



**Trout Unlimited – Washington Water Project
Swauk Creek Flow Supplementation Project**
Request for Qualifications – Cultural Resource Clearance

July 10th, 2026

I. Background

Trout Unlimited is seeking cultural resource compliance services from qualified consultants for a pipeline project on Swauk Creek, located near Thorp, between Cle Elum and Ellensburg in Kittitas County, WA. Cultural resource inventory and reporting are needed to support National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Section 106 consultation being carried out by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for construction of a pipeline to convey water from the Kittitas Reclamation District (“KRD”) North Branch Canal up to 3 miles upstream on Swauk Creek, as shown in Exhibit A.

The project’s goals are to provide up to 15 cfs supplemental flow for Swauk Creek streamflow improvement while simultaneously improving delivery of 2 cfs for irrigation and fire protection to a private landowner. Supplemental flow to Swauk Creek will moderate stream temperatures, boost summer base flows, and provide longitudinal stream connectivity to support ESA-threatened mid-Columbia Steelhead and Bull trout and non-listed Chinook and Coho salmon plus resident species. Trout Unlimited (TU) will serve as project manager and will be the consultant’s primary contact. The necessary supporting information, such as project design documents and project background information, will be provided by TU to the selected consultant during Scope of Work finalization.

II. Scope of Work

Anticipated tasks associated with this project include:

- Preliminary Design document review to understand the scope of the construction work, Area of Potential Effect (APE), and cultural resource research completed to date
- Cultural resource inventory
- Develop cultural resource inventory report, in close coordination with TU project staff, pursuant to NHPA Section 106 consultation being carried out by USFWS
- Maintain timely communication with TU project staff
- Provide services only as requested by TU and necessary for completion of the Scope of Work and Project Deliverables
- Provide monthly billing invoices with a complete explanation of dates of service, hours, cost, work performed, and additional notes as needed or requested by TU Staff.

III. Project Deliverables

Trout Unlimited - Eastern Washington Program

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The consultant will work with TU and USFWS to support compliance with NHPA Section 106. Deliverables will meet the standards of USFWS and be subject to review and approval by TU staff.

1. Project Document Review

- The consultant will review the project APE, project activities, and existing cultural resource reports.

2. Cultural Resource Inventory and Reporting

- In coordination with TU and USFWS, the consultant will complete cultural resource inventory, including activities such as background research, records review, and pedestrian surveys.
- The consultant will compile a report for use in USFWS NHPA Section 106 consultation. The consultant will provide the report for TU review prior to submittal to USFWS.

3. Consultation support

- The consultant will be available to answer questions and address requested report modifications from TU and USFWS during the NHPA Section 106 consultation process.

IV. Proposed Project Schedule

July 23, 2026	Proposals submitted to Trout Unlimited
July 31, 2026	Consultant Selected
August 14, 2026	Scope Finalized
August 31, 2026	Contract Executed
September 30, 2026	Cultural Resource inventory completed
October 23, 2026	Report submitted to TU for review and forward to USFWS
November 30, 2026	USFWS completes NHPA Section 106 consultation
December 31, 2026	NHPA Section 106 consultation complete

V. Proposal Guidelines and Evaluation

Candidates must prepare a proposal package that includes a letter of interest, qualifications, relevant work experience, at least three (3) client references, a proposed scope of work and schedule, and resumes of key staff. If the candidate submitting a proposal must outsource or contract any work to meet the requirements contained herein, this must be clearly stated in the proposal. A list of qualifications of all staff from firms or contractors who will do the work must be included.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria: 1) consultants balance of knowledge and experience, 2) proven technical ability in cultural resource inventory and reporting pursuant to NHPA Section 106 compliance, 3) successful completion of past similar projects, 4) feedback from past or current clients, 5) Experience working with USFWS archeologist, relevant Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation. Consideration

shall be given to such matters as consultant integrity, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources or accessibility to other necessary resources.

