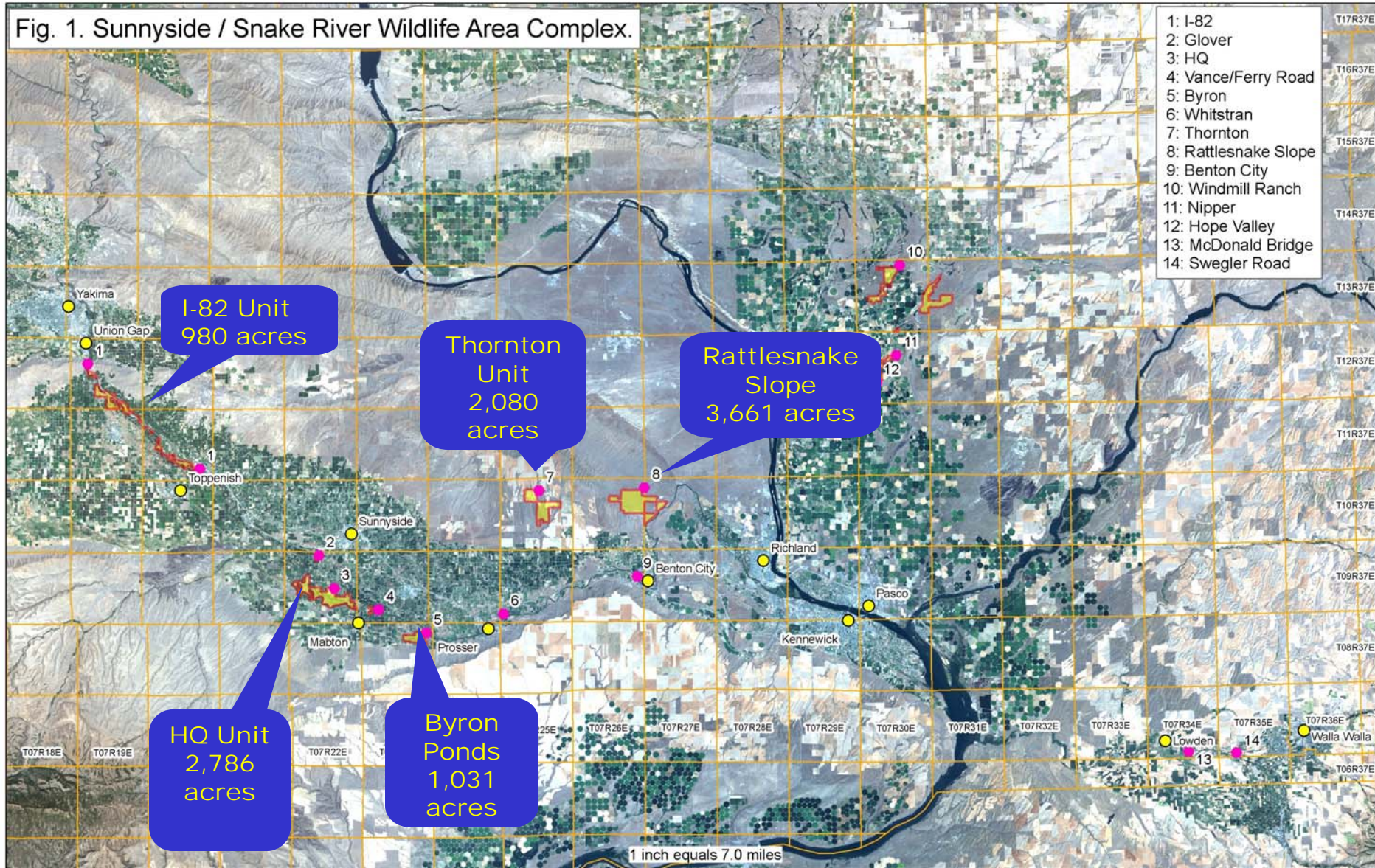


# Sunnyside Wildlife Area

Rocky Ross  
Wildlife Area Manager



Fig. 1. Sunnyside / Snake River Wildlife Area Complex.

