



Bonner County, Idaho, land acquisition will protect and restore beaver habitat

The Bonneville Power Administration is working with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to fund the acquisition of a 20-acre parcel of land near the inlet of Lake Cocolalla in Bonner County, Idaho. The parcel is adjacent to the 103-acre Cocolalla Lake portion of IDFG's Pend Oreille Wildlife Management Area.

The purchase is particularly important because it would allow IDFG to complete a comprehensive wetland and stream restoration project that will increase groundwater recharge and improve the water quality of the lake. The project will also provide habitat and vegetation to support the return of a large beaver colony that historically called the lake home.

The purchase and resulting restoration would also benefit other species. These include fish such as Westslope cutthroat trout, largemouth and smallmouth bass, crappie, sauger, walleye and catfish. They also include waterfowl such as tundra swans, Canada geese, American widgeon, redheads, mallards, common mergansers, common goldeneye, bufflehead and ring-necked ducks; and big game including white-tailed deer, elk and black bear.

BPA proposes to acquire this property as partial mitigation for fish and wildlife habitat lost to the construction and operation of the Columbia River hydroelectric system.

Land to get management plan

The acquisition is expected in winter 2010. The property will be incorporated into the Pend Oreille River Wildlife Management Area, managed by IDFG. The IDFG would provide long-term oversight for the land and develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of habitat resources on the property.

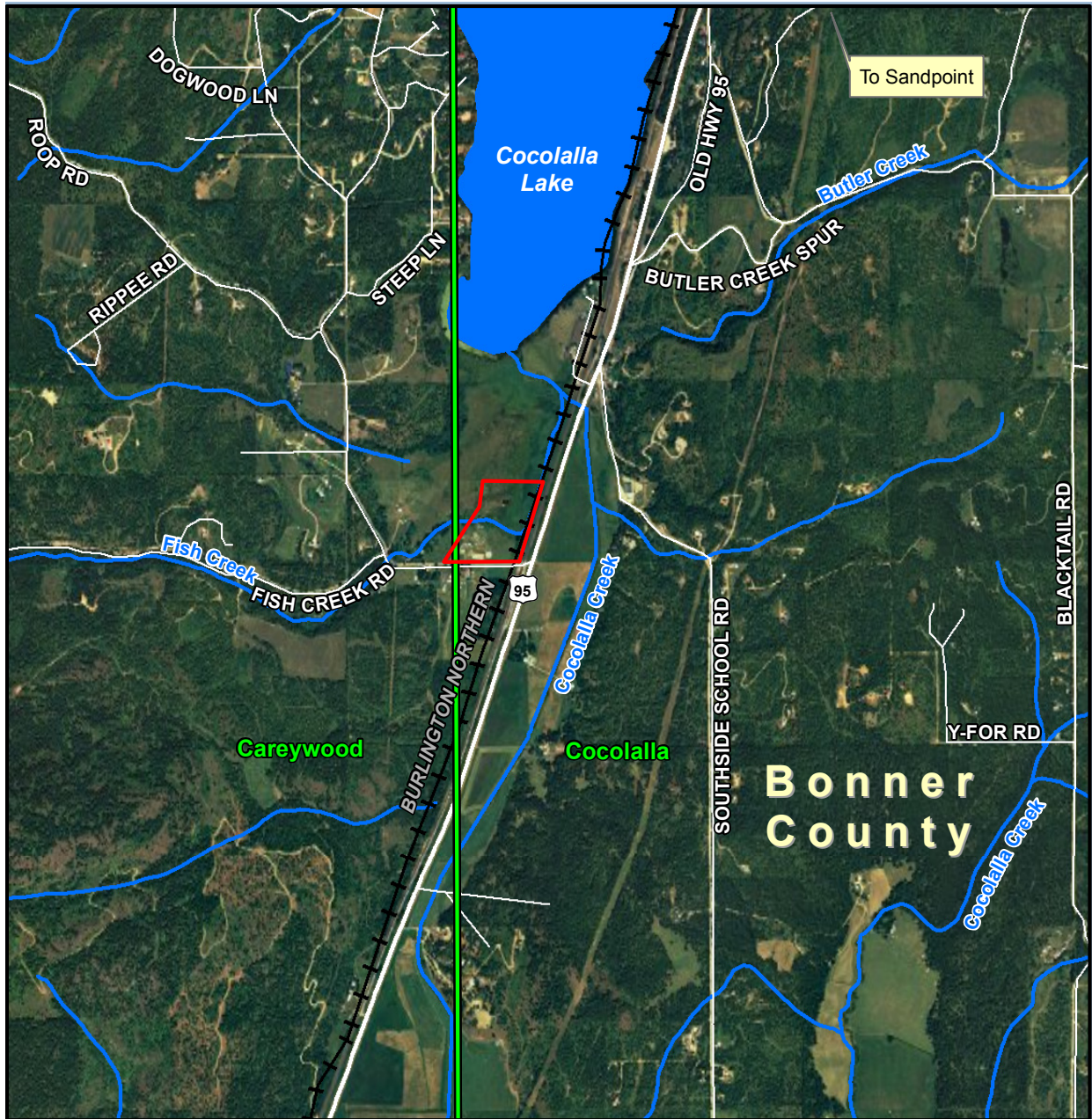
For more information

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Cocolalla Land Acquisition

Bonner County, Idaho



Map for Public Engagement
Cocolalla Lake Land Acquisition
Careywood and Cocolalla Quadrangles
(20 acres)

-  Subject Property
-  Quad Name and Boundary

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

