

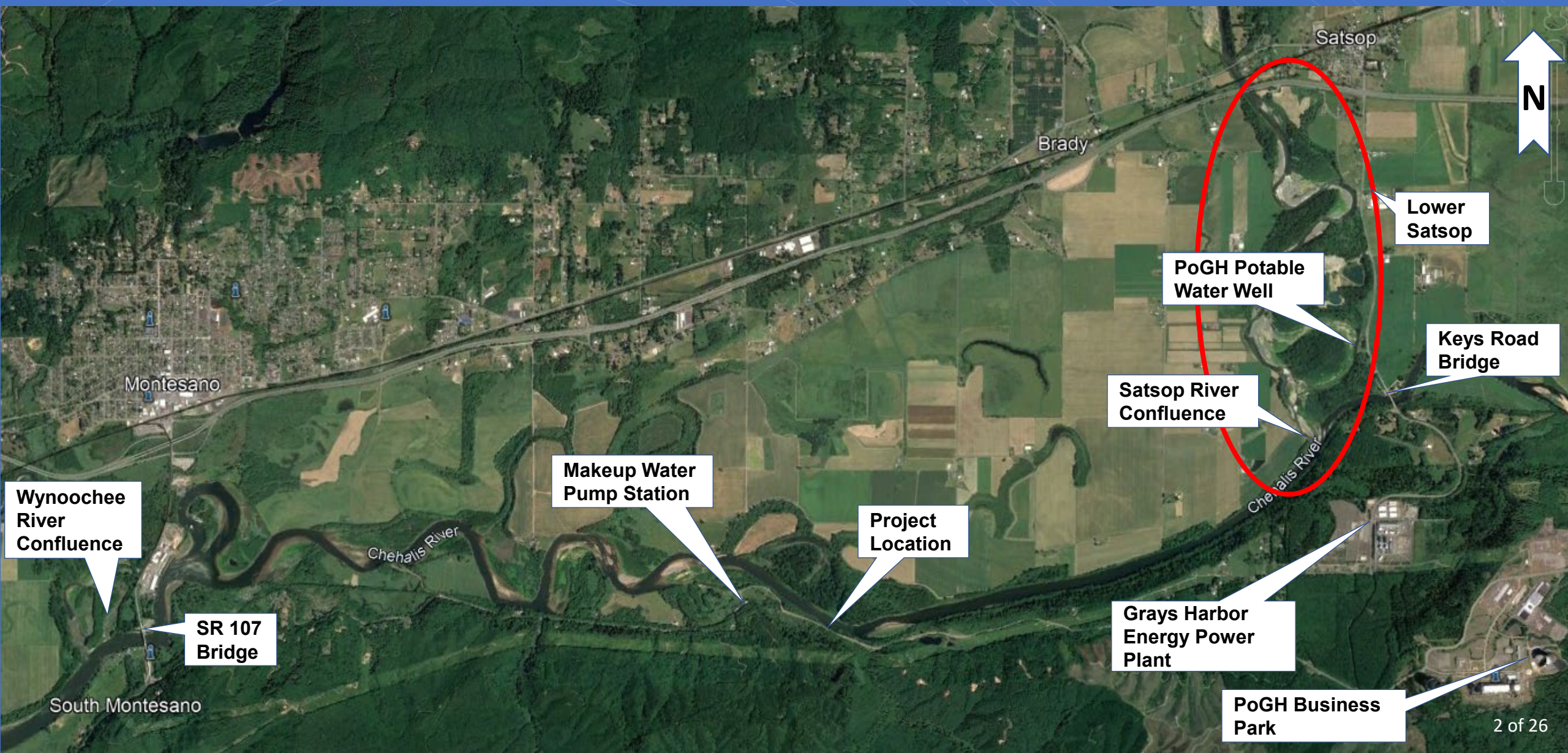
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Lower Satsop Advisory Group  
April 29, 2022



