

# Poplar Farms: A Win-Win Opportunity?

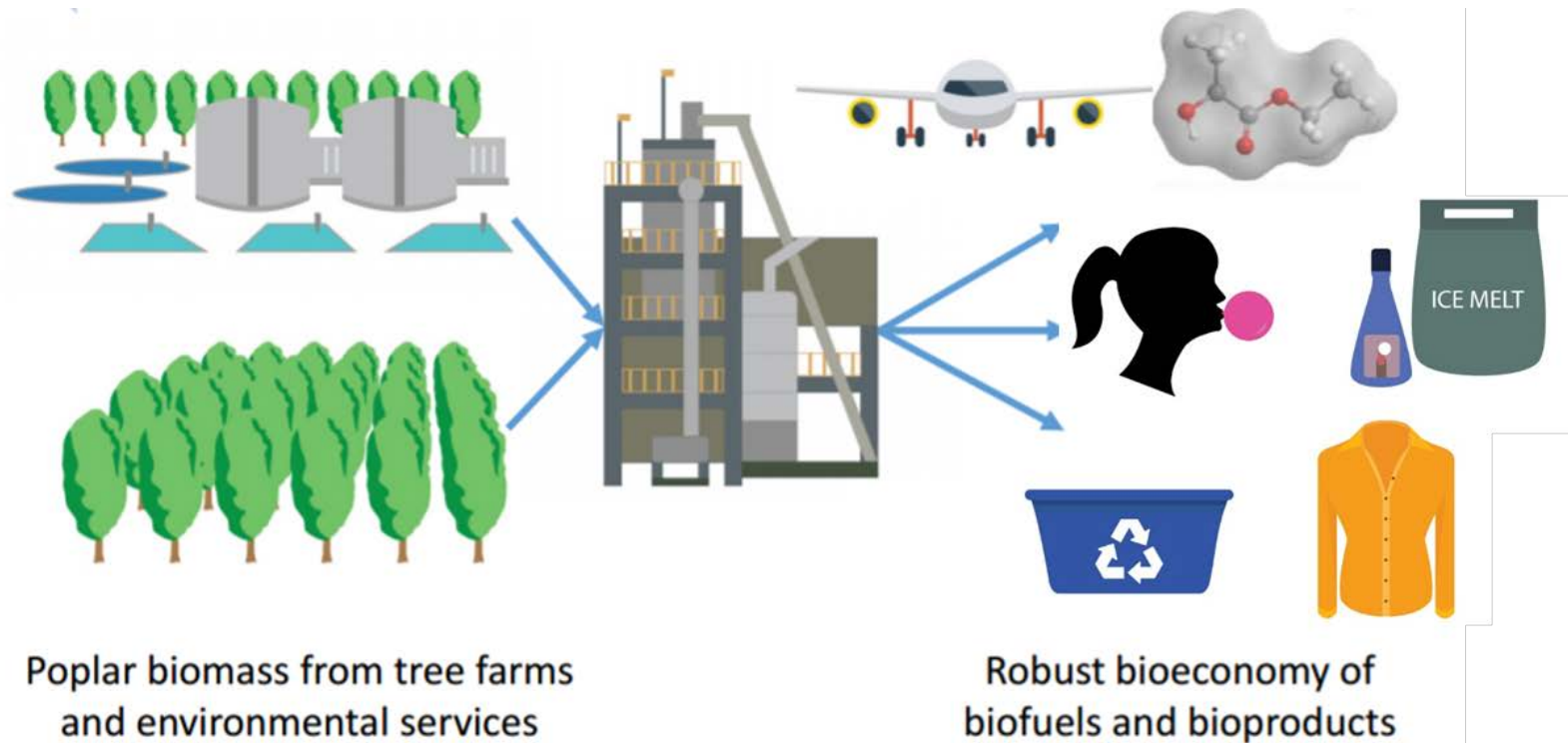
Exploring the feasibility of growing poplar for a (hypothetical) refinery



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# AHB's Vision



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# Why Hybrid Poplar?

- Fast growing
- High yields
- Marginal lands
- Lower inputs
- Non-food crop
- Easy to convert



