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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

July 2, 2018

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2018-00847-F

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Mr. Lydigsen:

This communication is the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) final response to your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your request was received on March 23, 2018 and formally acknowledged on March 28, 2018.

### Request

"Please search records in the five (5) period of time to March 22, 2018 and provide copy(s), by your choice least costly electronic method, CD, email, or paper copy, of all correspondence such as email(s), letter(s), contract(s) of agreement, minutes of meeting(s), between BPA staff such as but not limited too; John Tyler, Andre' L L'Heureux, Justis T Beauregard and Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife staff such as but not limited to; Jim Unsworth, Joe Stohr, Mike Livingston, Scott McCorquodale, Ross Huffman, Cindi Confer Morris, Jody Taylor, Mick Cope, Eric Gardner, Melinda Posner, Amy Windrope, Clay L Sprague, Rachel D Crosier, pertaining to the Wenas Wildlife Area, previously know as the LT Murray Game Range, located in Yakima and Kittitas County State of Washington, relating to a the Wenas Target Shooting Committee, Wenas Advisory Committee, relative too; public safety, target shooting or shooting range(s), whether it be allowing, disallowing, limiting, establishing, permitting, development or enhancements of, to or at any location such as but not limited to, Sheep Company Road, Bull Pasture, Buffalo Road, Durr Road or Umtanum Road. Thank you."

### Clarification

On March 27, 2018, you clarified the search period for your original request, explaining that the first sentence should read: "Please search records for the five (5) YEAR period of time to March 22, 2018..." You also added the following criteria to your original request: "In addition to the search for documents pertaining to shooting ranges or target shooting, please include in your search records which may include terminology pertaining to "Dispersed Shooting."

**Response**

In accord with the FOIA and agency processes, BPA conducted electronic searches of records in the following agency offices: Employee Communications and Graphics, Public and Community Engagement, and Fish and Wildlife Division: Washington Implementation. In addition, BPA's Cyber Forensics and Intelligence office performed a search on the requested time period for all agency email records between BPA and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. BPA located 129 pages of records responsive to your request. In accord with the FOIA, BPA is herein releasing 129 pages of responsive agency records with minor redactions applied under Exemption 6. Those minor redactions are explained below.

**Exemption 6**

The FOIA generally requires the release of all agency records upon request. However, the FOIA permits withholding certain limited information that falls under one or more of nine statutory exemptions (5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1-9)). Exemption 6 of the FOIA protects information in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)), and if there is no public interest that outweighs the privacy interest. BPA has applied minimal redactions under Exemption 6 to protect personal privacy. Here, BPA asserts Exemption 6 to redact personal phone numbers and the name and contact information of a citizen who is not employed by BPA or the State of Washington. BPA can find no public interest in the forgoing information and has therefore redacted it under Exemption 6.

**Records Not Subject to Discretionary Release**

Please be aware that the right of privacy asserted belongs to the individual, not to the agency, and information that falls under Exemption 6 cannot be discretionarily released. Therefore, BPA did not analyze Exemption 6 redactions under any discretionary release guidelines.

**Fee**

There are no fees applicable to your request for agency records and information.

**Certification**

Your FOIA request is now closed with all available agency records and information provided. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the release and redaction determinations described above.

**Appeal**

This decision, as well as the adequacy of the search, may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals,  
HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585-1615

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to <mailto:OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov>, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE's records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact BPA's FOIA Public Liaison, Jason Taylor, at the address at the letter header for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

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National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Phone: 202-741-5770; Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448; Fax: 202-741-5769

Thank you for your interest in Bonneville Power Administration.

Sincerely,



C. M. Frost  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer

Responsive agency records accompany this communication

Contact the BPA FOIA Office for responsive records

**From:** WDFW Public Affairs <do.not.reply@dfw.wa.gov>

**Sent:** Tue, 20 Jun 2017 16:27:02 -0700

**To:** Brian gilberg <bgilberg@bpa.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] WDFW News Release: WDFW invites public to June 27-28 listening sessions on target shooting at the Wenas Wildlife Area

## **WDFW NEWS RELEASE**

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091**

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/>

**June 20, 2017**

**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, 509-575-2740

### **WDFW invites public to June 27-28 listening sessions on target shooting at the Wenas Wildlife Area**

YAKIMA □ The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will hold listening sessions June 27 and 28 for the public to provide input on target shooting at the Wenas Wildlife Area.

Public feedback from the listening sessions will be shared with the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee to help inform their deliberations and eventual recommendations on how to provide recreational target shooting opportunities at the wildlife area.

Public listening sessions are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, June 27, 6 to 9 p.m., in the Manastash Room at the Ellensburg Fairgrounds.
- Wednesday, June 28, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Selah Civic Center, 216 S 1st St.

Additional public listening sessions will be scheduled in the fall.

More information about the Wenas Wildlife Area can be found on the WDFW website at

[http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/wenas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/wenas/)

For more information on the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee, see

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wtsc/>

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**From:** "Windrope, Amy (DFW)" <Amy.Windrope@dfw.wa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed, 14 Jun 2017 18:53:45 +0000  
**To:** "Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DIR-WSGL" <ecklumpp@bpa.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: YAY!!! WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area

Me too.

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**From:** Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DIR-WSGL [mailto:ecklumpp@bpa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 11:45 AM  
**To:** Windrope, Amy (DFW) <Amy.Windrope@dfw.wa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: YAY!!! WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area

And at this point, I want to believe that the people who like to target shoot now understand the fire risk and are willing to work with the restrictions.

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**From:** Windrope, Amy (DFW) [<mailto:Amy.Windrope@dfw.wa.gov>]  
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**To:** Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DIR-WSGL; Tweit, William M (DFW); Garrity, Michael D (DFW); Wilkerson, Cynthia R (DFW); Dahmer, Paul A (DFW)  
**Cc:** Lofy,Peter T (BPA) - EWU-4; Mercier,Bryan K (BPA) - EW-4; Welch,Dorothy W (BPA) - EWM-4; Fife,Sandra A (BPA) - EWM-4  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: YAY!!! WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area

Hey Liz –

Yes, we are definitely focused on reducing fire risk. The Wenas managers are working hard on this – it is a big deal.

Thanks for reaching out.

Amy

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**From:** Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DIR-WSGL [<mailto:ecklumpp@bpa.gov>]  
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**Subject:** YAY!!! WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area

I'm so happy to see the department again has restricted target shooting to dawn to 10 a.m. during the fire season at Wenas Wildlife Area. Yay!!!!

It looks like if fire risk was high, it would be closed entirely during the July-Sept months.

Liz

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**From:** WDFW Public Affairs [<mailto:do.not.reply@dfw.wa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:29 PM  
**To:** Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DIR-WSGL  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] WDFW News Release: WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area

## **WDFW NEWS RELEASE**

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600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091  
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/>

**June 13, 2017**

**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, (509) 575-2740

## **WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area**

OLYMPIA – To reduce the risk of wildfires, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will again restrict target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area near Yakima and Ellensburg.

The restriction, which will be in effect June 15 through Sept. 30, will limit target shooting to the hours between sunrise and 10 a.m., when the risk of starting a wildfire is less severe.

Public notice of the limited hours will be posted at all entry points and at other target shooting sites in the wildlife area.

The department has restricted target shooting every summer since 2012, and closed the wildlife area to all shooting in the summers of 2014 and 2015 due to extreme fire danger, said Cindi Confer Morris, manager of the WDFW wildlife area.

"With vegetation drying out and temperatures heating up, conditions are prime for sparking a fire," Confer Morris said. "These fire restrictions are necessary to help protect public recreation lands and wildlife habitat."

State land managers ask that all visitors to the wildlife area take precautions to avoid igniting a wildfire. Information about local fire danger is available at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/protection/firedanger/>

WDFW adopted the rule in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which owns lands within the 114,150-acre wildlife area.

This spring, WDFW formed an advisory group to recommend any changes needed to target shooting strategies within the Wenas Wildlife Area. The advisory group consists of 20 members, who represent diverse interests including affected landowners, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain bike riders, hikers, wildlife watchers, bird dog trainers, and motorized users.

More information about the advisory group, along with a schedule of meetings, can be found on WDFW's webpage at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wtsc/>

Campfire restrictions are already in place at the Wenas in addition to the Colockum, L.T. Murray, Oak Creek and Sunnyside-Snake River wildlife areas through Oct. 15, and at the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area through Oct. 31. Fireworks and incendiary devices – including tracer rounds and exploding targets – are also prohibited to reduce wildfire risks.

For more information on WDFW wildlife areas, see the department's website at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/)

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**From:** "Confer Morris, Cindi J (DFW)" <Cindi.Confer@dfw.wa.gov>  
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**Subject:** Wenas WLA Target Shooting Mtgs Summary/Project Status  
**Attachments:** Wenas WLA Target Shooting Public Meeting SummaryFINAL.pdf  
**Public Meeting Summary**

Thank you for your interest in the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Range Project. Attached is a summary of the public meetings held April 26 and 27, 2016. The summary reflects public comments and questions, as well as responses to a questionnaire about use of the wildlife area for target shooting. This summary and other information about the project will be posted on the agency website within the next couple of weeks at: [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/wenas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/wenas/)

### **Project Status**

The agency continues to hear questions and concerns from stakeholders including: opposition to closing the wildlife area to dispersed shooting once the ranges are developed; potential impacts to nearby property owners; and habitat loss and restoration of areas already damaged by dispersed target shooting.

Staff will be reaching out to the WLA advisory committee, as well as other organized user groups, to gather additional input and discuss ways to resolve issues of concern. If you are part of an organized recreation group, or other interest group, of the Wenas Wildlife Area and want to make sure your feedback is heard, please contact Melinda Posner at (360) 902-2365 or [melinda.posner@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:melinda.posner@dfw.wa.gov).

The agency is continuing development of the environmental assessment, coordinating with Kittitas and Yakima counties to understand permit requirements, and will be initiating a study on the south end of the wildlife area to assess potential sound impacts from the more developed range concept.

If you're receiving this email, you will continue to get updates about the project. We will also continue outreach with the media to publicize any upcoming meetings or next steps.

If you have questions or additional comments, please call or email me at (509) 697-4503 or [cindi.confer@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:cindi.confer@dfw.wa.gov).

Thank you!

# **Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Project Public Meetings**

**April 26 and 27, 2016**

## **Public Meeting Summary**

### **Introduction**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) hosted two public meetings to discuss the status of the Wenas Wildlife Area (WLA) Target Shooting Project and to hear feedback from the community. The meetings were held in Ellensburg and Selah, on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, and Wednesday, April 27, respectively. At each meeting, WDFW staff presented background and history about the project, as well as more recent work to identify a preferred shooting range location and develop a range design.

Both meetings followed a similar format. Agency staff presented the preferred alternatives and meeting participants were asked to share input and comments at several information stations including:

- Project Alternatives
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Range Rules

A user questionnaire was also distributed. The input from each meeting is summarized below.

### **April 26 Meeting**

#### **Hal Holmes Community Center, Ellensburg**

The April 26 meeting was held from 6-8 p.m. at the Hal Holmes Community Center in Ellensburg. About 20 people attended the meeting. Regional Program Manager Scott McCorquodale welcomed attendees including Representative Tom Dent, Moses Lake, and Kittitas County Commissioner Paul Jewell. He introduced agency staff including WLA Manager Cindi Confer Morris, Assistant WLA Manager Jody Taylor, Enforcement Capt. Rich Mann, Enforcement Sergeant Grant Morgan, and Hunter Education and Volunteer Coordinator Aaron Garcia.

