

PARCEL ANALYSIS



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PARCEL 3

General Parcel Information

Size: 12 acres

Parcel Location: Northeast corner Section 20, Township 42 North, Range 116 West

Description

The parcel is a small island in the Snake River. The eastern portion of the parcel is a large gravel bar, while the western portion consists of a small upland. The upland portion supports a cottonwood stand interspersed with small clearings and wetland vegetation.

Access

Accessible by river only.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is bounded by Grand Teton National Park on the north, State of Wyoming School Trust Land on the west, and private lands on the south and east. The Jackson Hole Land Trust holds a conservation easement over the State Trust Land and the private land on the south, while The Nature Conservancy holds a conservation easement over the private lands to the east.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

No indication of significant public access or use of this parcel.

Infrastructure and Improvements

No roads, structures, or other improvements occur on this parcel.

Resource Management and Use

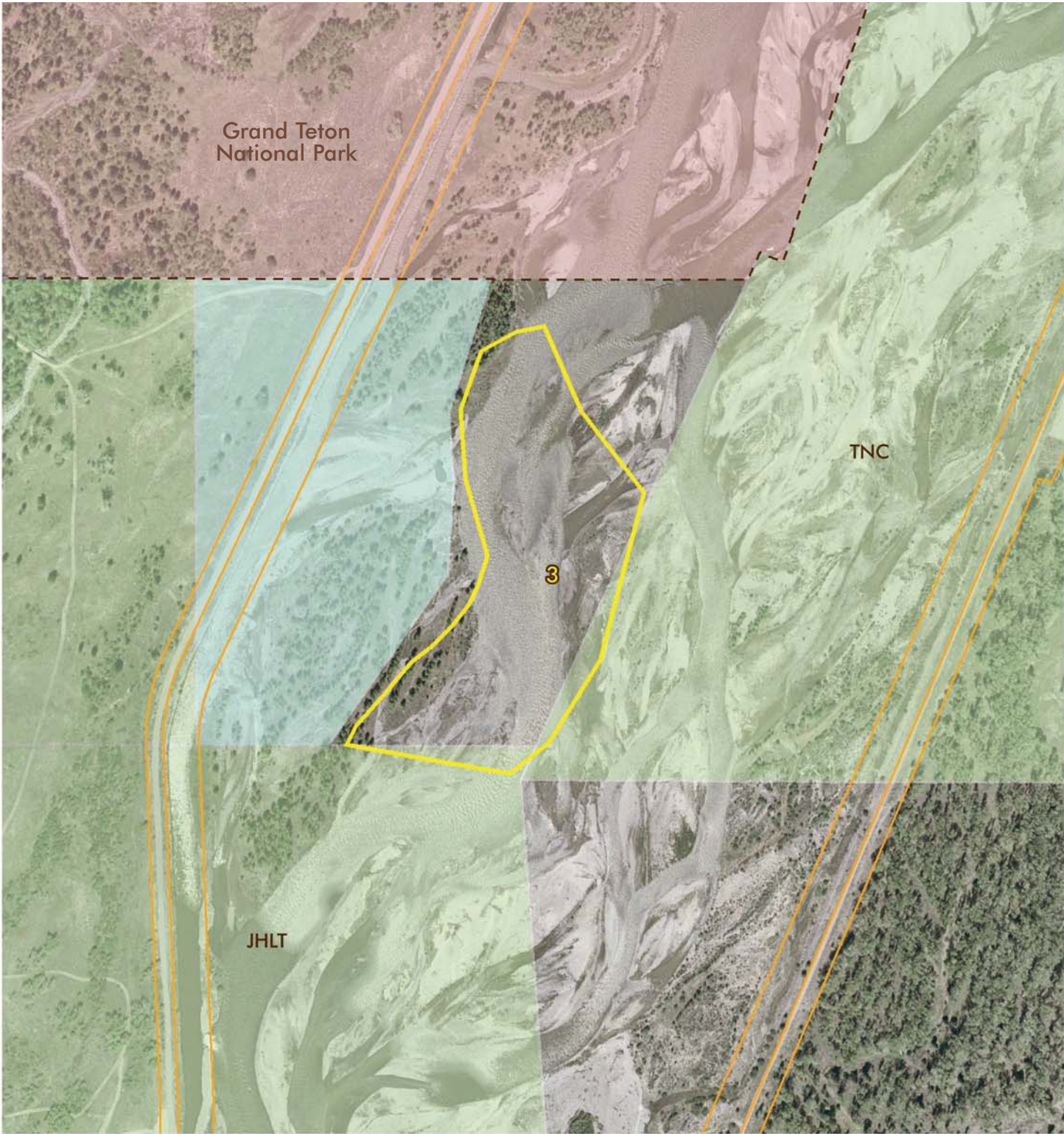
There is some indication of a nearby landowner accessing the parcel with heavy equipment to construct and maintain a connection between the river channel and an irrigation ditch headgate on the JY Ranch Levee. There are no other indications of any resource management or uses on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

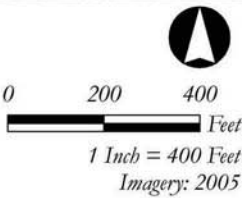
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Resource Values

- **Buffer** – Provides a buffer to a deep irrigation supply.
- **Wildlife Habitat** – Contains a small area of cottonwood forest and small wetland areas typical of the planning area. This area provides limited habitat for moose, elk, and other wildlife species.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 2, Primary Use Area.

Management Issues

- **Noxious Weeds** – Canada thistle, musk thistle, spotted knapweed, houndstongue, and mullein.
- **Incompatible Use** – Heavy equipment use to manipulate the river channel could degrade the small area of upland habitat by contributing to erosion and facilitating the spread of noxious weeds.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Habitat Conservation** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention or use. Respond to major management issues (e.g., noxious weeds and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **River Camp Site** – Include the parcel in a managed program to provide overnight camping opportunities along the river.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Bridger-Teton National Forest, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department or Bridger-Teton National Forest, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation – Emphasize riparian habitat conservation, while allowing compatible public uses (i.e., river camp). Respond to management issues on an as-needed basis.

Snake River Camp Pilot Program – Include the parcel in a five-year pilot program to evaluate the feasibility of managed overnight camping at designated sites along the river.

Ownership

Bridger-Teton National Forest ownership with management support from other Task Force partners.

A reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 3 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Bridger-Teton National Forest
- Reversionary clause in transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation and Public Use -

Emphasize riparian habitat conservation, while allowing compatible public uses (i.e., river camp). Respond to management issues on an as-needed basis.

Snake River Camp Pilot Program - Include the parcel in a five-year pilot program to evaluate the feasibility of managed overnight camping at designated sites along the river.

Resource Management

- **River Camp Monitoring** - As part of the pilot program, monitor river campsites and use for impacts (e.g., vegetation trampling, human waste, soil erosion, and trespassing).
- **Signage** - Post signs in upland locations indicating the ownership, management, and appropriate use of the parcel.
- **Noxious Weeds** - Conduct annual control and monitoring of noxious weeds.
- **Habitat Management** - Conduct periodic monitoring for bald eagle or other raptor use, and any management issues that may arise. Adapt river camp locations or accessibility if natural resource impacts become apparent.
- **Incompatible Uses** - Conduct periodic monitoring of nearby uses to ensure that heavy equipment use or other incompatible uses do not degrade resource values.

- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and any necessary landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Weed & Pest, Jackson Hole Land Trust and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

The most appropriate long-term ownership entity for this parcel is the Bridger-Teton National Forest. This is because this parcel, along with parcels 6 and 7, are the best locations to initiate a Snake River Camp Pilot Program. Such a program is compatible with the multiple-use mandates and the existing skills and infrastructure that are needed to effectively balance natural resource conservation with compatible public use. In addition, the ownership of this and other parcels along the Snake River will give Bridger-Teton National Forest a clear and consistent management presence along the river.

Implementation of a river camp on this parcel will not be without its challenges. Camping opportunities may be limited due to the parcel's size, shape, and location in the river channel. The parcel is currently located within bald eagle zone 2, in which "light human activity" is appropriate. A river camp at this location will need to be planned with the concurrence of Wyoming Game and Fish Department non-game biologists. Finally, the conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust on the State Trust Land to the west prohibits any overnight camping. The campsite's location would need to be clearly identified in order to avoid confusion and potential easement violations on the State Trust Land.



PARCEL 4

General Parcel Information

Size: 5 acres

Parcel Location: Southeast corner Section 20, Township 42 North, Range 116 West

Description

Parcel 4 is a narrow strip of land along the right bank of the Snake River, and includes about 1,000 feet of the JY Ranch Levee and small areas on both sides of the levee. The upland or outer portion contains a sliver of cottonwood forest, while the area on the inside of the levee is characterized by riprap, gravel bars, and some vegetation.

Access

Accessible by river and along the levee.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is adjacent to private, residential properties in the R Lazy S Subdivision to the west, and large parcels of private land to the north, east, and south. The Jackson Hole Land Trust holds a conservation easement over the private land to the north.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

No clear access for the general public. However, there does appear to be considerable use of the levee by nearby landowners.

Infrastructure and Improvements

Most of the parcel consists of the levee. There are no other roads, structures, or improvements on this parcel.

Resource Management and Use

Except for levee maintenance, there are no indications of any active resource management or use on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

Levee easement for the JY Ranch Levee.

Resource Values

- **Buffer** – Small strip of upland vegetation provides a buffer between the levee and river to the east, and residential properties to the west.



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- **Recreational Access** – Provides about 1,000 feet of levee and river access to neighboring landowners, or a landing area for floaters on the river. There is no clear land-based access for the general public.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 1, Occupied Nesting Area.

Management Issues

- **Potential Trespass** – Parcel is bounded on all sides by private lands; any additional public use could result in trespass on neighboring lands, both within the river channel and along the levee.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Public River Access** – Designate the parcel as a public river access point and seek a legal means for land-based access to the levee.
- **Limited Monitoring and Management** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention. Monitor resource management or property trespass issues in conjunction with annual levee inspections. Respond to major management issues (e.g., encroachment from neighboring landowners, noxious weeds, and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **No Management** – Allow existing, informal public use to continue with no active monitoring or management.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Teton County, fee-simple ownership.
- Teton County, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement and considers sale or transfer to adjacent landowners under an amended Resource Management Plan.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership (no conservation easement) and considers sale or transfer to adjacent landowners under an amended Resource Management Plan.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Public River Access with Limited Monitoring and Management –

Continue to allow public access along the levee, with periodic monitoring to detect adverse impacts to resource or adjacent landowners.

Ownership

Teton County fee ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 4 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Teton County
- Reversionary clause in transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

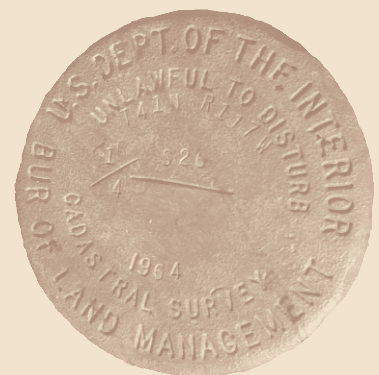
Public River Access - Continue to allow public access along the levee, with periodic monitoring to detect adverse impacts to resources or adjacent landowners.

Resource Management

- **Monitoring** - Monitor parcel on an annual basis during levee inspections to identify major management issues, including noxious weeds and encroachment.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and any necessary landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Road and Levee, Teton County Weed & Pest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

This parcel is very small, consists mainly of the levee itself, and is not accessible to the general public (though it is used by neighboring landowners). It provides little wildlife habitat or public recreation value and is not anticipated to attract additional public use. The true value in this parcel is in the opportunity to work with adjacent landowners to improve or clarify public recreation access or wildlife values in another nearby location. Teton County is the recommended ownership entity, and a conservation easement is not recommended because Teton County already has a levee easement over most of the parcel. A nearby levee access easement (about 250 feet to the north) could also provide maintenance or emergency access to this parcel that could improve management of recreational use through this river reach.



PARCEL 6

General Parcel Information

Size: 25 acres

Parcel Location: Northeast corner Section 29, Township 42 North, Range 116 West

Description

Parcel 6 is two islands within the levees of the Snake River. The western island consists of a gravel bar vegetated by small willows and occasional clusters of mature vegetation. The larger eastern island consists of an extensive cottonwood gallery forest. A small side channel currently divides the two islands.

Access

Accessible by river only.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is completely contained within a larger private parcel that lies mainly between the Snake River levees. Several residential parcels in the Teton Cascades Subdivision along Sagebrush Drive are located to the east.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

There are indications of frequent use of the eastern half of the parcel by neighboring landowners, including a picnic table, an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) track, and a salt lick, likely used to draw game to the area. River floaters may occasionally use the western portion of the parcel for lunch breaks or shore fishing.

Infrastructure and Improvements

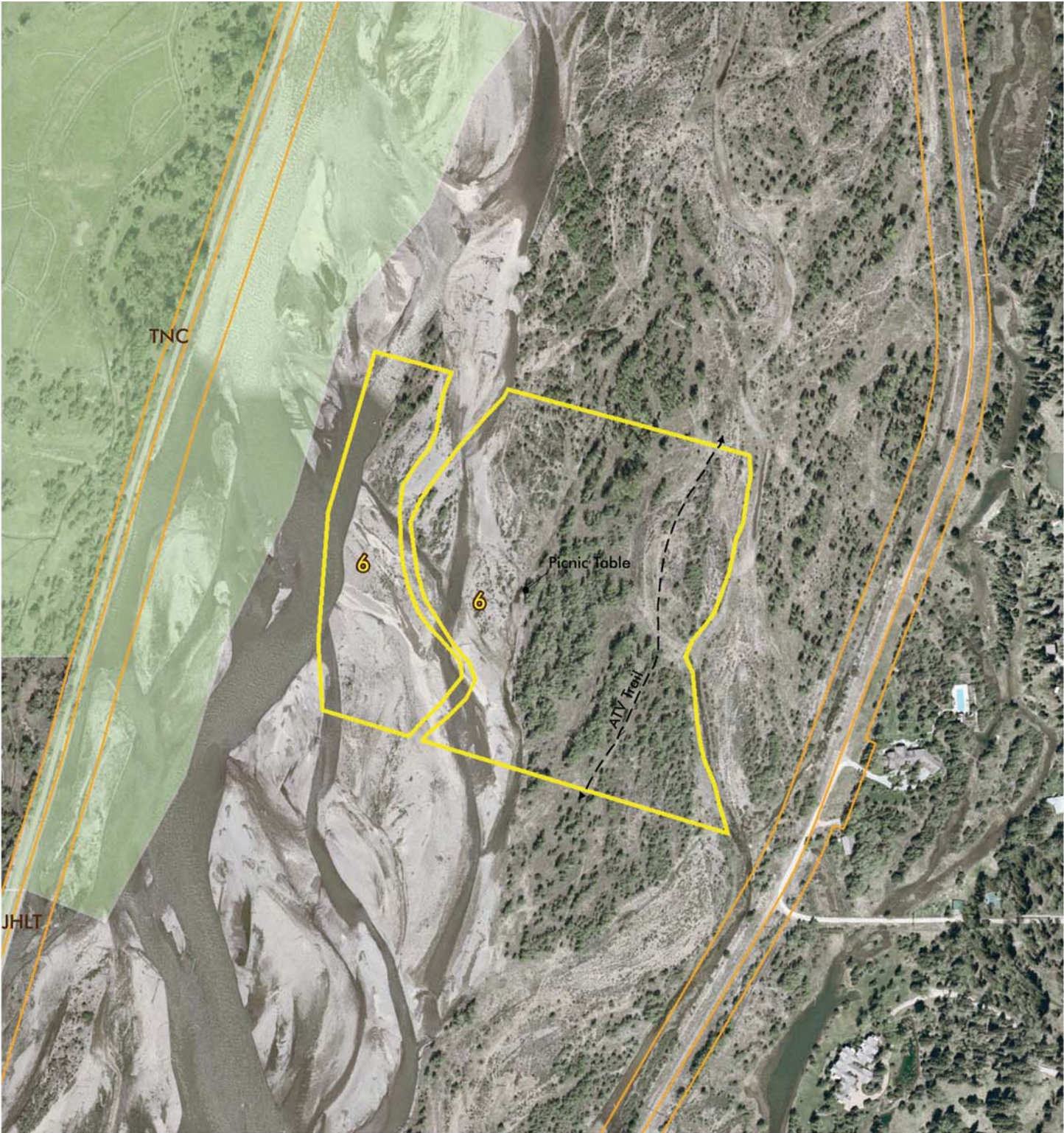
A picnic table has been placed on the western edge of the eastern island near the center of the parcel. A well-defined ATV track crosses the eastern portion of the parcel in a north-south orientation. There are no other roads, structures, or other improvements on this parcel.

Resource Management and Use

There is no indication of any management of natural resources on this parcel. As described above, the eastern portion of the parcel appears to be commonly used by neighboring landowners for picnicking, ATV use, and potentially hunting and fishing.



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Existing Leases or Encumbrances

Teton County has no records of existing leases or encumbrances.

Resource Values

- **Wildlife Habitat** – Eastern portion of the parcel contains a large area of mature cottonwood forest and small wetlands typical of the planning area. The parcel provides limited habitat for moose, elk, and other wildlife species.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 2, Primary Use Area.

Management Issues

- **Noxious Weeds** – Canada thistle and spotted knapweed.
- **Motorized Vehicle Use** – Clear indications of ATV use on the eastern portion of the parcel, although travel appears to be limited to a single north-south corridor.
- **Encroachment** – The condition of the picnic table on the parcel clearly indicates that the parcel has recently been used by neighboring landowners.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Habitat Conservation** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention or use. Remove picnic table and other potential structures (e.g., hunting stands and blinds) and prohibit motorized vehicle access. Respond to major management issues (e.g., noxious weeds and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **Limited Public Use** – Allow appropriate access and use from adjacent areas, but prohibit motorized vehicle use on the parcel. Allow continued use of the existing picnic table, and monitor the area for resource damage and other inappropriate improvements.
- **River Camp Site** – Include the parcel in a managed program to provide overnight camping opportunities along the river.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Bridger-Teton National Forest, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department or Bridger-Teton National Forest, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation – Emphasize riparian habitat conservation, while allowing compatible public uses (i.e., river camp). Respond to management issues on an as-needed basis.





Snake River Camp Pilot Program – Include the parcel in a five-year pilot program to evaluate the feasibility of managed overnight camping at designated sites along the river.

Ownership

Bridger-Teton National Forest ownership with management support from other Task Force partners.

A reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 6 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Bridger-Teton National Forest
- Reversionary clause in transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation and Public Use -

Emphasize riparian habitat conservation, while allowing compatible public uses (i.e., river camp). Respond to management issues on an as-needed basis.

Snake River Camp Pilot Program - Include the parcel in a five-year pilot program to evaluate the feasibility of managed overnight camping at designated sites along the river.

Resource Management

- **River Camp Monitoring** - As part of the pilot program, monitor river campsites and use for impacts (e.g., vegetation trampling, human waste, soil erosion, and trespassing).
- **Signage** - Post signs in upland locations indicating the ownership, management, and appropriate use of the parcel.
- **Noxious Weeds** - Monitor and control noxious weeds annually.
- **Habitat Management** - Conduct periodic monitoring for bald eagle or other raptor use, and any management issues that may arise. Manage habitat and public use to facilitate ongoing use by moose and migrating elk. Adapt river camp locations or accessibility if wildlife impacts become apparent.
- **Encroachment/Incompatible Uses** - Prohibit ATV access and use at the parcel boundary with signage, outreach to neighboring landowners, and if needed, limited fencing. Retain and repair picnic table, but monitor area for inappropriate uses and resource damage.
- **Public Use** - In addition to river camps, allow limited, informal public use from the river and from neighboring areas. Restrict any additional improvements and monitor for additional encroachment or resource damage.

- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and any landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Weed & Pest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

This parcel contains a fairly large area of upland, cottonwood forest habitat, is located within an important elk migration corridor, and provides suitable habitat for bald eagle. This parcel is also one of the three logical locations (parcels 3, 6, and 7) to initiate a Snake River Camp Pilot Program. The most appropriate long-term ownership entity is the Bridger-Teton National Forest because the agency's multiple-use mandates and local infrastructure are best suited to effectively managing a balance between natural resource conservation with compatible public use. In addition, the ownership of this and other parcels along the Snake River will give Bridger-Teton National Forest a clear and consistent management presence along the river.

This parcel is currently located within bald eagle zone 2, in which "light human activity" is appropriate. River campsites on this parcel would need to be established with the concurrence of Wyoming Game and Fish Department non-game biologists to ensure that bald eagle habitat needs are protected.

Although existing uses by neighboring landowners are evident on the parcel (i.e., ATV track and picnic table), those uses have not yet resulted in significant resource degradation. While it is clear that motorized use on the parcel should be prohibited, other informal public uses appear to be consistent with habitat management goals and should be managed during the river camp pilot program at the discretion of the future land manager. Periodic monitoring must be conducted to ensure that wildlife habitat values are sustained. Future management or restrictions of existing uses and encroachment need to be balanced with opportunities to engage neighboring landowners as partners in the management and stewardship of this parcel.



PARCEL 7

General Parcel Information

Size: 78 acres

Parcel Location: West half of Section 5, east half of Section 6, Township 41 North, Range 116 West

Description

The parcel consists of two areas located at the confluence of the Snake and Gros Ventre Rivers. The west portion of the parcel consists of large area on both sides of the John Dodge Levee. The east portion of the parcel consists of an island between the main channel of the Snake River and the Gros Ventre River. In addition to the levee, most of the west portion of the parcel consists of mature cottonwood forest and an extensive network of wetlands, streams and ponds. The eastern portion of the parcel is a large island containing mature cottonwood forest.

Access

Western portion accessible from the levee; eastern portion an island accessible by river only.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

Private residential lands within the John Dodge Homestead Subdivision border the parcel to the west and north. Other private lands are adjacent to the parcel to the east and the south. The Jackson Hole Land Trust holds conservation easements over three large properties to the east of the parcel.

Zoning: SF-NC, Single-Family; RU-Rural along eastern edge; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

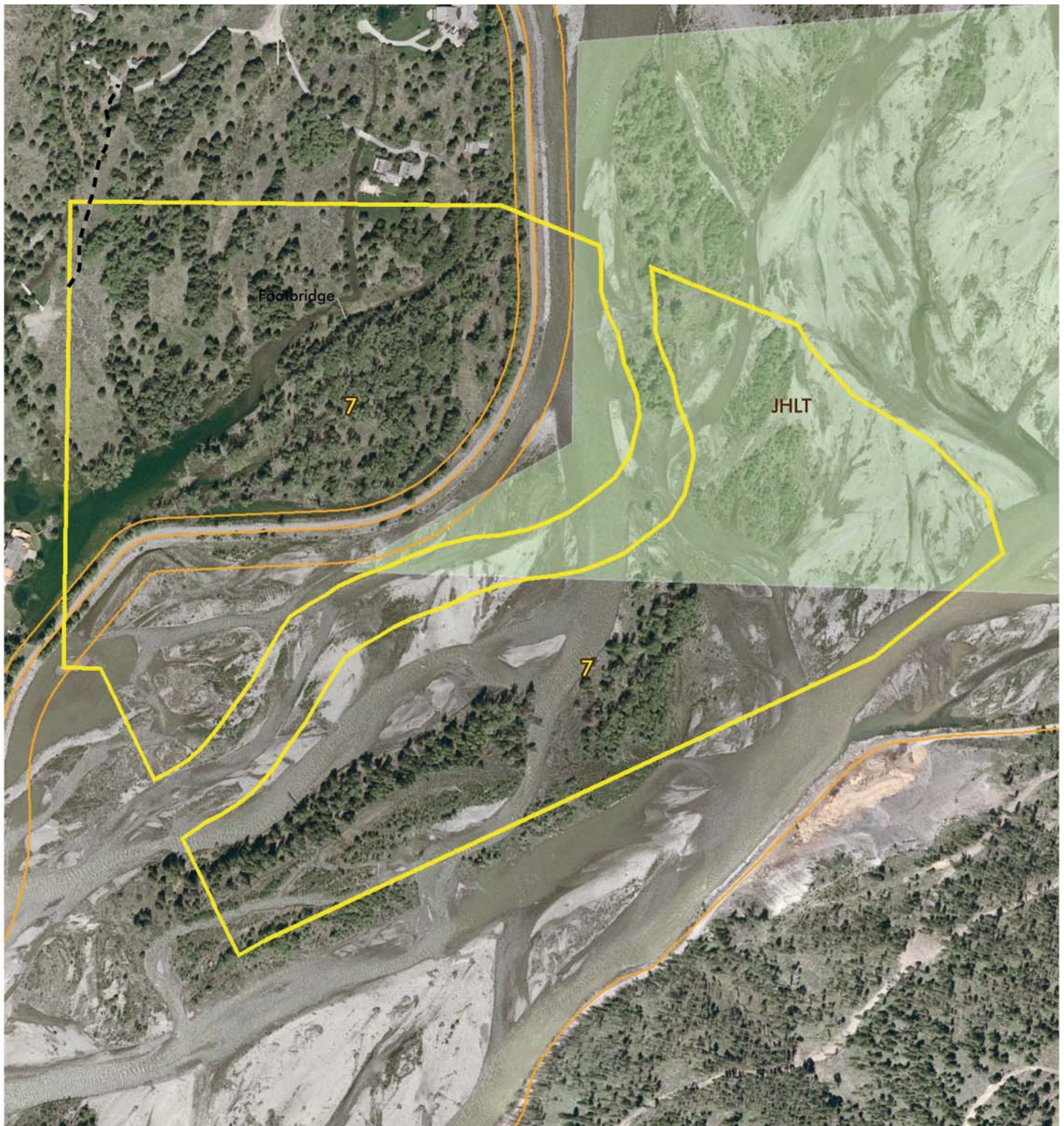
The portion of the John Dodge Levee through this parcel appears to be used by neighboring landowners for recreation access. Several nearby residences have private paths and gates to access the levee. Additional levee access from the adjacent subdivision comes from an informal access trail about 1,000 feet south of the parcel boundary. There are no indications of public access to or use of the eastern, island portion of the parcel.

Infrastructure and Improvements

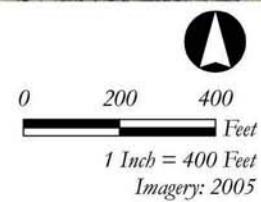
The John Dodge Levee along the west bank of the Snake River crosses through the center of the parcel. An informal road between adjacent private lands crosses the northwest corner of the property. No other roads, structures, or other improvements on this parcel.



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Resource Management and Use

Some of the mature cottonwoods along the levee near the western edge of the parcel are covered with wire mesh to protect them from beaver. Other than continual levee management, there is no indication of any management of natural resources on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

Levee easement for the John Dodge Levee.

Resource Values

- **Wildlife Habitat** – Eastern portion of this parcel contains a large area of mature cottonwood forest and small wetlands, while the cottonwood forest in the western portion of the parcel is interspersed with extensive ponds and wetlands. This area provides limited habitat for moose, elk, and other wildlife species.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 1, Occupied Nesting Area and Zone 2, Primary Use Area.



Management Issues

- **Noxious Weeds** – Spotted knapweed, houndstongue, musk thistle, bull thistle, and common mullein.
- **Encroachment** – Upland area along the northern edge of (west portion of parcel) lies directly adjacent to existing private parcels with residences. Monitor the area for potential encroachment of private structures, trails, or other uses on the parcel.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Habitat Conservation** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention or use. Allow public use along the levee, and discourage public use in other areas. Conduct routine monitoring and respond to major management issues (e.g., noxious weeds and encroachment) on an as-needed basis.
- **River Camp Site** – Consider including the parcel in a managed program to provide overnight camping opportunities along the river.



Transfer and Ownership Options

- Bridger-Teton National Forest, fee-simple ownership.
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- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership for a future transfer of the upland portion to neighboring landowners, with a conservation easement.



Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation – Emphasize riparian habitat conservation, while allowing compatible public uses (i.e., river camp and public use along the levee). Respond to management issues on an as-needed basis.

Snake River Camp Pilot Program – Include the eastern island portion of the parcel in a five-year pilot program to evaluate the feasibility of managed overnight camping at designated sites along the river.

Ownership

Bridger-Teton National Forest ownership with management support from other Task Force partners.

A reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 7 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Bridger-Teton National Forest
- Reversionary clause in transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation and Public Use -

Emphasize riparian habitat conservation, while allowing compatible public uses (i.e., river camp, and public use along the levee). Respond to management issues on an as-needed basis.

Snake River Camp Pilot Program - Include the parcel in a five-year pilot program to evaluate the feasibility of managed overnight camping at designated sites along the river.

Resource Management

- **River Camp Monitoring** - As part of the pilot program, monitor river campsites for impacts to resources (e.g., vegetation trampling, human waste, soil erosion, and trespassing).
- **Noxious Weeds** - Control and monitor noxious weeds annually.
- **Habitat Management** - Monitor periodically for bald eagle or other raptor use, and any management issues that may arise. Manage habitat and public use to facilitate ongoing use by moose and migrating elk. Adapt river camp locations or accessibility if wildlife impacts become apparent.
- **Encroachment** - Monitor northern and western boundaries of the parcel for any encroachment of private structures or facilities on the parcel.
- **Public Use** - Allow public use along the levee in addition to the river camp pilot program on the island.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and any landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

This parcel contains two examples of high quality, cottonwood forest; one area is an island in the river, while the other lies behind the levee. Both of these areas provide important riparian wildlife habitat. The area behind the levee (west portion) also provides a buffer between the Snake River and the adjacent subdivision to the west. This parcel is also one of the three logical locations (parcels 3, 6, and 7) to initiate a Snake River Camp Pilot Program. The most appropriate long-term ownership entity is the Bridger-Teton National Forest because the agency's multiple-use mandates and local infrastructure are best suited to effectively managing a balance between natural resource conservation and compatible public use. In addition, the ownership of this and other parcels along the Snake River will give Bridger-Teton National Forest a clear and consistent management presence along the river.

Most of this parcel is currently located within bald eagle zone 2, in which "light human activity" is appropriate. The northernmost portion of the island is currently located within bald eagle zone 1, in which only "minimum human activity" should be allowed. River camps are not appropriate within bald eagle zone 1. River campsites elsewhere on this parcel would need to be established with the concurrence of Wyoming Game and Fish Department non-game biologists to ensure that bald eagle habitat needs are protected. Another important consideration for river camps is the proximity to private residences along the west bank of the river. In order to protect the privacy and views of neighboring landowners, river campsites should not be located within view of existing residences.



PARCEL 8

General Parcel Information

Size: 41 acres

Parcel Location: Southwest corner Section 34, Township 42 North, Range 116 West

Description

Parcel 8 is located along the south bank of the Gros Ventre River and consists mainly of mature cottonwood forest interspersed with several clearings, small drainages, and wetlands. The parcel contains several roads between the Lucas Levee and the existing private lands, and numerous old and new dumpsites. Portions of the northeast corner of the parcel have been excavated for gravel.

Access

Accessible from the north across the Gros Ventre River channel from a county-owned parking area on the north side of the river along Spring Gulch Road. Teton County holds a public access easement along the north bank levee and within the Gros Ventre River channel.

Parcel is also accessible across Grand Teton National Park from Highway 89, about one mile east of the parcel.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

Grand Teton National Park is adjacent to the parcel on the east; private ranch land abuts the parcel to the south and west. The Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Club golf course is located across the river to the north.

Zoning: No zoning designation; natural resource and scenic resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

No indication of significant public access or use of this parcel. This area has been reported to be a “party spot” in the past.

Infrastructure and Improvements

The Lucas Levee along the south bank of the Gros Ventre River crosses the northern and northeastern portions of the parcel. Several roads access the parcel from the private ranch adjacent to the parcel on the south and west. One of these roads ends at the remains of an old, impassible bridge across a small drainage. Another road exits the eastern boundary of the parcel and enters Grand Teton National Park. This road is not gated.



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A barbed-wire fence crosses through the middle of the parcel. An old concrete structure, believed to be a sheep dip, previously used for treating sheep with solutions of insecticides, is located in the southeastern corner of the parcel.

Resource Management and Use

This parcel shows many signs of significant use by neighboring landowners.

- **Dumping** – Numerous large and small dumpsites on this parcel. While some have been buried, others are exposed. Dumped materials include everything from old cars and machinery to old, 55-gallon drums, oil cans, wire, glass, and sheet metal.
- **Grazing** – Southern portion of the parcel is used to graze horses associated with the neighboring ranch.
- **Gravel Mining** – Several large areas in the northeast corner of the property have been used for gravel mining. This mining may be associated with the construction and maintenance of the Lucas Levee along the south bank of the Gros Ventre River.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

Levee easement for Lucas Levee.

Resource Values

- **Elk Movement Corridor** – Occurs within a major corridor for seasonal elk migration between the mountains to the west and the winter range on the National Elk Refuge to the east.
- **Wildlife Habitat** – Cottonwood forest and small wetlands on the parcel are typical of the planning area and provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 3, Home Range Area.

Management Issues

- **Dumping** – Historical and current dumping is the most significant management issue on this parcel. The numerous dump areas pose human health and safety risks, degrade wildlife habitat, and significantly degrade the aesthetic appeal of the area. Dump areas may also present legal liability issues due to the potential for soil and ground water contamination.
- **Sheep Dip** – The low, long, concrete basin in the southeast corner of the property is believed to be an old sheep dip. A number of different chemicals have been used in sheep dips. Sheep dip chemicals were arsenic-based until the 1950s, with organochlorine (e.g., dieldrin, lindane, and DDT) and organophosphate (e.g., diazinon) insecticides used after this. Disposal of spent dipping solutions, spillage, and splashes of these chemicals have left toxic residues in soil, which may have leached into ground water around dip sites. Some of these chemicals persist in soil for many years. Arsenic does not degrade or break down over time.
- **Noxious Weeds** – Dalmatian toadflax, spotted knapweed, houndstongue, musk thistle, and common mullein.





- **Grazing** – Livestock, primarily horses, have recently grazed the southern half of the parcel. There is no public land grazing allotment on this parcel.
- **Potential Trespass** – An existing road leaves the northeast corner of the parcel and provides open vehicle access to Grand Teton National Park. This unmanaged access point could potentially facilitate inappropriate or illegal uses of Grand Teton National Park resources.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Dump Investigations, Cleanup, and Restoration** – Conduct Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments prior to the transfer of the property to document the dump areas and identify any hazardous materials. Revegetate with native species following clean up to avoid additional noxious weed infestations.
- **Habitat Conservation** – Manage the parcel to protect riparian woodland habitat along the Gros Ventre River, protect elk migration routes, and buffer private land uses to the west. Restrict or manage grazing to maximize wildlife habitat values. Conduct periodic habitat monitoring and respond to major management issues (e.g., noxious weeds and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **Elk Management** – Allow public hunting in combination with active herd management techniques (e.g., hazing) to facilitate elk migration and minimize the impacts of elk on adjacent private lands.



Transfer and Ownership Options

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement and considers sale or transfer to adjacent landowners under an amended Resource Management Plan.



Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Clean up and Habitat Management – After the dumpsites on the parcel are investigated and cleaned up, emphasize the conservation of riparian habitat and the management of migrating elk.

Ownership

Wyoming Game and Fish Department fee-simple ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.

Parcel 8 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust.
- Reversionary clause in the transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Habitat Management - Investigate and clean up dumpsites on the parcel, and manage for the conservation of riparian habitat and the management of migrating elk.

Resource Management

- **Dump Cleanup** - Conduct Phase I and Phase II investigations of the dump areas prior to transfer of the property. Depending on the results of the Phase I/II investigations, major dumpsites and the sheep dip area should be excavated and disposed of properly. Small dump areas may be buried onsite if they do not pose an environmental risk.
- **Noxious Weeds** - Control and monitor noxious weeds annually. Revegetate and monitor dump areas to reduce the potential for additional noxious weed infestations.
- **Habitat Management** - Manage the parcel for riparian habitat conservation, with an emphasis on sustaining a viable elk migration corridor. Use periodic monitoring to identify any management issues that may arise.
- **Grazing** - Work with the neighboring landowner to either restrict grazing on the parcel or develop a management strategy that is consistent with overall habitat management goals.
- **Fencing and Vehicle Access** - Work with the neighboring landowner to establish fencing and gated access along the property boundaries that is compatible with habitat management priorities. Remove any unnecessary fences. Work with Grand Teton National Park to manage informal vehicle access from the parcel.

- **Signage** - Post signs along parcel boundaries indicating the ownership, management, and appropriate uses of the parcel.
- **Public Access** - Allow limited public access to the parcel for hunting and fishing use. Work with adjacent landowners to clarify walk-in access from Spring Gulch Road.
- **Incompatible Uses** - Conduct periodic monitoring to ensure that additional dumping or other incompatible uses do not occur.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and any landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and Grand Teton National Park) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

The primary values of this parcel are general riparian habitat, an important elk migration corridor, and as a buffer between Grand Teton National Park and private lands. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is an appropriate agency for the management and stewardship of this parcel in terms of big game (i.e., especially elk) movement. The extensive dumping and the subsequent potential for hazardous waste contamination is a significant management and liability issue that should be investigated prior to any property transfer.

Considering the lack of clear access from Spring Gulch Road and the remote nature of this parcel, only limited walk-in public access for hunting and fishing and other appropriate uses should be encouraged or permitted. Ongoing monitoring will be important to ensure that future dumping does not occur, any grazing plans or restrictions are followed, and potential encroachment into Grand Teton National Park is managed.





PARCEL 9/10

General Parcel Information

Size: 320 acres

Parcel Location: Southwest corner of Section 7, northwest corner of Section 18, Township 41 North, Range 116 West; Section 13 and north half of Section 24, Township 41 North, Range 117 West

Description

Parcel 9/10 constitutes a strip of land that is over two miles long along the left bank of the Snake River, ending ¼ mile north of the Wilson Bridge. This parcel includes vegetated islands on the inside of the Walton Quarry Levee, as well as extensive upland cottonwood forests on the outside of the levee. A steep bluff undulates along the eastern edge of the upland forests, and delineates the eastern boundary of the parcel. A diversion ditch follows the base of the bluff along most of the parcel. Several check dams and ponds are located immediately east of the levee in the southern portion of the parcel.

Several two-track roads and fences traverse the upland forest areas, which are extensively used by the adjacent Walton Ranch for grazing. The levee in the southern portion of this parcel is very popular for land-based recreation (e.g., walking, biking, and dog use), as well as fishing access from the shore.



Access

Access is along the levee from the existing Emily Stevens Park located at Wyoming Highway 22 near the Wilson Bridge. The levee access road is gated at the Emily Stevens Park parking lot. Additional road access is through the Walton Ranch to the east. This parcel is also accessible by river.