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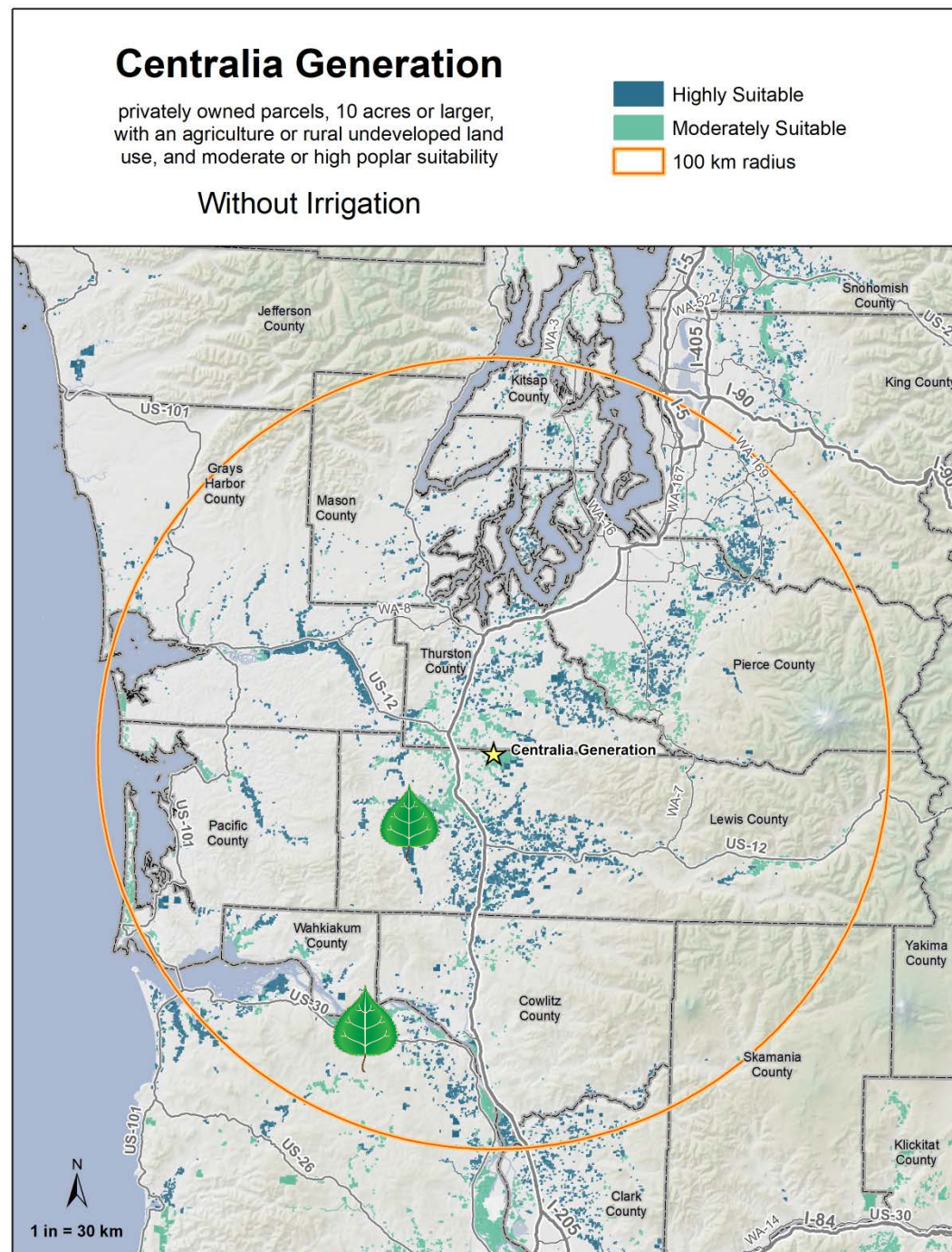
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# Why This Region?

- High concentration of suitable land
- Existing site with utilities





# Survey activity



# Feasibility Research

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**What are the community impacts of 34,000+ acres of poplar?**



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# Growing Hybrid Poplar for Biomass



## Poplar trees

- group that includes black cottonwood
- fastest growing in the temperate region

## Hybrid poplars

- crossbreeds of different types of poplar
- found in nature and created in nurseries
- adaptable to a range of conditions
- produce lots of biomass



# Short Rotation Coppice

The Poplar Cycle



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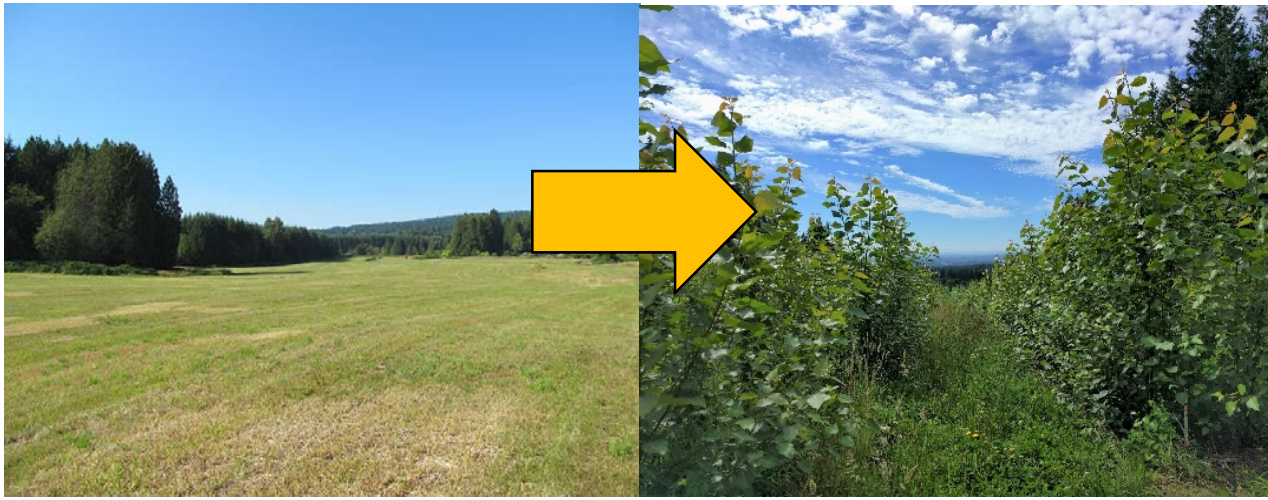
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# Discussion







1: Traditional ag



3: Floodplain management



2: Wastewater management

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