



USDA Forest Service
Payette National Forest
Draft Record of Decision Briefing Paper



Lost Creek Boulder Creek Landscape Restoration Project

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As disclosed in the FEIS, the draft Record of Decision (draft ROD) will answer the following questions:

Should the Forest Service implement this project, including commercial and non-commercial vegetation treatments, fuels reductions, road management, watershed and fish habitat restoration, and recreation improvements at this time?

If so:

- What and how many acres should be treated and by what means?
- Which and how many recreation facilities, trails, and dispersed recreation sites should be approved, and by what means?
- Which, if any, trails, dispersed recreation facilities, and/or sites should be closed and rehabilitated?
- What watershed restoration and fish habitat improvements should be implemented?
- What road management actions should be implemented, and what is the appropriate minimum road system (MRS) for the project area?
- What project design features or mitigation measures are necessary to assure compliance with the Forest Plan?
- What monitoring requirements are appropriate to evaluate project implementation and effectiveness?

Based on review of the environmental analysis disclosed in the Lost Creek-Boulder Creek Landscape Restoration Project FEIS, the project file, and consideration of public comments received on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), the draft Record of Decision (draft ROD) will document the decision to implement Alternative B-modified, further referred to as the *Selected Alternative*.

The following is a summary of modifications to Alternative B that are incorporated into the *Selected Alternative*:

- Vegetation treatments will be implemented on acres identified in Alternative B with treatment intensities of Alternative D for Commercial Thin/Free Thin treatments.
- Treating an additional 27 miles of unauthorized routes across the project area as described in Alternative C, for a total of 117 miles of unauthorized routes treated.
- Designation of seven additional miles of non-motorized trails in the Lost Creek area as described in Alternative C.
- Thirty-six of the 40 fish passage barrier improvements proposed in Alternative B will be implemented.
- Five of the seven vault toilets proposed in Alternative B would be installed.

Below is a table that provides a summary of activities that the *Selected Alternative* authorizes for implementation. There are other activities and associated actions included in this decision that are further defined in the draft ROD. This decision incorporates adherence to all Forest Plan Management Requirements, Project Design Features and Monitoring Requirements as described in the FEIS (See FEIS Chapter 2, Tables 2-4, 2-5 and 2-6).

Summary of activities to be implemented under this draft Record of Decision

Vegetation Management	
Commercial Thin/Free Thin (CT/FT)	12,200 acres
Commercial Thin/Mature Plantations (CT/MP)	8,100 acres
Free Thin/Patch Cut (FT/PC)	1,800 acres
Total commercial vegetation treatments	22,100 acres
<i>Commercial vegetation treatments within RCAs*</i>	1,530 acres
Total non-commercial thinning treatments	17,700 acres
Prescribed fire treatments	45,000 acres
Recreation Management and Travel Management	
Vault toilet installation	5
Pit toilet decommissioning	6
Kiosks installed	3
Change in miles of motorized access	+2.0 miles
Change in miles of motorized trails (OHV) open to the public	+15 miles
Change in miles of non-motorized trails	+7 miles
Change in number of designated dispersed campsites	+ 68
Closure and restoration of undesired dispersed campsites	-12
Trailhead construction and parking expansion	1
Trailhead decommission	1
Minimum Road System (MRS)	401 miles
Road Management, Watershed Restoration, Fisheries Habitat Improvements	
Road graveling	27 miles
Roads converted to long term closure status	61 miles
System road decommissioning	68 miles
Unauthorized route treatment	117 miles
Improve and open closed roads to public	0.7 miles
Planned temporary roads	25 miles
New construction and obliterate	10 miles
Use existing roadbed and obliterate	15 miles
Gravel pits utilized	18
Existing	11
Potential	7
Roads added to the system for access (<i>not funded by CFLRP funds</i>)	0.8 miles
Fish passage improvements (Total)	36
Improvement through culvert removal	6
Improvement through culvert replacement	30
* = These are not additional acres they are included in the CT-FT and CT-MP acreages listed above but are listed here to disclose that some of these treatments would occur within RCAs. All commercial vegetation treatments within RCAs are outside of Boulder Creek	

