



CARIBOU-TARHGEE NATIONAL FOREST

3.2 MILLION ACRES

GARTH SMELSER – FOREST SUPERVISOR
7 RANGER DISTRICTS

Planning

- Lynx Amendment
- Old Growth Amendment
- Sage Grouse Amendment
- No new forest plan at this time



Watershed



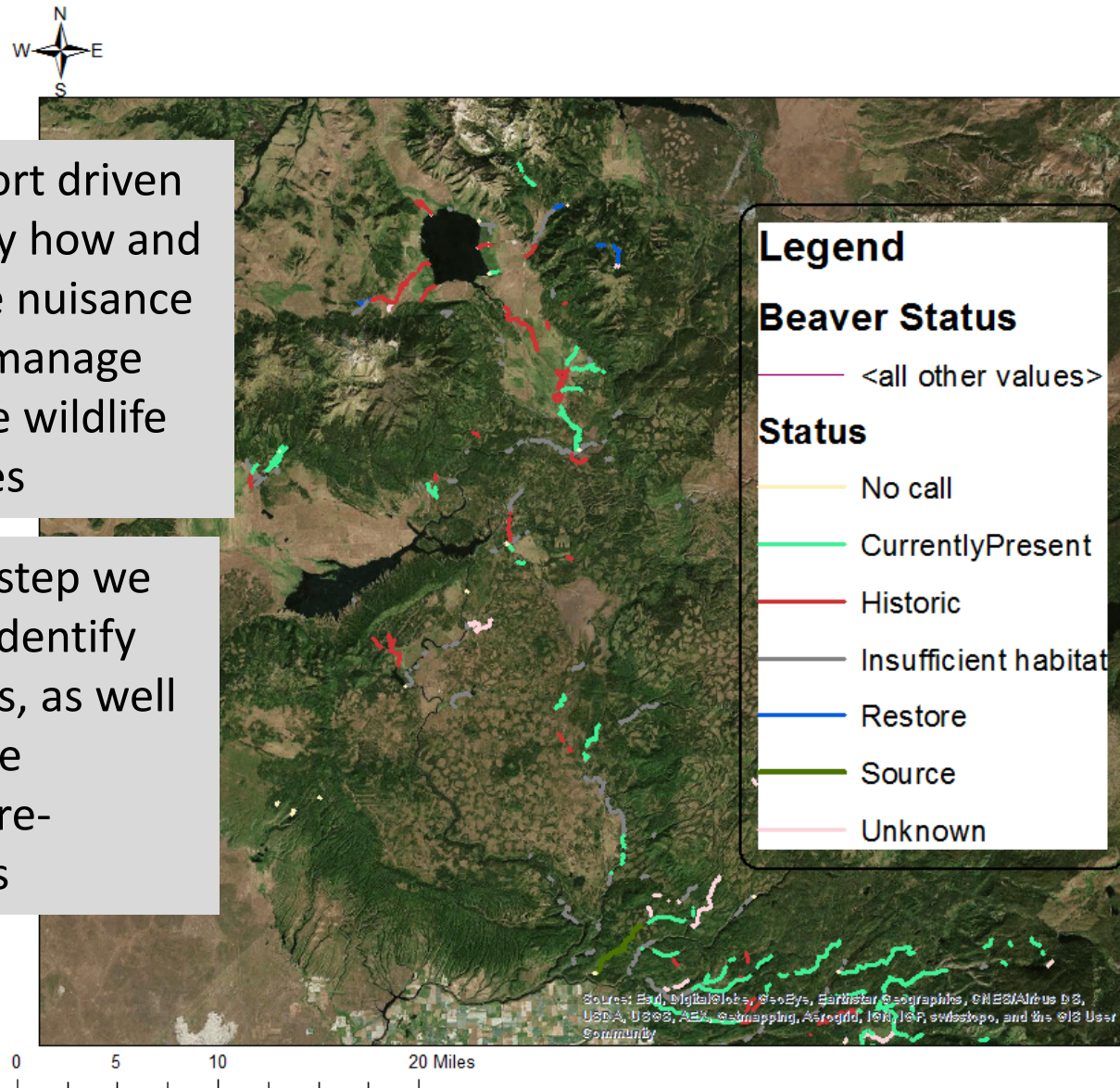
- Buffalo River Road
- Reclamation Road
- Warm River Bridge



