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- I would like to speak for the wildlife and habitats of the gorge, especially the wildlife of the Steigerwald Lake, Franz Lake and Pierce National Wildlife Refuges, where I volunteer.
- My concerns:

- Wildlife are frequently killed by trains in the gorge.
 - I have done GPS surveys along the tracks at the Pierce refuge. In just 2-1/2 miles I found the remains of at least 45 large animals killed by trains – mostly elk, but also deer, raptors, coyote, etc.

Increasing train traffic will also increase the amount of wildlife killed by trains.

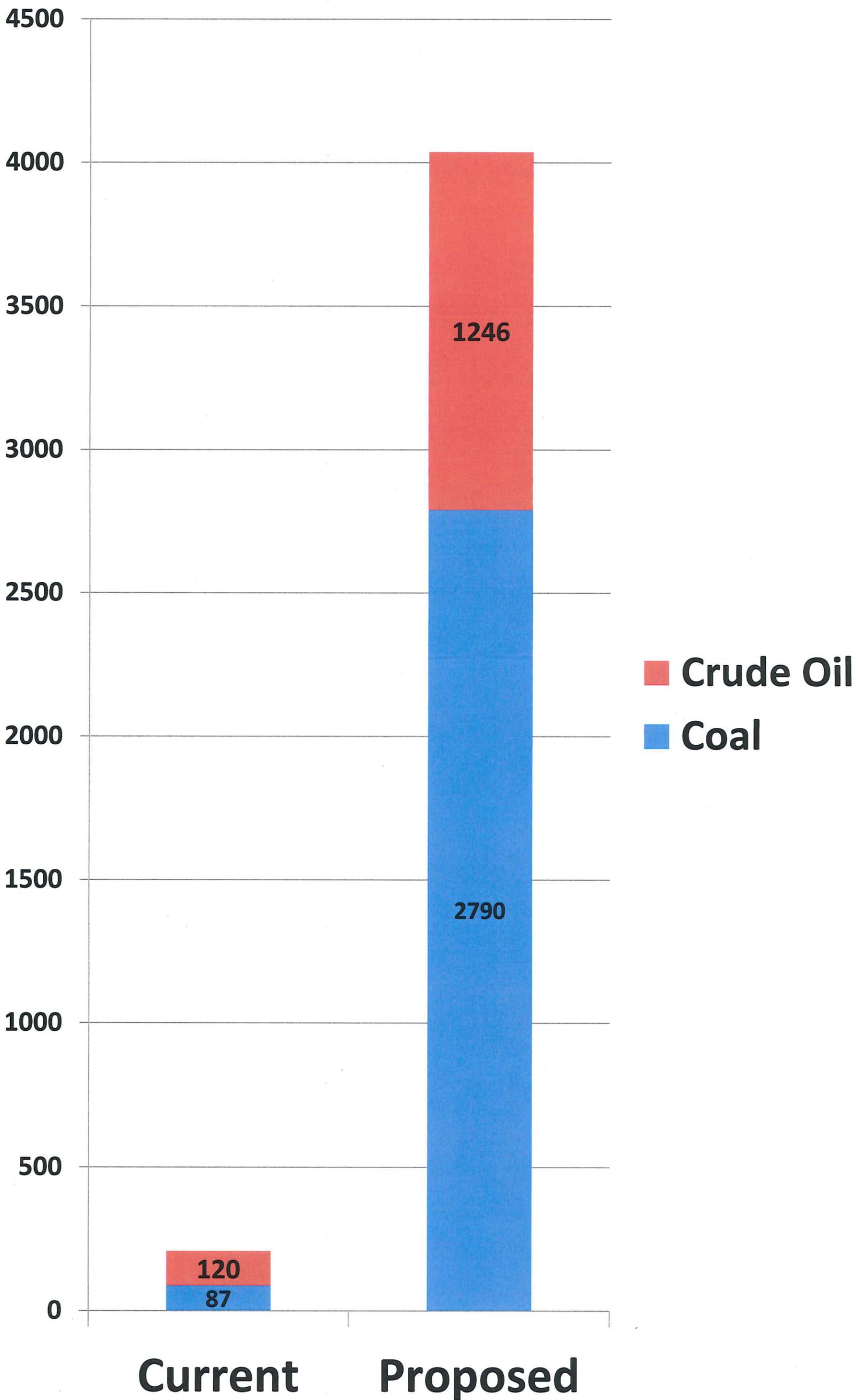
- This project would increase the oil train traffic through the gorge from about 120 cars per day to 1,246 cars per day – which is more than **10 times** the current oil train traffic.
- When combined with all the coal export proposals, the number of cars for coal & oil goes from 207 per day to 4,037 per day – **20 times** the current coal & oil traffic.
- And of course there are other freight and passenger trains using the tracks.
- Increased train traffic will severely impede or stop wildlife migrations.
 - This amount of train traffic will mean that there will be a train on the tracks nearly ^{all the} of time. This will prevent wildlife from migrating across the tracks like they do currently. **The tracks in effect become a 1200 mile long wall.**
- Cumulative effects
 - The cumulative impact of ALL of these proposals needs to be considered together – not each one individually.

