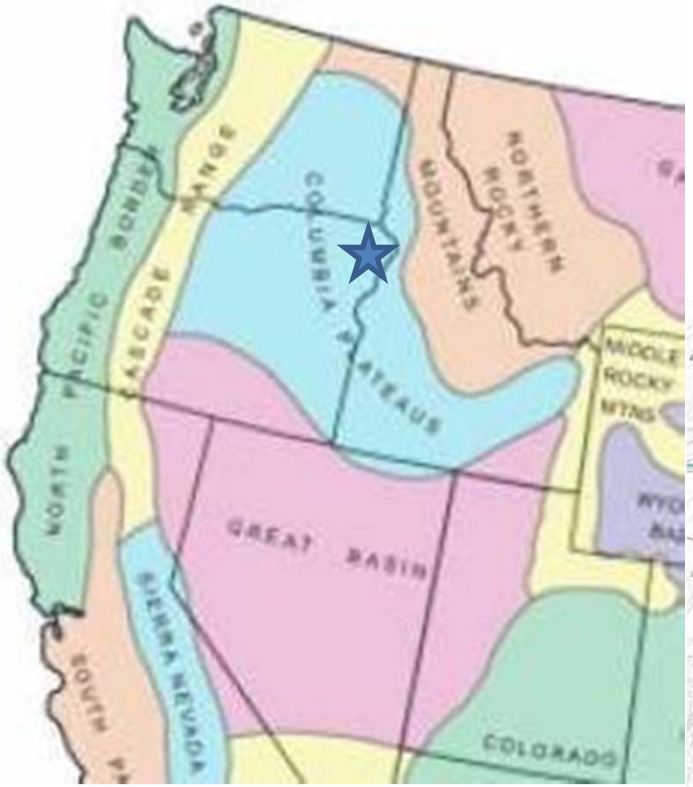
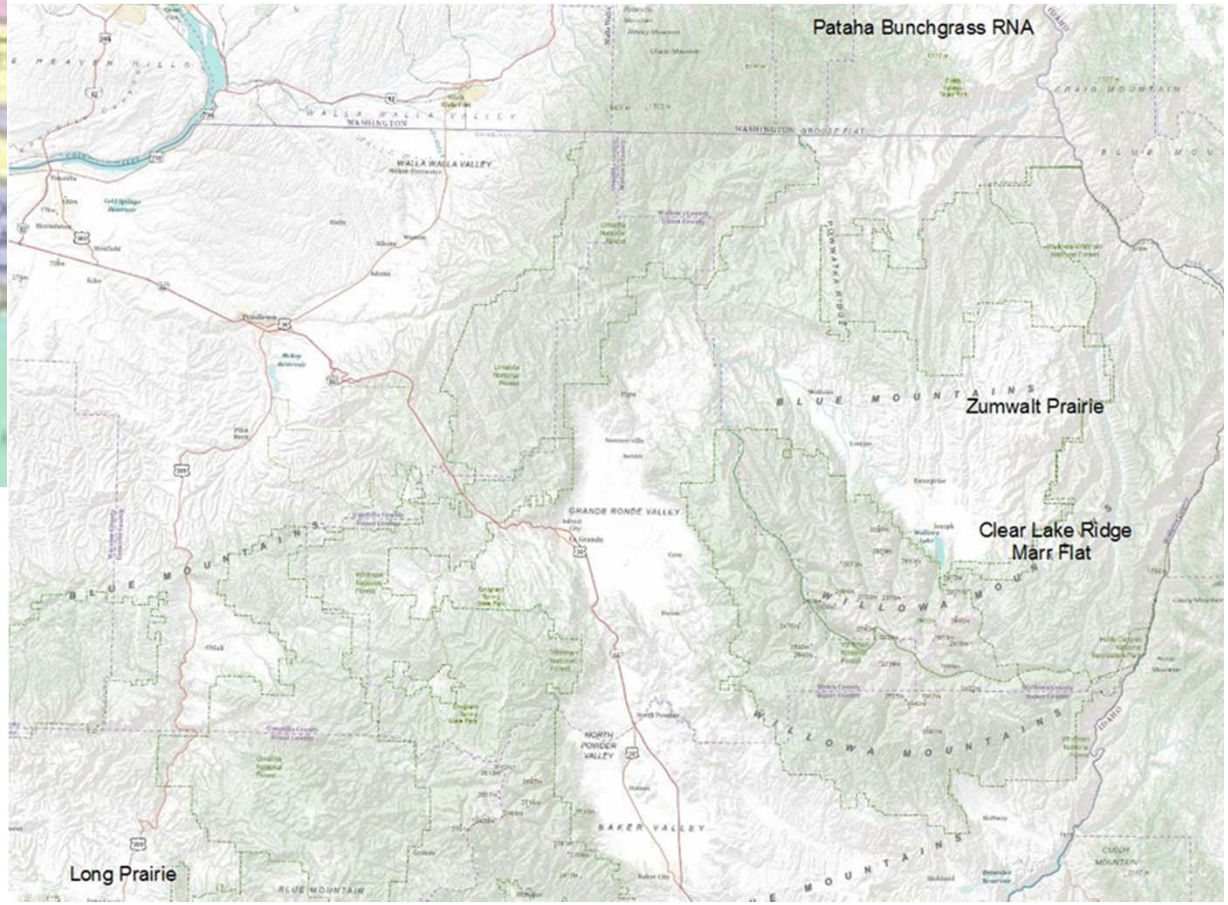
Zumwalt Prairie