Participating in the Upper Snake Beaver Cooperative

A cooperative effort driven by IDFG to identify how and where we can use nuisance beaver or better manage beaver to improve wildlife and riparian values

One preliminary step we have taken is to identify the current status, as well as possible source populations and re-introduction sites



An example of (cost)effective wetland Restoration using Beaver

- Beaver activity started in Toms Creek – reactivating a historic channel – flooding a road. 2012
- Decision was made to harden the road crossing and let the beavers do there thing. 2014
- In 2015 over 3 miles downstream in the historic channel a beaver complex was discovered that has restored a half mile of wetland and riparian habitat.
- There is over another ½ mile of wetland habitat that will likely be restored in the coming years.



Beaver Complex up close



Spotted Frog

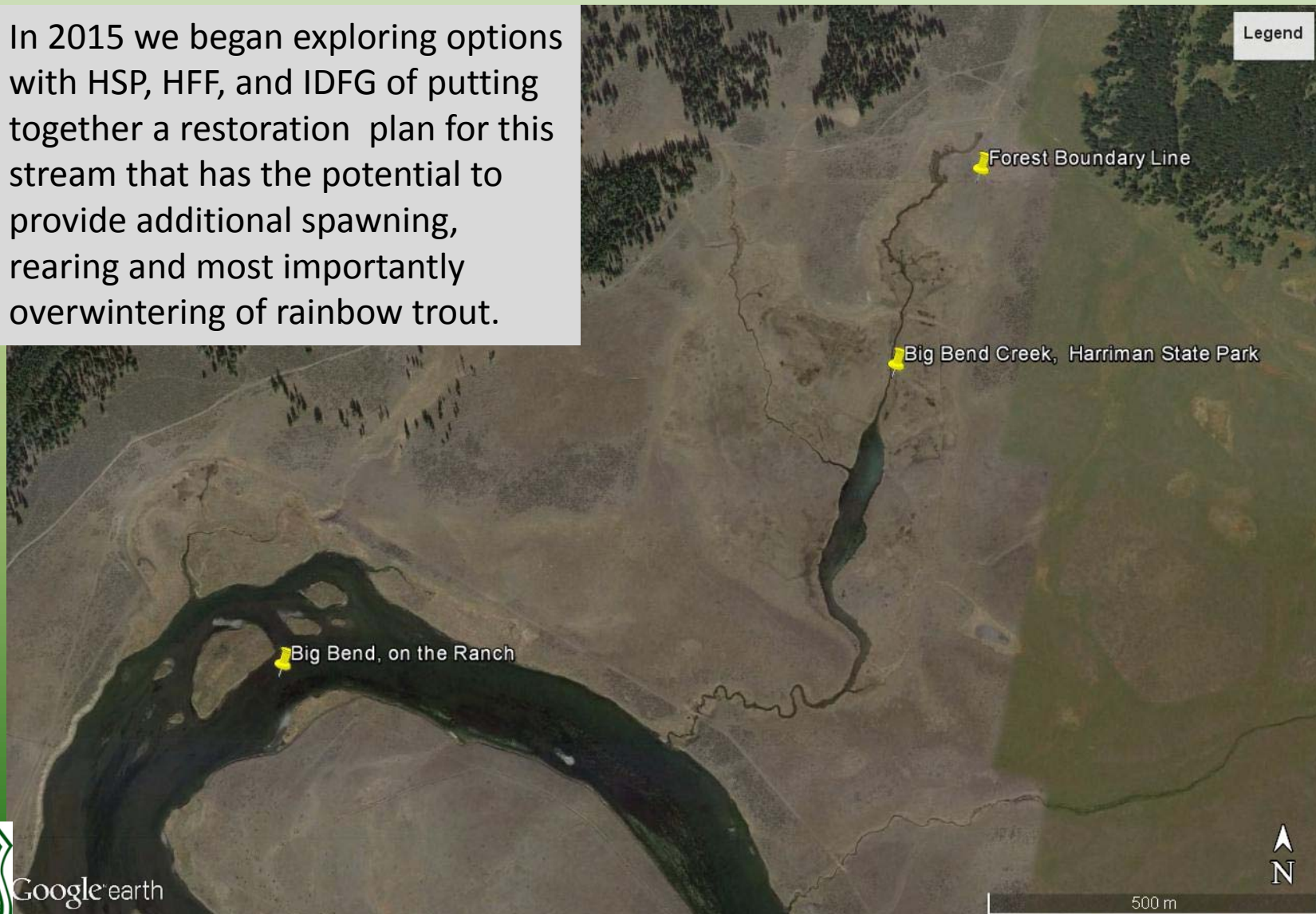


Converting timber to wetlands



Big Bend Creek Restoration

In 2015 we began exploring options with HSP, HFF, and IDFG of putting together a restoration plan for this stream that has the potential to provide additional spawning, rearing and most importantly overwintering of rainbow trout.



Mining

- Phosphate
- Otis Gold
- Small gold claims
- Travertine
- Rocks
- Public permits



Vegetation Management



- Thinning
- Timber sales
- Fuels projects
- Aspen enhancement
- Whitebark pine restoration
- Sagebrush restoration
- Mountain shrub restoration



Forest Products

- Firewood
- Post and poles
- Biomass
- Native seed
- Boards



Fuels Projects

- Island Park Sustainable Fire Community
- Teton Canyon
- Rainey Creek
- Prescribed Burns
- Roadside Fuels Reduction



Grazing (largest in Intermountain Region)

- Allotments
 - 2.3 million acres
 - 137 cattle & 254 permits
 - 236 sheep & 36 permits
- Dubois and A/IP Range NEPA



Wildlife

- Swan Habitat
- Living with Grizzly Bears
- Surveys
- Monitoring
- Highway 20 wildlife crossings
- Cost share
 - Goshawk
 - Eagle
 - Fur bearers
 - Woodpeckers