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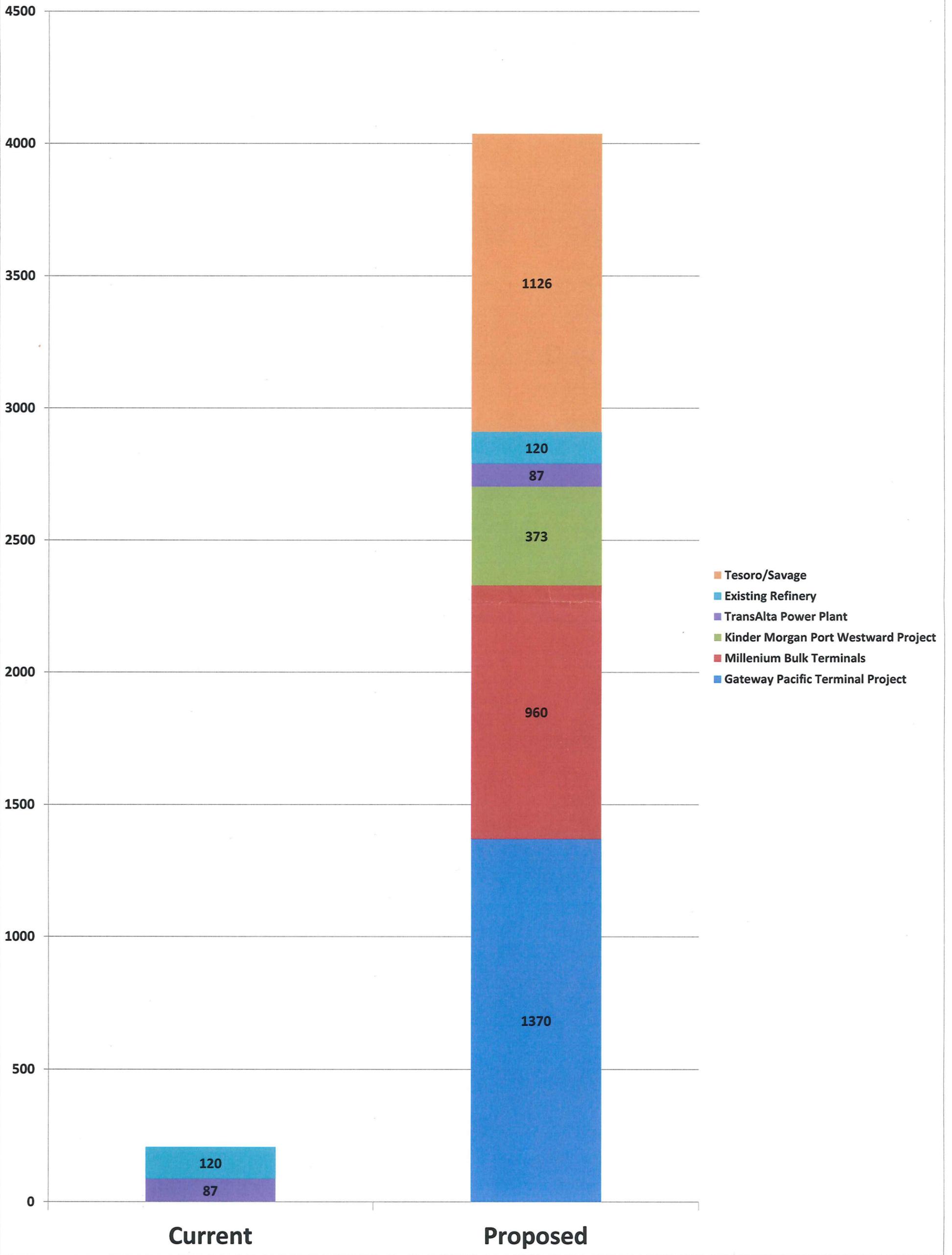
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