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# Board of Natural Resources Webinar

**December 7, 2021**

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## Product Sales & Leasing Division

## Product Sales Program

**December 7, 2021**

# Agenda

- November 2021 Results
- Current Proposed Sales
  (Action Item)

# November 2021 Results

## SALES OFFERED

- 16 sales
- 57.6 mmbf
- $19.2 million
- $333/mbf

## SALES SOLD

- 16 sales
- 57.6 mmbf
- $24.0 million
- $416/mbf
- Avg bids: 2.8

# Current Proposed Sales

**Total Proposal**

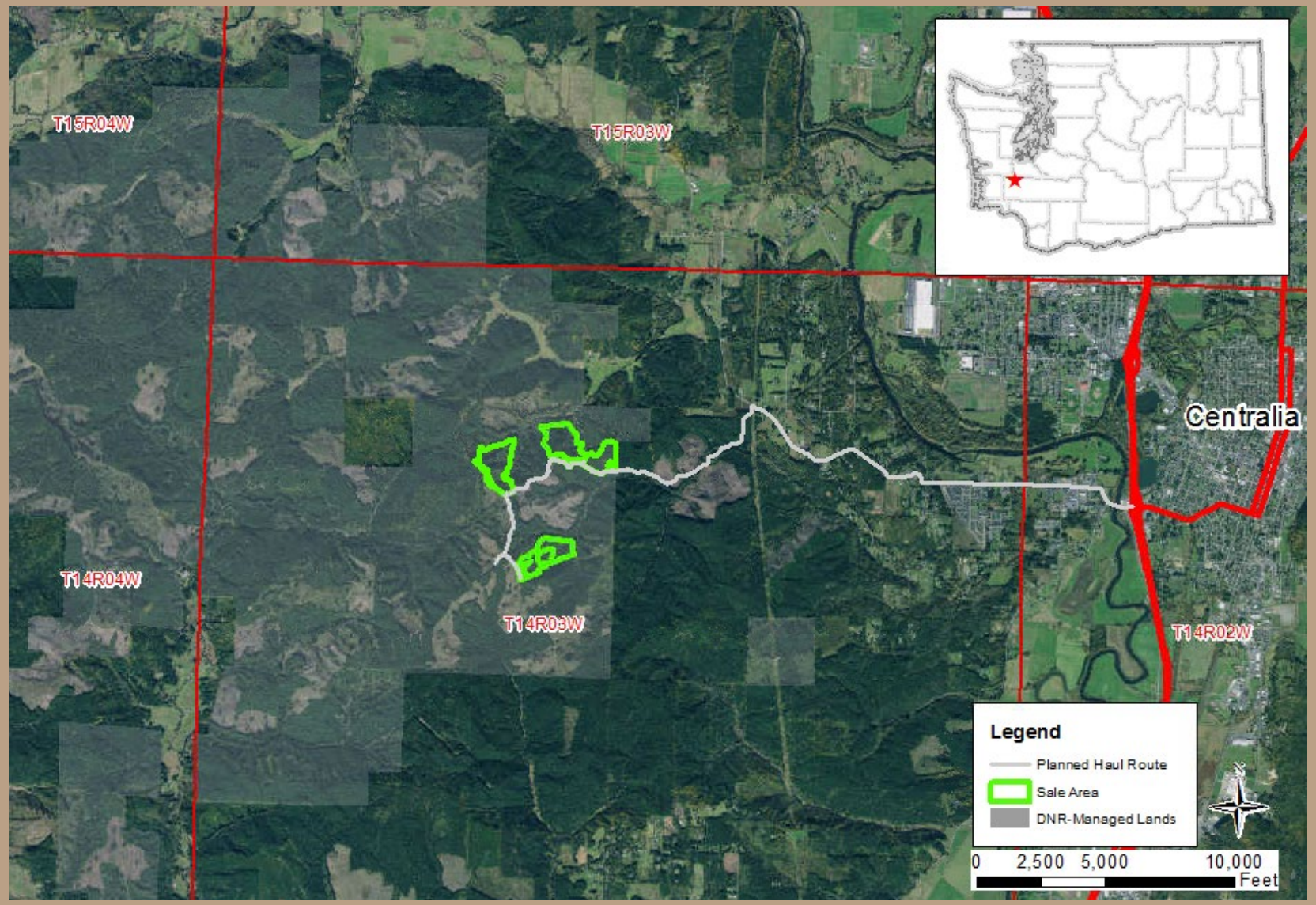
- 9 sales
- 45.0 mmbf
- $16.1 million
- $357/mbf

