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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of November 6 – 10, 2023

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, November 6, 2023. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and French, and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published November 2 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Agreement amendment 13 with Correctional Healthcare Companies, LLC for inmate health care services
- Bid opening clarification regarding Courthouse security service – Bids must be submitted no later than Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 10 a.m. and the bid opening will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.
- Dungeness River Management Team representative appointments
- Quit Claim Deed with the City of Sequim for a portion of West Sequim Bay Road
- Update regarding a Resolution adopting the six-year 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program
- Update regarding mature forests in Clallam County
- Notice to call for hearing to be held Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. regarding resolutions on proposed Levies for the General Purpose Property Tax, the Road Fund Property Tax and Conservation Futures Property Tax
- Notice to call for hearing to be held Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. regarding adopting the 2024 Clallam County Budget

Meeting concluded at 11:03 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Ozias called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and French and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the agenda as presented, CMFs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Xx
- xx

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of October 30
- 1b Approval of minutes for the week of October 30
- 1c Proclamation honoring all veterans, the volunteers who assist them and recognizing November 11 as Veterans' Day
- 1d Proclamation recognizing Adoption Day 2023

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the consent agenda as presented, CMFs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CRJ presented the Proclamation honoring all veterans, the volunteers who assist them and recognizing November 11 as Veterans' Day
 - Levi Douglas, Northwest Veterans Resource Center, thanked the Board and asked the public to send Veterans to the resource center for support
- CMF presented the Proclamation recognizing Adoption Day 2023
 - Commissioner Elizabeth Stanley, Superior Court, thanked the Board and forwarded an invite on November 16, 2024 for Adoption Ceremony in Superior Court

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- CRJ commented on Rayonier Breakfast, Washington State Association of Counties timber transactions
- CMF commented on department staff meeting, Recompete, substance and mental health services, Housing Solutions Committee Meeting
- CMO commented on department staff meetings, Washington State Association of Counties meeting and membership update, Dungeness Meadows meeting, Department of Natural Resource letter

ADMINISTRATION

2a Memorandum of Understanding amendment 1 with the City of Forks for the Forks Waste Water Treatment Facility Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

2b Agreement with Recreation and Conservation Office for Camp David Jr. Projects

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

2c Agreement with Trout Unlimited Inc. for Fish Barrier Removal Projects

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

2d Agreement amendment 3 with Clallam Economic Development Council for American Rescue Plan Act Funds ARPA

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

ADMINISTRATION

3a Resolution appointing Deacon Johnston to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

HEARING(S)

H1 Resolution adopting the six-year 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

- Steve Gray, Public Works/Road Department, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to open the public hearing, CMFs, mc

- The following provided testimony:
 - Dana Shaltry, Port Angeles (see attached)
 - Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay
- The following sent in written testimony: Tom Shindler, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (see attached)

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt with the addition related to the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe November 2 letter, CMFs, mc

ADMINISTRATION

3b Subrecipient Monitoring Form for the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

3c Bid opening clarification regarding Courthouse security service – Bids must be submitted no later than Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 10 a.m. and the bid opening will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve moving the opening date for the courthouse security bids to Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 10 a.m., CMFs, mc

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4a Call for request for proposals/qualifications to be received no later than Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 10 a.m. for Hearing Examiner Services

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BUDGET

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ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMFs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim, Oliver, Port Angeles, commented on Department of Natural Resources, Natural Climate Solutions Program, forest
- Peter Steadman, Port Angeles, commented on Natural Climate Solutions Program, timber sales
- Tammy Dziadek, Port Angeles, commented on Natural Solutions Program
- Ellen Manshew, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant – Elwha River
- Ed Chadd, Port Angeles, commented on Climate Change, forests, Natural Climate Solutions Program, watershed
- Tim Wheeler, Sequim, commented on Power Plant – Elwha River, Department of Natural Resources
- Brian K, Port Angeles, commented on forest
- Bill Hermann, Port Angeles, commented on forest and carbon
- Dennis Olsen, Tacoma, commented on Department of Natural Resources, forest, utility pole electricity
- Kate Smith, Port Angeles, commented Natural Climate Solutions Program, forests
- Jennifer Gallant, Port Townsend, commented on forest supply for Port Townsend Paper Company
- Jim McEntire, Sequim, commented on forest, carbon sequestration, wood sources and supply
- Heath Heikkila, Pierce County, commented forest, carbon sequestration
- Brel Froebe, Whatcom County, commented on forest, Natural Climate Solutions Program

Meeting concluded at 12:03 p.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, November 13, 2023.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC Virtual Update, Collaborative Asset Management Outreach Meeting, Coffee with Colleen, KONP Radio Show and Veteran's Day Ceremony – Coast Guard Base during the week of November 6.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of November 2023.

