

United State Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Roseburg District Office

Roseburg District Proposed Resource Management Plan/
Environmental Impact Statement
NEPA # DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-1994-0002-EIS

DECISION RECORD

North Umpqua Lands Acquisitions –Parcel 1 (Swiftwater)

1. Decision

It is my decision to acquire fee title ownership, for the federal government, of a parcel of private property. Parcel 1(also known as the Swiftwater Parcel) consists of 211.24 acres, more or less, lying in Douglas County, Oregon, Willamette Meridian, T. 26 S., R. 3 W., section W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$. After the acquisition is complete, the lands will be managed in accordance with the Roseburg District Resource Management Plan (RMP), including being added to the BLM-managed section of the designated North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River.

2. Authority

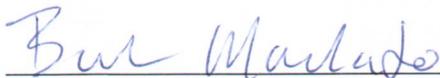
This is a general public land decision in accordance with The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, Section 301.

3. Rationale

This decision complies with the direction in the Roseburg District RMP regarding acquisition of lands. (See Section D of the attached Determination of NEPA adequacy Worksheet.)

4. Protest and Appeal

This decision constitutes my final decision. Any party that is adversely affected by it may appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. A notice of appeal must be filed in this office (BLM Roseburg District Office, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg, Oregon 97471) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The notice of appeal may be sent certified mail. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error in a statement of reasons. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearing and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300-QC, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days of filing the notice of appeal with the authorized officer. Any request for stay of this decision, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.21, must be filed with your notice of appeal.



Barbara Machado
Acting District Manager

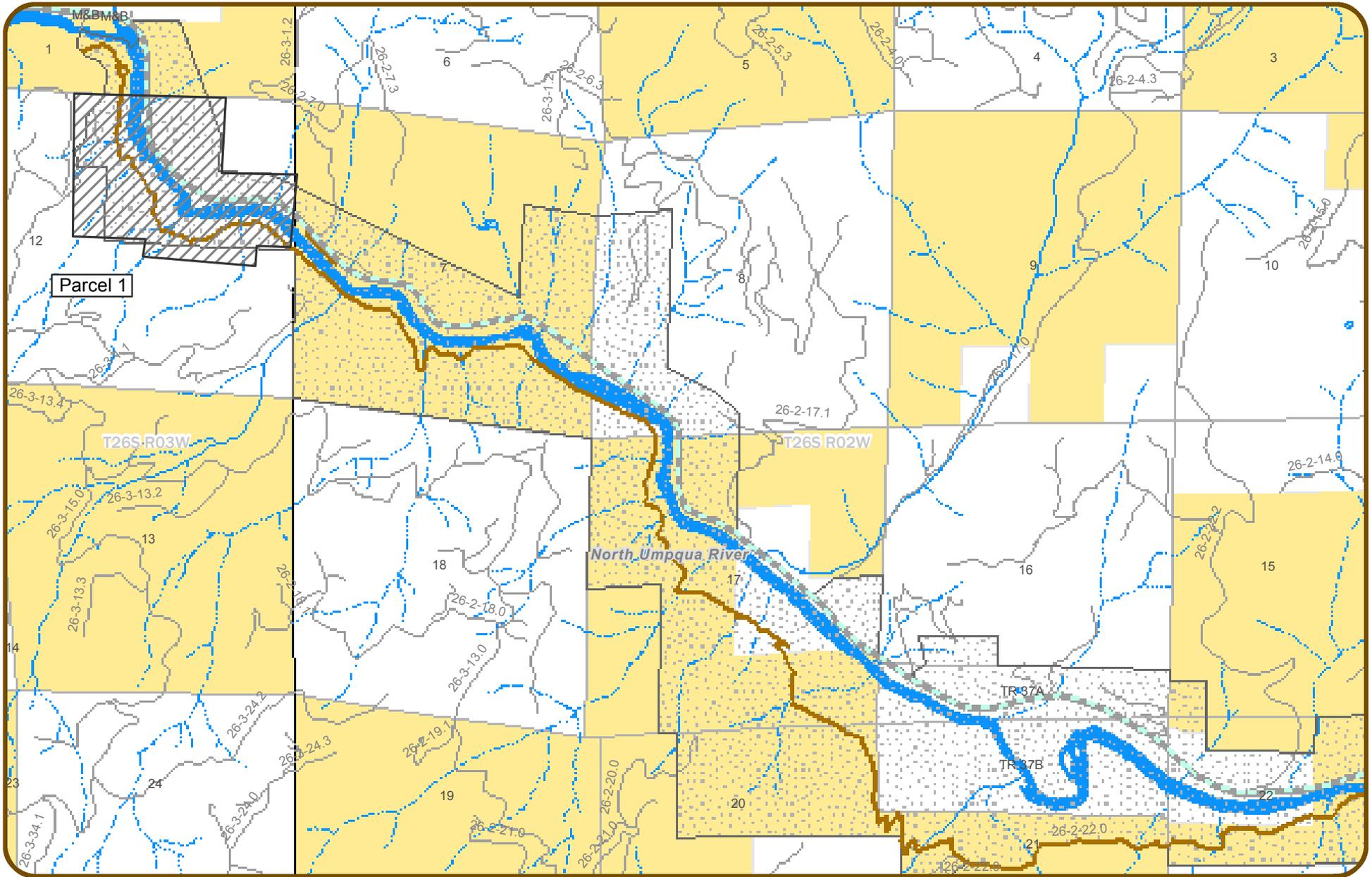


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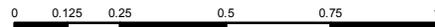
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Legend