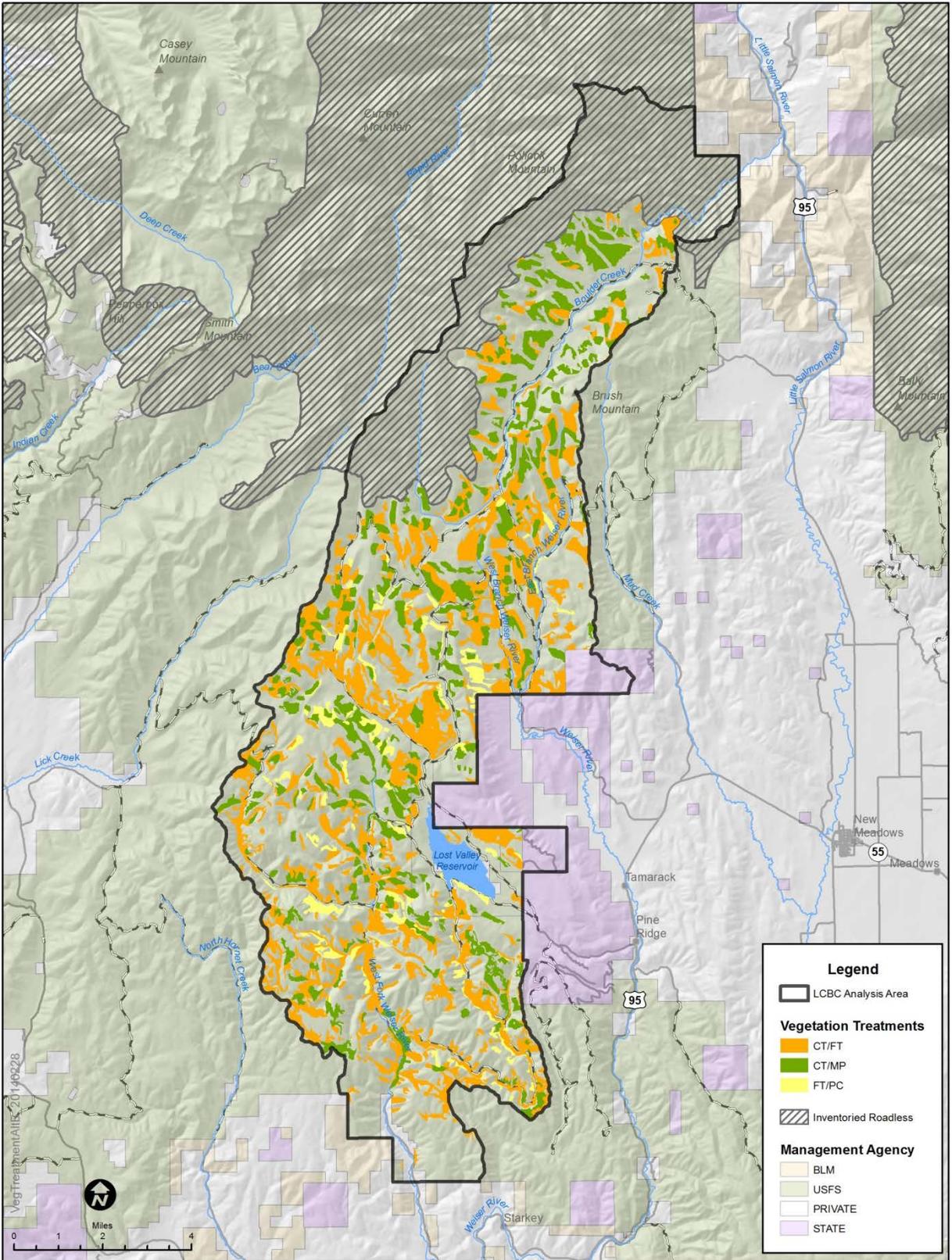


Figure 1. Selected Alternative Vegetation Treatments