Fire

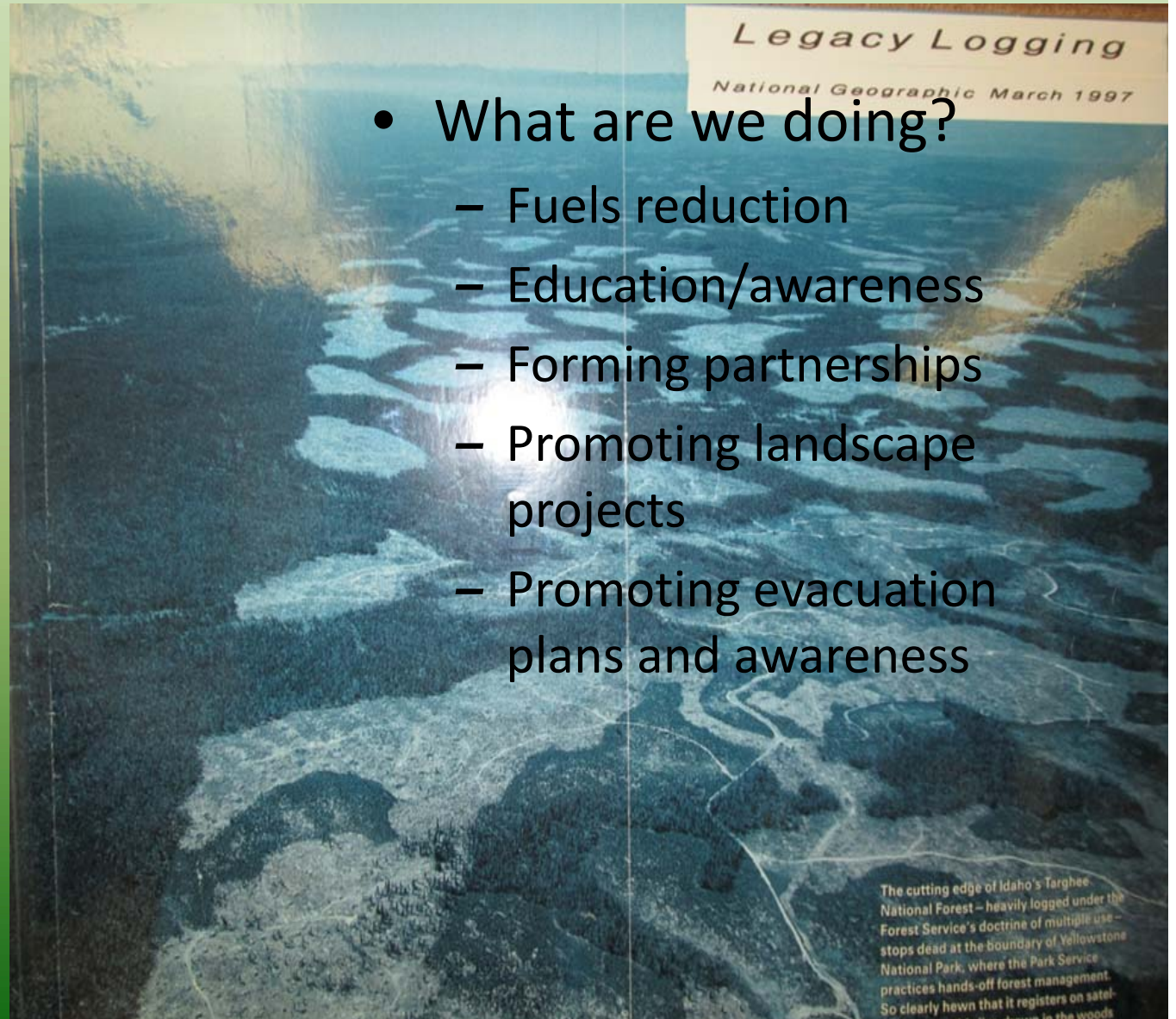
- Manage wildfires for resource benefit
- Partnership with Fire Learning Network and Fire Adapted Communities



Risk to Wildfire



- What are we doing?
 - Fuels reduction
 - Education/awareness
 - Forming partnerships
 - Promoting landscape projects
 - Promoting evacuation plans and awareness



Invasive Species



- 7000 to 9000 Acres treated/year
 - Biological control
 - Chemical spraying
 - Grazing
- Many Partners

