

Deer Creek Project

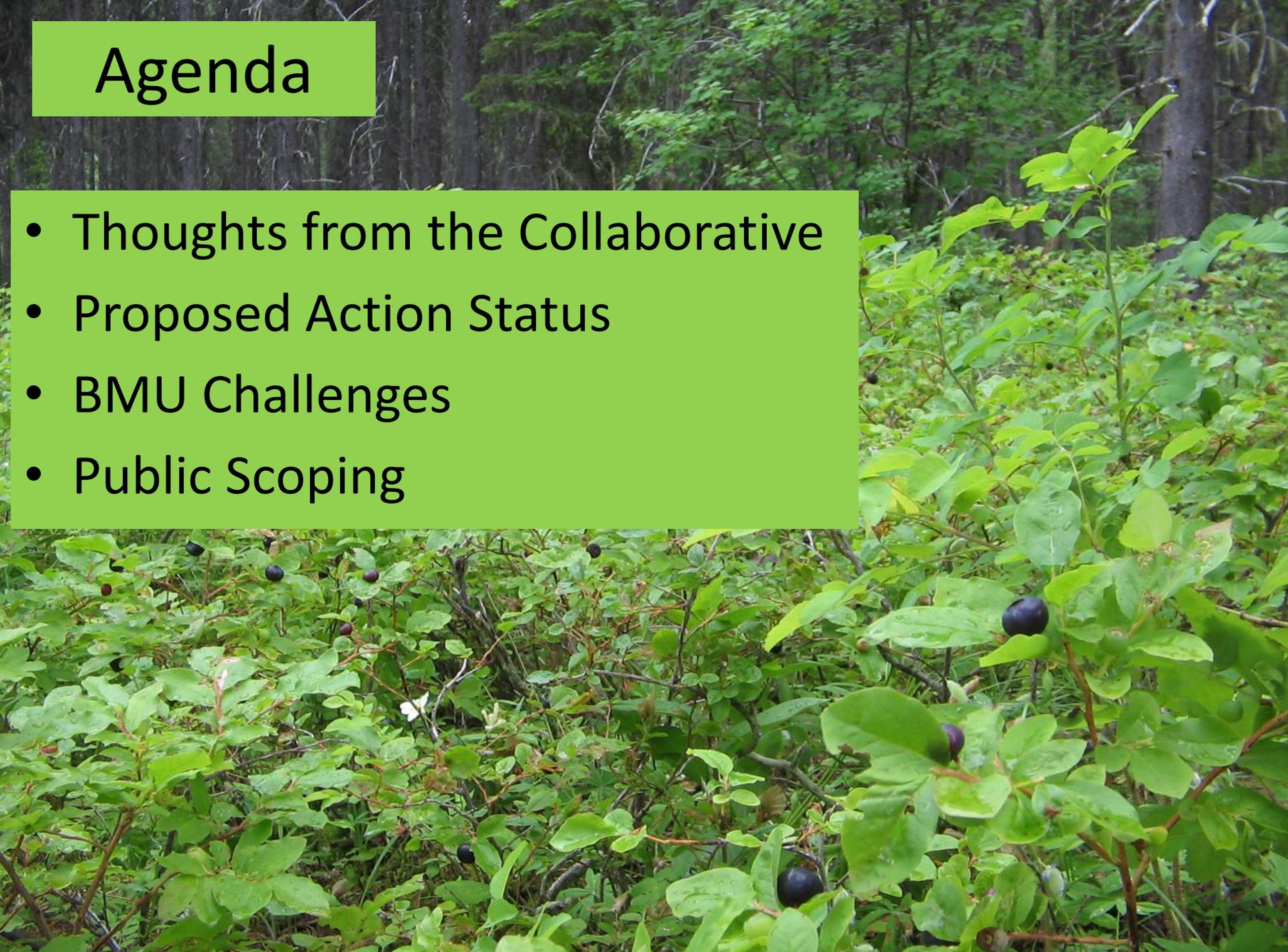
KVRI Meeting

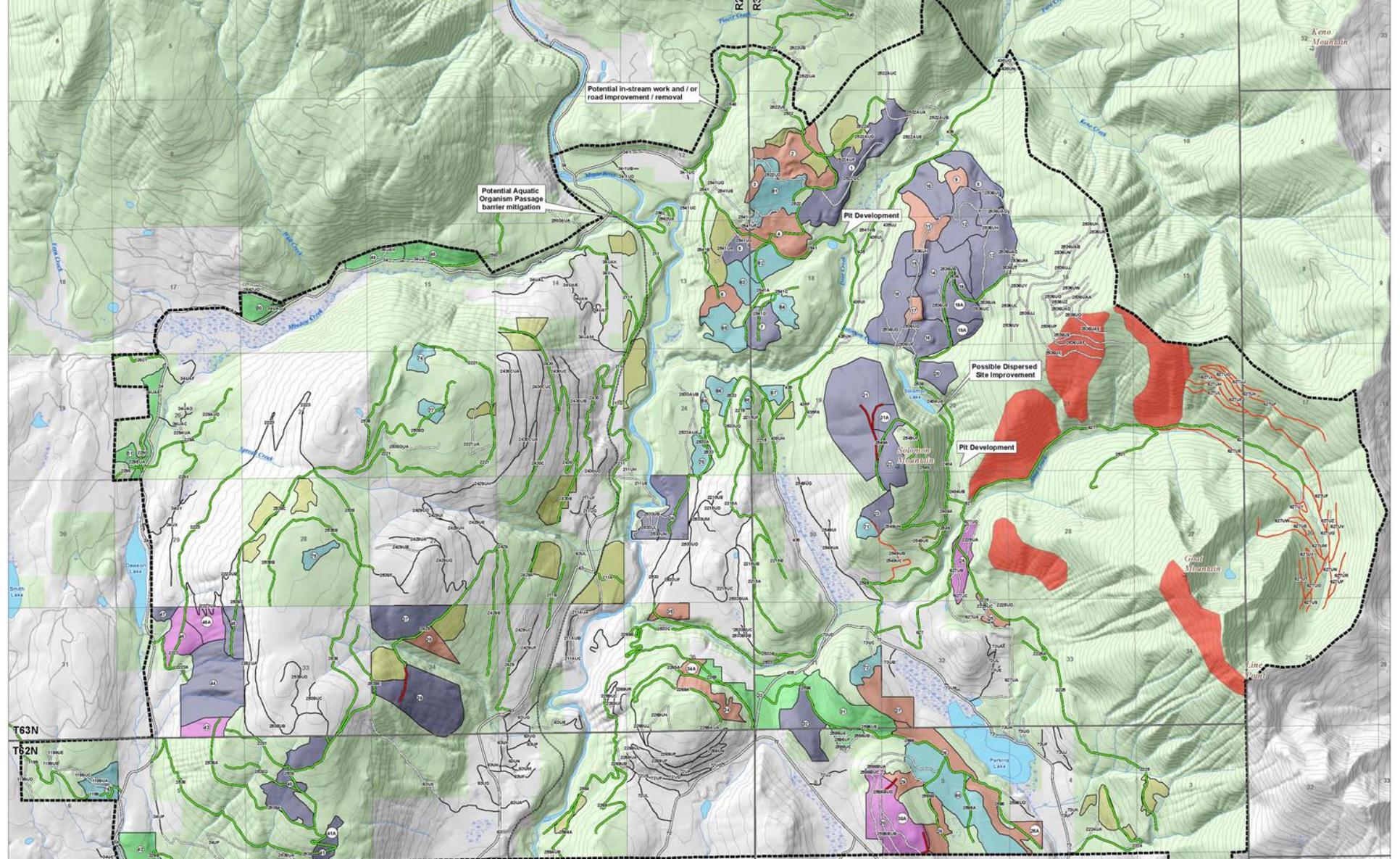
August 15, 2014



Agenda

- Thoughts from the Collaborative
- Proposed Action Status
- BMU Challenges
- Public Scoping





Deer Creek - Areas of Opportunity

- Legend**
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| Deer Creek Area of Interest | Deer Creek Opportunities |
| Proposed Temporary Roads | Harvest - CT |
| S_RD1_IPHF Railroads | Harvest - ST |
| USDA FS Ownership | Harvest - SW |
| Lakes | PCT |
| 100-foot contours | SWR/STR - PCT |
| Streams | Small Wood Thin |
| | Proposed Landscape Burns |

