

# Southern Selkirk Mountains Population of Woodland Caribou – Listing History

- The Southern Selkirk Mountains woodland caribou was emergency listed as endangered in 1983; the final listing as endangered was in 1984
- Critical Habitat was not designated at the time of listing (not prudent)
- This population occurs in the Selkirk Mountains of northern Idaho, northeastern Washington and British Columbia
- A 5-year review was completed December 5, 2008; listing status remains as endangered

# Listing History Continued

- A Management Plan/Recovery Plan was approved by the Service in 1985 and revised in 1994
- Both Recovery Plan(s) were developed in cooperation with:
  - Idaho Department of Lands
  - Idaho Department of Fish and Game
  - Washington Department of Fish Game
  - University of Idaho
  - Washington State University
  - U.S. Forest Service
  - British Columbia Ministry of Environment

## Endangered Species Act – Critical Habitat

- Section 4(a)(3) of the Act requires designation of critical habitat be completed *at the time the species is listed*
- Designation of critical habitat was determined to be not prudent for the southern Selkirk Mountains woodland caribou at the time of listing (1984) due to concerns of poaching
- A final rule designating critical habitat will be delivered to the Federal Register by November 12, 2012

# Critical Habitat Does:

- Identify geographic areas that contain features essential for the conservation of the listed species
- Receive protection under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act by requiring federal agencies to consult with the Service
- Apply ONLY to activities that have a “federal nexus”
  - Federal nexus: funding, authorizing, permitted activity

# Critical Habitat Does Not:

- Affect land ownership
- Establish a refuge, park, wilderness, reserve, or other conservation area
- Allow government or public access to non-federal lands

# Public Comment on Proposal

- Proposed designation of critical habitat is currently open for comment – **closes January 30, 2012**
- Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Economic Analysis will publish within the next few months with a 30-day comment period
- With publication of the NOA, **the comment period will reopen on the proposed designation of critical habitat for an additional 30-days**

