

Proposed Additions to Fern Ridge Wildlife Area

South Coyote II and III



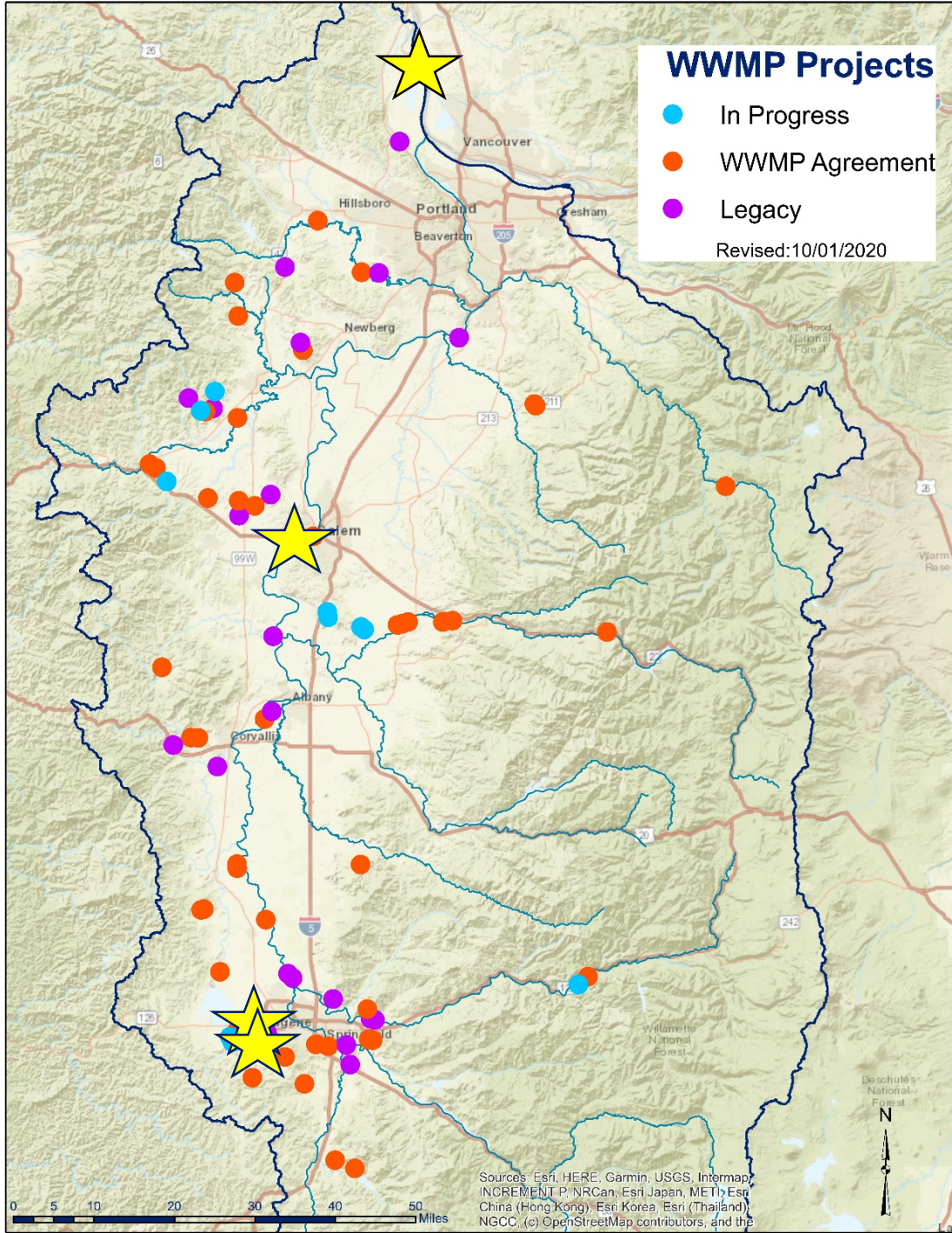