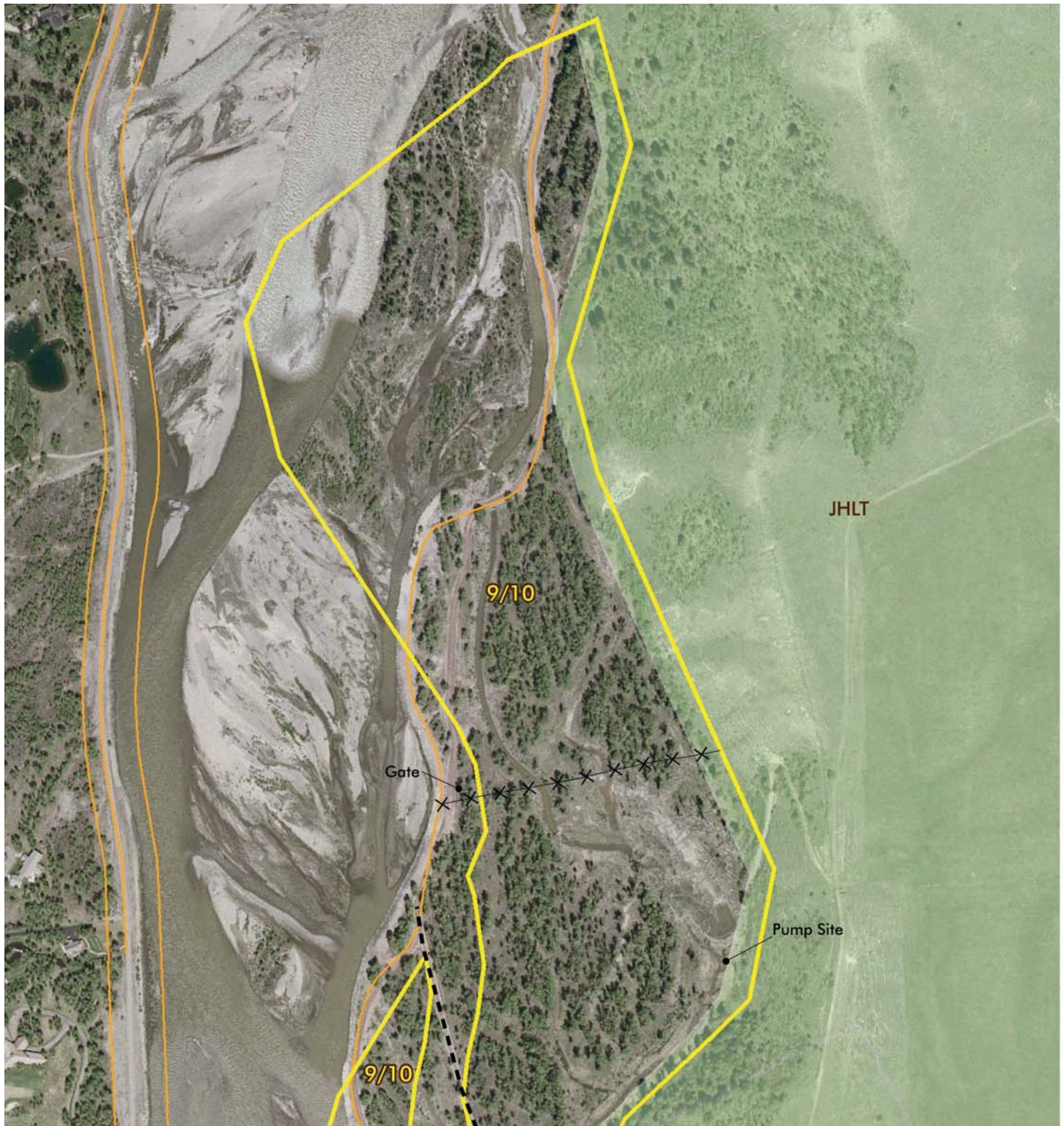


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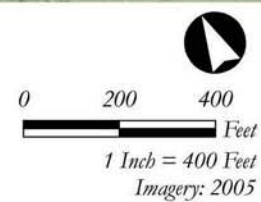
The parcel is adjacent to private ranch land to the east, and Teton County-owned park property to the south. The Jackson Hole Land Trust holds conservation easements on both of these parcels. The private Iron Rock Subdivision is also adjacent to the southeast corner of the parcel. Private lands across the Snake River to the west are residential.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay; scenic overlay on southern half between Walton Quarry Levee and Walton Ranch Road.

PARCEL 9/10A



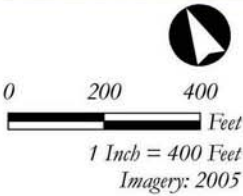
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| Conservation Easements | Gravel Mining Area | Trail |
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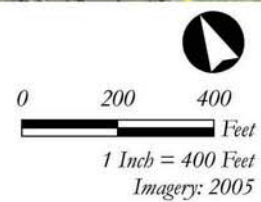
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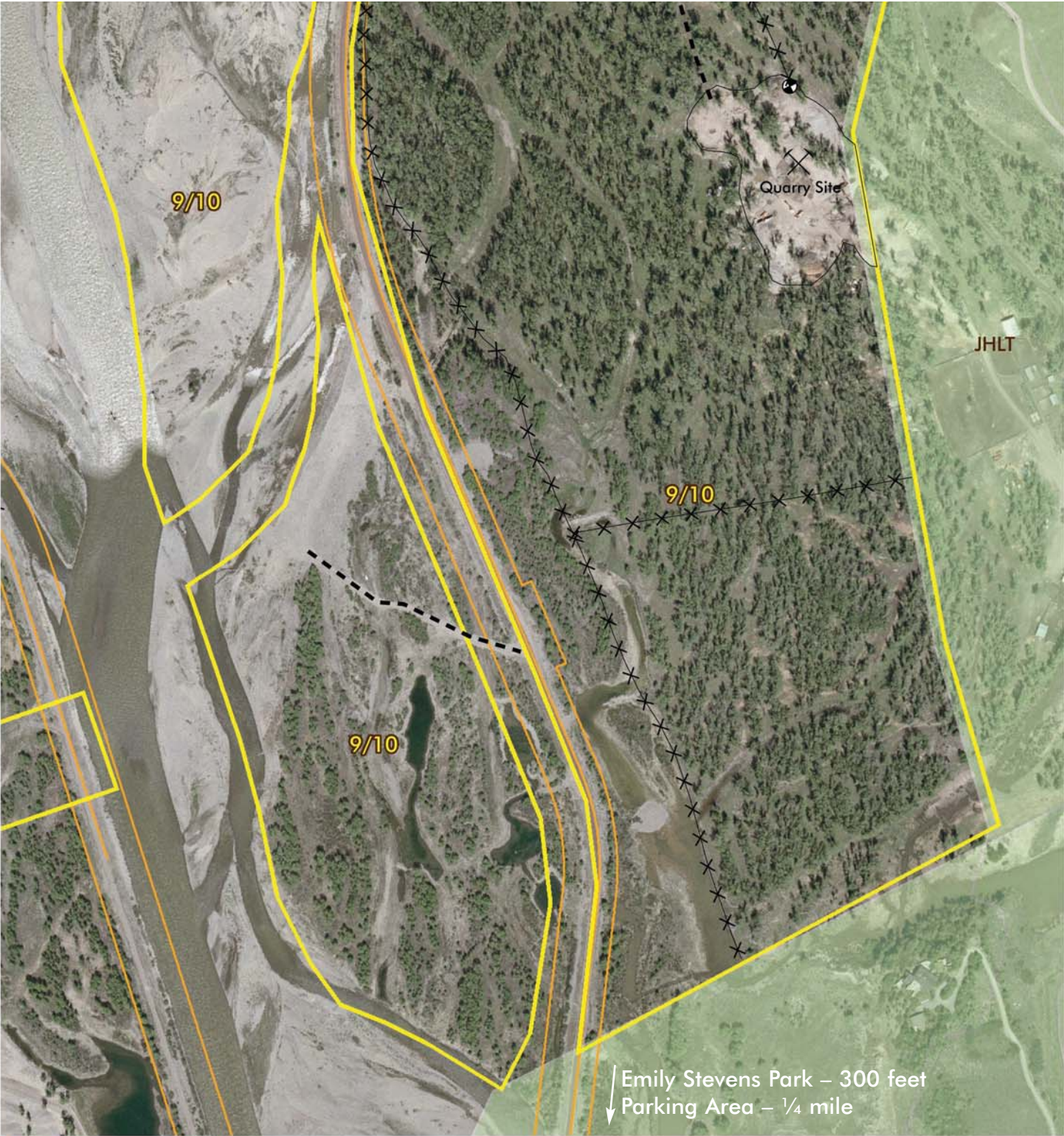


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PARCEL 9/10D



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| State of Wyoming | Dump Site | Road |
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Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

Public access is from the Emily Stevens Park parking area along Wyoming Highway 22 east of the Wilson Bridge. Most of the public use is concentrated on the levee and along the riverbank. The levee is very popular for walking, bicycling, and dog use and provides access to the Snake River for shore fishing. In the winter, the levee, along with a second graded loop road in the northern half of the parcel, are groomed for cross-country skiing, creating an out-and-back ski track with a small loop at the end.

Infrastructure and Improvements

- **Roads** – There are several roads on this parcel. In addition to the levee road, a second graded road is located on the upland side of the levee in the northern half of the parcel. There are also numerous two-track and informal ranch roads through the upland cottonwood forest.
- **Fencing and Gates** – Several fences and gates on the parcel are used to manage grazing. Most of the fencing is concentrated in the southern half of the parcel. Large gates are located along the levee road in two locations: one near the northern boundary of the parcel, and one near the middle of the parcel.
- **Ditches and Irrigation** – A diversion ditch follows the eastern boundary of the parcel for most of its length. An irrigation pump is located along the ditch in the northernmost portion of the parcel. This pump presumably delivers irrigation water to the pastureland that lies east of the parcel.

Resource Management and Use

- **Grazing** – The adjacent ranch leases the upland portions of the parcel and uses it for summer pasture.
- **Gravel Mining** – A small area in the southern portion of the parcel has been used in the past for gravel mining. Several large pieces of mining equipment remain on the parcel. The roads through the northern portion of the parcel are also used to access an active gravel mine area to the north of the parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

The 1982 settlement for this parcel stipulated that the Walton Ranch has a right to lease the property for grazing subject to a determination by the United States in any “legally mandated planning procedure.” There is also a Levee easement for Walton Quarry Haul Road and Walton Quarry Levee.

Resource Values

- **Wildlife Habitat** – Extensive cottonwood forests and small streams and wetlands typical of the planning area. This area is winter range for moose and supports habitat for numerous other wildlife species.





- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Portions in Zone 1, Occupied Nesting Area; Zone 2, Primary Use Area; and Zone 3, Home Range Area.
- **Potential Trail Development** – This parcel has significant potential to expand public use opportunities and facilities. Options include additional summer and winter loop trails through the upland riparian forest that complement the existing opportunities along the levee, as well as rest rooms, kiosks, and benches.

Management Issues

- **Grazing Management** – In the past, this parcel has failed to meet some grazing management standards due to heavy grazing resulting in reduced health of the native shrub community (BLM 2004).
- **Noxious Weeds** – Dalmatian toadflax, spotted knapweed, houndstongue, musk thistle, and common mullein. Areas impacted from grazing, public use, and former mining are especially vulnerable to noxious weed infestations.
- **Potential Use Conflicts** – Most of the public use on this parcel is currently concentrated along the levee and the river frontage. While this parcel has potential for additional trail development and use in the upland forested areas, such use may need to be balanced with grazing management during the summer months. Any future expansions of public use opportunities should be coordinated with existing and future grazing management needs prior to implementation.
- **Gravel Mining Area** – The gravel mining areas in the southern portion of the parcel currently contain several large piles of aggregate materials along with trucks and other heavy equipment, stockpiled construction materials, and dump areas. This area could present problems due to public safety issues and vandalism. It may also be a source for the spread of noxious weeds.



Management and Public Use Options

- **Agricultural Use** – Maintain the existing emphasis on agricultural use of the upland portions of the parcel by extending the existing grazing practices. Continue to concentrate public use on the levee and along the Snake River frontage.
- **Habitat Conservation** – Manage the parcel to emphasize wildlife habitat conservation. Work with grazing lessee to change, reduce, or eliminate grazing in some areas, based on habitat restoration and conservation objectives. Continue to concentrate public use on the levee and along the Snake River frontage. Monitor habitat conditions, grazing practices, and public use on an annual basis, and respond to major management issues (e.g., grazing, noxious weeds, and inappropriate public use) on an as-needed basis.
- **Public Park** – Manage the parcel to provide enhanced recreation opportunities, including additional loop trails through the upland cottonwood forest, and associated facilities such as benches, kiosks, and rest rooms. Accommodate agricultural uses and habitat conservation to the extent that they are compatible with a public use emphasis.



Transfer and Ownership Options

- Teton County, fee-simple ownership.
- Teton County, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Public Use and Habitat Management – Manage the parcel in a comprehensive manner that emphasizes public use opportunities, while accommodating compatible agricultural use along with habitat conservation and restoration.

Ownership

Teton County fee-simple ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 9/10 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Teton County
- Conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust.
- Reversionary clause in the transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Public Use and Habitat Management - Manage the parcel in a comprehensive manner that emphasizes public use opportunities, while accommodating compatible agricultural use along with habitat conservation and restoration.

Resource Management

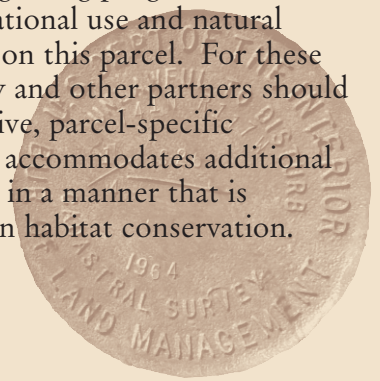
- **Public Use Facilities** - Identify and develop several loop trails, and associated facilities, that provide opportunities for the public to enjoy the upland cottonwood forest in both the summer and the winter. Ensure the location and seasonal use of various trails and facilities are compatible with overall grazing management and habitat conservation strategies.
- **Signage** - Post signs along the levee and in other locations to indicate the ownership, management, and appropriate uses of the parcel. Additional signs should be developed to support future trails and recreational uses.
- **Grazing** - Work with the existing grazing lessee and other partners to develop a grazing management strategy that accommodates agricultural needs, accommodates additional public use, and facilitates long-term habitat conservation.
- **Habitat Conservation** - Identify management strategies to protect and enhance riparian wildlife habitat. Consider habitat conservation strategies when developing plans for future public use and grazing management on this parcel. Monitor periodically for bald eagle or other raptor use, and any management issues that may arise.
- **Gravel Mining Area** - Clean up and fence the former gravel mining area in the southern portion of the parcel to avoid vandalism and public safety issues.

- **Noxious Weeds** - Monitor and control noxious weeds annually with a focus on areas disturbed due to past mining activities, existing and future public use, and livestock grazing.
- **Master/Management Planning** - Develop a parcel management plan that outlines the specific resource values and management issues at a greater level of detail; documents resource management and public facility objectives for the parcel; and provides a parcel-specific process to facilitate future implementation.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Teton County Weed & Pest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels. These partners will also be integral in developing a management plan for the parcel.

Rationale

Considering the location of this parcel (adjacent to Emily Stevens Park and Highway 22) and the existing levels of public use, Teton County is the logical ownership and management entity. Teton County Parks and Recreation would manage the parcel as a public open space park that is part of a larger complex of county-owned recreation lands near the Wilson Bridge. The large areas of upland cottonwood forest on this parcel provide a unique opportunity to develop a network of relatively flat, lowland trails that are distinctly different from the steep, mountainous trails common in Jackson Hole.

The upland portions of this parcel are currently leased for grazing. This use is an important and respected component of the neighboring ranch operations. While there is some potential for user conflicts and natural resource impacts, a well-planned and managed grazing program can be compatible with recreational use and natural resource conservation on this parcel. For these reasons, Teton County and other partners should develop a comprehensive, parcel-specific management plan that accommodates additional public use and grazing in a manner that is consistent with riparian habitat conservation.



PARCEL 11

General Parcel Information

Size: < 1 acre

Parcel Location: Northwest corner Section 24, Township 41 North, Range 117 West

Description

The parcel is a 30-foot wide strip of land situated primarily west of the Boat Ramp Levee. This parcel consists of cottonwood riparian forest, and is completely surrounded by an adjacent private land parcel.

Access

The parcel is accessible from the Boat Ramp Levee, about ½ mile north of the Wilson Bridge. However, the parcel is surrounded by posted and fenced private property.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is surrounded on all sides by privately owned residential land. Parcel 9/10 is located across the Snake River to the east.

Zoning: SF – NC, Single Family; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

There is no clear public access to this parcel. Parcel may be accessible from Jarvis Lane depending on the right-of-way.

Infrastructure and Improvements

A small irrigation ditch crosses the parcel; no other roads, structures, or other improvements are known on this parcel.

Resource Management and Use

No known resource management activities on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

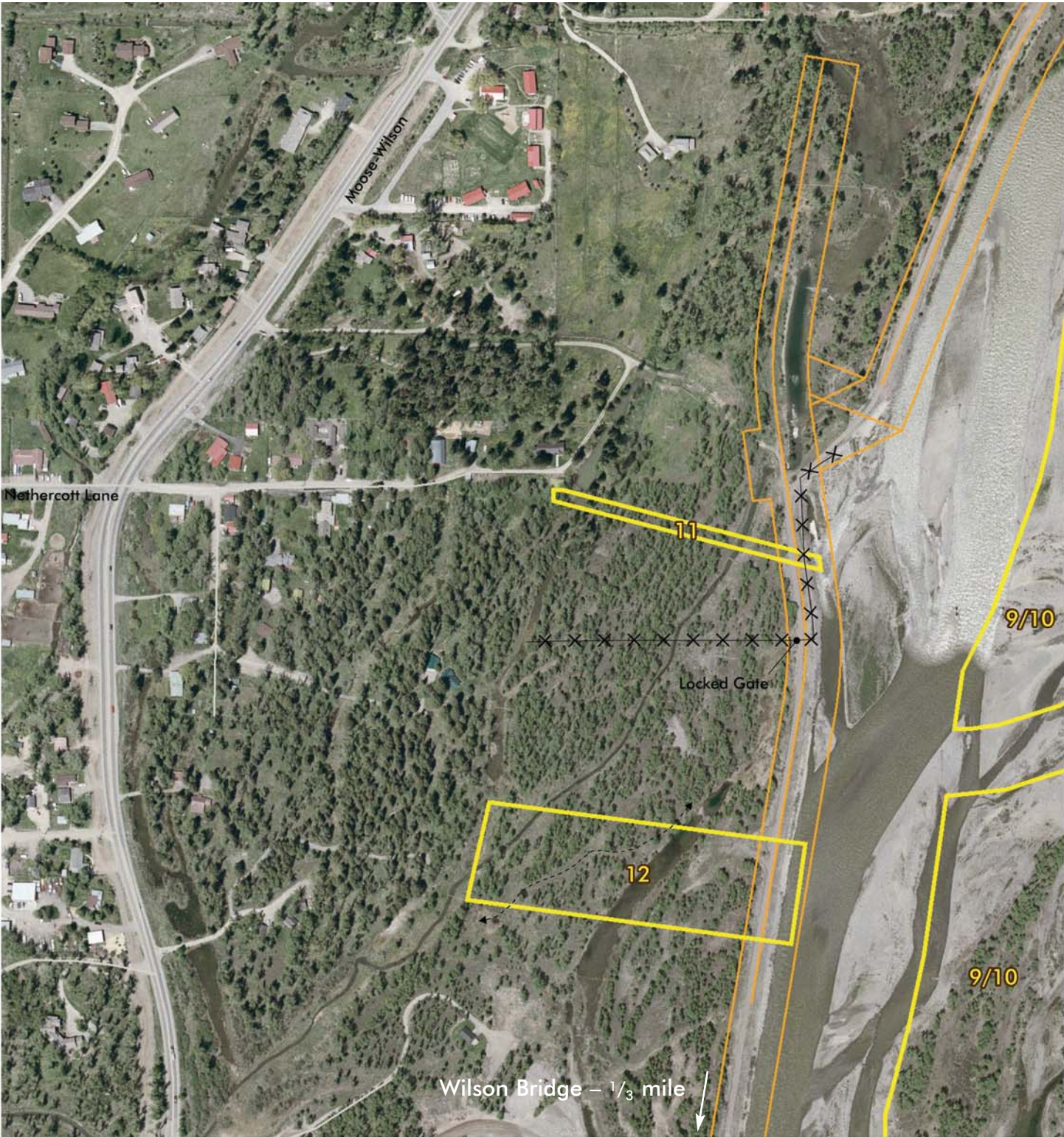
Levee easement for the Boat Ramp Levee.

