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PROJECT REVIEW APPLICATION

CD-07-02-S USFW-VIEWCUT AT FRANZ LAKE

APPLICANT(S)			PROPERTY OWNERS
USDI- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service			USDI – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
MAILING ADDRESS			MAILING ADDRESS
Franz Lake National Wildlife Refuge			Franz Lake National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 1136			P.O. Box 1136
35501 S.E. Evergreen Highway			35501 S.E. Evergreen Highway
Washougal, WA 98671			Washougal, WA 98671
APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE AND DATE			PROPERTY OWNER’S SIGNATURE AND DATE
James R. Clapp, Refuge Manager			James R. Clapp, Refuge Manager
PHONE: (360) 835-8767			PHONE: (360) 835-8767
E-MAIL:jim_clapp@fws.gov			E-MAIL: jim_clapp@fws.gov
LOCATION OF PROPERTY			PROPERTY ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)
TOWNSHIP: 1N	RANGE: 6E	SECTION: 4	No address is assigned to this parcel
QUARTER SECTION: NE	TAX LOT: #1-6-4-100		
PARCEL SIZE (ACRES): 0.5			COUNTY: Skamania
EXISTING LAND USE: Small Woodland (F-3); Skamania County			STATE: Washington

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Describe your proposed project, including details on structures to be built, location and types of utilities and infrastructure, drainfields, accessory buildings, ground leveling, and filling, or any other relevant activity or mitigation measures proposed. Use additional sheets as necessary:

A vehicle turnout and overlook deck, constructed in 1996, is located along the south side Washington SR 14, north of Franz Lake, and east of Skamania, Washington.. This overlook was constructed to provide a safe and accessible viewing area to visitors along SR 14 desiring to view tundra swans and other waterfowl using Franz Lake. It also provides interpretation of the natural resources of the lake via three interpretive panels. This Franz Lake Viewpoint is identified in the Recreation Development Plan of the CRGNSA Management Plan.

Although the deck does provide a viewpoint to the lake, over the past five years the vegetation in the two primary viewing areas to the lake are becoming overgrown with shrubs and small trees, to the point that viewing is becoming increasingly difficult. The attached photographs portray the effects of the vegetation on the viewing opportunities. This vegetation is located on the Franz Lake National Wildlife Refuge, owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The proposed project is to clear the overgrown shrubs and small trees in the areas indicated on the photographs using a chainsaw. Clearing will be conducted during the late winter/early spring, when leaves are off the vegetation and waterfowl numbers are minimal. Cut trees/branches will be stacked in small piles to facilitate movement while clearing, but otherwise left onsite.

Cut stumps will be back-pack sprayed with a 4% solution of Crossbow (a mixture of 2, 4-d and triclopyr) following label instructions in order to reduce resprouting. Following U.S. Fish and Wildlife Region 1 pesticide application guidance, this product will not be applied closer than 25 feet to water, or on steep slopes if rainfall is expected within 24 hours.

No ground will be disturbed. If any evidence is located during clearing operations, work will be stopped, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Washington State cultural resources representatives will be contacted before resuming work activities.

Permission will be received from BNSF before crossing their tracks to access the clearing sites.

of **Application Checklist: the following is required to complete your application:**

- Application form completed and signed
- Site Plan
- Key viewing areas checklist (attached)
- Names and addresses of adjacent property owners within 200 feet of parcel
- Any additional information as required:

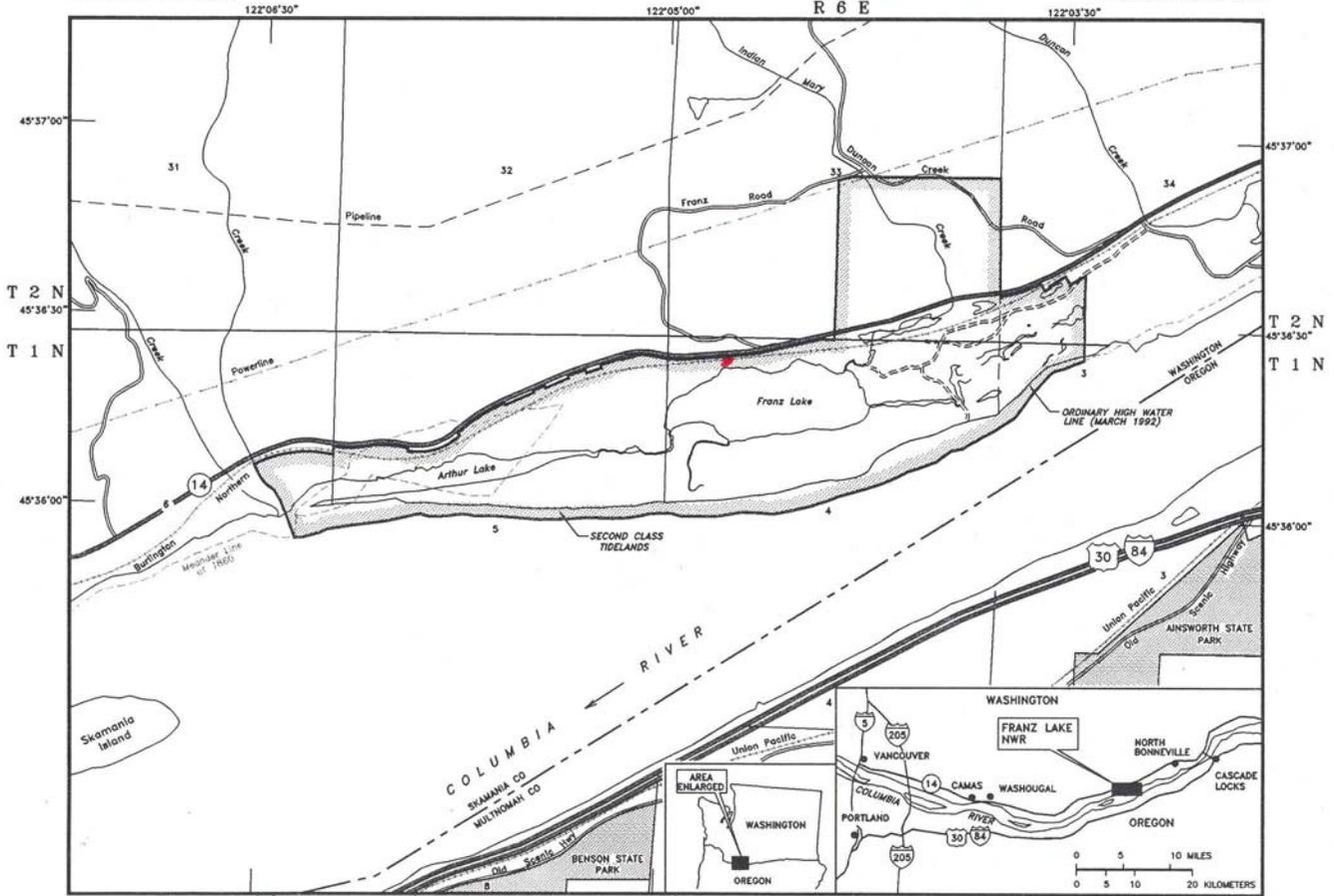
KEY VIEWING AREAS: Key viewing areas are important public viewpoints and areas that afford opportunities to view the Gorge scenery. Key viewing areas are listed below. Please check those sites which can be seen from your property.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Columbia River Highway | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington State Route 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy River | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Route 142 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portland Women's Forum State Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Route 141 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crown Point | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook-Underwood Road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rooster Rock State Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Mountain Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multnomah Falls | <input type="checkbox"/> Beacon Rock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Larch Mountain | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Horn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway I-84, including rest stops | <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonneville Dam Visitor Centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Crest Trail Oregon Highway 35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sherrard Point on Larch Mountain | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rowena Plateau/Nature Conservancy Viewpoint | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Larch Mountain Road | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wyeth Bench Road | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Road 1230 (Old WA St. Route 14) | |