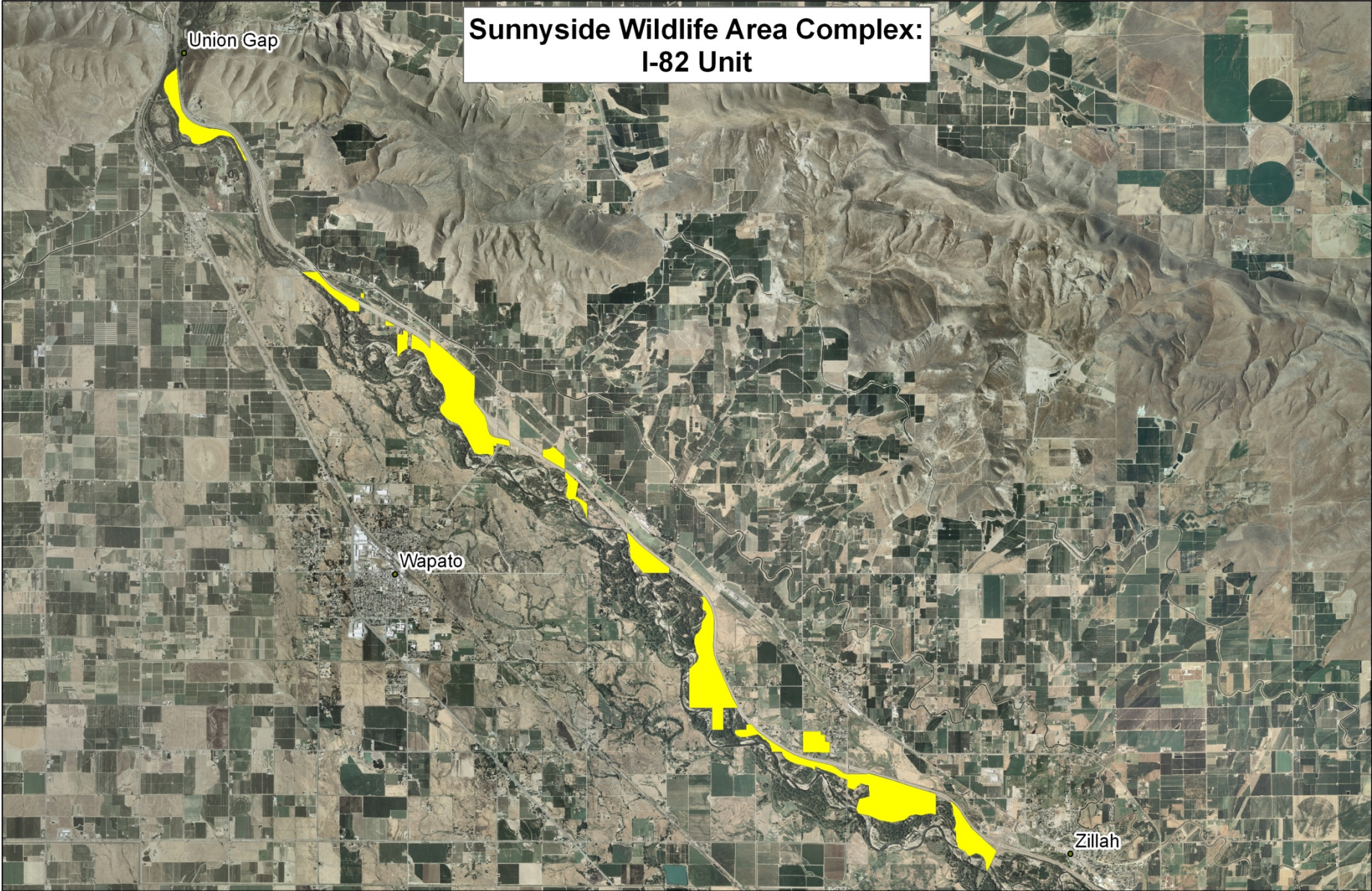


**Sunnyside Wildlife Area Complex:  
I-82 Unit**

Union Gap

Wapato

Zillah





Cottonwood Gallery Forest



## Backwater Slough

Fishing  
Fun at  
I-82  
Ponds



# Sunnyside Wildlife Area Complex: Headquarters Unit

Rupley

Snipes Reserve

WDFW

Headquarters

Giffen Lake

Bridgeman Lake

Rice Paddies

Morgan Lake