Resource Values

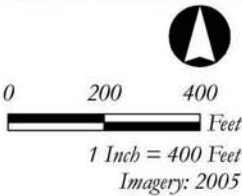
- **Wildlife Habitat** – Contains upland cottonwood forest typical of the planning area, which provides habitat for moose, elk and other wildlife species.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 2, Primary Use Area.



PARCEL 11



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| State of Wyoming | Dump Site | Road |
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Management Issues

- **Access** – Surrounded by private property, and does not have any clear public access.
- **Potential Encroachment** – Considering its location as an apparent inholding within private land, monitor for potential encroachment of private structures or other inappropriate uses.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Habitat Conservation** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention or use. Respond to major management issues (e.g., noxious weeds and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **River Access** – Develop a formal access point across this parcel between the Moose-Wilson Road and the Snake River via Jarvis Lane.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement and considers sale or transfer to adjacent landowner under a future Resource Management Plan.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership (no conservation easement) and considers sale or transfer to adjacent landowners under a future Resource Management Plan.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership (no conservation easement) and allows the parcel to be used in a future public-private land swap (under a future Resource Management Plan) with the goal of improving public river access and opportunities associated with parcel 13.
- Teton County, fee-simple ownership.
- Teton County, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Limited habitat monitoring and management in association with surrounding private lands.

Ownership

Disposal to adjacent private landowner.



Parcel 11 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Disposal to adjacent private landowner.

Management Emphasis

Short-Term Monitoring - Limited monitoring and management of property prior to disposal.

Resource Management

- **Monitoring** - Conduct periodic monitoring to identify natural resource and encroachment issues.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate short-term monitoring, weed management, and landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Weed & Pest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

This parcel is very small, is surrounded by a parcel of private land, and is currently not publicly accessible. This parcel has little public value and should be sold or otherwise transferred to a private party. The current BLM RMP allows for the disposal of parcels to adjacent landowners if the parcel is less than one acre in size.



PARCEL 12

General Parcel Information

Size: 6 acres

Parcel Location: Northwest corner Section 24, Township 41 North, Range 117 West

Description

A small strip of cottonwood riparian forestland, wetlands, and ponds on the west side of the Boat Ramp Levee.

Access

Accessible from the west Snake River levee, about ½ mile north of the Wilson Bridge.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

Adjacent to vacant, private parcels on the north, west, and south. Parcel 9/10 lies across the Snake River to the east. A private gravel quarry lies about 400 feet to the south.

Zoning: SF – NC, Single Family; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

This parcel is accessible from the levee. A narrow, single-track trail crosses the parcel (along with other neighboring parcels) to make a connection between the levee to the east and residential areas along the Moose-Wilson Road to the west.

Infrastructure and Improvements

An irrigation ditch crosses the parcel. No other roads, structures, or improvements occur on this parcel.

Resource Management and Use

There are no indications of any resource management or uses on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

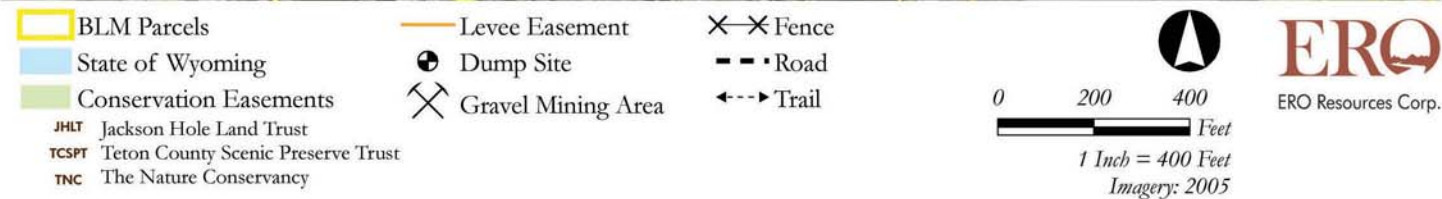
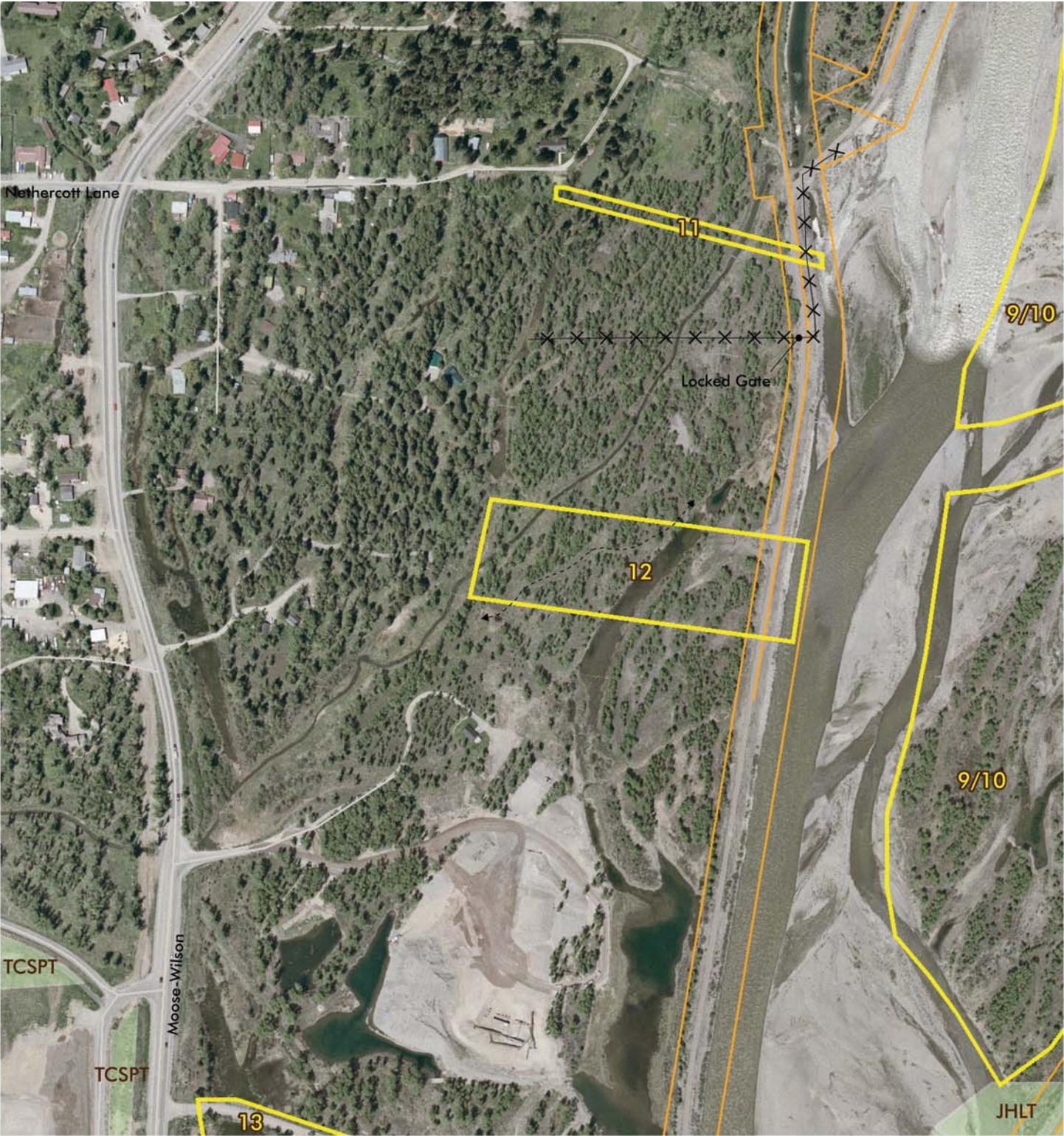
Levee easement for Boat Ramp Levee.

Resource Values

- **Wildlife Habitat** – Contains cottonwood forest, a pond, and small wetlands that are typical of the planning area. The parcel provides habitat for moose, elk, and other wildlife species within the context of surrounding land.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 2, Primary Use Area.



PARCEL 12



Management Issues

- **Dumping** – Some indications of past dumping on the parcel in the vicinity of the levee. Any additional or future dumping would need to be monitored and managed.
- **Noxious Weeds** – Spotted knapweed, houndstongue, and musk thistle.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Habitat Conservation** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention or use. Respond to major management issues (e.g., noxious weeds and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement and considers sale or transfer to adjacent landowner under an amended Resource Management Plan.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership (no conservation easement) and considers sale or transfer to adjacent landowners under an amended Resource Management Plan.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership (no conservation easement) and allows the parcel to be used in a future public-private land swap (under an amended Resource Management Plan) with the goal of improving public river access in association with parcel 13.
- Teton County, fee-simple ownership.
- Teton County, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Limited habitat monitoring and management in association with surrounding private lands.

Ownership

Teton County with the understanding that BLM will allow the parcel to be used in a future public-private land swap with the goal of improving public river access in association with parcel 13.

A reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 12 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Teton County
- Include language that enables Teton County to transfer the parcel to a private party in order to improve public access or wildlife habitat protection on parcel 13.

Management Emphasis

Habitat Monitoring - Limited habitat monitoring and management in association with surrounding private lands.

Resource Management

- **Monitoring** - Conduct periodic monitoring to identify natural resource and encroachment issues.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Weed & Pest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

This parcel is small and isolated and does not appear to have any significant public access or habitat conservation value, except informal access between the levee and a nearby residential area. In the meantime, parcel 13, located about ¼ mile to the south, is heavily used for public recreation but does not have adequate parking or formal river access. While the direct sale or transfer to adjacent private landowners is precluded by the BLM's Snake River RMP and ROD, a two-step transfer to Teton County and then to a private landowner may be possible if it is structured in a way that ultimately benefits public access and use and wildlife habitat conservation on parcel 13. If such a two-step transfer were feasible, the best use and public value of parcel 12 would be to leverage improvements to parcel 13.



PARCEL 13

General Parcel Information

Size: 11 acres

Parcel Location: East side of Section 23, west side of Section 24, Township 41 North, Range 117 West

Description

Parcel 13 lies on the north side of the Wilson Bridge on the west bank of the Snake River, and contains the access road, parking area, and other facilities for the Wilson Bridge Boat Ramp. Most of the parcel consists of upland cottonwood forest typical of the planning area. A large pond and wetland complex dominates the western edge of the parcel near the Moose-Wilson Road.

Access

The parcel is accessible by vehicle from the Moose-Wilson Road, about 1,000 feet north of the Highway 22 intersection. The levee access road enters the parcel from the east side of the Moose-Wilson Road.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is bounded by highway rights-of-way to the south and west, and a private gravel mining operation to the north. Parcel 14 lies across the Snake River to the east.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

This parcel provides a well-known and well-used access point to the Snake River. Both commercial and private floaters use the boat ramp. The parcel is also a popular access point for shore fishing, picnicking and swimming. While the parcel provides access to the levee, the boat ramp is not located on the parcel (i.e., public land).

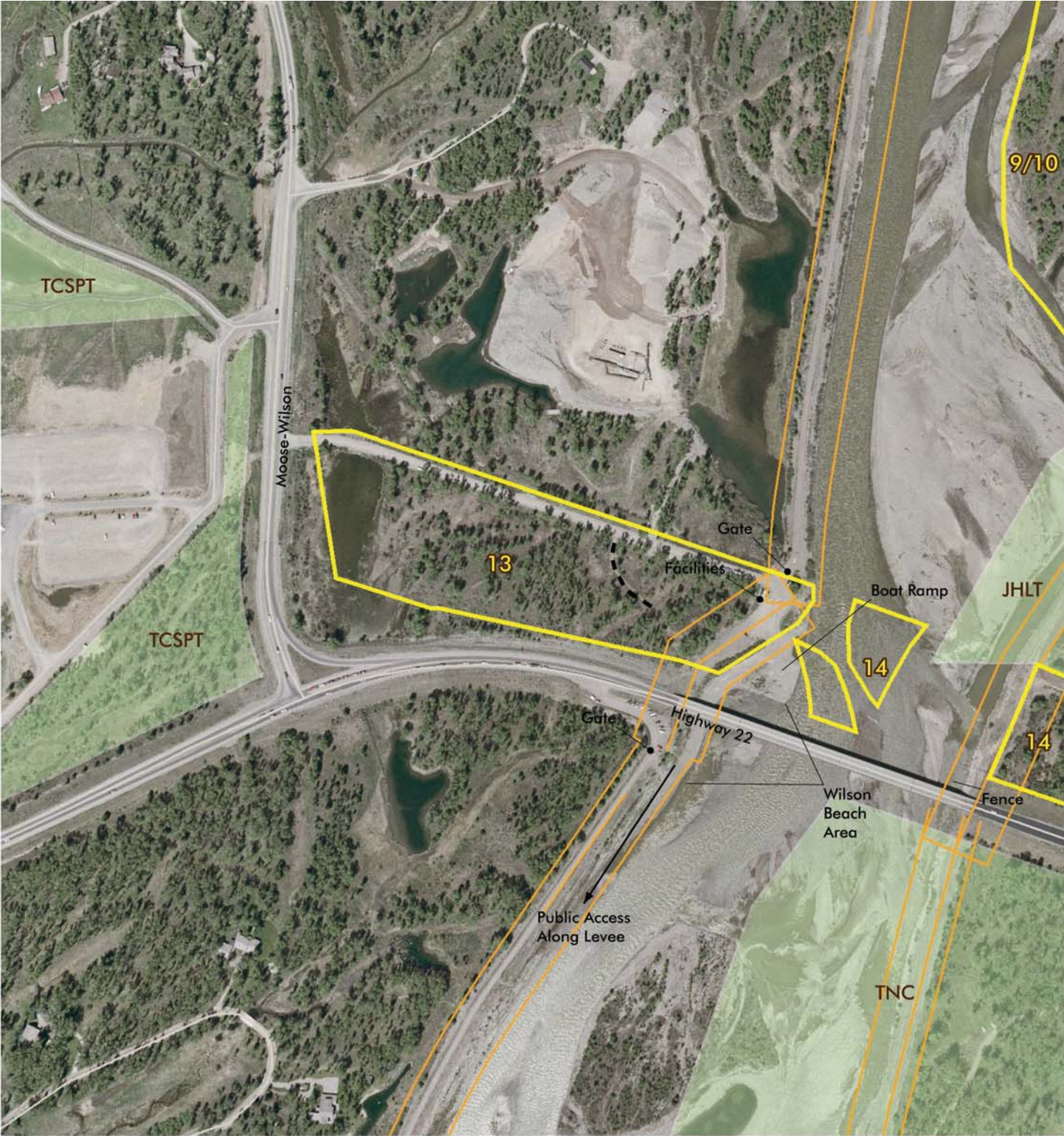
Infrastructure and Improvements

A graded gravel road runs the length of the parcel along its north boundary. A short, secondary road enters the forested area in the eastern half of the parcel, providing access to an informal camping site.

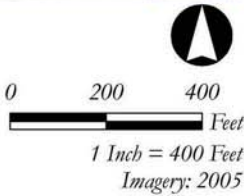
The developed portion of the parcel adjacent to the Boat Ramp Levee includes about 15 parking spaces and boat ramp access to the Snake River. The access road also provides overflow parking for the boat ramp. The parcel contains two pit toilets, an informational kiosk, and a trash dumpster.



PARCEL 13



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| State of Wyoming | Dump Site | Road |
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Resource Management and Use

The Snake River Fund maintains the public use facilities that support the boat ramp access. Public access and site maintenance are provided free of charge; however, users are encouraged to give donations to the Snake River Fund to support site management costs. The toilets are cleaned daily during the summer and are pumped twice each year; the dumpster is emptied once each week. No other resource management activities take place on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

Levee easement for Boat Ramp Levee and levee access road.

Resource Values

- **Recreational Access** – Snake River access through this parcel is a major recreational amenity for the community.
- **Potential Pathway Trailhead/Connection-** May provide an important corridor for future pathway development along Wyoming Highway 22 and eventually across the Snake River. This parcel could serve as a regional trailhead that ties the east-west pathway connection in addition to similar uses along the levee to the south.
- **Highway Buffer** – Forested area provides a vegetated buffer between Wyoming Highway 22 and other land uses in the area.
- **Wildlife Habitat** – Contains upland cottonwood forest and small wetland area that is typical of the planning area. Concentrated human use of the eastern half of this parcel and the proximity of roads likely limit use by many wildlife species. There is an active osprey nest on a power line pole at the intersection of the Moose-Wilson Road and the levee access road.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 3, Home Range Area.

Management Issues

- **Parking** – Parking is limited near the boat ramp and along the access road, and is not sufficient to accommodate the amount of use on this parcel during the summer.
- **Informal Camping** – The informal camping area on the parcel could result in management issues due to litter, vegetation trampling, and potentially expanding use.
- **Noxious Weeds** – Spotted knapweed, houndstongue, and musk thistle.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Public Recreation Area** – Expand facilities and services on the parcel to better facilitate the use of the boat ramp for both private and commercial boaters, land-based recreation along the levee and any potential pathway connection, and non-boating river use in the Wilson Beach area.





- **Habitat Conservation** – Minimize human impacts to the wetlands and other wildlife habitat in the western half of the parcel. Respond to major management issues (e.g., noxious weeds and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Teton County, fee-simple ownership.
- Teton County, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Public Use and Habitat Management – Emphasize the development and management of public-use facilities along the levee in the eastern half of the parcel, while protecting wildlife habitat in the western half.

Snake River Management – Because this parcel is the only way for the public to access the southern reach of the Snake River within the planning area, the on-the-ground management of public facilities and uses should include other entities as management partners. Key management partners include the Snake River Fund, Bridger-Teton National Forest, and potentially Wyoming State Parks. Ensure consistent on-the-ground management and public contact with the management of future facilities at the South Bridge Boat Ramp (i.e., parcel 26).

Ownership

Teton County fee-simple ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.

Work with adjacent landowner to secure legal public access to and use of the Snake River frontage.



Parcel 13 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Teton County
- Conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust (including provisions that allows for the development of additional or improved public use facilities).
- Reversionary clause in the transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Public Use and Habitat Management -

Emphasize the development and management of public-use facilities along the levee in the eastern half of the parcel, while protecting wildlife habitat in the western half.