Facilitator and WDFW Section Manager Melinda Posner outlined the purpose of the meeting, meeting format, and ground rules. She introduced Wenas WLA Manager Cindi Confer Morris who presented the history, background, input from past public meetings, and the agency's preferred alternative. She discussed range design and other improvements recommended by a consultant, and different levels of development proposed for the north and south ends of the WLA. She summarized what will likely be required from Yakima County permitting on the south end, including a 25-mph speed limit and more frequent grading on Sheep Company Road, and she discussed other considerations – including two additional road closures (Bull Pasture and Buffalo Road) which are potential strategies to ensure successful range operation and compliance of the new shooting restriction through the WLA. During the presentation, Cindi called out the following as specific topics for feedback:

- Durr Road Site – What level of development should be pursued? While the north site (Durr Road) is expected to be less developed than the site on the south end, the agency is interested in developing a parking area, and could include other improvement, such as target berms and other enhancements to clearly indicate shooting lanes for each discipline.
- 25-mph speed limit – This is recommended for Sheep Company Road on the south and could be implemented on the Durr Road site as well.
- Grading on Sheep Company and Durr Road – Grading is recommended at more frequent intervals (2-3 times per year) for Sheep Company, and could be implemented on the north side as well.
- Barrier rock at existing “user-defined” target shooting sites – These popular locations will become off limits if the ranges are developed on north and south sides of the WLA.
- Examples of range rules – What are reactions, and what rules are most important at north and south sites?
- Buffalo Road Closure – This would further deter target shooters from illegally shooting at this site, which is currently popular but hard to enforce. Currently, motorized vehicles can drive about two miles in from the gate.
- Bull Pasture Road Closure – This would further deter target shooters from illegally shooting at sites that are now accessible.

Meeting attendees shared the following comments and questions:

### ***Range Rules***

- General Range Safety Rule #12: Suggest “Muzzle loading” be added to “black powder firearms”
- General Range Safety Rule #13. Suggest eliminating rules that prohibit the collection of spent shell casings.
- General Range Regulations #2: add the following language after armor piercing... “ projectiles containing any metal other than lead or copper except shotgun shot...”
- Suggest a range “flag” for indicating hot/cold or live/dead range

### ***Other Questions & Comments***

The small number of participants at the April 26 meeting allowed time for agency staff to respond to some questions asked by meeting participants. These are summarized below, in addition to other comments shared at the information stations and those included on the user questionnaire.

1. What do we know about fires on the Wenas Wildlife Area?

*Wenas has been the site of several fires over the last several years. The south end in particular, has been a popular site for fires, but there have also been some on the north end. The Umtanum site is attractive to shooters because of the natural backstop and openness, but sparking and prevailing wind have combined to create some very unsafe experiences for homes to the east of this area. The majority of these fires seem to have started from legal use of firearms, although*

*there is at least one incidence where the fire may have started from tracers, which are illegal. At least four fires in the last couple of years have started by shooters using legal firearms.*

2. What is the need for barrier rock and gates on existing open areas? This seems no different from the seasonal closure. With proper public presence and education, it shouldn't be necessary and the resources can be put to better use elsewhere.

*Under any alternative, the project will prohibit target shooting throughout the WLA, including several well-known and popular "user-defined" sites along Sheep Company and Durr roads. Barriers are desirable to discourage illegal activity and allow enforcement to efficiently patrol the area.*

3. Why would you have different rules at north vs. south areas?

*The north site will definitely be less developed so some of the rules may not be applicable. The agency would like to hear from users – what makes the most sense at each site?*

4. Will the existing "Umtanum" target shooting site be closed to target shooting?

*Yes. The Umtanum site is attractive to target shooters is located in a high risk area for fire due to the homes to the east and the prevailing wind direction.*

5. An attendee who is experienced with shooting range clean-up encouraged development of appropriate drainage improvements, and backstops at both sites for proper management of lead.

6. One attendee suggested the agency consider development of new signage that tells the history of the area.

7. Will the new policy allow sighting firearms during "hunting camp"?

*Capt. Mann stated that Enforcement would enforce the rule as proposed. The manner in which it is enforced could be anything from a verbal warning and education to a ticket. Officers would be encouraged to (and do) use discretion that fits the severity of the violation.*

8. One meeting participant said that the Kittitas County sheriff's Office is opposed to shutting down shooting in Kittitas County. (Note: This comment was not made by a representative from the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office.)

9. Information should be clearly and widely communicated to the public about the changes before they go into effect, including those who come to this area from Western Washington.

10. Has the agency considered addressing the needs and interests of those who want to shoot longer distances?

*There has been discussion about this. Funds limit the agency's ability to implement more than Phase 1 at this point, which includes the 100-yard range. Phase 2 includes a 200-yard range. It's possible that the 200-yard range could be extended to a longer distance with additional funds but that is not being considered at this time. The agency confirmed that gongs (which are often used for long distance shooting) are illegal, yet they are still being used by target shooters.*

11. A self-identified game hunter noted that hunters often need to be able to shoot 300 yards. A 300-yard range will show how far a bullet will go at 300 yards.
12. One meeting attendee recommended the following improvements for the Durr Road site: a parking area, designating shooting lanes, and sagebrush removal to reduce the fire risk.

*The agency is recommending a parking area at the Durr Road site and will consider other improvements to orient shooters. The idea of removing the sagebrush may not reduce the fire risk enough to allow lifting the seasonal restriction.*

13. One attendee recommended designating a portion of the range for youth shooting activities.
14. At the Durr Road site on the north, consider changing the orientation of the trap shoot area so that target shooters are not looking into the western sky.
15. One attendee questioned the statement of non-use of NRA range masters at the range (posted on the example range rules).

#### ***Written Comments on User Questionnaire***

The following comments were submitted on the user questionnaire.

- I would prefer 25-yard handgun and 100-yard rifle at Durr Road.
- I'm interested in orderliness, safety, positive image of shooters.
- I am an NRA Range Safety Officer. I am a strictly extreme long distance target shooter. I started the Seattle Long Range Target Shooting Meetup.

**April 27 Meeting**  
**Selah Middle School, Selah**

The April 27 meeting followed the same format, and was held from 6-8 p.m. at the Selah Middle School. Approximately 57 signed the attendee list at the meeting. Dave Whipple, Hunter Education Division Manager, welcomed attendees and described the agency's effort to develop a shooting range program. The Wenas WLA target shooting range is one of the first projects being considered. What the agency learns through this process may be applicable to range development at other wildlife areas.

Facilitator and WDFW Section Manager Melinda Posner shared the purpose of the meeting, meeting format, and ground rules. She introduced Wenas Wildlife Area Manager Cindi Confer Morris, who introduced other agency staff, including WLA Assistant Manager Jody Taylor, WLA Resource Technician Casey Kass, Enforcement Captain Rich Mann, Enforcement Sergeant Morgan Grant, and Hunter Education and Volunteer Coordinator Aaron Garcia.

Cindi presented the background and history, and recent developments on the agency-preferred range location and design, and potential site and WLA features considered for successful implementation. She introduced Aaron Garcia who discussed volunteer and sponsorship opportunities. Melinda concluded the agency presentation with a list of factors the agency thinks are critical to developing a successful project. The list includes setting clear expectations about respectful use and maintenance, having enforceable range rules, and partnering with the community and recreation users. She encouraged participants to share their ideas about how this can be done.

**Questions & Comments**

*(Note: these comments are transcribed from easel sheets that attendees wrote on at the meeting.)*

- We need to see more opportunity for long range target shooting – 1,000 yards (this was echoed by all individuals at this station (at least 7 folks)
- Opportunities to safely transport targets down range (mechanical)
- Allow for permanent placement of steel targets
- Against closure of Buffalo Road (Chukar hunters concern) (this was echoed by all individuals at this station – at least 7 folks)
- Concern about loss of shrub steppe
- Day use fee/donation
- Gun dog training
- Require Hunter Ed card to use WDFW lands for target shooting
- More public involvement
- Leave 200-yard range on slope to save money (that is needed to construct berms)
- You need to hire a range master to make it work. You are restricting shooters to 20 acres and giving 100,000 to other groups.

- There is still no long distance shooting range – 2,600-3,000 yards – anywhere on the proposal.
- Some type of covered/temp facility for volunteer housing
- Remember the mission for the land
- Support closure of Buffalo Road, but consider formal review of close/open over time
- Bigger parking space for Bull Pasture site because it's new and a lot of people will go there
- Improving the road into the WLA will allow for more “fun time” shooters to drive out and make a mess. The problem is too many people are out there. Making it simpler for people to access it will only make a problem bigger.
- No gates!
- Possible rule for limiting time at each bench during times of heavy use
- Save money and don't build berms. There is a mountain out there already
- Use money saved for decent roads and benches
- No 25 or 50 yard range to start sighting in your rifle since rifle is not allowed on the pistol range. *Bringing your own targets and set them up at 50 yards was discussed, as was how target stands should be designed for best results.*
- Who gave you the right to close the area down, and write tickets.
- You're taking our freedom away and restricting what we can do.
- Mow the shooting areas and firebreak the areas. 30 sites, no can do.
- It's not fish and wildlife land it's public land.

### ***Written Comments on User Questionnaire***

Meeting participants provided the following additional comments on the user questionnaire “comment” section:

- Refurbish old site – save money – for all users; there is ample room for all users; Bull Pasture/Buffalo Road – motorized users lose out in all both situations
- Range Rules – limit time and use of benches when heavy use is occurring; Dispersed shooting now occurring at end of Buffalo Road, after cattle guard
- Restricting motorized access I am not in favor of. May lead to increased illegal off road travel; Increased enforcement would be a great and welcome option to reduce misuse of the area both at the range locations and roads; [cascadequadsquad.com](http://cascadequadsquad.com)
- Will help build stands; have a shop
- Need for range safety discussion; post basic safe range procedures
- Don't build the berms – it reduces the amount of people out there that can shoot; they are not needed when there is a hill in the background. The money spent on them can instead be used for better roads, bathrooms and for shooting benches
- We frequently visit the Sheep Company road site because it affords us the ability to shoot long distances with a safe backstop; by long distance we mean between 400-800 yards

- Fines should be severe; take weapons and ammo plus make them do onsite cleanup of so many hours; fines not strict enough
- Room to expand lanes in future (for more shooter seats per discipline)
- Dispersed shooting is a safety concern, and prior action to problems becoming large is important; however, have there been any deaths, injuries from dispersed shooting; Grading the road will make it simpler for people to enter the range. More people means more good and bad. More bad is what we're trying to relieve!; Barricading known sites costs more money, also turns a wildlife area into a human control area; The words "Deter" and "Limit" were used often. You are not accomplishing anything by putting money into dirt and increasing access to it. You said closing Buffalo Road would help restrict the wrong kind of people from going out; however, you're opening the other site up for more; No gates please. Government loves to and never does anything that doesn't end with them spending and asking for money and then controlling that land with times/gates.
- I was present here when the county shut down the informal area east of Terrace Heights when the landfill was developed there. At that time only a few muzzleloaders were using the current site. Within a few weeks all of those shooters moved out to Sheep Company Road.; Enforcement presence on a regular basis is a must!; The hoodlums will shoot and destroy improvements including after hours (shooting after dark)
- Why no black powder shooting? I have a 58 caliber rifle that is 100 years old and two 54 caliber black power rifles. Why does the state want to stop black powder hunting?

### ***Next Steps***

Agency staff will consider the comments and feedback shared at both meetings, and will continue to communicate with the public about next steps. Those who signed in and already receive emails about the project will continue to do so. The agency will also continue outreach with the local media to ensure broad distribution of project information.

### ***Attachments***

1. User Questionnaire Tabulation
2. PPT Presentation (*This version was presented at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting in Selah, and is slightly different than the one shared on April 26<sup>th</sup>.*)

## User Questionnaire Tabulation

### April 26 Meeting Responses

1. What areas of the Wenas Wildlife Area do you use for shooting sports and how frequently have you visited over the last year?