# Native Grass Restoration





# Moist Soil and Wetland Management



90-Acre Field

Rice Paddies

Giffen Lake

Brady Wetland

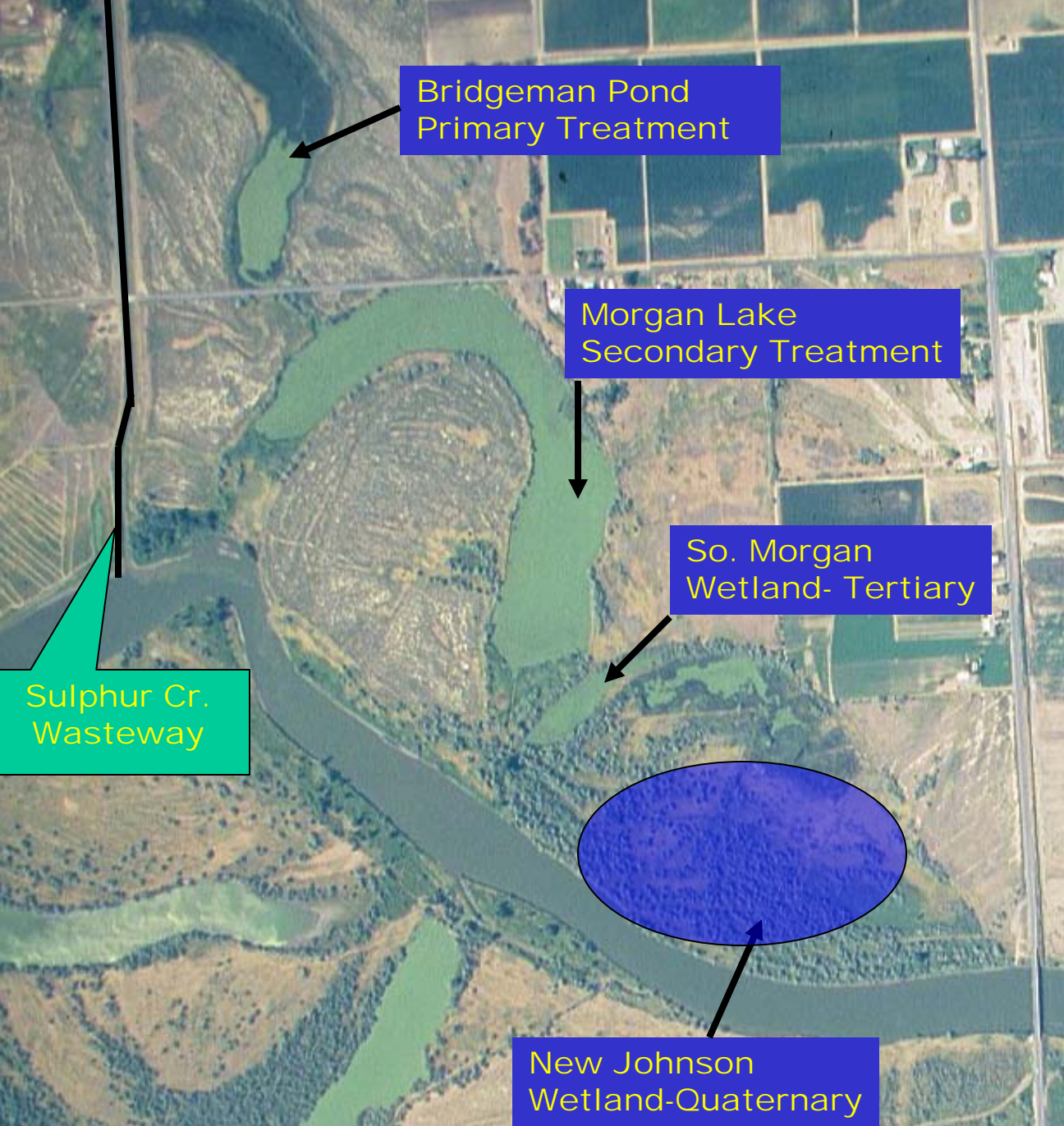


Smartweed  
Seeds









Bridgeman Pond  
Primary Treatment

Morgan Lake  
Secondary Treatment

So. Morgan  
Wetland- Tertiary

New Johnson  
Wetland-Quaternary

Sulphur Cr.  
Wasteway

N.A. Wetlands  
Conservation  
Act Grant  
  
(NAWCA)



