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SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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MORROW, GEORGIA 30260-1777

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Regulatory Division
SAS-2006-02302

PUBLIC NOTICE
Savannah District

The District Engineer has received a request to perform a major modification to the Final Banking Instrument (BI) for the Wehadkee Farm Wetland and Stream Compensatory Mitigation Bank (WFMB), as described below:

Application Number: SAS-2006-02302

Bank Sponsor: Mr. Trey Evans
Mitigation Resource Group
931 Monroe Drive NE, Suite A-102 #302
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Agent: Mr. Matt Hughes
Mitigation Management, LLC
96 S. Berner Avenue
Forsyth, Georgia 31029

This public notice does not imply, on the parts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or other agencies, either favorable or unfavorable opinion of the work to be performed, but is issued to solicit comments regarding the factors on which final decisions will be based.

Location of Proposed Work: The 197-acre project/bank site is located off Glenn Road, southwest of the Town of Franklin, Heard County, Georgia (latitude: 33.201371, longitude: -85.234703). The bank site is located within the Middle Chattahoochee watershed and services the Upper and Middle Chattahoochee, Upper Flint and Tallapoosa River basins.

Description of Bank: Restoration activities at the WFMB included Priority 1 and Priority 2 stream restoration efforts, riparian restoration, riparian preservation, wetland hydrology and vegetation restoration/enhancement, and wetland preservation. The bank site has been preserved through the recording and filing of a restrictive covenant.

Description of Modification Request: The bank sponsor proposes to modify the existing WFMB by removing sections of riparian buffer currently generating stream

credits and replacing them with potential wetland credit generating areas. A delineation of on-site waters was performed on 02 April 2014 by Headwater Science, LLC, in order to determine the full extent of potential wetland restoration areas at WFMB. As a result, wetland areas which protrude into the currently existing riparian restoration areas are currently under evaluation for this proposed modification. These areas have continually undergone annual inspections by the Interagency Review Team for vegetative growth and survivorship throughout WFMB's past years of monitoring and have generated credits through riparian restoration activities. A modification request, submitted on behalf of Mitigation Resource Group on 22 January 2016, included a modified credit release schedule which is enclosed with this public notice.

The WFMB currently generates a total of 81.05 wetland credits and 113,801.2 stream credits. Upon approval, this modification would result in an available total of 125.85 wetland credits (44.8 increase) and 104,900.5 stream credits (-8,900.7 decrease) for sale at this bank. In addition, a conservation easement has been placed on the entire mitigation site.

Geographic Service Area: The Geographic Service Area (GSA) is the defined area within which this bank can reasonably be expected to provide appropriate compensation for impacts to aquatic resources. The GSA for this bank includes the Middle Chattahoochee watershed (Hydrologic Unit Code 03130002) as the Primary service area and the Upper Chattahoochee, Upper Flint and Tallapoosa watersheds (Hydrologic Unit Codes 03130001, 03130005, and 03130108, respectively) as the Secondary service area in Georgia.

Authority: A public notice regarding the proposed BI modification is required pursuant to Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 325 and 332 and Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 230, entitled "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources, Final Rule", published in the Federal Register on April 10, 2008.

Consideration of Public Comments: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native American Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the proposed modification to this mitigation bank. The modification request can be reviewed at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Division, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200, Morrow, Georgia 30260-1777. Written comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in evaluating this proposal. Comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards and flood plain values (in accordance with Executive Order 11988), land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the public.

Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal should submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Division, Attention: Mr. Joseph Rivera, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200, Morrow, Georgia 30260-1777 no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. Please refer to the mitigation bank name (Wehadkee Farm Mitigation Bank) and the Regulatory Division file number (SAS-2006-02302) in your comments.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Rivera, Project Manager, of the Piedmont Branch at 678-422-2723.