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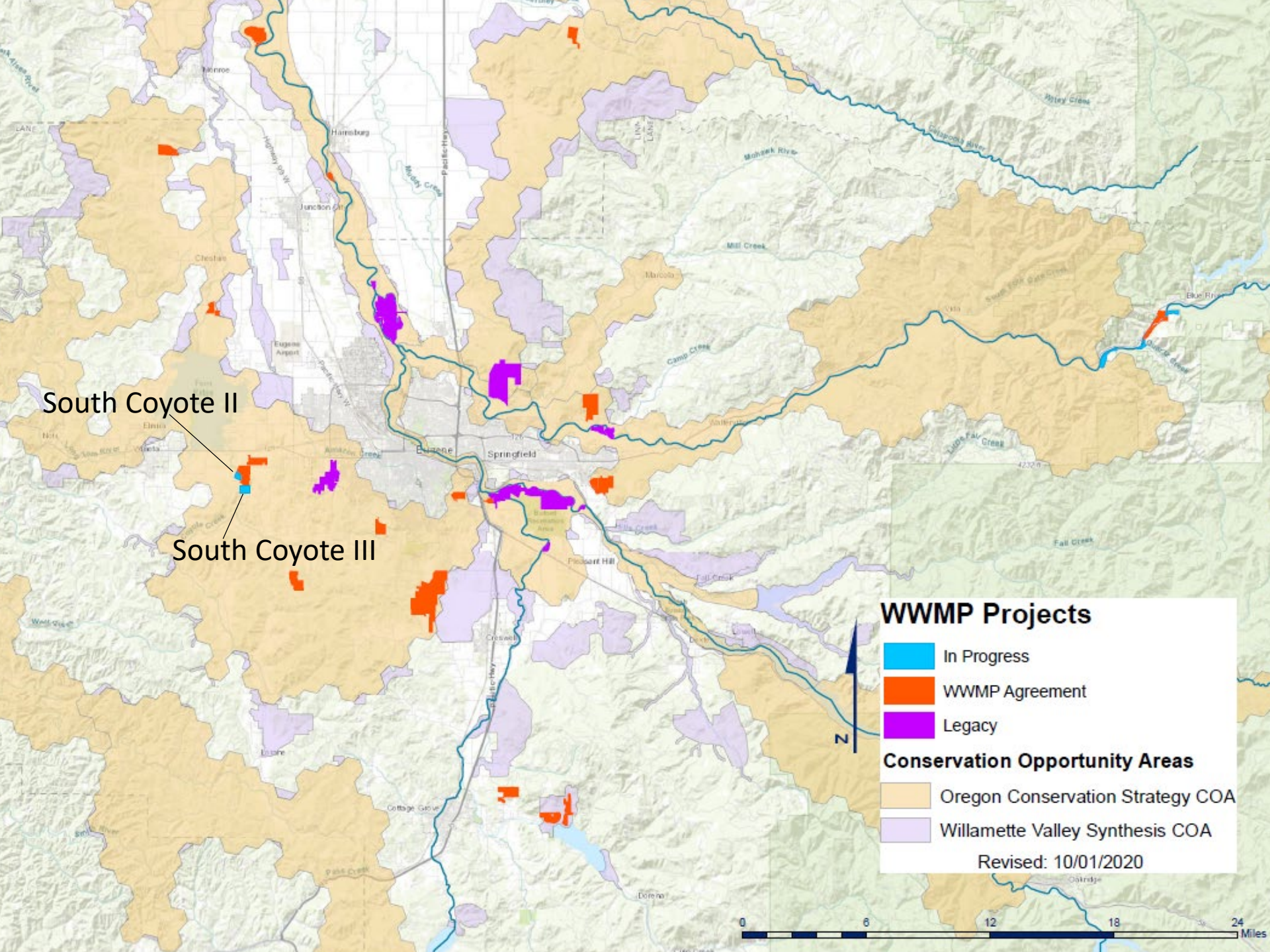
Program Background

