

## Outlook Collaboration Committee Recommendation Memo

TO: Duane Bishop, Middle Fork District Ranger

FROM: Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative

DATE: September 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Consideration: 2017 Stewardship Contracts in the Outlook Landscape Diversity Project Area

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This memo is intended to provide recommendations to the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest for the implementing of stewardship contracts in the Outlook Landscape Diversity Project (Outlook) planning area.

Stewardship contracting includes natural resource management practices that promote a closer working relationship with local communities in a broad range of activities that improve land conditions. These projects shift the focus of federal forest and rangeland management towards a desired future resource condition. They are also a means for federal agencies to contribute to the development of sustainable rural communities, restore and maintain healthy forest ecosystems, and provide a continuing source of local income and employment.

The Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative, Outlook collaboration committee (Committee) came together to help provide recommendations for 2017 Outlook stewardship projects. The committee participated in four learning sessions with three field trips and five roundtable discussions to develop these initial recommendations. The Committee recognizes that stewardship contracting is a multi-phased process and the Committee will have further opportunities to discuss specific projects and contribute to development of future stewardship projects.

***The Outlook collaboration committee has reached consensus on the following for the Outlook Landscape Diversity Project:***

### **I. Local Workforce**

One important part of stewardship contracting is defining the stewardship “local area” for workforce utilization. Based on a model used by the McKenzie Collaborative Group, the committee recommends two local area priority zones. *Please see attached stewardship area map.*

**Zone #1 priority** for businesses/residents within the Middle Fork Watershed, including all rural communities in the watershed: Dexter, Lowell, Jasper, Pleasant Hill, Oakridge and Westfir.

**Zone #2 priority** for businesses/residents within the following counties that are near the Willamette National Forest: Benton, Deschutes, Douglas, Lane, Linn, and Marion.

### **Additional Local Area Criteria**

In addition to the local area zones, the Committee recommends the following priority order for developing workforce related questions and criteria for the stewardship technical proposal:

**Any priority given to local area workforce should benefit the following communities, in order:**

1. Middle Fork Watershed communities
2. Westside Cascade/ Willamette Valley rural communities
3. Western Oregon communities

## **II. Stewardship Restoration Projects Area**

The Committee recommends **Zone 1** as the stewardship area boundary for restoration projects eligible for retained receipts funding. The Committee agrees that all public and private lands located within Zone 1 should be eligible for projects that qualify under the stewardship authority. *Please see attached stewardship area map.*

## **III. Stewardship Sale Areas**

Working with the Forest Service, the Committee identified two timber sale areas to recommend for stewardship contracting in the near future: Burnt and Rock.

A cluster of 5 units within the Rock sale area was identified for a short-term, two-year stewardship project, to be sold in FY 2017. The larger Burnt sale area was identified as long-term, five year stewardship project, to be sold early in FY 2018.

### **Rock Recommendations**

To assist in the development of the Rock integrated resource timber contract (IRTC) service work, the Committee recommends embedding the following list of projects:

- **Weed Abatement** within the project area, estimating \$3750 for False Brome treatment and \$7500 for Scotch Broom treatment;
- **Road Storage** estimating \$15,310 *please see attached road storage map*;
- **Fall and Leave** estimating \$4,375 *please see attached fall and leave map*;
- **Biomass Removal** as an optional contract item that the Forest Service can choose to execute:
  - Up to \$20,000 for biomass removal
  - Additional criteria for this contract item are recommended:
    - local area criteria – the collaborative recommends using a local biomass company to process biomass.
    - technical proposal criteria– the collaborative recommends biomass wood product utilization score higher than bioenergy utilization.

The Committee will reconvene after the Rock IRTC sale to discuss priority restoration projects for any remaining Rock retained receipts. The Committee plans to incorporate lessons learned from the Rock IRTC sale into the Burnt IRTC proposal.

#### **IV. Outlook collaborative committee Zones of Agreement**

At the end of the roundtable process members summarized the following areas of agreement that reflect the collective views of the Outlook collaboration committee:

- The Committee values and supports increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration in the Middle Fork Willamette watershed.
- The Committee recognizes the socioeconomic importance of forest resources and supports the sustainable use of the full suite of traditional and non-traditional forest products that support local communities.
- The Committee recognizes the economic impact and importance of forest recreation activities to Oakridge and the surrounding area.
- The Committee recognizes the importance of monitoring and incorporating feedback into decisions using adaptive management.