Recreation

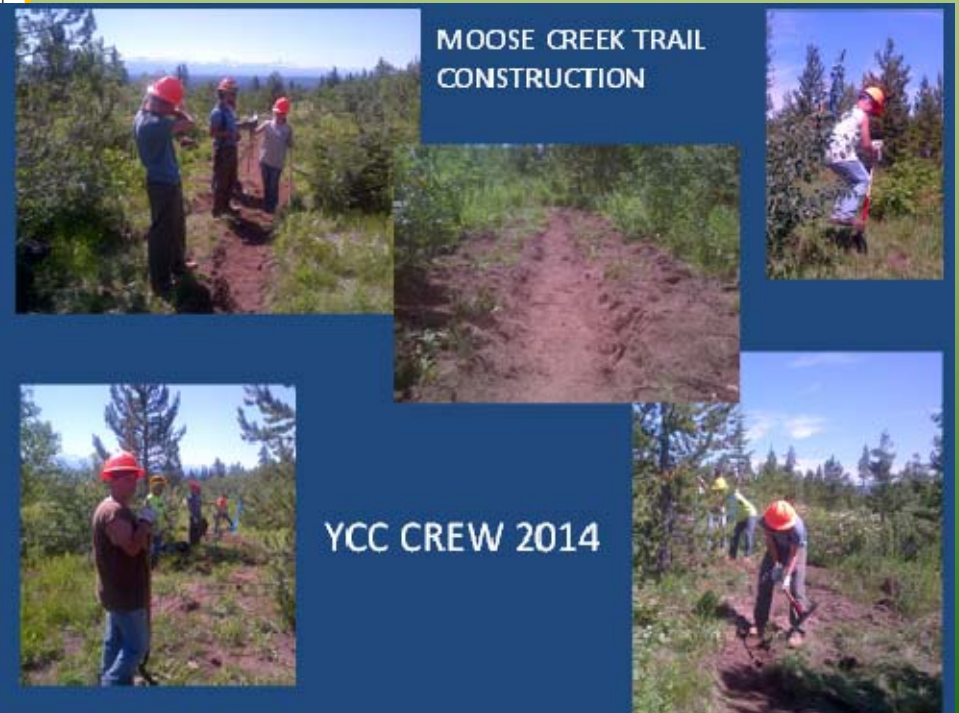
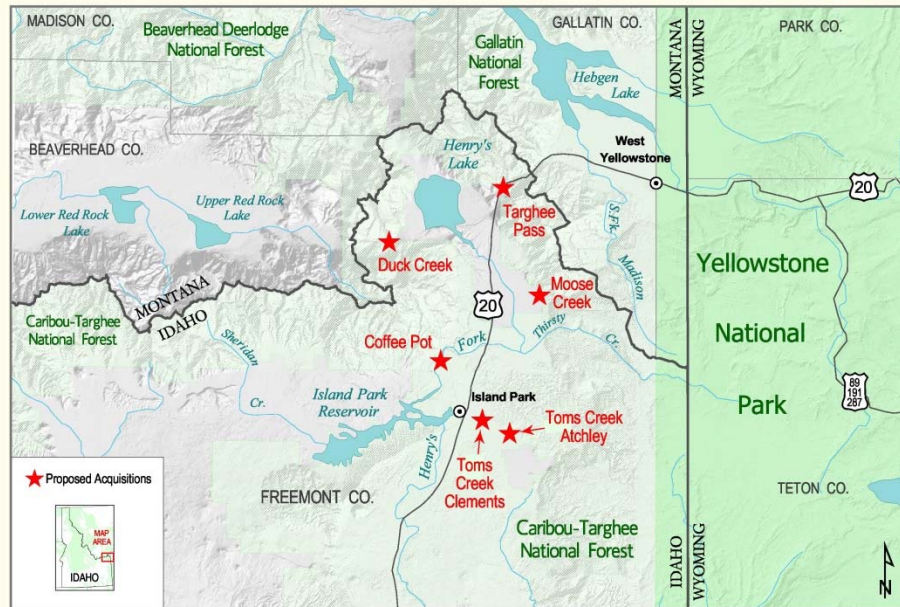
- CDT
- OHV Trails
- Mountain Bike
- Fat Bike
- Special use permits
- Ski areas (3)
- Snowmobiling
- Hiking
- Wildlife viewing
- Fishing



Projects

- 3 Joint Chief Proposals
- LWCF
- Employment opportunities
- YCC program

FY 2014 LWCF Caribou-Targhee National Forest
Island Park Vicinity Map



Collaborative Groups



- IPSFC
- HFLP
- Teton Canyon
- High Divide
- Rainey Creek
- HF Watershed Council
- FAC
- FLN

Partnerships/Volunteers



- Received Regional Forester Award for our vast Partnerships



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