Resource Management

- **Signage** - Develop and implement additional signage indicating the ownership of the parcel, management partners, appropriate uses, and overall Snake River management efforts.
- **Camping** - Restrict access to the existing informal camping area, and monitor area for ongoing use and impacts.
- **Noxious Weeds** - Control and monitor noxious weeds annually.
- **Habitat Management** - Monitor the western half of parcel periodically for use by raptors and moose, as well as any management issues that may arise.
- **Master/Management Planning** - Develop a long-term facility development and management plan for the site that encompasses public use facilities, pathways connections, parking, legal access to Wilson Beach, and habitat conservation.

- **Partnerships** - Coordinate public use management, monitoring, weed management, and any landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Weed & Pest, Wyoming Game and Fish, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

This parcel is one of the key public access points along the Snake River and is well used for both land- and river-based recreation. The parcel, along with parcels 9/10 and 14 across the river, are already a popular complex of recreation areas enjoyed by locals and tourists. For this reason, Teton County is the clear ownership entity. While Teton County Parks and Recreation should take on the primary responsibility for recreation facilities in this area, river access management and on-the-ground public contact should also engage other key partners, especially the Snake River Fund, which already has an on-the-ground management presence. The management presence should be consistent between this parcel and any future boat ramp facilities at South Park Bridge (i.e., parcel 26).

The development and implementation of a master/management plan for this parcel will identify a parcel-specific vision for public access and facilities (including securing legal river access, pathways connections, facilities, and parking), habitat conservation, and site management. Facilities and management planning should take into account regional pathways connections, comprehensive river corridor management strategies, and other nearby parcels as a “complex” of county-owned recreation lands. The planning process should be initiated following the initiation of land transfer opportunities associated with parcel 12.





PARCEL 14

General Parcel Information

Size: 5 acres

Parcel Location: West center of Section 24, Township 41 North, Range 117 West

Description

A small basin located along the north side of Wyoming Highway 22, immediately east of the Walton Quarry Levee and the Wilson Bridge. It is vegetated with dense cottonwood forest and wetlands.

Access

Accessible from Emily Stevens Park and the Walton Quarry Levee.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is adjacent to Emily Stevens Park to the north and east, and the Wyoming Highway 22 right-of-way to the south. Parcel 13 lies across the Snake River to the west.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural and scenic resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

While this parcel is easily accessible, the steep slopes on all sides and dense vegetation preclude any public use.

Infrastructure and Improvements

Except for the levee and access road surrounding the parcel, there are no other roads, structures, or improvements on this parcel.

Resource Management and Use

There are no indications of any resource management or uses on this parcel.

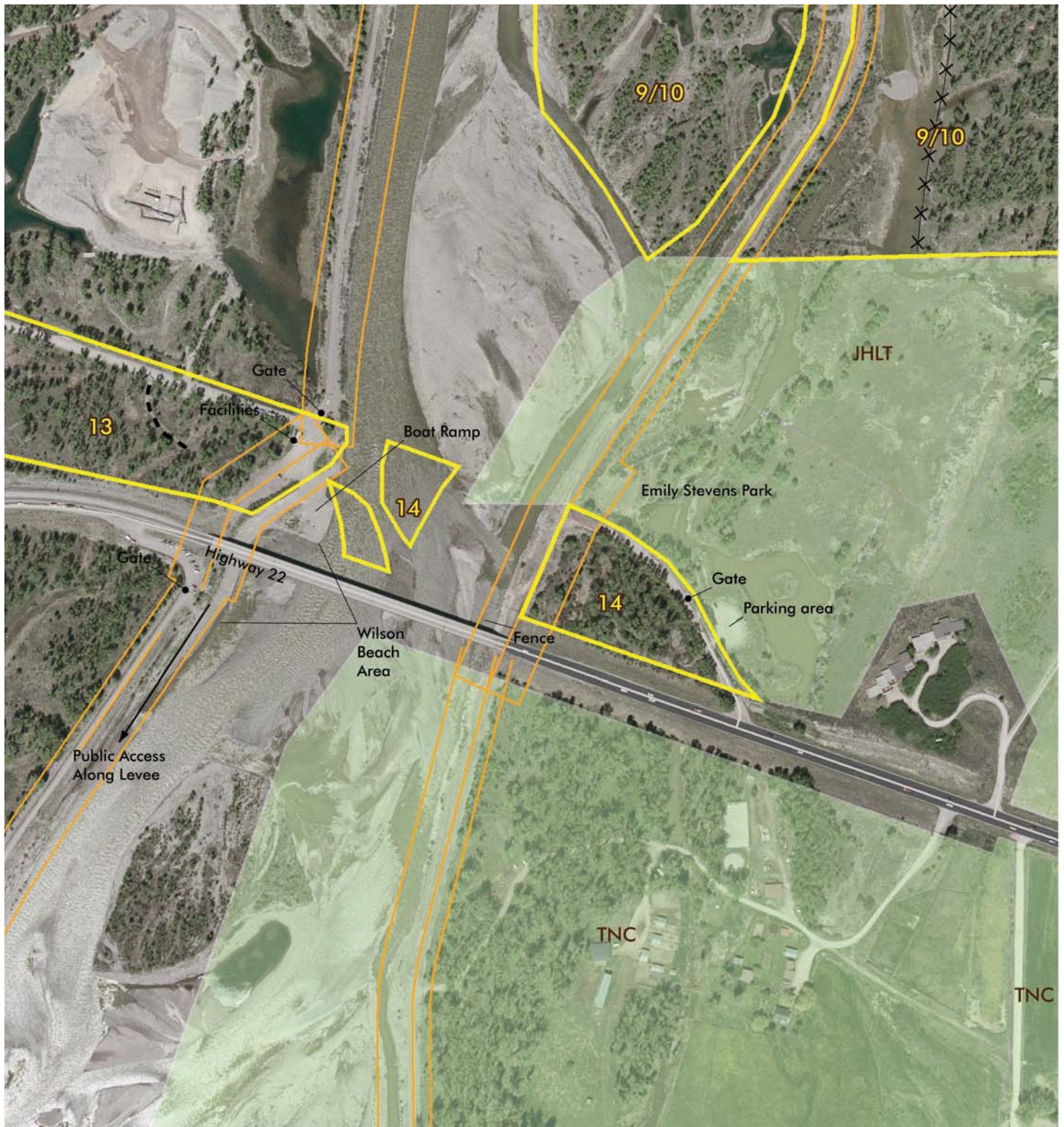
Existing Leases or Encumbrances

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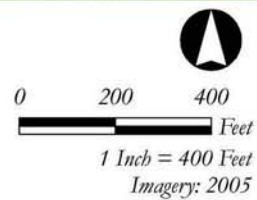
Resource Values

- **Highway Buffer** – Provides a vegetated buffer between Highway 22 and parking area for Emily Stevens Park.
- **Wildlife Habitat** – Contains cottonwood forest, a small stream and associated wetlands typical of the study area. While this is a heavy public use area that is fragmented by roads, the parcel provides limited habitat for some wildlife species.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 3, Home Range Area.

PARCEL 14



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| BLM Parcels | Levee Easement | ✕✕ Fence |
| State of Wyoming | Dump Site | - - - Road |
| Conservation Easements | Gravel Mining Area | ◄---► Trail |
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Management Issues

- **Noxious Weeds** – Dalmatian toadflax, spotted knapweed, houndstongue, musk thistle, and common mullein.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Habitat Conservation** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention or use. Respond to major management issues (e.g., noxious weeds and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **Boat Ramp Location** – Consider this parcel as a long-term boat ramp location if use of the existing Wilson Bridge boat ramp is no longer feasible due to river access issues.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Teton County, fee-simple ownership.
- Teton County, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Habitat Buffer – Manage this parcel on a limited basis as a visual buffer along Wyoming Highway 22 and a habitat buffer between the highway and Emily Stevens Park and parcel 9/10 to the north.

Boat Ramp – Maintain this parcel as a long-term option should river access at the existing Wilson Bridge boat ramp become infeasible.

Ownership

Teton County, fee simple ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 14 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Teton County
- Conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust.
- Reversionary clause in the transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

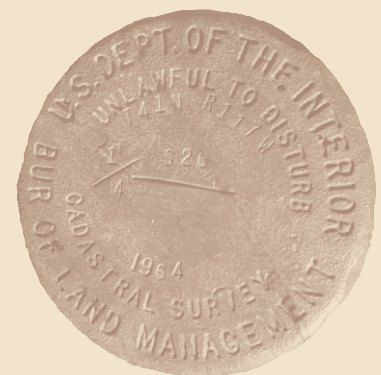
Habitat Buffer - Manage this parcel on a limited basis as a visual buffer along Wyoming Highway 22 and a habitat buffer between the highway and Emily Stevens Park and parcel 9/10 to the north.

Resource Management

- **Monitoring** - Conduct periodic monitoring to identify any natural resource issues or inappropriate public uses.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring and weed management with other partners (i.e., Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

This parcel is adjacent to the Emily Stevens Park entry road and provides a visual and habitat buffer between the park and Wyoming Highway 22. For this reason, Teton County is the logical entity for ownership and management of this parcel as part of a county park complex that also includes parcels 9/10 and 13 across the river. The Jackson Hole Land Trust already holds conservation easements on a number of parcels in the adjacent Iron Rock Subdivision. Unless specific management issues arise, there is no apparent need for any active management of this parcel.





PARCEL 15/16

General Parcel Information

Size: 72 acres

Parcel Location: Sections 26 and 35, Township 41 North, Range 117 West

Description

Parcel 15/16 consists mainly of a series of islands and gravel bars between the Public and Morgan Levees about ½ mile south of the Wilson Bridge. A small portion of the southeast corner of this parcel is located outside of the Morgan Levee. While the westernmost islands are generally gravel bars with short willows, the larger islands to the east contain intact stands of mature cottonwood forest. The corner of the parcel, outside the levee, consists of upland cottonwood forest typical of the planning area.

Access

Accessible by river, about ½ mile south of the Wilson Bridge. The Morgan Levee in this area is not open to public access.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is bounded on the north, south, and east by private property. BLM parcels 17/18 and 19 are located across the Snake River to the west. The Nature Conservancy holds a conservation easement on the adjacent property to the east.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

No known public access to or use of this parcel. However, adjacent landowners to the east may periodically use this parcel to access the Snake River. Public access and use is not allowed along the Morgan (east side) Levee in this area.

Infrastructure and Improvements

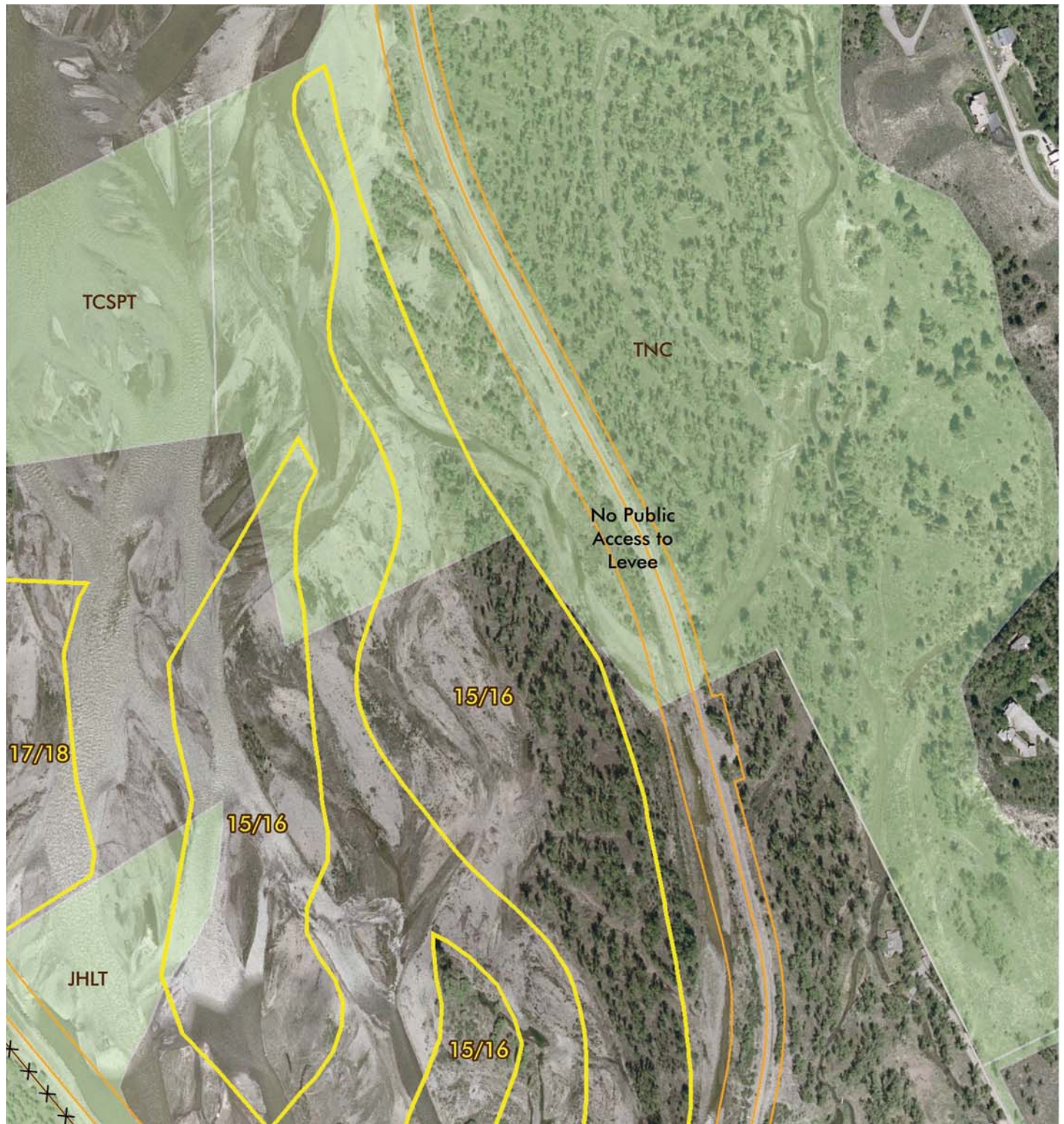
The Morgan Levee runs north to south near the eastern edge of the parcel. This levee crosses the southeast corner of the parcel. There are no other roads, structures, or improvements on this parcel.

Resource Management and Use

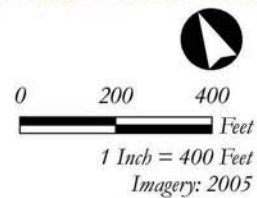
Besides levee maintenance, there are no indications of any active resource management or use on this parcel.



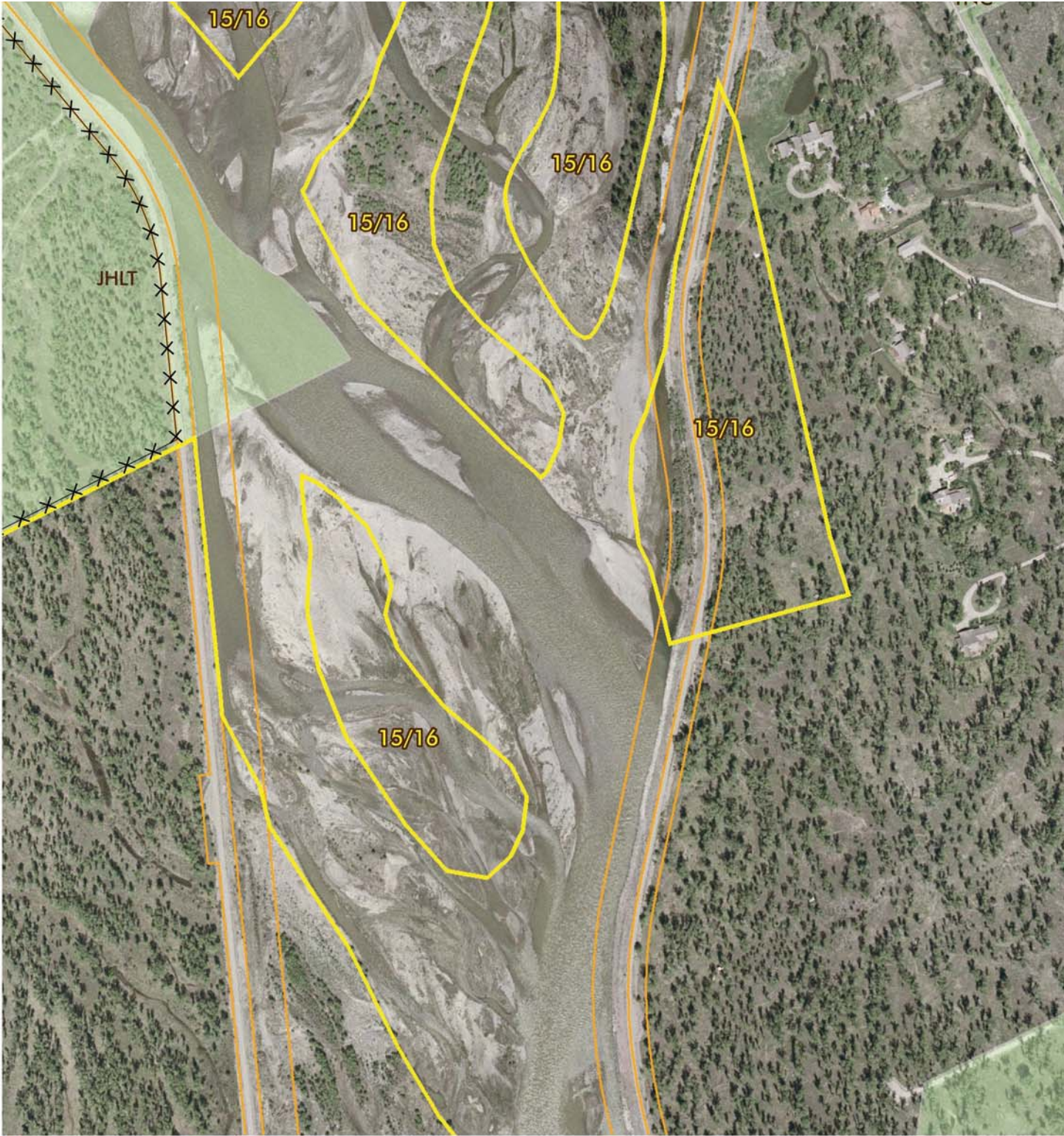
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| State of Wyoming | Dump Site | Road |
| Conservation Easements | X Gravel Mining Area | ←-→ Trail |
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PARCEL 15/16B



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| State of Wyoming | Dump Site | Road |
| Conservation Easements | Gravel Mining Area | Trail |
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Existing Leases or Encumbrances

Levee easement for the Morgan Levee.

Resource Values

- **Wildlife Habitat** – Provides valuable habitat for large ungulates (i.e., deer, elk, and moose) and other wildlife species in association with adjacent private lands under conservation easement.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 1, Occupied Nesting Area and Zone 2, Primary Use Area.

Management Issues

- **Noxious Weeds** – Spotted knapweed, perennial pepperweed, mullein, houndstongue, and bull thistle.
- **Potential Encroachment** – Encroachment of private roads or facilities from the nearby subdivision to the east is a potential long-term management issue.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Limited Monitoring and Management** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention. Monitor resource management or property trespass issues during annual levee inspections and conservation easement monitoring of adjacent property. Respond to major management issues (e.g., encroachment from neighboring landowners, noxious weeds, and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **River Campsite** – Include the parcel in a managed program to provide overnight camping opportunities along the river.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.
- Bureau of Land Management retains ownership with a conservation easement.