Areas Visited Check box below (X)		Number of visits per season			
		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Sheep Company shooting area	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Cottonwood shooting area	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Buffalo shooting area					
Dispersed shooting throughout WLA					
North end of WLA	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	
Durr Road sites	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	
Other (please write-in) Schneibly	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	

1. What times of day do you typically visit, and, on average, how long do you stay? Please check one in each category:

#### Time of Day

6-10 AM **2 responses**

10-2 PM **5 responses**

2-6 PM **1 response**

#### Average Hours per Visit

1-2 hours **3 responses**

2-4 hours **1 response**

4-6 hours **2 responses**

Over 6 hours **0 responses**

2. Which shooting activities do you enjoy at the Wenas WLA? Check all that apply.

Trap 0 Pistol 2 Silhouette 0 Plinking 0 Paper Target 3

Long-Distance 1 Preferred Distance (please write-in) 1500-3000 yards

Hunting 2

**April 27 Meeting Responses\***

1. What areas of the Wenas Wildlife Area do you use for shooting sports and how frequently have you visited over the last year?

Areas Visited Check box below (X)		Number of visits per season			
		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Sheep Company shooting area	<b>13</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>
Cottonwood shooting area	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Buffalo shooting area	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>
Dispersed shooting throughout WLA	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
North end of WLA	<b>2</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Durr Road sites	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>
Other (please write-in)					

2. What times of day do you typically visit, and, on average, how long do you stay? Please check one in each category:

Time of Day

6-10 AM 5 responses

10-2 PM 8 responses

2-6 PM 2 responses

**Average Hours per Visit**

1-2 hours **5 responses**

2-4 hours **5 responses**

4-6 hours **2 responses**

Over 6 hours **1 response**

**3. Which shooting activities do you enjoy at the Wenas WLA? Check all that apply.**

Trap **0**

Pistol **10**

Silhouette **2**

Plinking **3**

Paper Target **9**

Long-Distance **2** Preferred Distance (please write-in) **over 400 yards**

Hunting **2**

*\*Note – some participants added information about ATV use in the shooting activity table, which is not included in the responses above.*

## WELCOME

Wenas Target Shooting Proposal  
Public Meetings  
6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26 in Ellensburg  
Thursday, April 27 in Selah

## Purpose of the Meeting

- Share information about project alternatives including recommended range location and design features
- Discuss factors for success
- Hear community input
  - Project alternatives
  - Other project features
  - User questionnaire
  - Volunteer and sponsorship ideas

## Agenda and Meeting Format

- Presentation
- Information and feedback stations
  - Project alternatives (2)
  - Volunteer opportunities
  - Range rules

## Ground Rules

## Problem Statement

Unregulated Target Shooting:

- Safety hazards
- User conflicts
- Wildfires
- Habitat degradation
- Litter/target debris



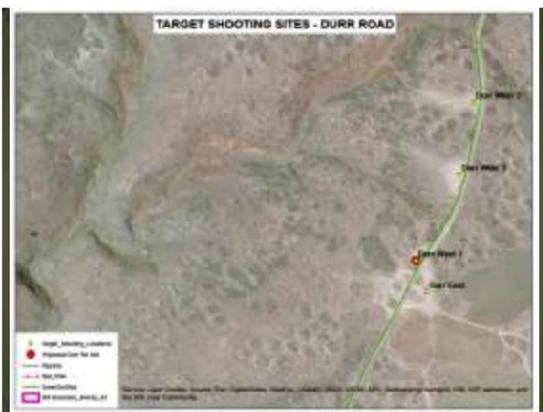


### 2012 Public Meetings

- Restrict target shooting
- Implement fire season restriction
- Increase enforcement, education and signage

### 2015 Public Meetings

- Designate 2 sites for target shooting
  - Durr Rd West 1 on north
  - Sheep Company Rd site on south
- Continue fire season restriction
- Develop range on south



### Durr Road West 1

- Known location; currently being used
- Easily accessible from Ellensburg
- Good fire response
- Good backstop
- No houses in proximity (over 2 mi to north)
- Topo allows orientation away from private land
- Shooting away from powerline/pipeline
- Continue seasonal restriction



PROS	CONS
Established, known site. currently being used	Limited visibility from road – hard to enforce, attracts irresponsible use
Easily accessible from Selah/Yakima	Unsafe shooting behavior - "wild west" – other shooters don't feel safe
Preferred shooting direction - north	Unsafe shooting – towards homes to SE
Topography reduces noise	Other users hiking/horseback riding through Cottonwood drainage
Good fire response	Natural backstop ~700 yds out across Cottonwood drainage
	Very difficult to effectively fire break
	High cost of berming for safety



### Site 4 (Alternative 2) North of Bull Pasture

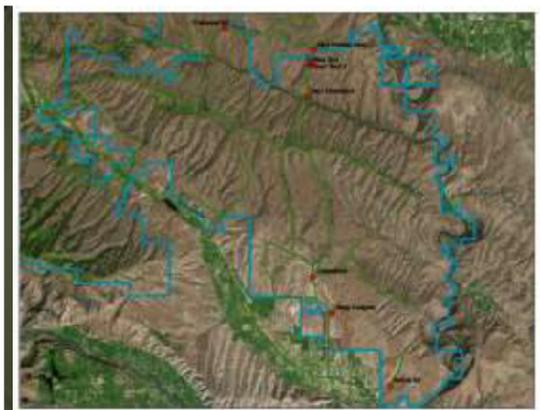
PROS	CONS
Less homes impacted; farther away	Further away from WLA entrance (distance) and existing shooting range site
Reduced noise impacts	Outside fire district (distance ~1/2 mi north)
Preferred shooting direction - north	
Room for multiple disciplines	
Natural backstop	
Able to firebreak	
Berm material on-site; reduces costs	

### Preferred Alternative

- Designate 2 sites for target shooting
  - No Target Shooting will be allowed outside of these sites
  - Does not affect hunting on WLA
- Develop range at Bull Pasture site
  - Phase 1A – 25 yd and 100 yd ranges; shotgun site
- Continue fire season timing restriction (sunrise-10am)
  - North end into the future
  - South end for 1<sup>st</sup> year at least

### Site Features

- Designate shooting hours & range rules
- Auto-close gate at shooting range entrance
- Provide target stands on a portion of the lanes
- Restrict targets to paper, cardboard, or wood
- Restrict rifles to >50 caliber
- Grade Sheep Company road out to shooting range 2-3 times per year
- Post 25 mph speed limit on Sheep Company road



### Other Considerations

- Install barriers across pullouts heavily used for target shooting
- Gate Sheep Company shooting site road
- Close Buffalo road to motorized use at parking area
- Close Bull Pasture road

### Range Rules

### For 2016

- Rules stay the same as past years. Able to do dispersed target shooting.
- Continue with fire season restriction – Sunrise to 10am.

### Next Steps and Timeline

- Collect public feedback April
- Environmental assessment complete Oct
- County permits – Yakima & Kittitas Nov
- Construction bid process Dec
- Construction Spring 2017
- Range opening Spr/Summer 2017

Once construction completed at both sites, will have a formal opening date, at that time rest of wildlife area will close to dispersed target shooting.



### Volunteer Participation

### Master Hunters

- Act as range hosts
- Organize range maintenance and clean up events
- Construct target stands and other items
- Onsite observation seasonal surveys

### Other Organizations

NGOs: RMEF, MDF, NWTF, etc  
Rod and gun clubs, community groups

- Host events at the ranges
- Assist with maintenance and clean-up events
- Construct target stands and other items

### Sponsorship and Donations

- Reaching out to sporting goods and outdoor rec retailers
- Creating donation list:
  - Shooting benches
  - Shooting sheds
  - Earthmoving
  - Other
- Signs and banners, and recognition for sponsors

### What can you do?

- If you would like to volunteer or donate contact Aaron Garcia
  - email [aaron.garcia@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:aaron.garcia@dfw.wa.gov)
  - Yakima office 509-575-2740
- Fill out the volunteer portion of the survey with your contact information
- Questions or suggestions see me at the break out session



### Success Factors

- Setting expectations
- Community ownership
- Operations, maintenance, and enforcement
  - Range rules
  - Enforcement
  - Volunteers
  - Sponsors



Information & Feedback Stations

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### **WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area**

OLYMPIA – To reduce the risk of wildfires, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will again restrict target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area near Yakima and Ellensburg.

The restriction, which will be in effect June 15 through Sept. 30, will limit target shooting to the hours between sunrise and 10 a.m., when the risk of starting a wildfire is less severe.

Public notice of the limited hours will be posted at all entry points and at other target shooting sites in the wildlife area.

The department has restricted target shooting every summer since 2012, and closed the wildlife area to all shooting in the summers of 2014 and 2015 due to extreme fire danger, said Cindi Confer Morris, manager of the WDFW wildlife area.

"With vegetation drying out and temperatures heating up, conditions are prime for sparking a fire," Confer Morris said. "These fire restrictions are necessary to help protect public recreation lands and wildlife habitat."

State land managers ask that all visitors to the wildlife area take precautions to avoid igniting a wildfire. Information about local fire danger is available at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/protection/firedanger/>

WDFW adopted the rule in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which owns lands within the 114,150-acre wildlife area.

This spring, WDFW formed an advisory group to recommend any changes needed to target shooting strategies within the Wenas Wildlife Area. The advisory group consists of 20 members, who represent diverse interests including affected landowners, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain bike riders, hikers, wildlife watchers, bird dog trainers, and motorized users.

More information about the advisory group, along with a schedule of meetings, can be found on WDFW's webpage at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wtsc/>

Campfire restrictions are already in place at the Wenas in addition to the Colockum, L.T. Murray, Oak Creek and Sunnyside-Snake River wildlife areas through Oct. 15, and at the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area through Oct. 31. Fireworks and incendiary devices – including tracer rounds and exploding targets – are also prohibited to reduce wildfire risks.

For more information on WDFW wildlife areas, see the department's website at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/)

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**April 5, 2017**

**Contact:** Cindi Confer Morris, (509) 697-4503

### **Deadline extended to April 14 for applications to join Wenas Target Shooting Advisory Committee**

YAKIMA □ The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has extended to April 14 the deadline for applications from people interested in serving on an advisory committee to address target shooting issues within the Wenas Wildlife Area.

The committee will include 15 to 20 members, representing the interests of neighbors, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain bike riders, motorized vehicle users, hikers, wildlife watchers, bird dog trainers, and others.

Recreational target shooting has long occurred on the 115,000-acre property, said WDFW Wildlife Area Manager Cindi Confer Morris. Located in Yakima and Kittitas counties, the wildlife area includes state and federal lands and is primarily managed by WDFW.

Candidates' applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, April, 14, to Regional Wildlife Program Manager Scott McCorquodale. Applications may be submitted by email to [Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov) or mailed to him at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1701 S 24th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902.

The Target Shooting Committee will meet in Selah at least monthly through the 2017-2018 winter season. In addition to attending committee meetings, members will also be asked to participate in public workshops and open houses.

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Contact: Cindi Confer Morris, (509) 697-4503

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**To:** steve walker <slwalker@bpa.gov>

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**To:** Brian gilberg <bgilberg@bpa.gov>

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**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, 509-575-2740

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WDFW will summarize the report and a draft implementation timeline at the next advisory committee meeting, scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Selah Civic Center, 216 S 1st St. The meeting will be open to the public with designated time for public comment.

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Meeting materials and a roster of committee members are available at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wtsc/>

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**Cc:** "Tyler,John D (BPA) - DKE-7" <jdtyler@bpa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project  
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Thank you!

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**To:** Scruggs,Joel L (BPA) - DKP-7; Hansen,Michael S (BPA) - DKP-7; Wilson,David B (BPA) - DKP-7  
**Cc:** Tyler,John D (BPA) - DKE-7  
**Subject:** FW: Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project

Just FYSA should you receive a related call in the future. John birddogged this information down for us through EFW.

Very Respectfully,

**Kevin Wingert**  
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Thank you for closing the loop, Andre. Much appreciated. ☺

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Hey – thanks Kevin. It would be great if Communications would follow-up (and John now tells me that he has done so, late yesterday).

The press release I saw (forwarded separately by Liz), dated yesterday, has the details just about right – the competing considerations fairly stated and considered. The proliferation of ad hoc shooting sites has damaged habitat and compromised other public uses throughout the wildlife area. No BPA funds are involved in the development of the proposed ‘target shooting range.’ The proposal is consistent with the agency’s management authority and the conversations I have had with the site manager over the past 18 months, following the two most recent large fire outbreaks.

