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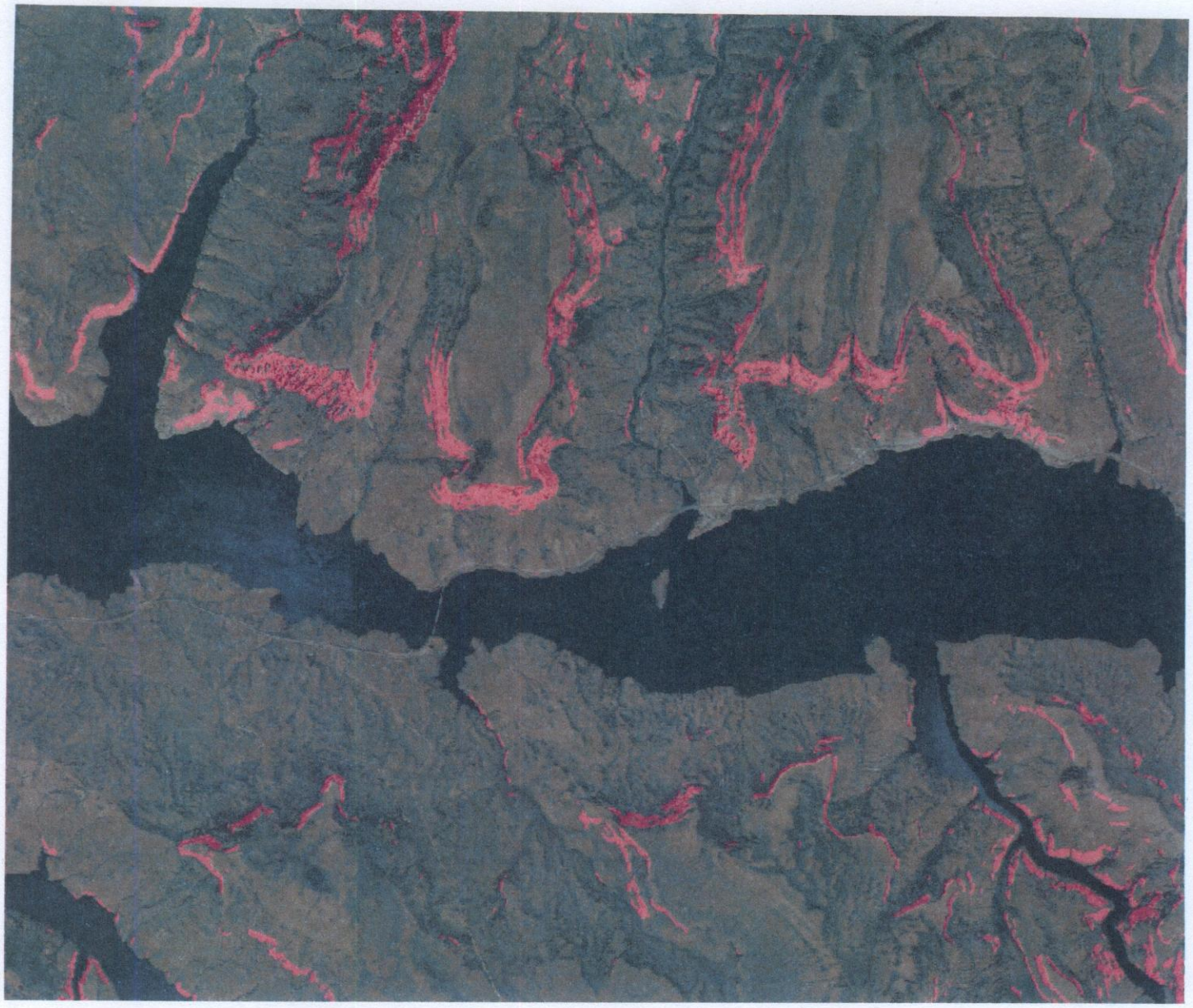
From: Mike Pelletier
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 3:39 PM
To: With, Elizabeth - NRCS, Gunnison, CO; Childers, Theresa; Vasquez, Matthew G -FS; 'Seward - DNR, Nathan'; Jim Cochran; Russell Japuntich
Subject: RE: HPT work