# Russian Olive Removal



# Beavers—Friend or Foe?



# "Beaver Deceiver"











This is  
how high  
the water  
level was

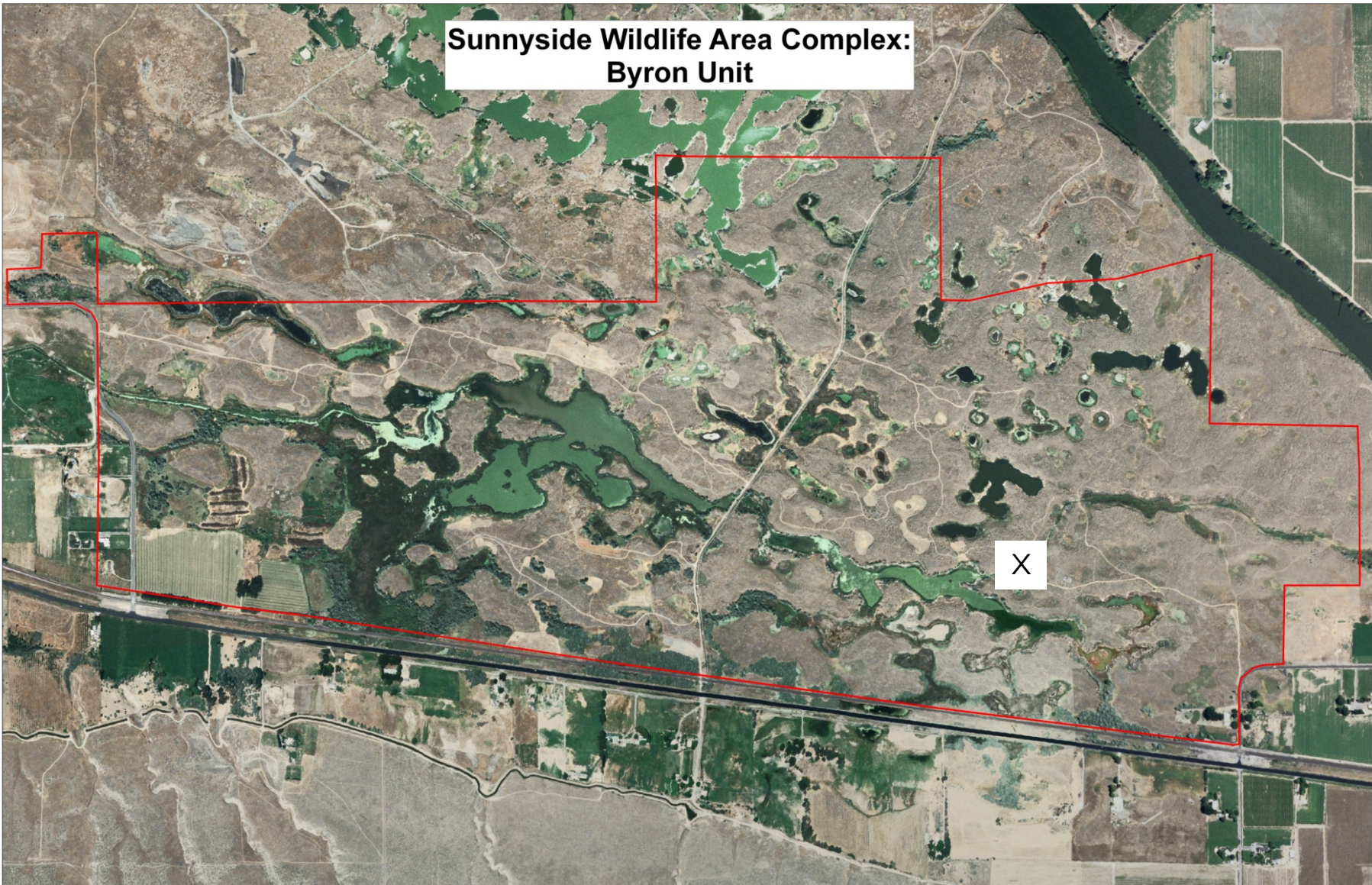




\_\_\_\_\_ HIGH WATER LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_



**Sunnyside Wildlife Area Complex:  
Byron Unit**



# New Water Control (NAWCA)





Invasive  
Russian  
Knapweed