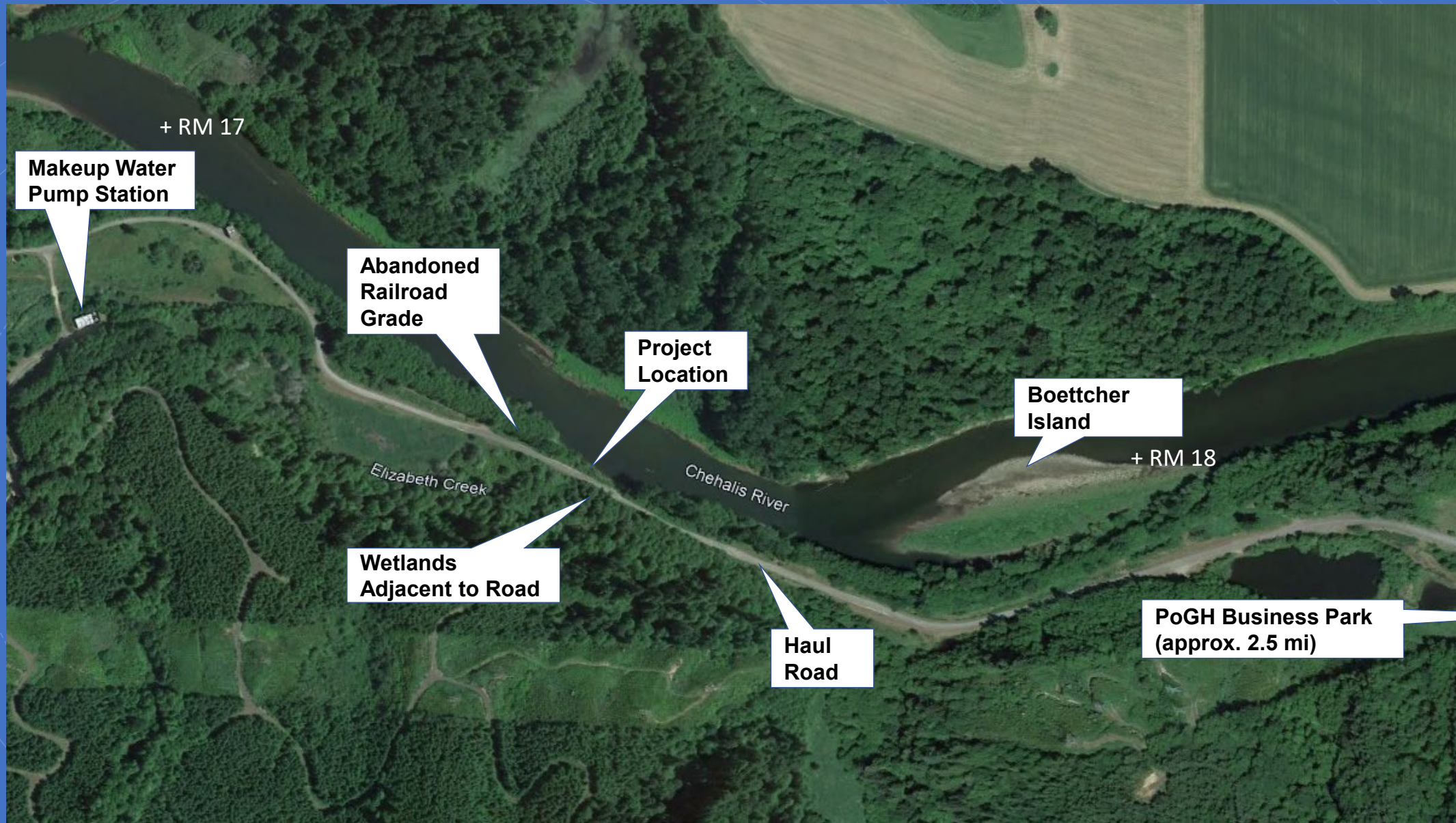


# Project Location and Reach Context



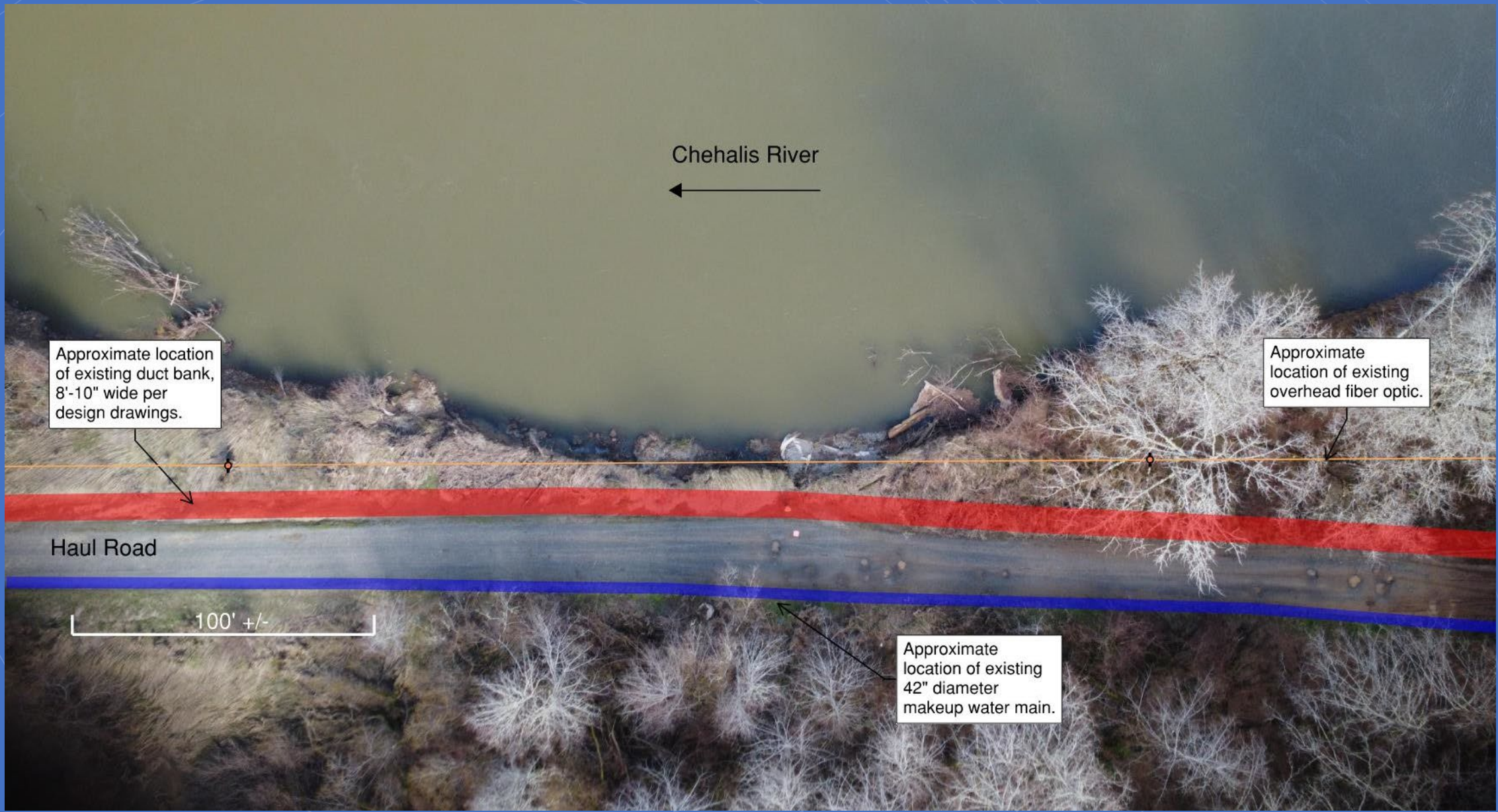


# Project Site





# Threatened Utilities





# Erosion