

**Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE)
 Oregon Parcel Eligibility and Ranking Form**

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| Fiscal Year | |
| Landowner Name and Address | |
| Eligible entities names and addresses | |
| Parcel Location: | Locality (Town/Township): |
| County: | State: |
| Are all landowners of record AGI eligible? (Y/N) | |
| Are all landowners of record HEL eligible? (Y/N) | |
| Are all landowners of record WC eligible? (Y/N) | |
| NRCS employee confirming landowner eligibility: | |
| Name: | Signature: |
| Is the entity eligible? (Y/N) | |
| NRCS employee confirming entity eligibility: | |
| Name: | Signature: |
| Does the eligible entity have a written pending offer for the parcel? (Y/N) | |
| NRCS employee confirming written pending offer: | |
| Name: | Signature: |
| Does the land (<i>enter a response for each</i>): | |
| _____ Have 50-percent prime, unique, and important farmland? (Y/N) | |
| _____ Have historical or archeological resources? (Y/N) | |
| _____ Protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring and conserving land? (Y/N) | |
| _____ Have land that supports the policy of a State or local farm and ranch land protection program? (Y/N) | |
| Is the land eligible? (Y/N) | |
| Which land eligibility criteria is the land being enrolled under? (<i>Identify only one eligibility category</i>) | |
| _____ | |
| NRCS employee confirming land eligibility: | |
| Name: | Signature: |

| National Ranking Criteria (Must be 200 Points Maximum) | | |
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| National Ranking Factors and Scaling | Maximum Points | Points |
| Percent of prime, unique, and important soils in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 50 percent or less, 4 points for greater than 50 percent and less than or equal to 60 percent, 8 points for greater than 60 percent and less than or equal to 70 percent, 12 points for greater than 70 percent and less than or equal to 80 percent, 17 points for greater than 80 percent) | 17 | |
| Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 33 percent or less, 4 points for greater than 33 percent and less than or equal to 40 percent, 8 points for greater than 40 percent and less than or equal to 50 percent, 17 points for greater than 50 percent) | 17 | |
| Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture) (0 points for a ratio of 1.0 or less, 7 points for ratios of greater than 1.0 and less than or equal to 2.0, 15 points for ratios of greater than 2.0) | 15 | |
| Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture) (0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less, 1 points for decreases of greater than 0 and less than or equal to 5 percent, 5 points for decrease of greater than 5 and less than or equal to 10 percent, 9 points for decreases of greater than 10 and less than or equal to 15 percent, 16 points for decreases of more than 15 percent) | 16 | |
| Decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture) (0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less, 3 points for decreases of greater than 0 and less than or equal to 5 percent, 5 points for decrease of greater than 5 and less than or equal to 10 percent, 8 points for decreases of greater than 10 and less than or equal to 15 percent, 15 points for decreases of more than 15 percent) | 15 | |

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| <p>Percent population growth in the county as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page)</p> <p>(0 points for growth rate of less than one times the State growth rate, 4 points for growth rate of greater than one and less than or equal to two times the State growth rate, 7 points for growth rate of two and less than or equal to three times the State growth rate, 15 points for growth rate of more than three times the State growth rate)</p> | 15 | |
| <p>Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page)</p> <p>(0 points for population density less than one times the State population density, 4 points for population density of greater than one and less than or equal to two times the State population density, 7 points for population density of greater than two and less than or equal to three times the State population density, 15 points for population density of greater than three times the State population density)</p> | 15 | |
| <p>Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations</p> <p>(0 points for no plan, 7 points for a plan, 15 points for plan documented and performed by industry professional)</p> | 15 | |
| <p>Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, such as compatible military installations; land owned in fee title by the United States or an Indian Tribe, State or local government, or by a nongovernmental organization whose purpose is to protect agricultural use and related conservation values; or land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to nonagricultural use or protects grazing uses and related conservation values.</p> <p>(0 points easement offer area (EOA) boundary greater than 3 miles from the protected land boundary, 4 points EOA is greater than 1 miles but less than 3 miles from protected land, 7 points EOA is within 1 mile of protected land boundary, 15 points EOA boundary adjoins protected land boundary)</p> | 15 | |
| <p>Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure</p> <p>(0 points if EOA boundary greater than 3 miles in proximity, 4 points if EOA is greater than or equal to 1 miles but less than 3 miles in proximity, 7 points EOA is within 1 mile in proximity, 15 points EOA boundary adjoins)</p> | 15 | |
| <p>Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous or proximal acres devoted to agricultural use</p> <p>(15 points if the parcel links two noncontinuous corridors of protected agricultural use, 6 points if parcel is a contiguous or proximal expansion of agricultural use protected area, 0 points parcel does not increase a protected agricultural use area)</p> | 15 | |