VI. Contact Information

Please send a proposal that addresses the desired qualifications, scope of work, and criteria outlined above. Each candidate must submit one (1) electronic copy to the email address listed below. Please limit submissions to fifteen (10) pages. **Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 pm on July 23rd, 2026.**

Direct proposals and any questions to:

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Swauk Creek Supplemental Flow Area of Potential Effect

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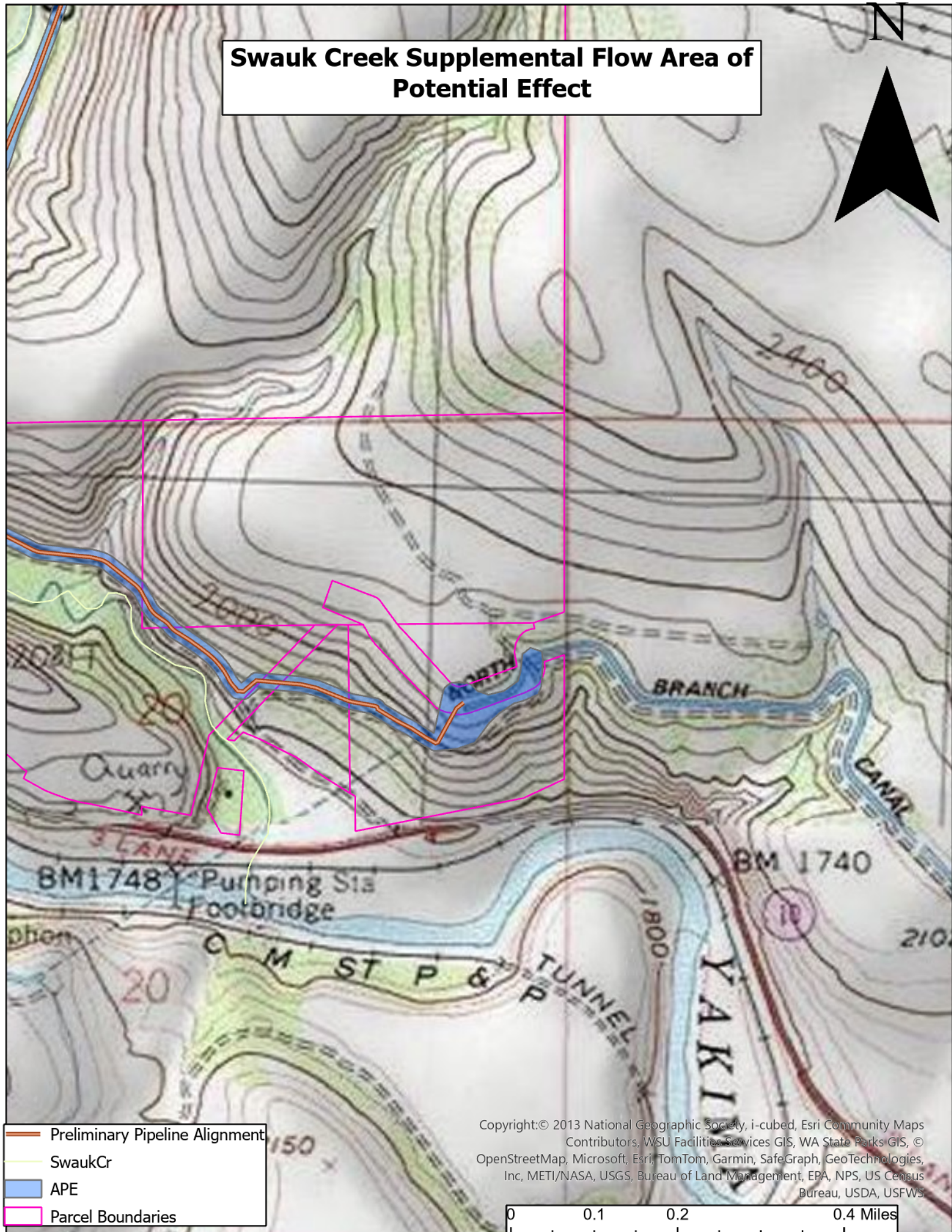
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- SwaukCr
- APE
- Parcel Boundaries