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:  Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

 CLERK OF THE BOARD
CLALLAM COUNTY
PORT ANGELES, WA

Mark Ozias
Randy Johnson
Mike French

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

ATM Administrator Todd Mielke
CMO Commissioner Mark Ozias
CRJ Commissioner Randy Johnson
CMF Commissioner Mike French

m moved
mc motion carried
s seconded

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING

H1 Resolution adopting the six-year 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that any testimony that I give is true and accurate. Please print name and address clearly.

Nº	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
1	DANA SHALTRY		24 BLACKBIRD LANE PORT ANGELES, WA 98362
2	Ed Bowen		POB 111 CR 98326
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Signed on November 7, 2023 in Port Angeles, Washington

Gores, Loni

HI 11/7/23
Tom Shindler

From: Tom Shindler <tshindler1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2023 1:00 AM
To: French, Mike; Johnson, Randy; Ozias, Mark
Subject: Testimony for the Public Hearing RE: 2024 TIP (Nov 7th?)
Attachments: 2024 TIP Hearing with Maps.pdf

Dear Mike (as my district's commissioner) and Mark and Randy too.

I wished to testify at the public hearing for the 2024 Transportation Improvement Plan approval, but will be out of the country at my son's wedding, so will miss it. Please accept the attached PDF as my testimony. I hope you will read it, as it includes details and maps that took some time and effort to create. As the former president of the Black Diamond Community Club, I have worked with the community and the county toward making the Black Diamond Road corridor safer for non-motorized users in particular, and this project with a few tweaks helps us get there. But please see the tweaks, and recommend their implementation to the Road Dept.

Thank you,

Tom Shindler

Note, I will be able to communicate by email while in the Netherlands, so don't hesitate to contact me that way if you have any questions, or if I must do something else to get these issues considered at the hearing.

October 27, 2023

Testimony to Clallam County Commissioners

In the Public Hearing concerning the **2024 6 year Transportation Improvement Plan**

From **Tom Shindler**
3492 Little River Rd
Port Angeles, WA 98363
360-775-1303

I will be out of the country at the time of the hearing (at my son's wedding!) and so will be unable to attend in person. Please accept this document as my testimony.

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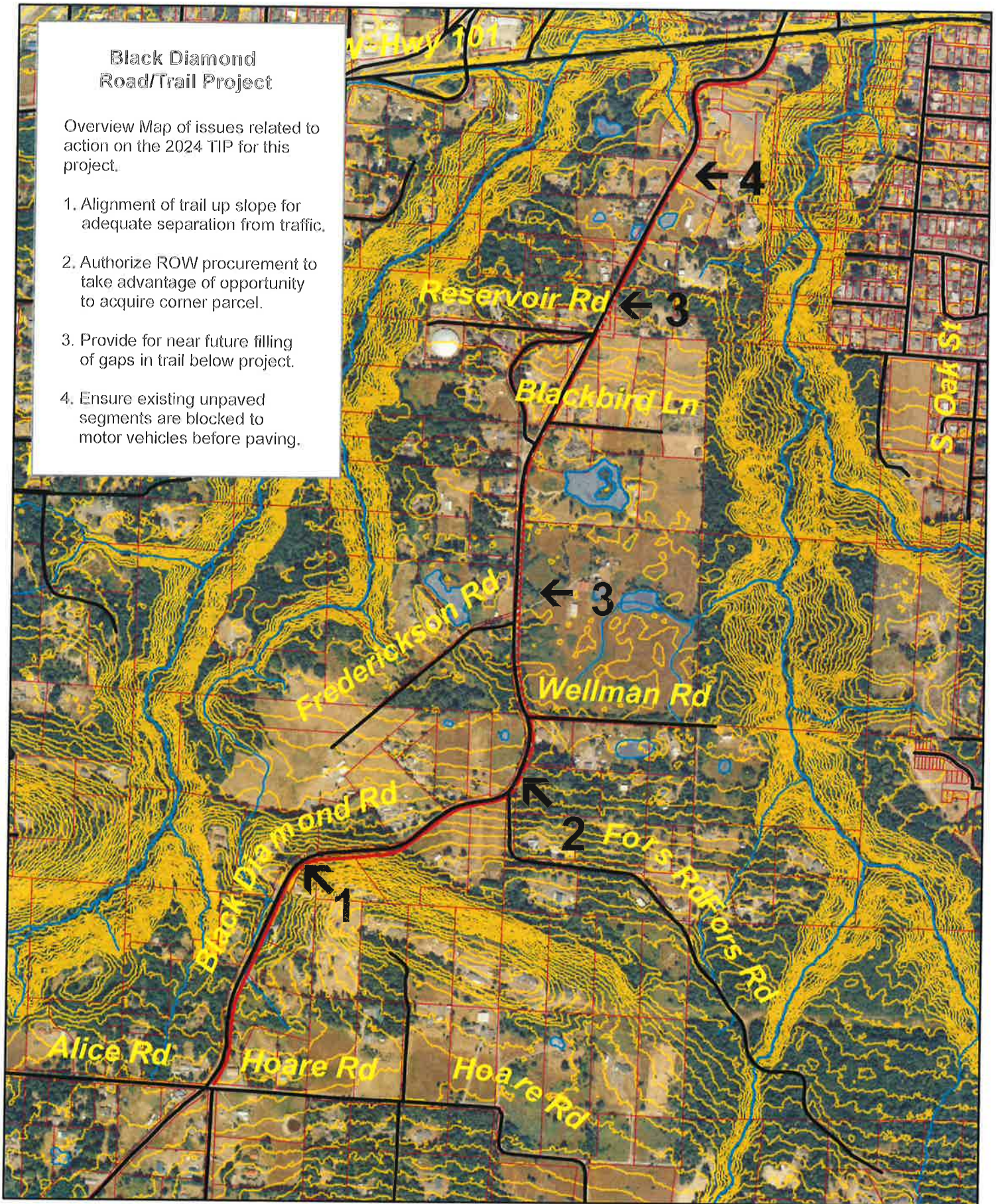