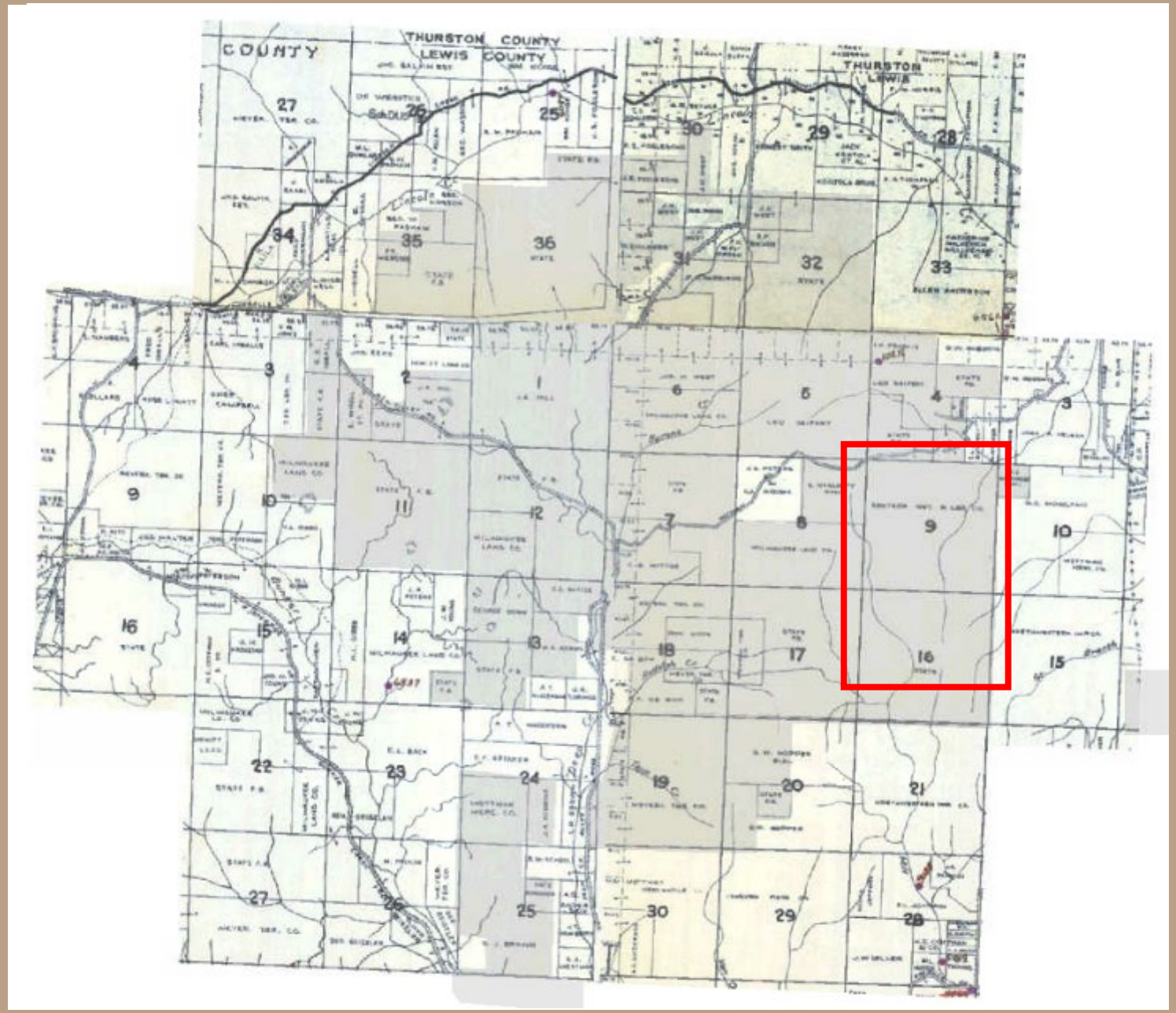
# American Pharoah

Lewis County

State Forest Transfer-80%

Common School-20%

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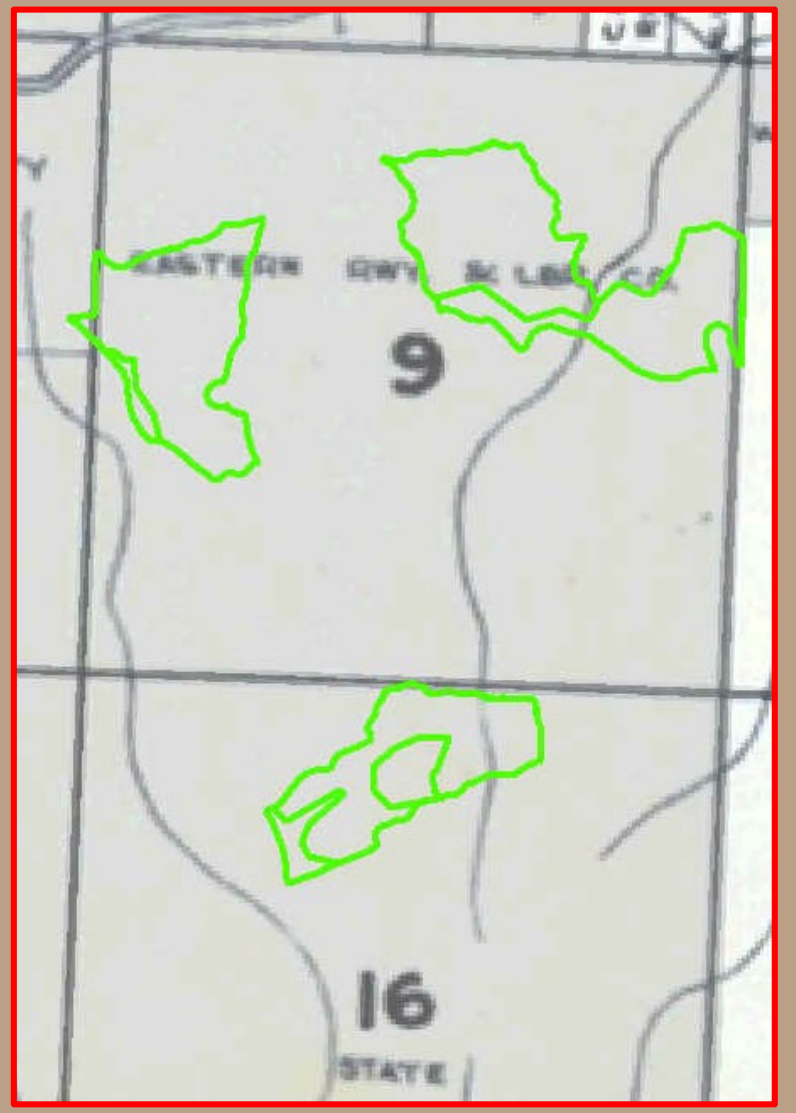
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# American Pharoah

