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BLANCHARD WORKING FOREST

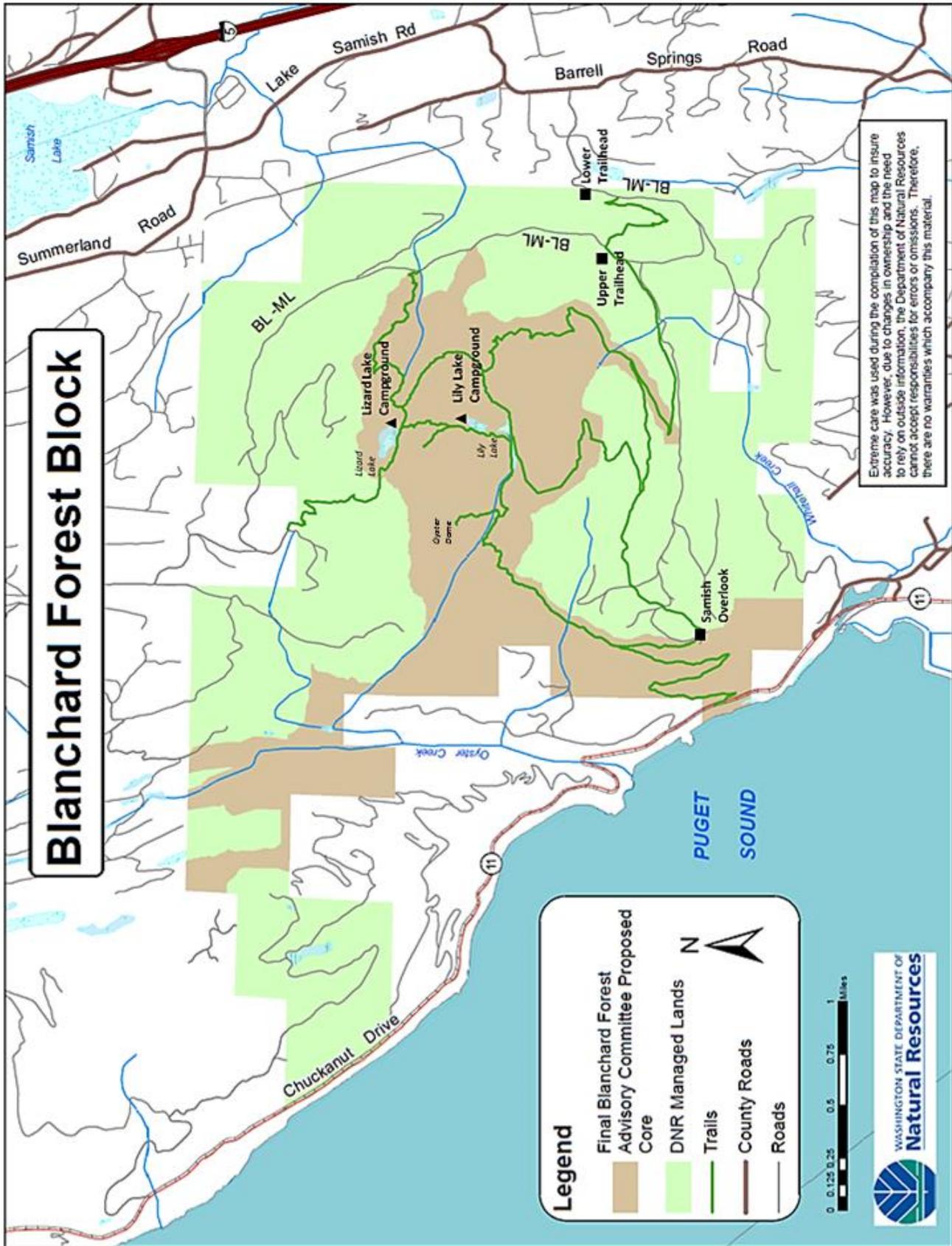
- A 4,800-acre forest in Skagit County managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- A popular recreation destination with trails for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking, paragliding opportunities, campgrounds and mountain vistas with views across the Salish Sea.
- A coastal forest with numerous conservation values including important wildlife habitat, steep cliffs, wetlands, caves, streams as well as Lily and Lizard lakes.
- State trust land that DNR manages to generate revenue to support Skagit County, Medic One, the Port of Skagit and United General Hospital as well as the Burlington-Edison School District.

BLANCHARD FOREST STRATEGY

- A signed agreement between DNR, trust land beneficiaries and a diverse group of stakeholders that identifies the principles and objectives for managing Blanchard Forest.
- The outcome of years of discussions, negotiations and planning by DNR, Skagit County, Backcountry Horseman of Washington, Skagit Land Trust, industrial forest managers, Friends of Blanchard, Washington State Parks, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Conservation Northwest and community members.

BLANCHARD CORE ZONE

- A 1,600-acre area identified in the Blanchard Forest Strategy (see map on back).
- The zone within the forest that would be placed into conservation status and no longer used to generate revenue for the beneficiaries. In order to place these lands into conservation status DNR needs to purchase replacement lands for the core zone. An additional \$7.7 million dollars is needed to complete the replacement land acquisitions.



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