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| Currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within a year (15 points for Yes, 0 points for No) | 15 | |
| The parcel is a grassland of special environmental significance that will benefit from the protection under the long-term easement (15 points if Yes, 0 points if No) | 15 | |
| Total Points for National Ranking Factors | 200 | |

Oregon Ranking Factors – (Maximum of 200 Points)

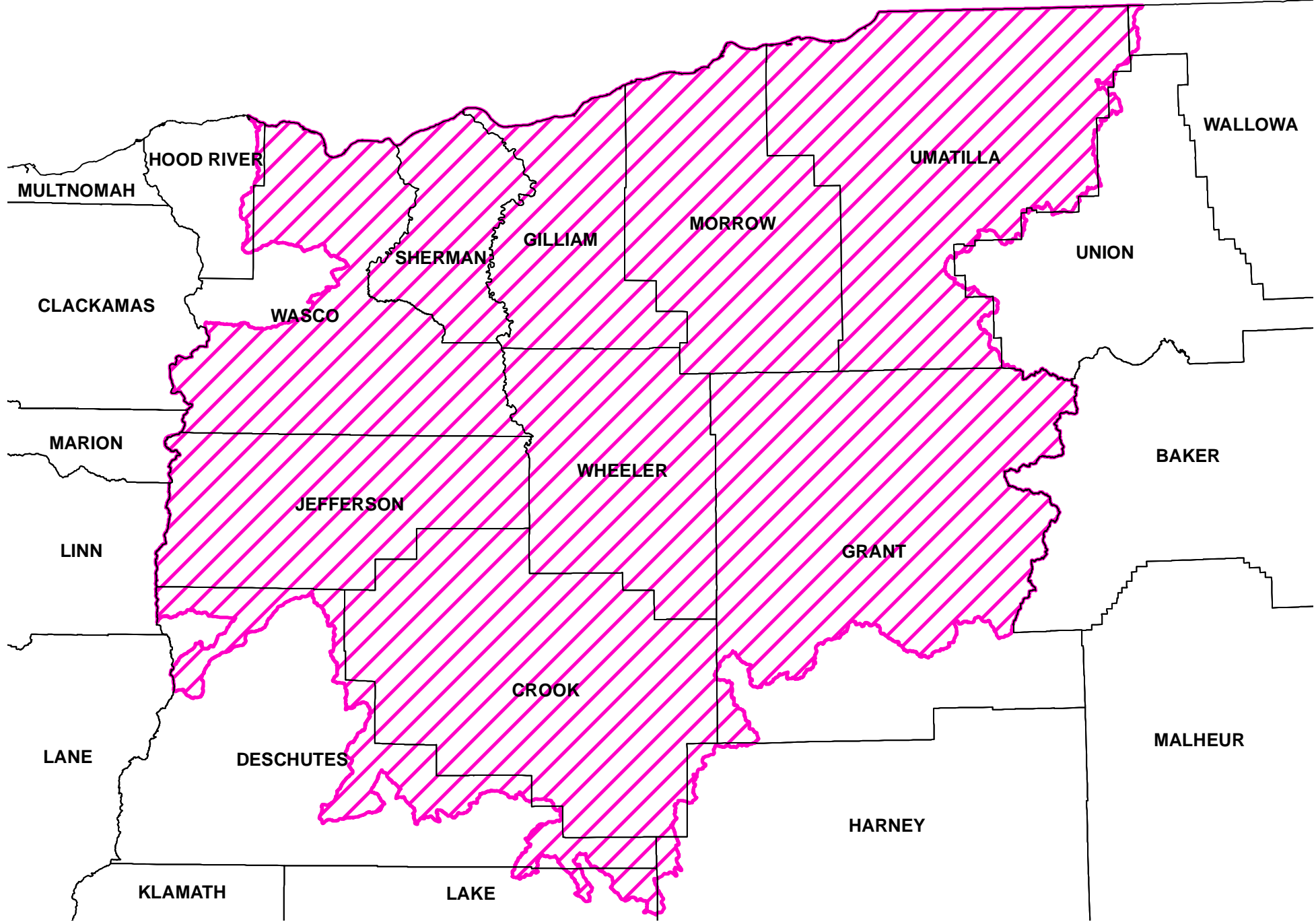
| | Maximum Points | Points |
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| 1. Local Conservation Priority; Parcel within target area identified within a local priority plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 70 points if in Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS) or within NRCS ALE Priority Area (see attached maps) or ODFW’s Conservation Strategy COA’s to address ODFW Strategy Grassland Habitat ▪ 40 points if in local NRCS Long Range Plan ▪ 30 points if in local SWCD Long Range Plan ▪ 20 points if in other local government Long Rang Plan ▪ 0 points for no ne of the above | 70 | |
| 2. Proximity of Parcel to other permanently protected local, regional, state and federal lands such as parks, natural areas, forests, and grasslands that contributes to the habitat needs of species of concern in area. Includes ‘other’ non-public permanently protected conservation lands such as a land trusts lands. (attach map of protected area in proximity to parcel, list species and habitat types, and describe needs being met) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20 points for within 1/4 mile ▪ 15 points for within 1/2 mile | 20 | |
| 3. Proximity of the Parcel to other agricultural operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10 points for within 1/2 mile ▪ 7 points for within 1 miles ▪ 5 points for within 5 miles ▪ 0 points for greater than 5 miles | 10 | |
| 4. Grassland of Special Significance in which the grassland is rangeland, pastureland, or shrubland on which the vegetation is dominated by native grasses, grass-like plants, shrubs, or forbs | 10 | |
| 5. Parcel is identified as a Historically or Culturally Significant such as a Century Farm, located on the Oregon Trail, or in an Area of local Tribal significance, identified by local Tribe through letter to NRCS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 40 points if on National or State Historic Register ▪ 20 points if parcel holds status as a Oregon Century Farm through the Oregon Department of Agriculture or located on the Oregon Trail or | 40 | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ identified as an area of local tribal significance. ▪ 0 points for “no” | | |
| <p>6. Farm or Ranch contains ODFW priority habitats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50 for ODFW priority habitat exists on farm or ranch ▪ 30 points for located adjacent to ODFW priority habitat ▪ 25 points for located within ½ mile of ODFW priority habitat ▪ 0 points for greater than ½ mile to ODFW priority habitat | 50 | |
| <p>Total Points for State Ranking Factors</p> | 200 | |




