



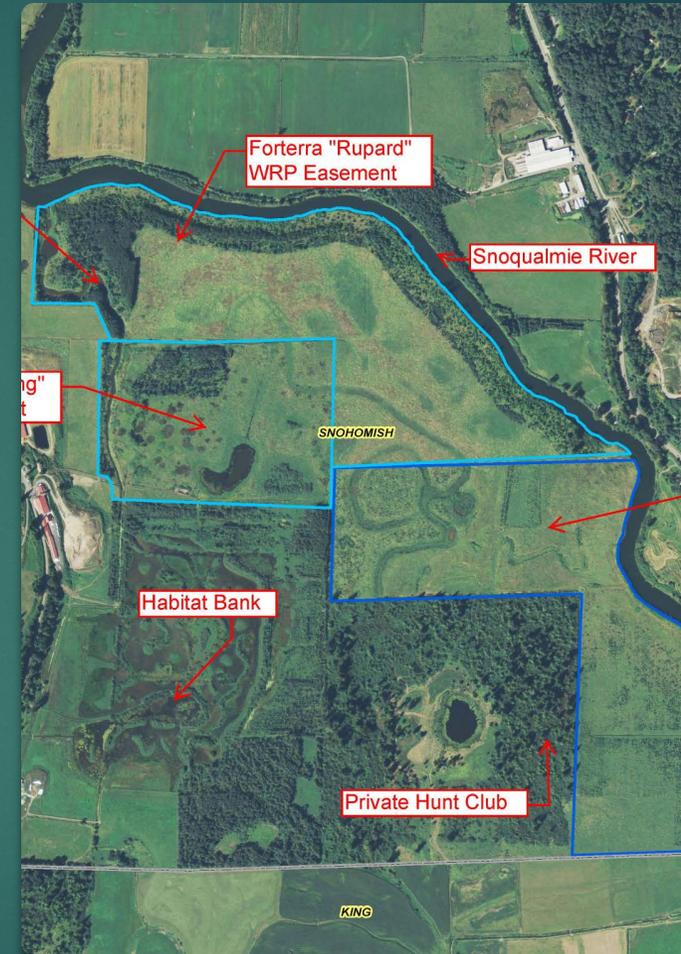
Wetland Reserve Program at Pearson Eddy, Snohomish County, WA