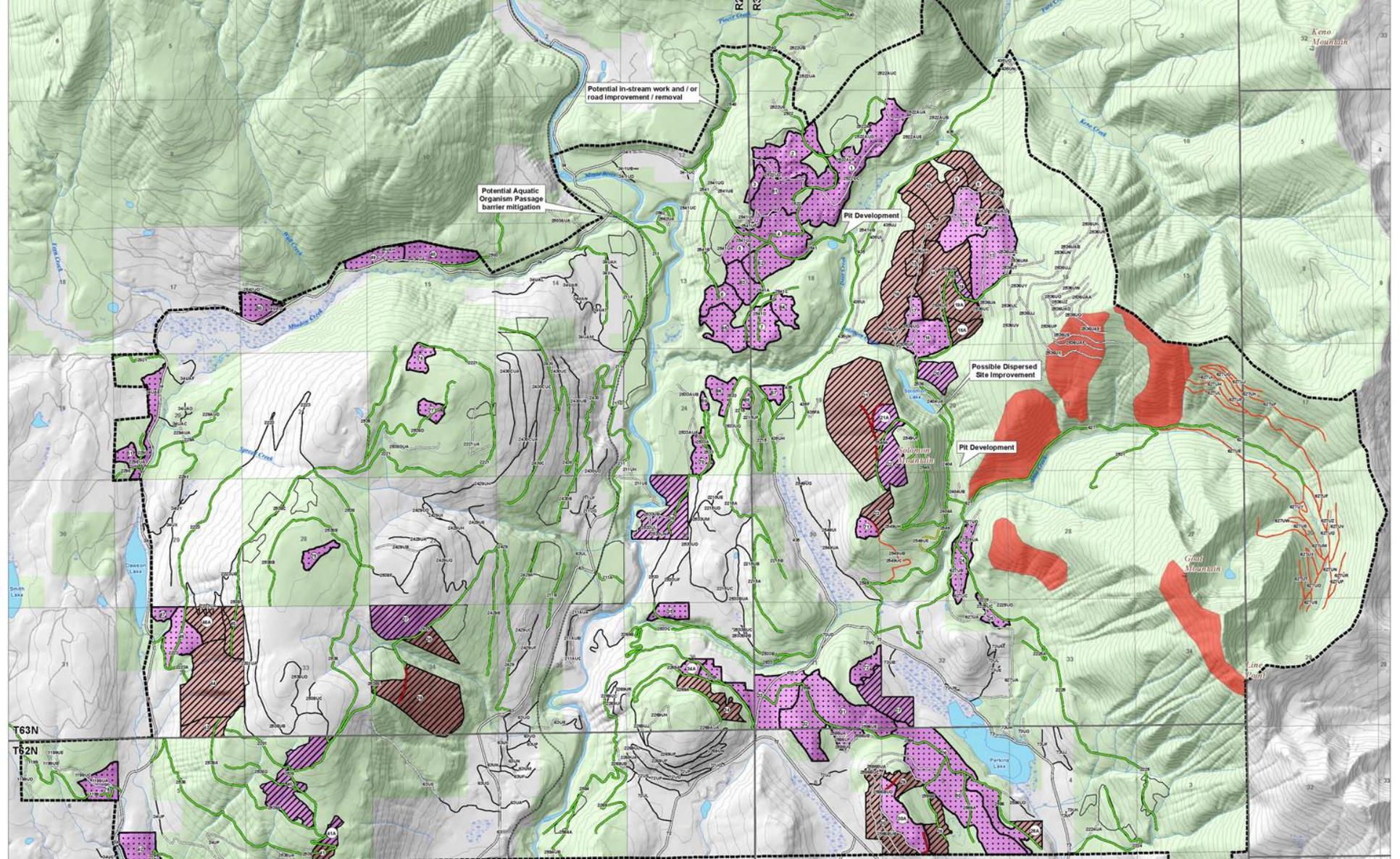


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Deer Creek - Areas of Opportunity Yarding Systems and Fuels Treatment

Legend

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| Deer Creek Area of Interest | Deer Creek Opportunities YARDING (PCT) |
| Proposed Temporary Roads | Cable |
| S_RD1_IPNF Railroads | Ground Based |
| USDA FS Ownership | Ground Based - WTY |
| Lakes | Skyline |
| 100-foot contours | Proposed Landscape Burns |
| Streams | |

Deer Creek Opportunities

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| Burn |
| Grapple Pile |
| WTY |