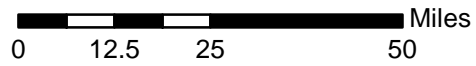
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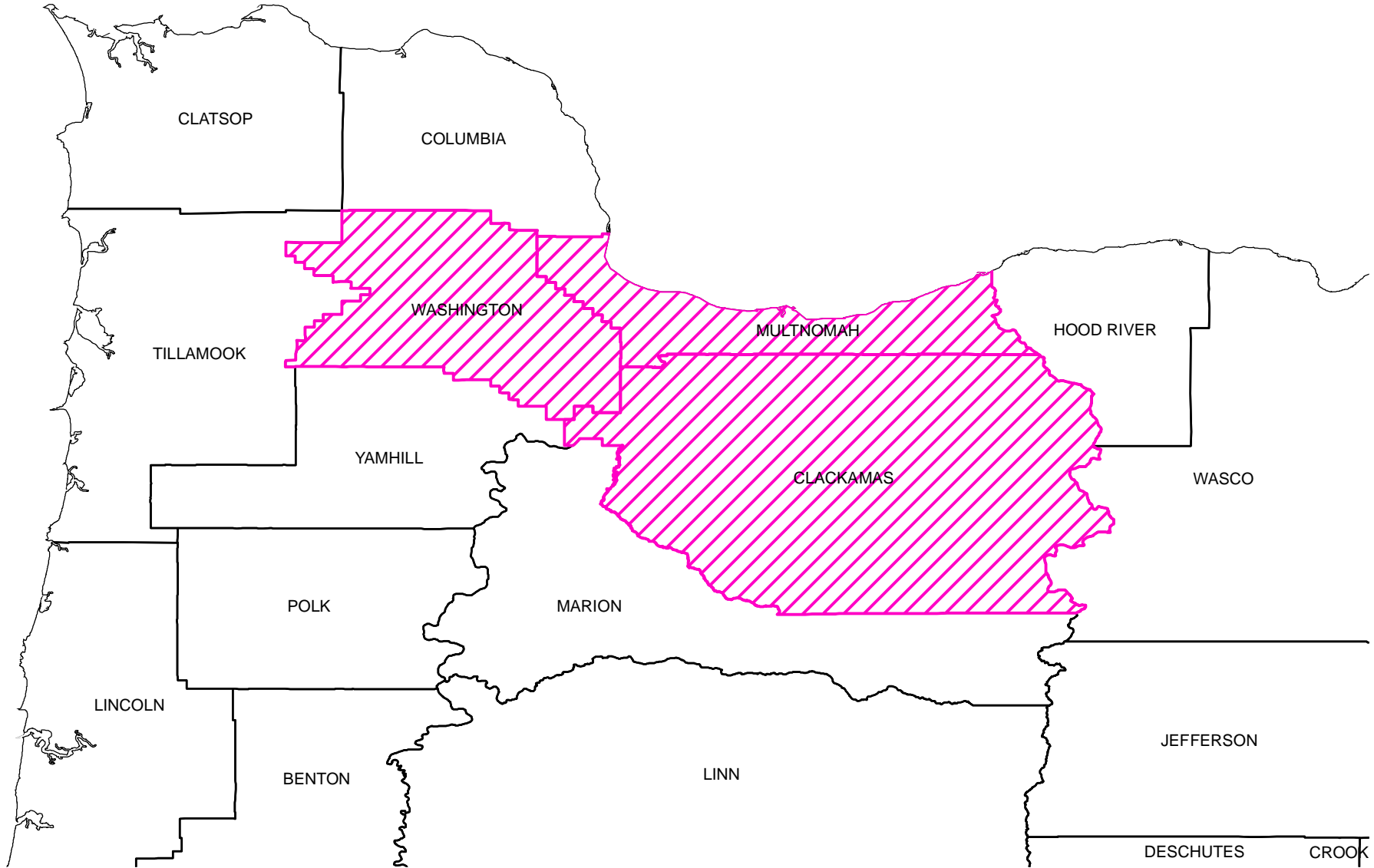
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
