Yes
Willow flycatcher	Empidonax traillii adastus	SOC	SV	4	Tall brushy vegetation along streams, along the edge of forest clearings, or other openings (Csuti et al. 1997).	Suspected	Yes
Spruce grouse	Falcipennis canadensis		SV	3	In the Wallowa Mountains only and typically found in mix younger dense conifer forest with lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce, and subalpine fir (Csuti et al. 1997, Marshall et al. 2003).	Suspected	Yes
American peregrine falcon	Falco peregrinus anatum	Delisted	SV	2	Cliffs greater than 75 ft in height and within 1.0 mile of water (Marshall et al. 2003).	Suspected	Yes
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus luecocephalus	Delisted	LT	4	Associated with large bodies of water. Nest in forested areas near oceans, rivers, estuaries, lakes, and reservoirs (Marshall et al. 2003).	Yes - Documented	Yes

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Harlequin duck	Histrionicus histrionicus	SOC		2	Breeds in low-gradient, slower reaches of mountain streams in forested areas primarily in the western cascade mountains. The Wallowa Mountain reports are prior to 1935 (Csuti et al. 1997, Marshall et al. 2003).	No	No
Yellow- breasted chat	Icteria virens	SOC	SC	4	The edges of large, dense thickets in riparian areas and swales, floodplains areas adjacent to streams and rivers, and in unmanaged dense leafy vegetation surrounding ponds and swamps (Marshal et al. 2003).	No	No
Wallowa rosy- finch	Leucosticte tephrocotis wallowa			1	Nest in rock crevices and crannies in high alpine habitat (Marshall et al. 2003).	No	No
Lewis' woodpecker	Melanerpes lewis	SOC	SC	2	Associated with open woodland habitat near water. Breeds in Oregon white oak ( <i>Quercus garryana</i> ), ponderosa pine, and riparian cottonwood communities (Marshall et al. 2003).	Suspected	Yes
Long-billed curlew	Numenius americanus		SV	4	Open grasslands, prairies, and meadows, often near scattered shrubs and usually near water or wet meadows in flat or rolling topography (Csuti et al. 1997, Marshall et al. 2003).	No	No
Mountain quail	Oreortyzx pictus	SOC	SV	4	Generally found in shrub dominated communities in open forests, ridge tops, mountain slopes (Marshall et al. 2003).	Suspected	Yes
Flammulated owl	Otus flammeolus		SV	4	In dry open forest in mid-elevation range between 3,800 and 4,600 feet. Nest in mixed forest dominated with ponderosa pine (Marshall et al. 2003).	Suspected	Yes
Northern waterthrush	Parkesia noveboracensis			2	Dense and tall willow thickets in slow or standing water (Marshall et al. 2003).	No	No

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	State Status	ORBIC Status	Habitat	Species present in the Project Vicinity	Habitat within the Project Vicinity
White-headed woodpecker	Picoides albolarvatus	SOC	SC	2	In open ponderosa pine or mixed-conifer forests dominated by ponderosa pine. It requires large trees and snags for nesting and foraging (Csuti et al. 1997, Marshall et al. 2003).	Suspected	Yes
Black-backed woodpecker	Picoides arcticus		SV	4	Found in a variety of mix conifer forests dominated with ponderosa pine or lodgepole pine, typically below 4,500 ft with a high proportion of dead trees (Csuti et al. 1997, Marshall et al. 2003).	Suspected	Yes
American three-toed woodpecker	Picoides dorsalis		SV	4	Found in a variety of mix conifer forests dominated with or mixed with lodgepole pine, typically above 4,500 ft and contains high proportion of dead trees (Csuti et al. 1997, Marshall et al. 2003).	Suspected	Yes
Horned grebe	Podiceps auritus			2	Large open water areas surrounded with emergent vegetation (Csuti et al. 1997).	No	No
Great gray owl	Strix nebulosa		SV	4	Inhabit mature to old-growth coniferous forest adjacent to forest openings and clearings such as meadows (Csuti et al. 1997).	No	No
Columbian sharp-tailed grouse	Tympanuchus phasianellus columbianus	SOC	SC	2	Found in grassland or grass-shrub habitats and utilize deciduous shrubs and trees for wintering (Marshall et al. 2003).	No	No
Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	State Status	ORBIC Status	Habitat	Species present in the Project Vicinity	Habitat within the Project Vicinity
Mammals	,						'
Gray wolf	Canis lupus	LE	LE	2	Habitat generalists and will establish territories anywhere there is a sufficient food source (ODFW 2010a).	Suspected	Yes