Thank you for considering the above recommendations. The Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the Middle Fork Ranger District for this important project and the Outlook collaboration committee looks forward to working together as this project advances.

## Outlook Collaboration Committee Participants

The following list of people attended one or more Committee meetings and reviewed and provided input to the recommendations memo.

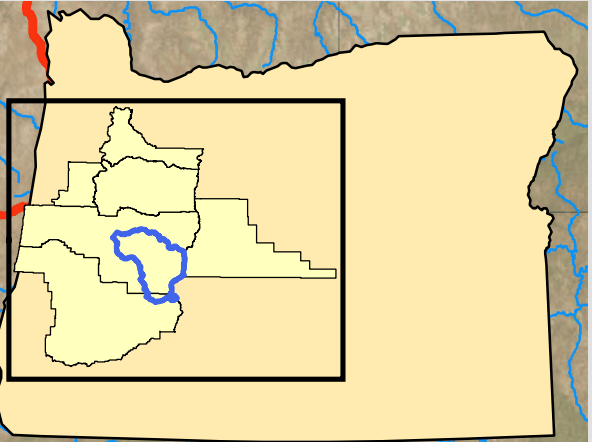
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## Outlook Collaboration Committee Schedule

Meeting	Topic	Presenting	Location	Date	Time
<b>Outlook Collaboration Intro</b>	Introduction and Overview of the Outlook Project and Collaborative Process	SWFC Facilitator Middle Fork District Ranger Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council (MFWWC) UO Ecosystem Workforce Program (EWP)	MFRD Conference room	Thurs. June 2nd	9:00-12:00
<b>Outlook Learning Session &amp; Field trip</b>	Terrestrial Landscape, Invasives & Habitat	MFRD Botanist MFRD Wildlife MFWWC	Meet at MFRD	Wed. June 8th	9:00-3:00
<b>Outlook Learning Session &amp; Field trip</b>	Silviculture, Biomass, & Fire	MFRD Silviculture MFRD Operations MFRD Fire	Meet at MFRD	Wed. June 15th	9:00-3:00
<b>Outlook Learning Session &amp; Field trip</b>	Aquatics & Roads	MFRD Hydrologist MFRD Engineering MFWWC	Meet at MFRD	Wed. June 22nd	9:00-3:00
<b>Outlook Learning Session</b>	Economic Impacts of Restoration Work, Local Area & Implementation Monitoring	EWP MFWWC MFRD Operations	MFRD Conference room	Wed. June 29th	9:00-12:00
<b>Roundtable 1</b>	Recommendations	SWFC Facilitator	MFRD Conf. room	Wed. June 29th	1:00- 4:00
<b>Roundtable 2</b>	Recommendations	SWFC Facilitator	NYC HQ	July 7th	9:00 – 12:00
<b>Roundtable 3</b>	Recommendations	SWFC Facilitator	NYC HQ	July 20th	1:00 – 4:00
<b>Roundtable 4</b>	Recommendations	SWFC Facilitator	NYC HQ	July 28th	9:00 – 12:00
<b>Roundtable 5</b>	Recommendations	SWFC Facilitator	MFRD Conf. room	Aug. 2nd	1:00 – 4:00

