

Chair Lieber and Members of the Committee;

Below is my pictorial testimony in Support of SB 85-4. I will include some captions.

I live on what is left of the family farm in Scio. 5 generations already of my family and 8 generations of the people in Jordan have grown up playing in this creek, Thomas Creek. Since time immemorial Kalapuyan children have played in this water. All of these proposed sites for CAFOs are by water. **These sites have all been farmed in a low impact way since farming began in the Willamette Valley. Our waters are still clean and support aquatic life. This is what we are fighting to protect.**



August 2022 Tadpole hunting expedition Thomas Creek





September 16, 2021, look how clear Thomas Creek still is this late in the season





This is the Jordan site, see how Thomas Creek borders it, the green area in the lower left quadrant leading to the creek is a perennial stream. The plans on this site show building plans as near as 50 feet from the property line to the neighbor to the right



These are happy dairy cows in Jordan Valley near Scio





The same dairy but if you look closely you can see a herd of elk here in the top left quadrant , this is what family farming in the Jordan Valley looks like.



This is how low Thomas Creek is September 22, 2022. This creek is irrigated out of and this flow you see by the little rock bar represents the spot on the creek after all the streams have run into it. There is very little water flow by this time of year.

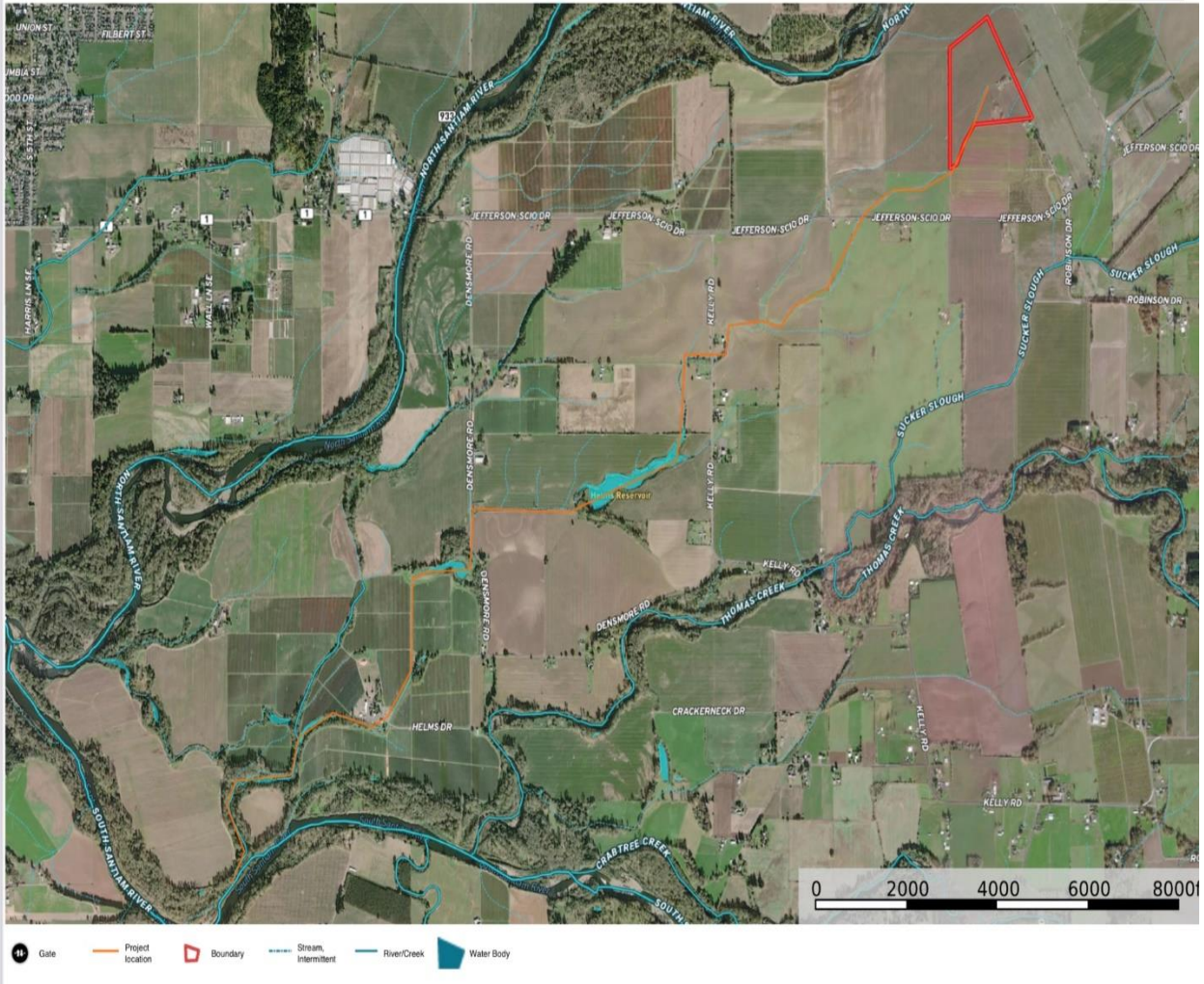




This is a very wet day in January looking right toward the proposed J-S Ranch site near Jefferson