Initial Sale Area:

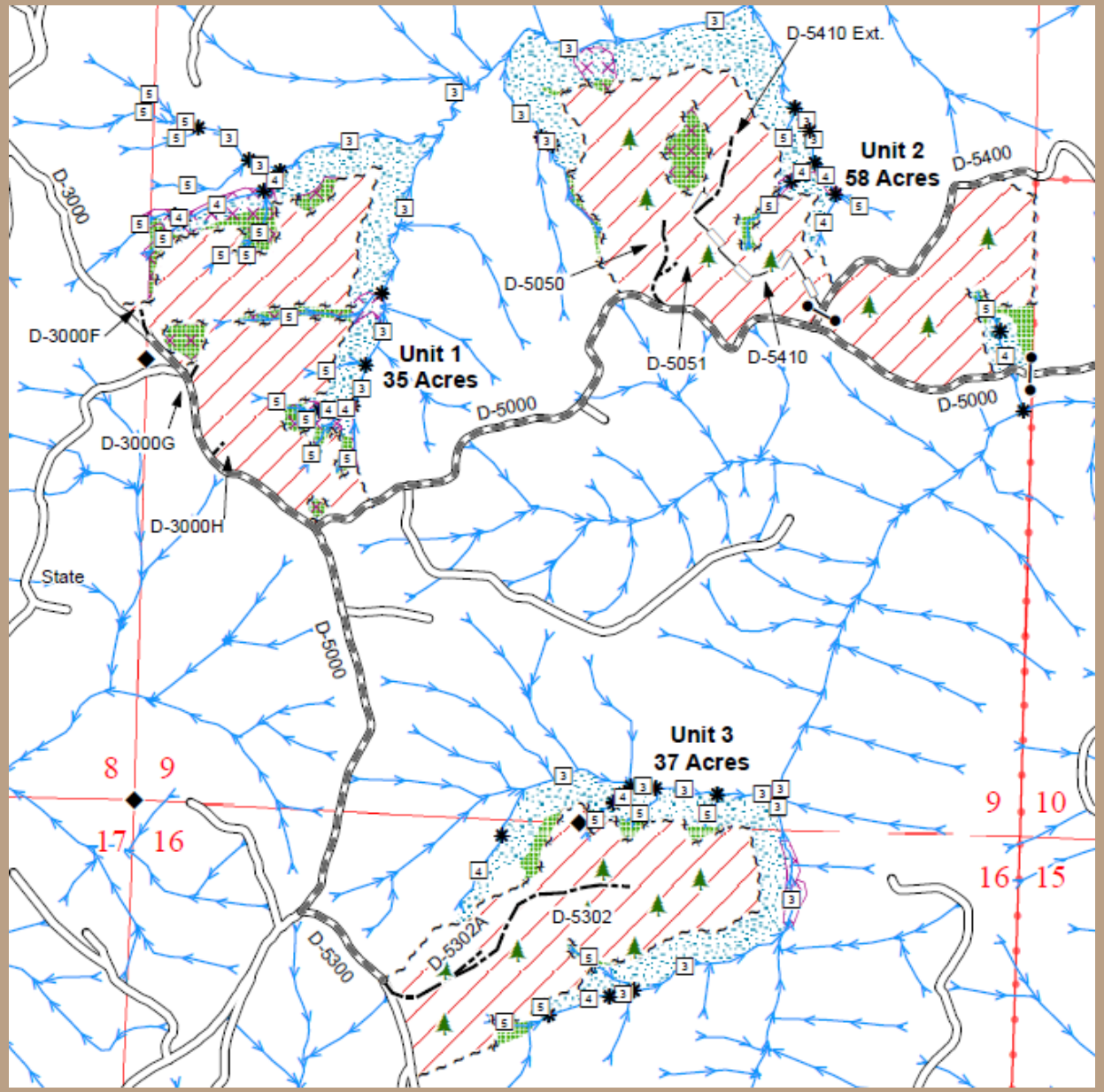
- Planning began in 2019
- 197 gross acres

Reserved Acres:

- 52 ac in RMZs
- 15 ac of leave trees

Net Harvest

- 130 ac



# Legacy Cohort

Legacy Cohorts are managed to achieve environmental objectives such as:

- Wildlife habitats
- Mycorrhizal habitats
- Connectivity
- Complex stand structures

PR 14-006-090, Managing Forest Stand Cohorts (Westside).

**Specifications for Management of Legacy Cohorts***

| Legacy Cohort | Average /Acre | Dimensions | Proximity |
|---|---|---|---|
| Very large diameter, structurally unique conifers (when present, may be used in lieu of wildlife trees, snag recruits, and snags—listed below) | The BNR will be notified if any very large diameter, structurally unique conifers are harvested (see PR 14-004-045, Old Growth Timber Harvest Deferral and Protection) | • Native conifer species<br>• Generally ≥ 60" DBH<br>• Large strong limbs<br>• Open crown<br>• Hollow trunk<br>• Broken top and limbs<br>• Deeply furrowed bark | NA |
| Large, Structurally Unique Green Trees Suited for Wildlife | ≥ 2 trees | • ≥ 1 tree, from largest diameter class<br>• ≥ 1 tree, from dominant crown class | At least 1 clump per 5 acres, and a distance between leave trees/clumps of no more than 400 feet; leave trees should be toward FMU interior, except as needed for ecological objectives; |
| Snag Recruits | ≥ 3 trees | • Intermediate to dominant crown class<br>• ≥ 10 inches DBH, ≥ 30 feet in height, and ≥ 33 percent live crown ratio<br>• Select larger diameter trees first, preferably those with structural deformities and cavities | |
| Snags (standing dead trees suitable for wildlife) | ≥ 3 snags (safety requirements shall be met) | • ≥15 inches DBH, ≥ 30 feet tall, if available<br>• Select largest diameter class cavity trees first<br>• If snags cannot be left safely, replace with suitable live trees | Leave snags as consistent with safety requirements |
| Down dead wood | ≥ 2 logs | • Small end diameter ≥ 12 inches, length ≥ 20 feet<br>• Select larger diameter logs first | None |