Progression



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# Erosion Progression



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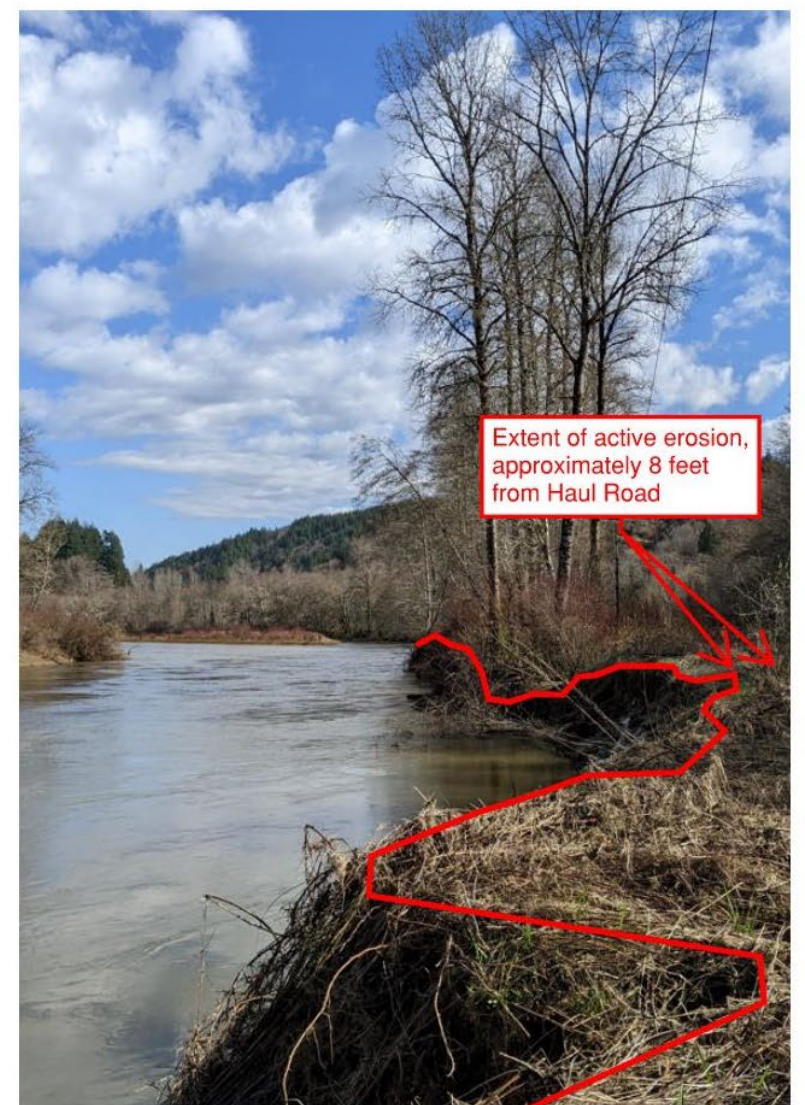