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 SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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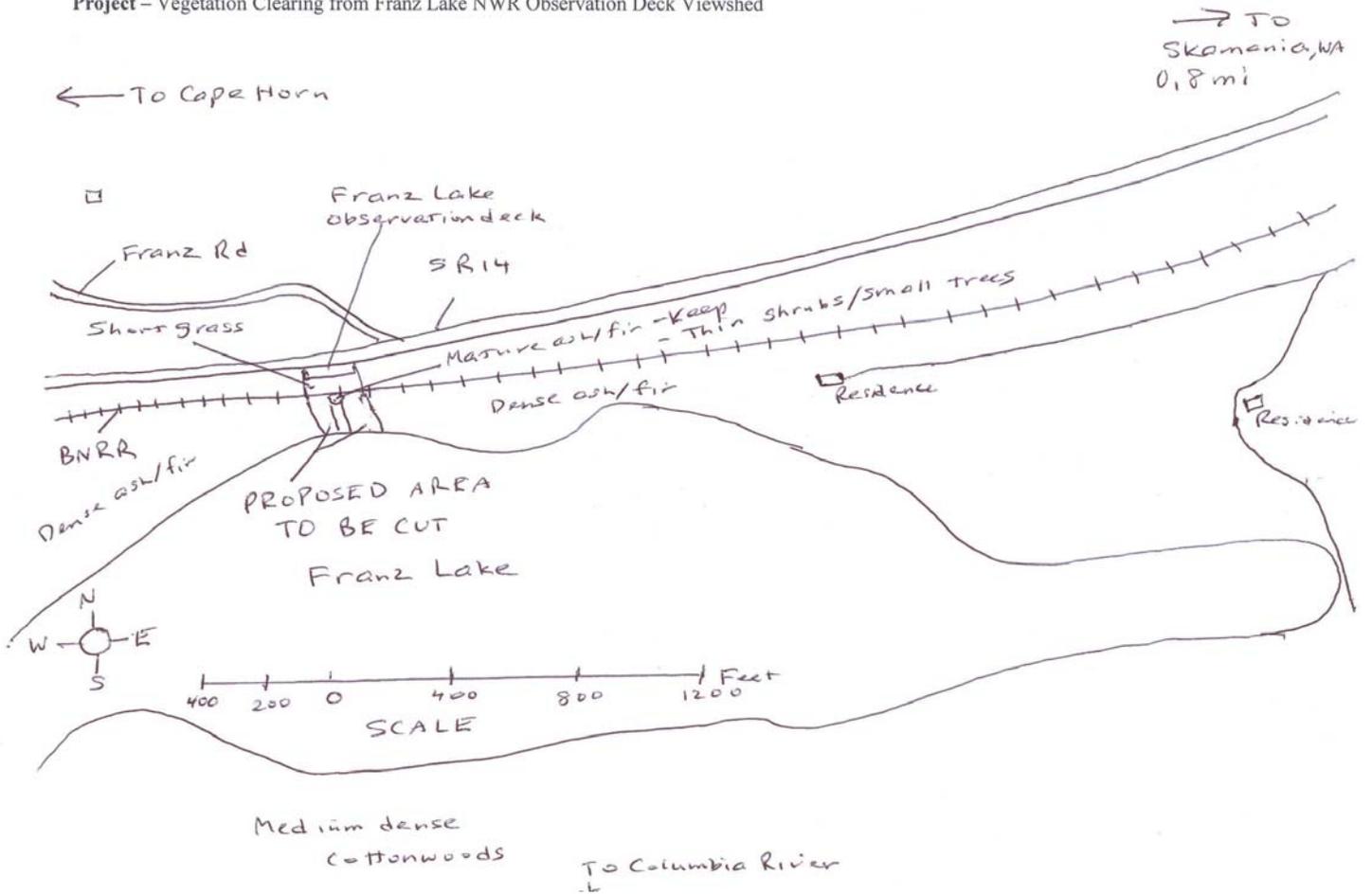