Recommendation

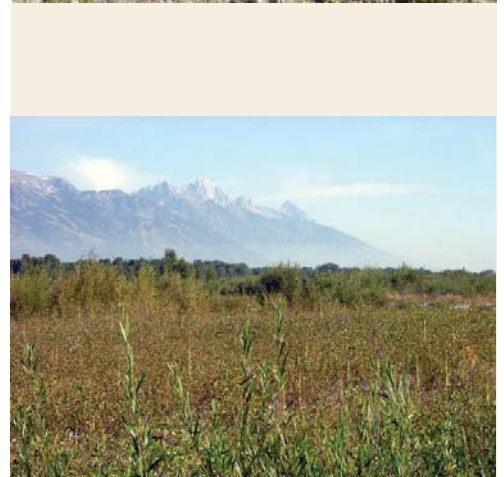
Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation – Emphasize the conservation of riparian habitat, protection of bald eagle nest sites and foraging habitat, and the management of large game.

Ownership

Wyoming Game and Fish Department fee simple ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 15/16 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust.
- Reversionary clause in the transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation - Emphasize the conservation of riparian habitat, protection of bald eagle habitat, and the management of large game.

Resource Management

- **Monitoring** - Monitor parcel on an annual basis as required by a conservation easement to identify major management issues, including noxious weeds and encroachment. Include informal monitoring of the parcel during routine levee inspections conducted by Teton County.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and any landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Road and Levee Department, Teton County Weed & Pest, The Nature Conservancy, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

The primary values of this parcel include general wildlife habitat and an area within occupied nesting habitat for bald eagles. Considering the value of this parcel in conserving and buffering important wildlife habitat, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department is an appropriate agency for its management and stewardship. While the parcel is adjacent to a conservation easement held by The Nature Conservancy, that organization does not have a major presence along the Snake River. For this reason an easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust will provide additional stewardship and monitoring oversight.



PARCEL 17/18

General Parcel Information

Size: 44 acres

Parcel Location: Section 26, Township 41 North, Range 117 West

Description

Parcel 17/18, which is dominated by a mid- to late-successional cottonwood gallery forest, is one piece of a larger landscape that includes private land and parcel 19. A series of wet and dry meadows occurs on the west side of the levee. Several wetlands are associated with a creek that runs through the parcel on the western edge. Gravel bars and side channels on the river side of the levee provide good river access.

Access

Accessible by river or by walking about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south from the Wilson Bridge along the Public Levee.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is bounded on the north, south, and west by private property. The Teton County Scenic Preserve Trust holds a conservation easement on property to the south. The Jackson Hole Land Trust holds a conservation easement over the private land to the north.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

Some informal walking trails are on the west side of the levee; however, there is no clear access for the general public. There is considerable use of the levee by the public for fishing, running, and walking.

Infrastructure and Improvements

The Public Levee runs north south through the eastern third of parcel 17/18. There are no other roads, structures, or improvements on this parcel.

Resource Management and Use

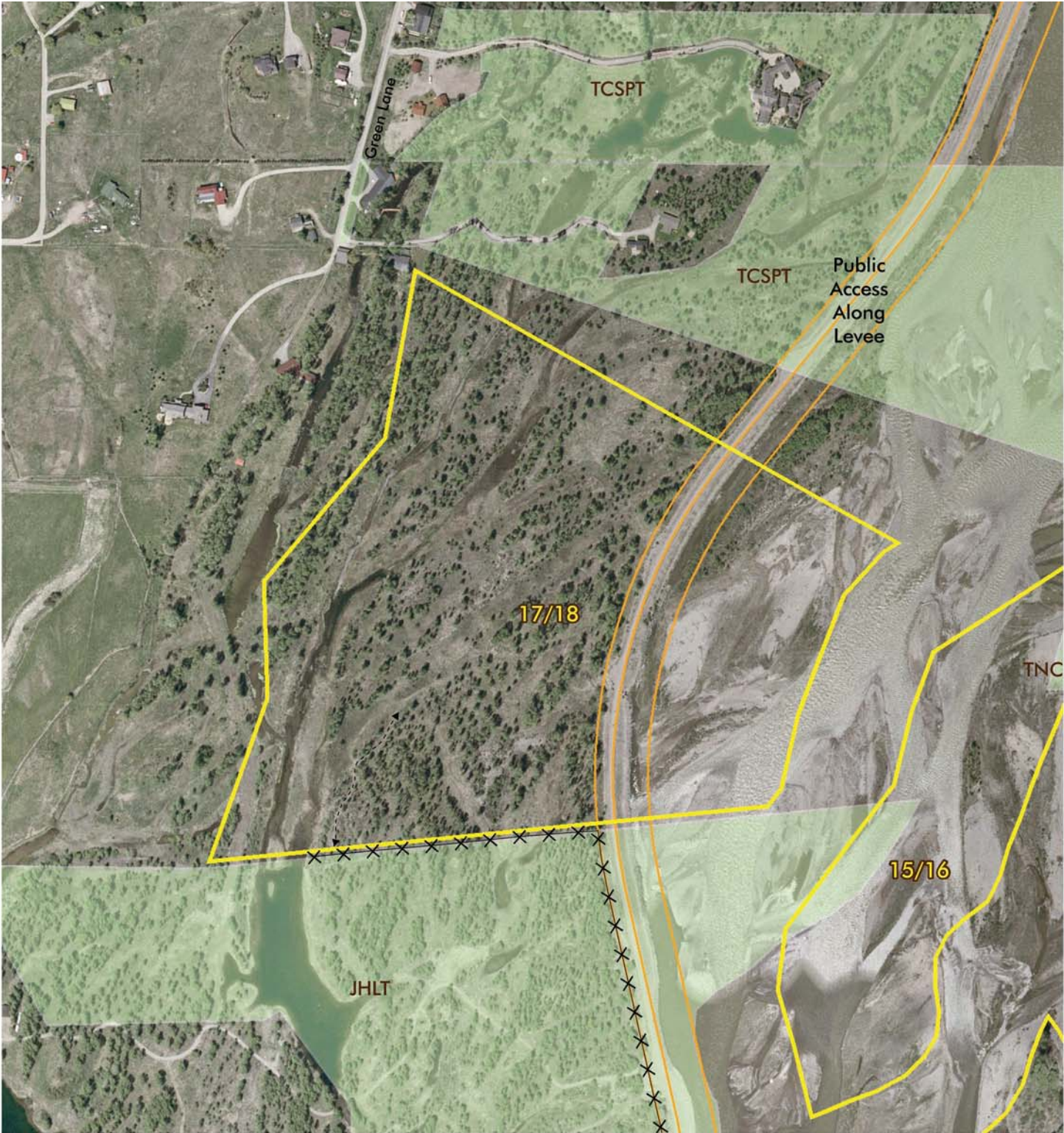
Besides levee maintenance, there are no indications of any active resource management or use on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

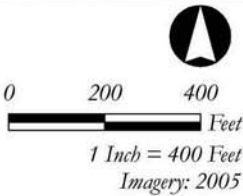
Levee easement for the Public Levee.



PARCEL 17/18



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| BLM Parcels | Levee Easement | Fence |
| State of Wyoming | Dump Site | Road |
| Conservation Easements | Gravel Mining Area | Trail |
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Resource Values

- **Wildlife Habitat** – The parcel, in association with private lands under conservation easement and parcel 19, provides valuable habitat for large ungulates (i.e., deer, elk, and moose) and other wildlife species.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 1, Occupied Nesting Area.
- **Recreational Access** – Provides excellent access to the river on the east side of the levee.

Management Issues

- **Dumping** – A small dump occurs on the north side of the parcel near the levee.
- **Noxious Weeds** – Spotted knapweed, houndstongue, and bull thistle.
- **Potential Trespass** – Private lands adjacent to the parcel on three sides coupled with additional public use could result in trespass.
- **Informal Access** – Some indications of informal access and use from adjacent private lands.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Habitat Conservation** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention. Monitor resource management or property trespass issues during annual levee inspections and conservation easement monitoring of adjacent property. Respond to major management issues (e.g., encroachment from neighboring landowners, noxious weeds, and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **Public River Access** – Designate the parcel as a public river access point.
- **No Management** – Allow existing, informal public use to continue with no active monitoring or management.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation – Emphasize the conservation of riparian habitat and the management of big game.

Ownership

Wyoming Game and Fish Department fee-simple ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 17/18 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust.
- Reversionary clause in the transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation - Emphasize the conservation of riparian habitat and the management of big game.

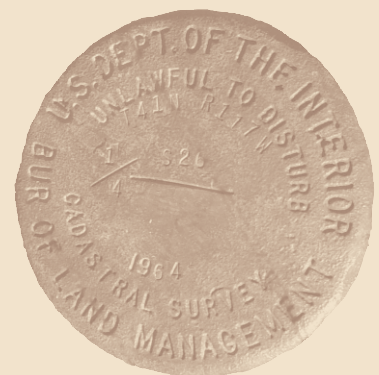
Resource Management

- **Monitoring** - Monitor parcel on an annual basis as required by a conservation easement to identify major management issues, including noxious weeds and encroachment. Include informal monitoring of the parcel during routine levee inspections conducted by Teton County.
- **Signage** - Construct small signs on the levee at the north and south boundaries identifying the portion of the levee and riverbank that is open to public access and use.

- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Road and Levee Department, Teton County Weed & Pest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

The primary values of this parcel are for general wildlife habitat, bald eagle habitat, and crucial big game winter range. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is an appropriate agency for the management and stewardship of this parcel, especially within the context of the larger landscape that includes private land to the south and parcel 19. Because the Jackson Hole Land Trust holds a conservation easement on the private parcel to the south, the organization has a stewardship presence in the area that could be slightly expanded to include additional monitoring and targeted outreach.



PARCEL 19

General Parcel Information

Size: 144 acres

Parcel Location: Section 35, Township 41 North, Range 117 West

Description

Parcel 19, which is dominated by a mid- to late-successional cottonwood gallery forest, is one piece of a larger landscape that includes private land and parcel 17/18. A series of large ponds and streams occur in the northwest and southeast corners of the parcel.

Access

The parcel is accessible by river or by walking about 1.5 miles south from the Wilson Bridge along the Public Levee.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is bounded on the north and south by private property and on the west by School Trust Land. The Jackson Hole Land Trust holds a conservation easement over the private land to the north. The Teton County Scenic Preserve Trust holds a conservation easement on property to the south.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

A well-worn trail through the parcel indicates frequent use on the west side of the levee. The public uses the levee for fishing, running, and walking.

Infrastructure and Improvements

The Public Levee runs north south along the east side of the parcel. There are no other roads, structures, or improvements on this parcel.

Resource Management and Use

No indication of any management of natural resources on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

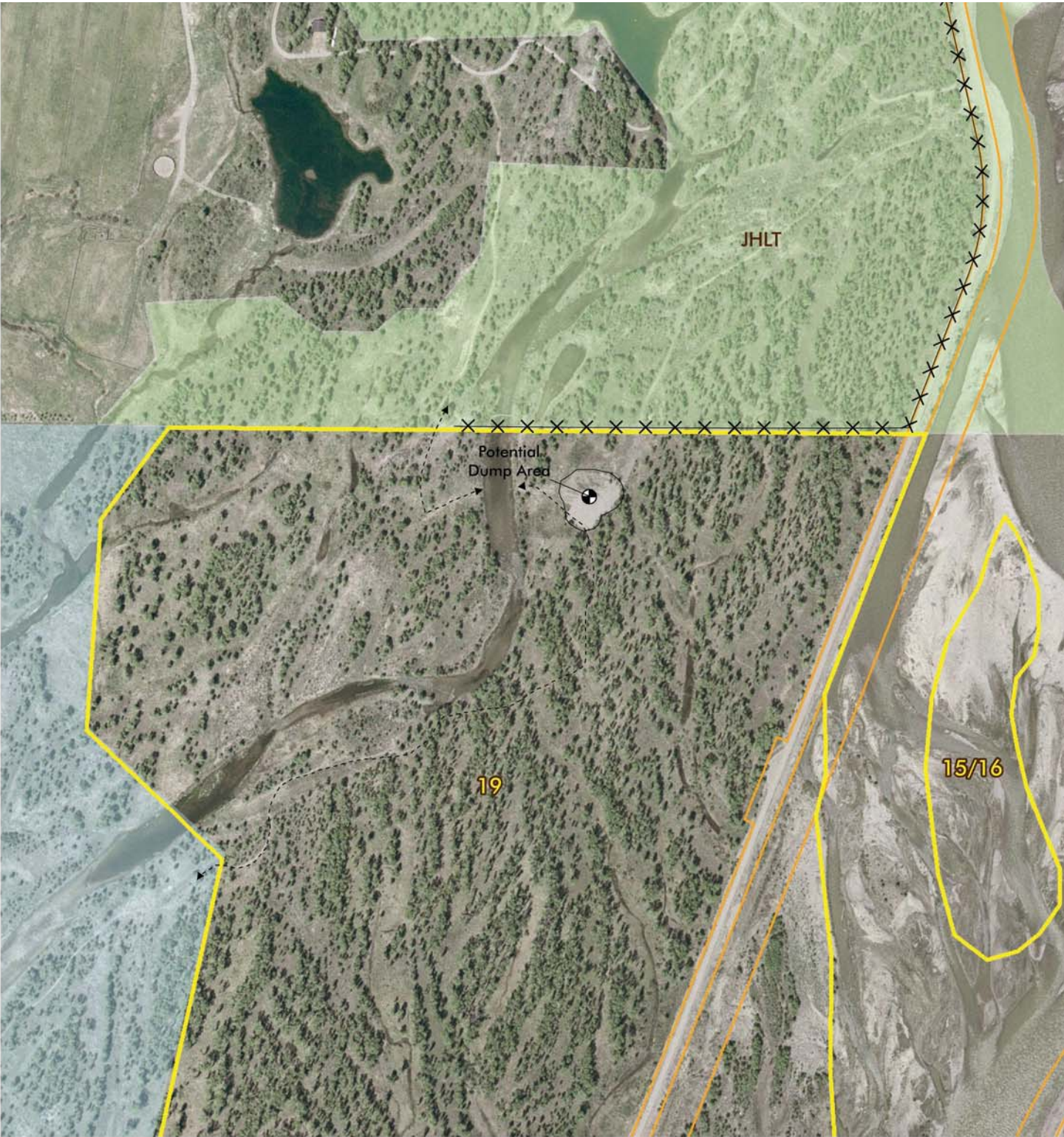
Levee easement for the Public Levee.

Resource Values

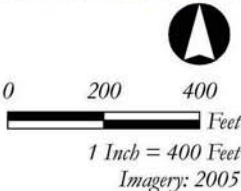
- **Wildlife Habitat** – The parcel, in association with private lands under conservation easement and parcel 17/18, provides valuable habitat for large ungulates (i.e., deer, elk, and moose) and other wildlife species.



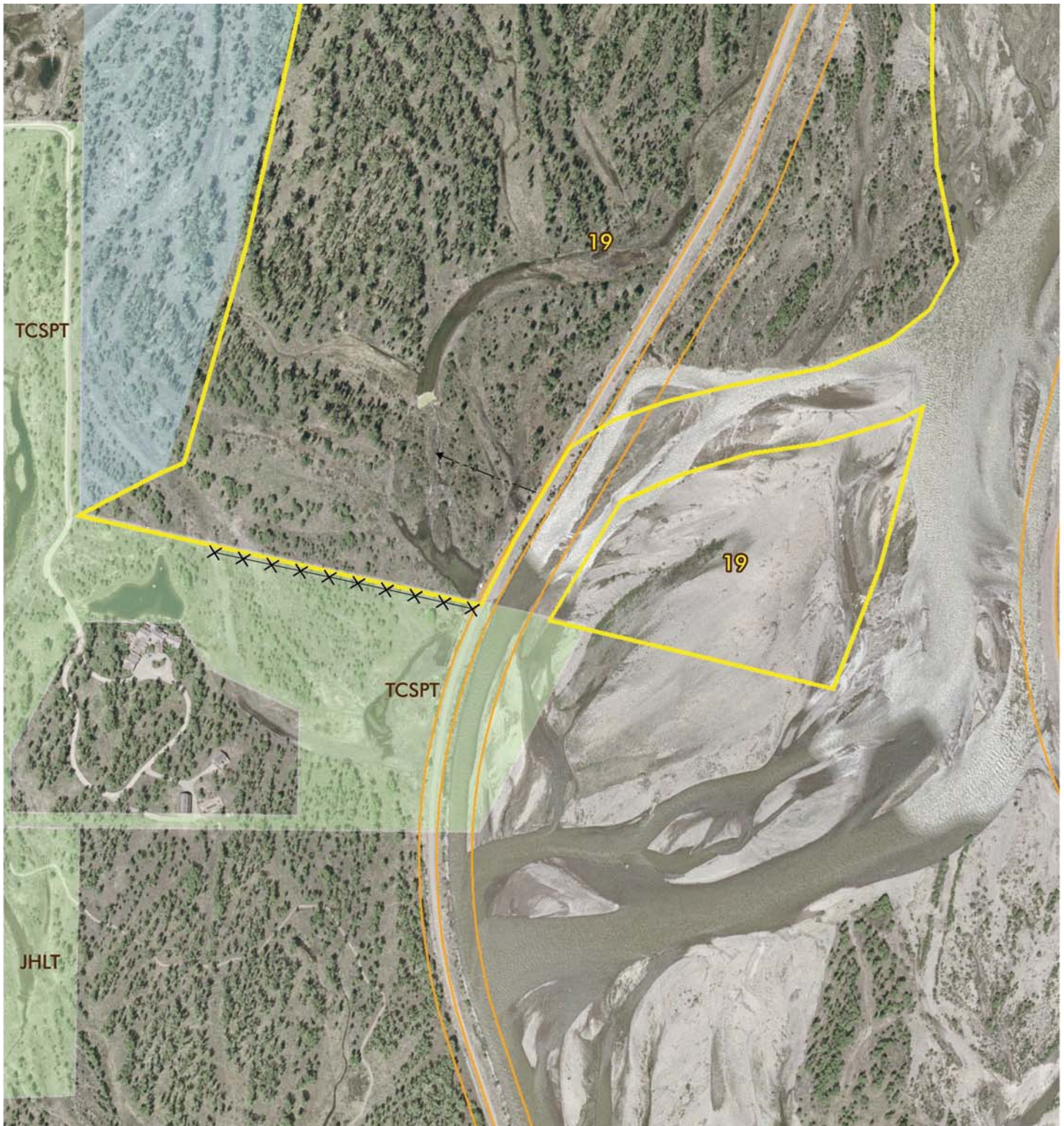
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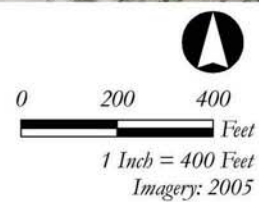
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| State of Wyoming | Dump Site | Road |
| Conservation Easements | Gravel Mining Area | Trail |
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| BLM Parcels | Levee Easement | X-X Fence |
| State of Wyoming | + Dump Site | Road |
| Conservation Easements | ⚡ Gravel Mining Area | Trail |
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- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 1, Occupied Nesting Area and Zone 2, Primary Use Area.