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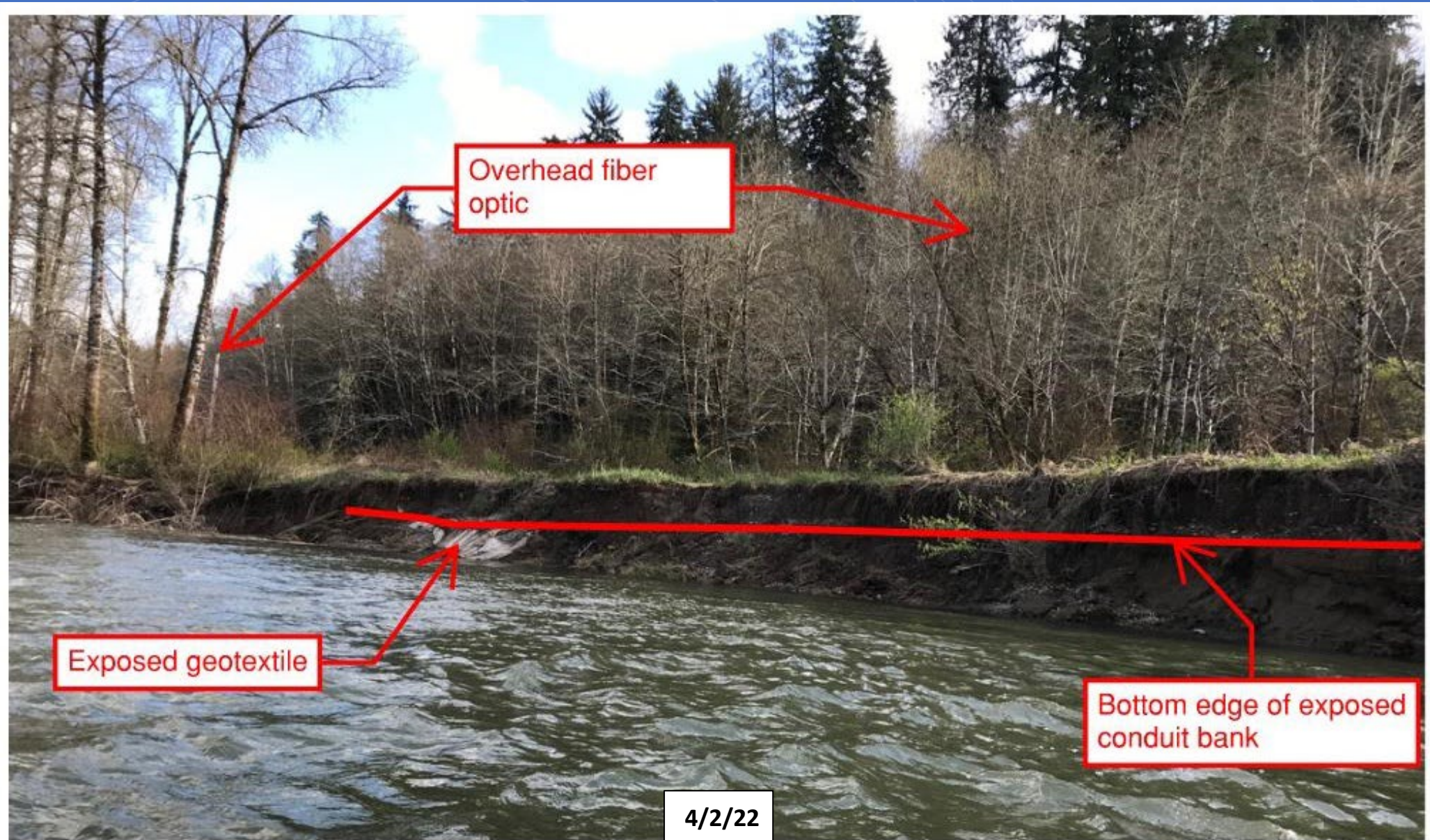
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# Erosion Progression