Enclosures

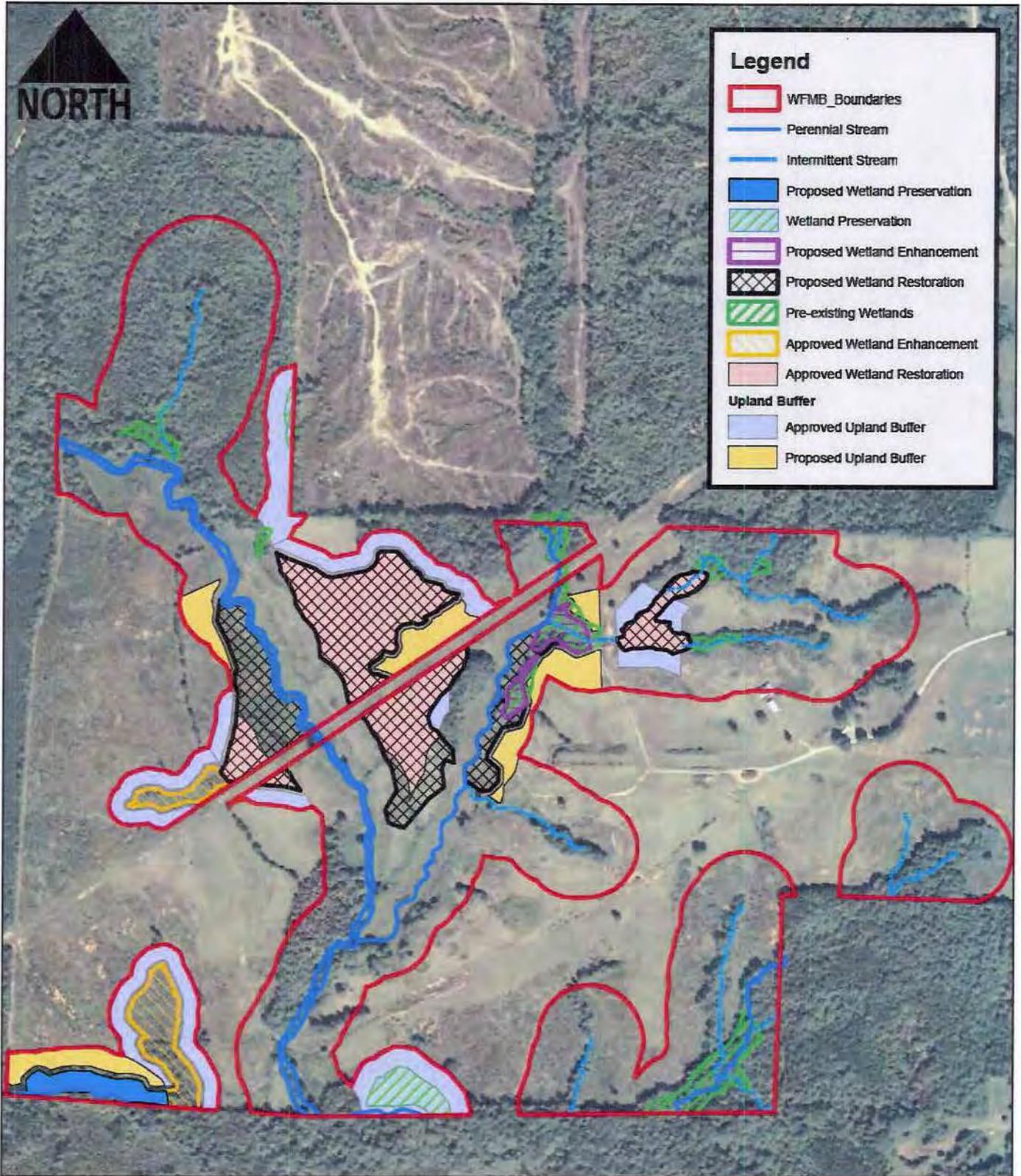
1. Proposed Credit Modification Table
2. Modified Credit Release Schedule
3. Credit Generation Maps
4. Wetland/Upland Buffer Considerations Table

Mitigation Action	Approved BI		8/19/2009		8/28/2012		Proposed Modification	
	Acreage/LF	Credits	Acreage/LF	Credits	Acreage/LF	Credits	Acreage/LF	Credits
Wetland Restoration	13.86	56.82	11.98	49.12	13.68	56.08	20.66	88.84
Wetland Enhancement	3.52	10.21	3.52	9.86	3.52	9.86	4.83	15.76
Wetland Preservation	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.64	3.30	3.96
Upland Buffer	15.14	12.24	15.14	12.24	16.90	13.47	21.96	17.29
Wetland Totals	34.16	80.91	32.28	72.86	35.74	81.05	50.75	125.85
Priority 1 Stream Restoration	2,200.00	20,350.00	2,200.00	20,350.00	2,200.00	20,350.00	2,200.00	20,790.00
Structure Removal	1,875.00	14,723.75	1,875.00	14,723.75	1,280.00	9,200.00	1,280.00	9,456.00
Streambank Repair/Stabilization	5,435.00	17,663.75	5,435.00	17,663.75	5,435.00	17,663.75	5,435.00	18,750.75
Riparian Restoration/Preservation	15,160.00	69,176.50	15,160.00	69,176.50	14,748.00	66,587.45	13,756.00	55,903.75
Stream Totals	24,670.00	121,914.00	24,670.00	121,914.00	23,663.00	113,801.20	22,671.00	104,900.50