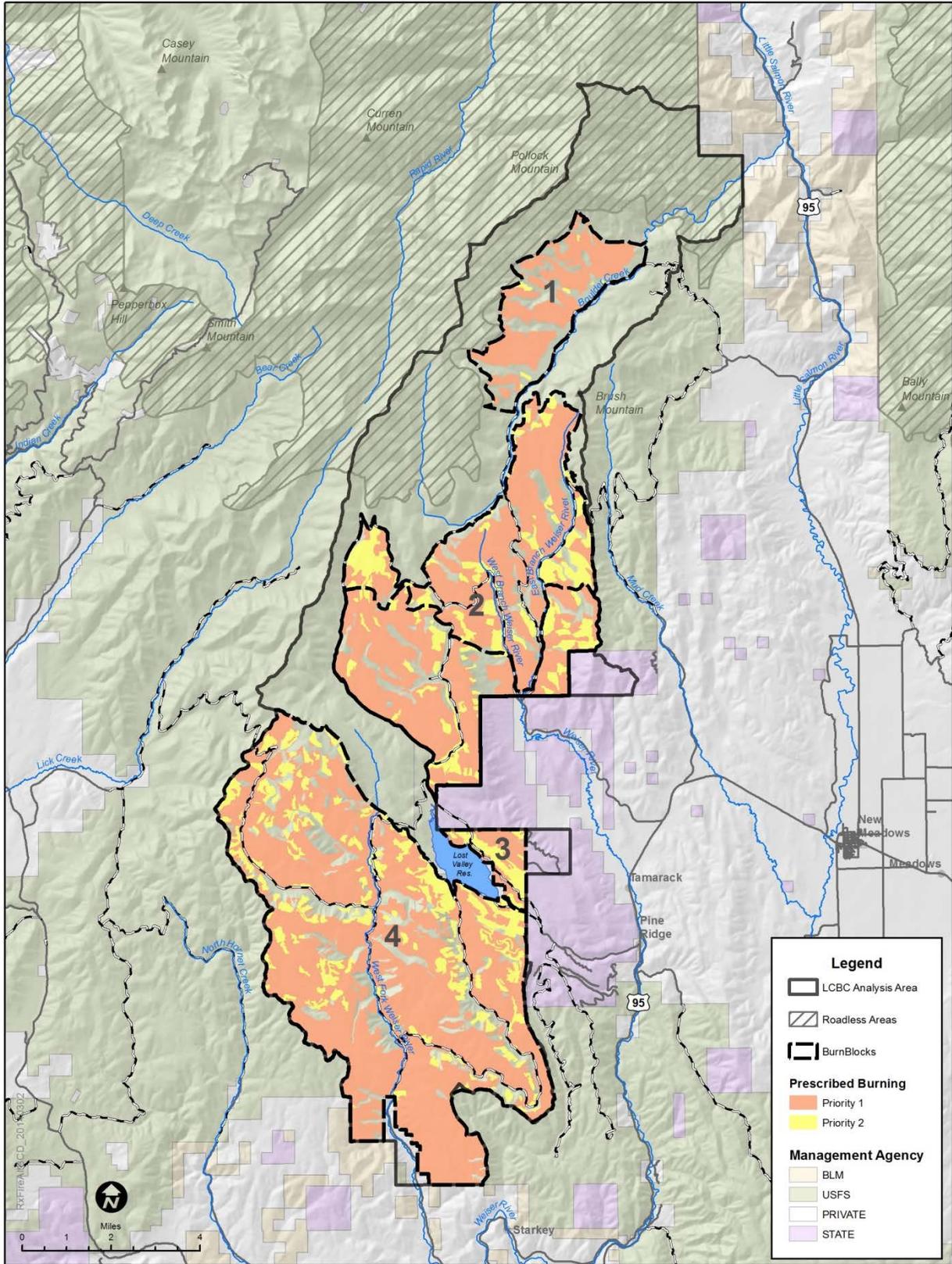


Figure 2. Selected Alternative Prescribed Fire Treatments