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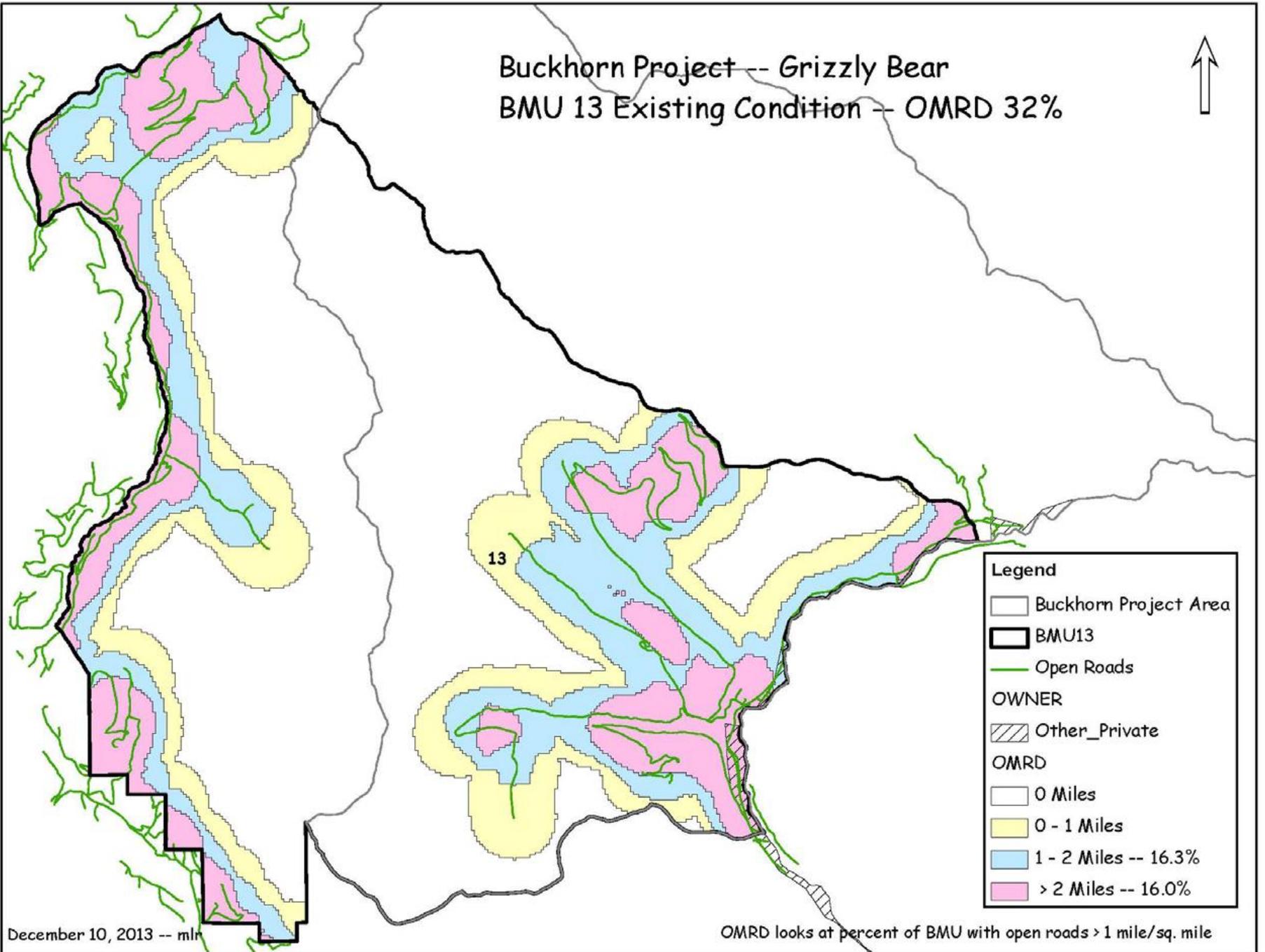
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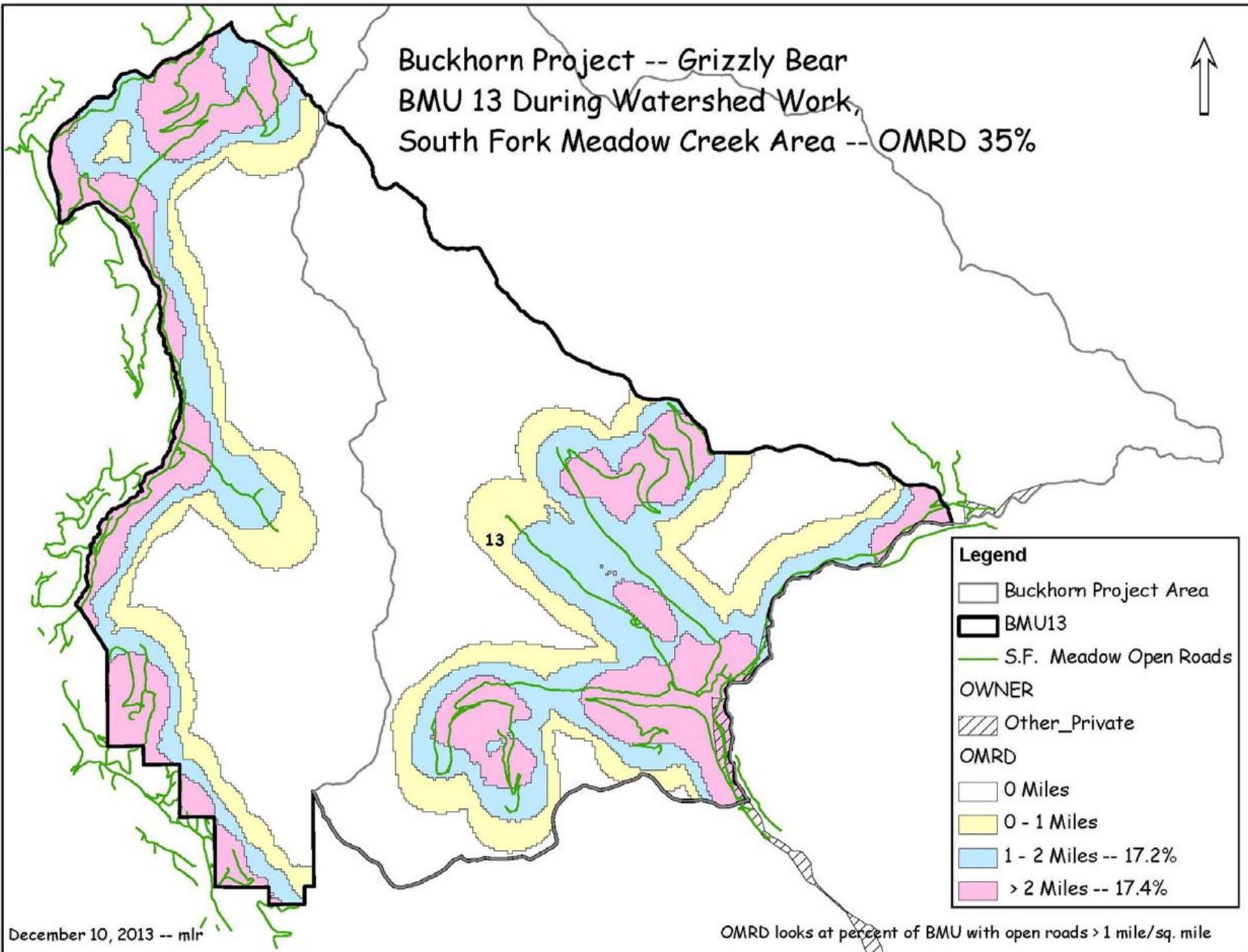
Keno BMU (#13)