Legend

-  WFMB_Boundaries
-  Perennial Stream
-  Intermittent Stream
-  Proposed Wetland Preservation
-  Wetland Preservation
-  Proposed Wetland Enhancement
-  Proposed Wetland Restoration
-  Pre-existing Wetlands
-  Approved Wetland Enhancement
-  Approved Wetland Restoration
- Upland Buffer**
-  Approved Upland Buffer
-  Proposed Upland Buffer



WEHADKEE MITIGATION BANK
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PROPOSED CONDITIONS MAP:

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Credit Generation Map 1

Credit Generation Map 2

Credit Generation Map 3

Credit Generation Map 4

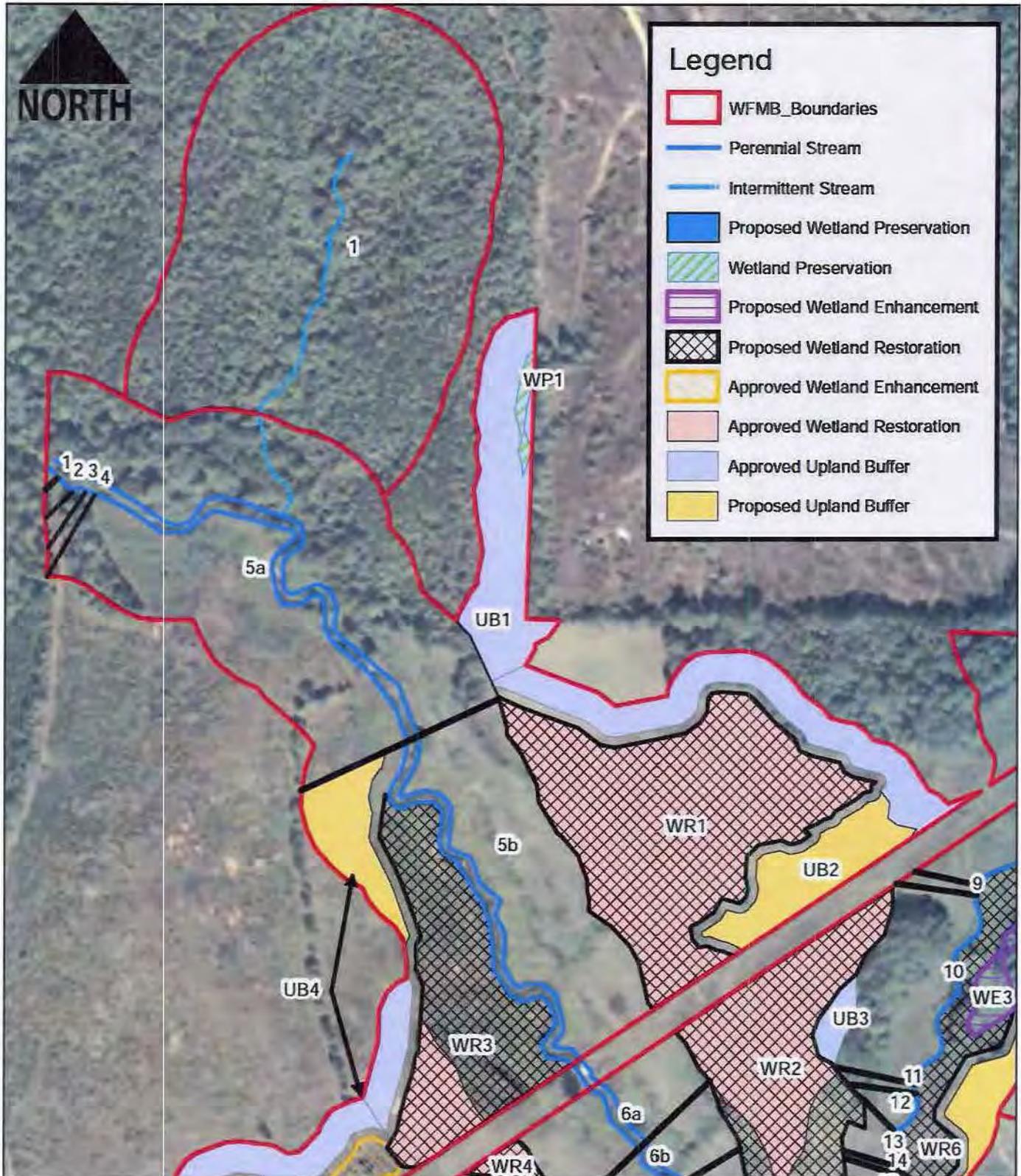
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CREDIT GENERATION KEY MAP:



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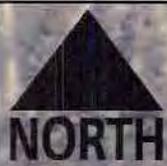
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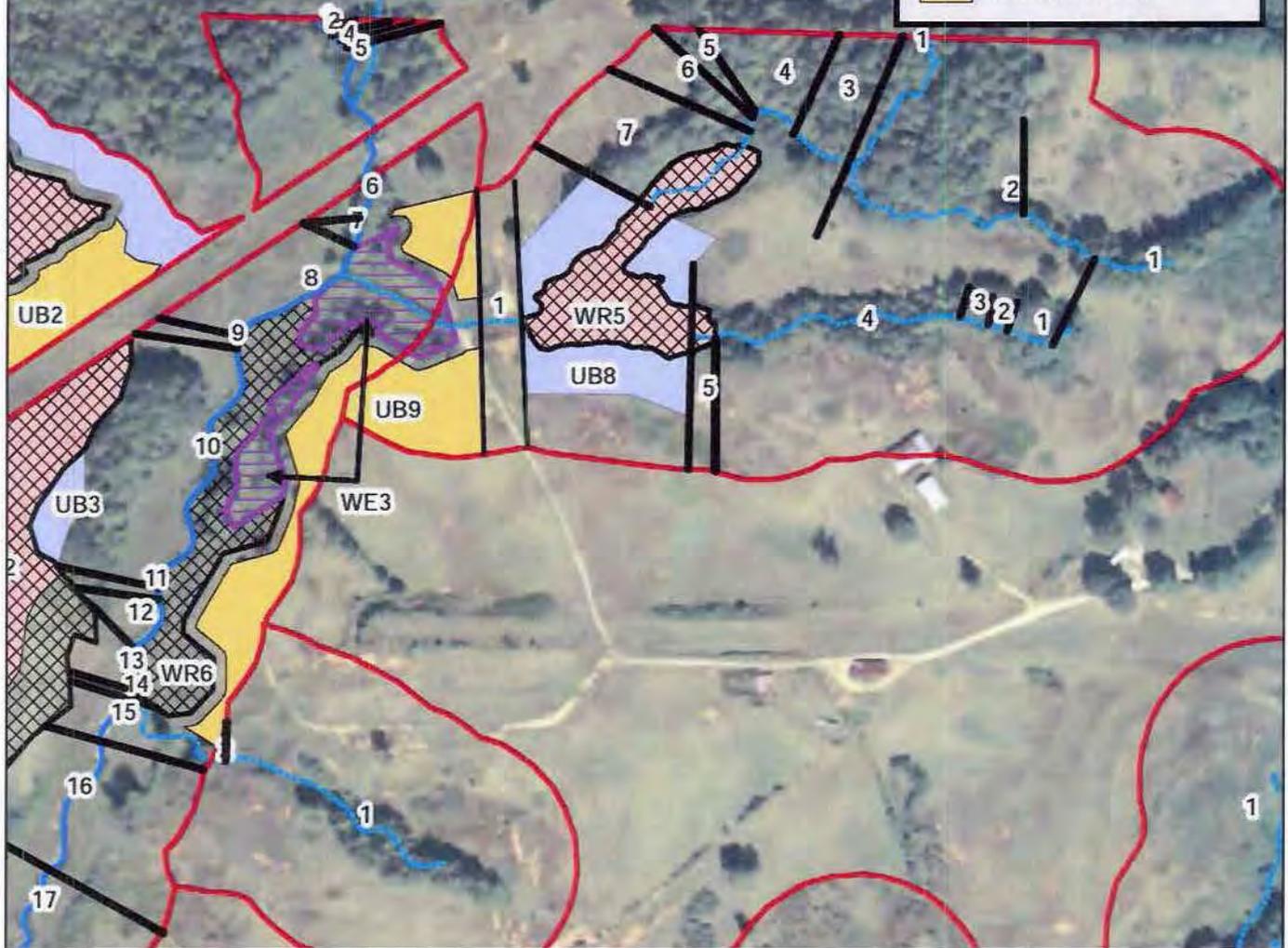


