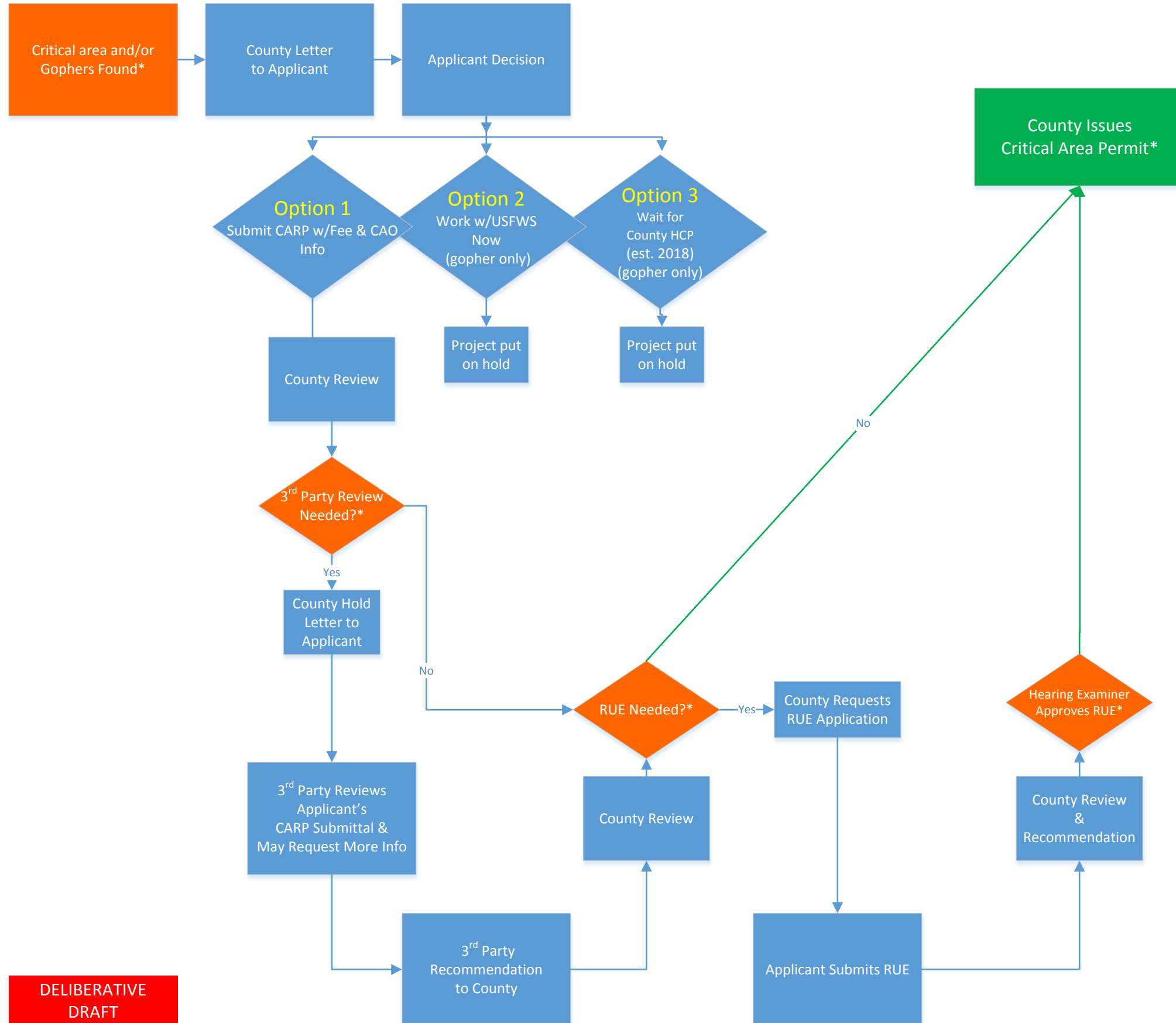


**Critical Area / Gopher Review – IF critical area and/or gophers are found during a site review, applicant may choose one of the options below.**

Thurston County follows this process if evidence of critical area and/or gophers are found on site. Mazama pocket gophers may be present on a site even if you don't see them.

\*Permit conditions and administrative decisions may be appealed to the Hearing Examiner. This process complies with Thurston County's Critical Areas Ordinance. For more information, go to [www.ThurstonPlanning.org](http://www.ThurstonPlanning.org) and select Gopher Review Process.



Permit may be issued with condition that no ground disturbance occur until permittee provides proof of federal compliance.

**TERMS**

- CAO** Critical Areas Ordinance
- CARP** Critical Area Review Permit
- HCP** Habitat Conservation Plan
- RUE** Reasonable Use Exception
- USFWS** United States Fish & Wildlife Service

**COLOR**

- BLUE** Standard process
- ORANGE** Points of appeal
- GREEN** Issuance of a permit

**DELIBERATIVE DRAFT**

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