# Outlook Stewardship Local Area Zones

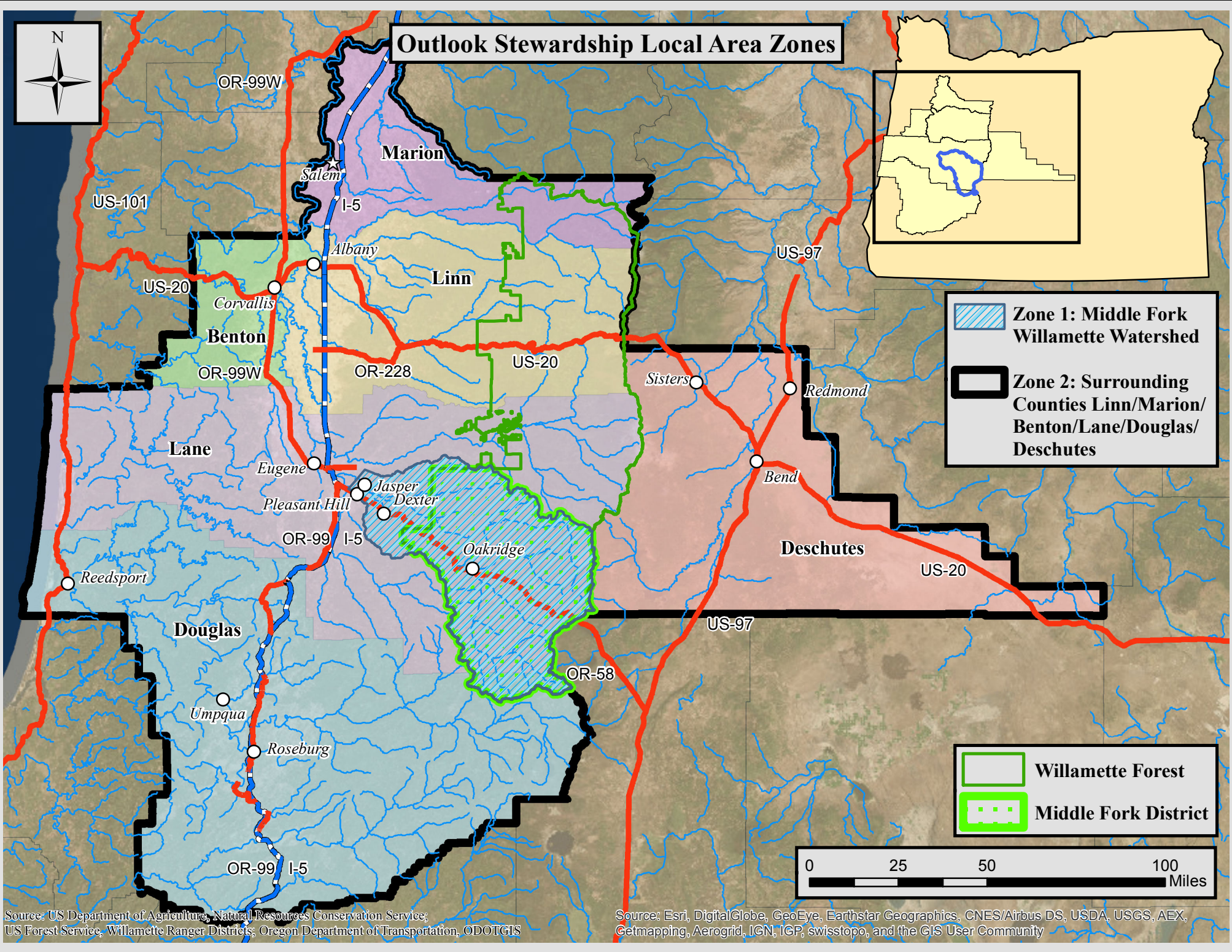
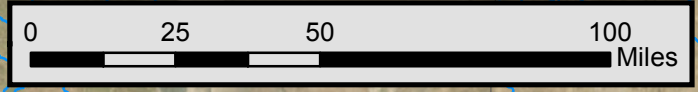


