

Trust Land Transfer Program Parcel Application Cover Sheet

Date: 9/29/2023

Name of parcel: Elwha Watershed Protection Project

County/counties in which parcel is located: Clallam

Contact Information

Provide contact information as indicated below. All fields are required unless indicated otherwise.

A receiving agency also can serve as an applicant, in which case the receiving agency primary contact name and applicant name would be the same. The primary contact at the receiving agency does not need to be the same person who signs the receiving agency's letter of intent.

➤ Applicant

Name: Nathan A. West

Professional affiliation (if any): City of Port Angeles

Job title (if any): City Manager

Mailing address*: 321 E Fifth Street Port Angeles, WA 98362

Best phone number to reach you: 3604174500

Email address: nwest@cityofpa.us

*Optional

➤ Receiving Agency

Name of receiving agency: City of Port Angeles

Mailing address: 321 E Fifth Street Port Angeles, WA 98362

Primary contact name: Nathan West

Job title: City Manager

Primary contact phone number: 3604174500

Primary contact email address: nwest@cityofpa.us

Trust Land Transfer Program Parcel Application

Fill out this application to nominate a parcel of state trust lands for the Trust Land Transfer (TLT) Program. All fields are required. Submit the following attachments with your application:

- A map of the proposed parcel. Include section boundary lines for geographic reference so DNR can map the parcel in its GIS data system.
- A letter of intent from the receiving agency to accept and manage the parcel (required). The letter must be signed by someone at the receiving agency who has the authority to accept the transferred parcel.
- Letters of support from the community, receiving agency, advocacy groups, neighborhood associations, or others. Letters of support are optional but strongly recommended. If you need more time to obtain letters of support, you may submit them separately from your application. Letters should be sent to dnrtltprogram@dnr.wa.gov no later than April 1, 2024.

Submit this application, including the cover sheet and requested attachments, to dnrtltprogram@dnr.wa.gov by 5pm on September 30, 2023. Make sure the application is signed by both the applicant and the primary contact at the receiving agency. The primary contact does not have to be the same person who signs the receiving agency letter of intent.

Please do not send attachments that are not specifically requested in this application, such as fact sheets, press releases, or other materials. These additional attachments will not be reviewed or provided to the advisory committee for use in scoring. Also, do not send photos. If your parcel is considered eligible for the TLT program, you will be asked to give a presentation to the advisory committee; photos can be included in your presentation.

For more information on the TLT program and instructions for filling out this application, visit www.dnr.wa.gov/managed-lands/land-transactions/trust-land-transfer.

Part A: Parcel, Applicant, and Receiving Agency Names

Date: 9/29/2023

Name of parcel: Elwha Watershed Protection Project

Applicant name: Nathan A. West

Name of receiving agency: City of Port Angeles

Name of primary contact at receiving agency: Nathan West

Part B: Parcel Information

Parcel Location and Zoning

If the entire parcel is in one county, fill out the top three lines only. If the parcel crosses county boundaries, provide information for the portion of the parcel that is located in each county.

County in which parcel is located: Clallam

Township, range, and section: See Attachment A

Current zoning: RCC3 and RCC5

County in which parcel is located:

Township, range, and section:

Current zoning:

County in which parcel is located:

Township, range, and section:

Current zoning:

Total, estimated number of acres in proposed parcel: 3089

Does this parcel include State Forestlands?
Yes No

If yes, approximately how many acres of State Forestlands does this parcel include?

Parcels that are worth \$15 million or more, or have 4,500 or more total acres require a pre-nomination meeting with DNR and the receiving agency before July 1, 2023.

If your parcel meets this criteria, indicate the date on which the meeting occurred:

DNR strongly recommends a pre-nomination meeting with DNR and the receiving agency for parcels that include 1,000 acres or more of State Forestlands, regardless of the parcel's total size or value. The meeting should take place before July 1, 2023.

If your parcel meets this criteria, did you attend a pre-nomination meeting?
Yes No

Date on which the meeting occurred: N/A

Parcel Description

Describe the topography. For example, is the parcel flat, hilly, or mountainous?

Terrain in the Elwha watershed can best be described as hilly. Elevations in the parcels range from sea level to just under 800 feet. The relatively subtle variations in topography reflect the geologic history of the watershed, with uplift of the Olympic mountains later smoothed and shaped by glaciers and the constant, eroding processes of the Elwha River and its tributaries, Indian Creek and Little River.

What is the dominate vegetation type (for example, forested, grassland, shrub-steppe)? If forested, is the entire parcel forested or does the parcel have a mix of forest and open areas?

The dominant vegetation type in the Elwha watershed are dry Douglas-fir dominated forests which are unique to the rainshadow climate found only on this part of the North Olympic Peninsula. Within this dry climate zone, the forests respond to micro-climates and variations in topography. Mesic sites with higher soil moisture or fog can feature a high cover of western red cedar with associated moist site indicator understories of sword fern and salmonberry. Drier sites host madrone, ocean spray and baldhip rose. Elwha watershed uniquely features balds hosting less common meadow species.

Are there barns, boat launches, public restrooms, or other facilities on the parcel? If yes, describe. If the parcel has been leased for agriculture or other uses, describe any improvements the leaseholder has made, if known.

These parcels feature public trails including the Olympic Adventure Route of the Olympic Discovery Trail. Numerous other important community trails are located on these properties. There are no other noteworthy facilities on these parcels.

Describe any unique physical features of the parcel, such as local landmarks or water bodies.

The most unique feature of the parcels is the floodplain of the Elwha River, and its important tributaries Little River and Indian Creek. The parcels are adjacent to or include parts of these waterbodies and associated floodplains.

Due to the history of forest management, the parcels include a mix of forest stand ages and conditions, ranging from 100+ year old naturally regenerated forests with complex canopy structure, to very recent clearcuts.

Part C: Prioritization Criteria

In the following section, address four of the five prioritization criteria that the advisory committee will use to prioritize the parcels for transfer¹. Answer all questions succinctly. Refer to the [prioritization criteria summary](#) for information on how each criterion is scored.

This application does not include Criterion Five, tribal support. DNR and the receiving agency together will conduct tribal outreach and provide a summary of comments received to the advisory committee in a separate document.

DNR records and files are subject to the Public Records Act ([RCW 52.46](#)). In addition, DNR will post applications for eligible parcels on its website. Do not include any confidential or sensitive information in your application that cannot be made public. For example, do not provide specific location information for rare or unique plants or specific descriptions and location information for archaeological sites, artifacts, or other sensitive cultural resources.

To protect personal contact information such as email addresses and phone numbers, the cover sheet on this application will be removed before the application is posted.

➤ *Criteria One: Community Involvement and Support*

This criterion gauges the level of community involvement and support for transfer of the proposed parcel. This criterion does not address tribal support. As noted above, tribal support is assessed through a separate process.