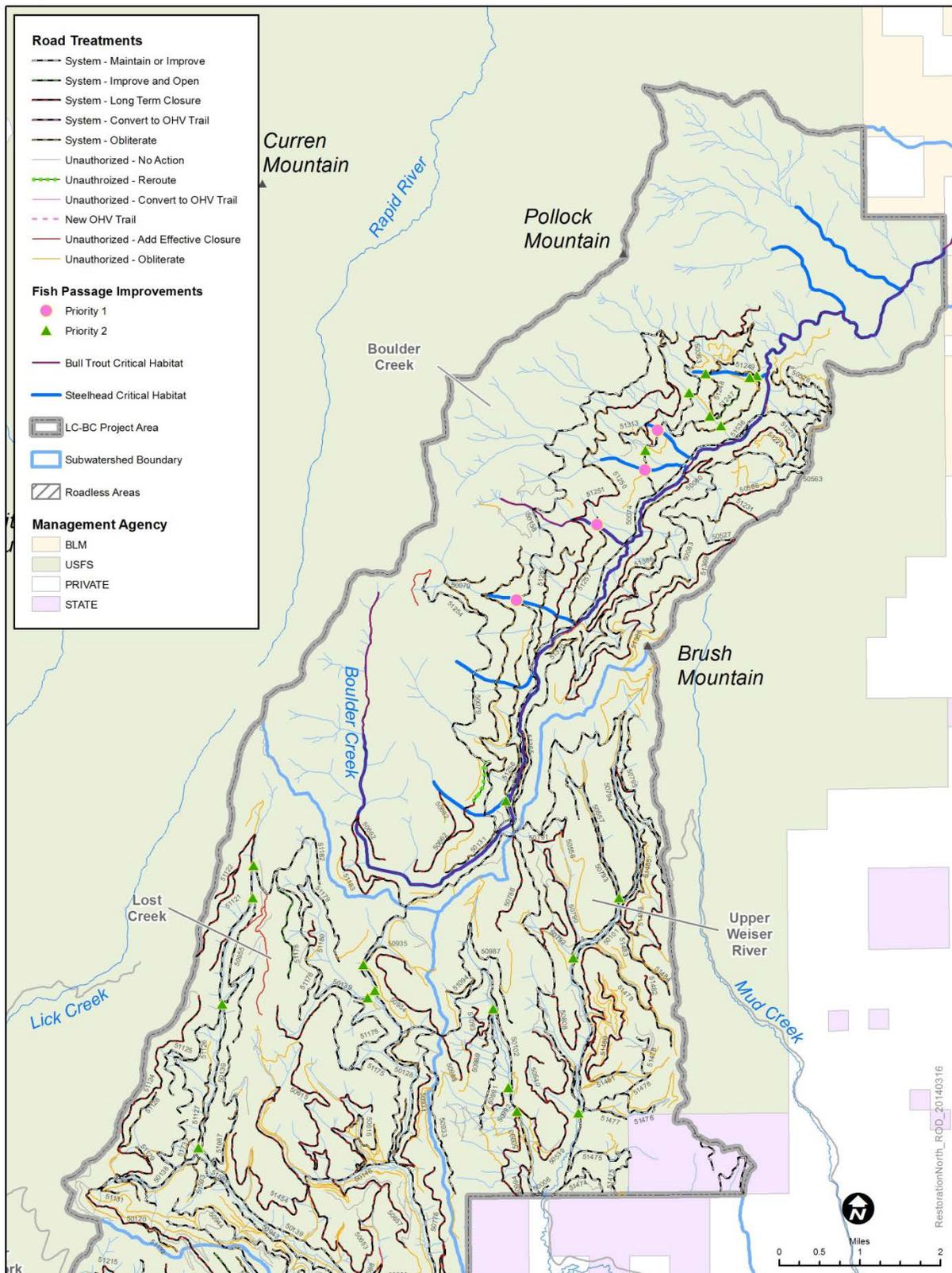


Figure 5. Selected Alternative Watershed Restoration Treatments (North)