- 2010 Settlement Agreement between BPA and State of Oregon
- ~\$117M over 15 years to protect 16,880 acres of Willamette basin wildlife habitat
- \$26M for ODFW to manage Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program (WWMP)
- Dual credit provision
- Participation by three tribes
- Habitat priorities based on the Oregon Conservation Strategy



Little Sweden on North Santiam River (CTWS)





South Coyote II

South Coyote III

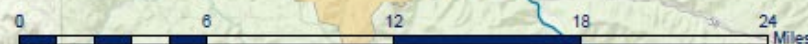
WWMP Projects

- In Progress
- WWMP Agreement
- Legacy

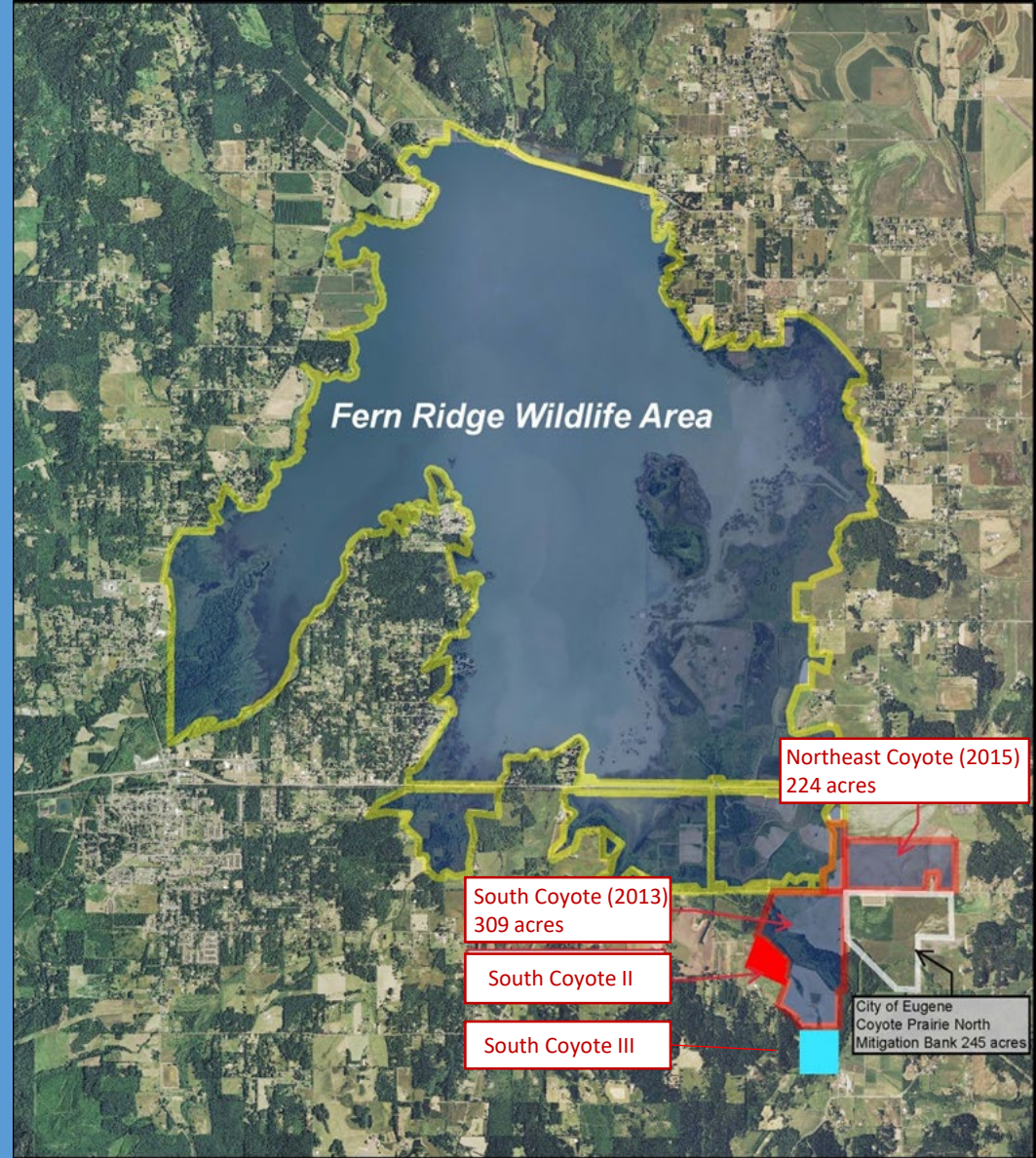
Conservation Opportunity Areas


- Oregon Conservation Strategy COA
- Willamette Valley Synthesis COA

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Local Context



 Fern Ridge Wildlife Area: USACE ownership (5,261 acres)

 Fern Ridge Wildlife Area: ODFW ownership (533 acres)

 South Coyote III (100 acres)