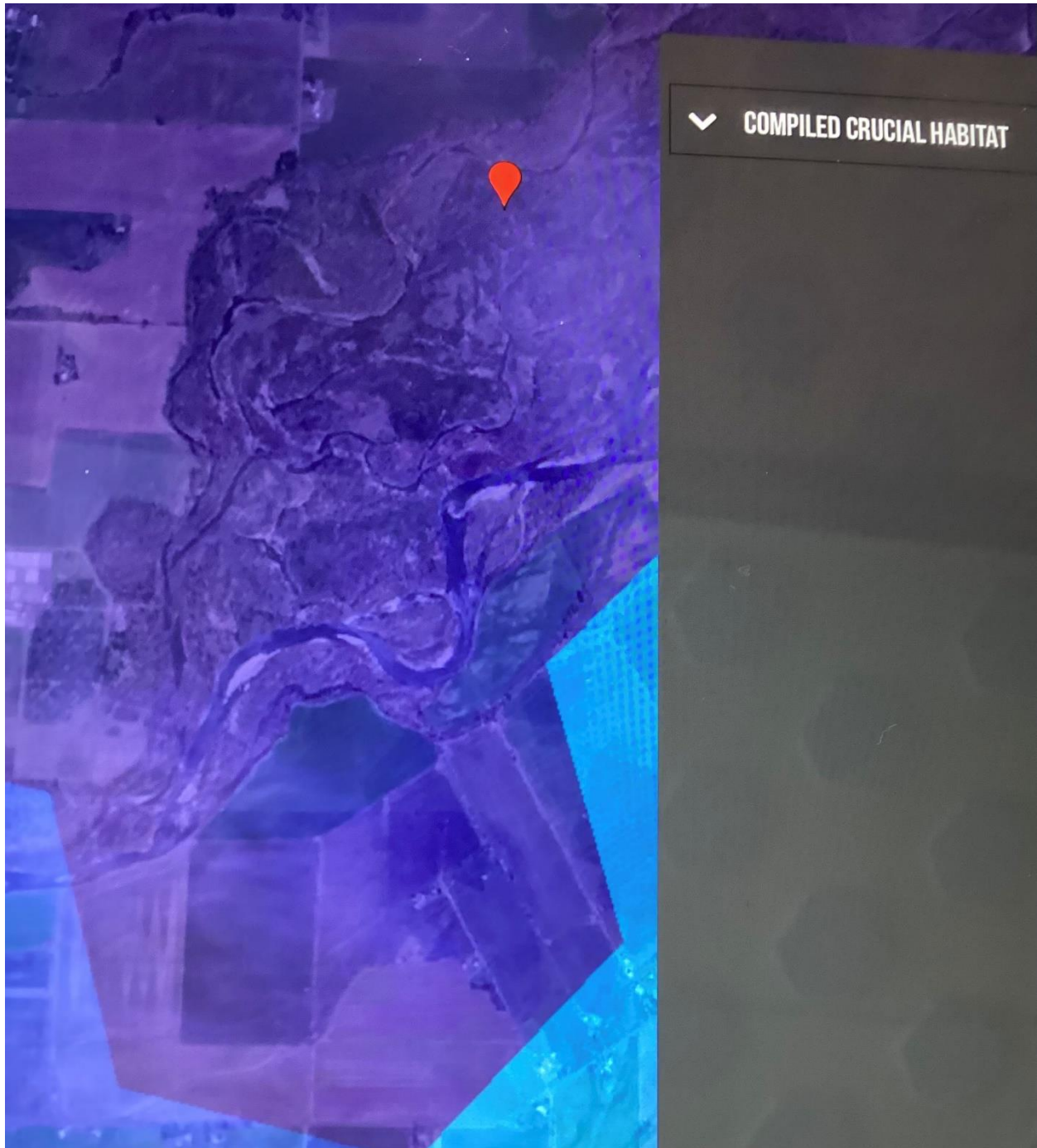
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Thomas Ck.  
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1 This is showing the J-S Ranch siting by Jefferson in relation to all the waterways around it.





The purple here represents what is deemed Critical Wildlife Habitat by ODF&W. This area is Known as Wiseman Island. It is very important for the Salmon. Beavers have been working hard for, well, thousands of years on this project





Please note how the North Santiam is headed South right towards the proposed J-S Site