



BPA funds habitat acquisition along Priest River

Location: Priest Lake, in Bonner County, Idaho
(see map)

Acres: 153

Partners: The Kalispel Tribe of Indians

Purpose: The Bonneville Power Administration is partnering with the Kalispel Tribe of Indians to purchase the Priest River property for the protection of wildlife habitat. Purchasing this property will protect habitat for grizzly bear, gray wolf and bull trout. These three species are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act. The habitat that is protected by this land transaction will benefit other species including white-tail deer, mallard, Canada goose, yellow warbler, black-capped chickadee, and muskrat. Funding this acquisition will partially mitigate for wildlife habitat losses due to the construction and inundation of Albeni Falls Dam. The agreement is expected to be finalized in September 2010.

Type of action: The purchase will be funded by BPA. The Kalispel Tribe of Indians will own the land. BPA will receive a conservation easement on the property, ensuring that this land will be protected in perpetuity as a natural open space. Under the terms of the easement, development restrictions are placed both on the current landowner and on all subsequent landowners.

Land management: The land will be managed and protected by the Kalispel Tribe. Once the easement has been acquired, the Kalispel Tribe will lead the development of a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of resources on the property. The Kalispel Tribe will provide information

about opportunities for public involvement during development of the property's management plan. Pending BPA approval of the management plan, no streamside development, grazing or other land management activities would occur other than maintenance and protection, such as weed control or fence maintenance.

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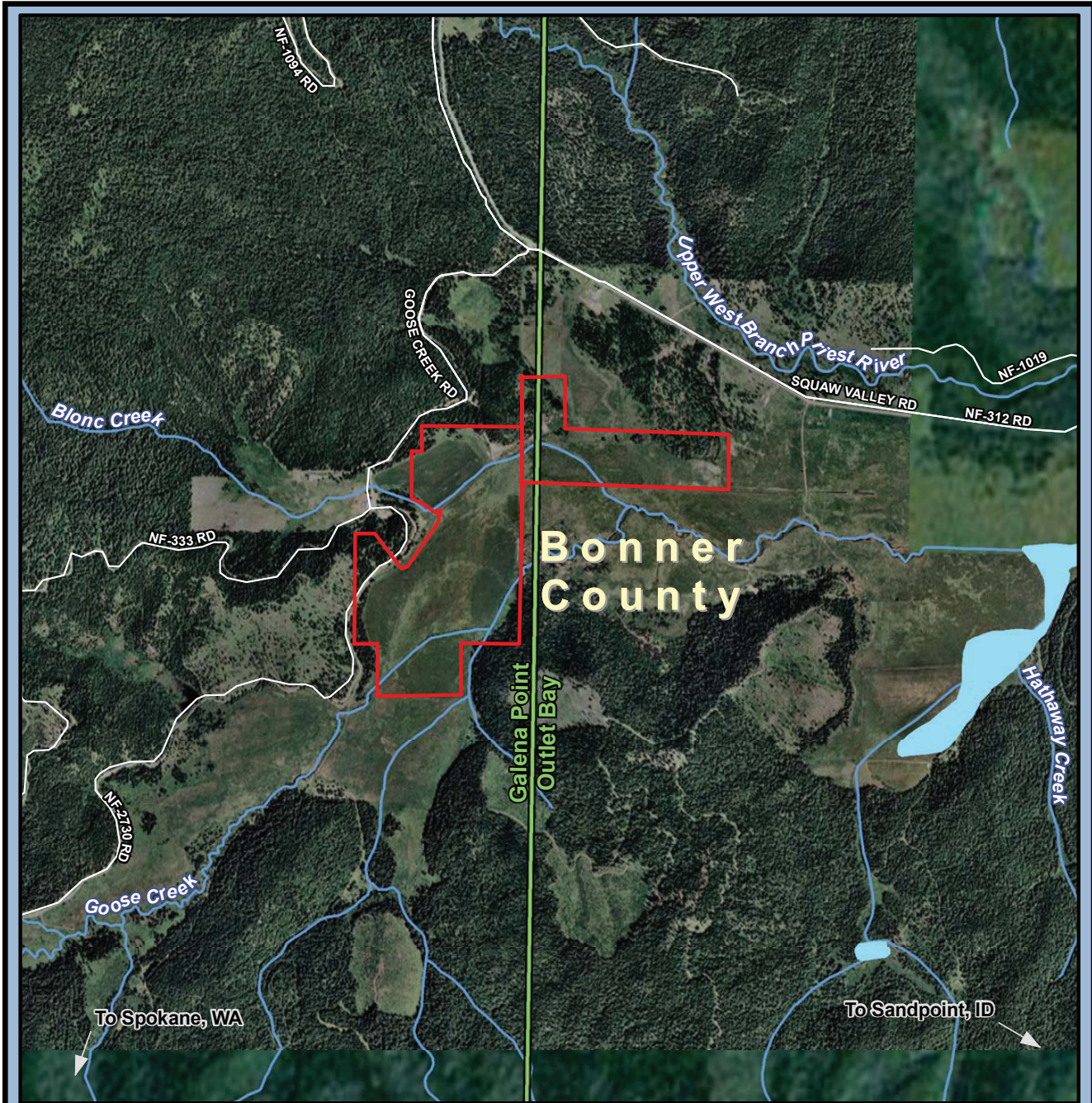
BPA Fish and Wildlife Program:

BPA's fish and wildlife program protects and preserves valuable fish and wildlife habitat throughout the Northwest. Since its inception in 1980, the program has set aside more than 300,000 acres of land benefiting hundreds of species. The program protects habitat from development either through outright purchase of land or by purchasing conservation easements on privately owned property. BPA works in partnership with conservation groups, local tribes and state fish and wildlife management agencies.





Priest River

Bonner County, Idaho



Public Notification Priest River Acquisition Galena Point and Outlet Bay Quadrangles 153 Acres)

-  Subject Property
-  Quad Name and Boundary