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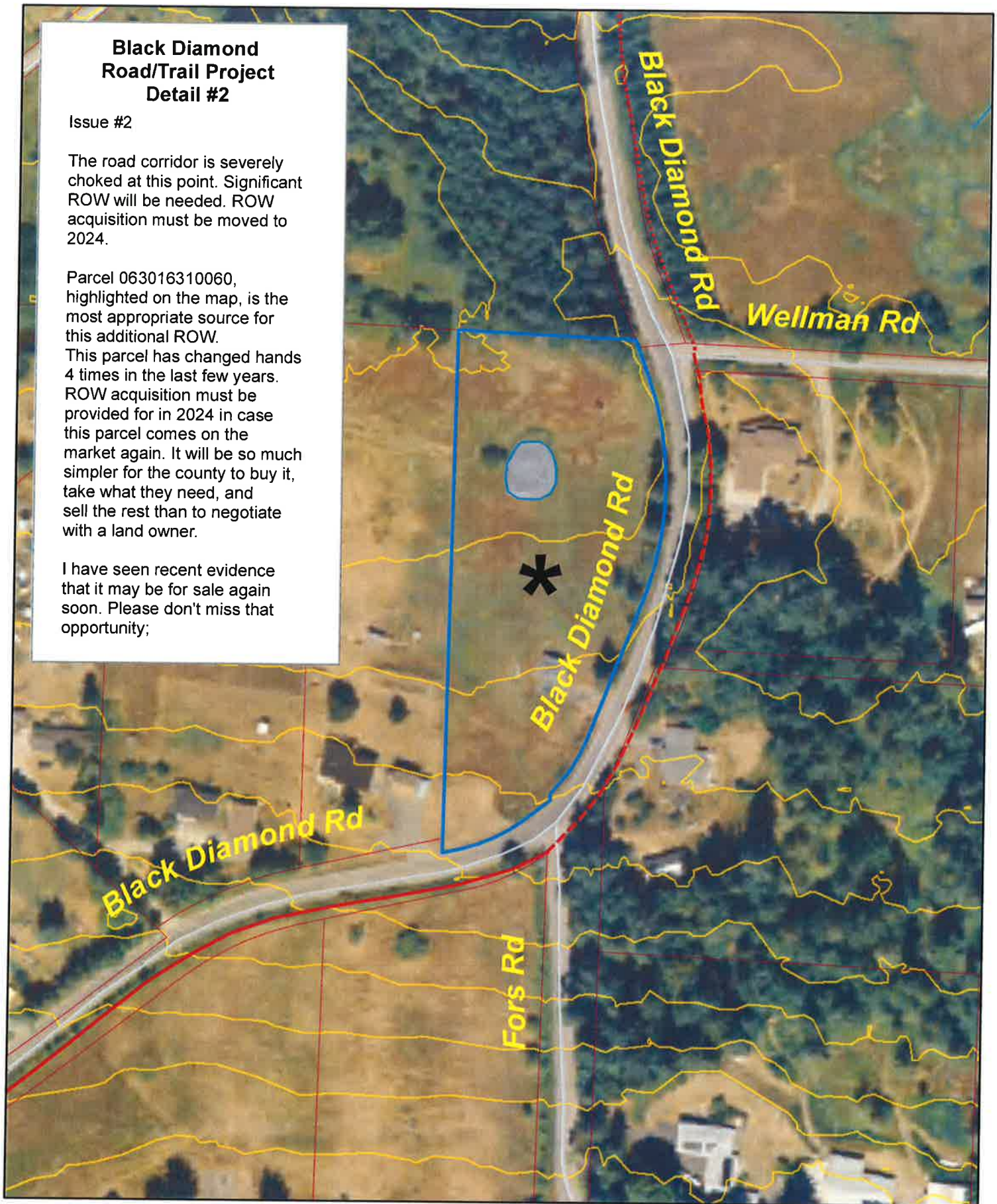
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