# Grass Restoration





# CARP CONTROL—State Duck Stamp Project



# Emergent Vegetation "BEFORE"







Controlled Burn

# Emergent Vegetation "AFTER"



CARP vs.....



.... NO CARP





## Fish Stocking

10,000 Bluegills = Predator Base





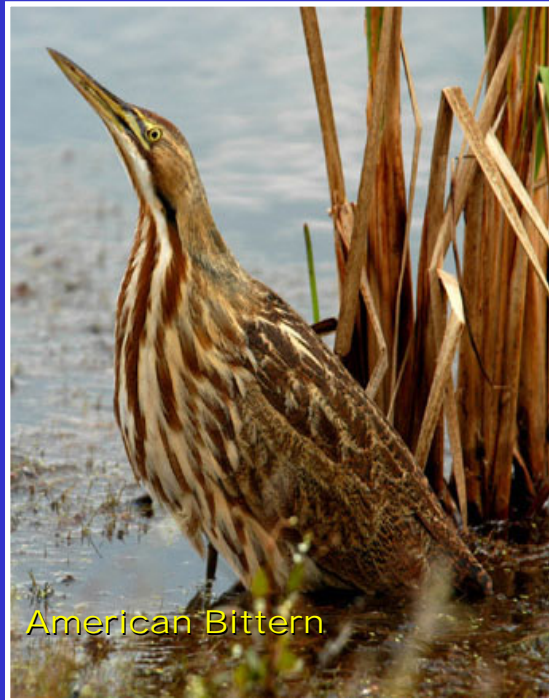
Virginia Rail



Sora

Citizen  
Science  
Marsh  
Bird Study

(ALEA Grant)