- Majority on the Kootenai NF
- Limited Offset Opportunities on the IPNF
- Could drive alternatives

Buckhorn Project -- Grizzly Bear
BMU 13 Existing Condition -- OMRD 32%



Buckhorn Project -- Grizzly Bear
BMU 13 During Watershed Work,
South Fork Meadow Creek Area -- OMRD 35%



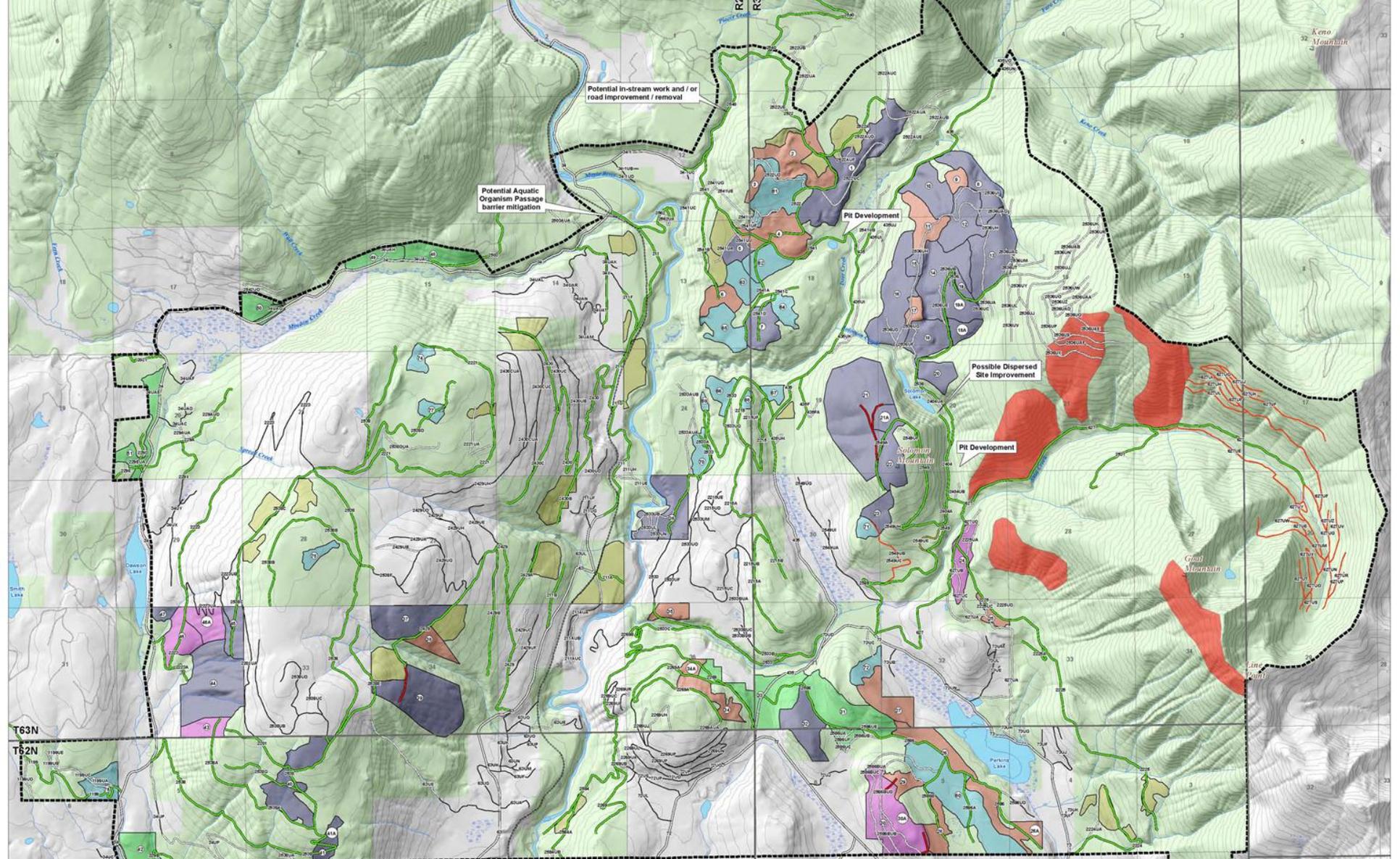
Proposed Actions (K.N.F. Buckhorn)

To meet the purpose and need for action, the Buckhorn Project proposes timber harvest, prescribed burning, and watershed improvement activities.