# Where to submit comments

## Electronically:

<http://www.regulations.gov>

Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2011-0096

## By mail:

Public Comments Processing

Attn: FWS-R1-ES-2011-0096

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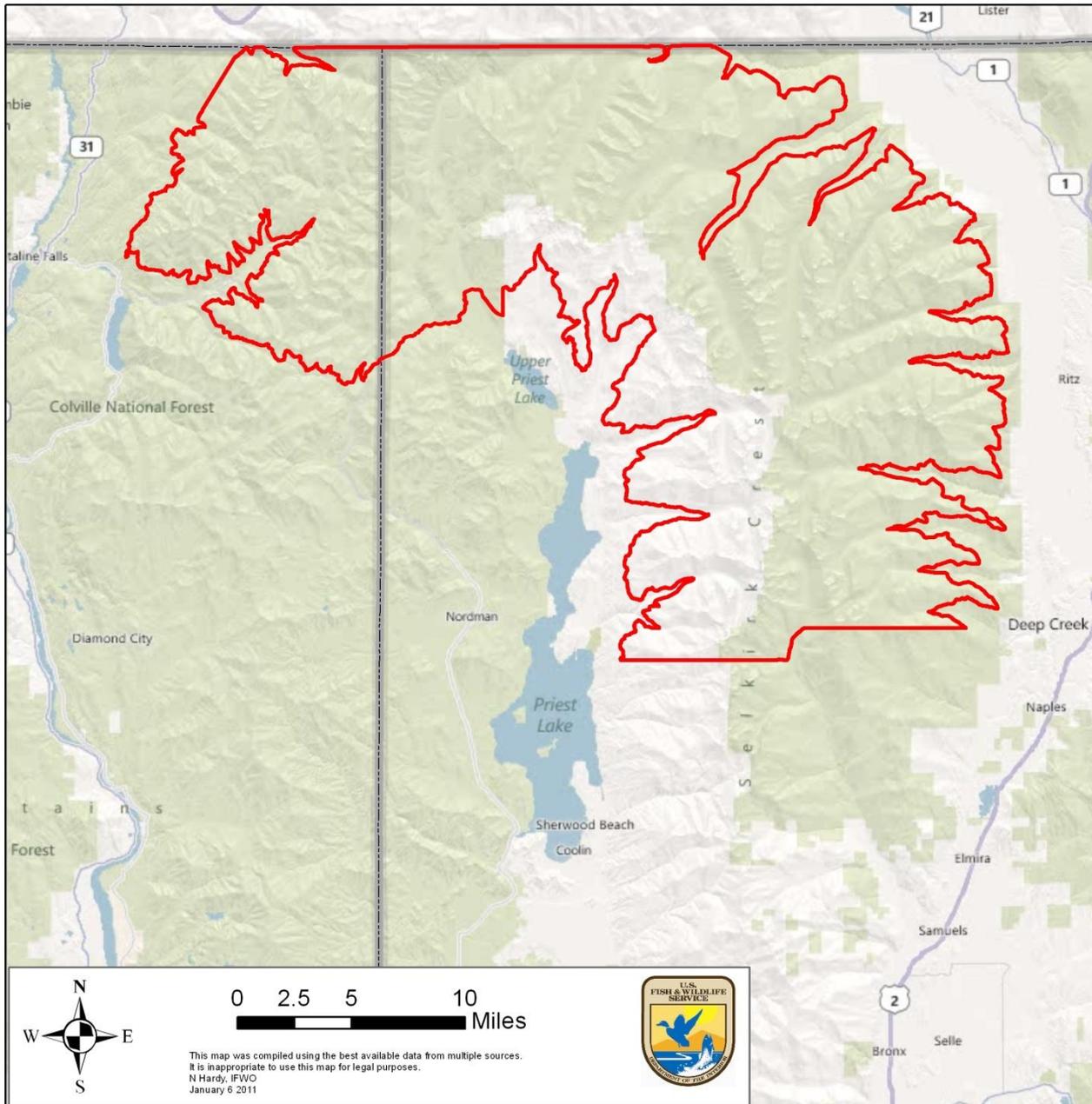
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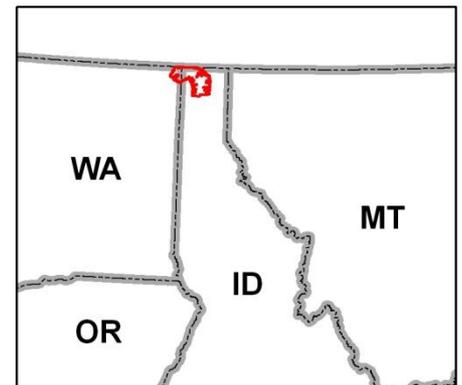
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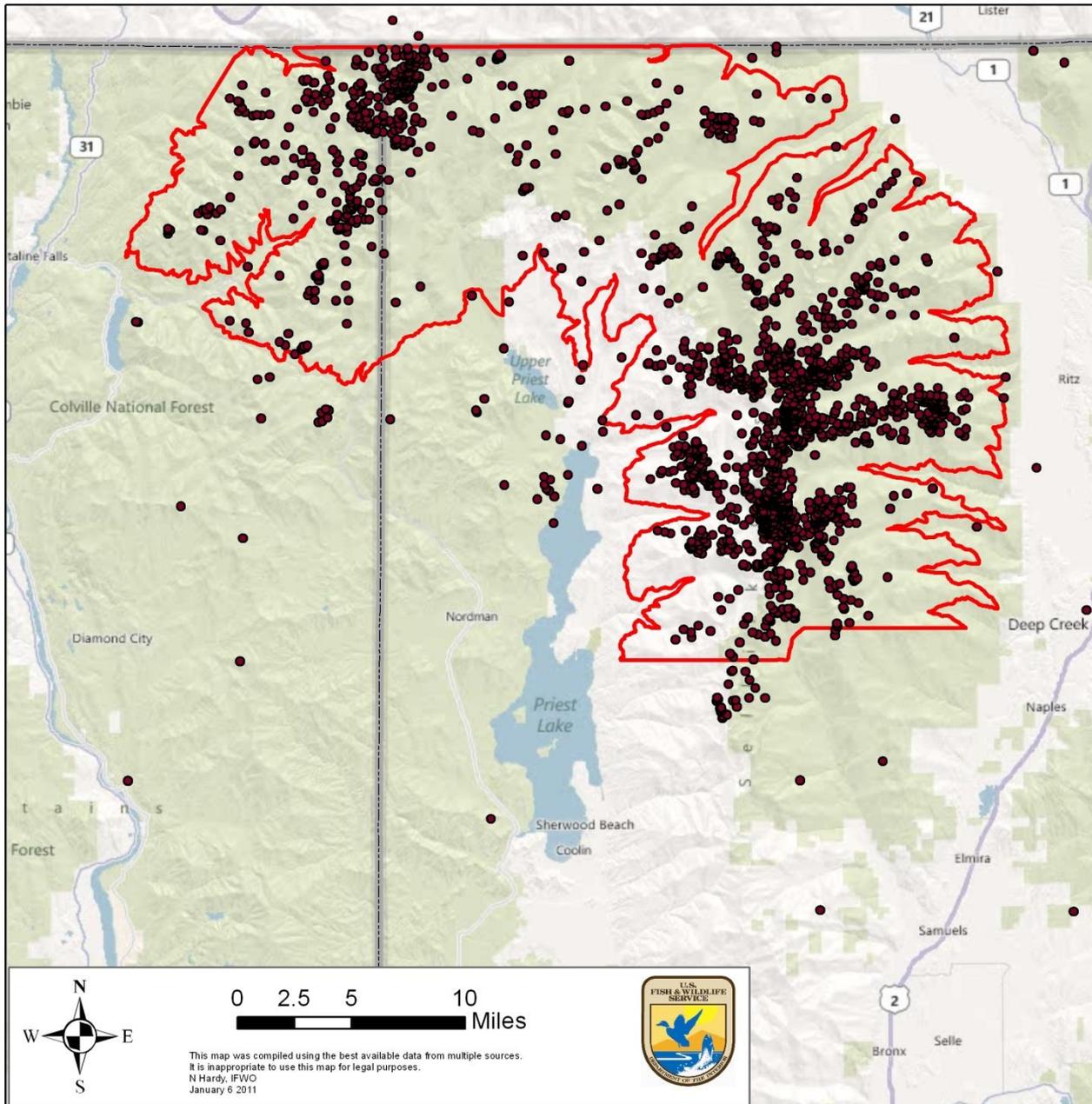