When scoring your parcel for this criterion, the advisory committee will consider letters of support from local citizens, local organizations, local elected officials, interest groups, volunteers, public agencies, and others, in addition to the information in your application. These letters are optional but encouraged. You may provide these letters to DNR with your application, or send them to DNR separately from your application package by April 1, 2024.

¹ Some deed restrictions will be placed upon the parcel when it is transferred. Restrictions may include mineral reservations (RCW 79.11.210), ability to purchase road access (RCW 79.36.370), specific easement reservations to protect remaining state trust lands, and/or restrictions on future, permitted uses of the property for the grantee (receiving agency) and their successors (in the event the parcel is conveyed to a new owner, or the receiving agency changes their name). Use restrictions will be based on the specific legislation that authorizes and funds the transfer. DNR also may consider a DNR proprietary use and management restriction on the parcel associated with DNR's *State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan* (HCP). DNR will consult the intended TL recipient on any proposed, proprietary HCP encumbrance language prior to the transfer.

Has the community been provided an opportunity to learn about the proposed transfer and share their thoughts? If yes, describe efforts made to engage with the community.

Yes. Community awareness and concerns about logging in the Elwha River Watershed date back to the “Aldwell” timber sale. The community has expressed significant concerns about logging on state land in the Elwha River Watershed and has supported the proposed transfer of the land as a solution. Local residents active with the Elwha Legacy Forests coalition held two educational forums at the Port Angeles library. Hundreds of flyers and informational materials have been distributed in public places, including farmers markets and the County fair. The Board of Clallam County Commissioners held a work session discussing revitalization of the trust land transfer program, and in that forum numerous community members have expressed their support for trust land transfer as a revenue replacement option to protect lands in the Elwha River Watershed. On September 19, 2023, the Port Angeles City Council discussed the proposed transfer and voted unanimously to direct the City to submit this application pertaining to lands in the Elwha River Watershed.

Describe the level of involvement and support from the community for the transfer, including local citizens, local organizations, local elected officials, interest groups, volunteers, public agencies, and others.

The City of Port Angeles has received a substantial number of complaints and concerns regarding the protection of these State forest lands. No less than 228 emails have been received by Council and staff. City Council has taken action on multiple occasions to protect and support the integrity of the Elwha Watershed. These actions have included proclamations, letters, direction to staff and support of local organizations working towards the same results. City Council has held Open Public Meetings where discussion of protecting these portions of our watershed have been included. Those meetings took place on October 18, 2022, September 20, 2022, April 4, 2023, May 16, 2023, September 5, 2023 and September 15, 2023. City representatives have attended multiple Board of Natural Resource meetings, and County Commission meetings providing testimony on the protection of these watershed lands.

A broad group of residents, organizations and state and local lawmakers have voiced their support for protecting forests in the Elwha River Watershed. Nearly 2,500 people have sent letters seeking cancellation of the Power Plant timber sale.

Explain any known opposition to the transfer and any efforts to mitigate or address this opposition. Provide an explanation of why the transfer should move forward despite any community opposition.

There is no known opposition to the transfer. Emails directed to City Council have been for the protection of this forestland and watershed rather than against. Of the 228 emails referenced in the above question only one was in opposition to the Council's position. While some concerns may arise from junior taxing districts, most of those districts depend on the long term protection of the Elwha River water supply for their viability.

Describe any outreach efforts specifically to overburdened communities, underserved populations, or vulnerable populations, and summarize any feedback received from these groups.

The City of Port Angeles is largely made up of a population that can be classified within Federal guidelines as one that is an overburdened community that is also underserved and vulnerable population as this community is heavily reliant on our tourism industry as a major economic driver. The tourism sector of the community economic survivability is largely dependent on the responsible use of an ever vulnerable reliable water supply.

Specific outreach activities have centered around the discussions at City Council meeting forums and discussions, local housing community events and at forums for residents and staff to discuss water concerns such as at the County Fair.

The community is well aware of the vulnerability of the city only having but a single source of drinking water through the Elwha River and our need to continually protect that precious resource especially in these times of post Elwha River Dam Removal. Additional reminders of the importance to protect the Elwha River watershed flows and the precarious conditions present with a single source of life sustaining water on our residents especially given the annual water conservation emergency directives that they receive when the flows of the Elwha River reach perilous levels during mid to late summer into the fall months of the year.

➤ ***Criteria Two: Ecological Values***

Ecological values are the water, minerals, biota, and other factors that make up natural ecosystems and support native life forms. Examples of high ecological values include but are not limited to the following:

- Habitat for fish and wildlife species, including federal or state endangered, threatened, or sensitive species; and/or wide-ranging migratory species, especially winter range for these species.
- Opportunities to create larger blocks of high-quality habitat.

- Federal or state endangered, threatened, or sensitive plant species.
- Forests that meet the definition of old growth in DNR's *Policy for Sustainable Forests*.
- Other ecological traits that make this parcel significant on a global, regional, state, ecosystem, or watershed level.

Describe the specific ecological values of the proposed transfer. Include the ecological and biological quality of wildlife habitat and the habitat's role in supporting these species. If discussing endangered, threatened, or sensitive plant species, do not provide specific location information.

Forested parcels in the Elwha Watershed offer very high quality habitat due to the mix of forest age classes and forest types found within it, in particular the structurally complex older forest, with large diameter Douglas -fir and western red cedar trees. This whole area occurs within the rainshadow of the Olympic Mountains, resulting in unique forests which have adapted to the relatively dry climate conditions and occur only in this limited geographic area. The parcels offer high quality habitat for a broad mix of species, from amphibians to passerine birds. Importantly, these forests are contiguous with documented habitat for the endangered marbled murrelet. The forests in the Elwha Watershed, and especially these parcels adjacent to the Elwha River, play an important part in restoration of the watershed where over \$360 million dollars has been spent to restore native fish populations including federally listed Bull Trout and Chinook. Intact forest structure is an essential component of a hydrologic cycle beneficial to fish retain and cool surface water, reduce sediment delivery to the Elwha and guard against low flows in the summer.

Older forests such as those included in these parcels provide the additional important ecological benefit of storing and sequestering atmospheric carbon. Maintaining intact forests as well as reducing road construction associated with logging prevents the carbon loss to the atmosphere from the logging, and maintains the impressive carbon capturing power older forests provide.

Lastly, these forests enhance the climate resilience to climate stressors, and reducing the risks of blowdown, wildlife, landslides and flooding.

Describe the proximity of this parcel to other conserved areas (public, private, or tribal). Will this transfer create larger blocks of quality habitat?

These parcels are adjacent to the Elwha Project Lands, areas conserved as part of the Elwha dam removal project. They link to the Olympic National Park, thus increasing the connectivity between less disturbed forest tracts south to north along the Elwha and creating and enhancing blocks of larger quality habitat used by many species including elk, deer, cougars and bears.