- Approximately 1,263 acres of regeneration harvest and 13 acres of intermediate harvest are proposed. All of the harvest activities would be accomplished through tractor yarding. Approximately 42 percent of the harvest activities would take place in the winter to protect soils and water quality.
- Nine of the proposed regeneration harvest units would create openings over 40 acres to mimic historic patch sizes created by past fire events. The largest of these openings would be approximately 278 acres in size. The creation of larger openings requires 60-day public review and Regional Forester approval (FSM 2471.1) which began with scoping on February 5, 2013.
- Prescribed burning without timber harvest is proposed on approximately 11,623 acres to maintain and enhance natural openings to improve big game forage and huckleberry production for grizzly bear and other wildlife.
- Approximately 32 miles of watershed improvement work, both active and passive, would occur on roads already closed to summer public motorized use. Following this watershed work, roads that are needed for future management would be placed into intermittent stored service (ISS) and roads determined not to be needed for future management would be decommissioned.
- Approximately 9 miles of roads that already exist on the landscape would be added to the National Forest System. Access management of these roads would not change under this proposal.

The Opportunity





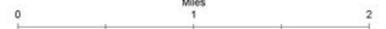
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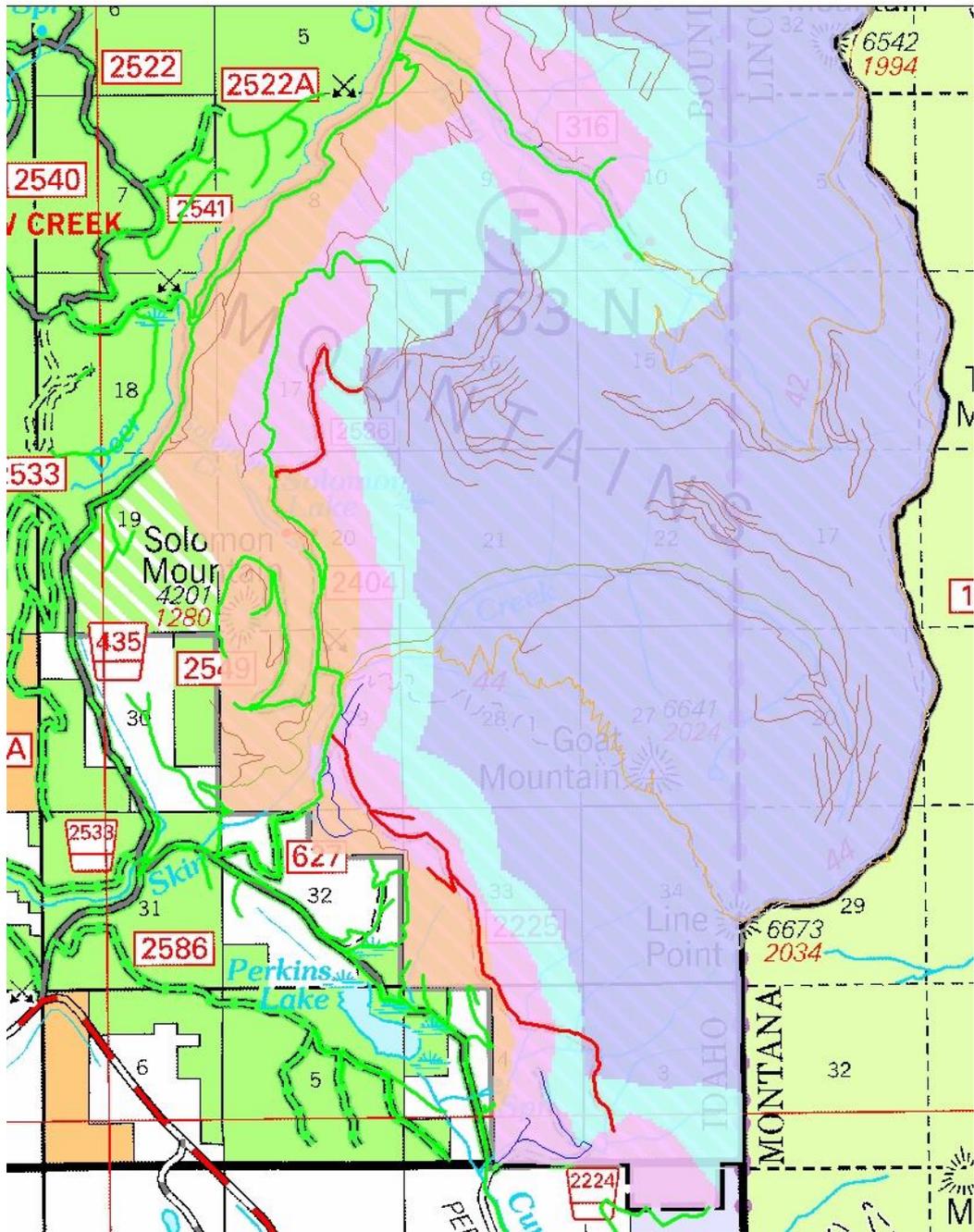
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Scenario 7