**Zone 1: Middle Fork Willamette Watershed**

**Zone 2: Surrounding Counties Linn/Marion/Benton/Lane/Douglas/Deschutes**

**Willamette Forest**

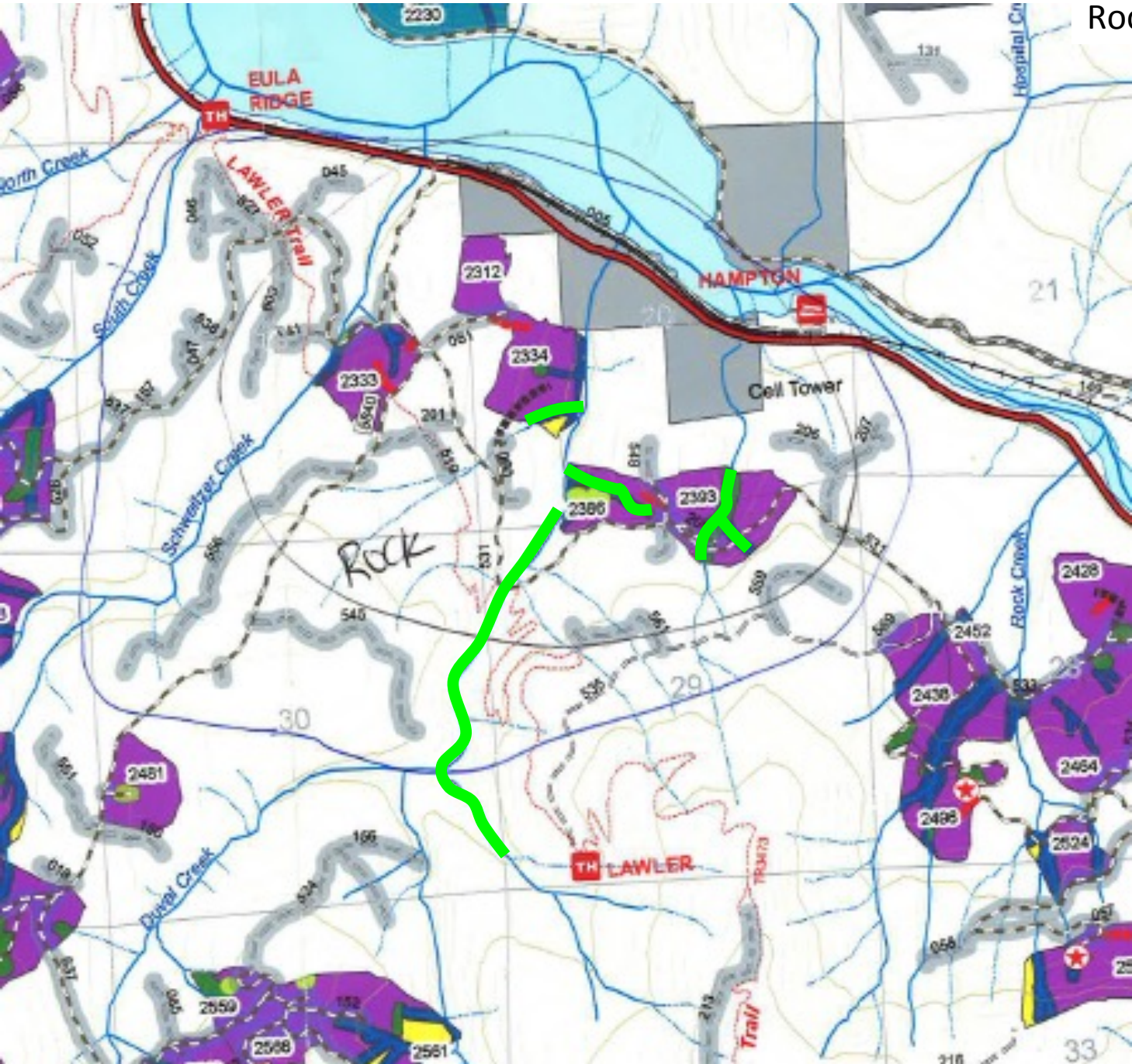
**Middle Fork District**



Source: US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service; US Forest Service, Willamette Ranger Districts; Oregon Department of Transportation, ODOTGIS