A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT SITE



TWO Wetland Reserve Program easements totaling 266.68 acres

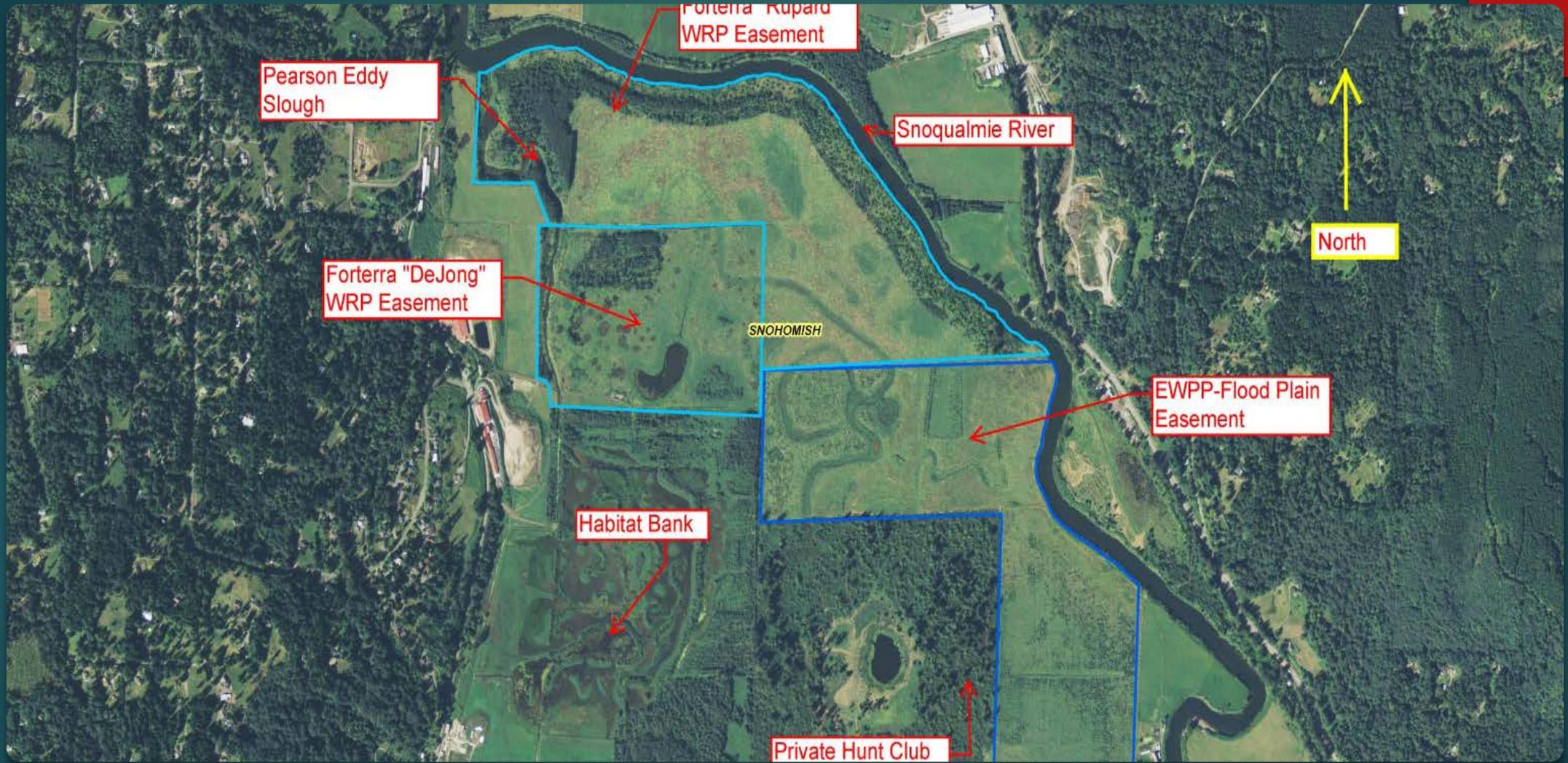
Purchased from the De Jong and Rupard families in July 2004



WRP Easements

NRCS Conservation
Programs Manual,
Part 528 Agricultural
Conservation
Easement Program
(ACEP)

- ▶ Purpose of the Wetland Reserve Program (now part of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program –ACEP) is to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands on eligible private or Tribal lands while maximizing wildlife habitat benefits.