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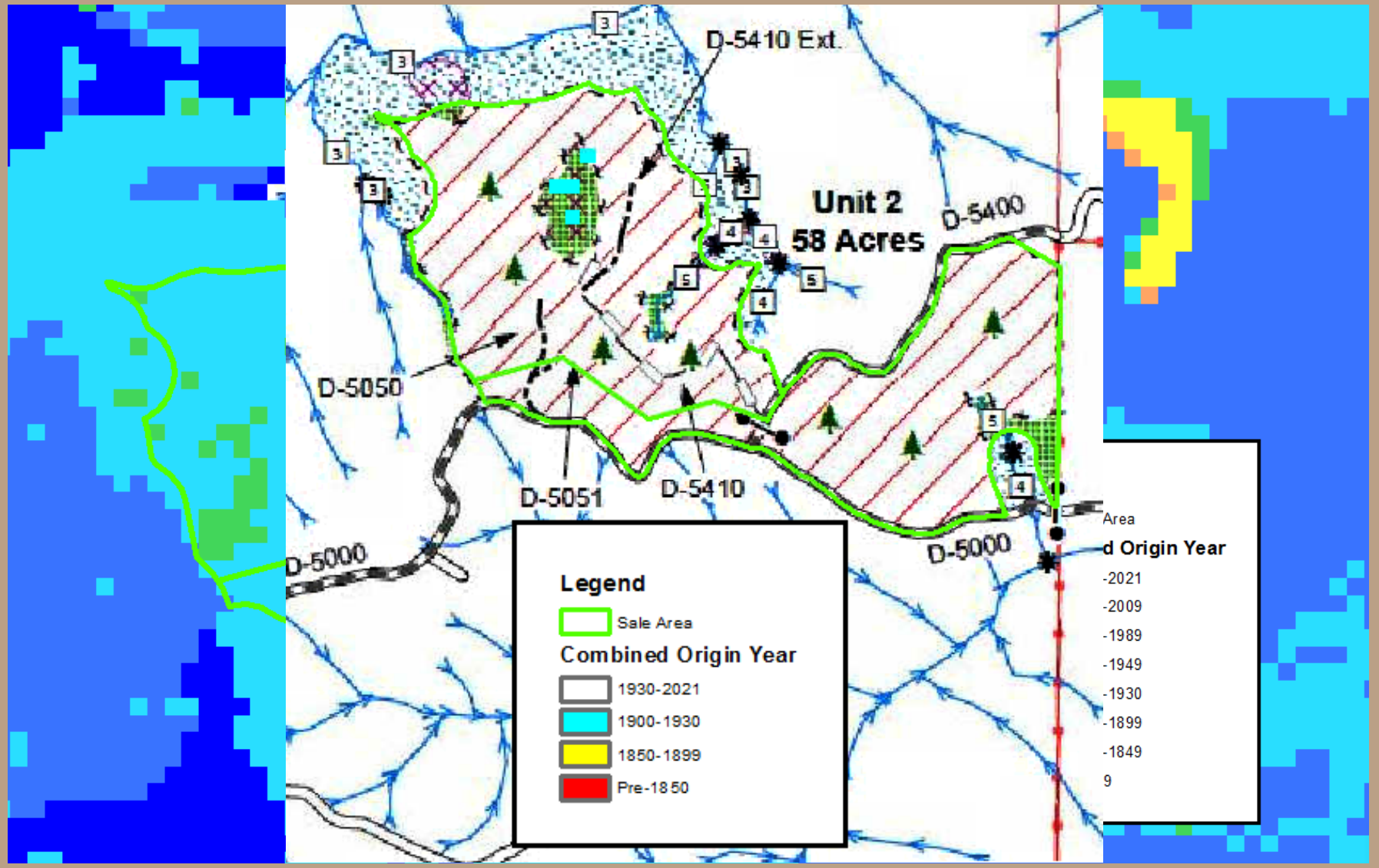


# American Pharoah

## Concerns raised during SEPA review:

- Stand ages
  - "Unit 2 of the American Pharoah timber sale includes the proposed harvest of approximately 58 acres of second growth conifer and hardwoods that originated in the mid 1930's"
- Potential "old growth legacy trees"
  - "The larger hemlock that currently dominate the canopy of parts of the existing forest were probably understory trees at the time the forest was logged, and there are a number of Douglas fir trees in units 1 and 2 that appear to exhibit characteristics of old growth legacy trees"
- Structurally complex forest

# Individual Tree Screening

## Rating system for determining general age of Douglas fir legacy trees

Choose one score from each category and sum scores to determine developmental stage

| Bark condition, lower one-third of tree | Score |
|---|---|
| Hard, boney bark with small fissures | .0 |
| Hard bark with deep fissures | .1 |
| Hard bark with charcoal present | 2 |
| Soft, flaky bark with deep fissures | .2 |
| Flaky bark with charcoal present | 3 |