# Aerial Video of Project Area

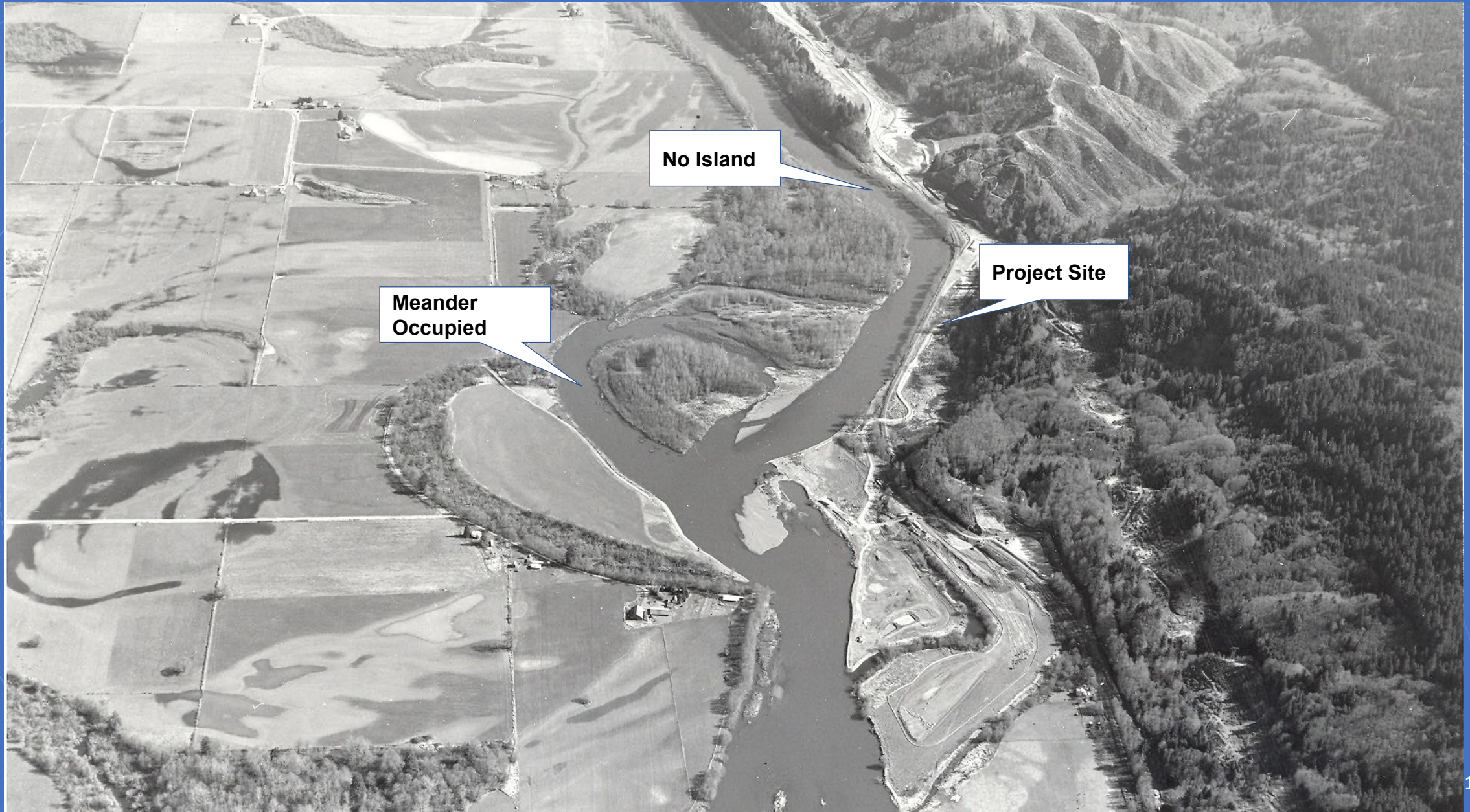
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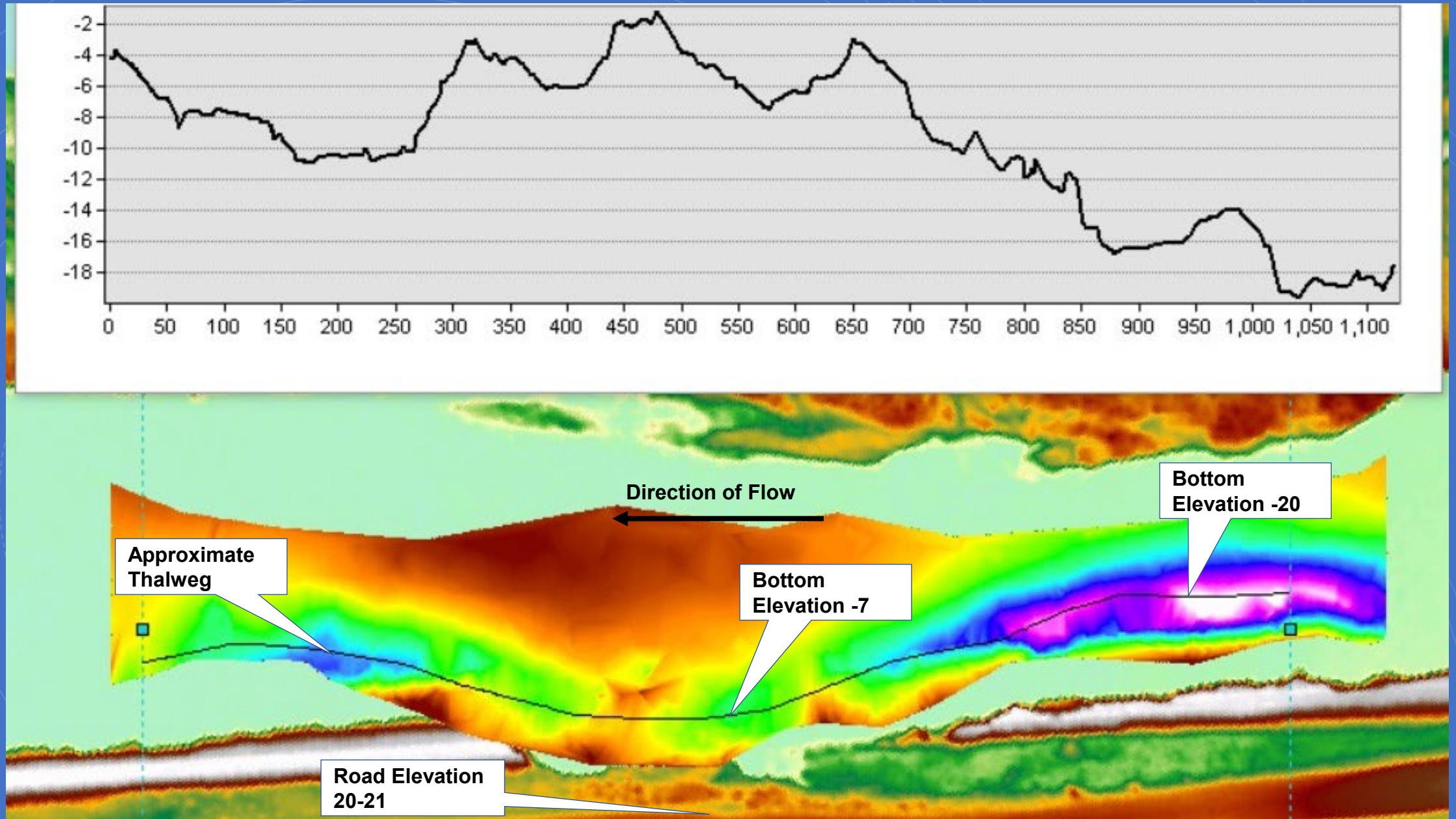
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March 2, 1981



