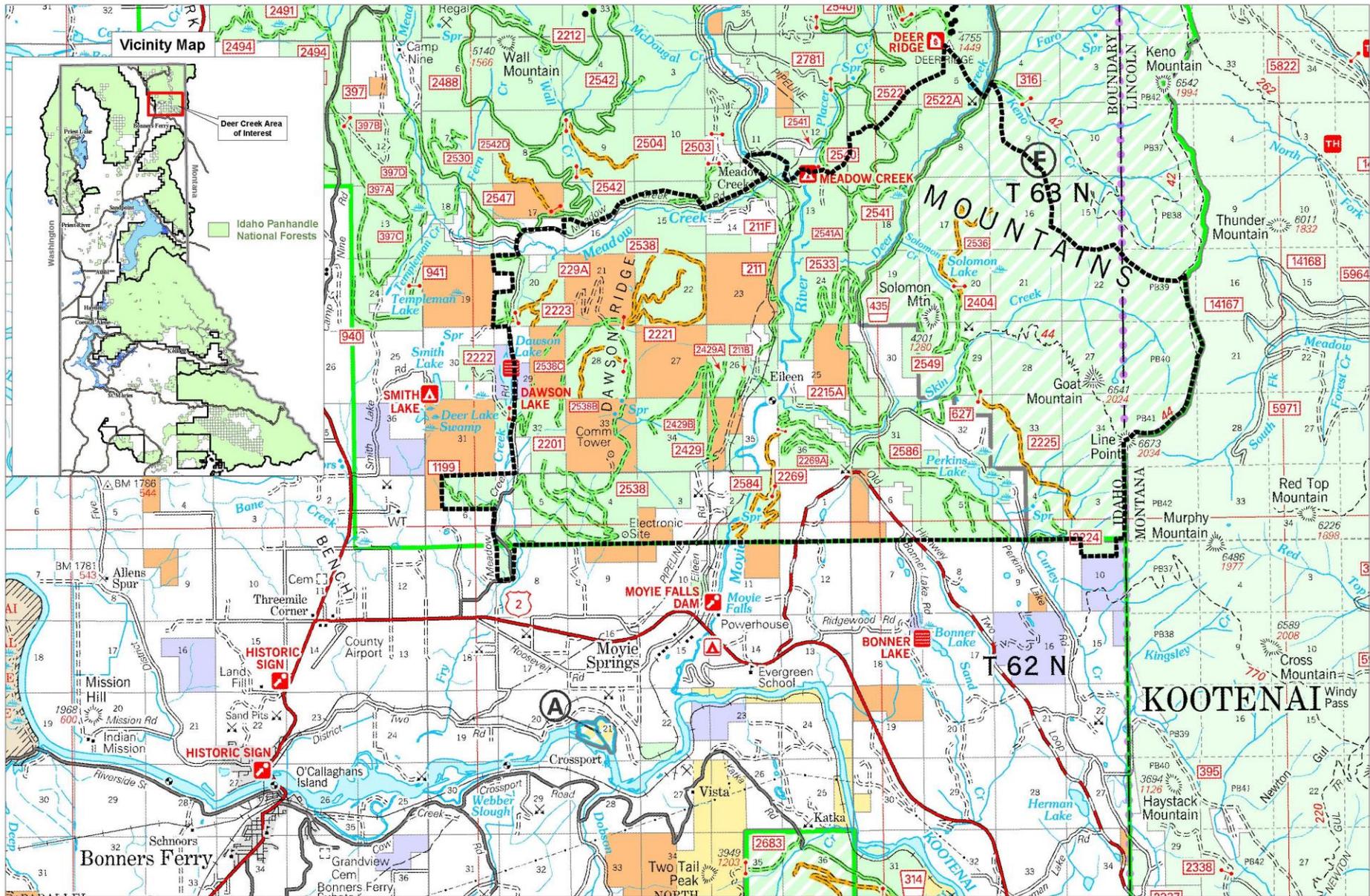


Deer Creek Planning Area



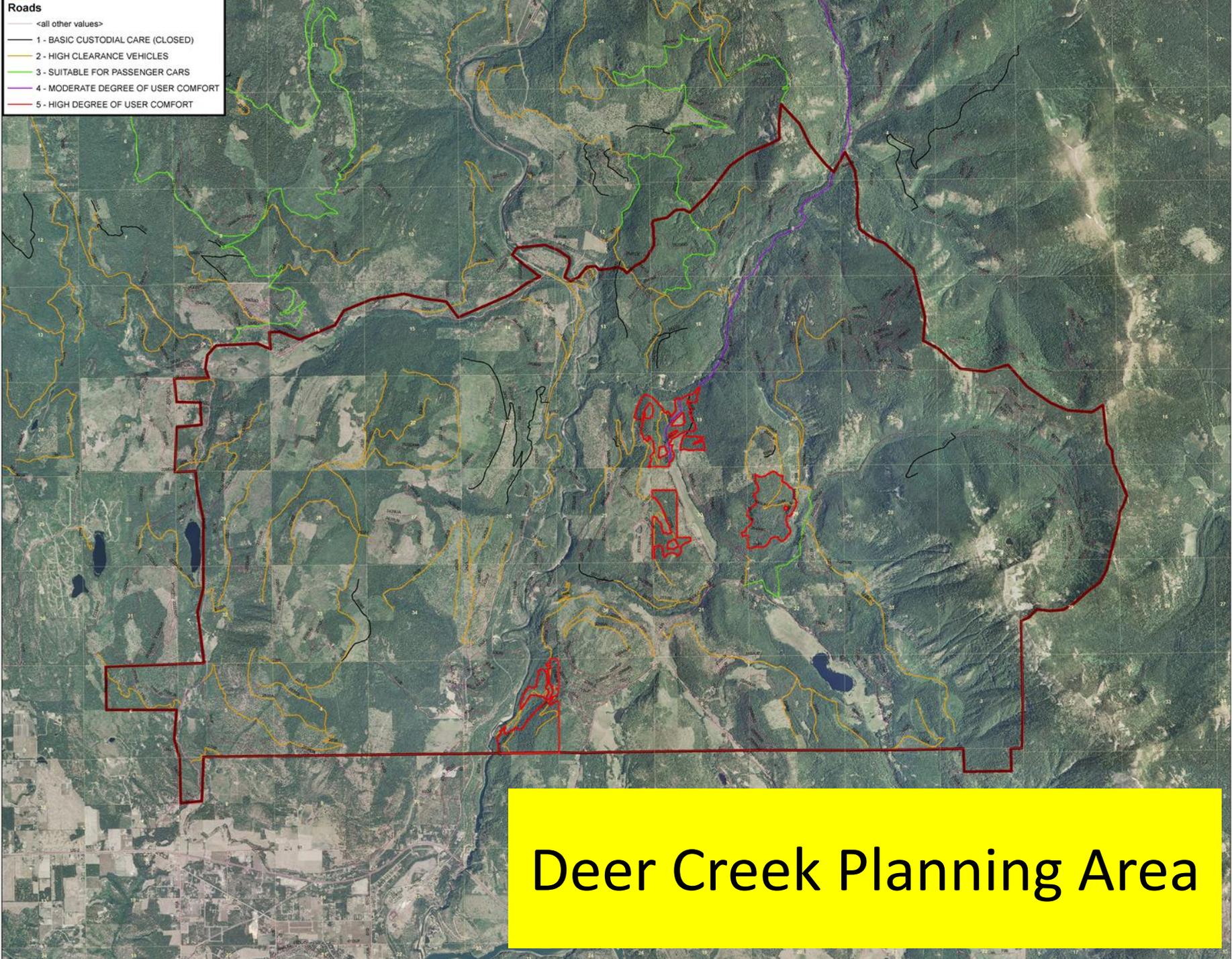
Meeting Agenda

- Planning Area Overview
- Identified Opportunities and Needs
- Discuss Project Purpose and Need
- Organize a Field Visit