Again, thanks for the interest, and all the help – André

**From:** WDFW Public Affairs [<mailto:do.not.reply@dfw.wa.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 2:36 PM

**To:** Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DIR-WSGL

**Subject:** WDFW News Release: WDFW hosts meetings on target shooting options for Wenas Wildlife Area

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The meetings are scheduled for:

- 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, at the Hal Holmes Center, 209 N. Ruby St., Ellensburg.
- 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, at Selah Middle School, 411 N. First St., Selah.

Unregulated target shooting is a chronic problem throughout the 105,000-acre wildlife area, said WDFW Wildlife Area Manager Cindi Confer Morris. Target shooting at a number of informal locations at the north and south ends of the wildlife area have caused several fires in recent years, endangered public safety and created significant litter issues.

After gathering input from target shooters, residents and wildlife area recreation users at public meetings last year, the department focused on two possible locations to develop a designated shooting range on the south end of the wildlife area.

One possible location is the existing Sheep Company site along Sheep Company Road. The second option, located about a mile north, is the Bull Pasture site.

The agency’s preferred option is development of a shooting range at the Bull Pasture site, which will include:

- Construction of a 25-yard and 100-yard shooting alley with safety berms;
- Creation of a shotgun/trap shooting area; and
- Graveled parking area for 40 vehicles.

Confer Morris said the Bull Pasture site is the agency's preferred location because it has the greatest potential for reducing fire risk and improving safety for recreational users. Fill material onsite would allow for 20-foot safety berms, making it the more cost-effective site option, she said.

"The visible location of the Bull Pasture site would also help reduce illegal activity and enforcement challenges at the Wildlife Area," Confer Morris said. "We expect this new location for target shooting would provide a positive environment for shooters of all ages and levels."

If the department decides to move forward, construction would start early next year.

In addition to developing a new shooting range, the department proposes to:

- Restrict recreational target shooting to the existing Durr Road West shooting area on the north end of the wildlife area, and the selected site along Sheep Company road on the south end.
- Close Buffalo Road to motorized access to reduce user conflicts.
- Maintain fire season shooting restrictions during late spring and summer.

The public meetings will include a presentation with details of the shooting range site options. After the presentation, the public will have the opportunity to provide input to WDFW staff.

More information about the Wenas Wildlife Area is available online at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/wenas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/wenas/).

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**From:** Wingert, Kevin M (BPA) - DKP-7

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 9:16 AM

**To:** L'Heureux, Andre L (BPA) - EWU-4; Lofy, Peter T (BPA) - EWU-4

**Cc:** Tyler, John D (BPA) - DKE-7

**Subject:** RE: Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project

Andre,

You're exactly right. I just got handed a voice mail note from one of our executive associates that came from (b)(6) and further explained that he was concerned about the funding of for a shooting range in the wildlife complex.

Would you like to call (b)(6) or should Communications?

Very Respectfully,

**Kevin Wingert**

Public Affairs Specialist

Bonneville Power Administration

503-230-4140 / (b)(6)

[kwingert@bpa.gov](mailto:kwingert@bpa.gov)

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**From:** L'Heureux,Andre L (BPA) - EWU-4  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 9:12 AM  
**To:** Lofy,Peter T (BPA) - EWU-4  
**Cc:** Wingert,Kevin M (BPA) - DKP-7; Tyler,John D (BPA) - DKE-7  
**Subject:** RE: Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project

Hey you three ... it's always 'possible' – but highly unlikely.

- Wenas is a complex of wildlife areas (about 120,000 acres)
- BPA funds are used on about 75,000 acres
- All lands that comprise the “complex” are managed with a mix of funding sources (state, federal, foundation, dedicated, etc.)
- BPA funding support is pretty modest and maintains a *status quo* of habitat protection and some weed control. Would be tough to find enough funds in the BPA budget for 'extra work.'

My speculation: WDFW is building a gun range (on the most publically accessible corner of the Area, near Selah) to try and manage the unfettered use of automatic weapons on these wildlife lands, euphemistically referred to as “target shooting.”

Recreational firearm discharge has caused multiple fires in the past 4 years, burning at least 15,000 acres, and costing more than \$1M in fire-response by the State. The gun range is a political accommodation. There are no BPA funds involved in developing the range.

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**From:** Lofy,Peter T (BPA) - EWU-4  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 8:06 AM  
**To:** L'Heureux,Andre L (BPA) - EWU-4  
**Cc:** Wingert,Kevin M (BPA) - DKP-7; Tyler,John D (BPA) - DKE-7  
**Subject:** FW: Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project

Andre,  
Know anything about this?

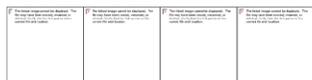
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**From:** Tyler,John D (BPA) - DKE-7  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 3:58 PM  
**To:** Lofy,Peter T (BPA) - EWU-4  
**Cc:** Wingert,Kevin M (BPA) - DKP-7; Wilson,David B (BPA) - DKP-7  
**Subject:** FW: Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project

Peter, please read Kevin's email below.

Do you know which projects we are funding EWDFW on in Selah Wash on the Wenas Wildlife Refuge?

**John Tyler**  
Bonneville Power Administration  
Public Affairs Specialist  
503-230-5116



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**From:** Wingert,Kevin M (BPA) - DKP-7  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 2:35 PM  
**To:** Wilson,David B (BPA) - DKP-7  
**Cc:** Tyler,John D (BPA) - DKE-7  
**Subject:** Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project

David,

Got a voice mail forwarded to my BB from the switchboard. (b)(6) states that he believes he's seen misuse of federal funding by WDFW on a project in the Wenas Wildlife Area. He is requesting a phone call at (b)(6) (b)(6)

Very Respectfully,

**Kevin Wingert**  
Public Affairs Specialist  
Bonneville Power Administration  
503-230-4140 / (b)(6)  
[kwingert@bpa.gov](mailto:kwingert@bpa.gov)

**From:** WDFW Public Affairs <do.not.reply@dfw.wa.gov>

**Sent:** Fri, 24 Mar 2017 14:53:43 -0700

**To:** chris hawkins <cchawkins@bpa.gov>

**Subject:** WDFW News Release: WDFW seeks candidates for Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee

## **WDFW NEWS RELEASE**

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091**

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/>

**March 24, 2017**

Contact: Cindi Confer Morris, (509) 697-4503

### **WDFW seeks candidates for Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee**

YAKIMA □ The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is seeking candidates to serve on an advisory committee to recommend solutions to target shooting issues within the Wenas Wildlife Area.

The advisory committee will include 15 to 20 members, representing the interests of neighbors, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain bike riders, hikers, wildlife watchers, bird dog trainers, and others.

Recreational target shooting has long occurred on the 115,000-acre Wenas Wildlife Area, said WDFW Wildlife Area Manager Cindi Confer Morris. The wildlife area, located in Yakima and Kittitas counties, includes Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and WDFW lands, and is primarily managed by WDFW.

An increase in target shooting in recent years has caused several challenges, including wildfires, threats to public safety and private property, littering, and damage to wildlife habitat.

Previous proposals to address target shooting generated concerns by the public, said Confer Morris. As a result, WDFW is initiating a new effort to identify the best options for managing target shooting through an advisory committee process. This approach will empower a representative group of stakeholders to craft potential solutions through conversations with other participants and WDFW.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. April 7, 2017. Submissions can be emailed to [Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov) or sent to McCorquodale at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1701 S 24th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902.

New members should be available to attend meetings in Selah beginning as early as May 2017. The advisory committee will meet at least once a month through the 2017-2018 winter season. In addition to attending committee meetings, members will be asked to also participate in public workshops and open houses.

Interested candidates can download the membership application from the Wenas Wildlife Area webpage at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/wenas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/wenas/)

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**Sent:** Tue, 20 Jun 2017 16:26:55 -0700

**To:** steve walker <slwalker@bpa.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] WDFW News Release: WDFW invites public to June 27-28 listening sessions on target shooting at the Wenas Wildlife Area

## **WDFW NEWS RELEASE**

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091**

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/>

**June 20, 2017**

**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, 509-575-2740

### **WDFW invites public to June 27-28 listening sessions on target shooting at the Wenas Wildlife Area**

YAKIMA □ The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will hold listening sessions June 27 and 28 for the public to provide input on target shooting at the Wenas Wildlife Area.

Public feedback from the listening sessions will be shared with the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee to help inform their deliberations and eventual recommendations on how to provide recreational target shooting opportunities at the wildlife area.

Public listening sessions are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, June 27, 6 to 9 p.m., in the Manastash Room at the Ellensburg Fairgrounds.
- Wednesday, June 28, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Selah Civic Center, 216 S 1st St.

Additional public listening sessions will be scheduled in the fall.

More information about the Wenas Wildlife Area can be found on the WDFW website at

[http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/wenas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/wenas/)

For more information on the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee, see

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wtsc/>

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**Sent:** Mon, 8 May 2017 14:07:56 -0700  
**To:** Elizabeth Klumpp <ecklumpp@bpa.gov>  
**Subject:** WDFW News Release: WDFW selects members to serve on the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee

## **WDFW NEWS RELEASE**

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
**600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091**  
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/>

**May 8, 2017**

**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, 509-575-2740

### **WDFW selects members to serve on the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee**

YAKIMA □ The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has selected 20 members to serve on an advisory committee to address target shooting issues within the Wenas Wildlife Area.

The committee members reflect a broad range of interests, including wildlife area neighbors, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain bike riders, hikers, wildlife watchers, motorized recreationists, and bird dog trainers. Since the committee will focus on target shooting issues, 15 of the 20 selected members are target shooters and/or hunters.

WDFW has retained a facilitator to coordinate the committee's activities and help members develop recommendations. Staff from WDFW and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will participate as non-voting committee members.

Over the next several months, the committee will develop recommendations to WDFW on how to provide recreational target shooting opportunities that reflect public needs and interests, protect public safety, preserve wildlife habitat, and reduce fire risk.

The first Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at the Selah Civic Center, 216 S 1st St,. Meetings will be open to the public with designated time for public comment. Meeting materials and a roster of committee members are available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wtsc/>

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**To:** chris hawkins <cchawkins@bpa.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] WDFW News Release: WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area

## **WDFW NEWS RELEASE**

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
**600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091**  
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/>

**June 13, 2017**

**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, (509) 575-2740

### **WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area**

OLYMPIA □ To reduce the risk of wildfires, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will again restrict target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area near Yakima and Ellensburg.

The restriction, which will be in effect June 15 through Sept. 30, will limit target shooting to the hours between sunrise and 10 a.m., when the risk of starting a wildfire is less severe.

Public notice of the limited hours will be posted at all entry points and at other target shooting sites in the wildlife area.

The department has restricted target shooting every summer since 2012, and closed the wildlife area to all shooting in the summers of 2014 and 2015 due to extreme fire danger, said Cindi Confer Morris, manager of the WDFW wildlife area.

"With vegetation drying out and temperatures heating up, conditions are prime for sparking a fire," Confer Morris said. "These fire restrictions are necessary to help protect public recreation lands and wildlife habitat."

State land managers ask that all visitors to the wildlife area take precautions to avoid igniting a wildfire. Information about local fire danger is available at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/protection/firedanger/>

WDFW adopted the rule in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which owns lands within the 114,150-acre wildlife area.

This spring, WDFW formed an advisory group to recommend any changes needed to target shooting strategies within the Wenas Wildlife Area. The advisory group consists of 20 members, who represent diverse interests including affected landowners, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain bike riders, hikers, wildlife watchers, bird dog trainers, and motorized users.

More information about the advisory group, along with a schedule of meetings, can be found on WDFW's webpage at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wtsc/>

Campfire restrictions are already in place at the Wenas in addition to the Colockum, L.T. Murray, Oak Creek and Sunnyside-Snake River wildlife areas through Oct. 15, and at the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area through Oct. 31. Fireworks and incendiary devices □ including tracer rounds and exploding targets □ are also prohibited to reduce wildfire risks.