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Legend

-  WFMB_Boundaries
-  Perennial Stream
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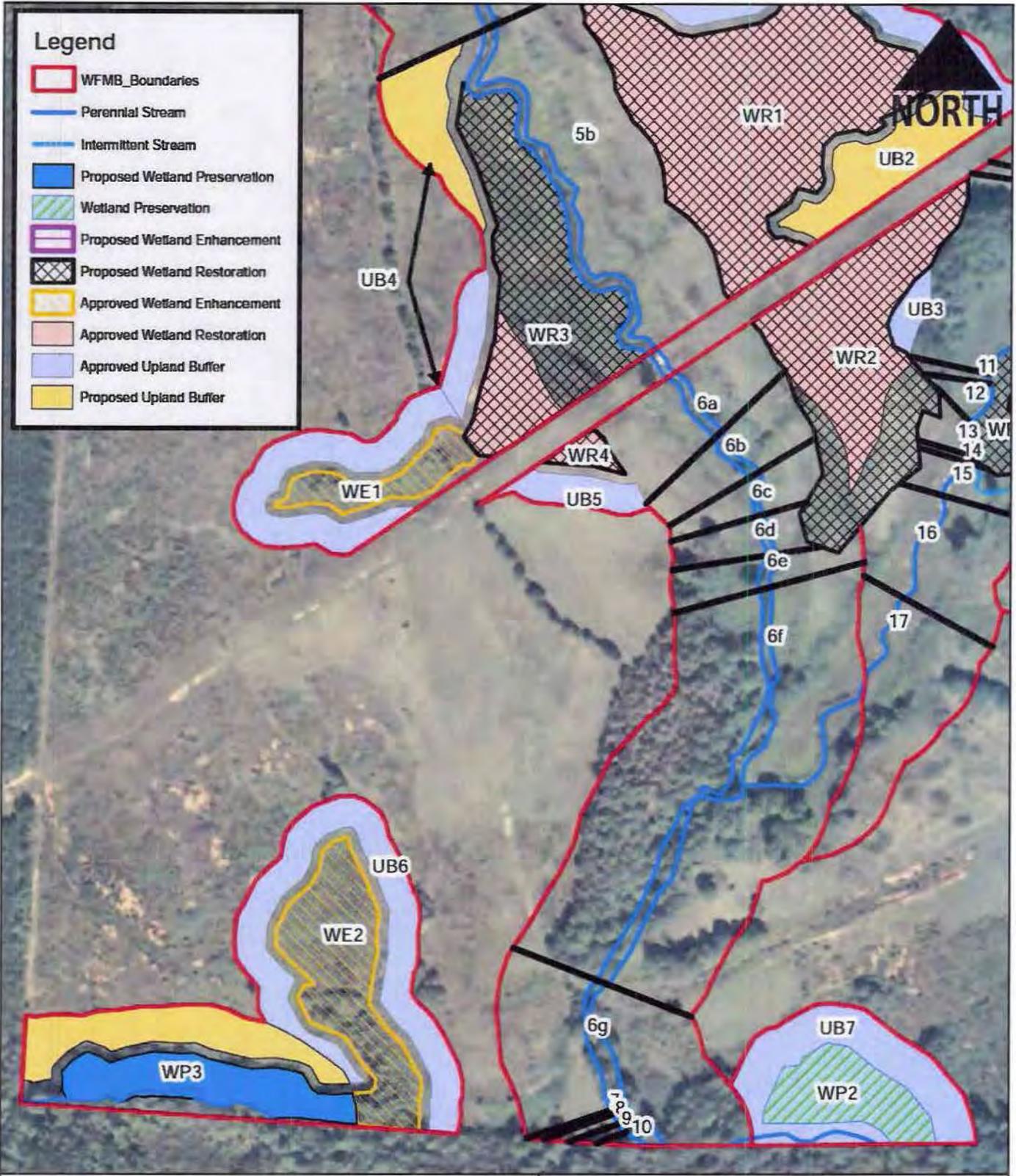
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