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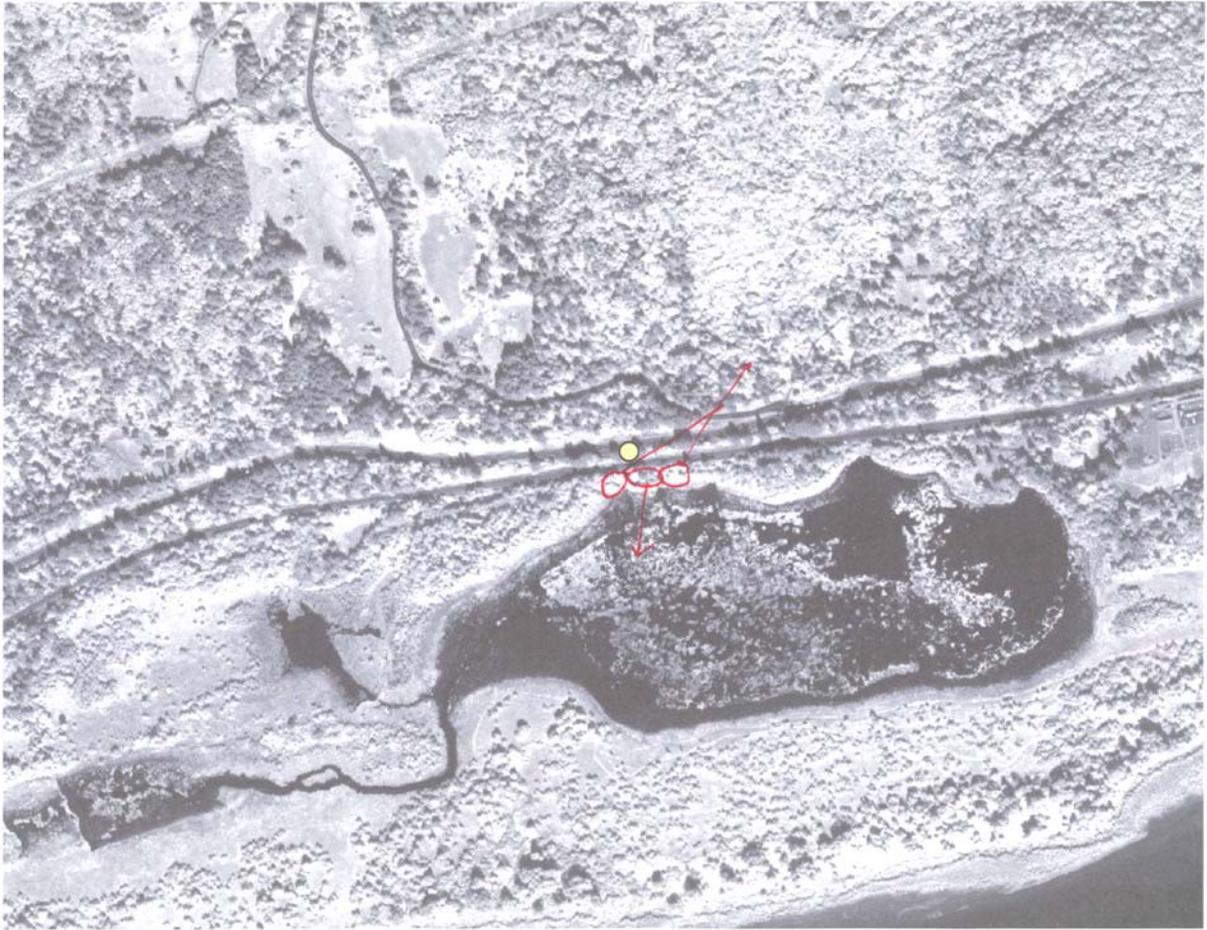
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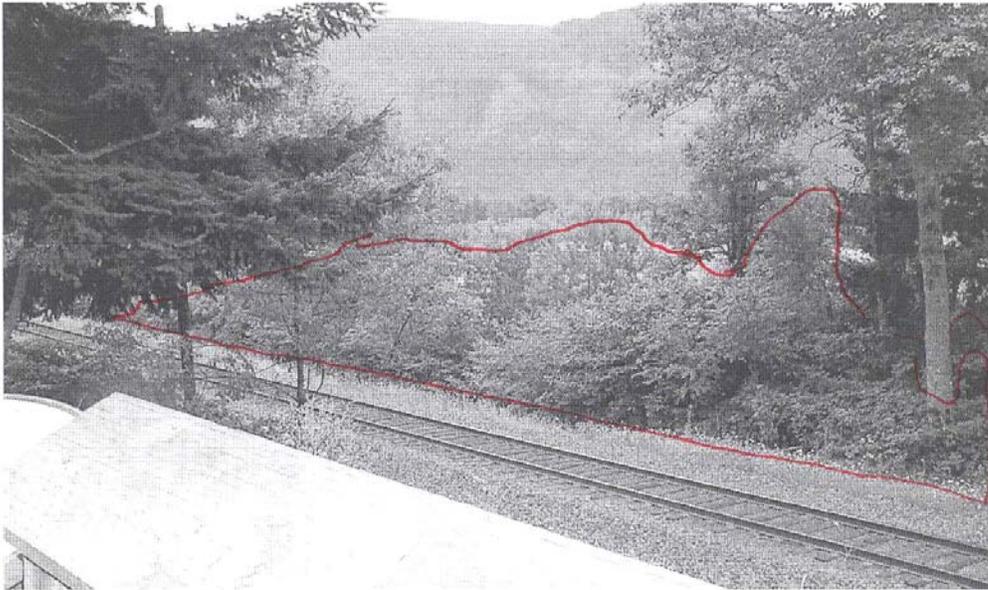
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Applicant - USDI - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 Location - Franz Lake National Wildlife Refuge
 Project - Vegetation Clearing from Franz Lake NWR Observation Deck Viewshed