For more information on WDFW wildlife areas, see the department's website at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/)

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**To:** chris hawkins <cchawkins@bpa.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Announcement and Agenda for Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission's December 7-9, 2017 meeting  
**Attachments:** December 7-9, 2017 Public agenda.pdf

Attached is the announcement and the agenda for the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission's December 7-9, 2017 meeting in Olympia.

Link to agenda and meeting materials:  
[http://wdfw.wa.gov/commission/meetings/2017/12/agenda\\_dec0717.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/commission/meetings/2017/12/agenda_dec0717.html)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**Fish and Wildlife Commission**

**SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**DECEMBER 7, 2017**

Natural Resources Building - 1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98501

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017**

**2:00 PM**      **1. Commission Workshop – Room 175 A & B (near the cafeteria)** *3 hrs*  
Commission workshops are held to allow informal discussion among Commissioners and Department staff. The meeting is open to the public who wish to observe however, public input is generally not taken. Times on the agenda are approximate and the Commission may adjust the agenda to meet scheduling needs.

**5:00 PM**      **Recess**

**Preliminary Meeting Agenda**  
**DECEMBER 8-9, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING**

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501  
First Floor – Room 172

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017**

**8:30 AM**      **2. Call to Order** *30 min*  
a. Commissioners' Discussion  
b. Meeting Minute Approval  
c. Committee Reports

**9:00 AM**      **3. Director's Report** *45 min*  
The Director will brief the Commission on various items including:  
• Legislative update  
• Diversity Advisory Group  
• For Heaven's Sake Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Update

Follow up items from previous meeting  
• Pound nets in the Columbia River  
• Dungeness crab fishery

**9:45 AM**      **4. Open Public Input** *60 min*  
The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting.  
**NOTE:** During this portion of the meeting, the public is encouraged to comment on issues that do not already have public input time on the agenda.

- 10:45 AM**      **5. Matrix Consulting Group Report**      *75 min*  
 Alan Pennington with Matrix Reporting Group will present the draft report for the organizational and management assessment required in the 2017-19 operating budget proviso.
- 12:00 PM**      **Lunch**      *60 min*
- 1:00 PM**      **6. 2017-19 Budget Orientation and Proviso Discussion**      *60 min*  
 Department staff will provide an overview of WDFW's budget processes and fund sources. Staff will also present a proposed process for Commission engagement in developing both a long-term revenue plan and the zero-based budget analysis as part of the 2017-19 operating budget proviso.
- Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Policy Director and Owen Rowe, Budget Director
- 2:00 PM**      **7. Periodic Status Reviews (Columbia Sharp-tailed Grouse) – Briefing and Public Hearing**      *20 min*  
 Department staff will brief the Commission on the Periodic Status Review compiled for the Columbia Sharp-tailed Grouse in accordance with WAC 220-610-110. This Periodic Status Review outlines the current status of the species and includes information and comments provided by peer scientists and the public.
- Staff Report: Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager and Derek Stinson, Wildlife Biologist, Diversity Division, Wildlife Program
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 2:20 PM**      **8. Planning for Shooting Ranges on WDFW Land – Briefing**      *40 min*  
 Department staff will provide an update on the agency's shooting range program including: 1) Progress of the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee; 2) Recommendation for target shooting rule change; 3) Status of acquiring land for the envisioned Central Washington Shooting Range; and 4) Assessing other WDFW lands for target shooting issues and improvements.
- Staff Report: Mike Livingston, Region 3 Director, Melinda Posner, Wildlife Area Planning, Recreation, and Outreach Section Manager, Lands Division
- 3:00 PM**      **Break**      *15 min*
- 3:15 PM**      **9. Proposed Translocation of Mountain Goats - Briefing**      *45 min*  
 Department staff will provide a briefing on the Olympic Peninsula Mountain Goat management and proposed translocation to the North Cascades.
- Staff Report: Dr. Richard B. Harris, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager, Game Division
- 4:00 PM**      **10. Compensation for Livestock Damage – Briefing and Public Hearing**      *35 min*  
 Department staff will brief the Commission on recommended changes to two WACs associated with compensation, to increase clarity, streamline the process and for consistency with state law and the wolf plan.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead, Game Division

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 4:35 PM**      **11. Washington Wolf Conservation and Management Plan – Briefing**      *35 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on the Washington Wolf Compensation and Management Plan.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead, Game Division

- 5:05 PM**      **12. Open Public Input**      *25 min*  
The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting.  
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- 5:30 PM**      **Recess**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017**

- 7:00 AM**      **13. Executive Session**      *90 min*  
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission will meet in executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. No action will be taken in executive session, and the public is not permitted to listen to the executive session.

- 8:30 AM**      **14. Open Public Input**      *20 min*  
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- 8:50 AM**      **15. Atlantic Salmon and WDFW's Authority – Briefing**      *40 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on private aquaculture net pen reared Atlantic Salmon and WDFW's level of authority over them.

Staff Report: Ken Warheit, Supervisor Genetics and Fish Health Labs

- 9:30 AM**      **16. 2018-19 Sportfishing Rule Simplification – Briefing and Public Hearing**      *90 min*  
Department staff will provide the Commission an overview on proposals under consideration to simplify and improve sportfishing rules.

Staff report: Steve Thiesfeld, Inland Fishery Manager, Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager, and Chad Jackson, Region 2 Fish Program Manager

**Public Input – This Item Only**

**11:00 AM 17. Willapa Bay Policy – Briefing and Public Hearing**

90 min

Department staff will present an annual review to the Commission on the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) as set in the Adaptive Management objectives of the policy.

Staff Report: Annette Hoffmann, Region 4 Fish Program Manager and Chad Herring, Fish and Wildlife Biologist

**Public Input – This Item Only**

**12:30 PM 18. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

60 min

The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

- January 5 conference call agenda planning
- January 19-20 meeting agenda planning
- Year at a glance review

**1:30 PM Adjourn**

**MEMBERS**

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**Bradley Smith**, Ph.D., Chair, Bellingham  
(Western Washington position, Whatcom County)  
Occupation: Dean Emeritus, Environmental Science  
Western Washington University  
Current Term: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2020

**Jay Kehne**, Omak  
(At-large position, Okanogan County)  
Occupation: Okanogan Outreach Associate, Conservationist  
Term: 04/16/2013 - 12/31/2018

**Larry Carpenter**, Vice-chair, Mount Vernon  
(Western Washington position, Skagit County)  
Occupation: Retired Business Owner  
Term: 08/14/2017 - 12/31/2018

**Robert Kehoe**, Seattle  
(At-large position, King County)  
Occupation: Executive Director, Purse Seine  
Vessel Owners' Association  
Current Term: 01/01/2015 – 12/31/2020

**Barbara Baker**, Olympia  
(At-large position, Thurston County)  
Occupation: Attorney/Retired Administrator  
Term: 01/17/2017 - 12/31/2022

**Don McIsaac**, Ph.D., Hockinson  
(Western Washington Position, Clark County)  
Occupation: Retired Executive Director of the Pacific Fishery  
Management Council; Part-time Consultant  
Current Term: 08/14/2017 – 12/31/22

**David Graybill**, Leavenworth  
(Eastern Washington position, Chelan County)  
Occupation: Owner FishingMagician.com LLC  
Term: 03/23/2015 – 12/31/2020

**Kim Thorburn**, MD, MPH, Spokane  
(Eastern Washington position, Spokane County)  
Occupation: Retired Public Health Physician  
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**May 8, 2017**

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June 13, 2017

**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, (509) 575-2740

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OLYMPIA □ To reduce the risk of wildfires, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will again restrict target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area near Yakima and Ellensburg.

The restriction, which will be in effect June 15 through Sept. 30, will limit target shooting to the hours between sunrise and 10 a.m., when the risk of starting a wildfire is less severe.

Public notice of the limited hours will be posted at all entry points and at other target shooting sites in the wildlife area.

The department has restricted target shooting every summer since 2012, and closed the wildlife area to all shooting in the summers of 2014 and 2015 due to extreme fire danger, said Cindi Confer Morris, manager of the WDFW wildlife area.

"With vegetation drying out and temperatures heating up, conditions are prime for sparking a fire," Confer Morris said. "These fire restrictions are necessary to help protect public recreation lands and wildlife habitat."

State land managers ask that all visitors to the wildlife area take precautions to avoid igniting a wildfire. Information about local fire danger is available at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/protection/firedanger/>

WDFW adopted the rule in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which owns lands within the 114,150-acre wildlife area.

This spring, WDFW formed an advisory group to recommend any changes needed to target shooting strategies within the Wenas Wildlife Area. The advisory group consists of 20 members, who represent diverse interests including affected landowners, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain bike riders, hikers, wildlife watchers, bird dog trainers, and motorized users.

More information about the advisory group, along with a schedule of meetings, can be found on WDFW's webpage at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wtsc/>

Campfire restrictions are already in place at the Wenas in addition to the Colockum, L.T. Murray, Oak Creek and Sunnyside-Snake River wildlife areas through Oct. 15, and at the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area through Oct. 31. Fireworks and incendiary devices □ including tracer rounds and exploding targets □ are also prohibited to reduce wildfire risks.

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**February 21, 2018**

**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, 509-575-2740

### **WDFW to discuss Wenas target shooting recommendations at March 6 meeting in Selah**

YAKIMA □ The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will meet with the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee on March 6 in Selah to discuss the group's recent recommendations for recreational target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area.

The Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee, a representative group of stakeholders, worked for several months in 2017 to develop recommendations designed to protect public safety, preserve wildlife habitat, reduce fire risk, and reflect public needs and interests on the 115,000-acre wildlife area.

In December, the advisory committee submitted a report (<https://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/01956/wdfw01956.pdf>) to WDFW that included 17 recommendations to improve education and outreach, clarify regulations for shooting on public lands, and enhance selected sites for concentrated shooting.

WDFW will summarize the report and a draft implementation timeline at the next advisory committee meeting, scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Selah Civic Center, 216 S 1st St. The meeting will be open to the public with designated time for public comment.

The wildlife area, located in Yakima and Kittitas counties, includes Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Land Management, and WDFW lands, and is primarily managed by WDFW. Increased public use in recent years has created management challenges in target shooting areas including wildfires, complaints about public safety, littering, and damage to private property and wildlife habitat.

The 17 advisory committee members represent diverse recreational and conservation interests, including affected landowners, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain-bike riders, hikers, wildlife watchers, bird-dog trainers, and users of motorized vehicles.

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**April 5, 2017**

**Contact:** Cindi Confer Morris, (509) 697-4503

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Candidates' applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, April, 14, to Regional Wildlife Program Manager Scott McCorquodale. Applications may be submitted by email to [Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov) or mailed to him at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1701 S 24th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902.

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**September 25, 2017**

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**March 24, 2017**

Contact: Cindi Confer Morris, (509) 697-4503

### **WDFW seeks candidates for Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee**

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Recreational target shooting has long occurred on the 115,000-acre Wenas Wildlife Area, said WDFW Wildlife Area Manager Cindi Confer Morris. The wildlife area, located in Yakima and Kittitas counties, includes Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and WDFW lands, and is primarily managed by WDFW.

An increase in target shooting in recent years has caused several challenges, including wildfires, threats to public safety and private property, littering, and damage to wildlife habitat.

Previous proposals to address target shooting generated concerns by the public, said Confer Morris. As a result, WDFW is initiating a new effort to identify the best options for managing target shooting through an advisory committee process. This approach will empower a representative group of stakeholders to craft potential solutions through conversations with other participants and WDFW.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. April 7, 2017. Submissions can be emailed to [Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov) or sent to McCorquodale at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1701 S 24th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902.

New members should be available to attend meetings in Selah beginning as early as May 2017. The advisory committee will meet at least once a month through the 2017-2018 winter season. In addition to attending committee meetings, members will be asked to also participate in public workshops and open houses.