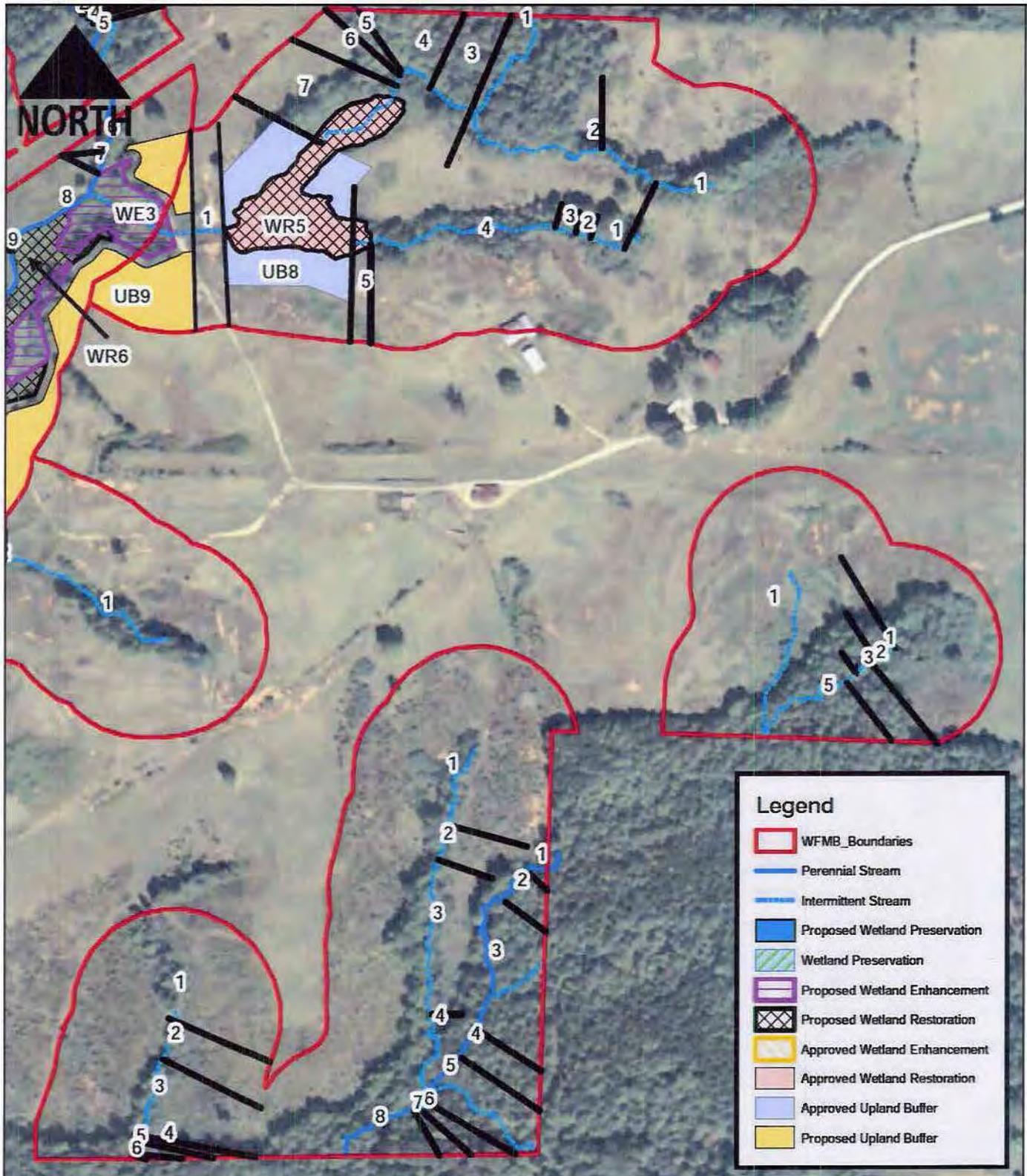
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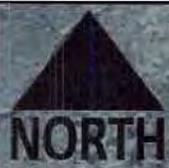
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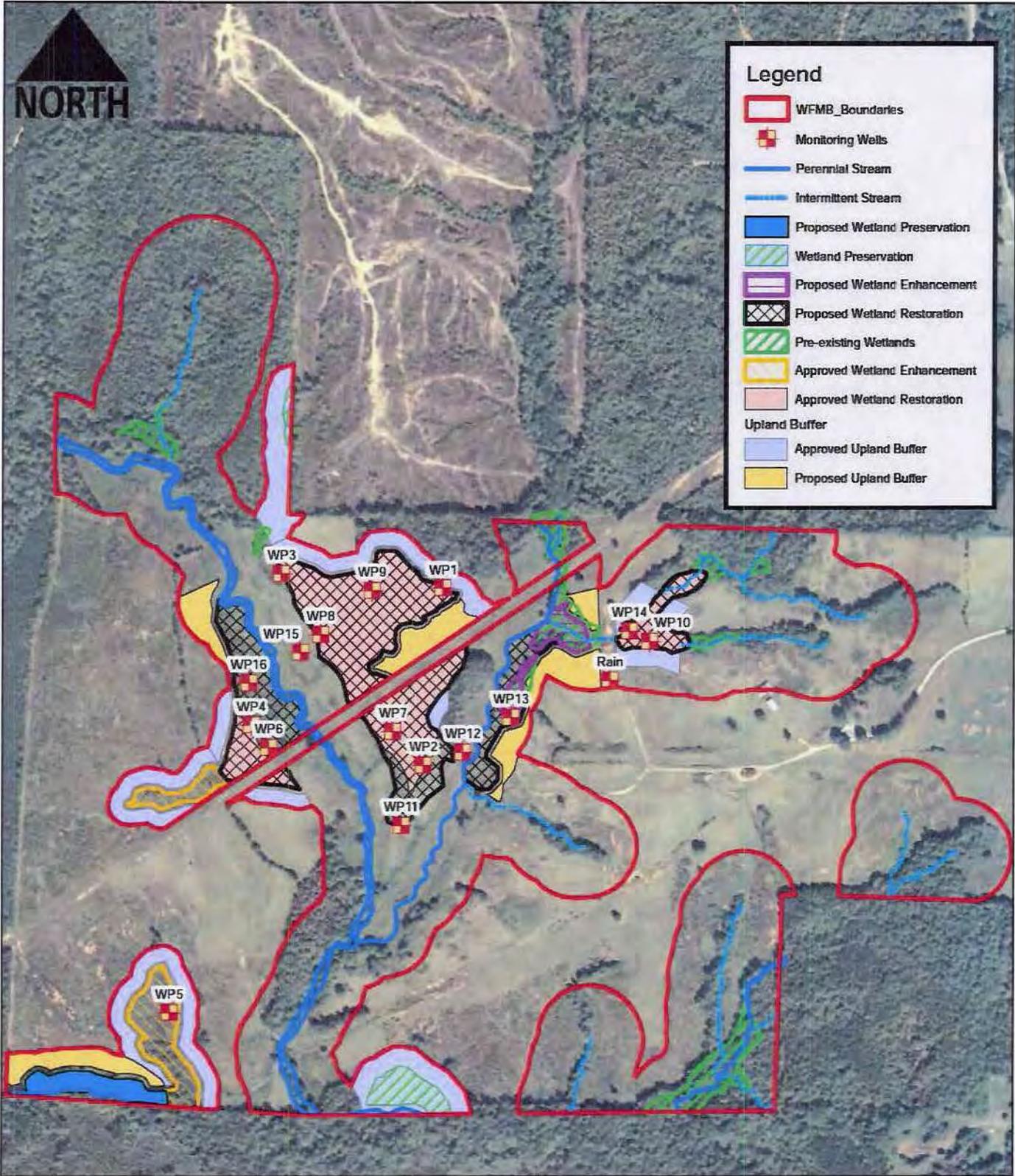