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Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Worksheet

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Roseburg District**

OFFICE: Roseburg District, Swiftwater Field Office

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: North Umpqua Lands Acquisition DNA

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Willamette Meridian, T. 26 S., R. 3 W.,

Table 1

PARCEL	SECTION	PORTION OF SECTION	ACRES
1	12	W ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄ ; SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ ; E ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ ; N ¹ / ₂ N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ ; N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ ;	211.24

Willamette Meridian, T. 26 S., R. 2 W.,

PARCEL	SECTION	PORTION OF SECTION	ACRES
2	21 22	NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ ; N ¹ / ₂ S ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ ; S ¹ / ₂ N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ ; SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ ;	109.24
3	17	SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ ;	40
4	8	S ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ; SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ;	60

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to purchase a parcel of land totaling 211.2 acres from Western Rivers Conservancy. The BLM also proposes to seek funding in future years and to purchase three additional parcels of land totaling 209.2 acres. All four parcels are within the North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River corridor; located in Douglas County, Oregon (*see Table 1 for legal description*). After the acquisition is complete, the lands would be managed in accordance with the North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River Management Plan (NURMP) and the 1995 Roseburg District Resource Management Plan (RMP). The North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River Management Plan (1992) states “Where opportunity exists, acquire scenic easements, rights-of-way, or land in fee title from willing sellers where needed to protect the scenic quality.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), this proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the *Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (RMP). Approved, June 1995. It is consistent with the following decisions from the RMP:

Where appropriate opportunities exist, acquire land to contribute to recovery, reduce the need to list, or enhance special status species habitat. (RMP, p. 42)

Use land acquisition, exchange, and conservation easements to meet Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives. (RMP, pg. 36)

Manage designated components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System by protecting their Outstandingly Remarkable Values and maintain and enhance the natural integrity of river related values. (RMP, pg. 53)

Enhance recreation opportunities provided by existing and proposed watchable wildlife areas and national back country byways. (RMP, pg. 55)

The Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan incorporated by reference the *North Umpqua River Management Plan* (NURMP). Approved, July 1992. The proposed action is consistent with the following decisions from the NURMP:

Provide diverse river and land based recreational opportunities. (NURMP, pg. 17)

Preserve and enhance the opportunities for viewing the existing distinctive natural landscape within the Wild and Scenic River Corridor (NURMP, pg. 18)

Where opportunity exists, acquire scenic easements, rights-of-way, or land in fee title from willing sellers where needed to protect the scenic quality. (NURMP, pg. 35)

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River Environmental Assessment, (July, 1992)
Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Notice (July, 1992)

The Roseburg District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. October, 1994.
Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (RMP). Approved, June 1995.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Yes, the effective result of the acquisition would be that these lands would be managed in accordance with the RMP and NURMP, to include the Wild and Scenic River designation, which was analyzed in the RMP alternative in the FEIS. The acquisition land tenure adjustment actions would be allowed on lands that include the following criteria:

- Land adjacent to rivers eligible for designation under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
- High quality scenery
- Developed recreation sites and recreation use areas
- Accessibility of the land for public recreation and other uses.

- Riparian areas and wetlands

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes, the BLM undertook a highly collaborative planning process in developing and analyzing a range of alternatives both for the Roseburg District EIS and the North Umpqua River Management Plan EA. This proposed acquisition meets the management objectives for both the Roseburg District RMP and the North Umpqua River Management Plan.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

The North Umpqua Lands Project IDT reviewed the proposed land acquisition and concluded that the existing analysis in the NEPA documents, referenced above, is still valid and there is no new information or circumstances that would substantially change the analysis. Once acquired, the property would be managed for the purpose for which it was acquired and consistent with the management objectives for the North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River Management Plan and the Roseburg District RMP.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Yes, the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the proposed land acquisition are essentially the same (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing document. The NEPA documents, referenced in Section C, above, are still valid. There are highly visible private lands located within the North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River Corridor. Acquisition of the lands within and adjacent to the Wild and Scenic North Umpqua River Corridor would reduce the threat of timber harvests and inappropriate development within the River Corridor, which would tend to preclude any cumulative impacts.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Yes, there was extensive public involvement and interagency review connected with the development of the North Umpqua River Management Plan and again during the Roseburg District RMP EIS planning process. Input was provided from several federal, state, and local agencies, tribal communities, interested groups and individuals.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