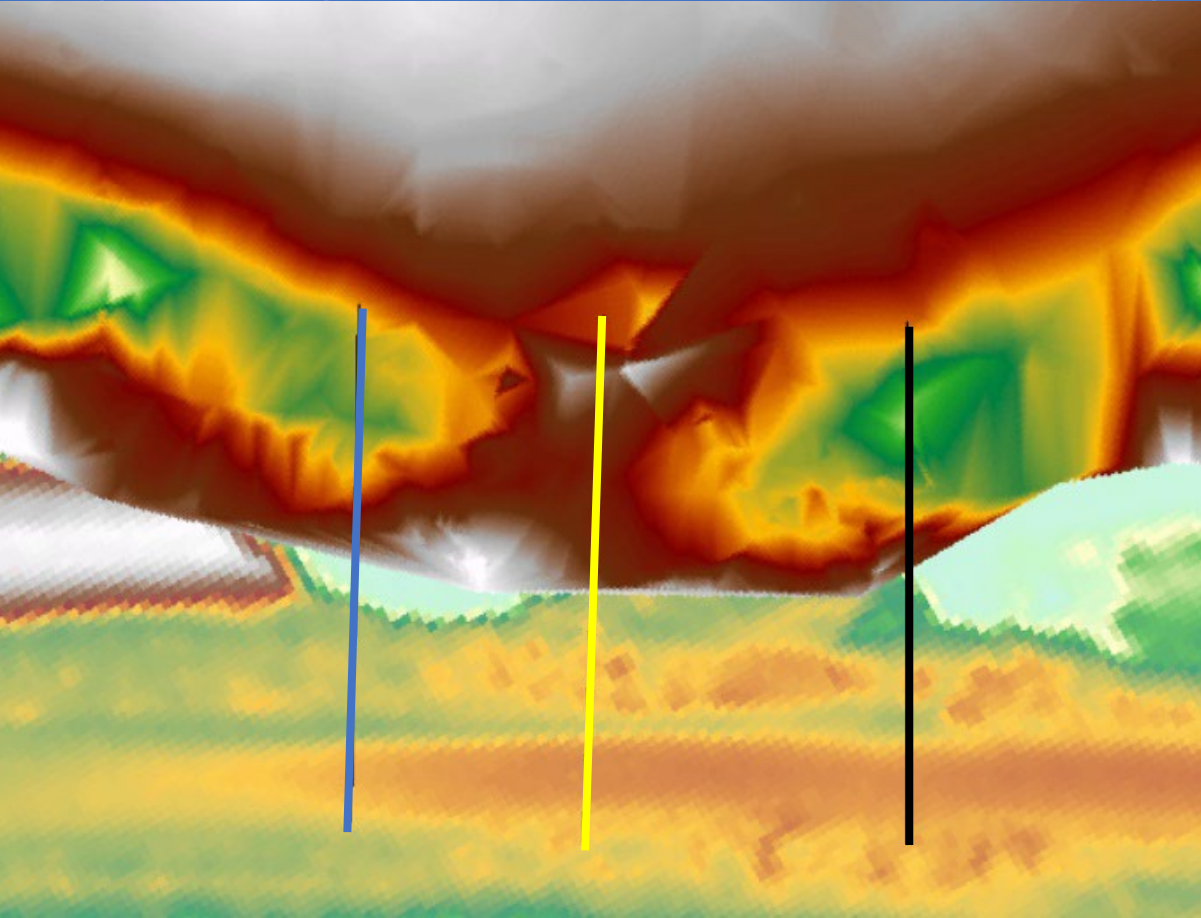


# Bathymetry





# Cross Sections





# Timeline

- Circa 1892: Railroad grade completed, maintained for almost 100 years
- Circa 1981: Haul Road and utilities constructed
- Circa 1989: Railroad stops operating
- Circa 2011: Railroad embankment is fully breached in project area
- 1/1/2013: Port of Grays Harbor Acquires Property
- January 2013: Erosion documented at project site
- November 2018: Riparian plantings on site
- December 2018: Significant erosion on site
- 2020: Port contacts CRBFA with concerns for erosion at this site
- 2021: OCB develops Erosion Pilot Project
- 2021: Port applies for Erosion Pilot Project to explore reach scale solutions



# Timeline (Continued)

- 1/7/22: Chehalis River flooding accelerates erosion at the site, significantly increasing the threat to critical and irreplaceable public infrastructure
- January 2022: County, State, and Federal governments all declare emergencies related to winter weather and flooding
- 2/14/22: Erosion Pilot Project under contract
- 2/16/22: Port asks when is emergency action warranted
- 2/16/22: Plan review reveals location of duct bank under immediate threat, Port begins exploring options for emergency project
- 2/23/22: Port meets on site with WDFW to discuss emergency options
- 3/7/22: Port meets with Grays Harbor Energy



# Timeline (Continued)

- 3/8/22: Port recognizes magnitude of project cost exceeds available resources
- 3/9/22: Port engages CRBFA regarding project funding
- 3/25-3/31/22: Port engages affected utilities as potential funding partners (Grays Harbor Energy, Grays Harbor PUD)
- 3/24/22: Port meets with stakeholders and permitting agencies
- 4/7/22: Port introduces project to Chehalis Basin Board
- 4/18/22: Bathymetry data eliminates sheet pile options for emergency project
- 4/29/22: Port presents to Lower Satsop Advisory Group



# Suggested Project Approach

- Construct an emergency project to protect the immediate area of the threatened utility and roadway infrastructure before the next flood season, ideally within the fish window
- Conduct reach-scale analysis (sponsored by GHCD) as envisioned by the Erosion Pilot Process, in parallel with emergency project design and construction
- Identify solutions to reach deficiencies, localized erosion over the larger project area, and mitigation for the emergency project as part of the reach-scale analysis
- Secure funding for the emergency repairs and mitigation



