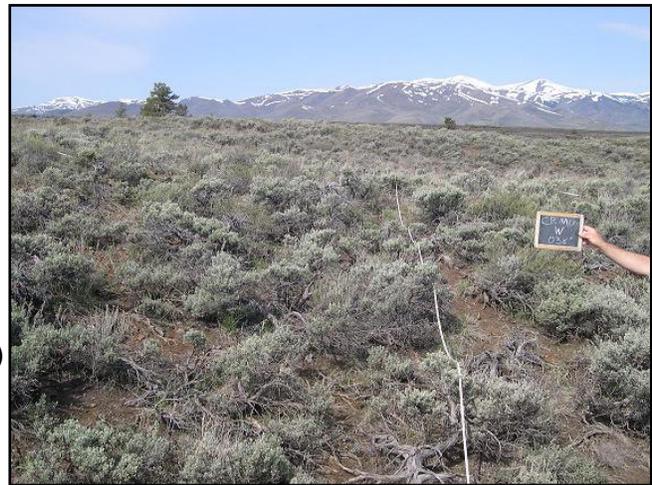


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In the spring of 2006 a coordination meeting was held in Moscow, Idaho with representatives from both CTI and UCBN. At this meeting it was determined that field work should start in 2006 at CRMO and proceed to HAFO if time and funds were still available. In addition a custom UCBN website specifically constructed to house all vegetation mapping-related materials would be created and hosted on the networkNPS website. To facilitate the field work a proposal was submitted and accepted by the national program. Upon receipt of the funds a competitive bid was solicited and the contract was awarded to NWM. A kickoff meeting was held at CRMO May 3-4, 2006 to familiarize the park with the program and introduce the responsible parties. Copies of the presentations and a meeting summary can be found on the website at: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/im/units/ucbn/VegMapping.htm>. Work started immediately after the meeting and under the contract NWM collected approximately 400 plots and 200 observations at CRMO and 84 plots and 61 observations at HAFO (Figure 1 and 2).

Northwest Management expects to deliver electronic databases (data and photos) to the UCBN data manager by September 1, 2006. A final report will be submitted by November 30, 2006.

UCBN also entered into a cooperative agreement with Idaho Conservation Data Center for the development of preliminary lists of vegetation associations for 4 southern Idaho parks (CIRO, CRMO, HAFO, and MIIN) (**Attachment B**). These lists are completed and available as appendices in this document. Descriptions are currently in progress.



Finally the UCBN has entered into a cooperative agreement with the BOR Remote Sensing and GIS group in Denver, CO to provide GIS and Remote Sensing services (**Attachment C**). This includes funds to be used by CTI to complete the work plan, create vegetation map units and create preliminary vegetation maps for CRMO, HAGE, CIRO, and MIIN.



