



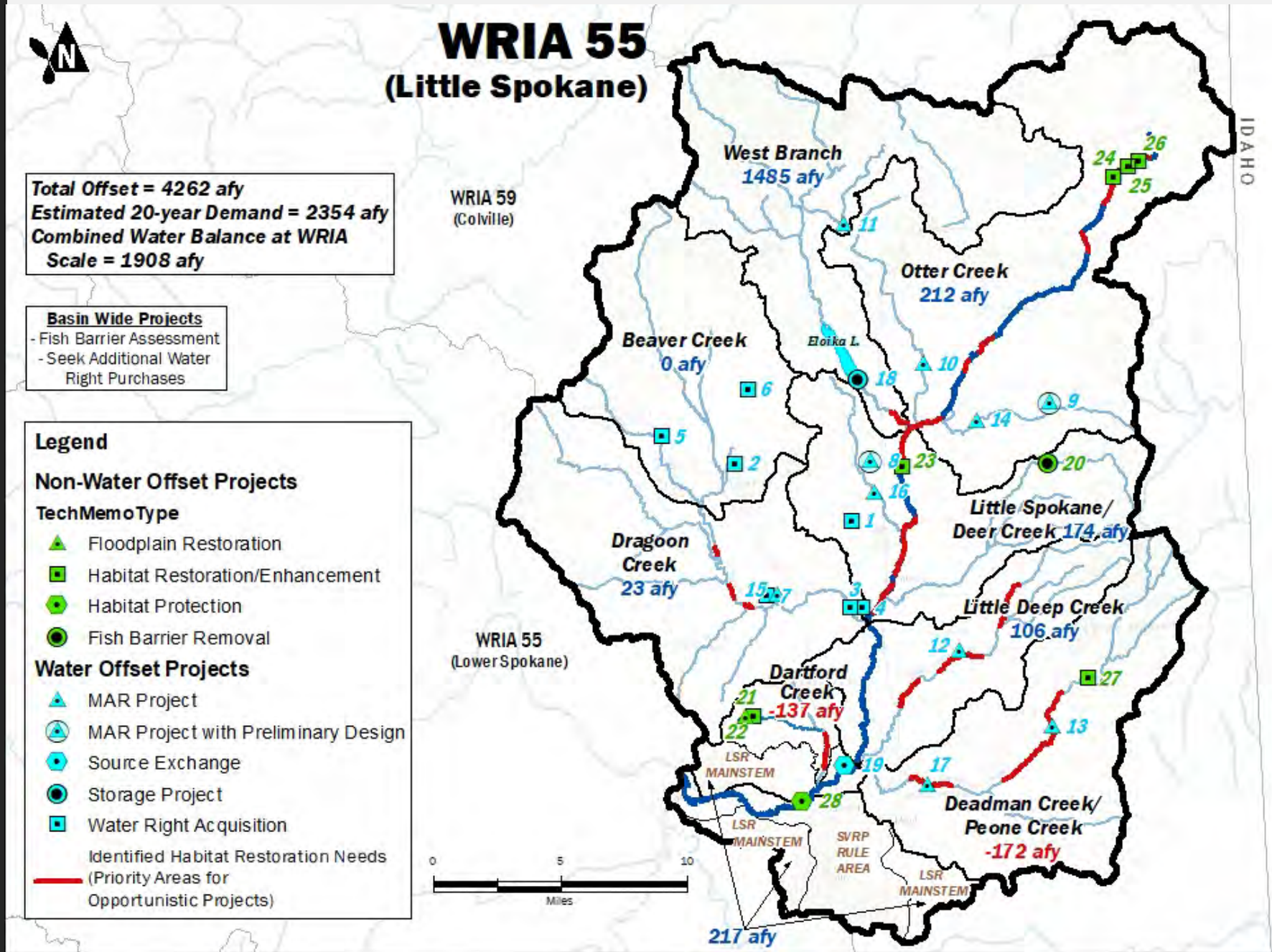
Water Transfer Headaches in the Little Spokane

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Watershed Planning under RCW90.94



Streamflow Restoration

A photograph of a stream flowing through a wooded area. The water is dark and turbulent, with white foam from rapids. The banks are lined with tall, dry grasses and some green vegetation. In the background, there are tall trees with autumn-colored leaves under a cloudy sky.