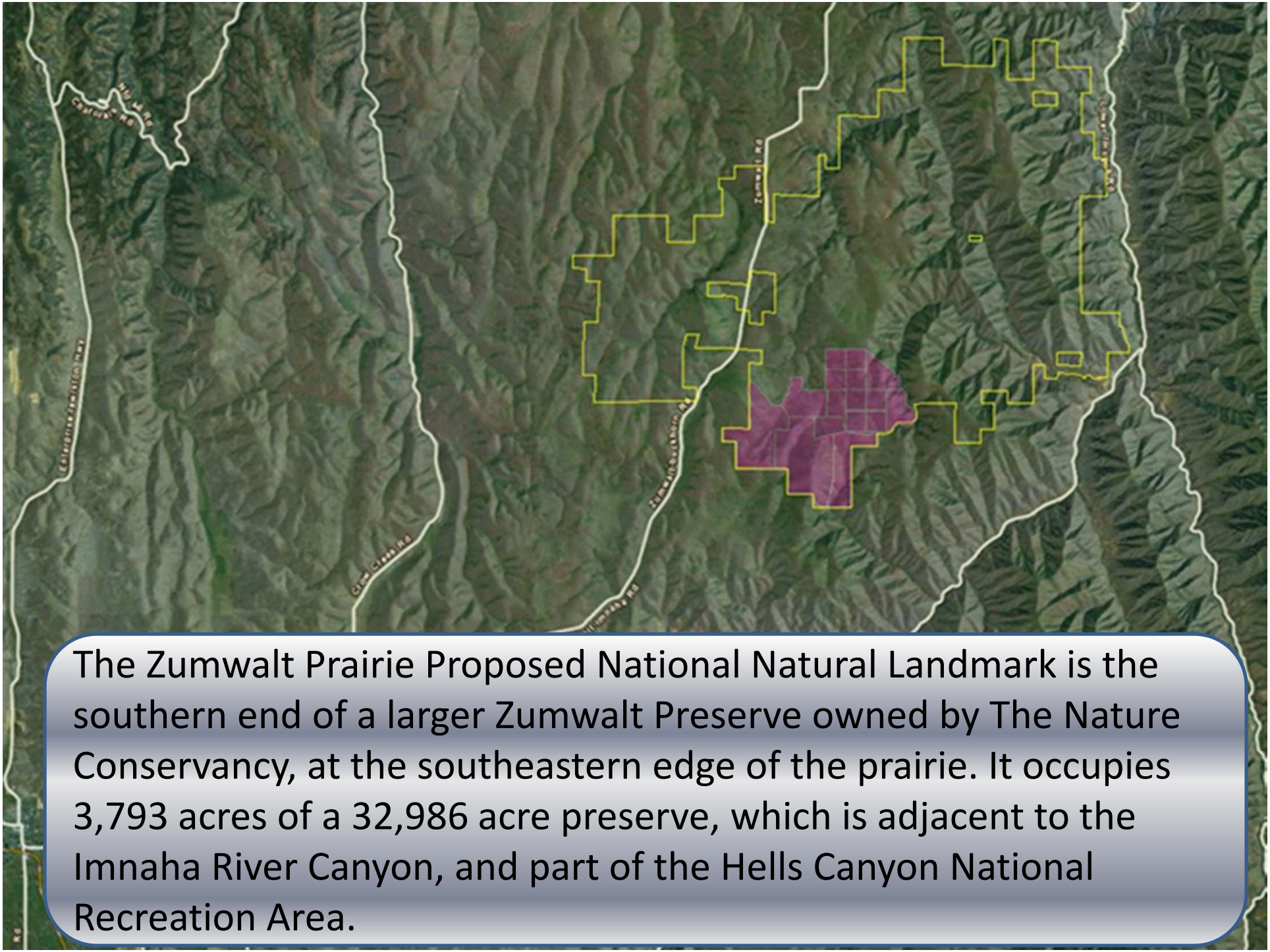
Zumwalt Prairie PNNL is located near Enterprise, Oregon, in Wallowa County, near the Idaho and Washington border