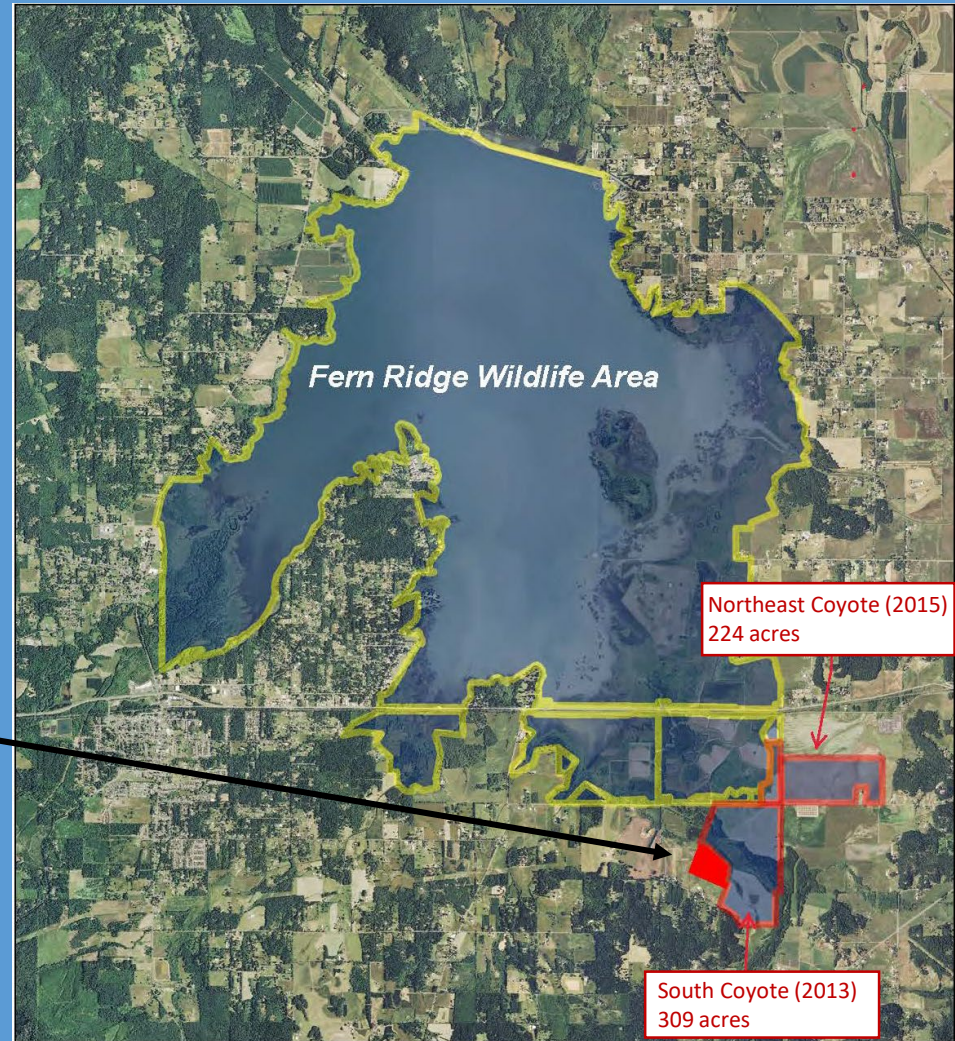
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Habitat	Current	Desired
Grassland	10	10
Wet Prairie	30	30

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Desired future habitat conditions