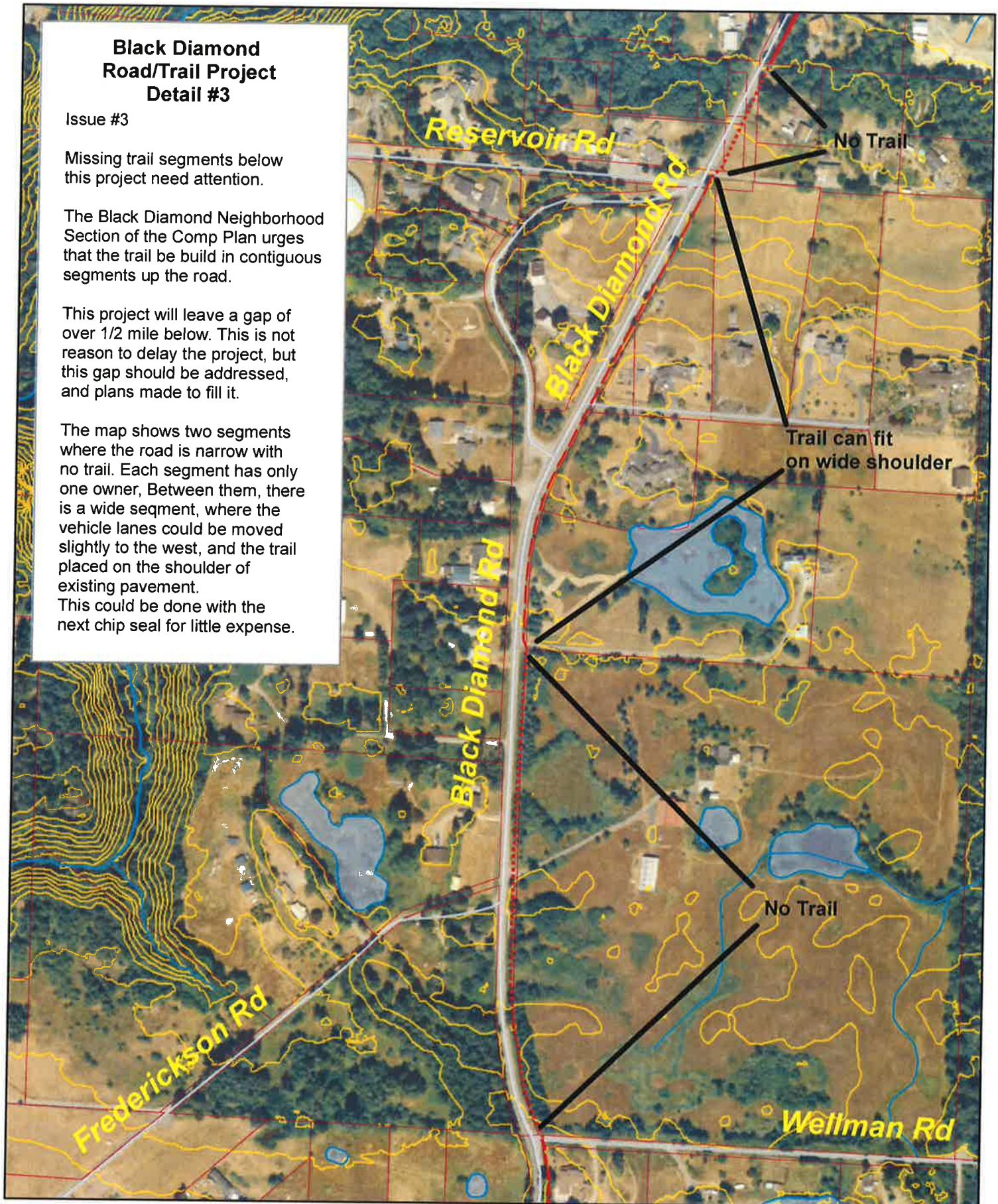
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H 11/7/23
Jamestown



JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE

1033 Old Blyn Highway, Sequim, WA 98382

360/683-1109

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November 2, 2023

Steve Gray, Deputy Public Works Director
Clallam County Courthouse
Public Works Department
223 East 4th Street,
Port Angeles, WA 98362

RE: Olympic Discovery Trail Project

Dear Steve,

The draft 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is missing a project that the Tribe has been collaborating with the Public Works Department for the last two years. The Olympic Discovery Trail between Blyn Road and Old Blyn HWY at US101 has received full construction funding from WSDOT through the Ped-Bike Program in the 2023 Legislative session in the amount of \$1,490,500. Design has also been provided through the same source in the amount of \$100,200.

The project is stalled while waiting for the County to reconcile territorial ownership of Old Blyn HWY from the centerline. The cost of acquisition is unknown until the 60-foot road width has been re-established and the designers can develop a right-of-way plan.

The other elements of the TIP are the following:

DESC	Design and Construct a separated paved trail to AASHTO standards from the tribal land trailheads from Blyn Road to Old Blyn HWY	
PE Start	2021	Funding Status Secure
RW Start	2023	Funding Status Secure
CN Start	2024	Funding Status: Secure
Total Cost	\$1,590,700	

Thank you for TIP inclusion and the staff contributions to close a gap in the ODT.

Sincerely,

Wendy Clark-Getzin PE
Tribal Transportation Program Manager

Dana Shaltry
HI 11/7/23

Date: November 7, 2023

From: Dana Shaltry

To: Clallam Commissioners Mike French, Randy Johnson, Mark Ozias

RE: SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2024 -2029
TIP Project #1 Black Diamond Road 131030) [698-1507] MP 2.66 to MP 3.40

Good morning, Commissioners,

My name is Dana Shaltry, and I live at 24 Blackbird Lane, off Black Diamond Road.

In 1998, the Black Diamond Community neighborhood joined discussions with the Clallam County Road Department to improve the Black Diamond Road corridor by encouraging slower vehicle speeds and facilitating safe non-motorized use.

We are happy that TIP Project #1 will correct an unsafe section of Black Diamond Road and establish a separate pedestrian and bicycle trail. This project is a product of 25 years of ongoing collaboration between Clallam County Road Department and Black Diamond Community residents.

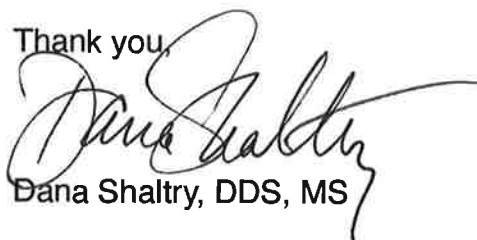
I am submitting documents today illustrating recommendations made by Tom Shindler, a long-term resident of Black Diamond. Tom, a former Geographical Information System and Permit System Coordinator for Clallam County, created these documents. (He cannot attend today's meeting in person due to his son's wedding.)

Tom's expertise is valuable because he served as the Black Diamond Community Club president when the neighborhood and the Road Department began collaborating on the Black Diamond Road back in 1998. Since then, he has been continuously involved in Black Diamond Community surveys, public meetings, and conversations with road engineers, planning commissioners, and county commissioners. With his extensive knowledge of the Black Diamond Road geography and our community's values, we appreciate his perspective and insights.

I urge the commissioners to review the excellent details and maps in the document. The information will certainly aid you in making recommendations to the Road Department. You will find:

1. An explanation for the vertical separation of the trail in Project #1.
2. An opportunity for ROW acquisition of a critical parcel at a potential cost saving.
3. An overview of "gaps" in the trail along Black Diamond Road
4. Suggestions for achieving trail separation on specific road segments.