Management Issues

- **Noxious Weeds** – Spotted knapweed, Dalmatian toadflax, houndstongue, and bull thistle.
- **Dumping** – A large dump that has been mostly cleaned up occurs on the north side.
- **Encroachment** – Well-used trails between adjacent lands and the levee on parcel clearly indicate use by neighboring landowners.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Habitat Conservation** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention. Monitor resource management or property trespass issues during annual levee inspections and conservation easement monitoring of adjacent property. Respond to major management issues (e.g., encroachment from neighboring landowners, noxious weeds, and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **Public River Access** – Designate the parcel as a public river access point via the levee.
- **No Management** – Allow existing, informal public use to continue with no active monitoring or management.



Transfer and Ownership Options

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation – Emphasize the conservation of riparian habitat and the management of big game.

Ownership

Wyoming Game and Fish Department fee-simple ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 19 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust.
- Reversionary clause in the transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation - Emphasize the conservation of riparian habitat and the management of big game.

Resource Management

- **Monitoring** - Monitor the parcel on an annual basis as required by a conservation easement to identify major management issues, including noxious weeds and encroachment. Include informal monitoring of the parcel during routine levee inspections conducted by Teton County.
- **Signage** - Construct small signs on the levee at the north and south boundaries identifying the portion of the levee and riverbank that is open to public access and use.

- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Road and Levee Department, Teton County Weed & Pest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

The primary values of this parcel are for general wildlife habitat, bald eagle habitat, and crucial big game winter range. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is an appropriate agency for the management and stewardship of this parcel, especially within the context of the larger landscape that includes private land to the north and parcel 17/18. Because the Jackson Hole Land Trust holds a conservation easement on the private parcel to the north, the organization has a stewardship presence in the area that could be slightly expanded to include additional monitoring and targeted outreach.





PARCEL 21

General Parcel Information

Size: 61 acres

Parcel Location: Section 14, Township 40 North, Range 117 West

Description

Parcel 21 is located in gentle bend of the Snake River where the river transitions to a southeasterly flow toward South Bridge. The western quarter of the parcel occurs on the river side of the levee and provides good access to and from the river. Most of the parcel consists of mature cottonwood forest. Two spring creeks traverse the parcel in a southerly direction.

Access

Accessible from the river only.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is bounded on the east by State Trust Land and private residential lands on all other sides. The Jackson Hole Land Trust holds conservation easements over several properties north of the parcel, but not adjacent to the parcel.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

No indications of public use of the parcel.

Infrastructure and Improvements

The levee along the east bank of the Snake River crosses through the western third of the parcel. There are no other roads, structures, or other improvements on this parcel.

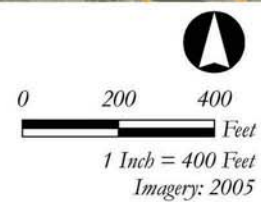
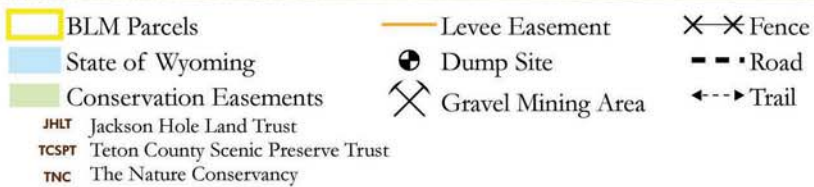
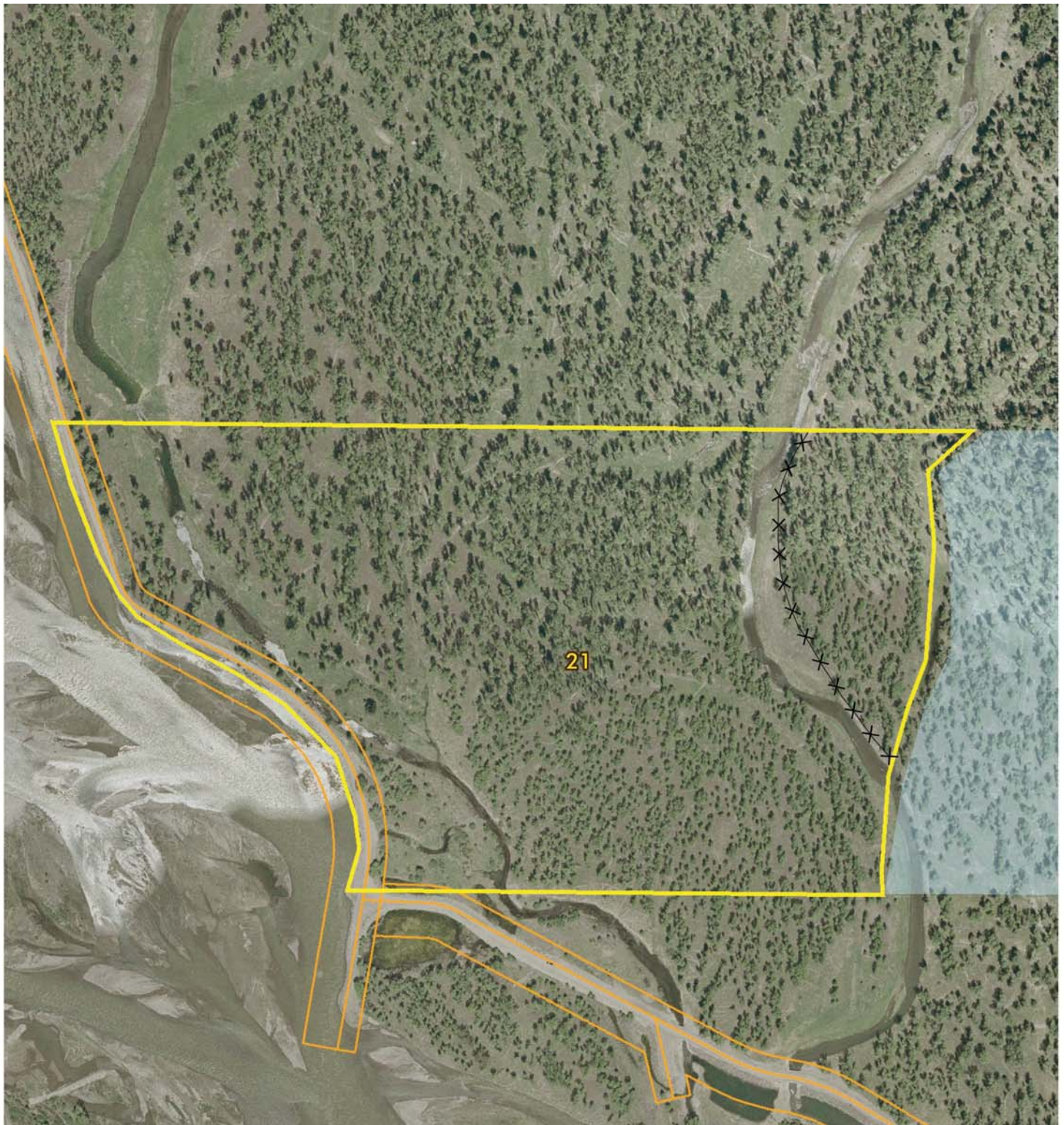
Resource Management and Use

This parcel has been used extensively for livestock grazing in the past. Current grazing use is not known. Besides potential grazing and continual levee management, there are no other indications of any management of natural resources on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

Levee easement for the Upper Imeson #1 Levee. An existing grazing permit is associated with the parcel.

PARCEL 21





Resource Values

- **Wildlife Habitat** – This eastern portion of this parcel contains a large area of mature cottonwood forest that dominates the parcel. Two spring creeks, with associated wetlands, flow north to south across the parcel. The parcel provides crucial winter habitat for big game and is part of a corridor for elk movement to the South Park Feedground.
- **Bald Eagle Habitat** – Zone 1, Occupied Nesting Area.

Management Issues

- **Noxious Weeds** – Spotted knapweed, houndstongue, Canada thistle, musk thistle, bull thistle, common mullein.
- **Nesting Raptors** – Consider seasonal closures for bald eagle nesting.
- **Encroachment** – Monitor the parcel for encroachment or inappropriate uses.



Management and Public Use Options

- **Habitat Conservation** – Maintain the parcel in a natural state with little human intervention. Monitor resource management or property trespass issues during annual levee inspections and conservation easement monitoring of adjacent property. Respond to major management issues (e.g., encroachment from neighboring landowners, noxious weeds, and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **Public Access from River** – Designate the parcel as a publicly accessible river landing for shore fishing and other day uses.
- **No Management** – Allow existing, informal public use to continue with no active monitoring or management.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation – Emphasize the conservation of riparian habitat, spring creek fishery, and the management of big game.

Ownership

Wyoming Game and Fish Department fee-simple ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.

Parcel 21 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust.
- Reversionary clause in the transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Habitat Conservation - Emphasize the conservation of riparian habitat, bald eagle habitat, spring creek fishery, and the management of big game.

Resource Management

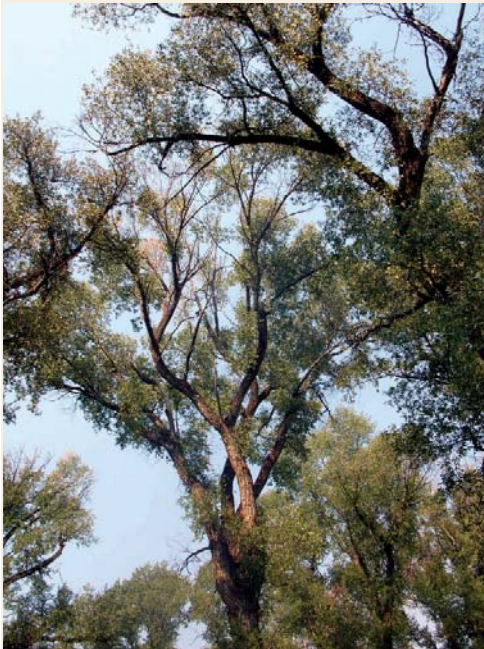
- **Monitoring** - Monitor the parcel on an annual basis as required by a conservation easement to identify major management issues, including noxious weeds and encroachment. Include informal monitoring of the parcel during routine levee inspections conducted by Teton County.
- **Signage** - Consider constructing small signs on the levee at the north and south boundaries identifying the portion of the levee and riverbank that is open to public access and use.

- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Road and Levee Department, Teton County Weed & Pest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

The primary values of this parcel are general wildlife habitat, bald eagle nesting habitat, crucial big game winter range, and a movement corridor for elk. The two spring creeks that flow through the parcel provide a unique fishery not found on other parcels in the planning area. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is an appropriate agency for the management and stewardship of this parcel, especially within the context of bald eagle and big game management. Because the Jackson Hole Land Trust holds a conservation easement on several private parcels in the vicinity, the organization has a stewardship presence in the area that could be slightly expanded to include additional monitoring and targeted outreach.





PARCEL 23

General Parcel Information

Size: 89 acres

Parcel Location: Southwest corner Section 24 and portions of Section 25, Township 40 North, Range 117 West

Description

Parcel 23 consists of two parcels along the west bank of the Snake River, situated between the river and Fall Creek Road. The north parcel is bisected by the Taylor Creek #3 Levee, with the upland side of the levee consisting of mature cottonwood forest interspersed with small streams and wetlands. A large extent of this parcel inside of the levee currently consists of the main channel of the Snake River and gravel bar islands. The south parcel is bisected by the Sewell Levee and consists of a mix of cottonwood forest, pastureland, and corrals associated with the adjacent ranch.

Access

The north parcel is accessible from Fall Creek Road through an unmarked gate near the southern property line. The south parcel can be reached through the adjacent ranch complex, but is not publicly accessible. Both parcels can be accessed from the river.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is bounded by private ranch land on all sides. The BLM is in the process of transferring a small area of the southern portion to the adjacent landowner. A large parcel of private land across the Snake River to the east is under a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

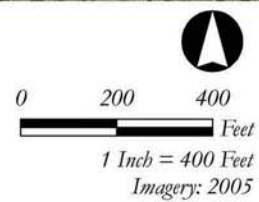
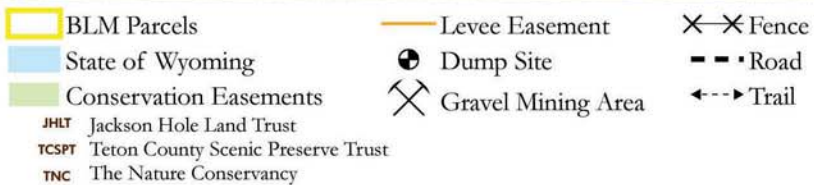
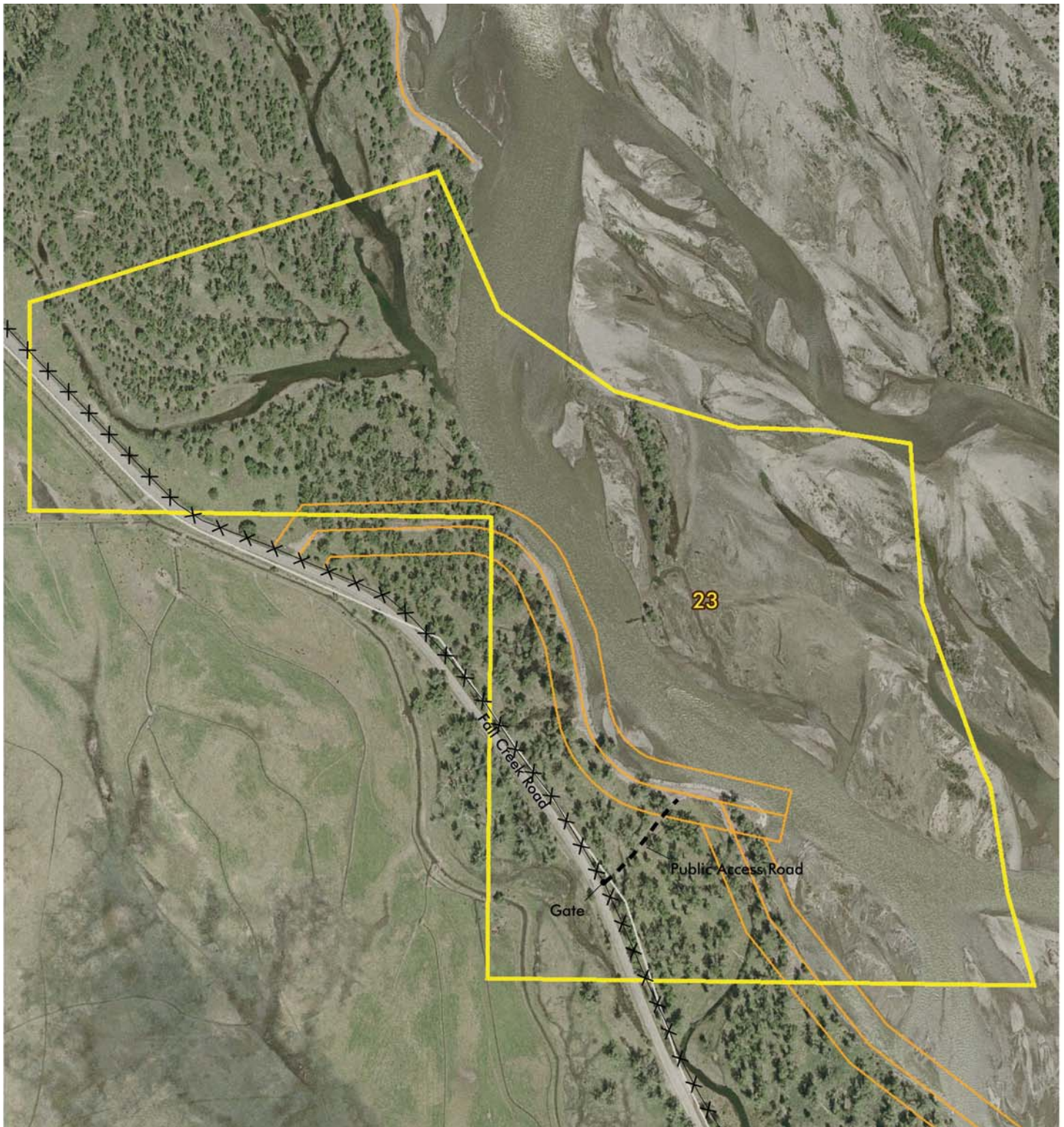
Public Access and Use

There appears to be limited use of the parcel for shore fishing by locals familiar with the parcel and its public access point. River outfitters use the adjacent private parcel to the north as a private take-out and guest dinner service location.

Infrastructure and Improvements

- **Northern Portion** – The Taylor Creek #3 Levee along the west bank of the Snake River bisects this portion of the parcel. A short, two-track access road crosses the northern parcel from an unmarked gate on Fall Creek Road to the levee. A barbed-wire fence runs the length of the parcel along Fall Creek Road.

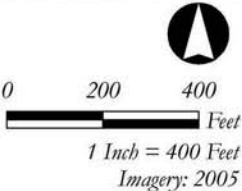
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| BLM Parcels | Levee Easement | Fence |
| State of Wyoming | Dump Site | Road |
| Conservation Easements | Gravel Mining Area | Trail |
| JHLT Jackson Hole Land Trust | | |
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- **Southern Portion** – The Sewell Levee bisects this portion of the parcel. Corrals, sheds, fences, and other improvements associated with the adjacent ranch complex cover about one third of the southern parcel. A small tract transfer for some of this area is currently in process.

Resource Management and Use

Both the northern and southern portions of the parcel are used to graze livestock.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

Levee easement for Taylor Creek #3 Levee on the north portion and Sewell Levee on the south portion of the parcel.

Resource Values

- **Bald Eagle** – Zone 1, Occupied Nesting Area; Zone 2, Primary Use Area; and Zone 3, Home Range Area.
- **Elk Movement Corridor** – Occurs within a major corridor for seasonal elk migration between the mountains to the west and the winter range on the South Park Feedground to the east.
- **Wildlife Habitat** – The cottonwood forest and small wetlands on the parcel are typical of the planning area and provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species.

Management Issues

- **Grazing** – Monitor long-term grazing practices and manage to ensure that they do not degrade resource values and are compatible with future uses.
- **Noxious Weeds** – Bull thistle, musk thistle, oxeye daisy, scentless chamomile, common sowthistle, spotted knapweed, houndstongue, and common mullein.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Habitat Conservation** – Manage the parcel to protect riparian woodland habitat along and protect elk migration routes. Restrict or manage grazing to maximize wildlife habitat values. Conduct periodic habitat monitoring and respond to major management issues (e.g., noxious weeds and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.
- **Elk Management** – Allow limited public hunting and fishing access, with potential seasonal closures to facilitate elk migration. Allow continued grazing in a manner that is compatible with elk management. Do not develop new public facilities.
- **Public Park** – Develop limited facilities to facilitate day uses such as shore fishing access, hunting, picnics, and wildlife observation. Facilities may include a small parking area (i.e., five spaces), picnic table, trash receptacles, and a toilet. A small staircase or ramp to facilitate river access for small craft (e.g., canoes or kayaks) also may be appropriate.





- **Public Boat Ramp** – Develop a large-scale boat ramp to provide additional river access between Wilson Bridge and South Park. Related facilities may include toilets, a dumpster, and parking for over 20 vehicles.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust or Snake River Fund.
- Teton County, fee-simple ownership.
- Teton County, fee-simple ownership with a conservation easement.
- Bridger-Teton National Forest, fee-simple ownership.

Under any of these scenarios, consider the appropriate mechanism to enter into a land trade and/or transfer with the adjacent ranch. The purpose of such a transaction would be to dispose of the southern parcel and the corners of the northern portion on the west side of Fall Creek Road in order to consolidate parcel boundaries and facilitate management.

Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Public Use and Habitat Management – Develop limited day use facilities with defined rules and regulations, while emphasizing elk management and overall habitat conservation.

Ownership

Wyoming Game and Fish Department, fee-simple ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.

Ownership transfer should consider the possibility of a land trade with the adjacent ranch.

Parcel 23 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust.
- Reversionary clause in the transfer deed.
- Include language that allows for a land trade or transfer to consolidate parcel boundaries.

Management Emphasis

Public Use and Habitat Management - Develop limited day use facilities while emphasizing elk management and overall habitat conservation.

Resource Management

- **Public Access** - Clarify and improve public access from Fall Creek Road with a cattle guard that allows open vehicle access consistent with grazing management.
- **Signage** - Post signs at the Fall Creek Road access and along the levee indicating the ownership, management, and appropriate uses of the parcel.
- **Noxious Weeds** - Control and monitor noxious weeds annually.
- **Habitat Management** - Manage the parcel for riparian habitat conservation, with an emphasis on sustaining a viable elk migration corridor. Conduct periodic monitoring to identify any management issues that may arise.
- **Grazing** - Work with the neighboring landowner to develop a management strategy that is consistent with limited public access and overall habitat management priorities. Monitor grazing to ensure compliance with any management plan.

- **Maintenance and Law Enforcement** - Incorporate a frequent maintenance and law enforcement presence to minimize and manage incompatible or inappropriate uses (e.g., partying, camping, and dumping), and to track the effects of additional public use on the parcel.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring, weed management, and landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Teton County Road and Levee Department, Teton County Weed & Pest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

While this parcel provides a unique opportunity for public access to the Snake River, it also supports important habitat for elk, bald eagle, and other wildlife species. The development of limited public use facilities, the management of wildlife habitat, and managed grazing appear to be compatible objectives for this parcel. For these reasons, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department is the appropriate entity to own and manage the parcel. Management will need to be closely coordinated with the grazing lessee to ensure that public use and grazing are compatible with wildlife management needs. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department should also work with the adjacent landowner to formulate a land trade that results in more logical and efficient parcel boundaries.



PARCEL 24

General Parcel Information

Size: 2 acres

Parcel Location: Southwest corner of Section 30, Township 40 North, Range 116 West

Description

Parcel 24 includes a small strip of land in the main channel of the Snake River. This parcel may include exposed gravel bars during low flow periods.

Access

Accessible by river only; likely inundated during high river flows.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

The parcel is adjacent to private ranch land to the east in all directions. The Jackson Hole Land Trust holds a conservation easement on the parcel to the north.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

No public access to or use of this parcel.

Infrastructure and Improvements

No roads, structures, or other improvements occur on this parcel.

Resource Management and Use

No resource management or uses on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

Teton County has no record of leases or encumbrances on this parcel. As the Snake River changes course, the BLM's long-term ownership of this parcel may be in question.

Resource Values










Bald Eagle – Zone 1, Occupied Nesting Area and Zone 2, Primary Use Area.

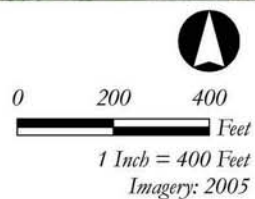
Management Issues

This parcel is located within the Snake River channel and currently presents no significant management issues.

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|  State of Wyoming |  Dump Site |  Road |
|  Conservation Easements |  Gravel Mining Area |  Trail |
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Management and Public Use Options

As the Snake River shifts, management and use options are limited to periodic monitoring to identify and respond to future management issues.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- BLM retains ownership.
- BLM retains ownership and considers sale or transfer to adjacent landowners under an amended Resource Management Plan.
- BLM retains ownership and allows the parcel to be used as part of a future public-private land trade associated with parcel 23.

Recommendation***Management Emphasis***

Limited monitoring to identify and respond to future management issues.

Ownership

BLM retains ownership. If possible, consider this parcel as part of a future land trade associated with parcel 23.

Parcel 24 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- BLM retains ownership

Management Emphasis

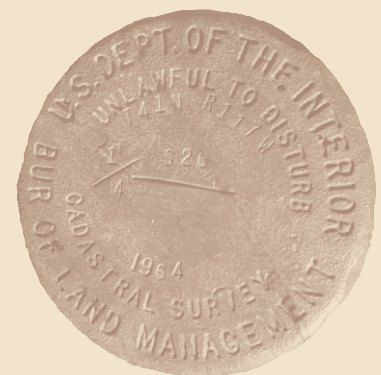
Limited Monitoring - Limited monitoring to identify and respond to future management issues.

Resource Management

- **Periodic Monitoring** - As the Snake River changes and shifts, conduct periodic monitoring to identify and address future management issues.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate monitoring any landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Bridger-Teton National Forest, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Teton County, and the Snake River Fund).

Rationale

This parcel is currently within the main channel of the Snake River. A determination needs to be made whether this parcel will continue to be under BLM ownership as the Snake River continues to shift. Any future management may arise from the establishment of vegetation, wildlife habitat, and noxious weeds if and when the Snake River moves away from the parcel. The BLM can determine whether this parcel may be included in a land transfer “package” associated with the boundaries of parcel 23, which is located about ½ mile to the northwest.





PARCEL 26

General Parcel Information

Size: 23 acres

Parcel Location: Southwest corner Section 34, Township 40 North, Range 116 West

Description

This parcel encompasses the riverbank and associated uplands on the south side of the Snake River at the South Park Bridge. The western portion of the parcel consists of a large, open field with non-native pasture grasses, while the eastern portion of the parcel consists of a small meadow and a narrow strip of willows and cottonwoods along the riverbank.

Access

The parcel is accessible from the Munger Mountain Road turnoff on U.S. Highway 89/191 immediately south of the South Park Bridge. This parcel is also accessible from the south bank of the Snake River.

Adjacent Land Use and Ownership

A large gravel quarry and associated processing facilities are adjacent to the parcel to the west and south. Evan's construction accesses the river across the east side of the parcel for gravel extraction. Private lands, primarily residential, bound the property to the north and west. A mobile home park is adjacent to the parcel to the southeast.

Zoning: RU-Rural; natural resource overlay throughout and scenic resource overlay to the west of U.S. Highway 89/191.

Existing Use and Management

Public Access and Use

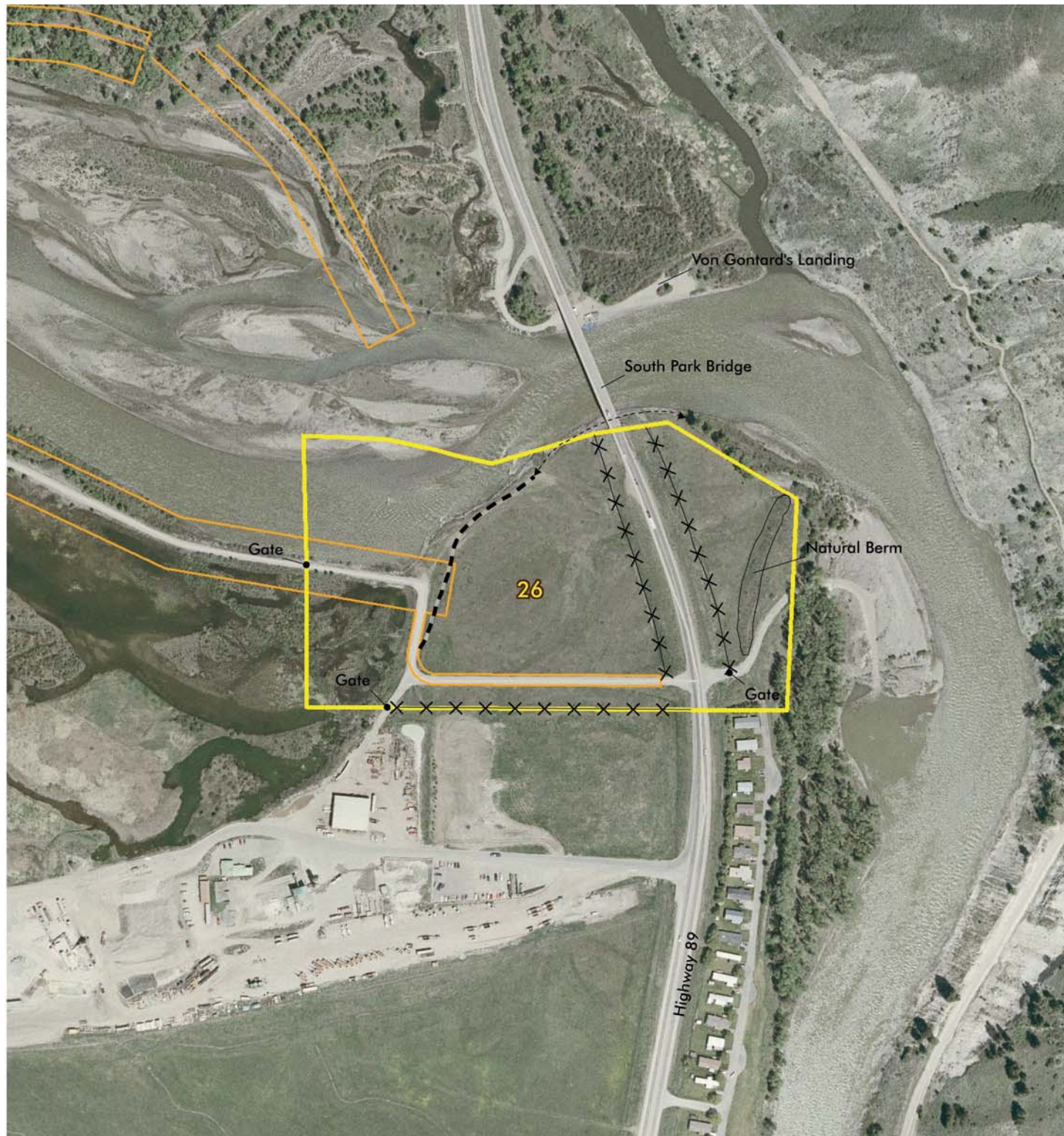
This parcel is used for public river access from the highway and Munger Mountain Road. An informal parking area occurs on the west side of the highway, while the sandbar east of the highway is a popular shore-fishing destination.

In 2004, the BLM completed a South Park River Access Recreation Project Plan to develop a major boat ramp and river access facility at this site. This plan is commonly referred to as the "OTAK Plan." The OTAK Plan has not been endorsed by the Task Force.

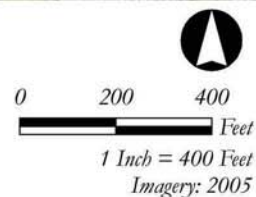
Infrastructure and Improvements

The Evans Levee enters the west edge of the parcel, while the remaining bank is armored with concrete riprap. U.S. Highway 89/191 bisects the parcel as it crosses the Snake River over the South Park Bridge. A large culvert under the levee connects the ponds in

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| BLM Parcels | Levee Easement | ×-× Fence |
| State of Wyoming | Dump Site | - - - Road |
| Conservation Easements | Gravel Mining Area | ←- - -> Trail |
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the southwest corner of the property to the Snake River. A small irrigation ditch crosses the field in the western portion of the parcel.

Resource Management and Use

There are no known resource management activities on this parcel.

Existing Leases or Encumbrances

Levee easement and levee access road for the Evans Levee.

Resource Values

- **River Access** – Provides direct public access to the Snake River from the highway. The BLM has already outlined a plan for the development and expansion of river access facilities at this location.
- **Community Gateway** – Located along a major highway access to Jackson Hole, and could serve as a southern gateway to the valley.
- **Wildlife Habitat** – Eastern portion of the parcel contains limited riparian habitat that is typical of the planning area.

Management Issues

- **Noxious Weeds** – Spotted knapweed, bull thistle, common mullein, and black henbane.
- **Parking** – The existing, informal parking area on the west side of the parcel has the potential to expand beyond its current limits. This would lead to degradation of vegetation and visual resources and could promote noxious weeds.
- **Public Safety** – Existing public access between the parking area to the west of the highway and the shore fishing area to the east of the highway is along an informal trail that traverses the steep riprap at the south bridge abutment. Steep, erodible slopes hinder river access in the western portion of the parcel. Both of these factors present public safety issues, especially during high water flows.

Management and Public Use Options

- **Public Recreation Area** – Develop some level of public river access facilities, as described in the OTAK Plan, to replace the existing boat ramp on the north bank of the Snake River. This facility would support both commercial and private boaters, and also could serve as a regional pathway trailhead, a location for non-boat river access, and other purposes.
- **Habitat Conservation** – Maintain the parcel in its current state with little human intervention or use. Respond to major management issues (e.g., noxious weeds and inappropriate uses) on an as-needed basis.

Transfer and Ownership Options

- Teton County, fee-simple ownership.
- Wyoming State Parks, fee-simple ownership.
- Bridger-Teton National Forest, fee-simple ownership.



Recommendation

Management Emphasis

Public Recreation Area – Establish the area as a Teton County Park. Develop public-use facilities following the general concepts and objectives outlined in the OTAK Plan. Work with the Wyoming Department of Transportation to improve vehicular access into the site. Develop formal partnerships to manage recreation on the site in a manner that is consistent with other Snake River access locations.

Snake River Management – This parcel would be the primary river access point between Wilson Bridge and the Snake River Canyon. Include other entities as management partners, (i.e., the Snake River Fund, Bridger-Teton National Forest, and potentially Wyoming State Parks) with on-the-ground management of public facilities and uses. Ensure consistent management and public contact with the management of facilities at the Wilson Bridge Boat Ramp (i.e., parcel 13).

Ownership

Teton County, fee-simple ownership.

A conservation easement should be placed on this parcel, while a reversionary clause should be considered as part of the ownership transfer.



Parcel 26 Transfer and Management

Ownership

- Teton County
- Conservation easement held by the Jackson Hole Land Trust (including provisions that allow for the development of public use facilities).
- Reversionary clause in the transfer deed.

Management Emphasis

Public Recreation Area - Establish the area as a Teton County Park. Develop public-use facilities following the general concepts and objectives outlined in the OTAK Plan. Work with the Wyoming Department of Transportation to improve vehicular access into the site. Develop formal partnerships to manage recreation on the site in a manner that is consistent with other Snake River access locations.

Snake River Management - This parcel would be the primary river access point between Wilson Bridge and the Snake River Canyon. Include other entities as management partners, including the Snake River Fund and Bridger-Teton National Forest, with on-the-ground management of public facilities and uses.

Resource Management

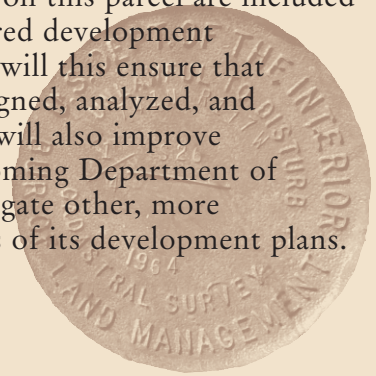
- **Monitoring** - Conduct periodic monitoring to identify natural resource and encroachment issues.
- **Signage** - Post temporary signs indicating the ownership, management, appropriate uses of the parcel. Permanent signs should be developed as part of the overall facility implementation, and should also include information on recreation opportunities, management partners, and overall Snake River management.
- **Partnerships** - Coordinate public use management, monitoring, weed management, and any landowner outreach with other partners (i.e., Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Snake River Fund) to minimize costs and to ensure that stewardship is consistent with other similar parcels.

Rationale

Teton County has the ability to raise local funds for capital construction (i.e., through its Specific Purpose Excise Tax (SPET) request), the capacity to manage public recreation facilities, and an interest in developing public parks along the Snake River. Therefore, Teton County is the appropriate entity to own and be a principal partner in managing river access at this location. However, the on-the-ground management of this site and the overall management of Snake River recreation must include other partners, including the Bridger-Teton National Forest and the Snake River Fund. Both of these entities have an existing management presence along the river, and are anticipated to take the lead with long-term river recreation management.

The OTAK Plan outlines an ambitious vision for recreation facilities at this site. While some stakeholders may not be comfortable with the scale and cost of the proposed improvements, it is clear that the development of some level of river access facilities is needed and highly supported. The Task Force has not endorsed the OTAK Plan. However, the OTAK Plan includes phasing options that should be considered. Additionally, it is very important that Teton County and the other management partners engage the Wyoming Department of Transportation immediately to convey their commitment to public use facilities at this location, and their willingness to work with the Wyoming Department of Transportation to ensure implementation.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation is currently developing a somewhat controversial Environmental Impact Statement for highway improvements in this area. It is imperative that the highway access components of potential facility improvements on this parcel are included in the agency's preferred development alternative. Not only will this ensure that highway access is designed, analyzed, and potentially funded, it will also improve opportunities for Wyoming Department of Transportation to mitigate other, more controversial elements of its development plans.



PARCEL SUMMARY TABLE

Parcel	Acres	Management Emphasis	Ownership	Resource Management
3	12	Habitat conservation, public use, and Snake River camp pilot program	Bridger-Teton National Forest with a Reversionary Clause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ River camp monitoring ▪ Signage ▪ Noxious weeds ▪ Habitat management ▪ Incompatible uses
4	5	Public river access	Teton County with a Reversionary Clause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring
6	25	Habitat conservation, public use, and Snake River camp pilot program	Bridger-Teton National Forest with a Reversionary Clause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ River camp monitoring ▪ Signage ▪ Noxious weeds ▪ Habitat management ▪ Encroachment/ Incompatible use ▪ Public use
7	78	Habitat conservation, public use, and Snake River camp pilot program	Bridger-Teton National Forest with a Reversionary Clause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ River camp monitoring ▪ Signage ▪ Noxious weeds ▪ Habitat management ▪ Encroachment ▪ Public use
8	41	Habitat management	Wyoming Game and Fish Department with a Reversionary Clause and Conservation Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dump cleanup ▪ Noxious weeds ▪ Habitat management ▪ Grazing ▪ Fencing and vehicle access ▪ Signage ▪ Public access ▪ Incompatible uses
9/10	320	Public use and habitat management	Teton County with a Reversionary Clause and Conservation Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public use facilities ▪ Signage ▪ Grazing ▪ Habitat conservation ▪ Gravel mining area ▪ Noxious weeds ▪ Master/Management planning
11	<1	Short-term monitoring	Disposal to adjacent private landowner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring
12	6	Habitat monitoring	Teton County with language allowing transfer to private property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring

Parcel	Acres	Management Emphasis	Ownership	Resource Management
13	11	Public use and habitat management	Teton County with a Reversionary Clause and Conservation Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signage ▪ Camping ▪ Noxious weeds ▪ Habitat management ▪ Master/Management planning
14	5	Habitat buffer	Teton County with a Reversionary Clause and Conservation Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring
15/16	72	Habitat conservation	Wyoming Game and Fish Department with a Reversionary Clause and Conservation Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring
17/18	44	Habitat conservation	Wyoming Game and Fish Department with a Reversionary Clause and Conservation Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring ▪ Signage
19	144	Habitat conservation	Wyoming Game and Fish Department with a Reversionary Clause and Conservation Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring ▪ Signage
21	61	Habitat conservation	Wyoming Game and Fish Department with a Reversionary Clause and Conservation Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring
23	89	Public use and habitat management	Wyoming Game and Fish Department with a Reversionary Clause and Conservation Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public access ▪ Signage ▪ Noxious weeds ▪ Habitat management ▪ Grazing ▪ Maintenance and law enforcement
24	2	Limited monitoring	Bureau of Land Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Periodic monitoring
26	23	Public recreation area and Snake River management	Teton County with a Reversionary Clause and Conservation Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring ▪ Signage