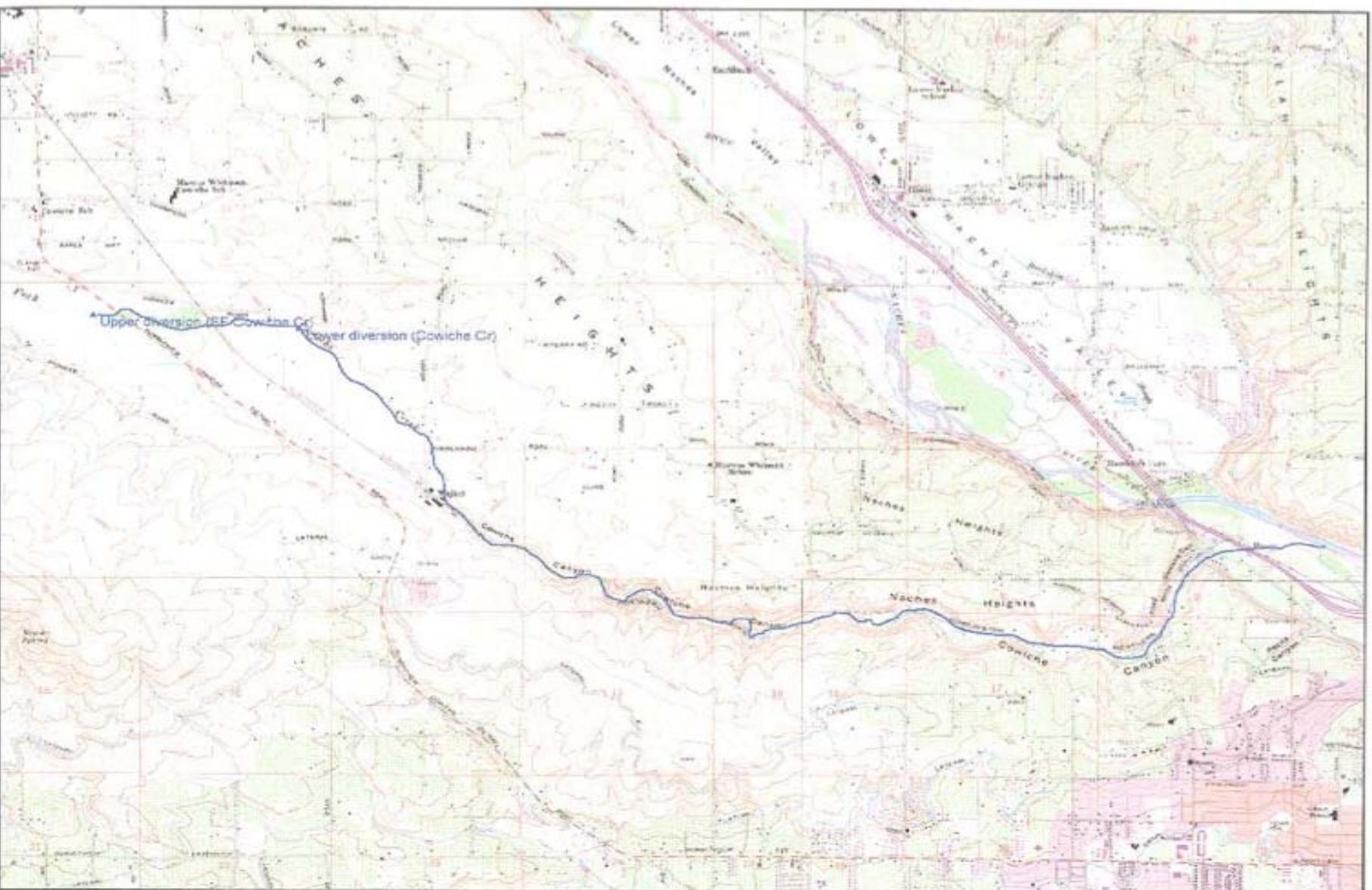


Cowiche Creek Water Users and Yakima Tieton Irrigation District Project Source Exchange Project



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Cowiche Creek limiting factors



- Flow limited for steelhead, coho and other species
- Water quality
- Diversion structures are barriers to instream flows