Thank you,



Dana Shaltry, DDS, MS

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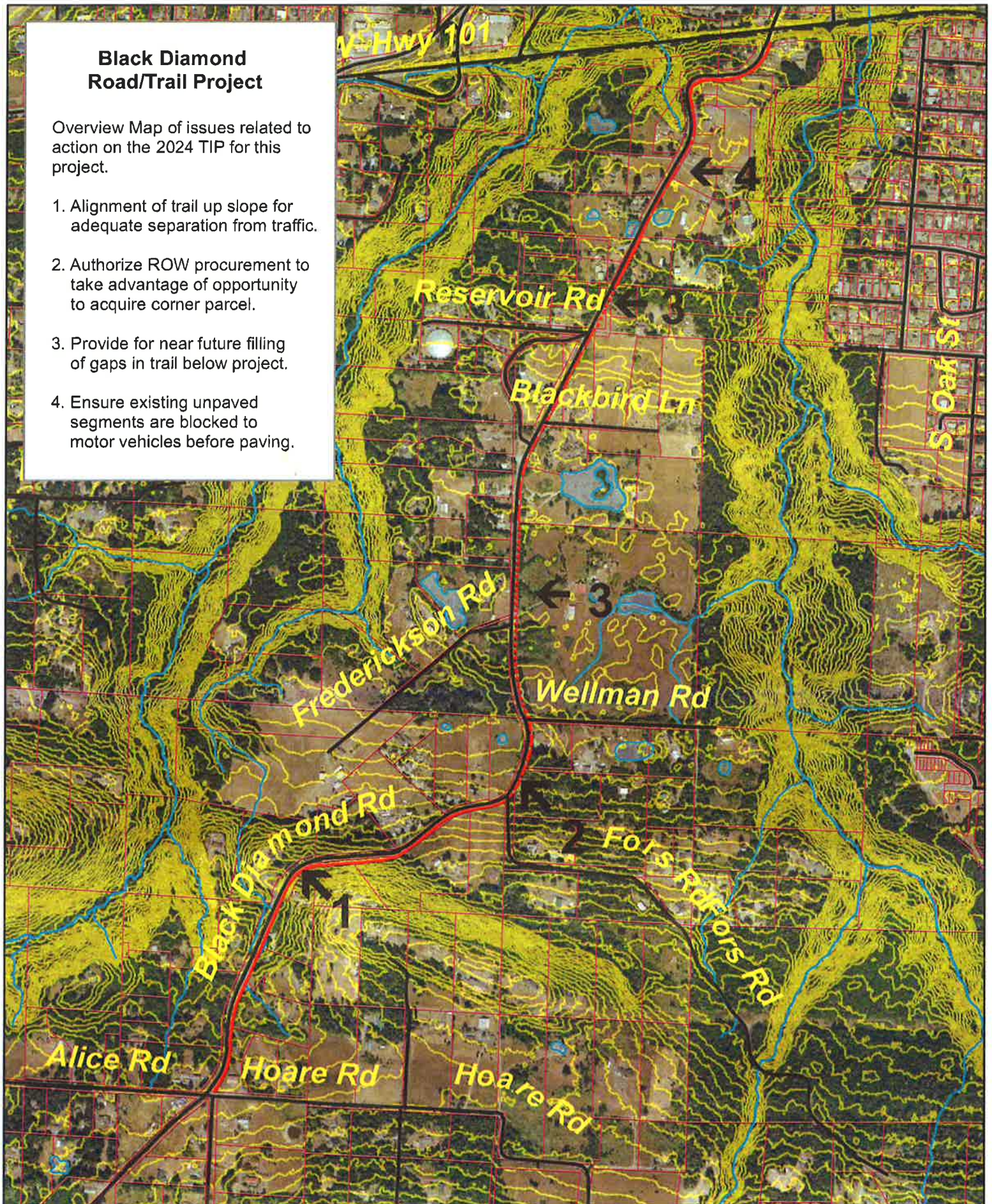