These parcels are in close proximity to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Creation site a location that is highly important to the Tribe's culture and history.

Describe the stewardship or management practices of the receiving agency to perpetuate the ecological values of the parcel. For example, does the agency have the ability to manage, monitor, and protect these values once the parcel is transferred? How would the parcel fit within long-term management plans?

The City of Port Angeles is a full-service city providing residents with a staff who routinely professionally practice in the areas of land management stewardship, Civil and Environmental Engineering and one with a fully staffed fulltime employee Fire Department. The City is well positioned to protect the ecological values of this parcel as a protective armor watershed especially given that it is a key sustainability component for the viability of our community. Protection of the Elwha River watershed is a major component of our Water Management Plan and is embraced in the mission and values expressed in our Climate Resiliency Plan. Management of this parcel is in the long term interest of the city and as such will be an important component of our long-term management plan.

➤ **Criteria Three: Economic Values**

This criterion addresses the potential positive or negative economic impact of the proposed transfer on local economic industries and the extent of those impacts. Examples of economic industries include but are not limited to the following:

- Local recreation
- Local tourism
- Forest products
- Non-forest products
- Local public services
- Shellfish
- Agriculture

In your answer, do not address the impacts to local industries of ceasing DNR’s trust management activities on the parcel, now or in the future. Examples of these activities include timber harvest or leases for agriculture, grazing, or other uses. If a parcel is being nominated for this program, chances are that few, if any, of these activities are occurring on the parcel now, and the potential for these activities occurring in the future is low. DNR assesses this potential in detail when it conducts the “best interests of the trusts” analysis.

Instead, address the potential economic implications (positive or negative) of the parcel becoming a park, open space, nature preserve, or similar designation. For example, will the transfer:

- Attract more visitors to the area, who will spend money with local businesses?
- Provide additional protection of water resources, which will protect a local fish or shellfish industry?
- Affect agriculture, timber harvest, grazing, or other revenue-generating activities currently occurring on adjacent or nearby private properties?

- Affect future development plans for the local area?
- Affect the delivery of public services, such as a water pipeline, transmission line, or other infrastructure?

Describe the positive economic values of this transfer.

The City of Port Angeles has 13 large employers that produce in excess of 100 jobs each. All of these employers rely heavily on a consistent and dependable water supply. For most, their business model would not succeed without potable and industrial water. Therefore our jobs and local businesses that depend on the Elwha water supply are critical to maintaining our limited economic base. Port Angeles is also the economic center of the Olympic Peninsula with well over 400 businesses that rely on adequate fire flow via City services and the Elwha River. By protecting all of the subject parcels and ultimately the watershed the jobs of hundreds of businesses will be retained. Port Angeles sees over 3 million tourists annually and our tourism sector is a major driver in the local economy. The subject parcels host critical segments of the Olympic Discover Trail Adventure system which host numerous events annually. These events generate overnight stays and service industry activity that sustains the area economy. Protecting these properties helps maintain the environmental quality that enables the Olympic Peninsula to be a tourist destination. For visitors and locals the parcels maintain accessible cover of salal, ferns, mosses and berries harvested for sale for flower arrangement and holiday decorations. The parcels identified have limited economic viability from irregular timber harvest due to encumbrances and the need to protect their many unique environmental characteristics.

Describe the negative economic values of this transfer, and any potential strategies for mitigating those impacts.

There may be some short-term timber revenue loss to junior taxing districts and temporary or short-term loss of jobs. Strategies for the transfer will include working with local taxing districts and state legislators to mitigate impacts until replaced timber lands are acquired.

➤ Criteria Four: Public Benefits

A public benefit is something that has a positive effect on the general public or one or more groups of people. Examples of public benefits include but are not limited to the following:

- Park, open space, nature preserve, or similar designation
- Opportunities for resource-based recreation that are scarce or unavailable in the local area
- ADA-accessible recreation opportunities
- Distinctive scenic or aesthetic features
- Documented archeological, non-tribal cultural, or historically significant sites (Indicate if these features are present but do not describe them or indicate where on the parcel they are located)
- Scientific research opportunities and outdoor education opportunities

Describe the current public benefits provided by the parcel. Including any existing recreational uses.

The public benefits provided by these parcels include recreational and ecosystem services.

Access to conserved lands, trails, and parks is crucial to quality of life. Research shows that conservation and open spaces promote our well-being and improves both both physical and mental health. Recreational use of this parcel includes birding, hiking, walking, trail running, mountain biking, gravel biking, climbing, horseback riding, trail and trials motorcycle use. These activities occur not only on or near the Olympic Adventure Route, but also through networks of informal trails spread throughout the parcels.

We do not have any adequate mechanism to economically calculate the many and valuable public benefits provided by the ecosystem services these parcels provide. Mature forest canopy and associated soils improve water quality by capturing precipitation, filtering surface pollutants, and slowing runoff, therefore keeping surface water cool and maintaining in-stream summer flows. Further, forests remove air pollutants that endanger human health and damage structures.

These mature forests provide the public benefit of mitigating the effects of climate change.

Public benefit related to City of Port Angeles water supply.

Describe the public benefits that would result from the transfer. For example, transferring this parcel could expand existing public recreational access to the parcel, or provide new access.

The main public benefit is to further bolster the security of the City and County water supply. Short-term job loss associated with a decrease in logging activities in the transferred parcels, is mitigated by the local economic benefits of a more secure water supply, enhanced recreation and tourism, and increased job opportunities in ecological forest management. The transfer also will further opportunities that promote non-timber forest practices such as: harvesting berries, salal etc. The City would further highlight the high value of ecosystem services already identified in the DNR report entitled Trust Lands Performance Assessment Project: Charting a Course for the Future

(https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/em_tpa_lege_report_complete.pdf). This report illustrates an annual value of ecosystem services in the amount of \$990 million and the social cost of carbon of forested areas as \$16.56 billion.

Identify the communities that would be served by the parcel, including any overburdened community, underserved population, or vulnerable population that might receive direct public benefits from this transfer.

The City of Port Angeles, Clallam County residents will be directly served by the protection of these parcels. The City transmits water to the Clallam Public Utility District beyond City boundaries serving over 30% of the County's population. Dry Creek Water and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe also rely heavily on the Elwha River for water. Port Angeles has long been an economically disadvantaged community with income levels far below the State average. Our local underserved populations will continue to benefit from the non-forest timber products accessible throughout these parcels.

Describe how the proximity of the proposed transfer to these communities may increase the benefits you describe.

Local access to recreational opportunities and non-forest timber products will be retained. The proximity to Port Angeles and other underserved communities enables easy access for local needs.