Zumwalt Prairie is located in the center of the National Park Service's Columbia Plateau Biophysiographic Region

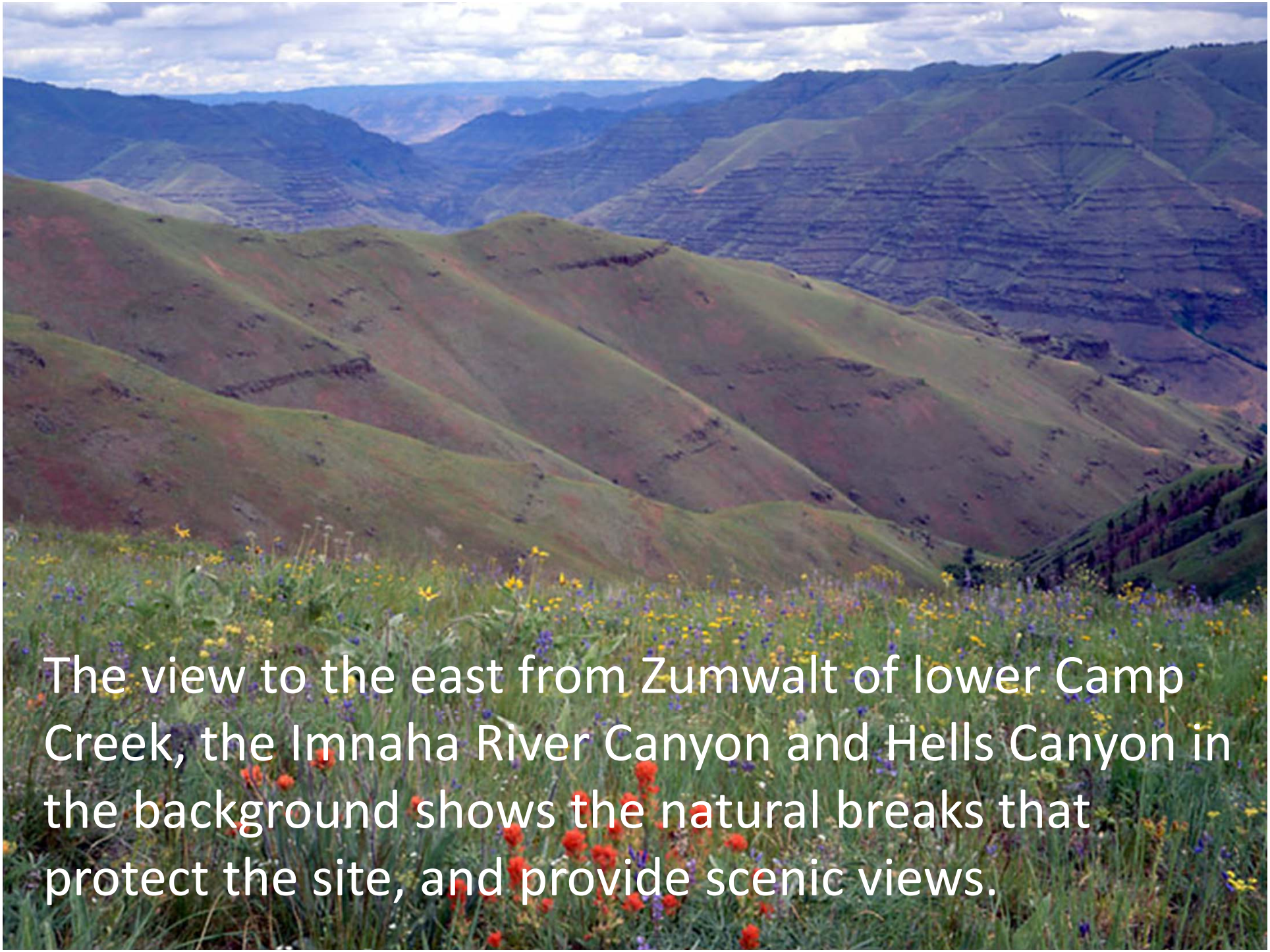


The map below shows the locations of the Plateau Grassland sites evaluated in the Columbia Plateau.