Interested candidates can download the membership application from the Wenas Wildlife Area webpage at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/wenas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/wenas/)

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**To:** chris hawkins <cchawkins@bpa.gov>

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**April 5, 2017**

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Candidates' applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, April, 14, to Regional Wildlife Program Manager Scott McCorquodale. Applications may be submitted by email to [Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov) or mailed to him at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1701 S 24th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902.

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WDFW has retained a facilitator to coordinate the committee's activities and help members develop recommendations. Staff from WDFW and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will participate as non-voting committee members.

Over the next several months, the committee will develop recommendations to WDFW on how to provide recreational target shooting opportunities that reflect public needs and interests, protect public safety, preserve wildlife habitat, and reduce fire risk.

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**To:** "Maslen,Bill (BPA) - EW-4" <wcmaslen@bpa.gov>, "Tweit, William M (DFW)" <William.Tweit@dfw.wa.gov>, "Dahmer, Paul A (DFW)" <Paul.Dahmer@dfw.wa.gov>, "Merg, Kurt F (DFW)" <Kurt.Merg@dfw.wa.gov>, "Wilkerson, Cynthia R (DFW)" <Cynthia.Wilkerson@dfw.wa.gov>, "Schwartz, Jim (ATG)" <JimS@ATG.WA.GOV>, "Wise, Neil (ATG)" <NeiIW@ATG.WA.GOV>

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**Subject:** RE: settlement talks - WDFW is about to finalize a shooting range at Wena Wildlife area - where BPA has invested funds

Hello Bill,

Thank you for the thoughts. At the last meeting, we talked about the amount of cost share the state provides for our wildlife areas to ensure the ecological integrity and value of the mitigation lands and also for activities on our lands which fall outside the mitigation responsibility. This is a very good example of the state doing both - cost sharing the mitigation portion and supporting non-mitigation responsibilities. Wenas is about 75K acres, BPA provides about \$400K for management of the land and the state additionally provides about \$525K (From Pisces, 2015). The current construction and management of the shooting range is then an additional amount of money and would not be cost share in the upcoming year. You can be certain that your mitigation dollars are not currently funding the target range now or in the future.

Wenas is a challenging wildlife area to manage. It is huge and due to its proximity to major population areas, has always been a beacon for mischief. As was reported in the article, there have been areas of target practice and areas not designated for target practice - both misused. You may not be aware that target shooting is, by default, allowed on federal lands and state owned lands in the west except for areas that are specifically restricted. The fact that WDFW is restricting shooting on state lands is highly unusual. By restricting where folks can shoot, we are significantly reducing the impact on the remaining acres, both from the direct impacts of vegetation disturbance and the less direct impacts of fires. By restricting target shooting to the 2 designated sites, we stop the vegetation degradation and significantly reduce the risk of fire. Overall, what we're doing will improve, and retain, shrub-steppe habitat, and in the longer term reduce weed issues .

This is an area very unlike our other BPA Wildlife areas but it is a good extreme to use as an example of how the state is both financially adding to the mitigation dollars and also providing additional non-mitigation dollars.

Looking forward to more discussion.

Amy

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**From:** Maslen,Bill (BPA) - EW-4 [wcmaslen@bpa.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 11:32 AM

**To:** Windrope, Amy (DFW); Tweit, William M (DFW); Dahmer, Paul A (DFW); Merg, Kurt F (DFW); Wilkerson, Cynthia R (DFW); Schwartz, Jim (ATG); Wise, Neil (ATG)

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Hi. When we last met on March 29<sup>th</sup> we discussed the WA wildlife portfolio comprised of both fee-title as well as enhanced acres. BPA indicated that we view these two "property types" differently wrt O&M. We described a couple examples of why we think there is an O&M differential between fee-title and enhanced acres, particularly given other purposes for which enhanced acres may be managed. This recent media story, below, is another illustration of why we don't consider O&M of the two property types the same. We understand and agree with management for multiple purposes, but it is important that BPA ratepayer dollars are focused on the O&M for managing the properties for their habitat attributes and the long-term benefit of wildlife.

Just wanted to share as part of our ongoing discussion.

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# Wenas Wildlife Area shooting ranges a step closer to reality

- **[By Scott Sandsberry](#)**

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- YAKIMA, Wash. -- After exploring their options with roughly six dozen attendees at two public meetings last week in Ellensburg and Selah, state officials appear poised to move forward with plans for two designated target-shooting ranges in the Wenas Wildlife Area.

Nothing will be official until Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife managers have had a chance to consider all of the written comments submitted. There didn't seem to be sufficient verbal opposition at either public hearing, though, to scuttle plans for the proposed ranges that would serve both ends of the wildlife area.

The range planned on the Yakima County side would be roughly a half-mile north of Bull Pasture Road, just off Sheep Company Road (on some maps referred to there as Durr Road). The other would be at the site of an unofficial range already being used on the west side of Durr Road on the Kittitas County end of the wildlife area. Barring a change of plans by wildlife officials, the north-end range, which will be more rudimentary and require minimal construction, will be open by this fall.

The timeline on the Bull Pasture range would entail an environmental assessment this fall, followed by permitting and construction-bid processes by the end of the year and construction in spring/summer 2017 at a cost of about \$335,000. The work would include target stands, a 25-yard pistol range, a 100-yard rifle range and a shotgun/trapshooting range, and a gravel parking lot.

That range would replace the unofficial shooting range east of Sheep Company Road that has long been riddled by garbage accumulation, use of illegal ammunition and potentially dangerous shooting, state officials say. The new range would adhere to the current restrictions of shooting only from sunrise to 10 a.m. for at least two years, during which having Master Hunters and other volunteers on hand will be important, WDFW officials said at last week's Selah meeting.

Aaron Garcia, the WDFW's regional volunteer coordinator, said volunteer support and enforcement emphasis would help keep the Bull Pasture site from incurring the abuses that have made the unofficial Sheep Company range so problematic.

"Our feeling," Garcia said, "is by having somebody there, it will keep knuckleheads from being knuckleheads."

While opposition to the ranges has been muted, some Wenas Wildlife Area users aren't happy with the state's intent to limit all target shooting to those two sites.

One Selah commenter lamented shooters being confined "to 20 acres while everybody else gets to use the other 100,000 acres," a reference to the approximate sizes of the Bull Pasture range and the entire wildlife area.

Another attendee at Selah, Rick Wilson, said shooters were being penalized for other user groups' unwillingness to steer clear of traditional shooting areas.

"It's unfair, because the rifle ranges are established," Wilson said. "People don't need to be riding their horses across a shooting range — that's idiotic. When you get out of your vehicle to ride your horses or whatever, you can see where the rifle range is and hear the shooting."

As for state officials' concerns about irresponsible shooters at the old Sheep Company range — and the numerous wildfires sparked by the use of illegal tracer rounds on the wildlife area — Wilson said, "We're always going to have our share of idiots out there. But are we all doing our part to stop those idiots?"

Many wildlife-area fires, though, aren't caused by unethical shooters, said Cindi Confer Morris, Wenas Wildlife Area manager. That, she said, is another reason to confine shooting to specific areas at which fire precautions and response could be concentrated.

"Probably two-thirds of the fires caused by target shooting (on the wildlife area), they were not using anything illegal," Confer Morris said. "Everyone thinks, 'Oh, they must be doing something illegal,' but in most instances that was not the case."



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WDFW has retained a facilitator to coordinate the committee's activities and help members develop recommendations. Staff from WDFW and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will participate as non-voting committee members.

Over the next several months, the committee will develop recommendations to WDFW on how to provide recreational target shooting opportunities that reflect public needs and interests, protect public safety, preserve wildlife habitat, and reduce fire risk.

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"With vegetation drying out and temperatures heating up, conditions are prime for sparking a fire," Confer Morris said. "These fire restrictions are necessary to help protect public recreation lands and wildlife habitat."

State land managers ask that all visitors to the wildlife area take precautions to avoid igniting a wildfire. Information about local fire danger is available at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/protection/firedanger/>

WDFW adopted the rule in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which owns lands within the 114,150-acre wildlife area.

This spring, WDFW formed an advisory group to recommend any changes needed to target shooting strategies within the Wenas Wildlife Area. The advisory group consists of 20 members, who represent diverse interests including affected landowners, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain bike riders, hikers, wildlife watchers, bird dog trainers, and motorized users.

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**To:** JERRY SHIPE <jwshipe@bpa.gov>

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**June 20, 2017**

**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, 509-575-2740

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**Sent:** Wed, 14 Jun 2017 18:43:40 +0000  
**To:** "Windrope, Amy (DFW)" <Amy.Windrope@dfw.wa.gov>  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: YAY!!! WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area

I am will be out of the office until 15 Jun. If it can not wait until I return, please call the Office Manager (Bryan) for help or manager coverage (503-230-4101). Thanks Peter

**From:** WDFW Public Affairs <do.not.reply@dfw.wa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue, 13 Jun 2017 16:29:06 -0700  
**To:** Sean <smclowry@bpa.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] WDFW News Release: WDFW restricts target shooting on the Wenas Wildlife Area

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**Sent:** Mon, 8 May 2017 14:07:56 -0700

**To:** Sean <smclowry@bpa.gov>

**Subject:** WDFW News Release: WDFW selects members to serve on the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee

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**May 8, 2017**

**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, 509-575-2740

### **WDFW selects members to serve on the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee**

YAKIMA □ The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has selected 20 members to serve on an advisory committee to address target shooting issues within the Wenas Wildlife Area.

The committee members reflect a broad range of interests, including wildlife area neighbors, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain bike riders, hikers, wildlife watchers, motorized recreationists, and bird dog trainers. Since the committee will focus on target shooting issues, 15 of the 20 selected members are target shooters and/or hunters.

WDFW has retained a facilitator to coordinate the committee's activities and help members develop recommendations. Staff from WDFW and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will participate as non-voting committee members.

Over the next several months, the committee will develop recommendations to WDFW on how to provide recreational target shooting opportunities that reflect public needs and interests, protect public safety, preserve wildlife habitat, and reduce fire risk.

The first Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at the Selah Civic Center, 216 S 1st St,. Meetings will be open to the public with designated time for public comment. Meeting materials and a roster of committee members are available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wtsc/>

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**Sent:** Mon, 25 Sep 2017 16:15:16 -0700

**To:** Dennis Benson <dlbenson@bpa.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] WDFW News Release: WDFW invites public to listening sessions on target shooting at the Wenas Wildlife Area

## **WDFW NEWS RELEASE**

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**September 25, 2017**

**Contact:** Scott McCorquodale, 509-575-2740

### **WDFW invites public to listening sessions on target shooting at the Wenas Wildlife Area**

YAKIMA □ The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has scheduled two meetings in early October to enable the public to provide input on target shooting options at the Wenas Wildlife Area.

Public comments will help the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee develop recommendations on how WDFW can ensure that recreational target shooting opportunities respond to public needs and interests, protect public safety, preserve wildlife habitat, and reduce fire risk.

The meetings, which will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m., are scheduled for:

- Monday, Oct. 2, at the Selah Civic Center, 216 S 1st St., Selah; and
- Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Manastash Room at the Kittitas Valley Event Center, 901 E. 7th Ave., Ellensburg.

Each meeting will begin with a brief presentation about the target shooting project; the advisory committee's progress to date; and draft recommendations for improving the target shooting experience, including enhanced public education, safety practices, and law enforcement.

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**From:** "Confer Morris, Cindi J (DFW)" <Cindi.Confer@dfw.wa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu, 12 Feb 2015 08:33:42 -0800  
**To:** "L'Heureux,Andre L (BPA) - EWU-4" <allheureux@bpa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Planning (2015)\_shooting range(s) & cap budget  
**Attachments:** Cowlitz\_Rifle benches.JPG; Cowlitz\_Shotgun.JPG; Sheep Co Shooting Range Alt3 layout\_zoomed.pdf; Sheep Co Shooting Range Overview.pdf; Shooting structure\_baffled2.jpg; target structures\_mining belt material.jpg

Nothing huge, just wanted to bring you up to date on target shooting and the direction we're headed with it (developing a 'micro range' on west side of Sheep Co rd). Once constructed (timeline has it complete by end of fall, 2015), we would restrict target shooting to that site and an undeveloped site on the north end. Rest of WLA would be closed to target shooting. I've attached a couple maps and micro range photo examples. Probably 40-60 acres of direct habitat loss at new range, but would restore other current locations. Wanted to talk through with you and make sure we addressed BPA concerns/issues/habitat credits before getting too far along.