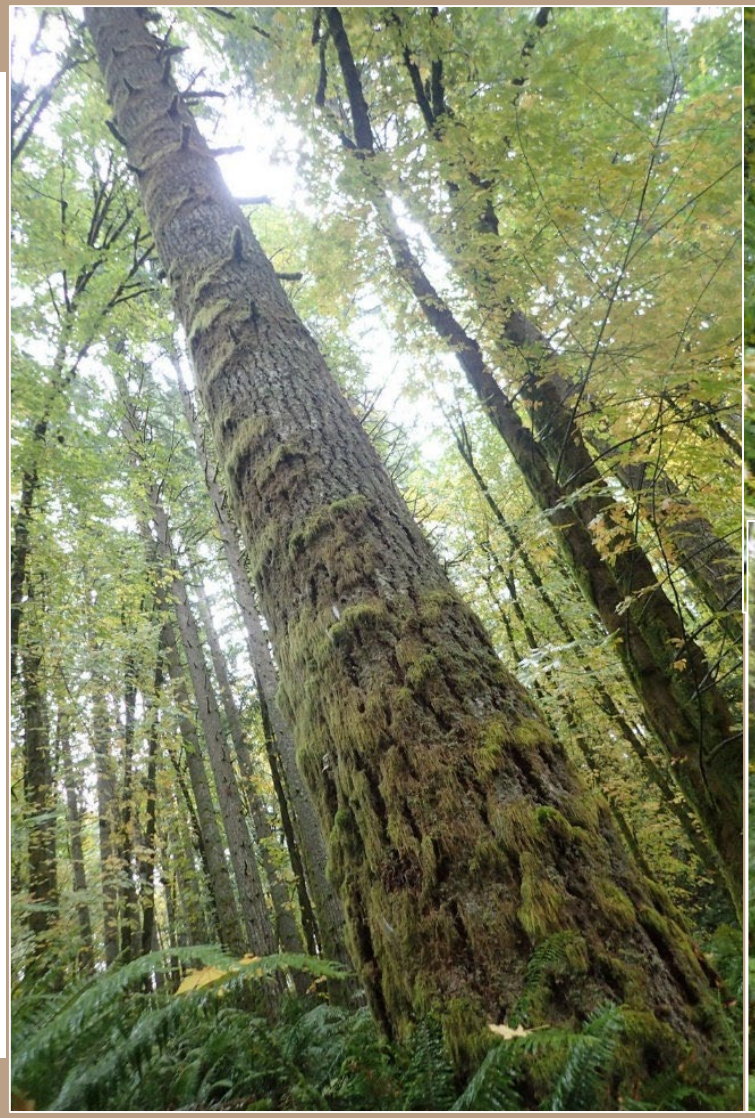
| Knot indicators, lower one-third of tree | |
|---|---|
| Branch stubs present | 0 |
| Old knot/whorl indicators visible | .1 |
| No knot/whorl indicators visible | 2 |

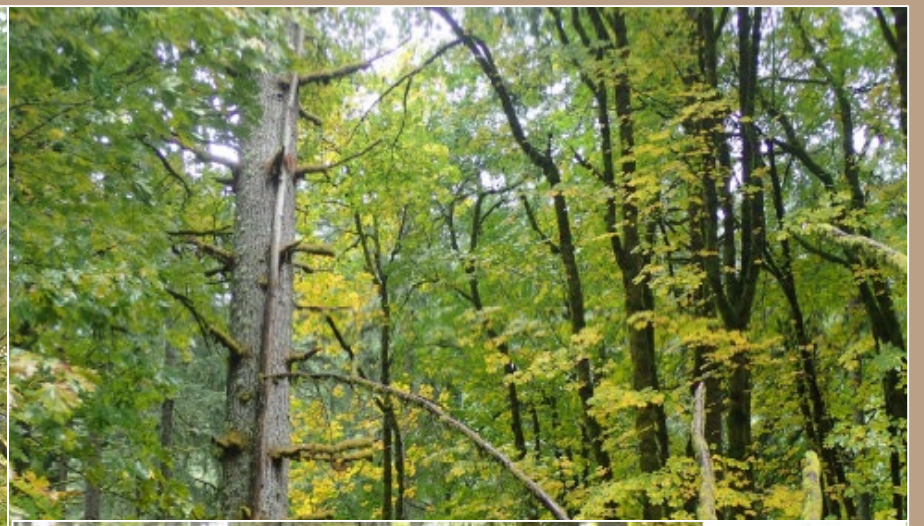
| Lower crown indicators | |
|---|---|
| No epicormic branches | 0 |
| Small epicormic branches present | .1 |
| Large and/or gnarly epicormic branches present | .2 |

**Scoring Key**

| | |
|---|---|
| < 2 | Biomass accumulation/stem exclusion (35–80 years) |
| 2–3 | Maturation I – Forests originating after Euro-American settlement (70–160 years) |
| 4–5 | Maturation II – Forests originating before Euro-American settlement (140–240 years) |
| > 5 | Old-growth (210+ years) |