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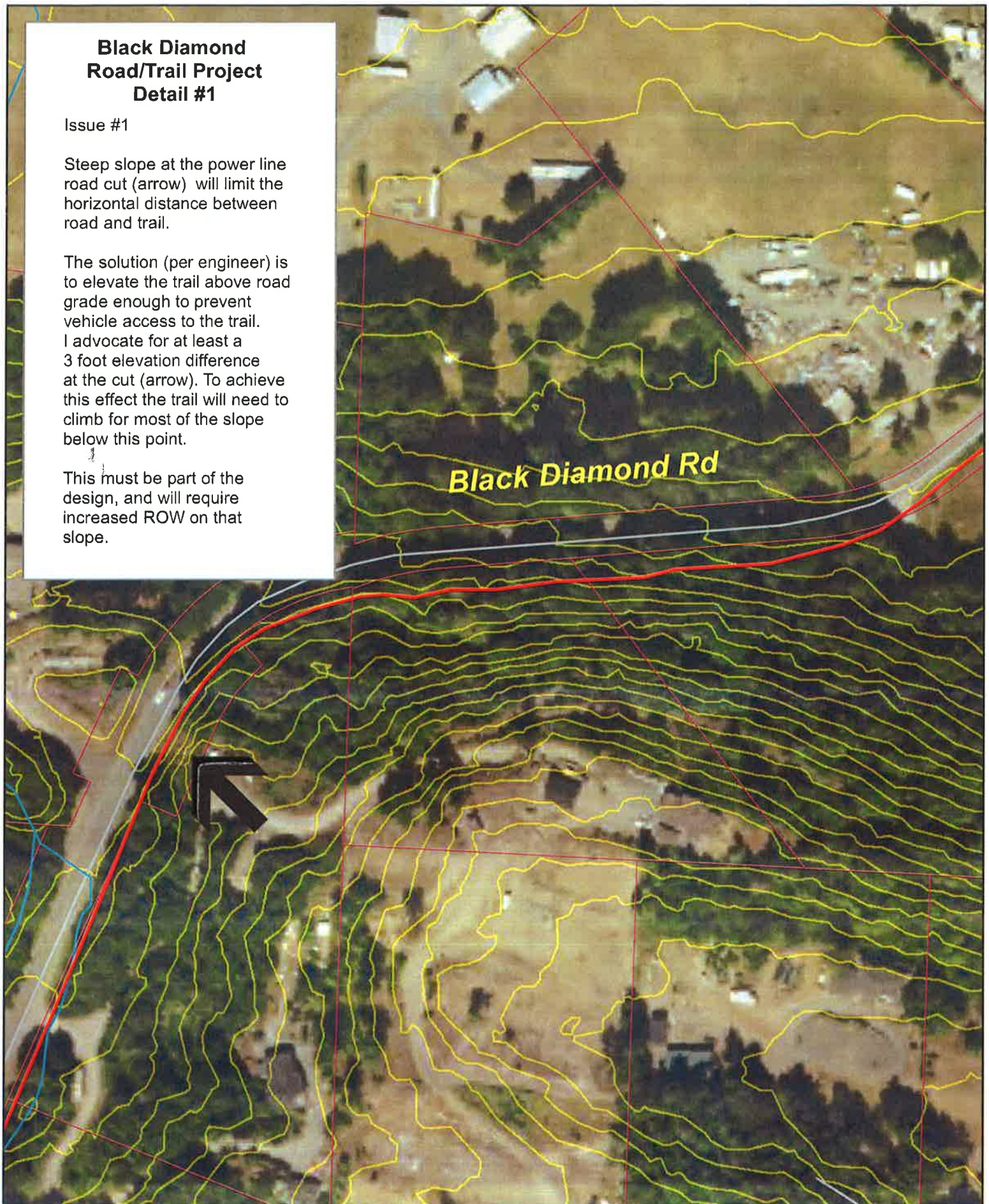
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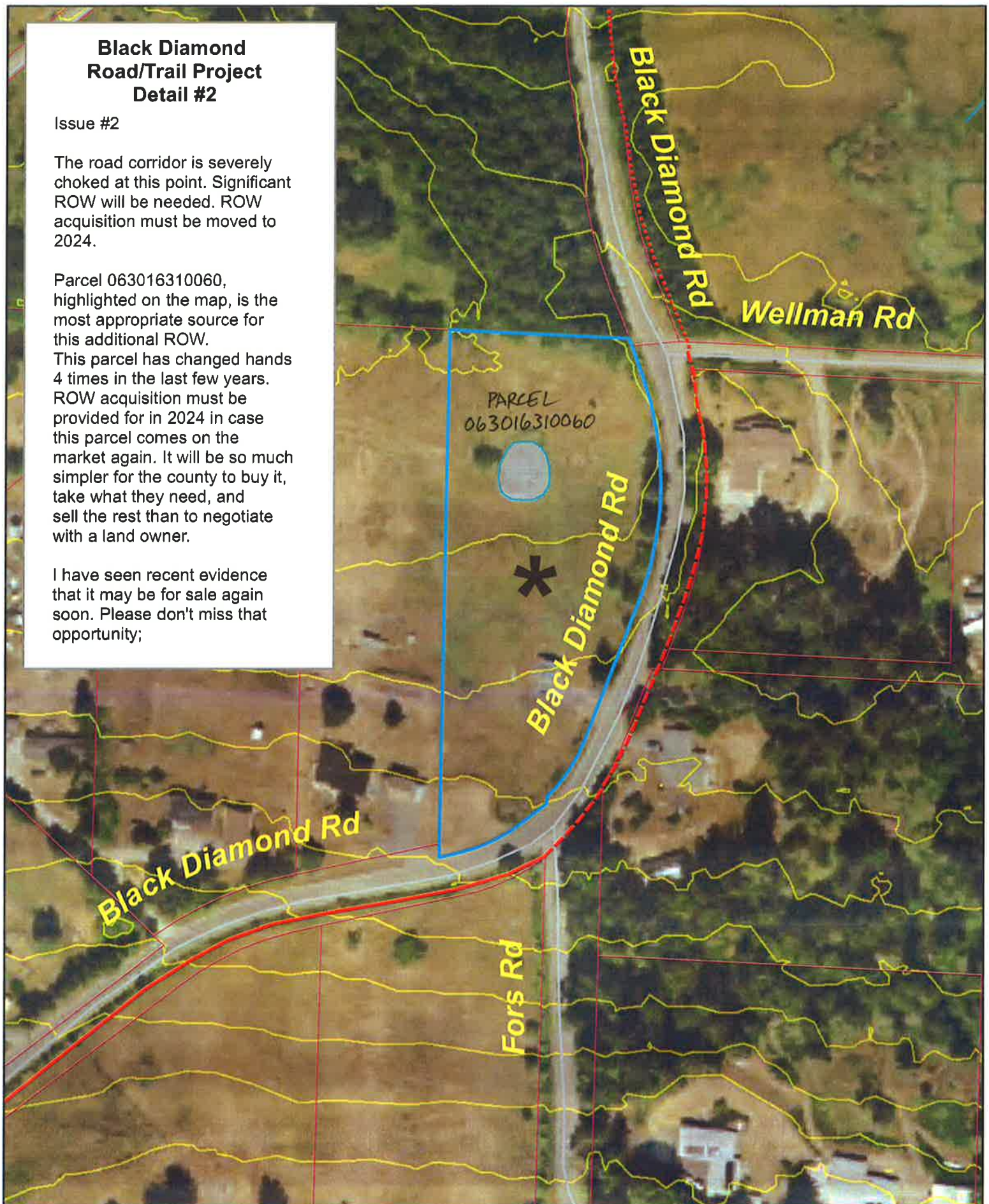