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	State Status	ORBIC Status	Habitat	Species present in the Project Vicinity	Habitat within the Project Vicinity
Townsend's big-eared bat	Cornorhinus townsendii	SOC	SC	2	Occurs in wide variety of habitats, but commonly found in desert scrub, pinon-juniper and pine forests. Roost in caves, mines, and buildings (Verts and Caraways 1998).	No	No
Spotted bat	Euderma maculatum	SOC	SV	2	A wide variety of habitat that contain cliffs and crevices for roosting and opening for foraging (Verts and Caraways 1998).	Suspected	Yes
California Wolverine	Gulo gulo	С	LT	2	Open forest at higher elevations and vast amounts of wilderness (Csuti et al. 1997, Verts and Caraways 1998).	Suspected	Yes
Silver-haired bat	Lasionycteris noctivagans	SOC	SV	4	Associated with older conifer forests, roosts under loose bark, and forages over ponds and streams (Csuti et al. 1997, Verts and Caraways 1998).	Suspected	Yes
Hoary bat	Lasiurus cinereus		SV	4	Solitary forest-dwelling species that roosts in trees and forages along riparian corridors and brushy areas in the forest (Csuti et al. 1997).	Suspected	Yes
White-tailed jackrabbit	Lepus townsendii		SV	3	Open habitats with sagebrush deserts and grasslands (Csuti et al. 1997).	No	No

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	State Status	ORBIC Status	Habitat	Species present in the Project Vicinity	Habitat within the Project Vicinity
Canada lynx	Lynx canadensis	LT		2	Canada lynx den in forests with large woody debris, such as downed logs and windfalls, to provide denning sites with security and thermal cover for kittens. Forests older than 200 years with lodgepole pine, spruce, and subalpine fir have been used for denning in Washington. Den sites must provide for minimal disturbance by humans and proximity to foraging habitat (early successional forests), with denning stands at least 2.5 acres in size. Intermediateage forests allow for lynx access between den sites and foraging areas, movement within home ranges, and random foraging opportunities (USFWS 2009). USFS has identified the Project area as within Lynx Core Habitat Area and the habitat within the Project area as non-habitat, unsuitable, and no data (USFS 2010c).	Suspected	Yes
American marten	Martes americana		SV	4	Mature forest with closed canopies with adequate structure and down logs (Csuti et al. 1997).	Suspected	Yes
Fisher	Martes pennanti	SOC	SC	2	Mature, closed canopy forest with some deciduous component, particularly along riparian corridors (Csuti et.al. 1997).	Suspected	Yes
California myotis	Myotis californicus		SV	4	Forages around the edges of clumps of trees or over or near open water. Roost in cliff faces, crevices in trees, and caves (Csuti et al. 1997).	Suspected	Yes
Western small-footed myotis	Myotis ciliolabrum	SOC		4	Associated with arid grasslands in cliffs and rocky canyons, ponderosa pine, or mixed-conifer forests. Roosts in rock crevices, under boulders, and bark (Csuti et al. 1997).	No	No
Long-eared myotis	Myotis evotis	SOC		4	Associated with forested habitats and forest edges including juniper woodlands, open areas in ponderosa pine woodlands, Douglas-fir, spruce, true fir, and subalpine forest (Csuti et al. 1997).	Suspected	Yes