Location of WRP easements in lower Snoqualmie River Valley

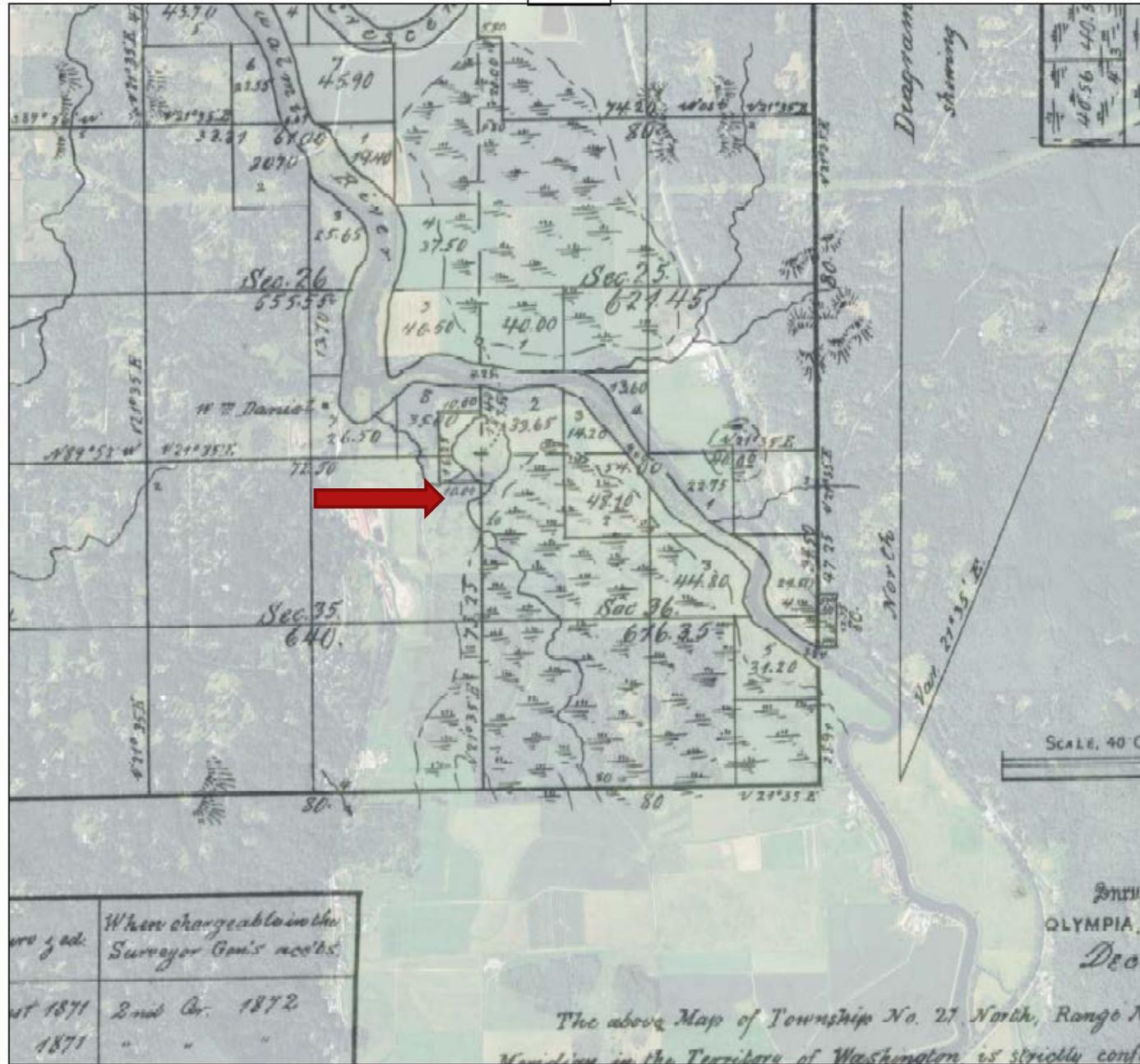
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Authority for
purchase of
easements under Title
XII, Food Security Act
of 1985, as amended
(16 U.S.C. sec. 3837)

- ▶ Eligible Land
- ▶ Eligible Private Land Owner
- ▶ Voluntary offer to sell a permanent conservation easement to the USA
- ▶ Sale and recording of executed warranty easement deed

