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Date: June 16, 2026 at 4:57 PM
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Hi Ryan,

Beyond what we previously provided, some of the GIS data includes sensitive resource information, so it cannot be widely shared with the general public. In addition, the treatment unit data is still in a preliminary state and will change as it is refined. Sharing it broadly at this stage could lead to confusion.

The GIS data is however available upon request as stated in the draft EA, it just requires submitting a FOIA request. I have forwarded your request to the FOIA inbox if you want to follow up with that request it will need to be through that FOIA process.

Please see the below link to the Forest Service FOIA Site

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/foia>

Again, thank you for your interest in this important project on our public lands!

Sincerely,

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Thanks Alison,

I appreciate the info but I'm a bit confused about the GIS data not being available. In the response to comments on the Draft EA for this project, the Forest Service specifically stated that "project GIS data is available upon request." (See Appendix C, p. 34). Why is that not the case now?

Ryan



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On Jun 11, 2026, at 10:01 AM, Center, Alison - FS, WA <alison.center@usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Ryan,

Thank you for your patience and your interest in this project. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide individual shapefiles. The following should provide you with much of the information you are looking for.

1. a. Regarding silvicultural prescriptions – the stand level silviculture prescriptions would not be finalized until near the time that the units are laid out. Please note that the identified treatment units are still preliminary and the unit boundaries are not finalized yet. While basic existing conditions are known, the units have not been laid out on the ground, cruised, nor skips for wildlife habitat, sensitive plants and other resources mapped and eliminated from thinning treatments. The final treatment units would likely be smaller than those shown on the maps; they would not be larger.
b. Regarding tree data - see explanation in Appendix A of the Canyon Forest Restoration Project: Silviculture/Timber Effects Analysis, data from representative stands were used and are provided in Table 2. The Unit identifiers in the table correspond to **Canyon Project Area Map Logging Systems and Hand-felling Areas.pdf** (website <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/olympic/projects/62260>).
2. Northwest Forest Plan land use allocations are displayed on the **Canyon FRP treatments with LUA Map.pdf**.
3. Forest Plan Management Areas are displayed on the **Canyon Forest Plan MA_04.22.2026.pdf**.
4. As described in the Soils report, data was used from the NRCS Web soil survey site <https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/> and it is publicly accessible.
5. For threatened, endangered, and sensitive species information including wildlife habitat, please see the **Canyon Forest Restoration Project: Wildlife Report**, especially **Appendix B** which has links describing the species and their habitat in greater depth (report attached).

The following links lead to a wealth of publicly available layers that may provide some of the information requested, such as the transportation portion that includes all the roads: <https://data-usfs.hub.arcgis.com/>

Here is a link to the geodatabase clearinghouse: <https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/edw/index.php>

Thank you again for your interest,

Best Regards,

Alison



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Hi Alison,

I know the agency is swamped so apologies to keep bugging you on this but the objection period is quickly evaporating and it would be really helpful to have the requested GIS files for this project. Is it possible to get these files this week?

Thank you,
Ryan



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On Jun 5, 2026, at 11:28 AM, Ryan Talbott <rtalbott@wildearthguardians.org> wrote:

Thanks, Alison. Just wanted to check in on whether these GIS files can be shared.

Thank you,
Ryan

On Fri, May 29, 2026 at 11:21 AM Center, Alison - FS, WA <alison.center@usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Ryan,

Thanks for getting in touch. I'll find out what we are able to provide and get back to you early next week.

Best,
Alison



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Hi Alison,

I'm reviewing the final EA for the Canyon Forest Restoration Project and it would be helpful to have the GIS data for this project. This email was provided in the response to comments as the one to contact for that data. I'm particularly interested in files that show project and stand boundaries, management areas (under Olympic Forest Plan and NW Forest Plan), silvicultural prescriptions, roads, threatened/endangered species habitat, and soils.

I've reached out to Joseph Ford about this as well as a general email (SM.FS.olyprojects@usda.gov) but haven't heard back. Could you please provide this data?

Thank you,
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