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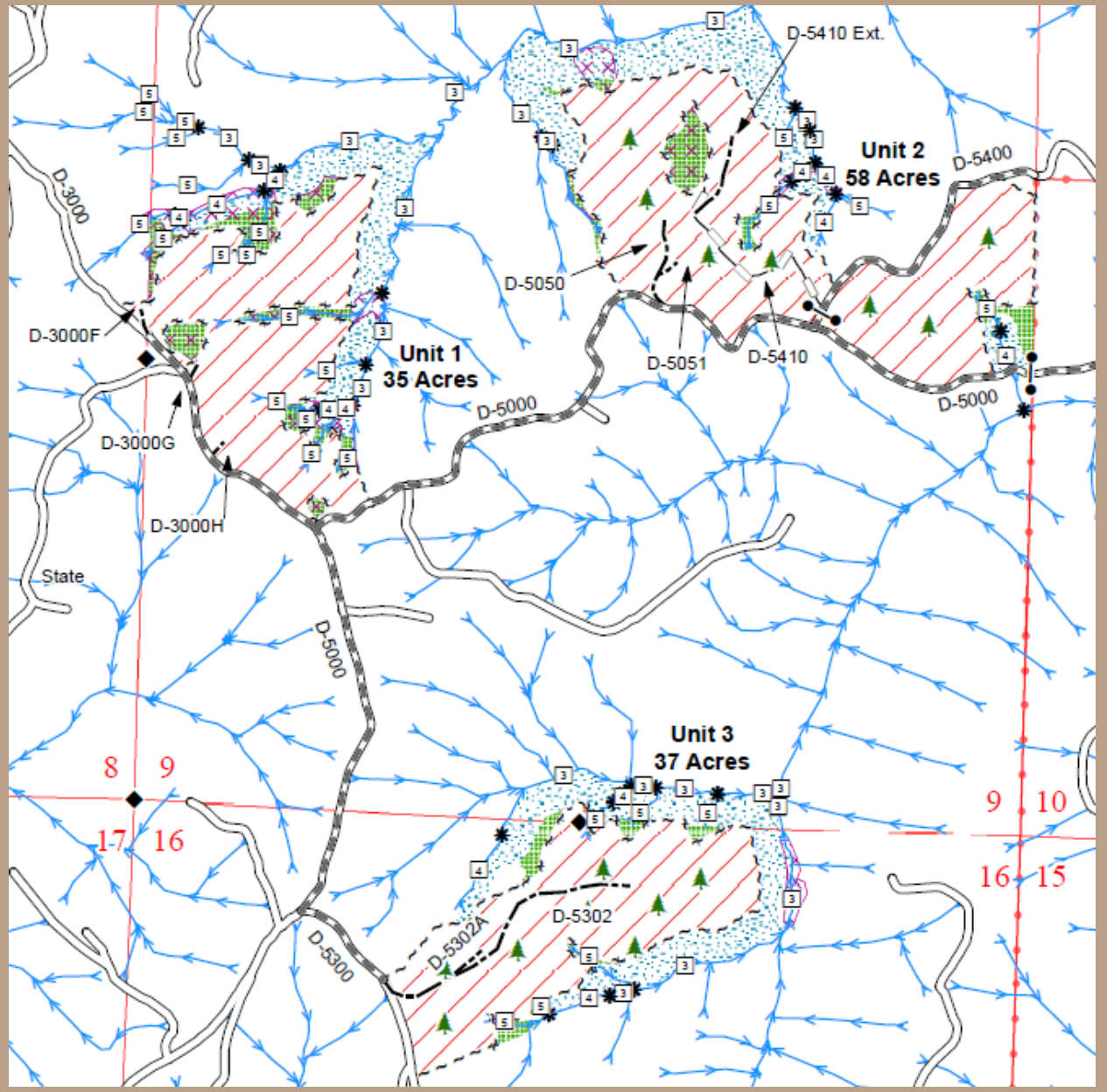
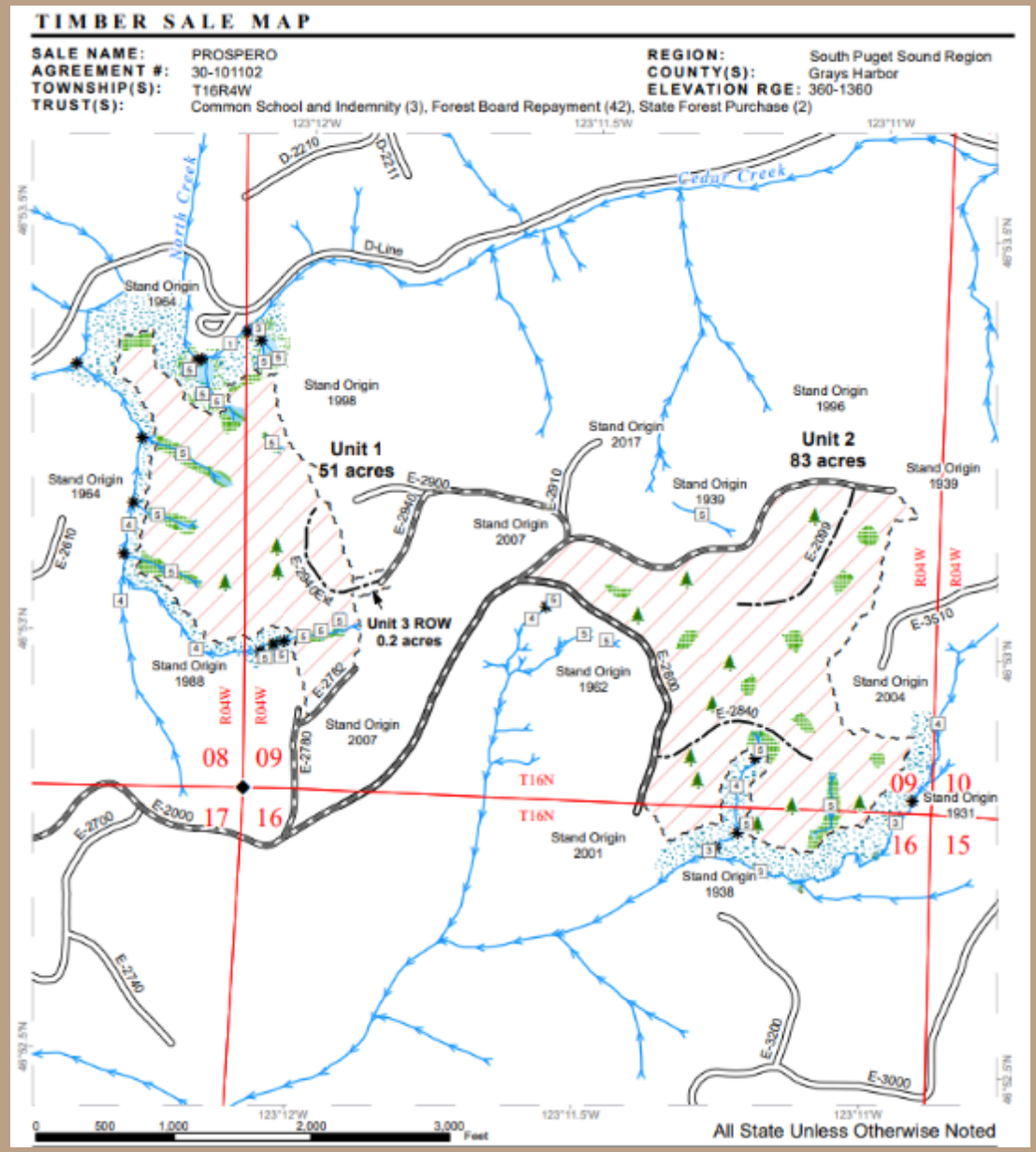