WRP Easements

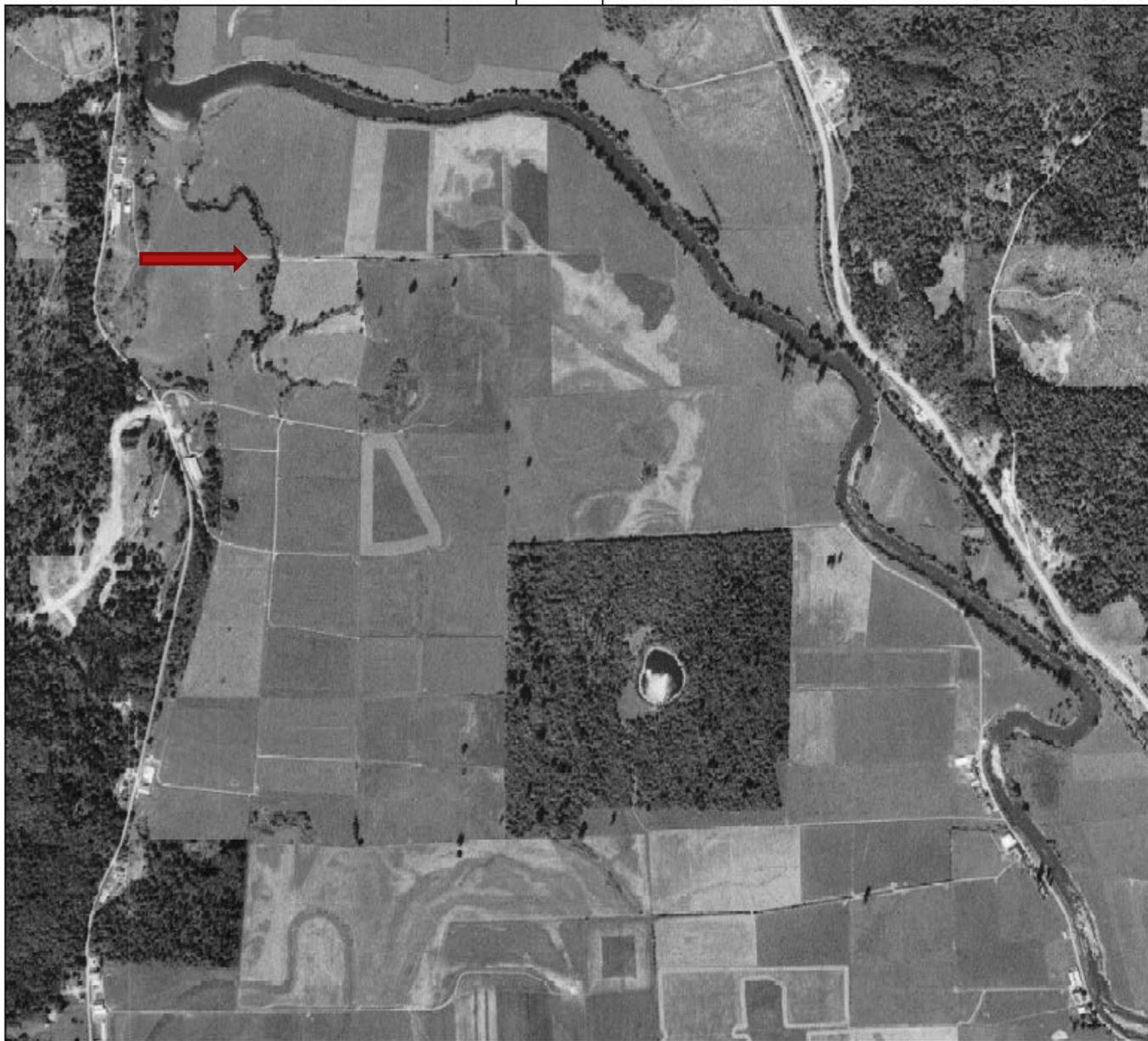
- ❖ Land
 - ❖ Title
 - ❖ Restoration
 - ❖ Management and Enforcement
- ▶ Land is formerly wetlands converted prior to December 23, 1985 for agricultural purposes
 - ▶ High likelihood of restoring hydrology and vegetation
 - ▶ Title is vested in landowner and free of unacceptable encumbrances
 - ▶ Legal boundary survey
 - ▶ Managed in perpetuity for wetland functions and values