Also, agency has an office for Wenas listed in the 2015-17 capital budget request, with a big match from BPA. Wanted to talk through that and the process for requesting additional funds from BPA. No rush – It's in the governor's budget, but who knows what will make it through the legislature.

And wanted to let you know that I'm trying to hire an on-call bio 2 position to help me get caught up on some of my workload. I've got a month's worth of funding id'ed in my current BPA budget and the program is coming with another month (to help me focus on the target shooting issue).

That was it. Just give me a call when you aren't so swamped and we can talk details on items 1 and 2. Of course, if you have major concerns with the shooting range, a phone call soon would be appreciated 😊.  
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**From:** L'Heureux,Andre L (BPA) - KEWU-4 [mailto:allheureux@bpa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2015 6:14 PM  
**To:** Confer Morris, Cindi J (DFW)  
**Subject:** phone

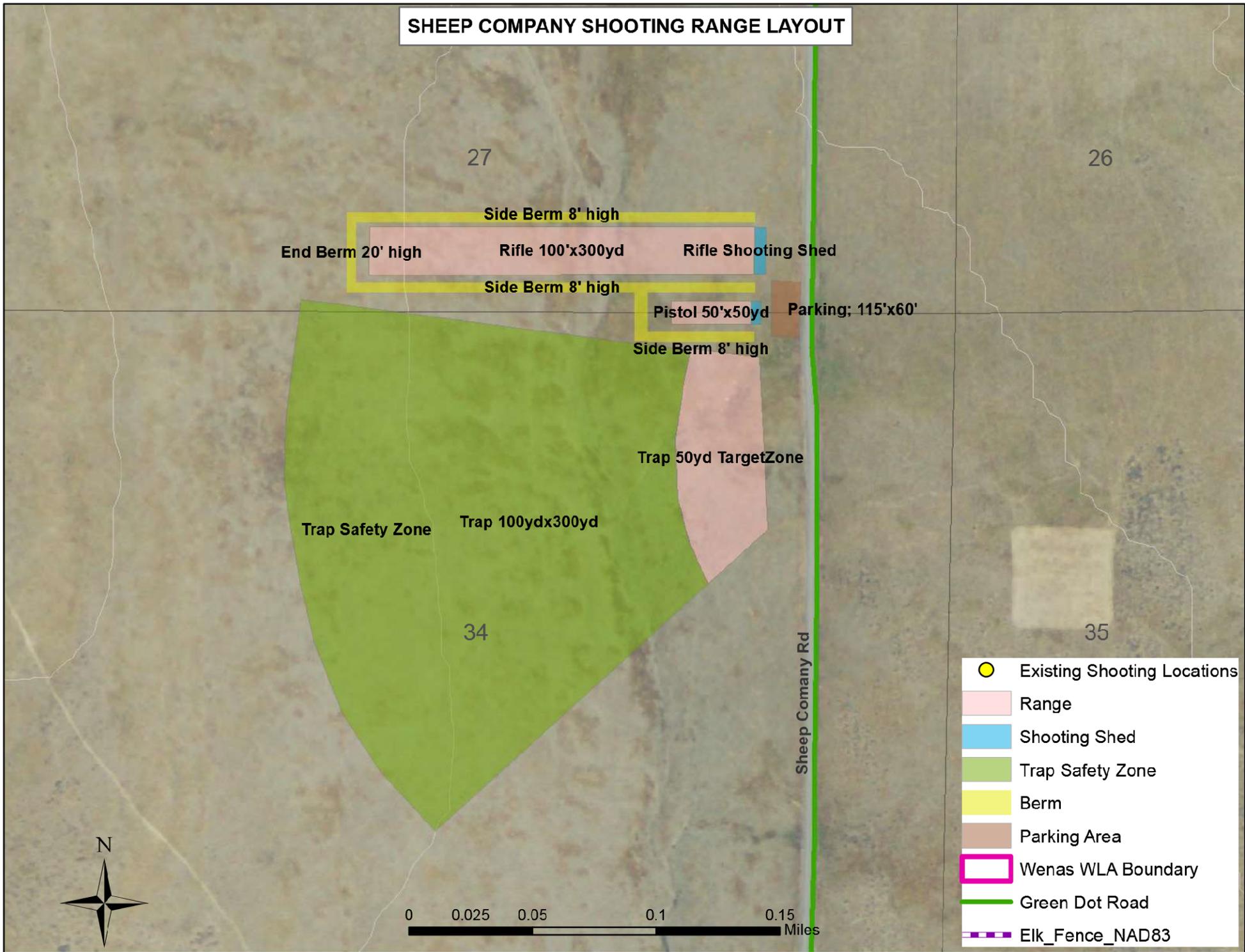
Thanks for trying. I didn't make it back around to return your call. Will do better.

Now I'm so buried I'm nervous about what's on your mind ....

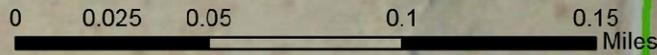


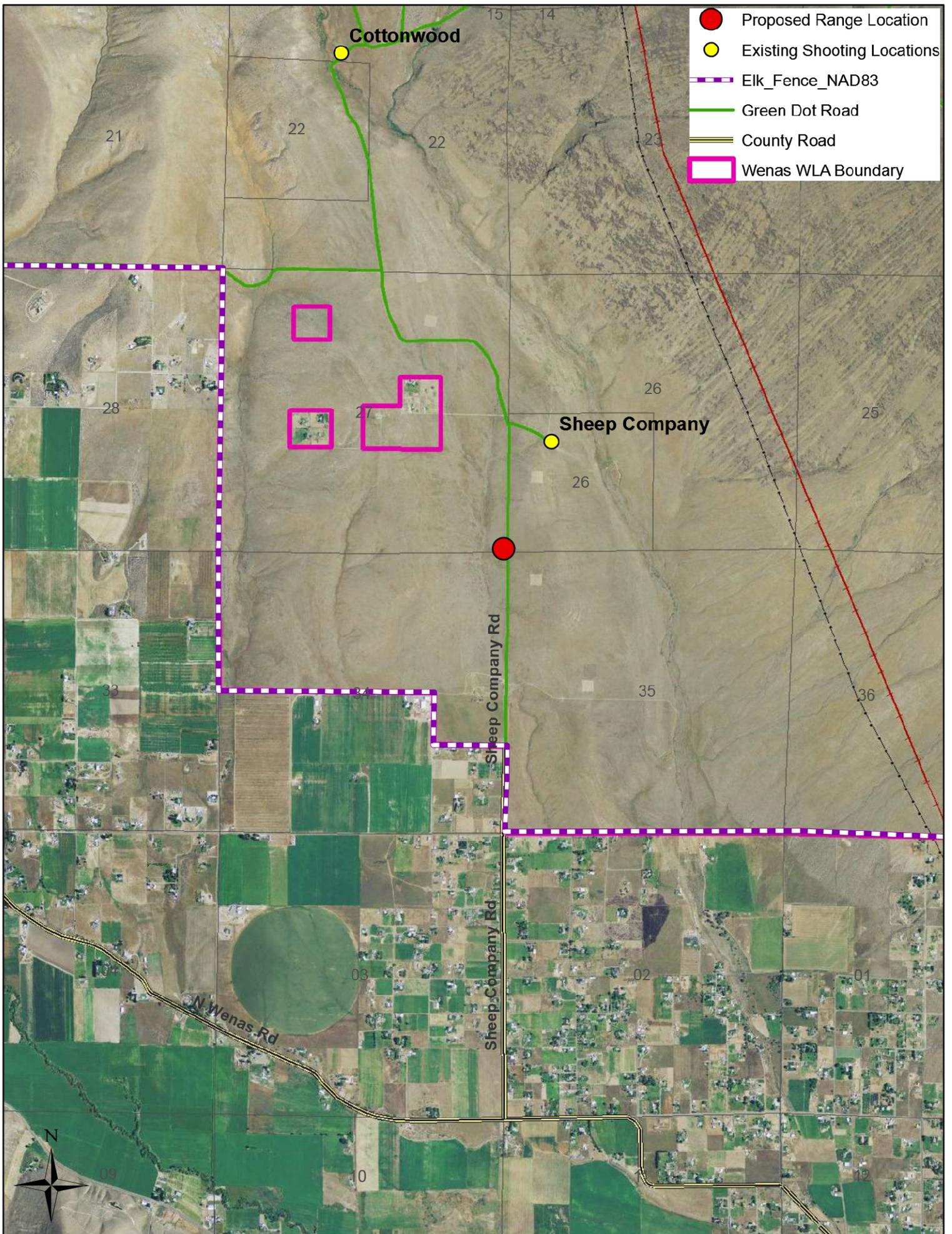


# SHEEP COMPANY SHOOTING RANGE LAYOUT



- Existing Shooting Locations
- Range
- Shooting Shed
- Trap Safety Zone
- Berm
- Parking Area
- Wenas WLA Boundary
- Green Dot Road
- Elk\_Fence\_NAD83









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**Sent:** Tue, 7 Jun 2016 12:00:44 -0700  
**To:** "L'Heureux,Andre L (BPA) - EWU-4" <allheureux@bpa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Tour of Wenas Wildlife Area - Jun 23 (Thu)

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**From:** Crosier, Raquel D (DFW)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 03, 2016 12:36 PM  
**To:** Honeyford, Jim; McWain, Penelope; Chandler, Bruce; 'Melinda.Bailey@leg.wa.gov'; Taylor, David; 'Jaime.Rowland@leg.wa.gov'; King, Curtis; 'Tawnya.Smith@leg.wa.gov'; 'Ella.Williams@leg.wa.gov'; Johnson, Norm; 'Gale.Sackman@leg.wa.gov'; McCabe, Gina; 'Wanda.Brosey@leg.wa.gov'; Warnick, Judy; Lynch, Kyle; 'Hannah.Castro@leg.wa.gov'; Dent, Tom; 'Marge.Plumage@leg.wa.gov'; Manweller, Matt; 'Breanne.Elsey@leg.wa.gov'  
**Cc:** Livingston, Michael F (DFW); Posner, Melinda J (DFW); Sprague, Clay L (DFW); Lundquist, Wyatt D (DFW); Confer Morris, Cindi J (DFW); McCorquodale, Scott (DFW)  
**Subject:** RESCHEDULED: Tour of Wenas Wildlife Area

Greetings 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> District Legislators,

Due to scheduling issues we have changed our date for the tour of the Wenas Wildlife Area from June 10<sup>th</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30pm – 5pm. The goal of the tour is to discuss the proposal to develop a shooting range within the Wildlife Area, talk about our public outreach process and take a look at the proposed site. Please find an updated agenda and directions below:

#### **AGENDA**

- 1:30 PM Meet at the Wenas Wildlife Area's Sheep Company Gate (Directions below).  
Welcome, introductions, and history of target shooting issues on the Wenas.
- 2:30 PM Travel to Bull Pasture Road for a discussion of public outreach and proposed alternatives.
- 3:30 PM Travel to Durr Road for a discussion of target shooting and concerns raised during public outreach.
- 5:00 PM Adjourn

#### **Driving Directions**

Sheep Company Road Access: From I-82 take exit 26 and go West approximately 1/4 mile to Hwy 823/Harrison Rd. Turn left (West) onto Harrison Rd., go two miles until it intersects with North Wenas Rd. Take a right onto North Wenas Rd. and go 4.8 miles to Sheep Company Rd. Turn right (North) onto Sheep Company Rd, go approximately 1 mile to access onto the wildlife area. Park immediately to the left of the cattle guard after entering the wildlife area.