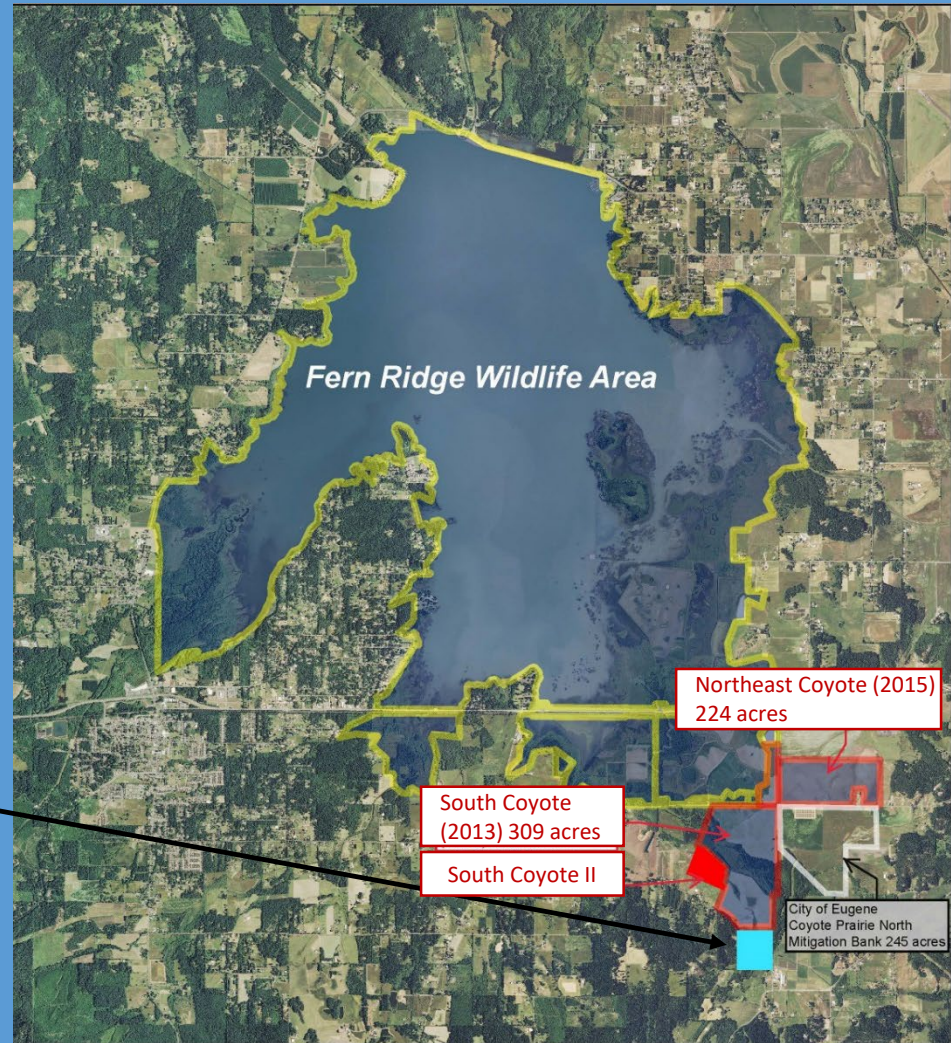
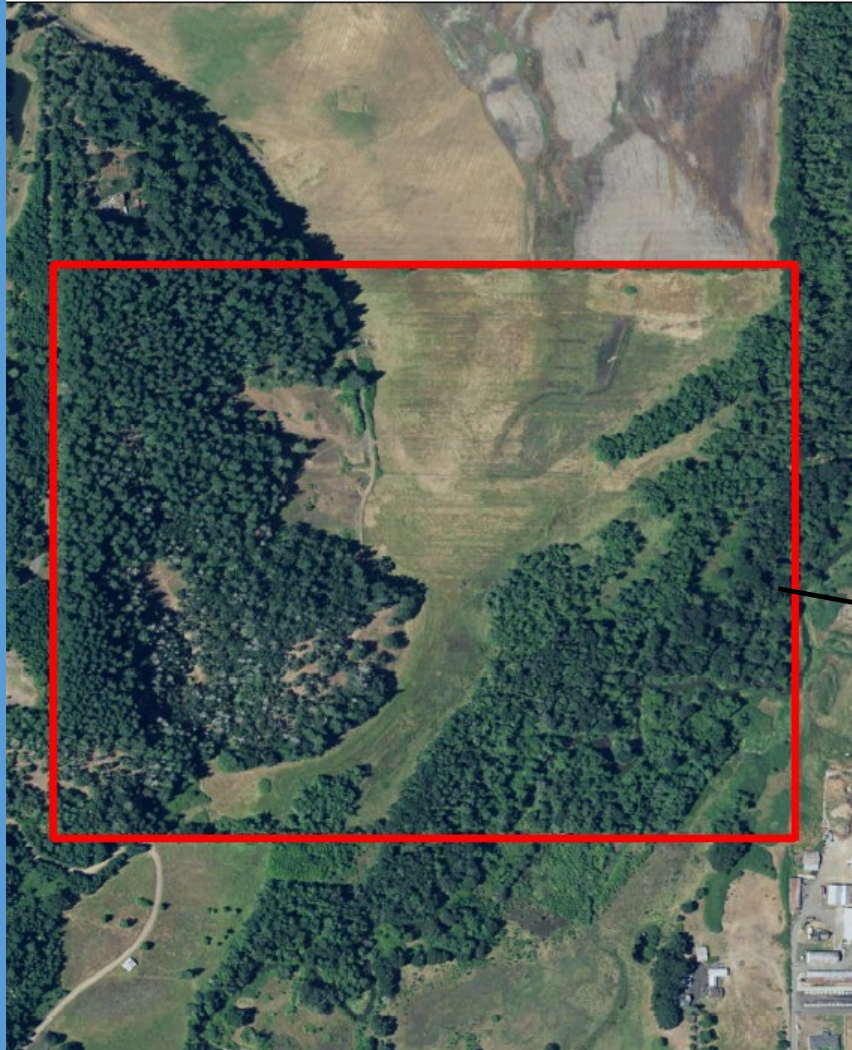