# Prospero Screening

Initial screening tools:

- FRIS (2013 refresh)
- RS-FRIS
- Old Growth Potential (WOGHI)
- 1958 Aerial Photos
- Combined Origin Year
- Special Concerns Report
- LiDAR Veg Height
- LiDAR-Estimated Dominant Tree Polygons
- Field Observations



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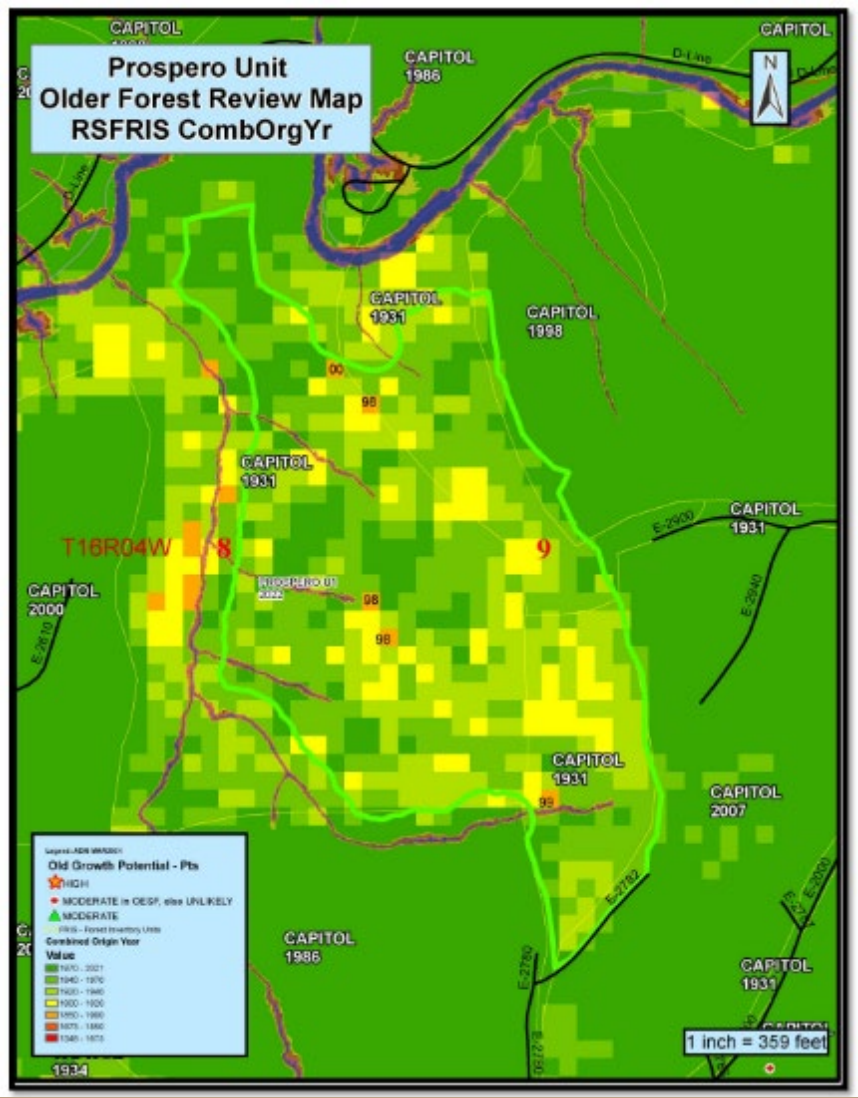



Initial screening indicators:

- Unit 1 – Combined Origin year data indicates ~49% 1950-1989, ~50% 1900-1949, <1% 1849-1899.
- No WOGHI hits

- Unit 1 showed a single 0.1 acre pixel with an origin date pre-1900 (1899).

# Prospero Screening

More intensive sampling in the field determined:

Unit 1 stand origin was post 1910.

