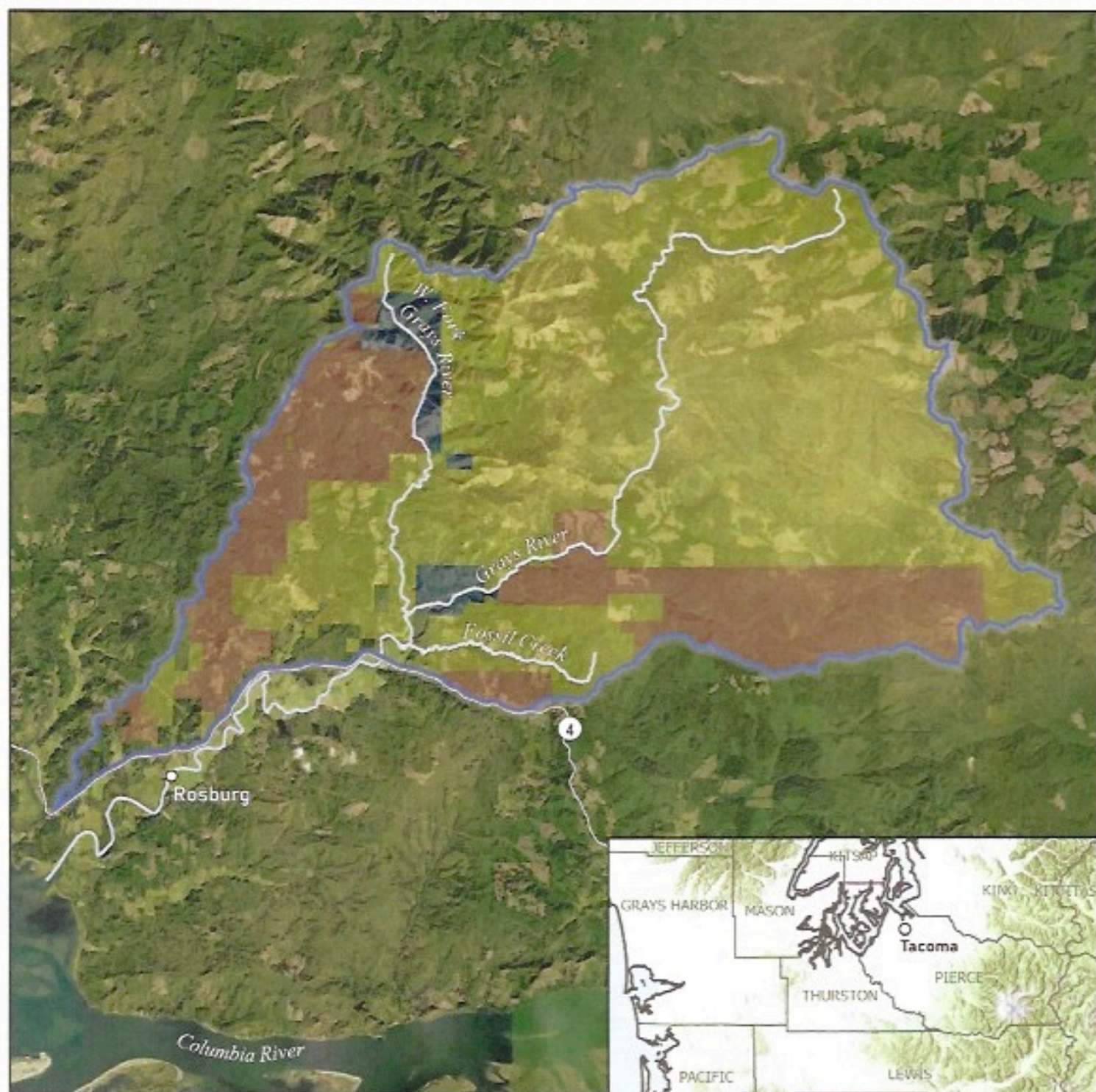


UPPER GRAYS RIVER COMMUNITY FOREST FOCUS AREA



Upper Grays River Community Forest Focus Area

Land Use

- Private Timber
- WA Department of Natural Resources
- Conserved Land



UPPER GRAYS RIVER COMMUNITY FOREST



LOCAL CONTROL AND A SHARED FUTURE

The Upper Grays River is rich in forests; abundant with salmon, steelhead, and wildlife; and beloved by the public for fishing, hunting, and enjoyment. The **Upper Grays River Community Forest** will acquire and manage working forests to provide sustainable economic, environmental, and community benefits for the people of Wahkiakum and Pacific counties, Washington. We care about the long-term security and local management of these forests and waterways.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A COMMUNITY FOREST?

- **Public Access:** Community Forest land will be open for recreational uses including fishing, hunting, and hiking.
- **Economic Impact:** Timber revenues from the Community Forest will support public services and forest management will support local forestry-related jobs.
- **Community Vision:** Lands will be managed to protect the long-term health and integrity of the watershed as a whole. The forest will be managed to foster ecological health and revenue generation, to positively impact clean water and air, to mitigate flooding risk, and to create fish and wildlife habitat. The Community Forest will seek out opportunities to collaborate with other regional landowners that share our vision of a thriving, productive Grays River watershed.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

The Community Forest will be governed by a Public Development Authority—a legal structure created to ensure community representation and balanced decision-making. A six-person steering committee will include Wahkiakum and Pacific County Commissioners, citizens from each county selected by the commissioners, and two Columbia Land Trust staff. This structure will support transparent management and honest, effective, and fiscally responsible operations.