Cite any publicly reviewed or adopted plans that support the need for the public benefits identified. Provide a link to these plans if available.

<https://www.cityofpa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5994/Water-System-Plan-2018?bidId=> Water System Management Plan

<https://www.cityofpa.us/DocumentCenter/View/11771/2022-Climate-Resiliency-Plan---Final>
Climate Resiliency Plan

<https://www.cityofpa.us/937/Comprehensive-Plan>

Part D: Receiving Agency

How will the receiving agency manage this parcel? Will the parcel be managed as a park, open space, nature preserve, or similar designation? Include information on how you will preserve the parcel's ecological values and public benefits. If the parcel is forested, describe plans (if any) to maintain or improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk.

The City of Port Angeles will manage these parcels as open space. Recreational access will be maintained. Where needed to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk, the City may elect to develop forest management plans under which ecological forest methods including selective forest thinning might be applied.

Is there a comprehensive or landscape management plan that would apply to this parcel once it is transferred? If yes, include a hyperlink to the plan, if available.

See plans mentioned above most specifically the Water Systems Management Plan and Climate Resiliency Plans. Additional plans will be developed as necessary upon transfer.

<https://www.cityofpa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5994/Water-System-Plan-2018?bidId=> Water System Management Plan

<https://www.cityofpa.us/DocumentCenter/View/11771/2022-Climate-Resiliency-Plan---Final>
Climate Resiliency Plan

Has the acquisition of this parcel been identified in planning documents as a priority? If yes, briefly explain why.

The acquisitions of these specific parcels have not been called out in planning documents, however, the motives for the transfer are incorporated throughout City policy documents with the message being protect the City's water supply. As noted in prior responses multiple Council actions have also recently been taken which effectively act as City policy. Most notable is the City Council action at the September 19th meeting where Council considered and approved the TLT approach and authorized the submission of the application.

How will the receiving agency fund the management of this parcel?

The City of Port Angeles works with numerous non-profit partners that assist with maintaining public properties and facilities. The City also has over 250 employees. Protection of the Elwha River watershed is a key component of our Water Management Plan and is embraced in the mission and values expressed in our Climate Resiliency Plan. Management of this parcel is in the long term interest of the city and as such will be an important component of our long-term management plan.

Part E: Summary Statement

In 300 words or fewer, summarize why you think this parcel is a good candidate for the TLT program.

The parcels identified are critical contributors to the Elwha River water supply and therefore impact a large portion of the Clallam County water supply for residents and businesses alike. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) standard practices for these properties lack the protection necessary to ensure the timberlands within these parcels protect critical watershed infiltration. Even with DNR standard practices timber harvest should not occur on slopes equal to or greater than 35%. Calculations for slopes equal to or greater than 35% within the proposed TLT area is 1,498 acres. The forests within these parcels act as an infiltration bank that maintain healthy flows of tributaries and groundwater into the Elwha River. A transfer to the City will ensure the the protection of the watershed is at the forefront of parcel planning and management.

Part F: Signatures

➤ *Applicant*

The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Nathan A. West

09/29/2023

Signature

Date

City Manager

City of Port Angeles

Job Title (if any)

Professional affiliation (if any)

➤ *Receiving Agency**

*If the receiving agency is acting as the applicant, check this box and leave rest of this section blank.

I have reviewed this application and the information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Job Title

Professional affiliation (if any)

Part G: Glossary

Old-growth forest: Per DNR's *Policy for Sustainable Forests*, forest stands of at least 5 acres that are in the most structurally complex stage of stand development, sometimes referred to as the fully functional stage of stand development, with a natural origin date prior to 1850, generally considered the start of European settlement in the Pacific Northwest. Examples of structural complexity include multiple canopy layers, snags, gaps in the forest canopy, and fallen trees on the forest floor.

Overburdened community: A geographic area where vulnerable populations face combined, multiple environmental harms and health impacts, and includes, but is not limited to, highly impacted communities as defined in RCW 19.405.020 (ESSSB 5141 Sec. 2 (11)). "Highly impacted community" means a community designated by the department of health based on cumulative impact analyses in RCW 19.405.140 or a community located in census tracts that are fully or partially in "Indian country" as defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1151.

Resource-based outdoor recreation: Outdoor recreation that is dependent on a particular element or combination of elements in the natural and cultural environments that cannot be easily duplicated by humans. Examples include but are not limited to trail use, camping, boating, swimming, picnicking, and nature study.

Underserved populations: Populations who face barriers in accessing victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location or religion, underserved racial or ethnic populations, populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age) and any other population determined to be underserved by the Attorney General or the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as appropriate (34 USC § 12291(a)(39)).

Vulnerable populations: Population groups that are more likely to be at higher risk for poor health outcomes in response to environmental harms (ESSSB 5141 Sec. 2 (14)). "Vulnerable populations" includes, but is not limited to: (i) Racial or ethnic minorities; 11 (ii) Low-income populations; 12 13 (iii) Populations disproportionately impacted by environmental harms; and 14 15 (iv) Populations of workers experiencing environmental harms.