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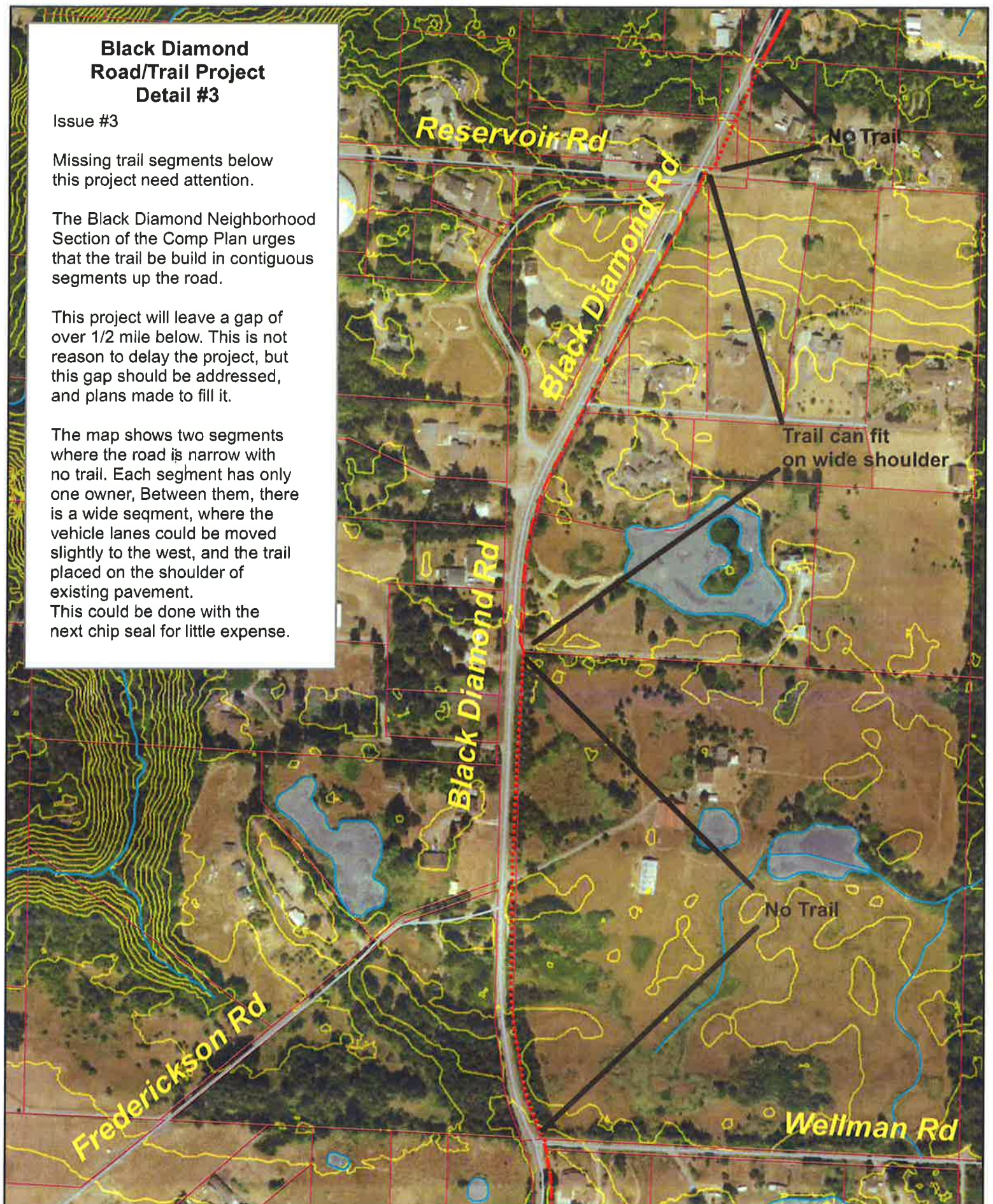
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