American Bittern



Pied-billed Grebe

**Sunnyside Wildlife Area Complex:  
Thornton Unit**





# Water Catchment Basin "Before" ...



...and after  
Spring runoff





OFF-ROAD  
Vehicle Damage



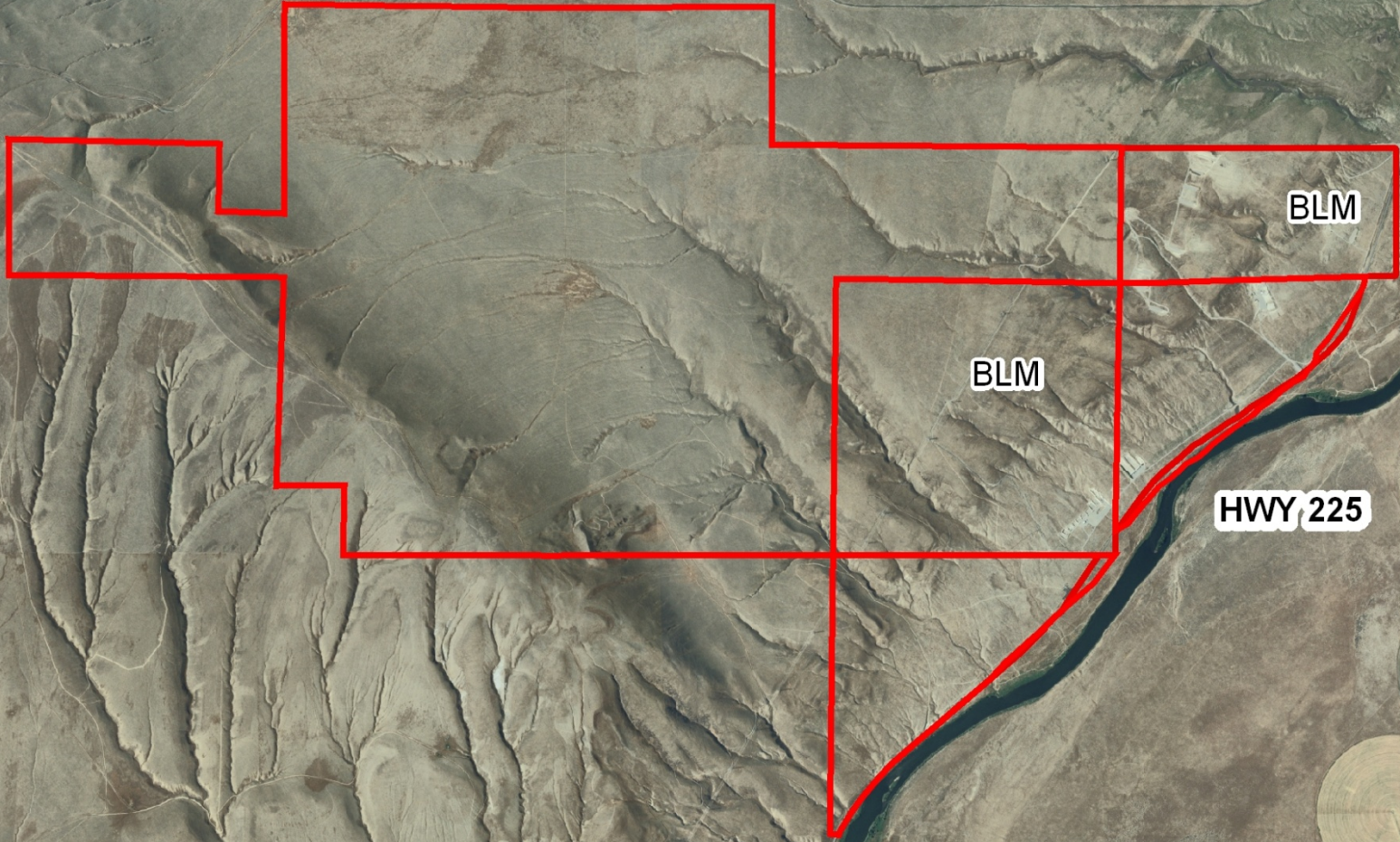
# Community Support





# Sunnyside Wildlife Area Complex: Rattlesnake Slope Unit

Arid Lands Reserve - USFWS



BLM

BLM

HWY 225

# Post-Fire Shrub-Steppe Restoration 5 years later



Seeded vs.....





Not Seeded





Rainwater Collection