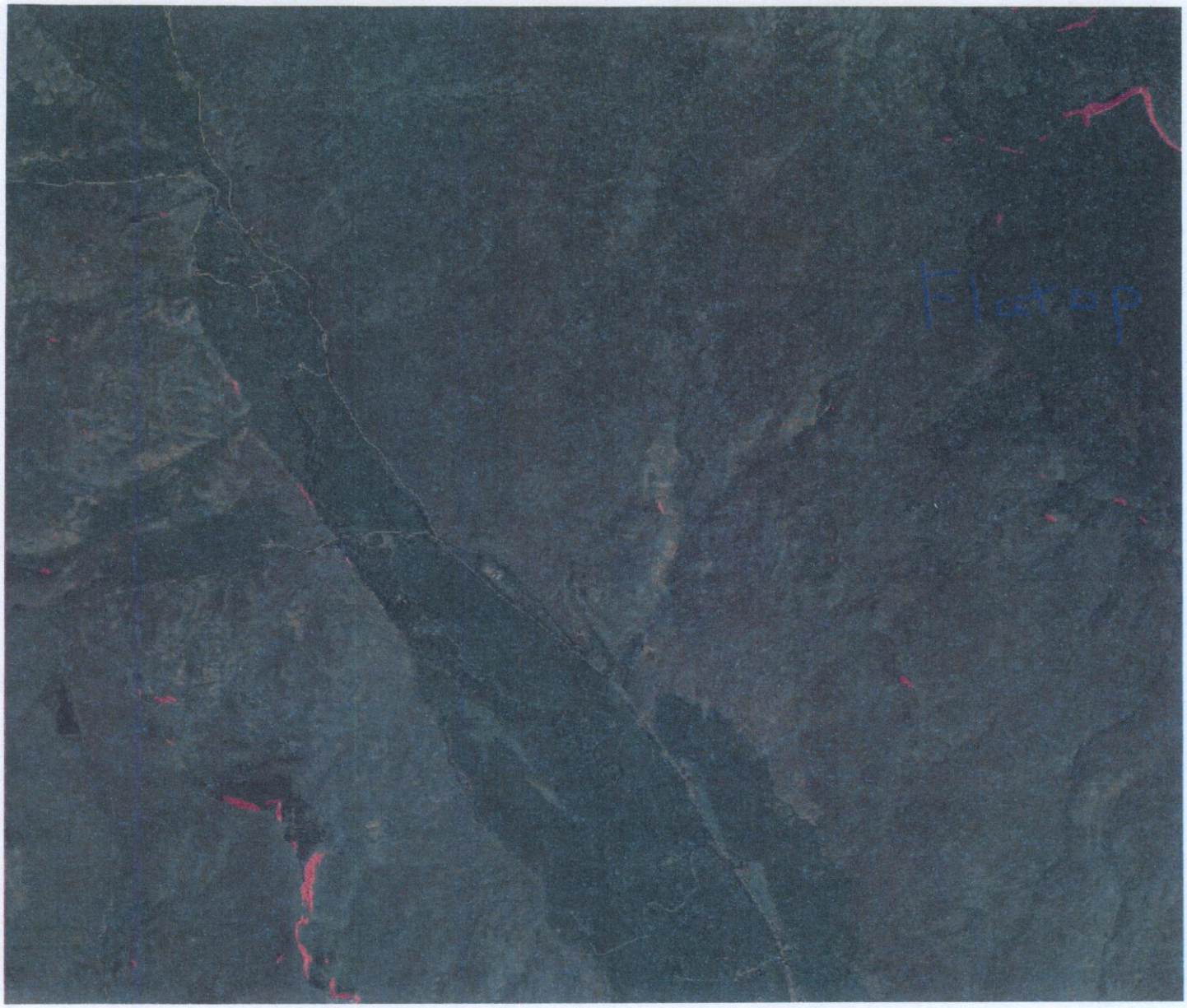
Hi all,

Here are my notes from today's meeting and after talking with Russ/Jim:

- Biologically it would be good to use the latest CPW occupied habitat for the boundary of the HPT, but is it worth it given impacts associated with the Rangewide Plan and USFWS. [Note: Jim suggested this would be a good question for the Strategic Committee at their meeting Feb 19th].
- Don't remove areas, such as landfill, runway, etc. except Blue Mesa Reservoir (this was already done in the 2012 version).
- The current proposed HPT documentation changes are all good.
- Russ will look into CCA recording issues more and determine to what degree the HPT needs to be involved. I suggested that it will be very difficult to track changes from year to year given the number of map corrections made. It is possible though to determine the effect of an individual trail or road project on the amount of Tier 1.
- Russ also suggested we consider adding critical habitat to the HPT after a listing if it occurs. This is sure a possibility that could be done with more help from our soils friends.
- Don't rescore areas with slopes below 5% but do consider removing areas in extremely steep slope areas. [Note: After an initial look it appears areas steeper than about 60% would be good to remove from habitat. Below are a couple screen shots of >60% slope areas in pink.]

Let's discuss more with email and then determine if we need to get back together before the Strategic Committee meeting on the 19th of Feb.





Regards,
Mike

-----Original Message-----
From: With, Elizabeth - NRCS, Gunnison, CO [mailto:Elizabeth.With@co.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 4:40 PM
To: Childers, Theresa
Cc: Vasquez, Matthew G -FS; Mike Pelletier; 'Seward - DNR, Nathan'
Subject: RE: HPT work

Good afternoon, Theresa!
I hope all is well. I will not be able to make the meeting.
I apologize. I had a meeting scheduled for me that I will not be able to move.
Let me know what happens and what you guys decide.
:) Liz

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-----Original Message-----
From: Childers, Theresa [mailto:theresa_childers@nps.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 1:27 PM
To: With, Elizabeth - NRCS, Gunnison, CO; Vasquez, Matthew G -FS; Mike Pelletier; Seward - DNR, Nathan
Subject: Re: HPT work

Hi All,

Sorry for my delayed response, I've been enjoying two weeks off over the holidays.

It looks like Tuesday, January 28th works best for everyone. How about 9 am? I don't anticipate that this should take more than an hour. Can we meet at the FS/NRCS building? Liz or Matt, can you see if space is available and let us know?

Thanks!
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On Thu, Jan 2, 2014 at 4:14 PM, With, Elizabeth - NRCS, Gunnison, CO <Elizabeth.With@co.usda.gov> wrote:
> Good afternoon, Theresa!
> I hope all is well. I wanted to touch bases with you about the HPT meeting. Has a date been set?
> Have a good one,
> Liz
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Childers, Theresa [mailto:theresa_childers@nps.gov]
> Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 3:22 PM

> To: Mike Pelletier; Russell Japuntich; Vasquez, Matthew G -FS; With,
> Elizabeth - NRCS, Gunnison, CO; Seward - DNR, Nathan
> Cc: Brian St George
> Subject: HPT work
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> Hi All,
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> I was at the strategic committee meeting today. They would like this subgroup of the technical subcommittee to meet and discuss a few outstanding topics related to the HPT and make some technical decisions.
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> The topics are:
> 1. Should the tool be expanded to include the updated occupied range (CPW added the Wanita area) 2. Should Blue Mesa reservoir/other large bodies of water, town, runway, or landfill be treated differently in the HPT. Example, should the reservoir surface be scored to "remove" it as habitat.
> Mike has identified these areas for us to look at and see if we are ok with how they score out, or if we see a major oversight that needs to be "fixed"
> 3. How do we track changes for CCA reporting needs/ any other reporting issues we need to discuss. (Russ has been working on BLM reporting protocols and should have more information on anything we need to cover, here) 4. Review Mike's revisions to the HPT documentation.
> 5. Discuss how soils and aspect interact to identify habitat. Mike has pointed out that slope is not included, and may cause erroneous results in areas with very small or very large slope.
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> I don't think it will take much time to cover these topics. Can we meet after the holidays? Please visit the doodle poll to indicate your availability, and we'll work from there. Attached is the HPT documentation that Mike has edited.
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> Doodle poll:
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> Thanks, and Happy Holidays!
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