Deer Creek Planning Area

- Roads**
- <all other values>
 - 1 - BASIC CUSTODIAL CARE (CLOSED)
 - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
 - 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
 - 4 - MODERATE DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
 - 5 - HIGH DEGREE OF USER COMFORT



Deer Creek Planning Area

	Acres
Deer Creek Planning Area	30,000
Private	7,000
Twin Skin (Active) Units	650
Buckhorn Ridge Roadless Area	3,000

Vegetation Management Opportunities



Maintenance of Previously-Managed Stands





Overstory Removal



Young Stands - Small Wood Thinning



Dry Site Restoration

Dry Site Maintenance



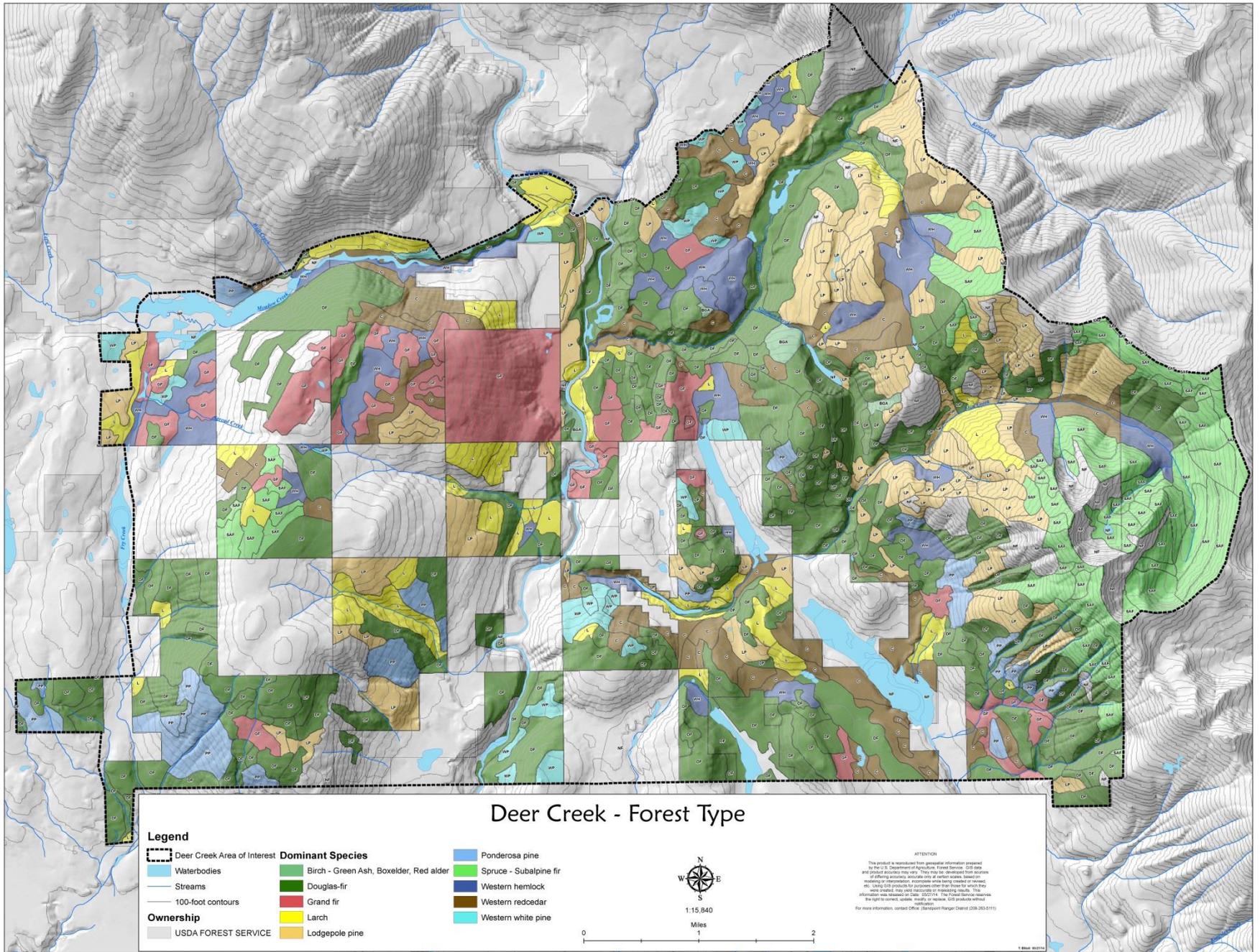
Dry Site Maintenance



Lodgepole Pine







Deer Creek - Forest Type

Legend

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| Deer Creek Area of Interest | Dominant Species | Ponderosa pine |
| Waterbodies | Birch - Green Ash, Boxelder, Red alder | Spruce - Subalpine fir |
| Streams | Douglas-fir | Western hemlock |
| 100-foot contours | Grand fir | Western redcedar |
| Ownership | Larch | Western white pine |
| USDA FOREST SERVICE | Lodgepole pine | |