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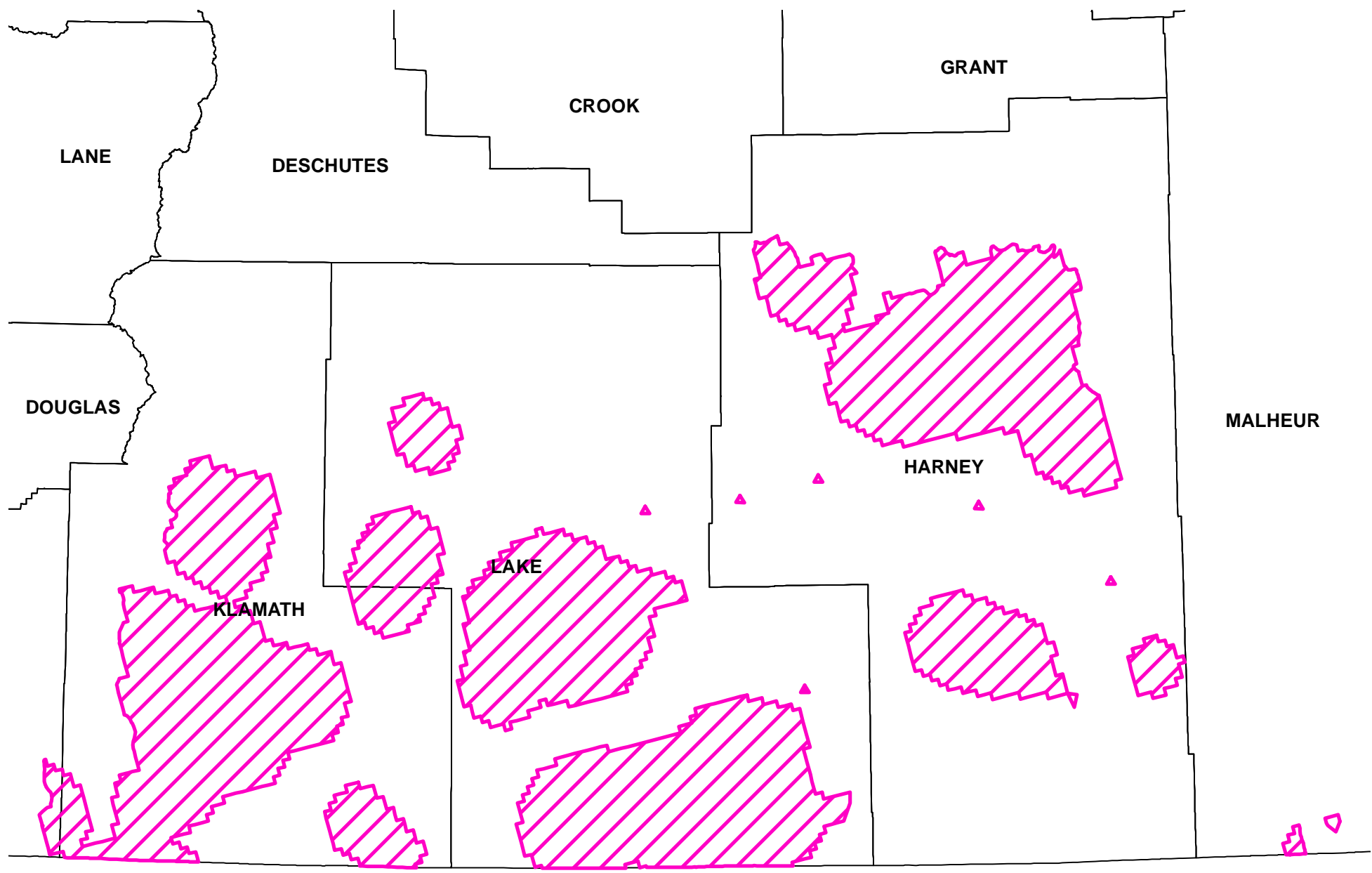
 ALE Metro Priority Area
 Counties

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 SONEC Spring Priority Areas