Preliminary BMU OMRD Scenarios

- Scenario 1: (Existing condition) OMRD is 32.3% (FP standard \leq 33%)
- Scenario 2: Gating/storing/decommissioning Road 2224 reduces OMRD by 156 acres (-0.3%)
- scenario 3: scenario 2 plus gating Solomon Mtn. Road (2404A, 2549, 2549A) reduces OMRD by 525 acres (-1.0%)
- Scenario 4: scenario 3 plus opening “restricted” portion of scorpion road (2536) **adds** 257 acres to OMRD (+0.5%)
- Scenario 5: scenario 4 plus scorpion “loop” adds 580 acres to OMRD (+1.1%)
- Scenario 6: scenario 2 with Solomon Mtn. road remaining open along with scorpion road (no loop) adds 303 acres to OMRD (+0.6%)
- Scenario 7 – Road 2224 closed, west side of scorpion loop open. +363 acres (0.7%) to OMRD>1 mile/sq. mile.
- Scenario 8 – Road 2224 closed, east side of scorpion loop open. +558 acres (1.1%) to OMRD>1 mile/sq. mile.
- Scenario 9 – Road 2224 closed, Solomon Mtn. Road gated, east side of scorpion loop open. +514 acres (1.0%) to OMRD>1 mile/sq. mile.

Hawkweed



Moonworts!





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Scoping

- 7,000 Acres of Private Land
- Mailing, Press Release and Website
(Public Meeting)
- Solicit Comments, Concerns or Local Knowledge

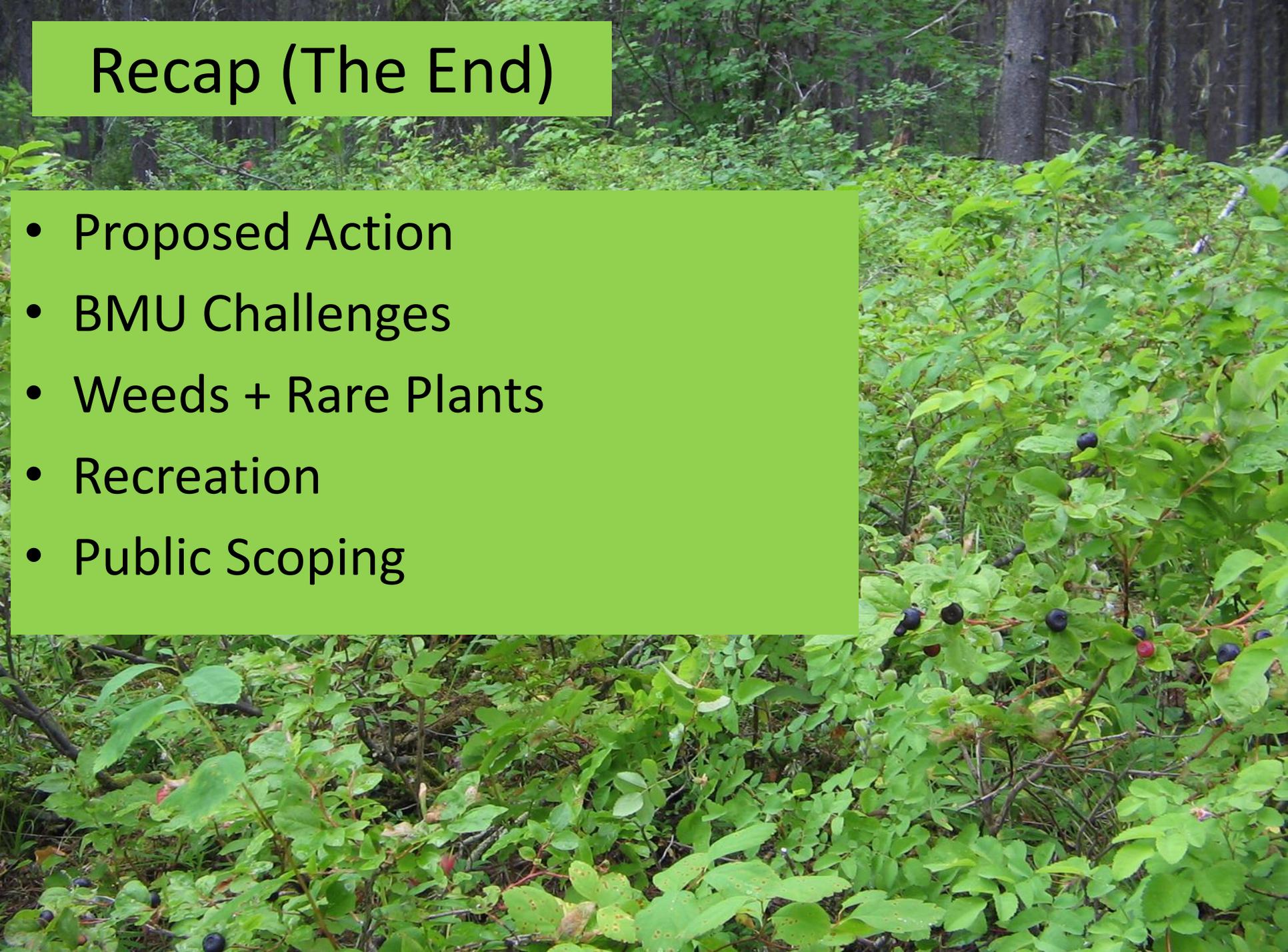
Scope with Detailed Description of Proposal