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

# Rock Stewardship Area



**Fall and Leave** –  
estimated 1.8 miles  
length, 160' wide (80'  
per side) for a total of  
34.9 acres.

Fall 5 trees/acre within  
riparian swath = 175  
trees

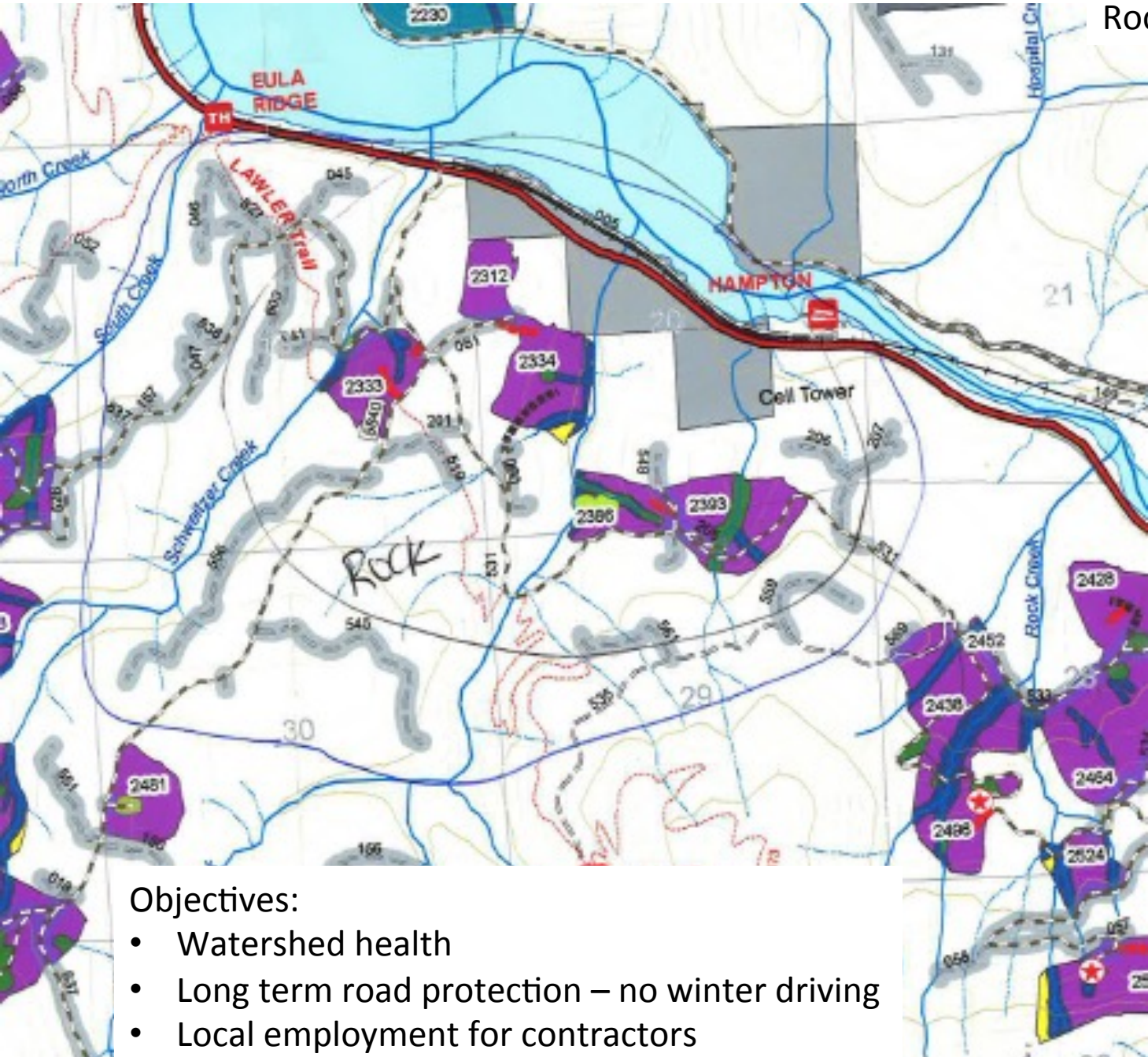
\$25/tree x 175 trees =

**Total: \$4,375**

### Objectives:

- Add wood to streams
- Improve complexity and stand health in riparian areas
- Provide local employment for fallers

# Rock Stewardship Area



### Objectives:

- Watershed health
- Long term road protection – no winter driving
- Local employment for contractors

**Road Storage** - all gray spurs within blue area except for the 526 spur as it will be used for future logging.

3.74 miles Low closure  
1.2 miles Medium closure

3.74 x \$1,500/mile =  
**\$5,610**

1.2 miles x \$6,000/mile =  
**\$7,200**

For several berm closures of additional unnamed spurs & lots of short low closures; also additional considerations near Lawler trail, add **\$2,500**

**Total: \$15,310**

Road spur #s off 5840 – 043, 045, 046, 047, 060, 061, 063, 157, 201, 206, 207, 519, 527, 545, 548, 556 (Med), 559, 561 (Med), 600, 837, 838, 841 and 5 additional unnamed spurs