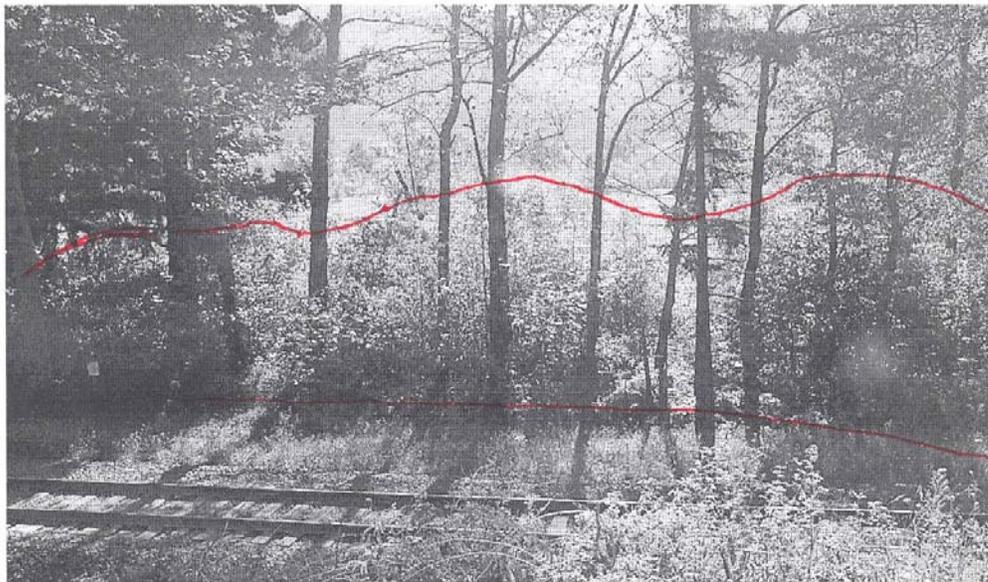




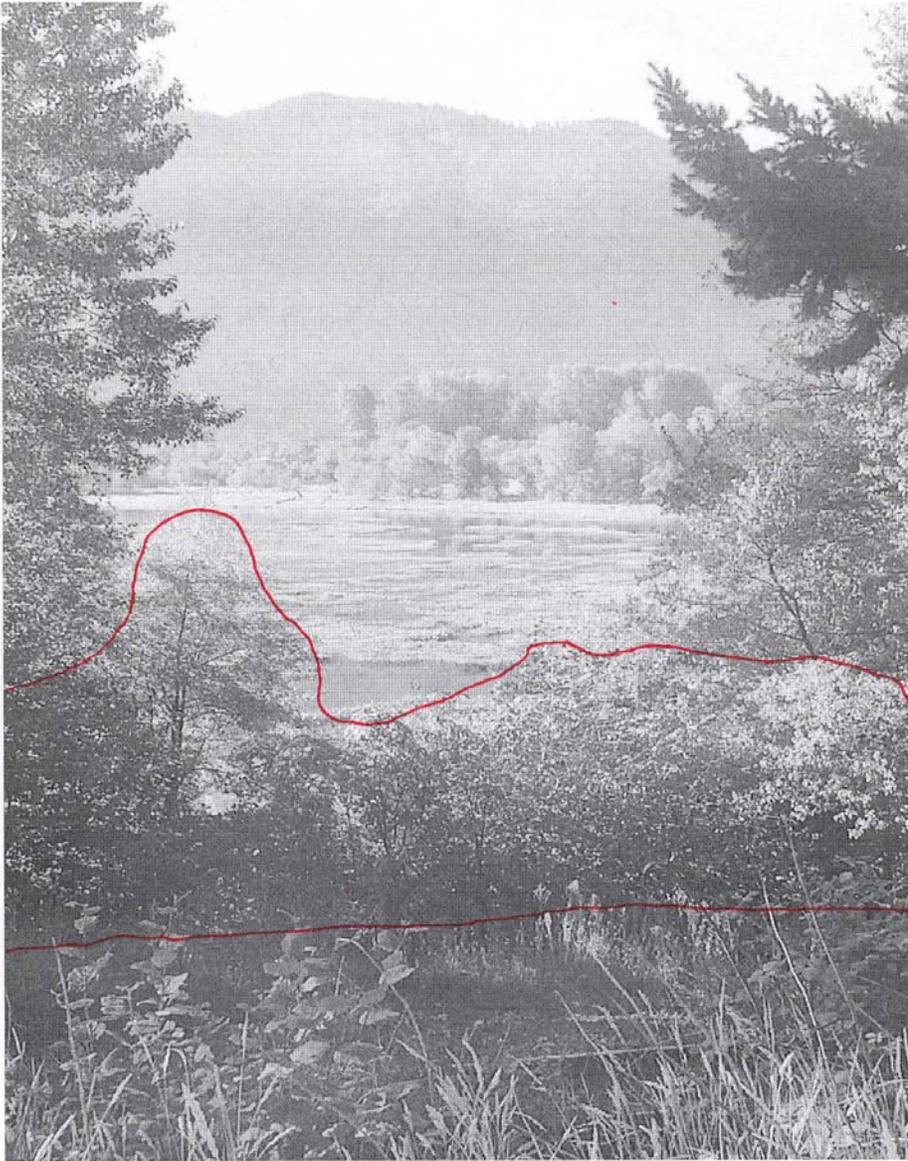
Photos of Proposed Vegetation Clearing Site, Franz Lake NWR Overlook



Franz Lake Overlook – Left opening with vegetation to be cleared marked.



Franz Lake Overlook – Southern view through the trees with vegetation to be cleared marked. This view is between the left and right openings view.



Franz Lake Overlook – Right opening with vegetation to be cleared marked.