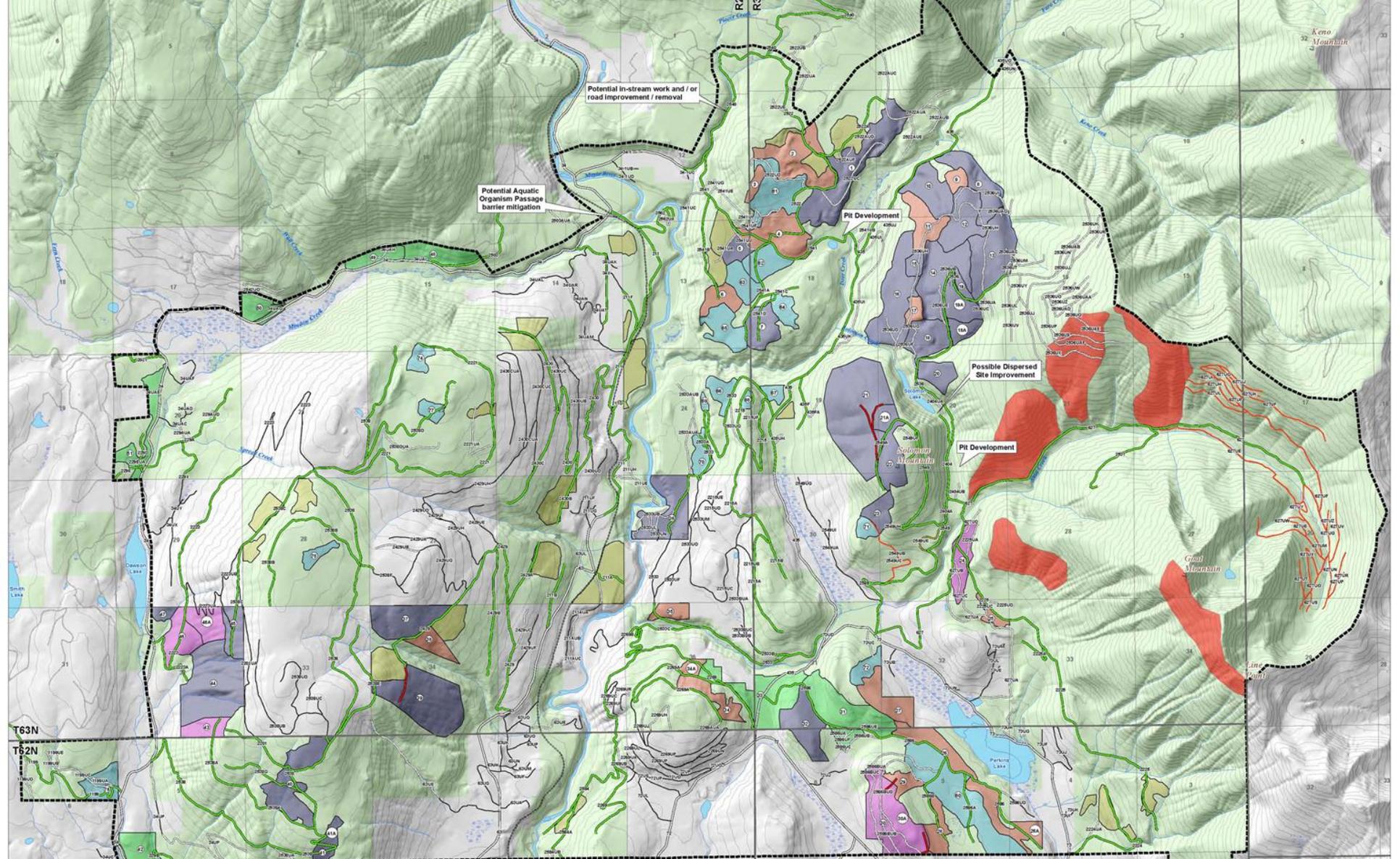
- Maps, Numbers, Descriptions and Pictures
- Vegetation Management
- Transportation System (Roads)
- Recreational Opportunities
- Aquatic Restoration



Recap (The End)

- Proposed Action
- BMU Challenges
- Weeds + Rare Plants
- Recreation
- Public Scoping





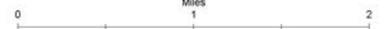
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