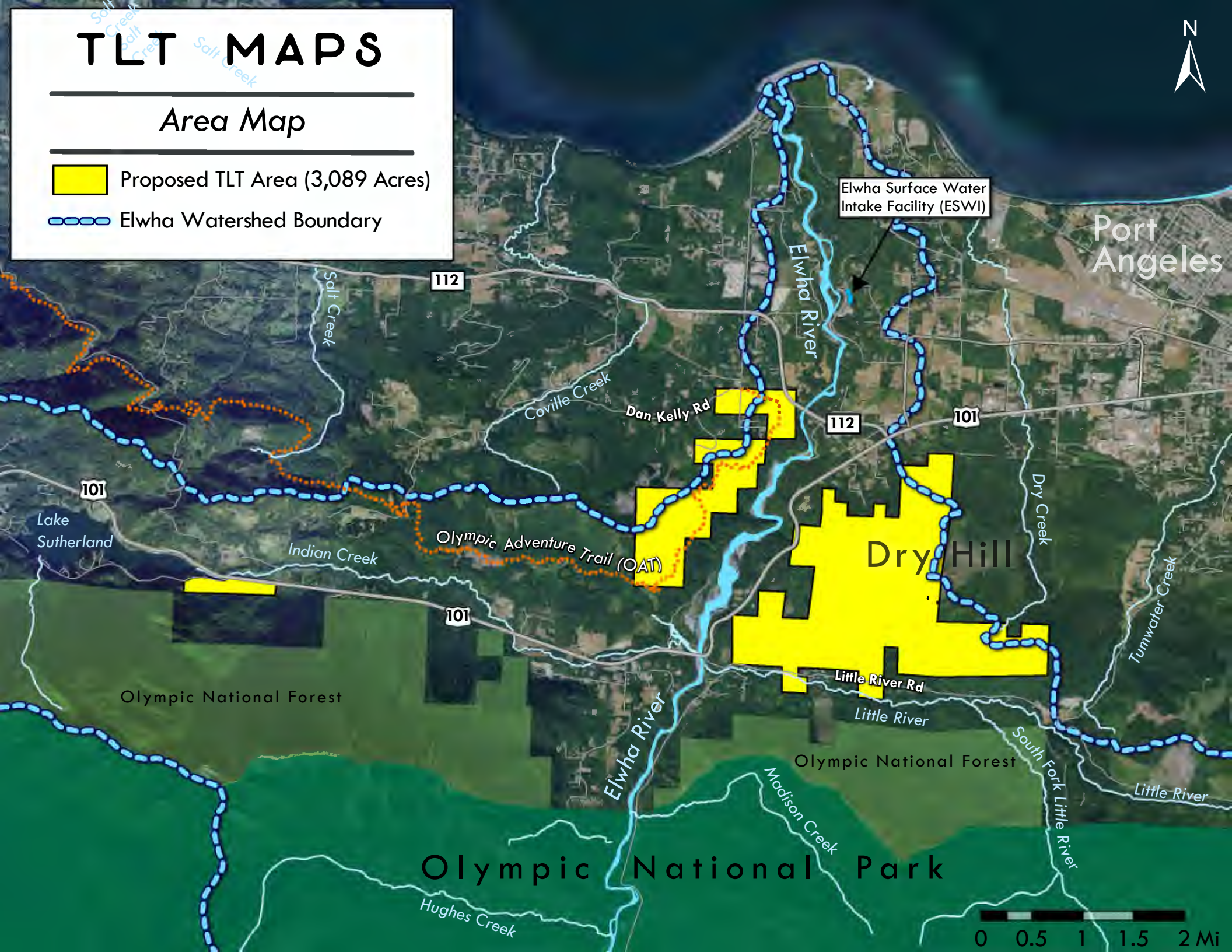
Attachment A

Name	DNR Parcel Sys	DNR Parcel Acres	Section	Zoning	Trust
Parched	5621	31	T30 R6W s23	RCC3 and/or RCC5	State Board Transfer
Parched	5622	21	T30 R6W s23	RCC3 and/or RCC5	State Board Transfer
Parched	5624	44	T30 R6W s23	RCC3 and/or RCC5	Common Schools and Indemnity
Parched	16442	42	T30 R6W s23	RCC3 and/or RCC5	Common Schools and Indemnity
Parched	5620	279	T30 R6W s23	RCC3 and/or RCC5	State Board Transfer
Parched	5623	21	T30 R6W s23	RCC3 and/or RCC5	State Board Transfer
Parched	16441	227	T30 R6W s23	RCC3 and/or RCC5	Common Schools and Indemnity
Parched Total		665			
Elwha West	5594	40	T30 N R7W s9	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha West	5600	45	T30 N R7W s10	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha West	5595	86	T30 N R7W s10	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha West	5602	181	T30 N R7W s16	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha West	5603	5	T30 N R7W s16	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha West	5601	72	T30 N R7W s15	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha West	5605	80	T30 N R7W s16	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha West	5615	194	T30 N R7W s21	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha West	11643	78	T30 N R7W s21	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha West		781			
Elwha East	5597	189	T30 N R7W s14	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	5598	10	T30 N R7W s14	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	5599	31	T30 N R7W s15	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	5617	42	T30 N R7W s22	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	5618	105	T30 N R7W s22	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	5619	15	T30 N R7W s22	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	5626	252	T30 N R7W s25	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	5629	346	T30 N R7W s29	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	5627	42	T30 N R7W s26	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	116393	41	T30 N R7W s26	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	116427	26	T30 N R7W s22	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	116428	4	T30 N R7W s22	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	116429	78	T30 N R7W s22	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	116434	277	T30 N R7W s26	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East	116435	106	T30 N R7W s25	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Elwha East Total		1564			
Indian Creek	5669	37	T30 N R8W s22	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Indian Creek	5671	42	T30 N R8W s23	RCC3 and/or RCC5	
Indian Creek Total		79			
Elwha Watershed Protection Project Acreage Total		3089			

TLT MAPS

Area Map

-  Proposed TLT Area (3,089 Acres)
-  Elwha Watershed Boundary



Port Angeles

Elwha Surface Water Intake Facility (ESWI)