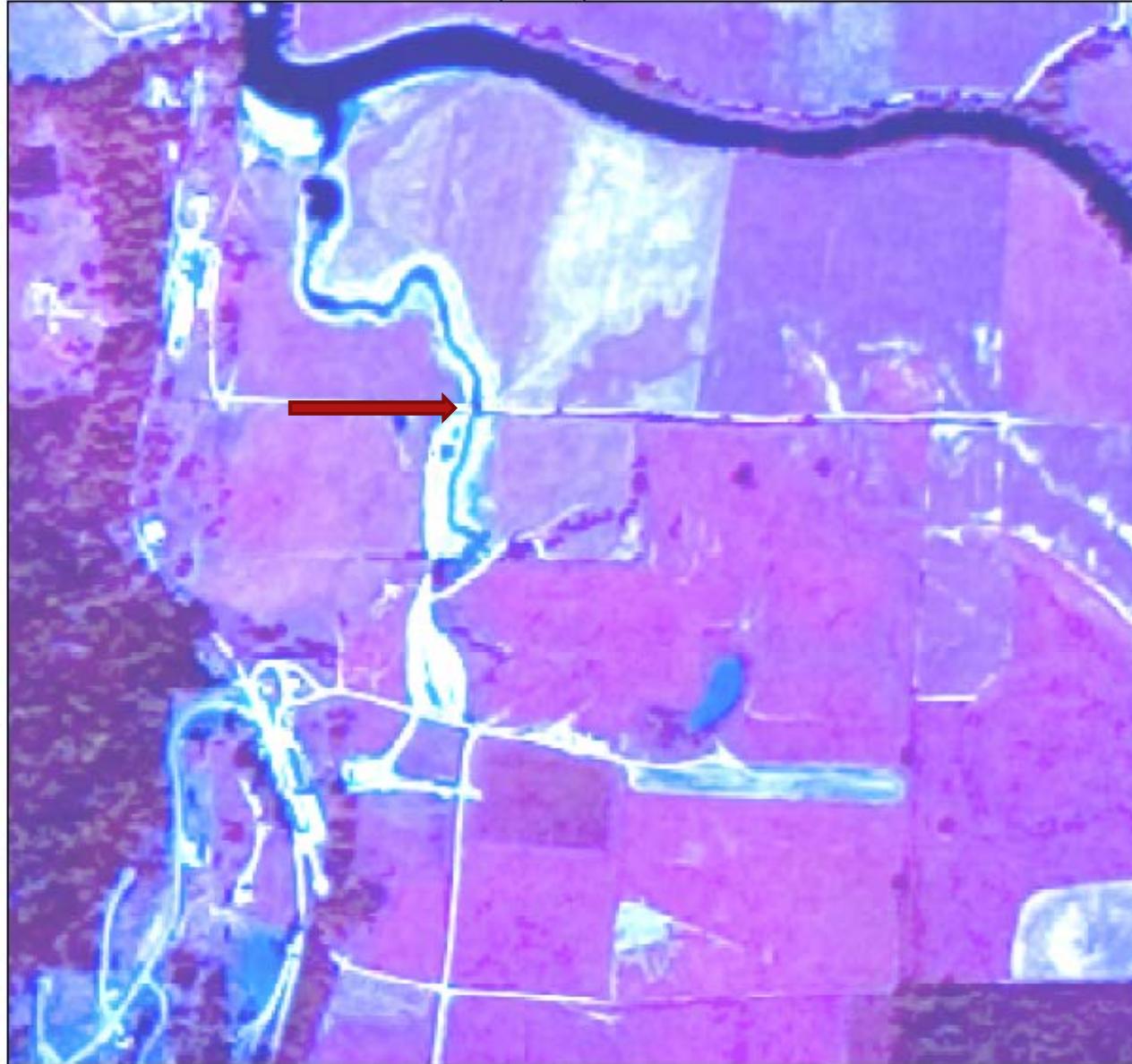
1941



1968



1972



1974





Snoqualmie River

2006 Aerial Photo Base

Pearson Eddy
Water Control
Structure

Forterra "Rupard"
WRP Easement

North

Forterra "De Jong"
WRP Easement

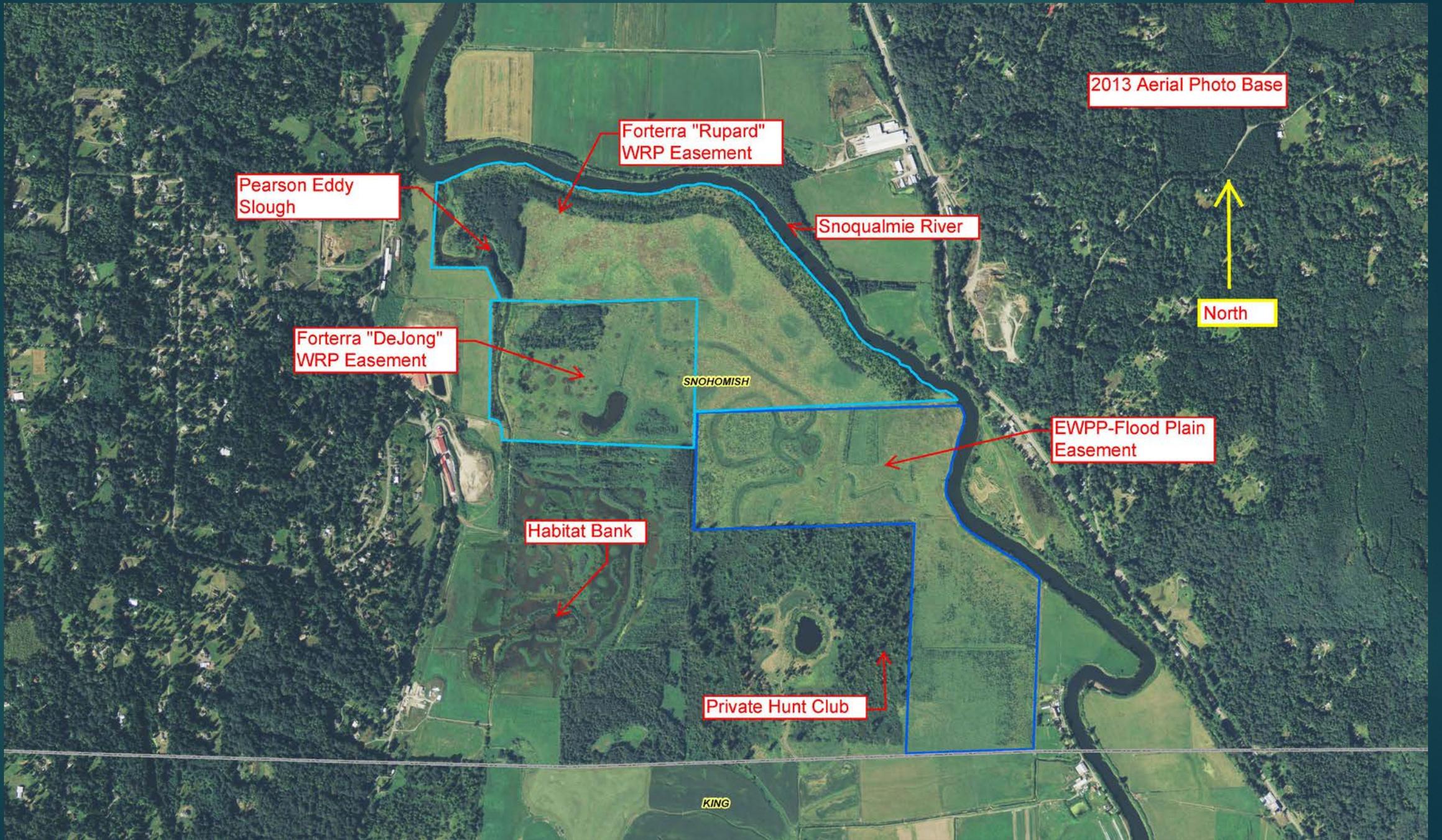
SNOHOMISH

farm road crossing

EWPP-Flood Plain
Easement

Habitat Bank

Private Hunt Club



2013 Aerial Photo Base

Forterra "Rupard"
WRP Easement

Pearson Eddy
Slough

Snoqualmie River

North

Forterra "DeJong"
WRP Easement

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Snoqualmie River

Pearson Eddy Slough

North

Pearson Eddy Water Control Structure

WRP Easement Boundaries

WRP Easements

- ❖ NRCS purchased all surface rights except those reserved to landowner in the deed
- ▶ Reserved Rights to Landowner:
 - ▶ Fee Title
 - ▶ Quiet Enjoyment
 - ▶ Control of Access
 - ▶ Recreational Uses
 - ▶ Subsurface Resources

WRP Easements

NRCS pays for cost of planned restoration

- Either landowner contract, or
- Federal Contract

- ▶ NRCS develops contract with landowner
- ▶ Contractor follows NRCS design
- ▶ NRCS oversees construction and final completion
- ▶ NRCS reimburses landowner for cost

WRP Easements

- ▶ Operation and maintenance of structures (or O&M agreement with landowner)

Long Term Management

- ▶ Vegetation management to achieve desired outcomes
 - ▶ By NRCS contract, or
 - ▶ Through Compatible Use Authorization with landowner

WRP Easements

Summary

- ▶ Site is former wetland converted for agricultural purposes
- ▶ Land voluntarily enrolled into WRP program in 2004
- ▶ Purpose of WRP is to restore and protect the land for wetland functions and values and wildlife habitat
- ▶ NRCS has authority to do the project and current landowner support



Thank you for your time and
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