# Emergency Project Options Considered

- **Relocation of Roadway and Utilities Landward**
  - Significant wetland impacts
  - Utility relocations require shutdown period(s) for the power plant
  - Susceptible to future erosion if root causes are not addressed
  - Appropriate pipe and fittings not readily available
  - Cannot be completed before next flood season
  - Most expensive option
- **Sheet Piling**
  - Requires in-water work
  - Depth well in excess of what is feasible for a sheet pile solution
  - Existing utilities would make tiebacks difficult
  - Large sheet pile not readily available
  - Cannot be completed before next flood season
  - Very costly
- **Rip Rap**
  - Requires in-water work
  - High impacts to habitat and channel migration
  - Could be constructed before next flood season
  - Lowest cost

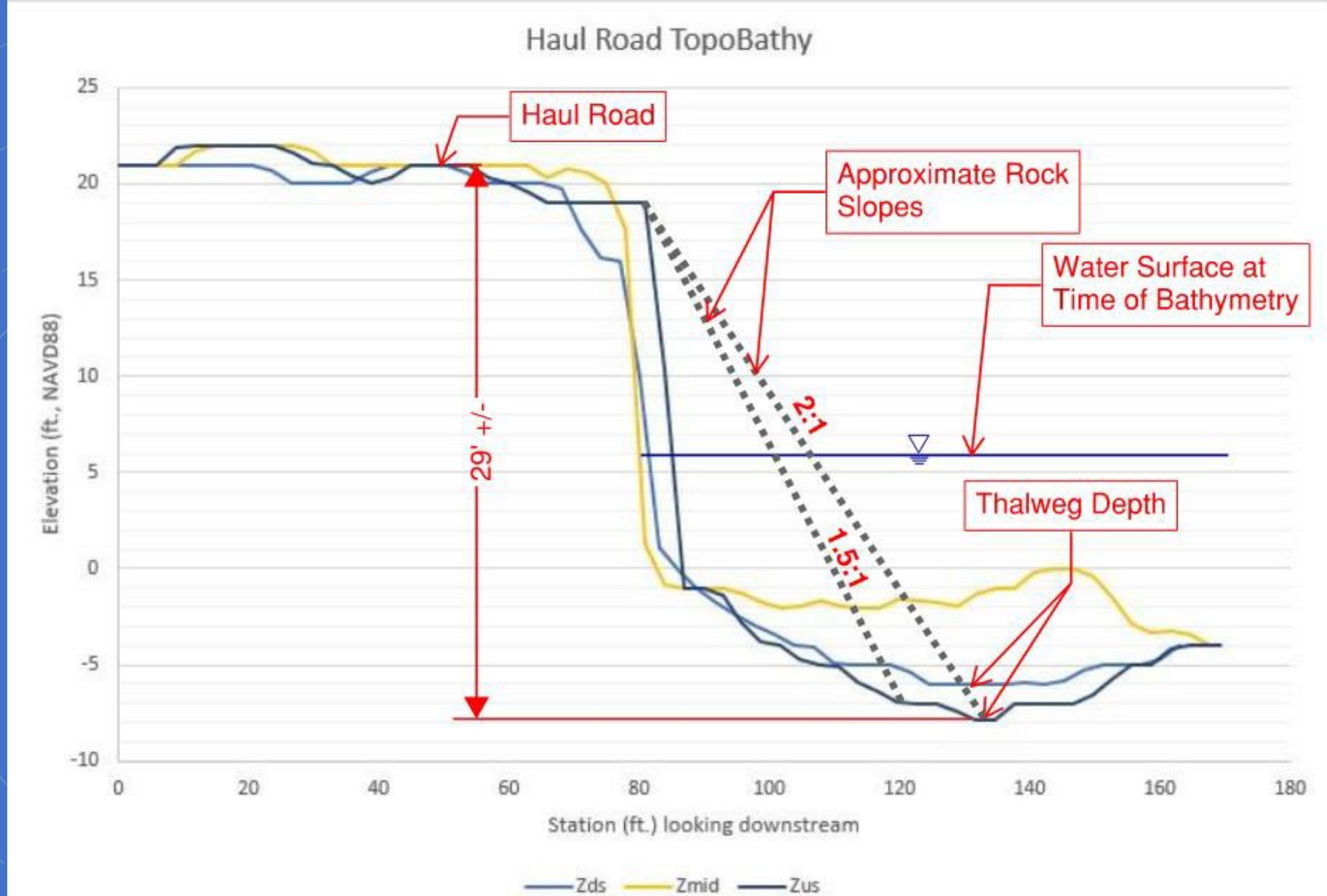


# Emergency Project Concept

- Large rock is the only option identified that is constructable before next flood season and likely to successfully protect the project area with conditions present
- Slope rock at between 1.5:1 and 2:1 Horizontal : Vertical
- Consider incorporation of root wad logs in rock placement
- Consider vegetated rip rap
- Consider benching the rock to allow construction of habitat on top of the rock and/or a softer large wood solution for the upper bank