Dry Hill

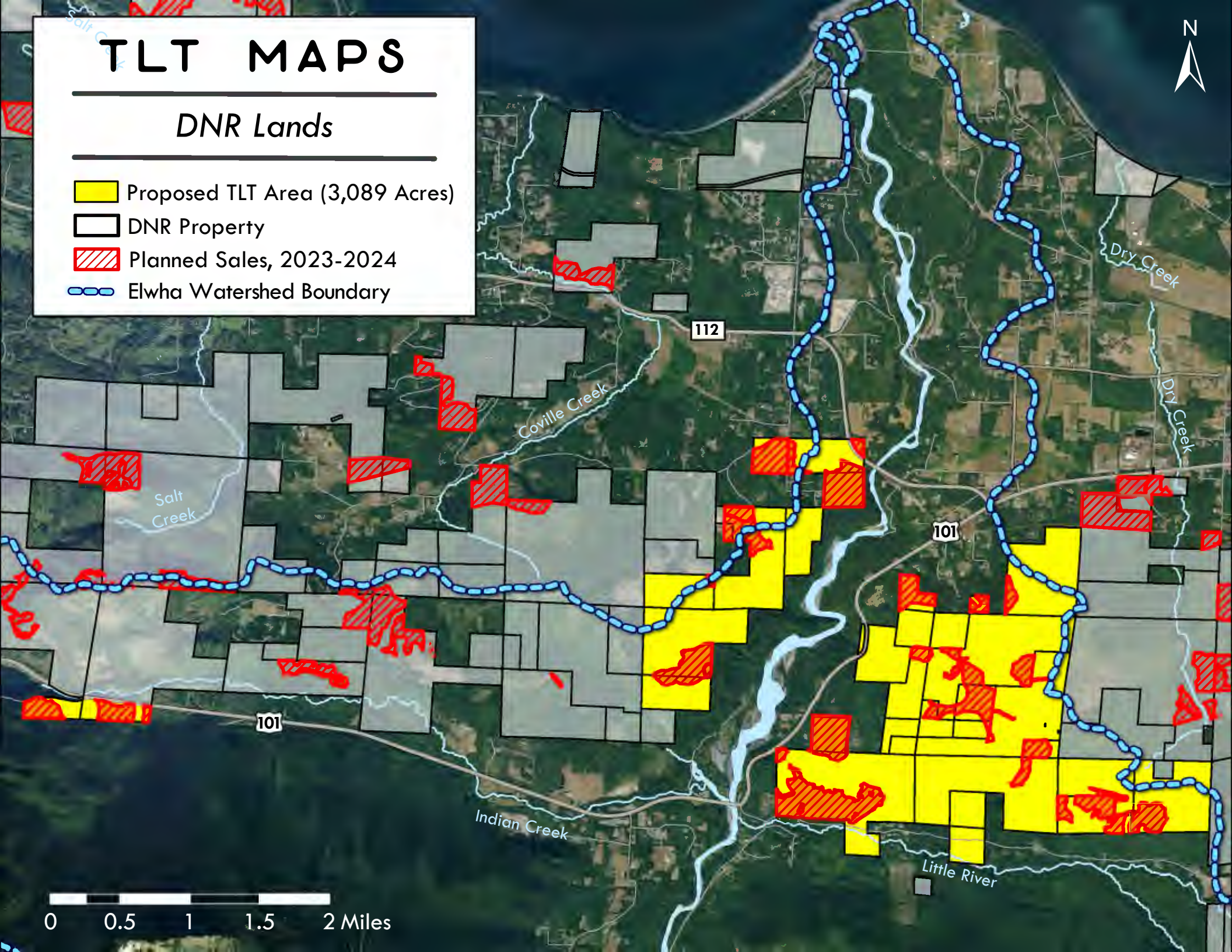
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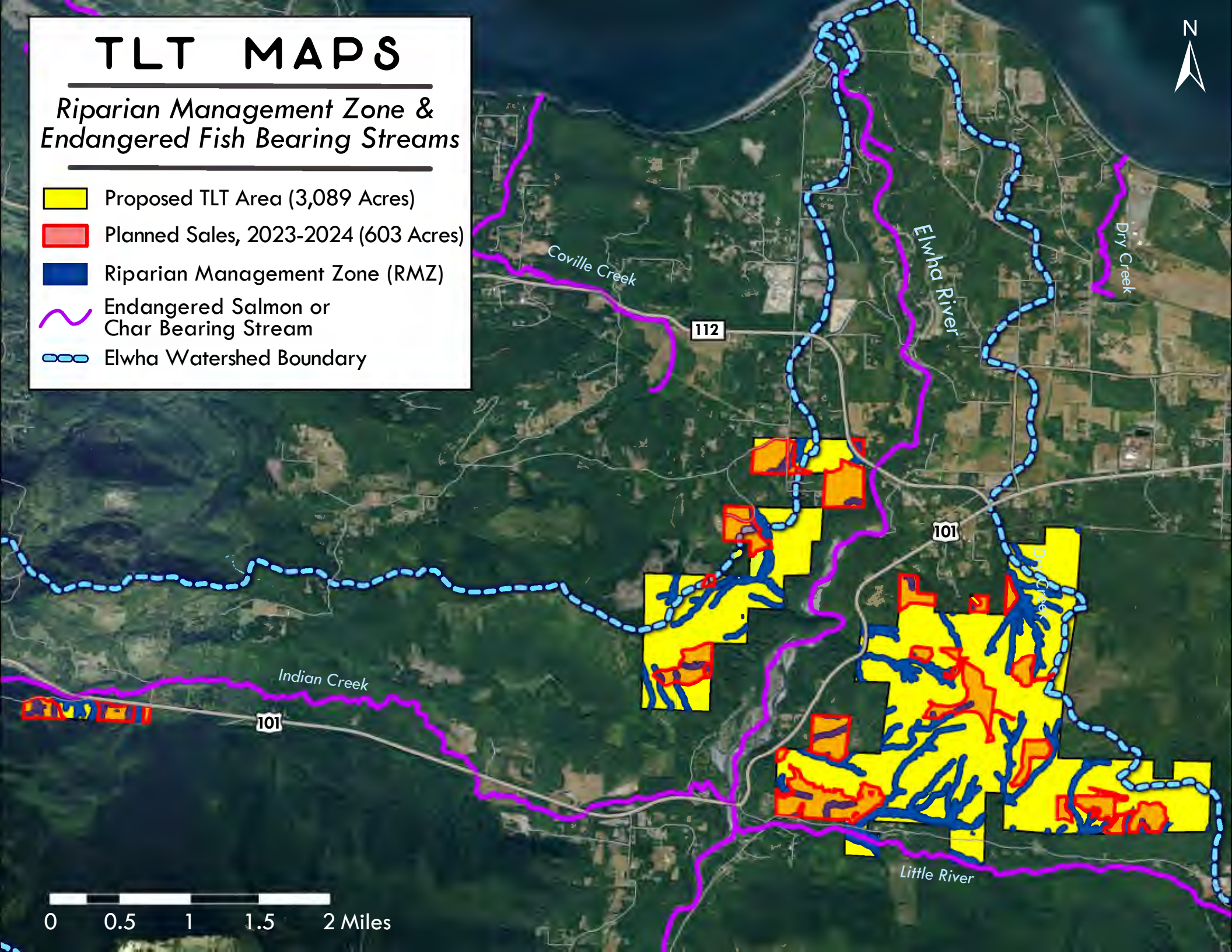
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-  DNR Property
-  Planned Sales, 2023-2024
-  Elwha Watershed Boundary



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Riparian Management Zone & Endangered Fish Bearing Streams