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 Caribou pCH

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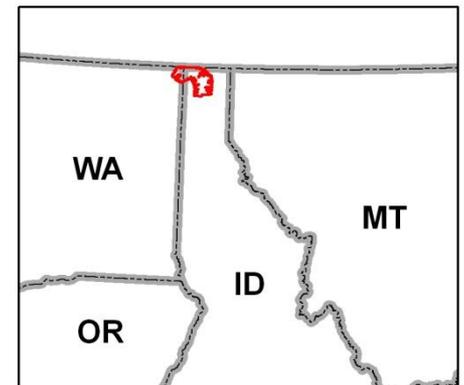




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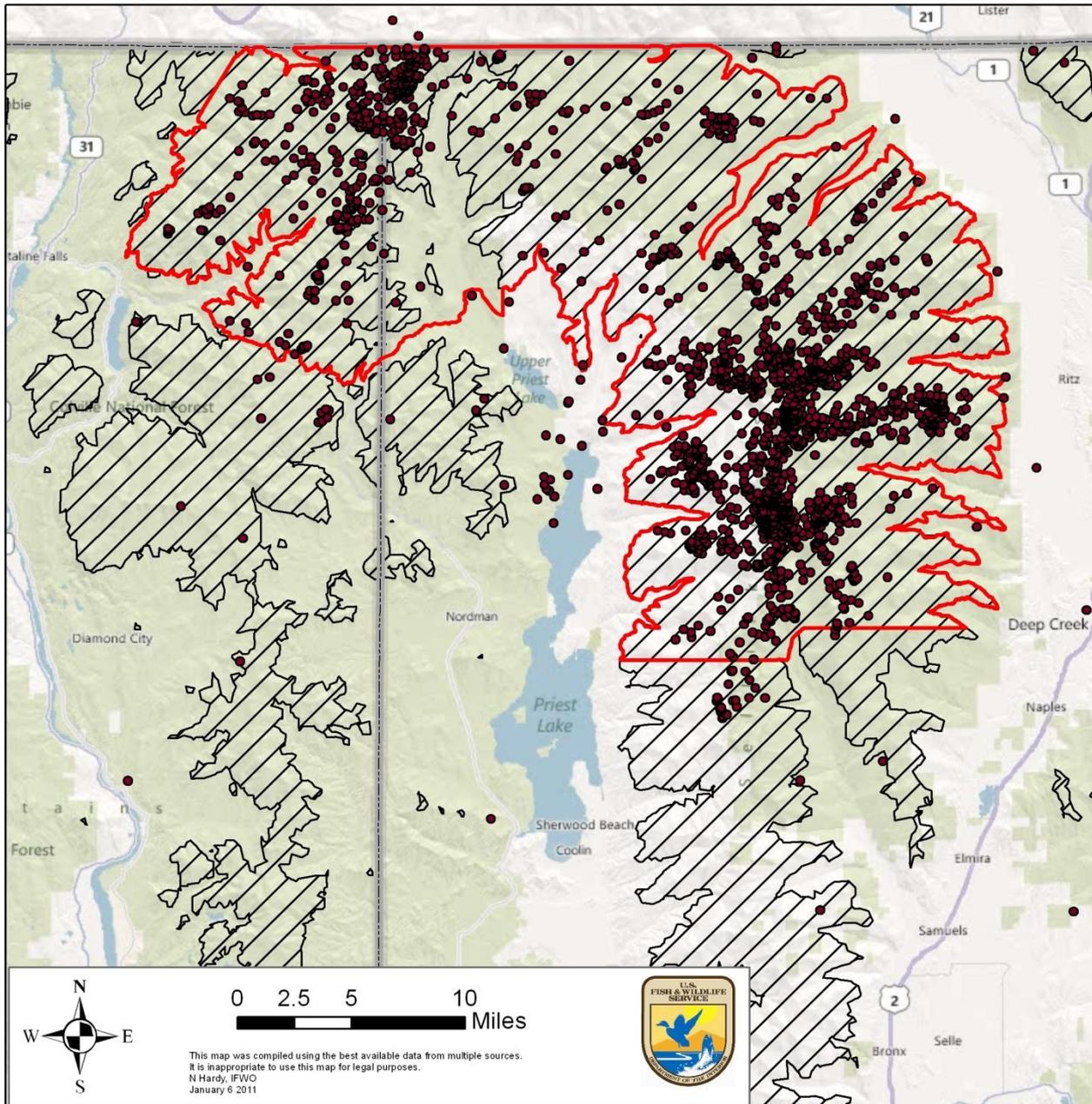
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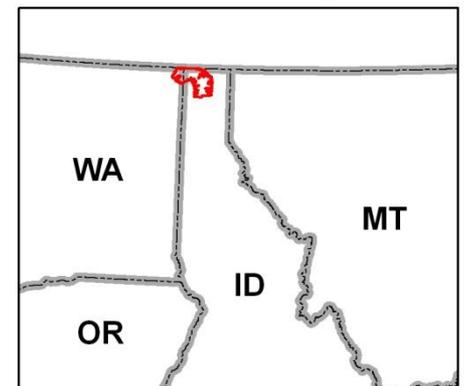