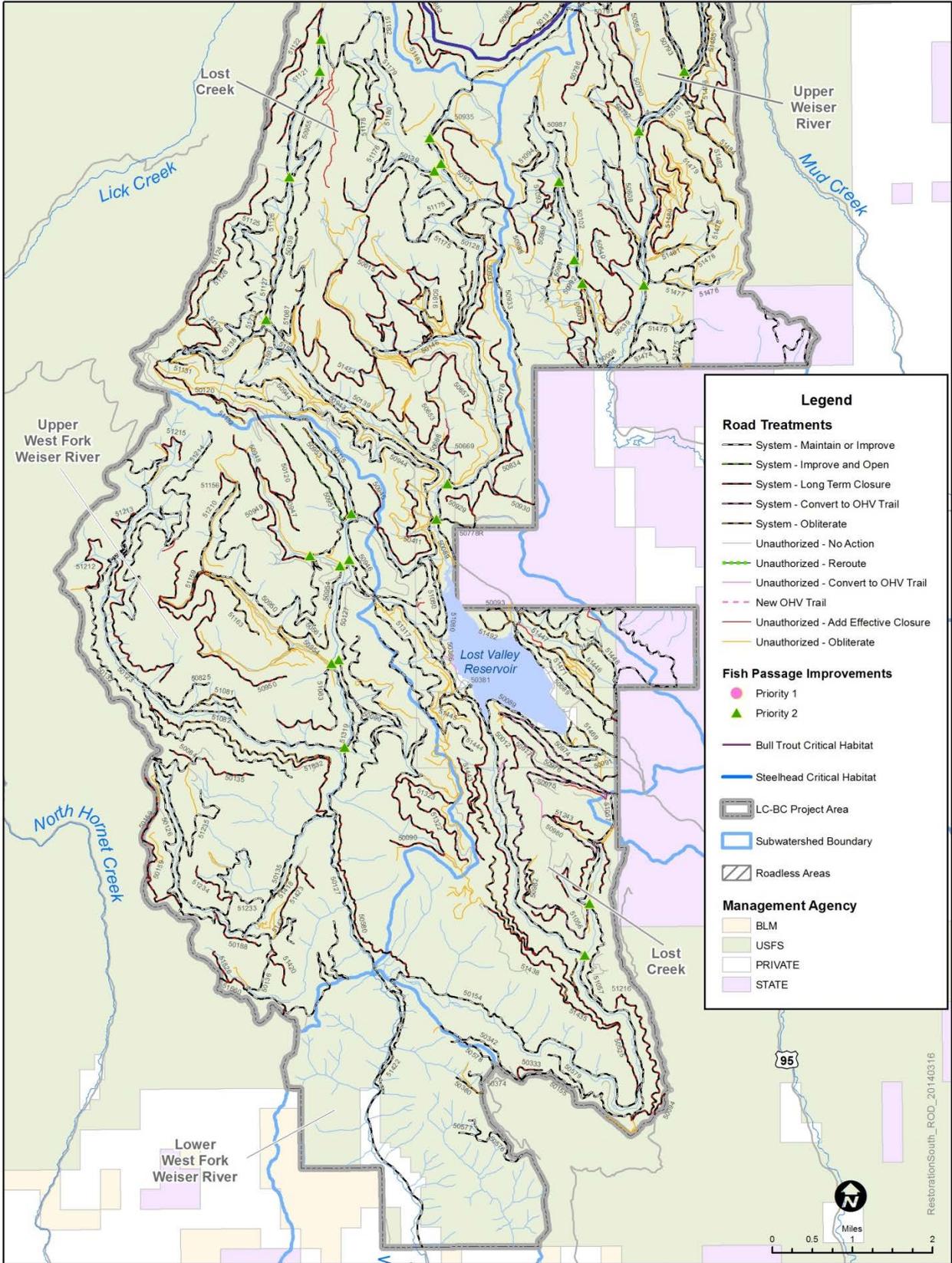


Figure 6. Selected Alternative Watershed Restoration Treatments (South)