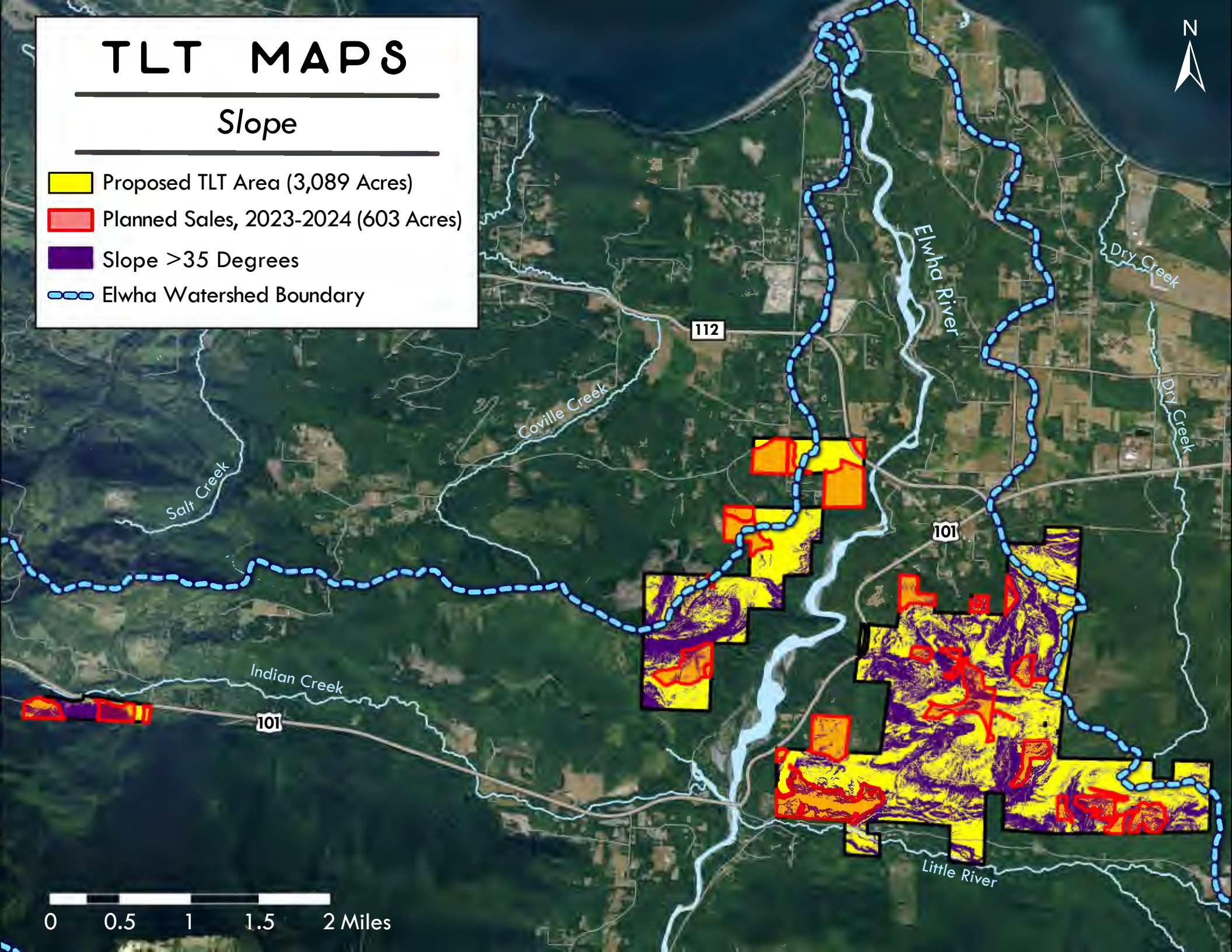
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-  Endangered Salmon or Char Bearing Stream
-  Elwha Watershed Boundary



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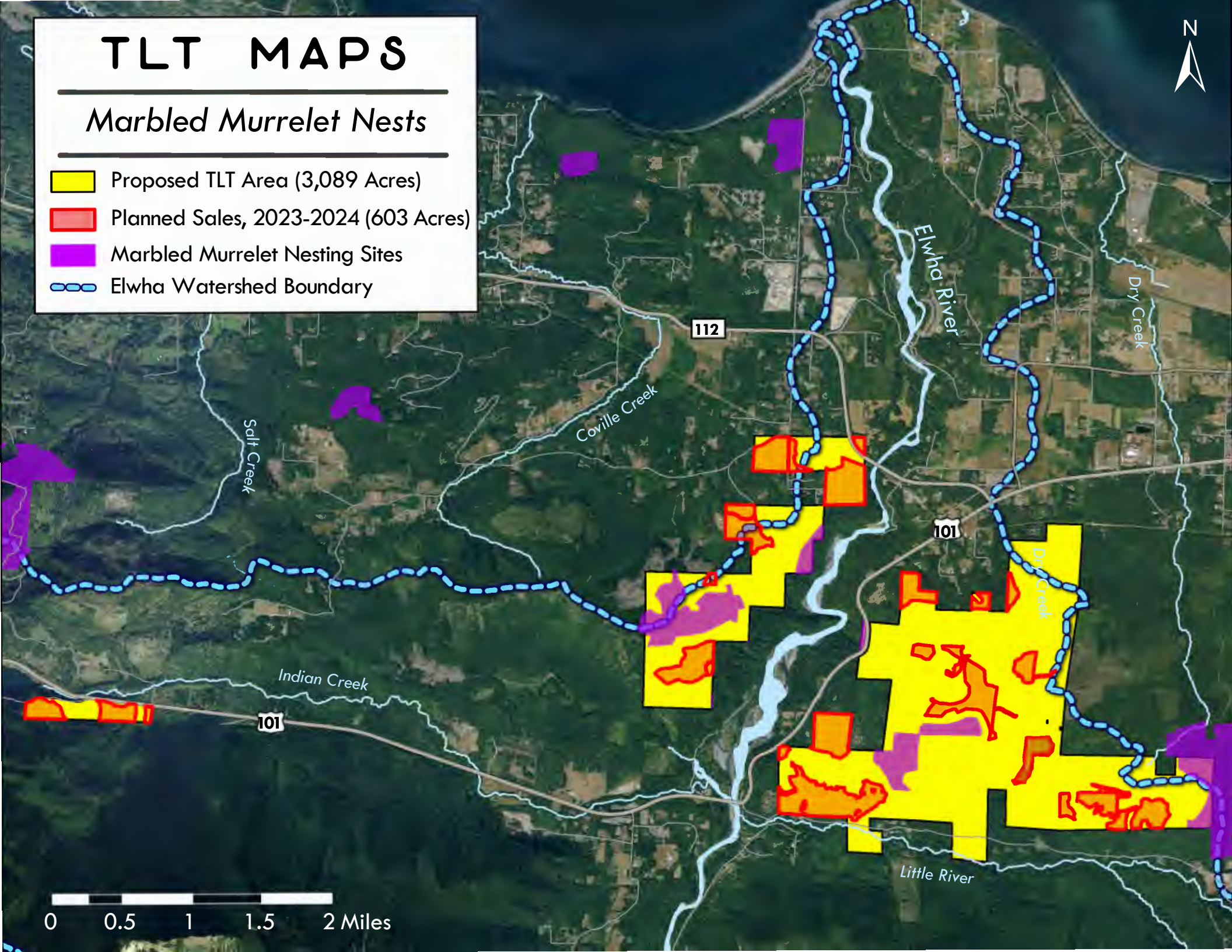
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- Elwha Watershed Boundary