Examples of restored wetland
swale habitats from adjacent
South Coyote Unit



South Coyote III

South Coyote III (100 ac)






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Photo: Keith Kohl

Habitat	Current	Desired
Oak Woodland	20	25
Wetlands (wet prairie)	24	24
Flowing Water/Riparian	26	26
Conifer	25	20
Grasslands (oak savanna)	0	5
Disturbed (paddock, well house)	5	0



Public Access



- Properties will be open to the public for wildlife viewing, hunting, hiking etc.
- Access from Halderson Road – hunter self check-in station and limited parking available
- Same rules and regulations as Fern Ridge Wildlife Area’s South Coyote Unit

South Coyote Unit Rules and Regulations

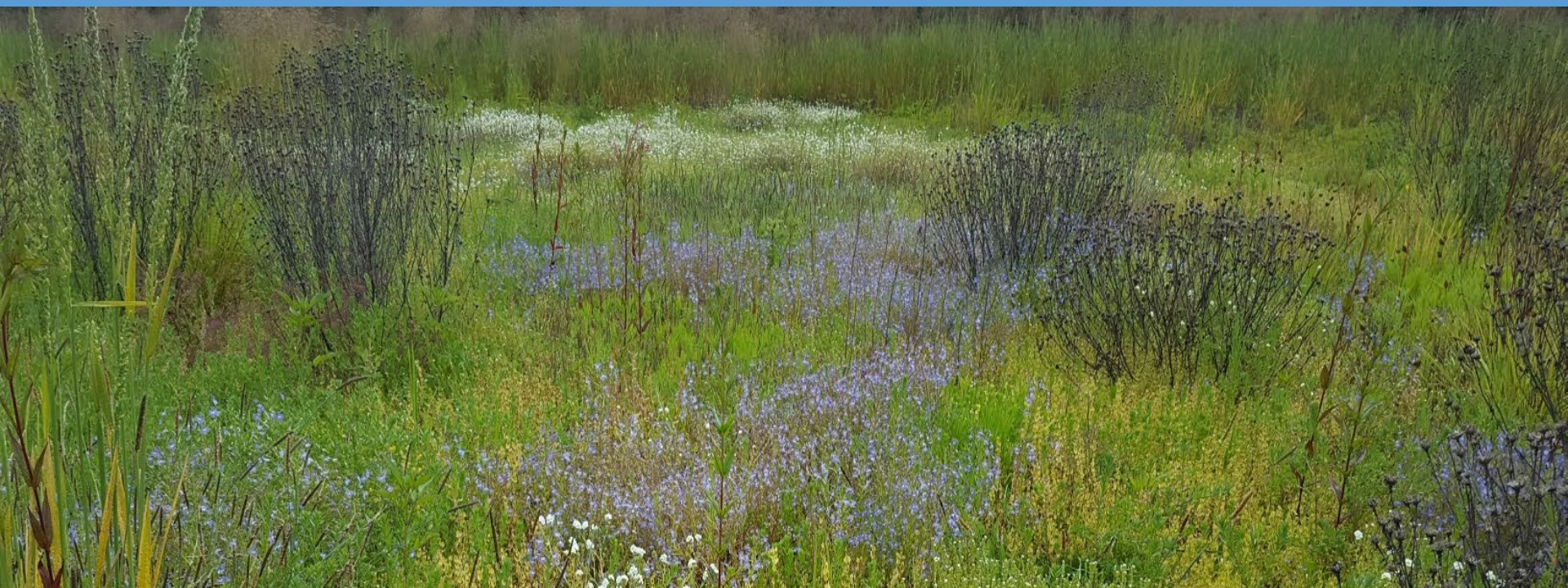
- Dogs on leash except when hunting
- Hunting methods limited to shotgun, muzzleloader, archery
- Closed to public mid-October through April *except*:
 - Waterfowl Reservation Hunt
 - Open to public Saturdays only, early February through April
- Open to public May to mid-October



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Future Management

- Management Plan required within 18 months of closing
- Guide management actions over the next 10 years
- Public input to planning process
- Stewardship funds available to assist with long-term management costs



Staff Recommendation

Approve the acquisition of the South Coyote II and III properties, approximately 140 acres in Lane County, and direct staff to proceed to escrow closing upon completion of all processes required under Oregon law for land acquisition.



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