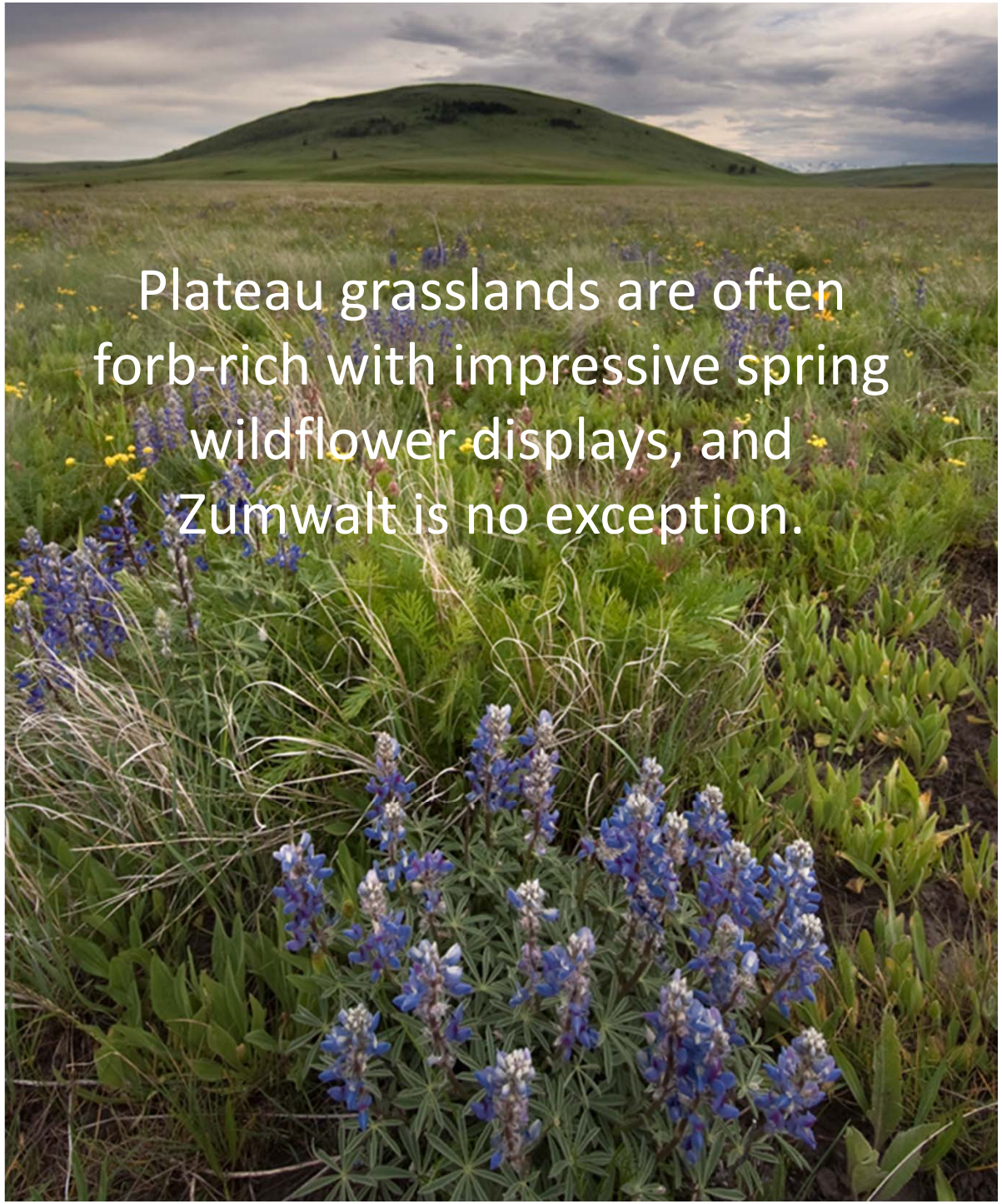
The Zumwalt Prairie Proposed National Natural Landmark is the southern end of a larger Zumwalt Preserve owned by The Nature Conservancy, at the southeastern edge of the prairie. It occupies 3,793 acres of a 32,986 acre preserve, which is adjacent to the Imnaha River Canyon, and part of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.



The view to the east from Zumwalt of lower Camp Creek, the Imnaha River Canyon and Hells Canyon in the background shows the natural breaks that protect the site, and provide scenic views.

Zumwalt Prairie PNNL is accessible from two different county roads.

The main road is an all season gravel road heading east and west from the Zumwalt-Buckhorn Road through Trail Creek Canyon to Imnaha. A seasonal dirt–track county road heads north – south between Findley Buttes along the headwaters of Camp Creek.


Plateau grasslands are often
forb-rich with impressive spring
wildflower displays, and
Zumwalt is no exception.

But the size and general quality of the diverse grasslands at the site are what makes it unique.

Zumwalt Prairie supports one of the worlds largest populations of the federally listed threatened Spalding's catchfly (*Silene spaldingii*), rare endemic plants such as the Wallowa dropseed (*Achnatherum wallowaense*), Palouse thistle (*Cirsium brevifolium*), and rough pyrrocoma (*Pyrrocoma scaberula*) and a newly described species of vagrant lichen called "Wanderflechten" (*Aspicilia rogeri*).

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