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Marbled Murrelet Nests

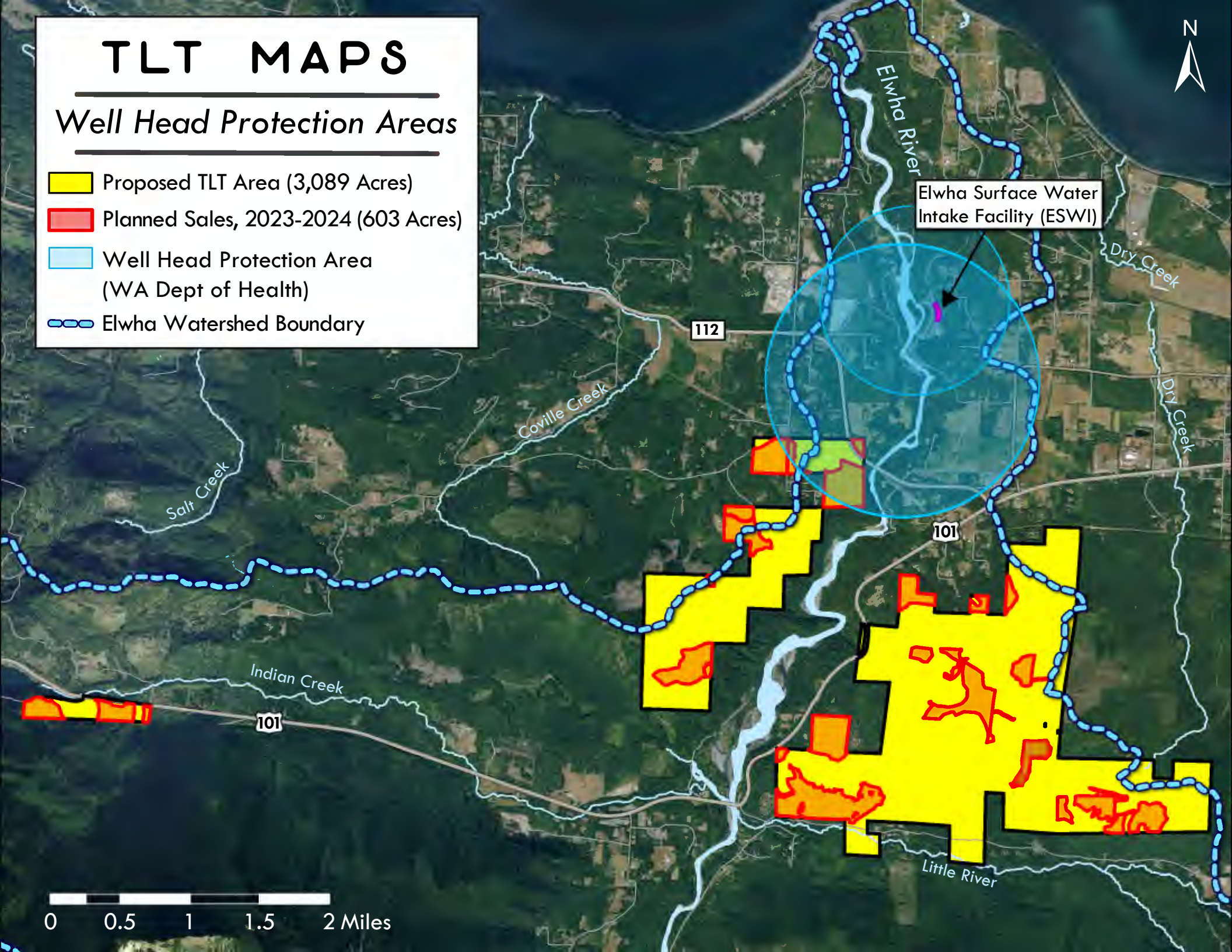
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-  Marbled Murrelet Nesting Sites
-  Elwha Watershed Boundary



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Well Head Protection Areas

- Proposed TLT Area (3,089 Acres)
- Planned Sales, 2023-2024 (603 Acres)
- Well Head Protection Area (WA Dept of Health)
- Elwha Watershed Boundary





PORT ANGELES
WASHINGTON, U.S.A.

321 East Fifth Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

September 29, 2023

Robin Hammill
TLT Program Manager
MS 47014
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Letter of Intent - Nomination of a Parcel of State Trust Lands for the Trust Land Transfer (TLT) Program

Dear Robin Hammill,

The City of Port Angeles hereby presents the Trust Lands Transfer Program Application for the Elwha Watershed Protection Project. As required by the application, the intent of this letter is to verify the City Council of the City of Port Angeles through Council action taken on September 19, 2023, directed the City Manager to submit a Trust Land Transfer application to DNR no later than September 30, 2023 to protect the forest within the Elwha Watershed. Additionally, Council's motion stated the City should also continue to pursue options for Department of Natural Resources to use these properties for but not limited to carbon sequestration, other legislative fixes that address watershed protection, additional ownership options and potential property management solutions. Furthermore, this letter is intended to communicate that I, City Manager Nathan West, is authorized as the individual with the authority to accept the transferred parcel on behalf of the City.

The City will continue to oppose the State logging in the Elwha River Watershed, until such time that we can proactively and collectively discuss a long-term plan for harvests that protects the river and our community's water supply. As we have shared previously, the Elwha River is the water source which serves our entire community and over 25% of the county-wide drinking water.

We believe this issue is relevant to all citizens within the city and county as our residents and employers rely heavily on an ongoing and adequate water supply. Thank you in advance for your review and consideration of this important application.

Sincerely,

Nathan A. West
City Manager
City of Port Angeles



Legislative Building

Washington State Legislature

Olympia, WA 98504-0600

September 26, 2023

Robin Hammill
Department of Natural Resources
Trust Land Transfer Program Manager

Re: City of Port Angeles' TLT Application – Elwha River Watershed

Dear Ms. Hammill:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Port Angeles' nomination of parcels within the Elwha River Watershed for the trust land transfer program in the 2025-27 biennium.

The City of Port Angeles is an underserved rural community that relies on the Elwha River as its sole source of drinking and industrial water. Port Angeles City management and Council has expressed valid concerns that logging in the Elwha Watershed compromises efforts to restore endangered salmon habitat; threatens other endangered and recovering species; destroys essential carbon sinks; and threatens the City's sole drinking water source.

The iconic Elwha River is important to all Washingtonians and remains the largest completed dam removal project in U.S. history. The federal government spent \$327 million in Elwha River restoration post-dam removal. Transferring these forests out of the trust so that they are no longer subject to industrial logging compliments the larger scale restoration efforts and is an essential step toward restoring the ecosystem, preserving cultural areas of importance, protecting designated marbled murrelet areas, and securing vital sole source water supply for over 30,000 people. It also presents a significant economic opportunity to secure better suited timber for harvest away from environmentally sensitive areas found in the Elwha Watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M.C. Chapman".

Representative Mike Chapman
24th Legislative District

Protect Forests in the Elwha Watershed



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Submitted by:

Ellen Menshew, Executive Board LD24 and Brian Grad, Resolutions Committee, Clallam County Democrats
Reviewed and approved by Resolutions Committee of the 24th LD Democrats, August 29, 2023
Adopted by the Members on September 13, 2023.

Bruce Cowan, Chair, mrbrucecowan@gmail.com 360-774-6678

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***Adopted by the Membership of the Clallam County Democrats
September 9, 2023***