Ecology grant funding in
2019

- \$1,054,000 for 5 water rights
- 378 afy toward off-set for permit exempt wells
- After 2 yrs only able to secure 27.5 afy for \$58,097.50

Transfer Headaches


Original 378 afy

- Owner not selling (128 afy)
- Place of use challenges (250 afy)

Finding additional water

- Priority date before Jan. 6, 1976
- Family Farm Act
- Recent beneficial use





Place of Use Challenges

Broad place of use
resulting from division/
selling of land

- Covers multiple parcels not owned by water right holder
- Adjacent property owners may not have legal right to water
- Challenge increases with number of parties and with time

Water: ~100afy

POU:

8 parcels

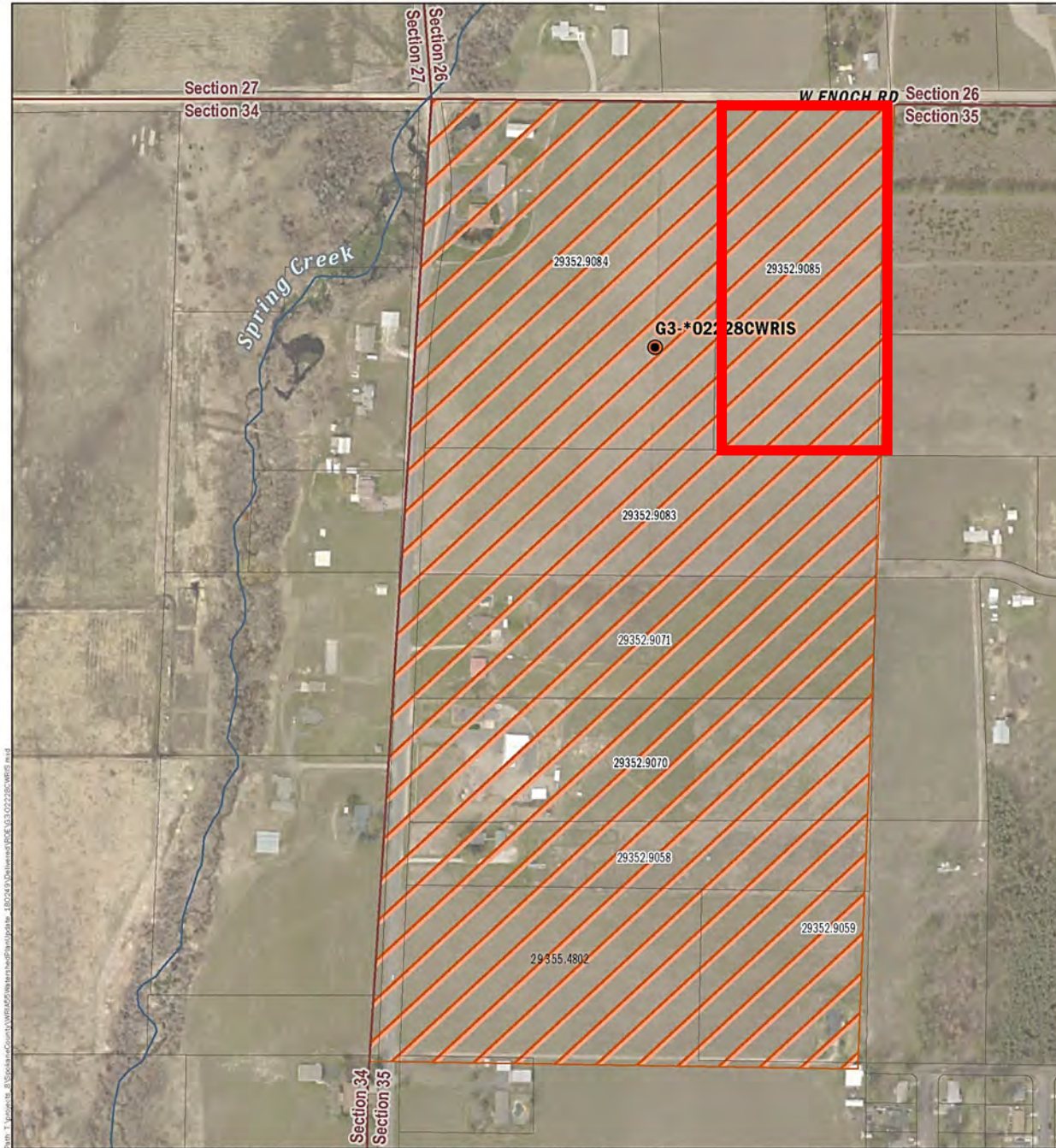
Water Right Holder:

1 parcel

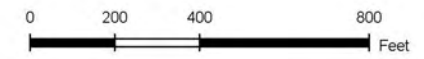
Relinquishment

Needed:

7 parcels



- Authorized Point of Withdrawal
- ▨ Authorized Place of Use (G3-*02228CWRIS)
- ▭ Township/Range
- ▭ Section
- ⊕ Parcels



Water Right G3-*02228CWRIS
WRIA 55 Water Right Transfer
WRIA 55, Washington

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Water: ~150afy

POU:

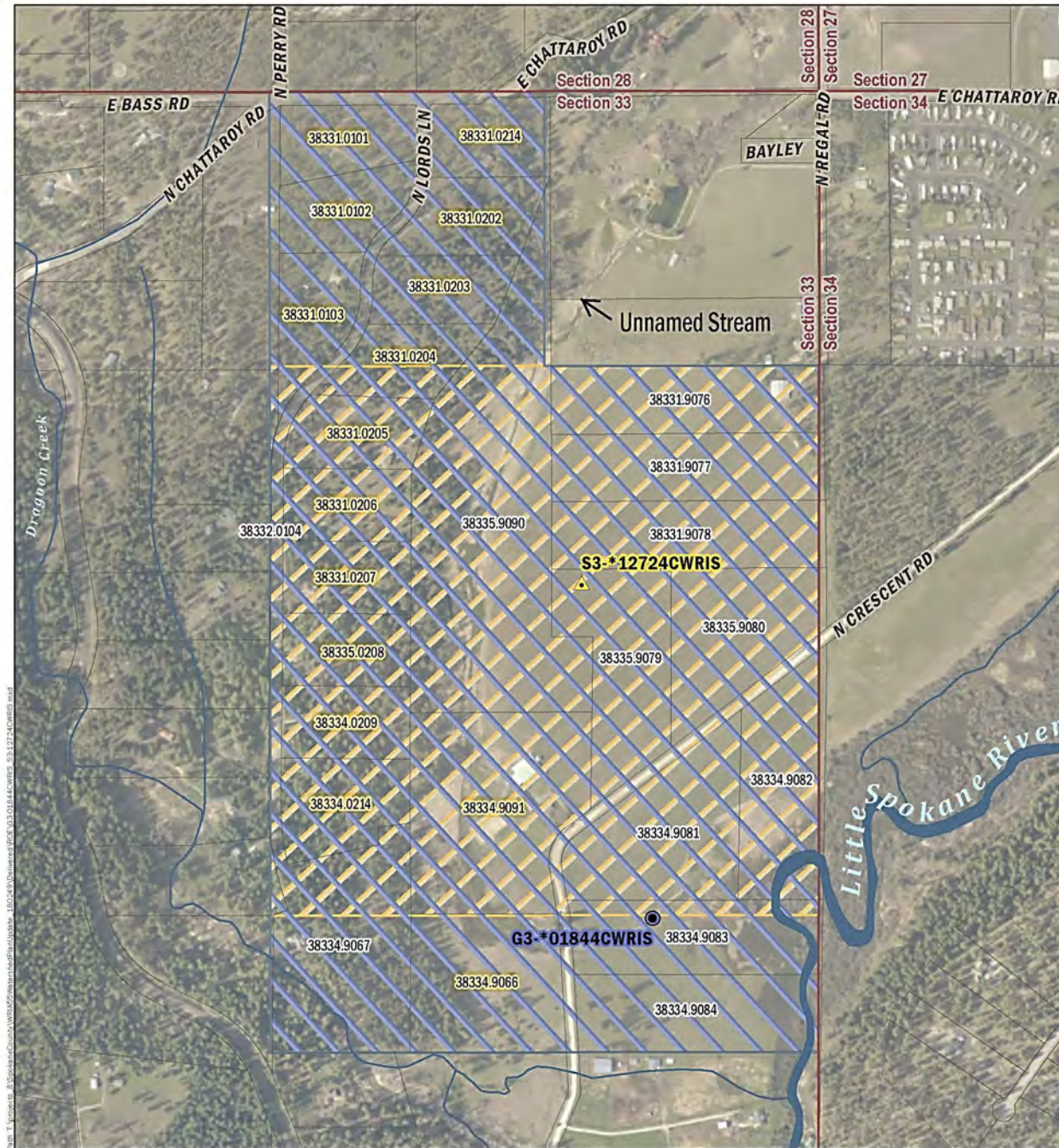
27 parcels

Water Right Holder:

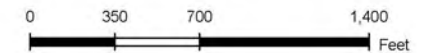
12 parcels

Relinquishment
Needed:

15 parcels



- Authorized Point of Withdrawal
- ▲ Authorized Point of Diversion
- ▭ Authorized Place of Use (G3-*01844CWRIS)
- ▭ Authorized Place of Use (S3-*12724CWRIS)
- ▭ Township/Range
- ▭ Section
- ⊕ Parcels



Water Rights G3-*01844CWRIS and S3-*12724CWRIS

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Resolutions to Place of Use

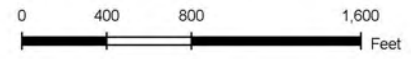
- “Show cause” Letters
- Ask other property owners voluntarily relinquish interest in water
- Review parcel & water right history to identify legal interest
- Example: Leigh Water Right

POU:
4 parcels

Water Right Holder:
1 parcel



- Authorized Point of Diversion
- Authorized Place of Use (S3-*18178C)
- Spokane County Tax Parcel
- Township/Range
- Section



Water Right S3-*18178C