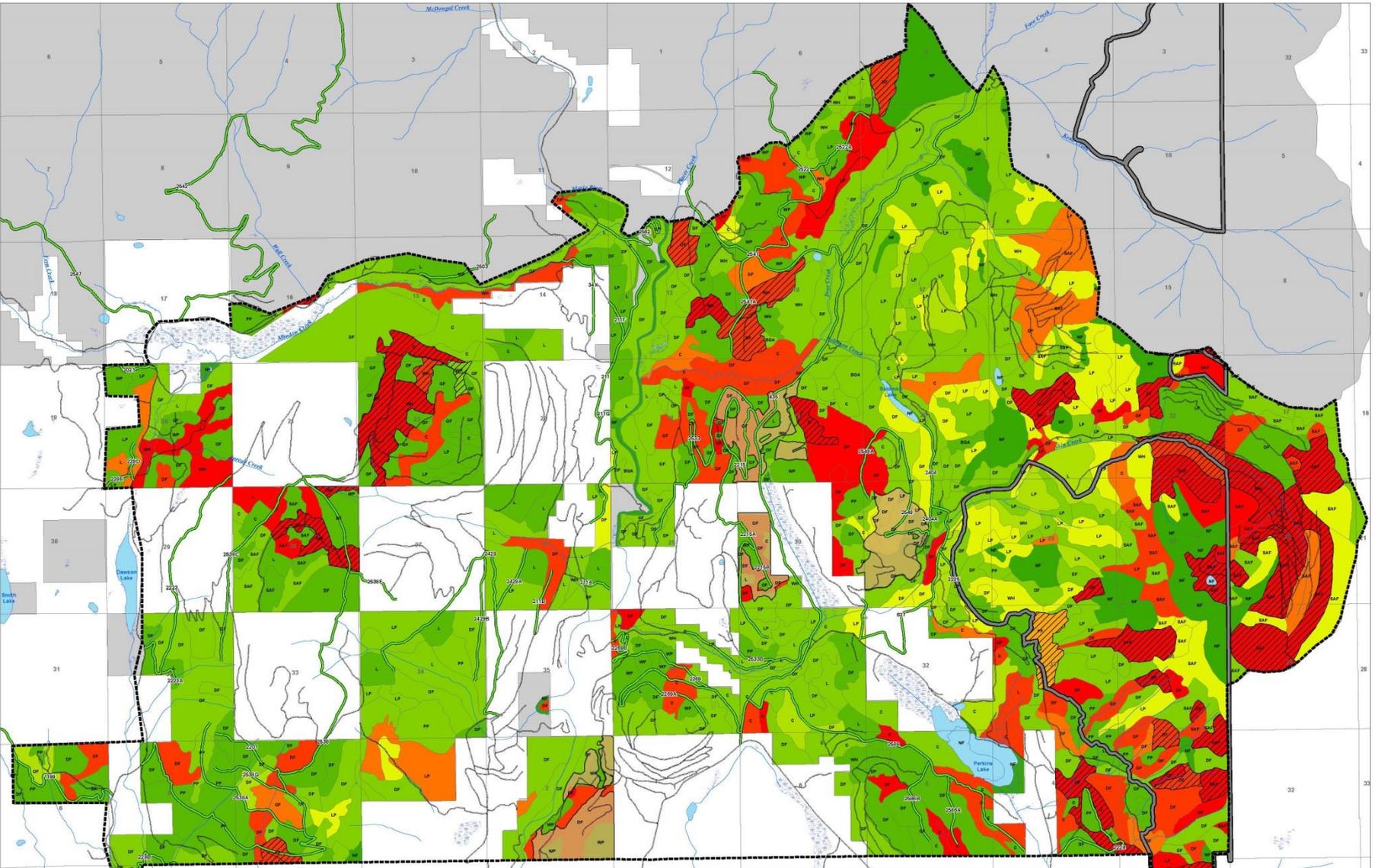


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Deer Creek - Structure Class

Legend

Deer Creek Area of Interest	USDA FS Ownership	Poletimber
Buckhorn Ridge Roadless Area	Allocated Old Growth	Sawtimber
Other Roads	Multisized - 2 age classes	Multisized - 3 or more age classes
Open Roads	Brush or Nonforested	Mature Low Risk
Lakes	Seeding / Sapling	Mature High Risk
Streams	Immature Pole	
Twin Skin Harvest Units	Immature Pole	



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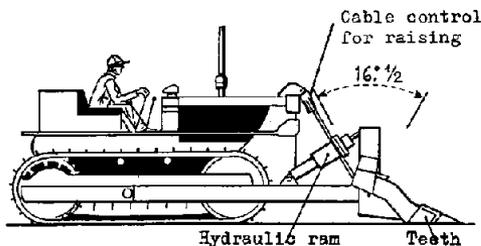
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Follow up treatments

Transportation System

- County has 8 segments totaling 41.6 miles
- NFS has 86 segments totaling 97.2 miles
- 97 private segments 46.5 miles
- 109 unclassified road segments totaling 48.3 miles

Road Maintenance

- Brushing
- Blading
- Ditch Pulling
- Address Drainage Issues
- Re-grading and Travelway Hardening
- Weed Spraying



Opportunities to Fix Roads



Forest Service Road #2533



Aquatic Opportunities

- Numerous partially or entirely plugged or rusting-out culverts
- Most opportunities associated with necessary road maintenance
- Meadow Creek Fish Passage Enhancement



Meadow Creek
Potential Fish Passage
Enhancement Opportunity



Meadow Creek under Railroad



Meadow Creek under Railroad



Wildlife



- Four suspected goshawk territories
- Documented use of Dawson Ridge by flamulated owls

