Kathy Grotto

From: McDonald,Mike <mike.mcdonald@idfg.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Kathy Grotto
Subject: RE: 3 Creeks & the Idaho Conservation Data Center
Attachments: Three Cr Crossing Sub BLGW 2016.jpg

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Kathy:

Relative to potential plant and/or riparian-wetland issues associated with the property I looked at our wetland conservation priority database and our at-risk plant species database. None of the riparian or wetland habitats within Croy Creek are on the priority list. Application of the County's riparian setback requirements should be sufficient.

One species of plant, bugleg goldenweed (Idaho SGCN and sensitive species with the USFS/BLM) was observed in northwest corner of the property in 1993 (see attached map). It was also detected in two places on the State land bordering the property to the south, in several locations around Richardson Summit, and in the Camp and Poison Creek drainages. This species is typically associated with wet meadows but does occur in wetter sites within sagebrush steppe habitat. In speaking with our botanist, it may have occurred on the property along the ag field edges in natural swales that stayed wet into the early summer or other low lying areas that received irrigation runoff. We have no idea if it still occurs on the property.

Not sure how you want to proceed with this info. Call if you'd like to discuss. Thanks.

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Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2016 4:58 PM
To: McDonald,Mike
Subject: FW: 3 Creeks & the Idaho Conservation Data Center

Hi Mike,

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EXHIBIT

Any thoughts on the below message from Tom Bergin? With more subdivisions now coming in, including the larger "Three Creeks Crossing" proposal, we want to make sure we're looking sufficiently at plants as well as wildlife. The recent correspondence from Toby Boudreau on Three Creeks Crossing does include a couple of notes on vegetation, but is there more that we should be doing (or more accurately, have the applicants be doing) in terms of gathering information on plants, plant communities, rare plants, etc? This particular subdivision is mostly in agricultural fields, but does include some wetland and riparian areas.
Thanks for any thoughts.

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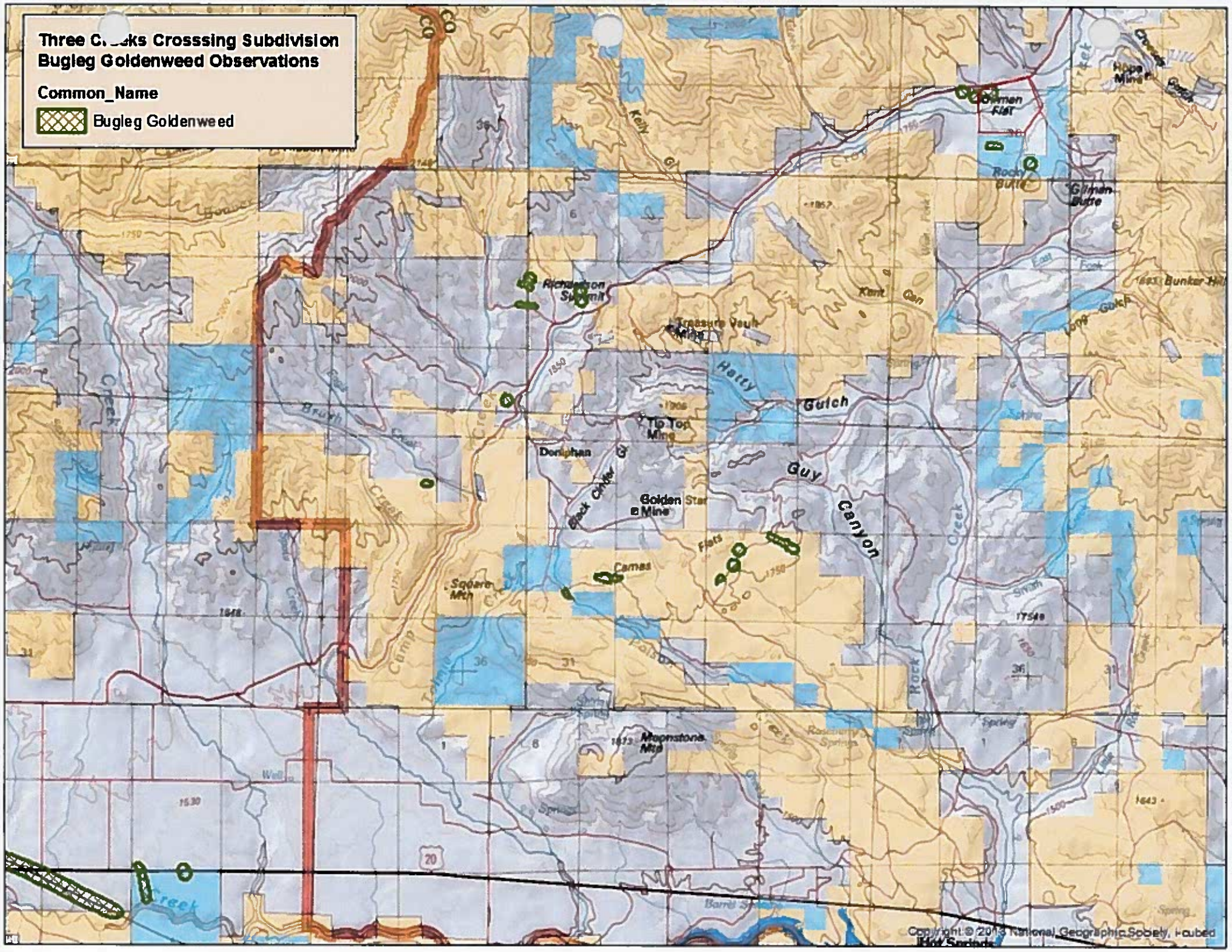
From: Tom Bergin
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2016 4:41 PM
To: Kathy Grotto
Subject: 3 Creeks & the Idaho Conservation Data Center

Kathy,

The plant information source that I was looking for is mentioned in the definitions in 9-17-6(B) Riparian Setback District, Riparian Plant Community. It refers to the Idaho Conservation Data Center. Apparently, that center is being phased out and the information integrated into other Fish & Game resources. The webpage below says "[t]his page is provided to replace content formerly provided by the Idaho Conservation Data Center." Some of the reports are about plants. Maybe Mike McDonald at Fish & Game could provide more help on how to best gather information on and evaluate this plant component in the subdivision process. Tom

https://idfg.idaho.gov/content/page/idaho-natural-heritage-program-technical-reports


Three Creeks Crosssing Subdivision
Bugleg Goldenweed Observations
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Richardson Summit
Treasure Vault Mine
Hatty Gulch
Tip Top Mine
Doniphan
Golden Star Mine
Guy Canyon
Camas Flats
Square Mtn
Moonstone Mtn
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