Scale: 0 to 1.1 Miles

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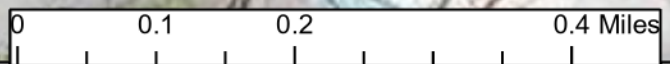
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- Horse
- Burlington Yakima River
- Branch
- Swauk
- BM 1748
- Pumping Station Footbridge
- BM 1740
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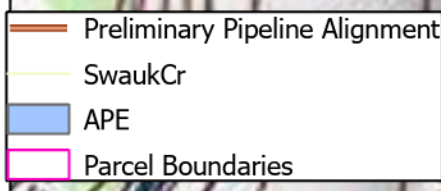
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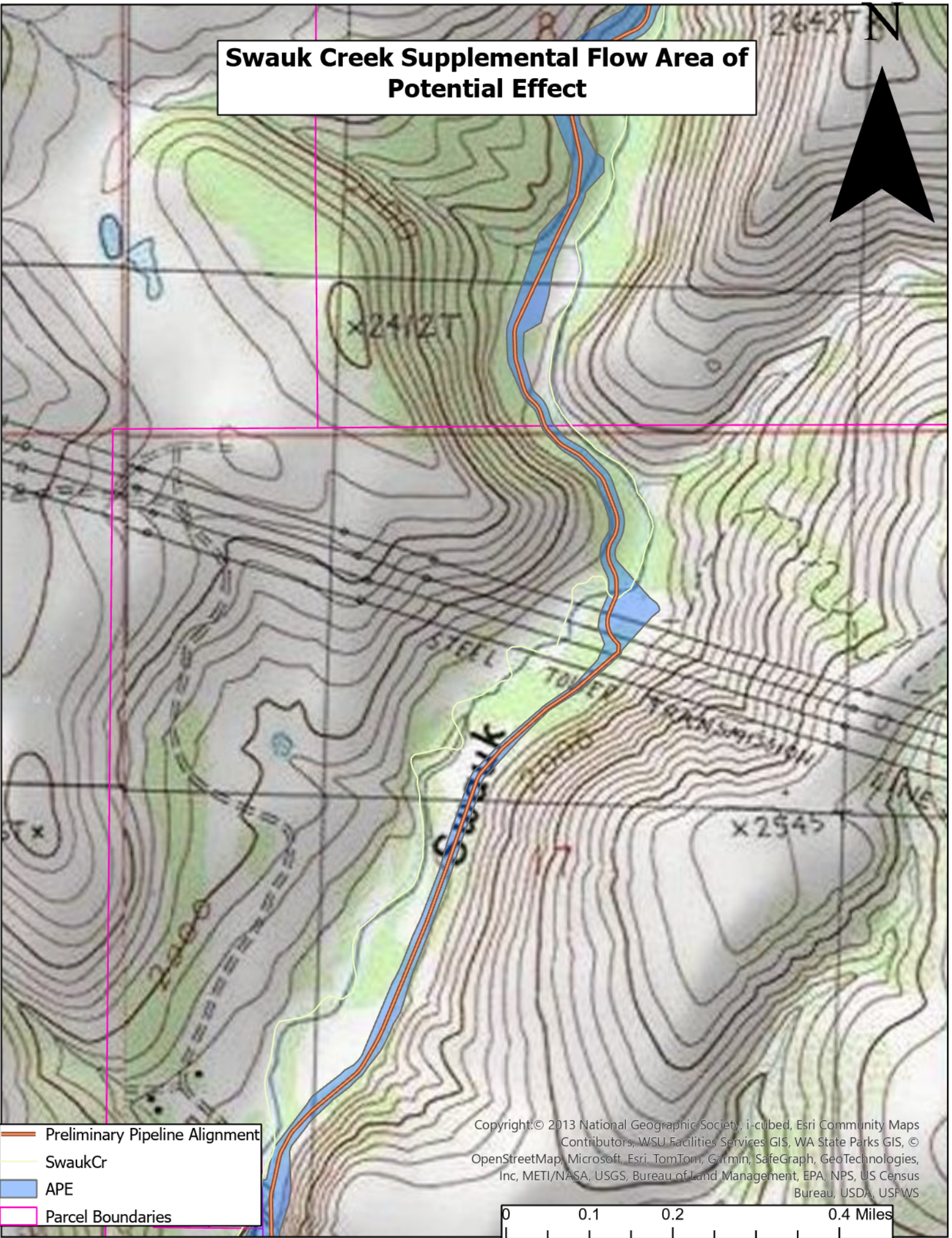
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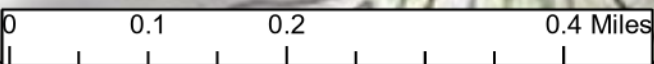
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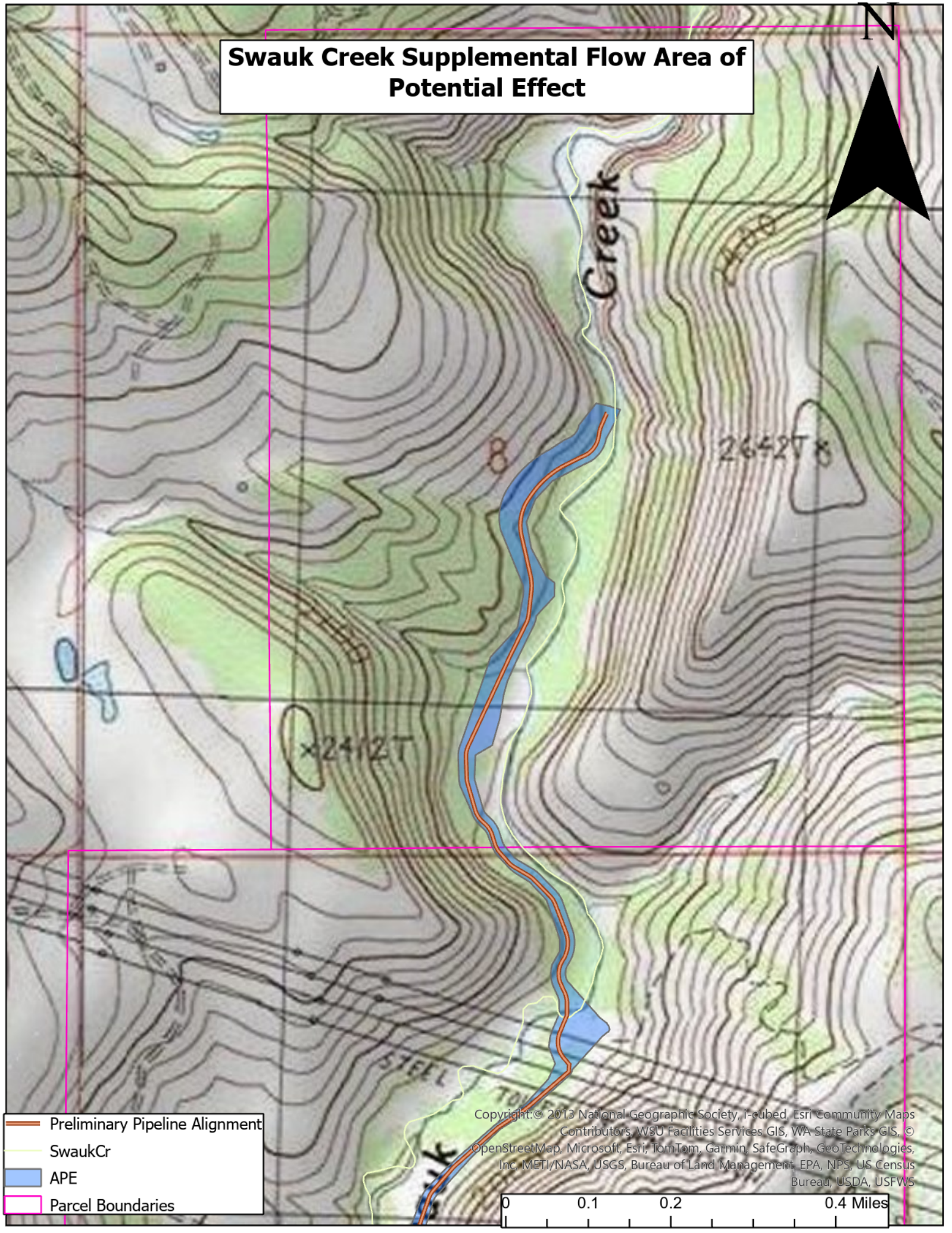


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