Vegetation Plot Locations, 2006

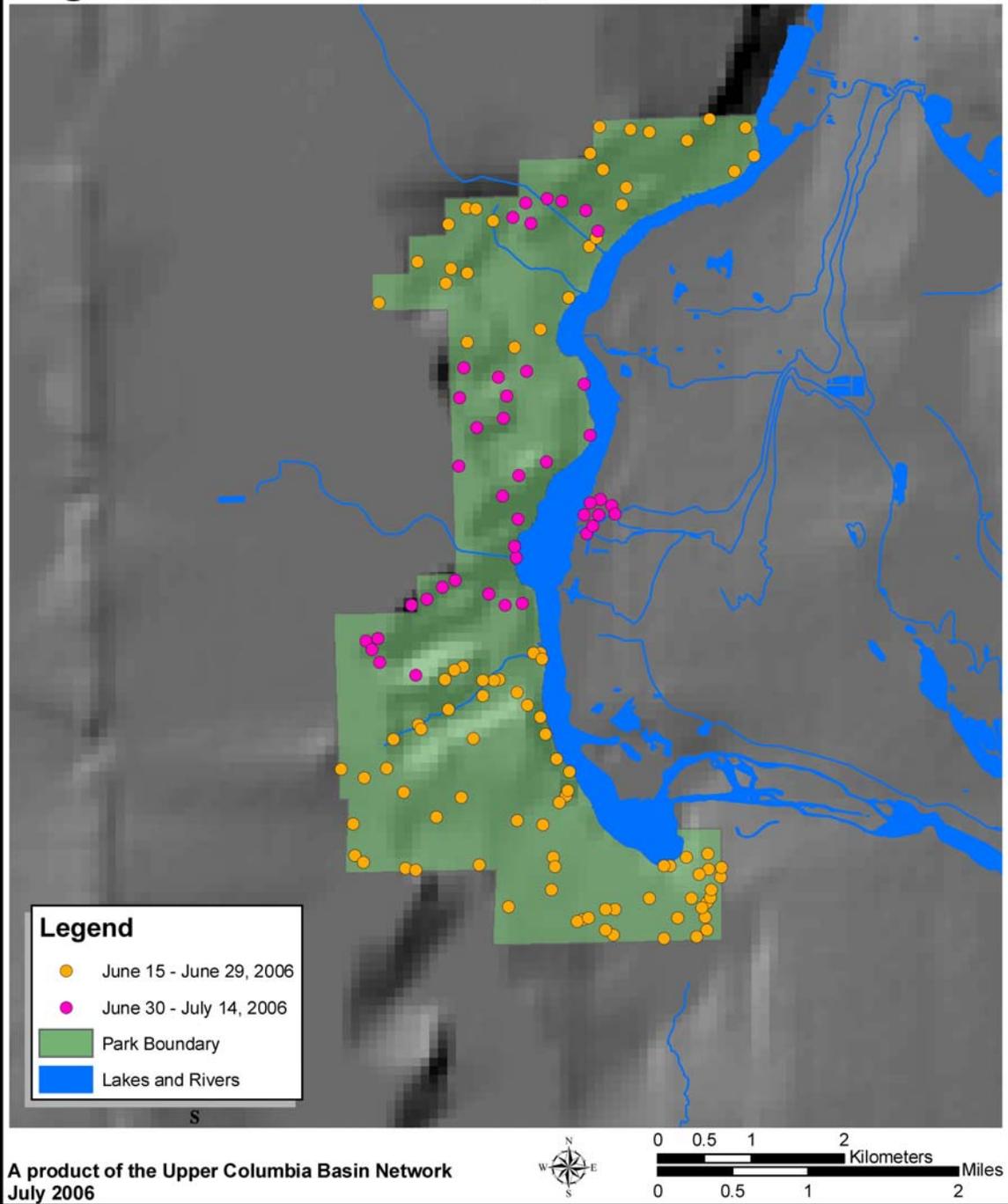


Figure 1. 2006 Vegetation Plot Locations for HAFO Vegetation Mapping Project.



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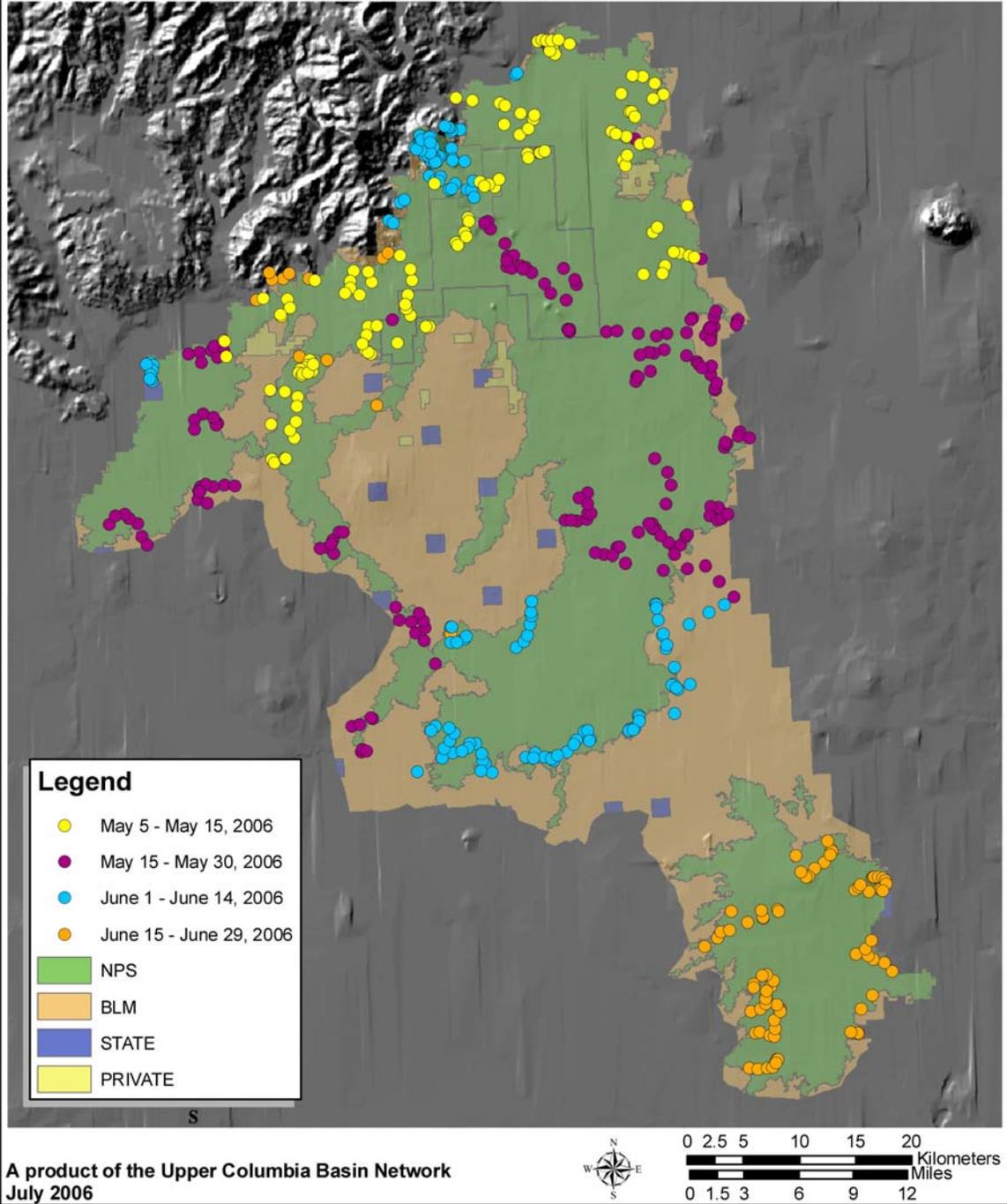


Figure 2. 2006 Vegetation Plot Locations for CRMO Vegetation Mapping Project.