No old growth areas present

No remnant very large structurally unique trees identified

| Tree Number | DBH | Age | Origin Year | Individual Tree Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101 | 47.7" | 103 | 1918 | Data not recorded |
| 102 | 47.5" | 95 | 1926 | 1.5, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 103 | 49.9" | 99 | 1922 | 1.5, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 104 | 45.4" | 100 | 1921 | 1.5, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 105 | 40.1" | 98 | 1923 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 106 | 50.0" | | | No data, Leave Tree |
| 107 | 44.4 | 96 | 1925 | 1.5, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 108 | 39.4 | 98 | 1923 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 109 | 38.3 | 98 | 1923 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 110 | 49.8 | 91 | 1930 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion, Leave Tree |
| 111 | 40.2 | 95 | 1926 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |

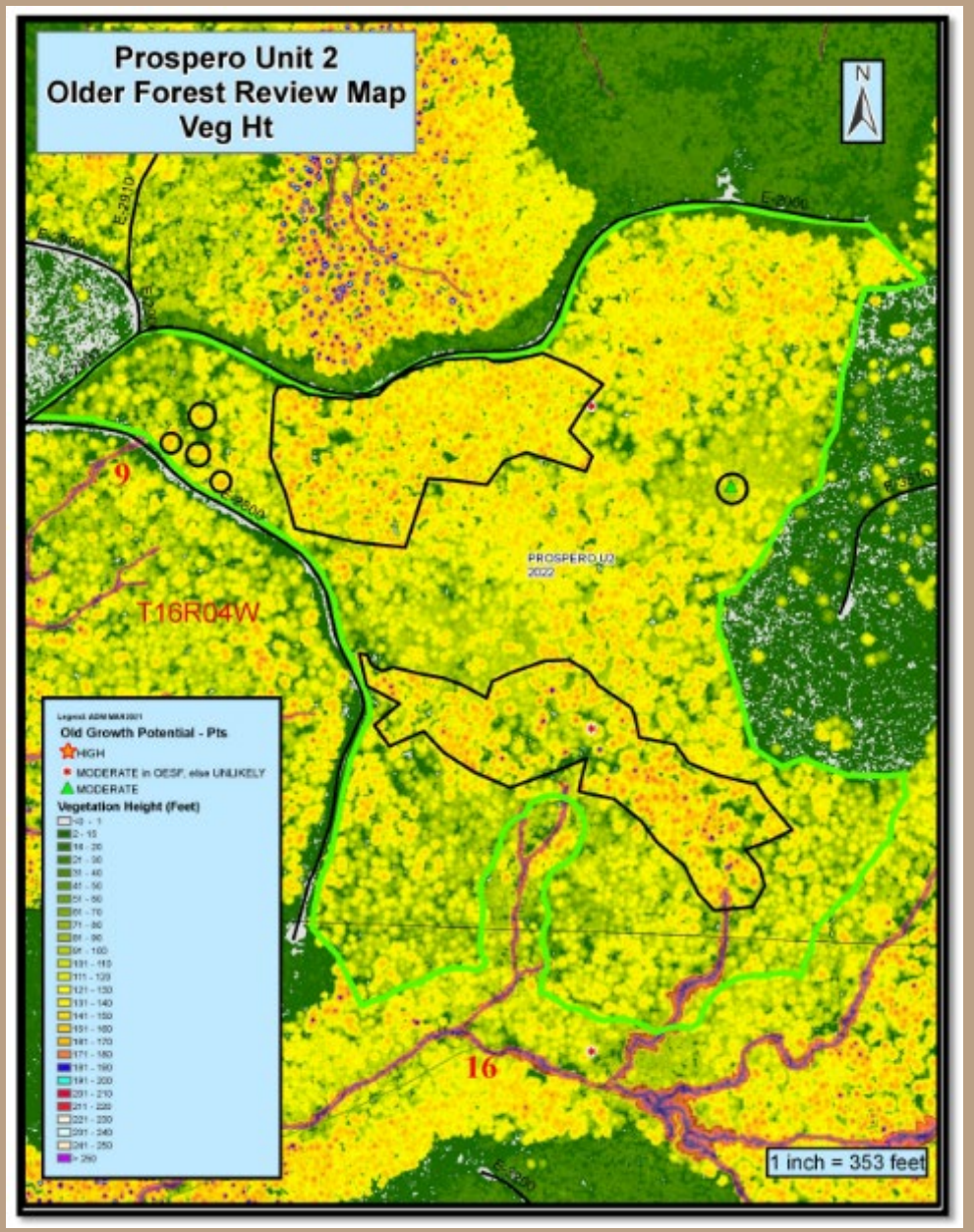
Chart 1 Unit 1

Unit 1 Photos

# Prospero Screening

Initial screening indicators:

- Combined Origin year data indicates ~35% 1950-1989, ~65% 1900-1949, <1% 1849-1899.
- Unit 2 has a total of 5 tenth acre pixels (0.5 acre total) with dates ranging from 1898-1900.
- One moderate WOGHI hit



# Prospero Screening

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Unit 2 stand origin was post 1910.

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| Tree Number | DBH | Age | Origin Year | Individual Tree Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 001 | 44.3" | 103 | 1918 | 1.5, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 002 | 30.6" | 97 | 1924 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 003 | 38.0" | 99 | 1922 | 1.5, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 004 | 44.3" | 97 | 1924 | 1.5, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 005 | 43.8" | 93 | 1928 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 006 | 38.5 | 95 | 1926 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 007 | 47.4 | 95 | 1926 | 2, Maturation I |
| 008 | 37.1 | 105 | 1916 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 009 | 58.4 | 98 | 1923 | 2, Maturation I |
| 010 | 57.3 | 99 | 1922 | 1.5, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 011 | 36.0 | 99 | 1922 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |
| 012 | 32.9 | 96 | 1924 | 1, Biomass Accumulation, Stem Exclusion |

Chart 2 U2

Unit 2 Photos

# Prospero

Concerns raised during SEPA review:

- Stand Assessment
- Structurally complex forest
- Request to withdraw the Forest Practice Application
- Violation of FSC standard

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Recommend all sales be approved for auction


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