Name	Title	Resource	Initials	Date
Max Yager	Field Manager	Management Rep.		
Susan Carter Johanna Blanchard	Botanist	Special Status plants	SEC	7/12/2016
Molly Casperson / Carly Smith	Archaeologist	Archaeology	CBC	7/6/16
Jeff McEnroe	Fish Biologist	Fisheries	JM	7/6/16
Dan Dammann	Hydrologist	Aquatics	JD	7/6/16
Michelle Roberts	NEPA/Environ Coordinator	NEPA	MR	7/12/16
Erik Taylor	Recreation Planner	Recreation	ET	7/6/16
Elizabeth Gayner	Wildlife Biologist	Special Status wildlife	EG	7/6/16
Anne Shirley	Realty Specialist	Project Lead	AS	7/12/16

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Anne Shirley
Signature of Project Lead

7/13/2016
Date

Michelle Roberts
Signature of NEPA Coordinator

7/14/2016
Date

Max Yager
Signature of Field Manager

7/14/2016
Date

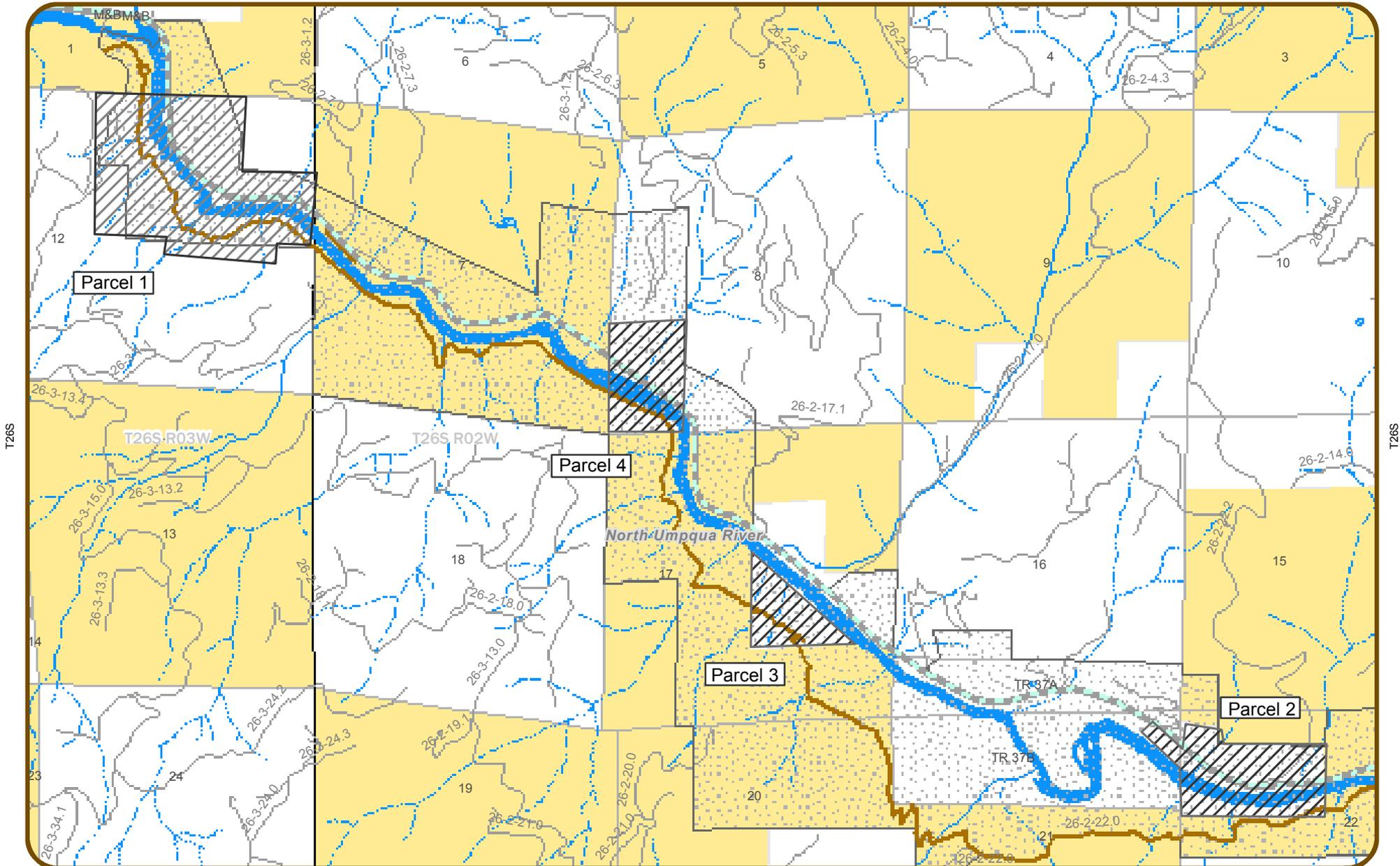
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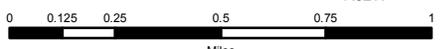


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