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	State Status	ORBIC Status	Habitat	Species present in the Project Vicinity	Habitat within the Project Vicinity
Fringed myotis	Myotis thysanodes	SOC	SV	2	Cave dweller found a variety of forested vegetation (Csuti et al. 1997, Verts and Caraways 1998).	Suspected	Yes
Long-legged myotis	Myotis volans	SOC	SV	4	Coniferous forests and roosts in crevices in cliff faces, abandon buildings, caves and mines (Csuti et al. 1997).	Suspected	Yes
Yuma myotis	Myotis yumanensis	SOC		4	Closely associated with open water and forests. Uses abandon buildings and other man-made structures for roosting (Csuti et al. 1997, Verts and Caraways 1998).	Suspected	Yes
Preble's shrew	Sorex preblei	SOC		3	Occurs near permanent or intermittent streams in arid to semi-arid shrub/grass associations and dense high-elevation coniferous forests (Csuti et al. 1997).	No	No
Grizzly bear	Ursus artos horribilis	LT		2-ex	Rugged and most inaccessible wilderness areas with adequate food, dens, and cover. Grizzly bears have been extirpated from Oregon since 1931 (Verts and Caraway 1998).	No	Yes
Reptiles							
Painted turtle	Chrysemys picta		SC	2	Shallow quiet waters, such as ponds, marshes, and small streams with muddy or sandy substrates with aquatic vegetation and basking sites (Csuti et al. 1997).	Suspected	Yes

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5	National For	ests:			Taxon:	Invertebra	tes			
6	CRG	Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area				IA = Class Ara	achnida: Spider	s, Scorpions, N	lites & Ticks	
7	COL Colville National Forest IBI = Class Bivalva: Clams, Oysters & Mussels									
8	DES Deschutes National Forest ICL = Class Clitellata: Leeches & Earthworms									
9	FWI	Fremont-Winema National Forest				ICR = Class C	Crustacea: Crus	taceans		
10	GIP	Gifford Pinchot National Forest				IG = Class Ga	astropoda: Snai	ls & Slugs		
11	MAL	Malheur National Forest				IIC = Order C	ollembola: Sprir	ngtails		
12	MBS	Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest				IICO = Order	Coeloptera: Be	etles & Weevils	3	
13	MTH	Mt. Hood National Forest				IIHE = Order I	Hemiptera: True	e Bugs		
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15	OKW	Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	FE = Federal	Endangered		IILE = Order L	epidoptera: Bu	tterflies & Moth	IS	
16	OLY Olympic National Forest FT = Federal Threatened IIOD = Order Odonata: Dragonflies & Damselflies									
17	RRS	Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest	FPT = Federal Proposed Threatened IIOR = Order Orthoptera: Grasshoppers, Crickets & Roaci						nes	
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19	UMA	Umatilla National Forest	status only a	oplies in Wash	ington	IITR = Order	Trichoptera: Ca	ddisflies & Wat	er Moths	
20	UMP	Umpqua National Forest	or Oregon			IT = Class Tu	rbellaria: Flatwo	orms		
21	WAW	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest				Vertebrate	s	Non-Vasc	ular Plants	
22	WIL	Willamette National Forest				BI = Birds		BR = Bryophy	rtes	
23	ISSSSP Stat	us:				HA = Amphibi	ans	LI = Lichens		
24		SEN = Sensitive in OR and WA	STR = Strate	gic in OR and	WA	HR = Reptiles	i			
25		SEN-OR = Sensitive in OR only	STR-OR = St	trategic in OR	only	MA = Mamma	als			
26		SEN-WA = Sensitive in WA only	STR-WA = S	trategic in WA	only	FA = Anadron	nous Fish			
27		If species has different statuses in each state,	both are noted	on lists.		FN = Non-ana	adromous Fish			
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# MANAGEMENT INDICATOR SPECIES AND FORESTWIDE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

The following is a list of the management indicator species and their associated standards and guidelines at stated in the Blue Mountains Forests Revised Land and Resource Management Plan – Proposed Action (USFS 2010).

### **American marten**

- G-1 Management activities that limit the ability of American marten to disperse between patches of source habitat should be avoided; area and patch size of old forest should be maintained and road density within and between old forest patches should be maintained or reduced.
- G-2 Areal extent of existing stands within the moist and cold old forest type that are 300 acres or larger should not be reduced.
- G-3 Improve riparian corridors connecting moist and cold old forest type.

### **Bald eagle**

S-1 New activities that have potential to cause abandonment or destruction of known bald eagle nest or roost sites shall be prohibited within 1,200 feet of those sites.

### **Bighorn sheep**

- S-2 Effective separation between bighorn sheep and domestic sheep and goats shall be maintained.
- S-3 The use of domestic goats for noxious weed control shall not be authorized or allowed within or adjacent to source habitat for bighorn sheep.
- S-4 The use of domestic pack goats shall not be authorized or allowed within or adjacent to source habitat for bighorn sheep.