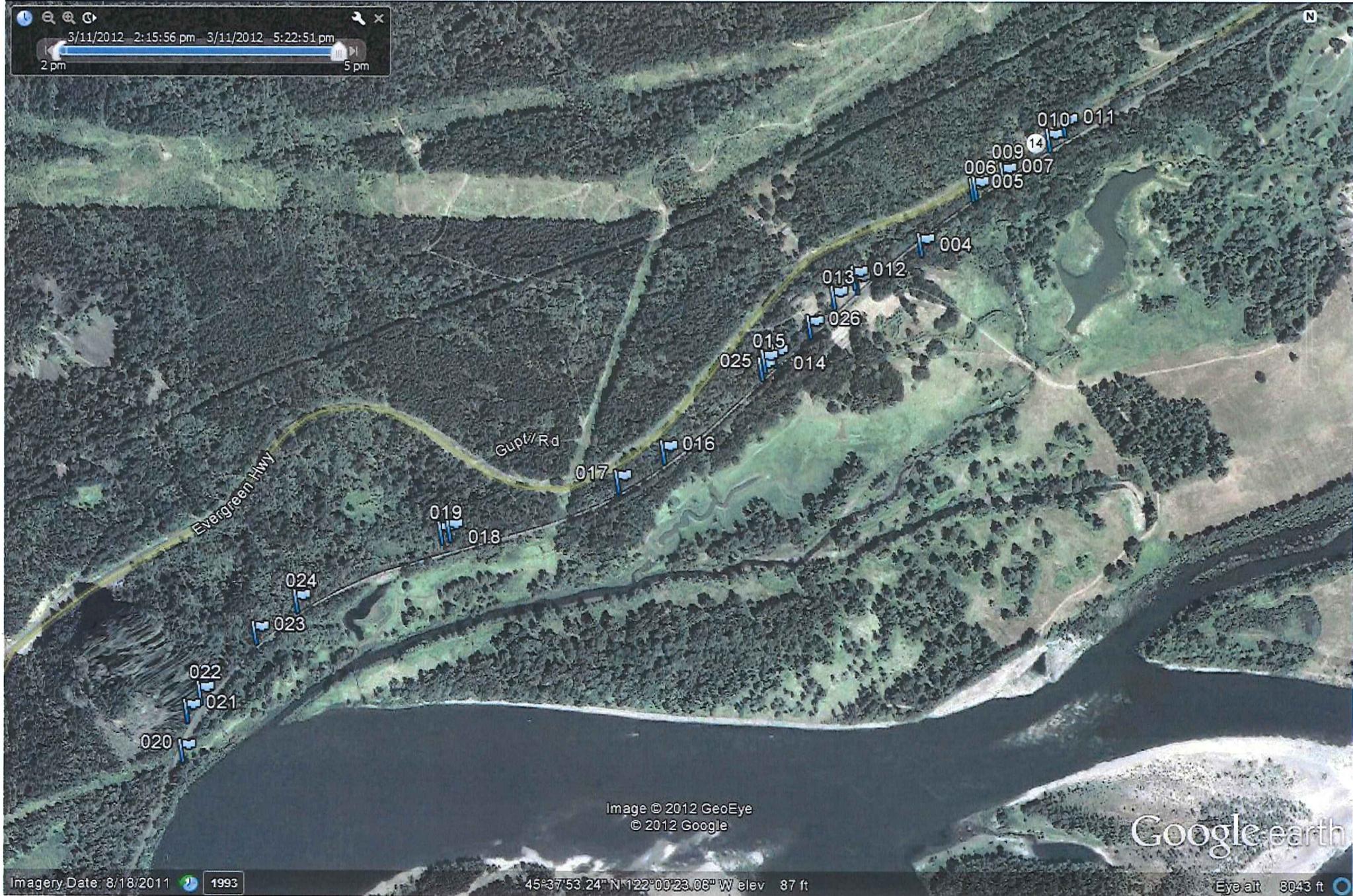


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