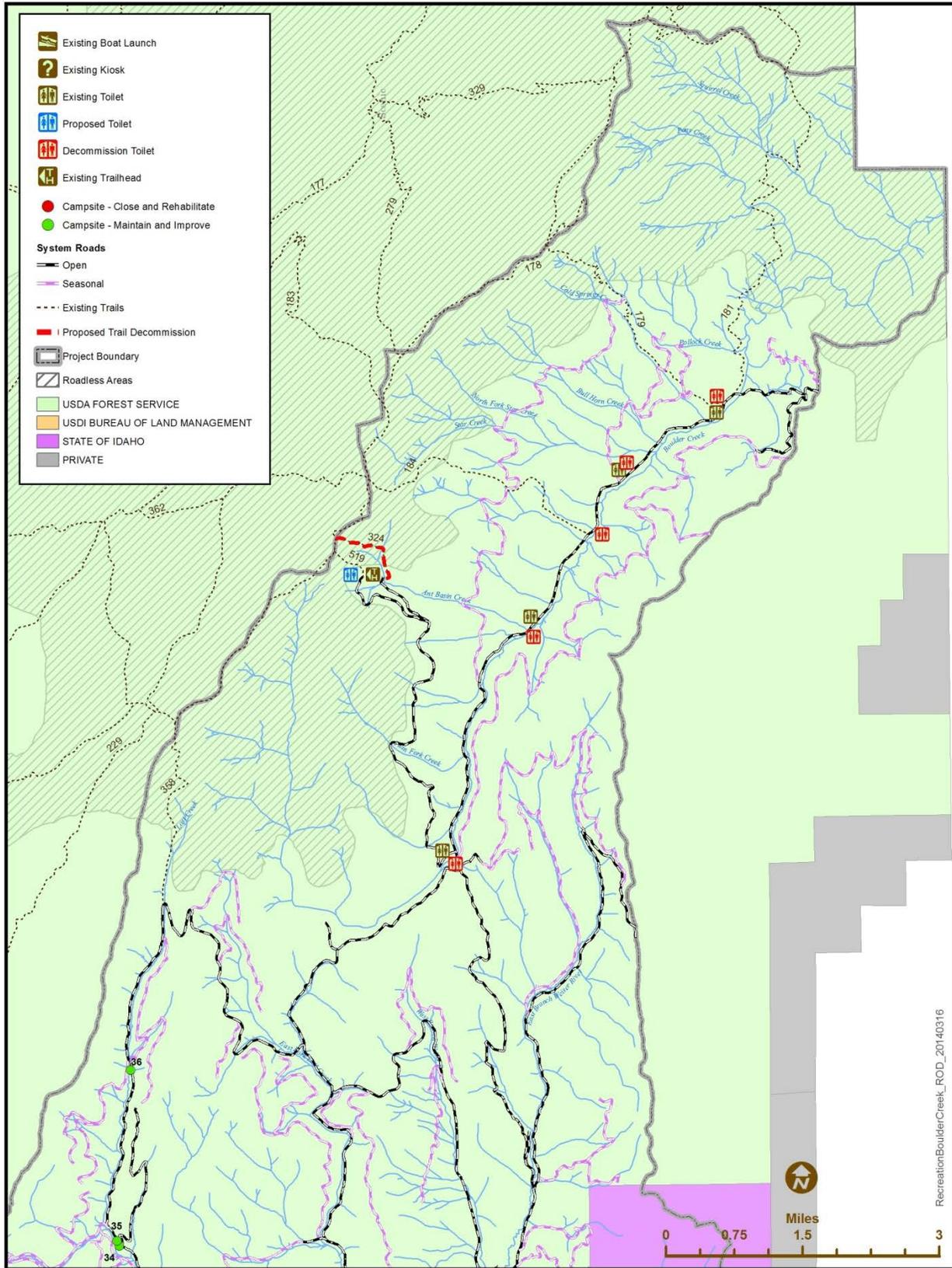


Figure 7. Selected Alternative Recreation Improvements (North)