Please let me know if you are able to join us. I look forward to hearing from you!

#### **Raquel Crosier**

Legislative Liaison  
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**From:** WDFW Public Affairs <do.not.reply@dfw.wa.gov>

**Sent:** Fri, 24 Mar 2017 14:53:36 -0700

**To:** JERRY SHIPE <jwshipe@bpa.gov>

**Subject:** WDFW News Release: WDFW seeks candidates for Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee

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**March 24, 2017**

Contact: Cindi Confer Morris, (509) 697-4503

### **WDFW seeks candidates for Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee**

YAKIMA □ The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is seeking candidates to serve on an advisory committee to recommend solutions to target shooting issues within the Wenas Wildlife Area.

The advisory committee will include 15 to 20 members, representing the interests of neighbors, hunters, target shooters, horseback riders, mountain bike riders, hikers, wildlife watchers, bird dog trainers, and others.

Recreational target shooting has long occurred on the 115,000-acre Wenas Wildlife Area, said WDFW Wildlife Area Manager Cindi Confer Morris. The wildlife area, located in Yakima and Kittitas counties, includes Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and WDFW lands, and is primarily managed by WDFW.

An increase in target shooting in recent years has caused several challenges, including wildfires, threats to public safety and private property, littering, and damage to wildlife habitat.

Previous proposals to address target shooting generated concerns by the public, said Confer Morris. As a result, WDFW is initiating a new effort to identify the best options for managing target shooting through an advisory committee process. This approach will empower a representative group of stakeholders to craft potential solutions through conversations with other participants and WDFW.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. April 7, 2017. Submissions can be emailed to [Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Scott.McCorquodale@dfw.wa.gov) or sent to McCorquodale at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1701 S 24th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902.

New members should be available to attend meetings in Selah beginning as early as May 2017. The advisory committee will meet at least once a month through the 2017-2018 winter season. In addition to attending committee meetings, members will be asked to also participate in public workshops and open houses.

Interested candidates can download the membership application from the Wenas Wildlife Area webpage at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/wenas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/wenas/)

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**From:** Confer Morris, Cindi J (DFW)

**Sent:** Fri Apr 24 17:22:23 2015

**To:** Wilson, Jesse C (CONTR) - KEC-4

**Cc:** L'Heureux, Andre L (BPA) - KEWU-4; Grange, Katey C (BPA) - KEC-4

**Subject:** RE: Herbicide Application BA

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Jesse,

That's great news. I'm not sure how much help I can provide in the next week. We have public meetings scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of next week on the target shooting proposal for the wildlife area and I'm going to be completely swamped with getting presentations and maps ready for those. The good news is once those are done, I should have a bit of a break from that project and be able to actually get some other things accomplished. I will try and work on the draft you sent, but would probably be more realistic to push the schedule out a week.

Also, I'm working on responding to your e-mail on the 4 herbicides/adjuvants.

Cindi

**From:** Wilson, Jesse C (CONTR) - KEC-4 [<mailto:jcwilson@bpa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2015 1:43 PM

**To:** Confer Morris, Cindi J (DFW)  
**Cc:** L'Heureux,Andre L (BPA) - KEWU-4; Grange,Katey C (BPA) - KEC-4  
**Subject:** Herbicide Application BA

Hi Cindi,

The contracting process for the aerial herbicide application BA's has been completed and Pacific Habitat Services has been selected. We solicited four firms, two of which bid. Of the two, PHS was the most cost effective and had a technically sound proposal.

We will be working with Eric Campbell at PHS and should work to schedule a kickoff meeting within the next two weeks. Prior to the kickoff meeting (within the next week) we should work to get a draft project description completed and sent to PHS. I have included a draft outline of the project description with information I pulled from available documentation I had on hand. Keep in mind this was a very quick draft I attempted to pull together so I am open to comments and changes.

The project schedule is included below and as you will see the project description is key to getting the process started. Let me know if you have some availability next week to chat about the project description and schedule.

Thank you!

*Jesse Wilson*  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
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**From:** Lofy, Peter T (BPA) - EWU-4

**Sent:** Tue May 03 12:59:53 2016

**To:** L'Heureux, Andre L (BPA) - EWU-4

**Cc:** Welch, Dorothy W (BPA) - EWM-4; Senters, Anne E (BPA) - LN-7; Key, Philip S (BPA) - LN-7; Dondy-Kaplan, Hannah A (BPA) - EWM-4; Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DIR-WSGL; Maslen, Bill (BPA) - EW-4

**Subject:** RE: settlement talks - WDFW is about to finalize a shooting range at Wenas Wildlife area - where BPA has invested funds

**Importance:** Normal

Thought I'd share what we passed on to WDFW, recognizing that they are trying to geographically control these kinds of activities to far fewer acres than happen today.

**From:** Maslen, Bill (BPA) - EW-4

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 11:32 AM

**To:** 'Windrope, Amy (DFW)'; Tweit, William M (DFW); Dahmer, Paul A (DFW); Merg, Kurt F (DFW); Wilkerson, Cynthia R (DFW); Schwartz, Jim (ATG); Wise, Neil (ATG)

**Cc:** Welch, Dorothy W (BPA) - EWM-4; Lofy, Peter T (BPA) - EWU-4; Senters, Anne E (BPA) - LN-7; Key, Philip S (BPA) - LN-7; Dondy-Kaplan, Hannah A (BPA) - EWM-4; Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DIR-WSGL

**Subject:** FW: settlement talks - WDFW is about to finalize a shooting range at Wena Wildlife area - where BPA has invested funds

Hi. When we last met on March 29<sup>th</sup> we discussed the WA wildlife portfolio comprised of both fee-title as well as

enhanced acres. BPA indicated that we view these two “property types” differently wrt O&M. We described a couple examples of why we think there is an O&M differential between fee-title and enhanced acres, particularly given other purposes for which enhanced acres may be managed. This recent media story, below, is another illustration of why we don’t consider O&M of the two property types the same. We understand and agree with management for multiple purposes, but it is important that BPA ratepayer dollars are focused on the O&M for managing the properties for their habitat attributes and the long-term benefit of wildlife.

Just wanted to share as part of our ongoing discussion.

Bill

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## **Wenas Wildlife Area shooting ranges a step closer to reality**

· [By Scott Sandsberry](#)  
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· YAKIMA, Wash. -- After exploring their options with roughly six dozen attendees at two public meetings last week in Ellensburg and Selah, state officials appear poised to move forward with plans for two designated target-

shooting ranges in the Wenas Wildlife Area.

Nothing will be official until Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife managers have had a chance to consider all of the written comments submitted. There didn't seem to be sufficient verbal opposition at either public hearing, though, to scuttle plans for the proposed ranges that would serve both ends of the wildlife area.

The range planned on the Yakima County side would be roughly a half-mile north of Bull Pasture Road, just off Sheep Company Road (on some maps referred to there as Durr Road). The other would be at the site of an unofficial range already being used on the west side of Durr Road on the Kittitas County end of the wildlife area.

Barring a change of plans by wildlife officials, the north-end range, which will be more rudimentary and require minimal construction, will be open by this fall.

The timeline on the Bull Pasture range would entail an environmental assessment this fall, followed by permitting and construction-bid processes by the end of the year and construction in spring/summer 2017 at a cost of about \$335,000. The work would include target stands, a 25-yard pistol range, a 100-yard rifle range and a shotgun/trapshooting range, and a gravel parking lot.

That range would replace the unofficial shooting range east of Sheep Company Road that has long been riddled by garbage accumulation, use of illegal ammunition and potentially dangerous shooting, state officials say. The new range would adhere to the current restrictions of shooting only from sunrise to 10 a.m. for at least two years, during which having Master Hunters and other volunteers on hand will be important, WDFW officials said at last week's Selah meeting.

Aaron Garcia, the WDFW's regional volunteer coordinator, said volunteer support and enforcement emphasis would help keep the Bull Pasture site from incurring the abuses that have made the unofficial Sheep Company range so problematic.

"Our feeling," Garcia said, "is by having somebody there, it will keep knuckleheads from being knuckleheads."

While opposition to the ranges has been muted, some Wenas Wildlife Area users aren't happy with the state's intent to limit all target shooting to those two sites.

One Selah commenter lamented shooters being confined “to 20 acres while everybody else gets to use the other 100,000 acres,” a reference to the approximate sizes of the Bull Pasture range and the entire wildlife area.

Another attendee at Selah, Rick Wilson, said shooters were being penalized for other user groups’ unwillingness to steer clear of traditional shooting areas.

“It’s unfair, because the rifle ranges are established,” Wilson said. “People don’t need to be riding their horses across a shooting range — that’s idiotic. When you get out of your vehicle to ride your horses or whatever, you can see where the rifle range is and hear the shooting.”

As for state officials’ concerns about irresponsible shooters at the old Sheep Company range — and the numerous wildfires sparked by the use of illegal tracer rounds on the wildlife area — Wilson said, “We’re always going to have our share of idiots out there. But are we all doing our part to stop those idiots?”

Many wildlife-area fires, though, aren’t caused by unethical shooters, said Cindi Confer Morris, Wenas Wildlife Area manager. That, she said, is another reason to confine shooting to specific areas at which fire precautions and response could be concentrated.

“Probably two-thirds of the fires caused by target shooting (on the wildlife area), they were not using anything illegal,” Confer Morris said. “Everyone thinks, ‘Oh, they must be doing something illegal,’ but in most instances that was not the case.”

Liz Klumpp

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**From:** L'Heureux,Andre L (BPA) - EWU-4

**Sent:** Tue Apr 19 09:11:36 2016

**To:** Lofy,Peter T (BPA) - EWU-4

**Cc:** Wingert,Kevin M (BPA) - DKP-7; Tyler,John D (BPA) - DKE-7

**Subject:** RE: Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** image001.png; image002.png; image003.jpg; image004.png

Hey you three ... it's always 'possible' – but highly unlikely.

- Wenas is a complex of wildlife areas (about 120,000 acres)
- BPA funds are used on about 75,000 acres
- All lands that comprise the “complex” are managed with a mix of funding sources (state, federal, foundation, dedicated, etc.)
- BPA funding support is pretty modest and maintains a *status quo* of habitat protection and some weed control. Would be tough to find enough funds in the BPA budget for 'extra work.'

My speculation: WDFW is building a gun range (on the most publically accessible corner of the Area, near Selah) to try and manage the unfettered use of automatic weapons on these wildlife lands, euphemistically referred to as “target shooting.”

Recreational firearm discharge has caused multiple fires in the past 4 years, burning at least 15,000 acres, and costing more than \$1M in fire-response by the State. The gun range is a political accommodation. There are no BPA funds involved in developing the range.

**From:** Lofy, Peter T (BPA) - EWU-4  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 8:06 AM  
**To:** L'Heureux, Andre L (BPA) - EWU-4  
**Cc:** Wingert, Kevin M (BPA) - DKP-7; Tyler, John D (BPA) - DKE-7  
**Subject:** FW: Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project

Andre,

Know anything about this?

**From:** Tyler, John D (BPA) - DKE-7  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 3:58 PM  
**To:** Lofy, Peter T (BPA) - EWU-4  
**Cc:** Wingert, Kevin M (BPA) - DKP-7; Wilson, David B (BPA) - DKP-7  
**Subject:** FW: Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project

Peter, please read Kevin's email below.

Do you know which projects we are funding EWDFW on in Selah Wash on the Wenas Wildlife Refuge?

**John Tyler**

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**From:** Wingert, Kevin M (BPA) - DKP-7

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 2:35 PM

**To:** Wilson, David B (BPA) - DKP-7

**Cc:** Tyler, John D (BPA) - DKE-7

**Subject:** Claim of misuse of federal funding by WDFW on Wenas Wildlife Area project

David,

Got a voice mail forwarded to my BB from the switchboard. (b)(6) states that he believes he's seen misuse of federal funding by WDFW on a project in the Wenas Wildlife Area. He is requesting

a phone call at (b)(6)

Very Respectfully,

**Kevin Wingert**

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