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Parcel 39052.9041

Spencer to Manzer
Statutory Warranty Deed
Recorded: January 21, 1972
Recording No. 529789C

Manzer to Elliott
Statutory Warranty Deed
Recorded: March 10, 1992
Recording No. 529789C

Elliott to Phillips
Statutory Warranty Deed
Recorded: June 17, 2014
Recording No. 6312266

Parcel 39052.9040

1994-Bence Water Super Certificate and Order

Bence to Leigh
Statutory Warranty Deed
Recorded: February 25, 2000
Recording No. 4458542

Leigh to Schott
Quit Claim Deed
Recorded: June 25, 2001
Recording No. 4601531

Segregation of Parent Parcel 39052.9040
Segregation Document: 20010567
Completed: February 6, 2002

Parcel 39052.9047

Parcel 39052.9048

Leigh to Schott
Land Deeded in 2001
Statutory Warranty Deed
Recorded: June 25, 2001
Recording No. 4601531

Schott to Leigh
Quit Claim of Water Right
Dated: July 2022

Leighs to Roth
Statutory Warranty Deed
Recorded: November 24, 2020
Recording No. 6999976
Except for Water Right No. 9308

Segregation of Parent Parcel 39052.9048 into 39052.9085 and 39052.9086
Segregation Document: 20200699
Completed: 2020

Parcel 39052.9085
Owner/Taxpayer: Roth

Parcel 39052.9086
Owner/Taxpayer: Roth



Little Spokane (WRIA 55) Information

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