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-  WFMB_Boundaries
-  Monitoring Wells
-  Perennial Stream
-  Intermittent Stream
-  Proposed Wetland Preservation
-  Wetland Preservation
-  Proposed Wetland Enhancement
-  Proposed Wetland Restoration
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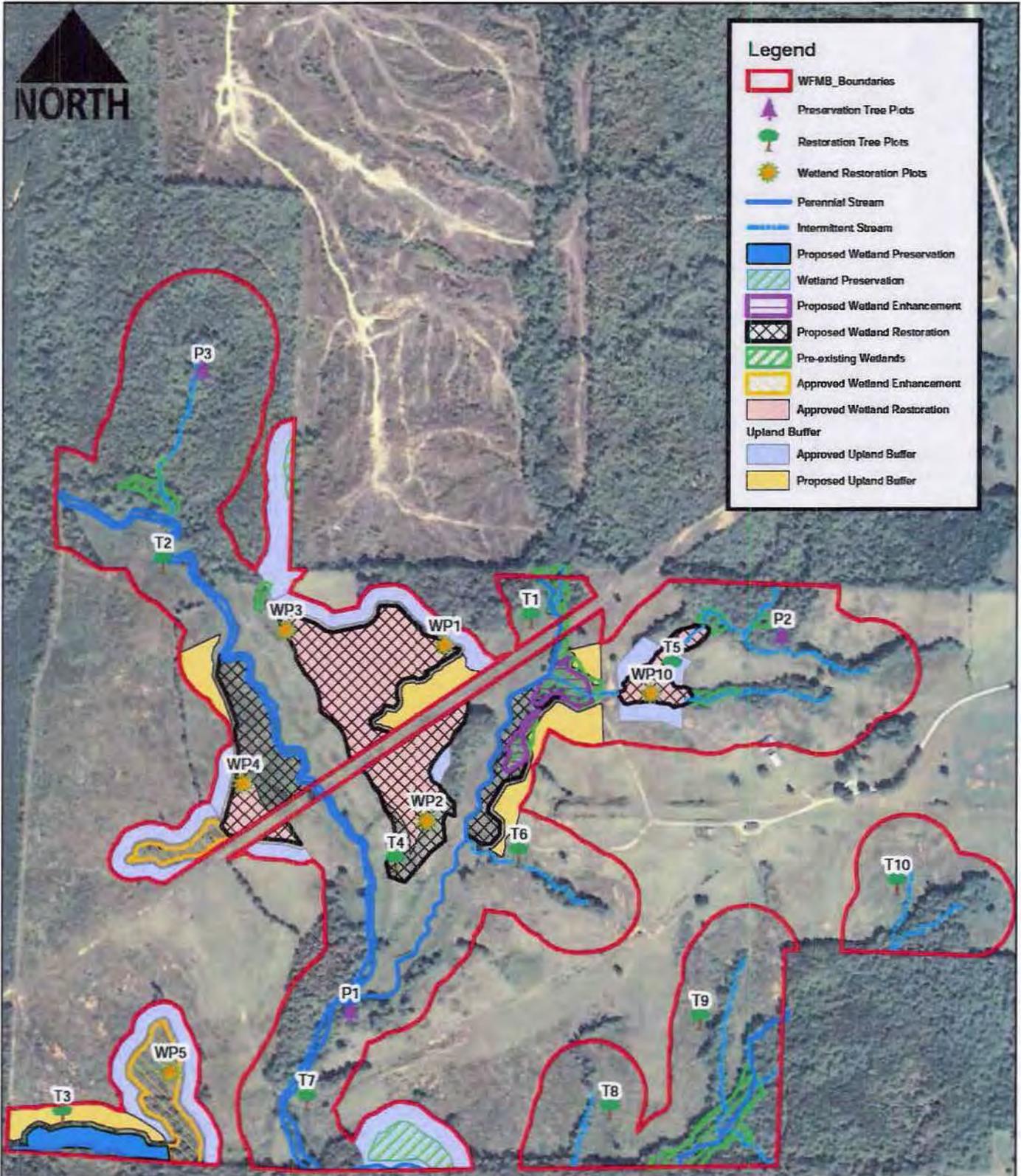