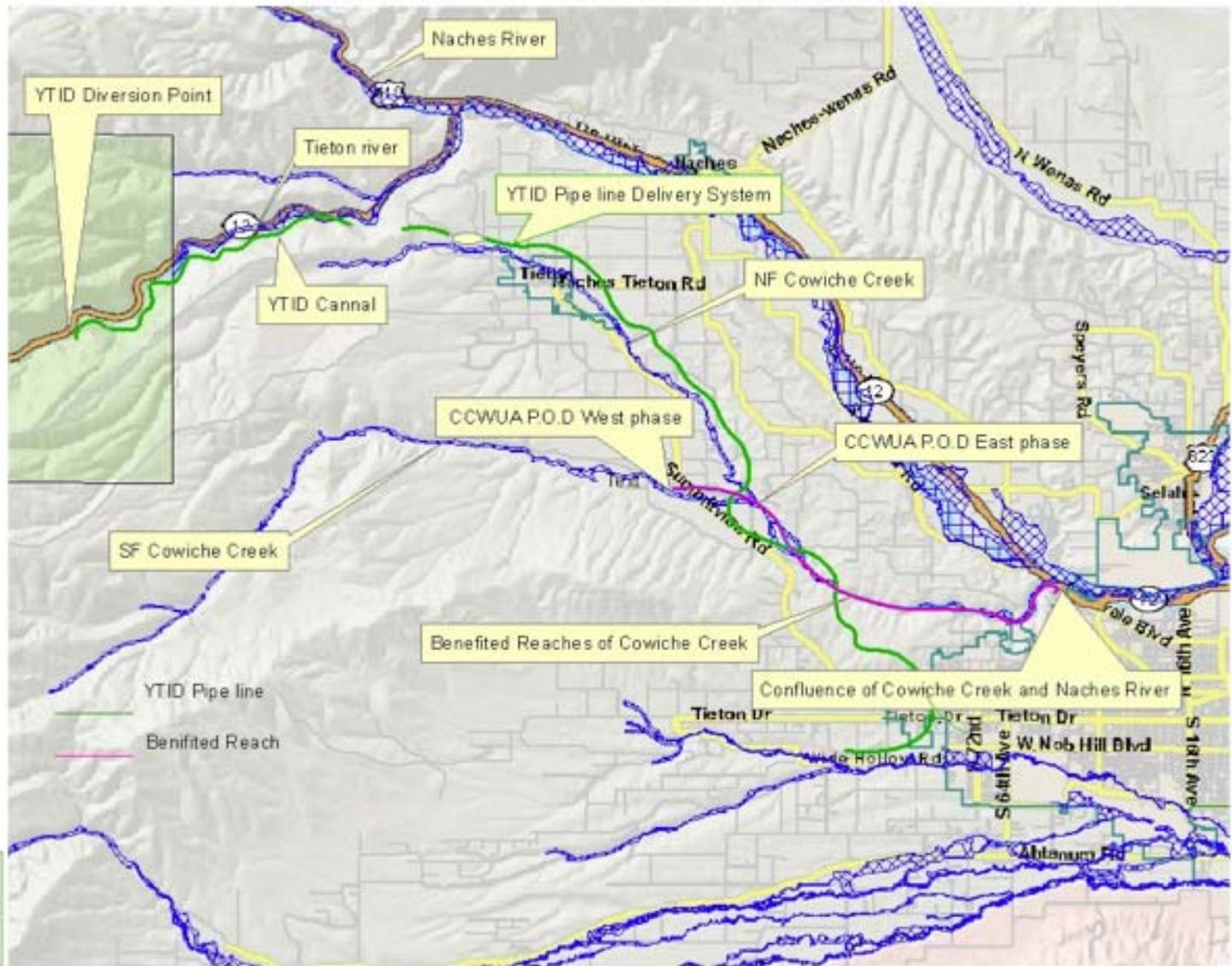
Cowiche Project Goals

- Project water right holder points of diversion would be moved to the YTID diversion on Tieton River
- Removal of two irrigation diversions
- Delete the need and costs for new fish screens
- Add up to 8 cfs of instream flow enhancement to Cowiche Creek
- Provide approximately 20 miles of upstream habitat in upper reaches of Cowiche Creek
- No changes to court approved water right

Cowiche Project Description

- Change in POD for irrigators of three POD's on Cowiche and SF Cowiche Creek to YTID pipeline on the Tieton River
- 395.85 acres, 7.915 cfs and 1583.4 afy
- USBR contract approval to carry non-federal water
- TWR in Cowiche Creek to confluence of the Naches River
- Water right owners will not become YTID members
- Will be issued new water rights with the priority date of the approved date of issue but retain the conditions of existing water rights

Cowiche Creek Water Users Association



Map by North Yakima Conservation District

Project Partners

- USBR
- North Yakima Conservation District
- WDFW
- WRC
- Ecology
- BPA
- YTID
- CBWTP
- WA State Conservation Commission
- SOAC letter



Trust water Right and New Application Process

- Filed 15 Trust Water Rights applications on behalf of water right holders
- 15 New Water Right applications needed because of out of basin transfer
- Trust water right in Cowiche Creek only
- Deficit in TWSA will be replaced by the Cowiche Creek water users water therefore no detriment or injury to other users
- Only amount of water historically delivered will be delivered through YTID to the water right holders therefore no enlargement