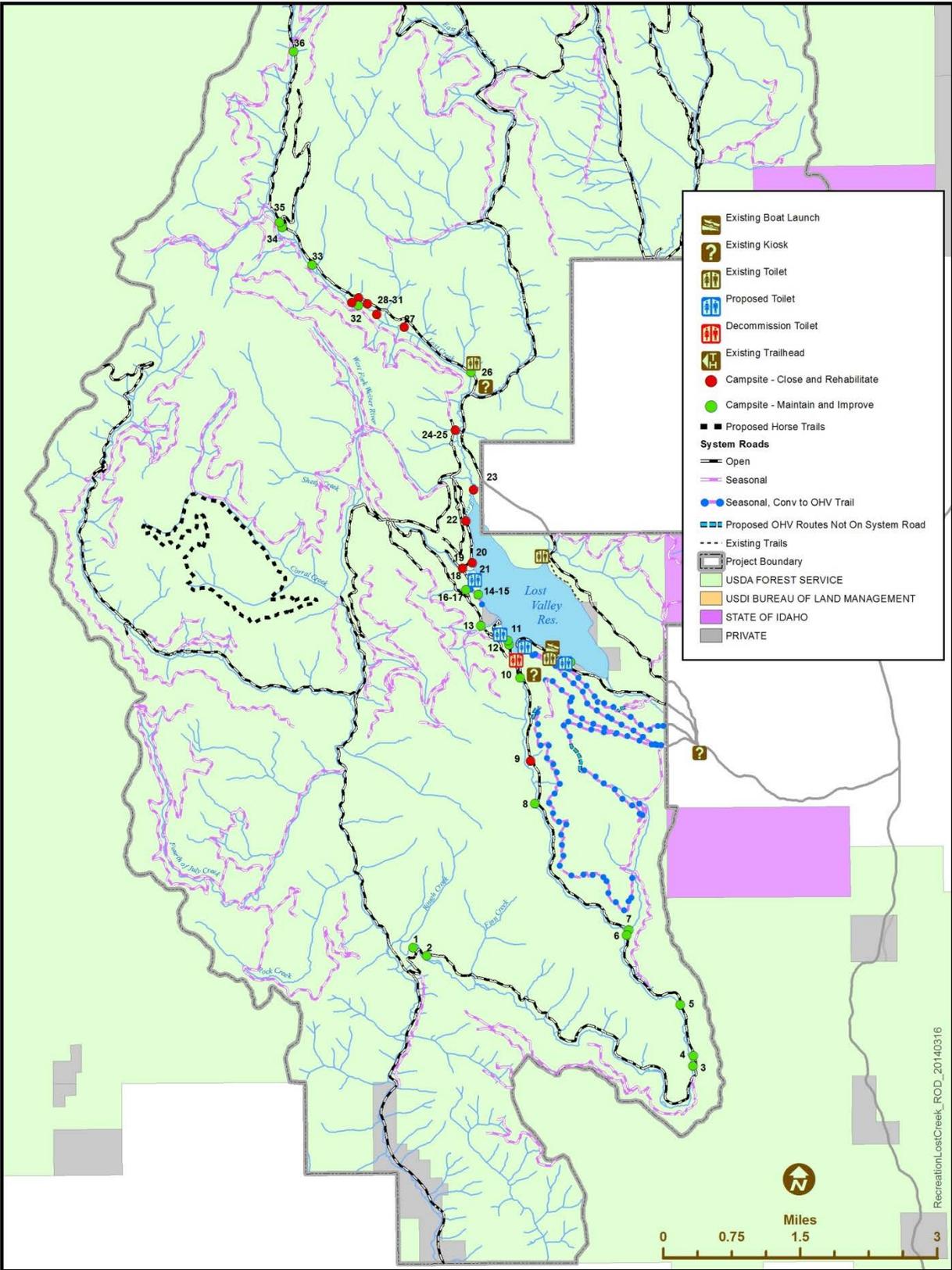


Figure 8. Selected Alternative Recreation Improvements (South)