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PROPOSED CONDITIONS
VS
GROUNDWATER WELL MONITORING MAP

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PROPOSED CONDITIONS
VS

VEGETATION MONITORING MAP:

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Expanded Wetland Considerations																
Wetland Expansion Areas	Previous Mit. Type	Previous Acreage	Proposed Acreage	Proposed No. of Increased Wetland Credits	Percentage of Overall Increase of Wetland Credits	Proposed Vegetative Net Benefit	Veg plot in original wetland?	Veg plot in expanded wetland?	If no veg plot, what is distance to nearest veg plot?	Proposed Hydrologic Net Benefit	Wetland During Baseline Delineation?	Groundwater well in original wetland?	Groundwater well in expanded wetland?	If no groundwater well, what is distance to groundwater well?	Close proximity to Priority 1 Restoration?	Close proximity to old channel or ditch fill?
WR2	Riparian Restoration	3.29	4.9	7.58	18.16%	1.3	Yes	Yes	N/A	1.3	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
WR3	Riparian Restoration	0.98	4.49	15.28	36.60%	1.3	Yes	No	~ 200 LF	1.3	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	Yes

New Wetland Considerations																
New Wetland Areas	Previous Mit. Type	Previous Acreage	Proposed Acreage	Proposed No. of Increased Wetland Credits	Percentage of Overall Increase of Wetland Credits	Proposed Vegetative Net Benefit	Veg plot in original wetland?	Veg plot in new wetland?	If no veg plot, what is distance to nearest veg plot?	Proposed Hydrologic Net Benefit	Wetland During Baseline Delineation?	Groundwater well in original wetland?	Groundwater well within the new wetland?	If no groundwater well, what is distance to groundwater well?	Close proximity to Priority 1 Restoration?	Close proximity to old channel or ditch fill?
WR6	Riparian Restoration	N/A	1.93	8.3	19.89%	1.3	N/A	No	~ 150 LF	1.3	No	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
WE3	Riparian Restoration	N/A	1.31	4.85	11.62%	1.3	N/A	No	~ 275 LF	0.7	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
WP3	Riparian Restoration	N/A	1.66	1.99	4.77%	N/A	N/A	No	~ 60 LF	N/A	Yes	N/A	No	~ 350 LF	No	Yes

Expanded Upland Buffer Considerations										
Upland Buffer Expansion Areas	Previous Mit. Type	Previous Acreage	Proposed Acreage	Proposed No. of Increased Wetland Credits	Percentage of Overall Increase of Wetland Credits	Proposed Vegetative Net Benefit	Veg plot in original upland buffer area?	Vegetation plot in expanded upland buffer?	If no veg plot, what is distance to nearest veg plot?	Is any portion contained within the 50' Buffer?
UB2	Wetland Restoration (removed from credit generation in 2009)	3.02	3.9	0.8	1.91%	N/A	No	No	~ 100 LF	No
UB4	Riparian Restoration	3.00	3.6	0.04	0.10%	N/A	No	No	~ 300 LF	No
UB6	Riparian Restoration	3.61	4.7	0.93	2.23%	N/A	No	Yes	N/A	No

New Upland Buffer Considerations										
New Upland Buffer Areas	Previous Mit. Type	Previous Acreage	Proposed Acreage	Proposed No. of Increased Wetland Credits	Percentage of Overall Increase of Wetland Credits	Proposed Vegetative Net Benefit	Veg plot in original Upland Buffer?	Veg plot in new upland buffer?	If no veg plot, what is distance to nearest veg plot?	Is any portion contained within the 50' Buffer?
UB9	Riparian Restoration	--	2.8	1.97	4.72%	N/A	N/A	No	~ 75 LF	No

** Note that 91.04% of additional credit generation comes from actual wetland components compared to 8.96% associated with upland buffer.