Wildlife



- Eastern third of planning area in the Keno Grizzly Bear Management Unit (BMU)
- Much of the Keno BMU is on the Kootenai National Forest – May be challenging to offset incursions into core
- Eastern portion of planning area is in Deer-Skin LAU

Recreation Opportunities

- Solomon Lake – Potential for redesign and reconstruction of camping area.
- Meadow Creek Campground - Could use refurbishment. Opportunity for walking or biking trails to the northwest of the campground.
- Perkins Lake – Potential for boat launch, parking area, and dock improvements.
- Moyie River Boat Launch/ Dispersed Camping Area – Could use improved parking and signage.

Recreation Opportunities

- Deer Ridge Lookout—Repaint and Protect



NEPA

Planning to scope Summer 2014, with
Decision projected for December 2015

Draft Purpose and Need

- **Promote forest conditions that reduce fire hazard on National Forest System lands, aiding fire suppression efforts to reduce the potential impacts of wildfire in order to protect resource values and private lands adjacent to the project area.**
- **Provide for tree species, stocking levels and forest pattern that is more resilient and resistant to disturbances such as insects, diseases, wildfire, and drought**
- **Afford local economic opportunities by providing a sustainable level of timber products and by enhancing the visitor's experience and the conservation of the natural resources in the area.**

Field Visit