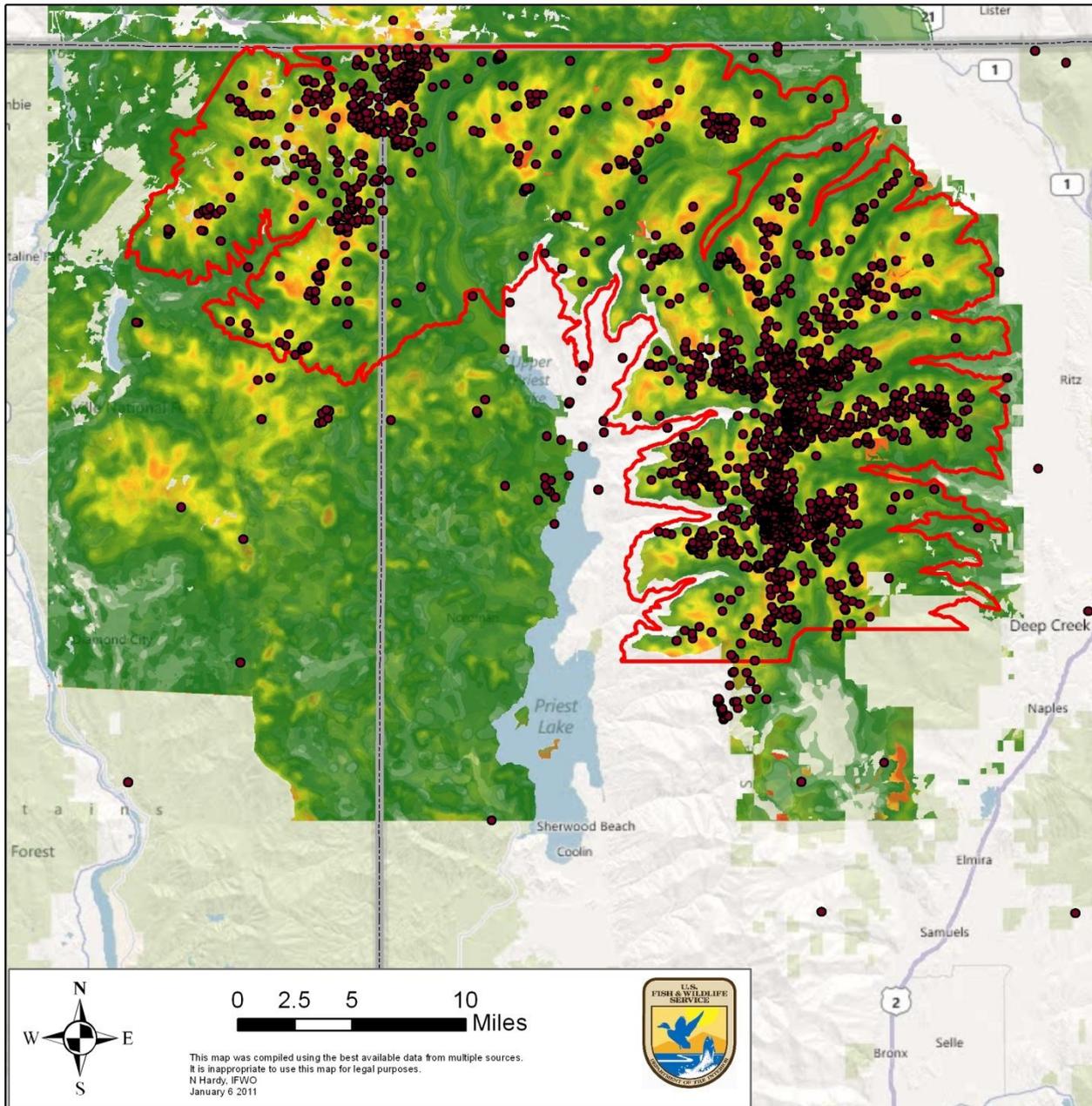


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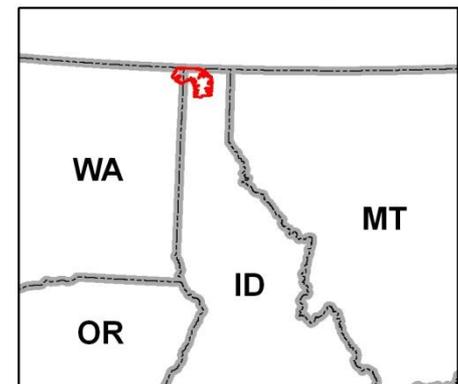
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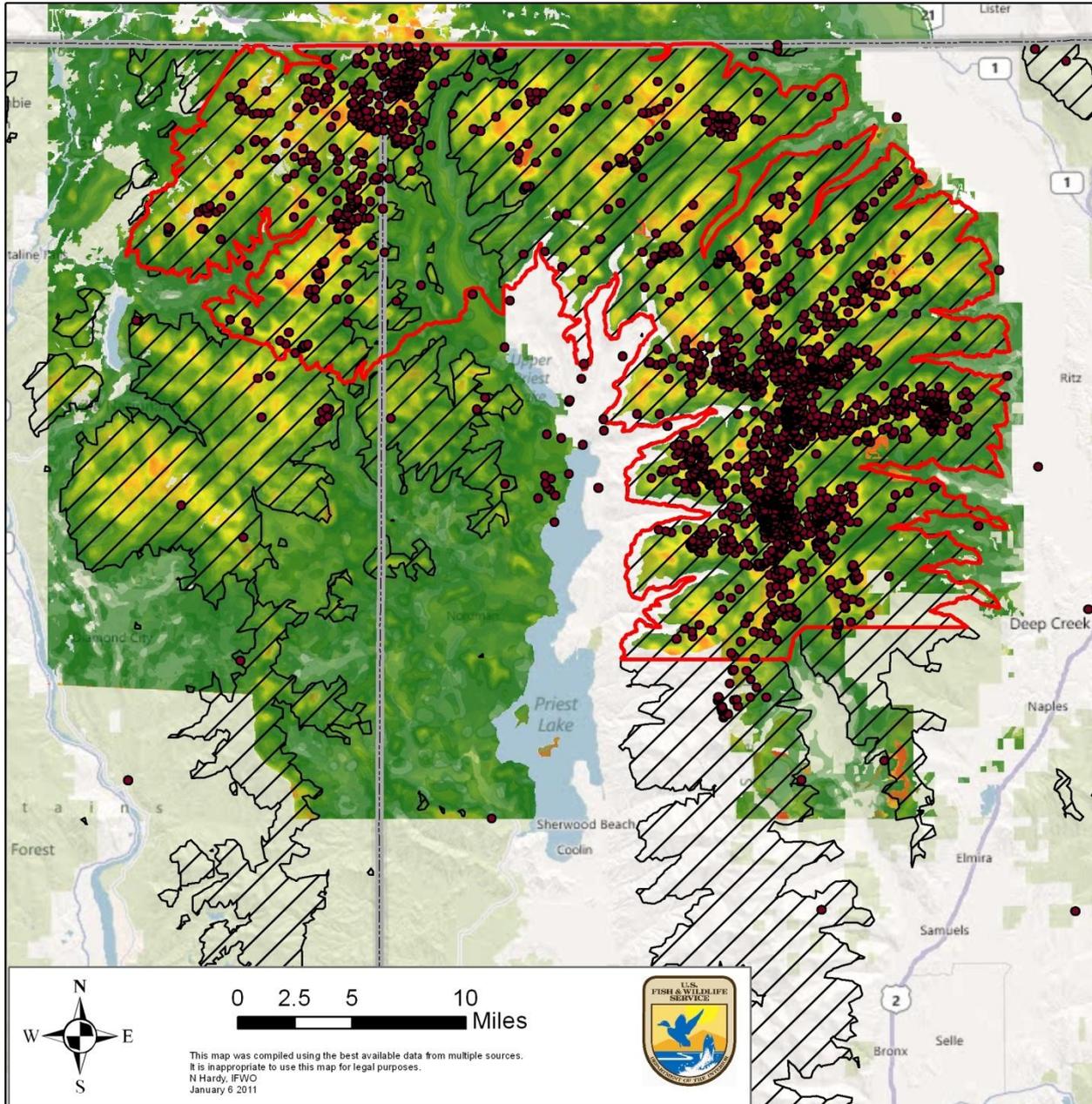
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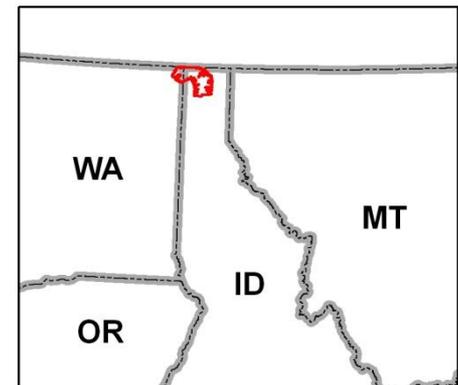
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Critical Habitat Subunit	Land Ownership by Type	Size of Unit in Acres
Bonner County	Federal	5,856 acres
Boundary County		217,115 acres
	State	8,413 acres
		56,805 acres
	Private	38 acres
		15,341 acres
	Total	303,568 acres

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Pend Oreille County, Washington	Federal	71,976 acres
	State	
	Private	
	Total	71, 976 acres

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Land Ownership by Type	Size of Unit in Acres
Federal	294,947 acres
State	65,236 acres
Private	15,379 acres
Total	375,562 acres

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