



The WSA Guzzler

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SAVE THE DATE!

The 55th Annual Wild Game Feed Fundraiser

February 29th, 2020

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Kuykendall Hall

Wenatchee, WA

Volunteers still needed. Please Contact Game Feed Chairman Robert Scoville
rscoville61@gmail.com or 509-860-1773

December General Meeting Summary

Jason Schilling, Douglas County PUD wildlife biologist (the lone non-fisheries biologist on staff), presented to the club on the various projects the Douglas Co PUD participate in. Unfortunately as a one-man staff and with very few FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) requirements on non-fish related wildlife, Douglas Co PUD doesn't have a large portfolio of projects. However, Jason is actively working to restore some of the PUD owned riparian areas along the Columbia with native vegetation that benefits native sharptail grouse, conducting rare, threatened, and endangered plants surveys along their transmission power lines, and he also is actively engaged in assisting WDFW with several wildlife projects in Douglas County includes sharptail grouse relocations, and cormorant population counts in the Brewster Pool. Jason is also working hard to expand the PUD's use of drone technology to track everything from stream channel migration, cormorant populations, and salmon spawning runs.

WSA News

Wheeler Ridge

Wheeler Ridge LLC has submitted under the Forest Practices Act to cut several miles of proposed roads in Section 16. This is part of their proposal to clearcut and plant 255 acres of cherries within Section 17. The WSA and our legal counsel has identified several errors and omissions associated with application. At this point the club is simply hoping to force Wheeler Ridge to fully (that being the key word) comply with all existing laws, regulations, and permitting requirements prior to executing the project.

DNR Malaga Land Exchange

The Department of Natural Resources has proposed a land exchange with Ravenwing Ranch above Alcoa to trade several parcels of DNR lands for several sections of currently private land. The DNR has listed several efficiencies as the support for exchange. While the WSA doesn't oppose this transaction we are going to actively push the DNR to include both public access (all existing and proposed public lands are currently landlocked). Unfortunately the proposal was not well publicized and we are already beyond the formal comment period. You can however, submit comments directly to the DNR Board of Commissioners.

Project webpage: <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/managed-lands/land-transactions/malaga-land-exchange>

Board of Commissioners Page: <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/board-natural-resources>

UPCOMING EVENTS

January General Membership Meeting. January 21, 2020, 6:30 pm. Speaker/Topic: WDFW Regional Director Jim Brown will talk about their budget issues.

February Game Feed Fundraiser. February 29th, 2020, doors open at 4:30pm. Doors will be locked prior to 4:30 to ensure everyone gets fair access to early bidding on all silent auction and raffle items. Wild game includes moose, elk, bear, salmon, and tuna.

March General Membership Meeting. March 17, 2020, 6:30 pm. Speaker/Topic: WDFW Chelan Butte Wildlife Area Manager Ron Fox will provide a brief update on the Swakane shooting range. Aaron Garcia with the First Hunt Foundation will also provide a summary of what their group does.

WSA Requests:

The WSA Board is looking for members or leads on locals who might be interested in helping the WSA administer our existing webpage and other digital media management (for a fee). You or someone you know is interested please contact President Don Millar at President@wsassoc.org or 425-418-6858.

We are also looking for a financial planner. We have been getting by with mostly board based advice on our finances but we feel the club is at the point where we need to be looking into resources so that our money works for us. Again, if you or someone you know is interested please contact Don (see above).

Lastly, if you know of a venue that is either free for non-profits or very minimal fees, that could house our general meetings (seating for up to 50 people) please contact Secretary Dan Dickerson at Secretary@wsassoc.org or 509-670-5498.