### Black-backed woodpecker and boreal owl

- G-4 Greater than 50 percent of post-fire source habitat should be retained and should not be salvage logged.
- G-5 Salvage logging should not occur within burned source habitat areas less than 100 acres, except for the removal of danger/hazard trees.
- G-6 Where salvage logging occurs, all snags 21 inches DBH and greater and 50 percent of the snags from 12 to 21 inches DBH should be retained. except for the removal of danger/hazard trees. Snags should be retained in patches,

### Fringed myotis and Townsend's big-eared bat

G-7 Bat maternity and roost sites should not be disturbed.

### Lewis's woodpecker

- S-5 Salvage logging shall not occur within burned source habitat areas that are less than 100 acres in size, except for the removal of danger/hazard trees.
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- G-8 Where salvage logging occurs within source habitat, all trees and snags 21 inches DBH and greater and 50 percent of the snags from 12 to 21 inches DBH should be retained. Snags should be retained in patches, except for the removal of danger/hazard trees.

### Northern goshawk

- G-9 Management activities should not alter stand structure within a radius of 660 feet from known goshawk nests.
- G-10 Nest disturbing management activities should not occur within a radius of 1,320 feet from known active goshawk nests between April 1 and August 1.

### Pileated woodpecker

G-11 To the extent practical, known cavity or nest trees should be preserved when conducting prescribed burning activities, mechanical fuel treatments, and silvicultural treatments.

### White-headed woodpecker

- S-6 Where silvicultural and prescribed burning activities occur within source habitat, all live trees and snags 21 inches DBH and greater and 50 percent of the snags from 12 to 21 inches DBH shall be retained, except for the removal of danger/hazard trees. Snags shall be retained in patches.
- S-7 Where management activities occur within source habitat, all snags 21 inches DBH and greater and 50 percent of the snags from 12 to 21 inches DBH shall be retained, except for the removal of danger/hazard trees. Snags shall be retained in patches.

### Fox Sparrow

G-12 Where management activities occur within riparian habitat, the quantity and health of shrubs should be increased and improved.

### **Cassin's Finch**

G-13 Vigor and areal extent of seed producing grasses and forbs should not be reduced in source habitats.

### **Water Vole**

- G-14 Roads and trails should not be constructed within high elevation riparian areas.
- G-15 Residual herbaceous vegetation within high elevation riparian areas should be maintained at a

level adequate to prevent stream bank degradation.

### **Rocky Mountain elk (winter range)**

G-16 Motor vehicle use within crucial winter range should not be authorized or allowed between December 1 and April 30.

### **Rocky Mountain elk (summer range)**

G-17 Management activities that disrupt areas identified by state fish and wildlife agencies as important elk calving areas should be avoided (from May 1 to June 30).

G-18 Management activities that disturb elk wallows should be avoided.

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# FEDERALLY LISTED, PROPOSED, CANDIDATE SPECIES AND SPECIES OF CONCERN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WHICH MAY OCCUR WITHIN WALLOWA COUNTY, OREGON

## LISTED SPECIES

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Inland:

Bull trout Salvelinus confluentus CH T

**Plants** 

MacFarlane's four o'clockMirabilis macfarlaneiTSpalding's catchflySilene spaldingiiT

## **PROPOSED SPECIES**

None

No Proposed Endangered Species PE
No Proposed Threatened Species PT

## **CANDIDATE SPECIES**

### **Mammals**

North American wolverine Gulo gulo luscus

# **SPECIES OF CONCERN**

### **Mammals**

Townsend's western big-eared bat Corynorhinus townsendii townsendii Spotted bat Euderma maculatum Silver-haired bat Lasionycteris noctivagans Small-footed myotis bat Myotis ciliolabrum Long-eared myotis bat Myotis evotis Fringed myotis bat Myotis thysanodes Long-legged myotis bat Myotis volans Yuma myotis bat Myotis yumanensis Preble's shrew Sorex preblei

#### **Birds**

Northern goshawk Accipiter gentilis Western burrowing owl Athene cunicularia hypugaea Ferruginous hawk Buteo regalis Olive-sided flycatcher Contopus cooperi Willow flycatcher Empidonax traillii adastus Harlequin duck Histrionicus histrionicus Yellow-breasted chat Icteria virens Lewis' woodpecker Melanerpes lewis Mountain quail Oreortyx pictus White-headed woodpecker Plcoides albolarvatus