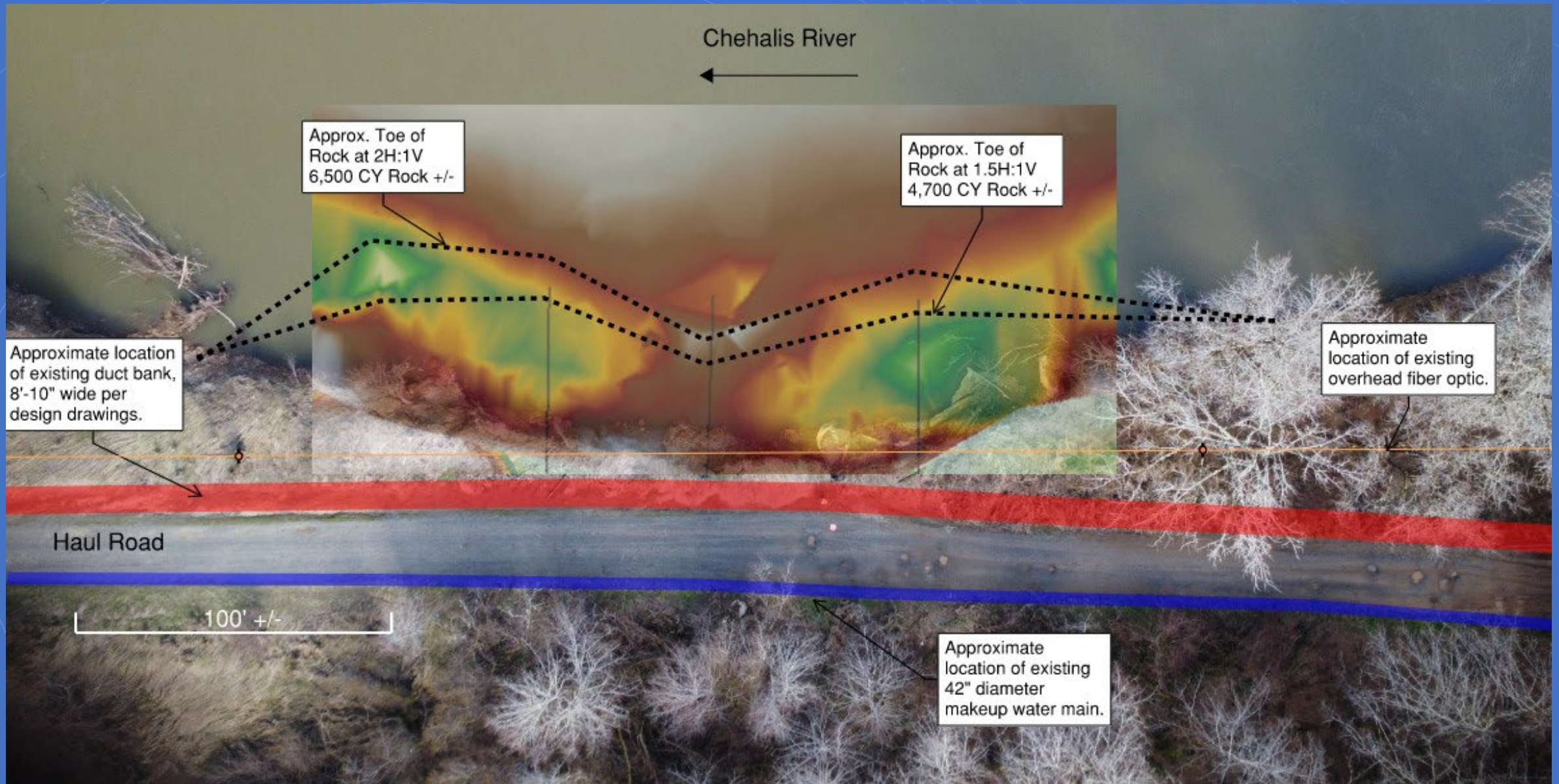


# Emergency Project Concept





# Emergency Project Concept





# Natural Resource Considerations

- Critical areas: Wetlands above top of bank, floodplain, stream/fish & wildlife habitat conservation critical areas (need to check on CARA and any geologic hazard areas)
- Designated critical habitat for bull trout (USFWS)
- Reach utilized by juveniles and critical pass through migration area for salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and other fishes
- Shoreline designation for Chehalis River
- Cultural resources
- In-Water Work Window for Chehalis River in Grays Harbor County (Mouth to Porter Creek) to be verified:
  - i. WDFW – August 1 - August 31
  - ii. USACE – June 1 – October 31
  - iii. USFWS – Additional dates for bull trout?



# Permits Required

- Federal
  - USACE Section 404 Nationwide or Individual Permit
  - NMFS and USFWS Section 7 ESA Consultation
  - DAHP Section 106
  - Ecology Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency
  - NEPA with USACE as Lead Agency
- State
  - Ecology Section 401
  - Ecology NPDES Construction Activity (if >1 acre disturbed)
  - DNR Aquatic Use Authorization
  - WDFW Hydraulic Project Approval
  - DAHP Cultural Resources (EO 21-02)
  - Ecology Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency



# Permits Required (Continued)

- Local
  - SEPA Threshold Determination (Port as lead agency)
  - County Substantial Development or Conditional Use Permit
  - Shoreline Master Program
  - County Critical areas Protection
- **Key Question: With an immediate threat to critical public infrastructure and emergency declarations at the County, State, and Federal levels, is this project subject to emergency permitting?**



# Next Steps

- Discuss suggested project approach in this meeting
- Discuss project concepts in this meeting
- Discuss permitting requirements and timelines in this meeting
- Present to OCB Board May 5
- Continue emergency project design





# ▼ Questions/Discussion