Columbian sharp-tailed grouse Tympanuchus phasianellus columbianus

# FEDERALLY LISTED, PROPOSED, CANDIDATE SPECIES AND SPECIES OF CONCERN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WHICH MAY OCCUR WITHIN WALLOWA COUNTY, OREGON

**Reptiles and Amphibians** 

Rocky Mountain tailed frog

Coastal tailed frog

Ascaphus montanus

Ascaphus truei

Fish

Pacific lamprey Lampetra tridentata

**Invertebrates** 

Snails:

Columbia pebblesnail Fluminicola fuscus (= columbianus)

**Plants** 

Wallowa ricegrass Achnatherum wallowaensis

Blue Mountain onion

Hell's Canyon rock-cress

Upward-lobed moonwort

Prairie moonwart

Crenulate grape fern

Mountain grape fern

Botrychium ascendens

Botrychium campestre

Botrychium crenulatum

Botrychium montanum

Twin-spike moonwort Botrychium paradoxum
Stalked moonwort Botrychium pedunculosum

Green-band mariposa lily Calochortus macrocarpus var. maculosus

Broad-fruit mariposa lily

Fraternal paintbrush

Calochortus nitidus

Castilleja fraterna

Purple alpine paintbrush

Castilleja rubida

Englemann's daisy

Erigeron engelmannii var. davisii

Hazel's prickly-phlox

Leptodactylon pungens ssp. hazeliae

Greenman's desert parsley

Membrane-leaved monkeyflower

Least phacelia

Bartonberry

Lomatium greenmani

Mimulus hymenophyllus

Phacelia minutissima

Rubus bartonianus

# **DELISTED SPECIES**

### **Mammals**

Terrestrial:

Gray wolf Canis lupus

(Rocky Mountain distinct population segment)

**Birds** 

American Peregrine falcon Falco peregrinus anatum
Bald eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus

#### **Definitions:**

<u>Listed Species</u>: An endangered species is one that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. A threatened species is one that is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future.

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<u>Proposed Species:</u> Taxa for which the Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service has published a proposal to list as endangered or threatened in the Federal Register.

<u>Candidate Species</u>: Taxa for which the Fish and Wildlife Service has sufficient biological information to support a proposal to list as endangered or threatened.

<u>Species of Concern</u>: Taxa whose conservation status is of concern to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (many previously known as Category 2 candidates), but for which further information is still needed. Such species receive no legal protection and use of the term does not necessarily imply that a species will eventually be proposed for listing.

<u>Delisted Species</u>: A species that has been removed from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife and plants.

### Key:

E EndangeredT Threatened

CH Critical Habitat has been designated for this species

PE Proposed Endangered PT Proposed Threatened

PCH Critical Habitat has been proposed for this species

#### Notes:

Marine & Anadromous Species: Please consult the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (<a href="http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/">http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/</a>) for marine and anadromous species. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages mostly marine and anadromous species, while the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages the remainder of the listed species, mostly terrestrial and freshwater species.

Marine Turtle Conservation and Management: All six species of sea turtles occurring in the U.S. are protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. In 1977, NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service signed a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly administer the Endangered Species Act with respect to marine turtles. NOAA Fisheries has the lead responsibility for the conservation and recovery of sea turtles in the marine environment and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has the lead for the conservation and recovery of sea turtles on nesting beaches. For more information, see the NOAA Fisheries webpage on sea turtles <a href="http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/turtles/">http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/turtles/</a>.

<u>Gray Wolf</u>: In 2008, the Service published a final rule that established a distinct population segment of the gray wolf (*Canis lupis*) in the northern Rocky Mountains (which includes a portion of Eastern Oregon, east of the centerline of Highway 395 and Highway 78 north of Burns Junction and that portion of Oregon east of the centerline of Highway 95 south of Burns Junction). Any wolves found west of this line in Oregon belong to the conterminous USA population [see 73 FR 10514]. On May 5, 2011, the Fish and Wildlife Service published a final rule – as directed by legislative language in the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations bill – reinstating the Service's 2009 decision to delist biologically recovered gray wolf populations in the Northern Rocky Mountains. Gray wolves in Oregon are State-listed as endangered, regardless of location.