



The WSA Guzzler

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SUCCESS!

It was another successful Game Feed fundraiser. Thank you very much to everyone that came, everyone that donated, and everyone that volunteered. This was the MOST SUCCESSFUL game feed we've ever had. Thanks to you we were able to raise approximately \$26k to put towards fish and wildlife here in the Wenatchee Valley.

YOU are the engine that drives us!



Von Poppe



Sportsman of the Year: Ron Balzer



Dave Dahlen



WSA Issues

Wheeler Ridge LLC v Chelan County. Some of you may know that Wheeler Ridge LLC, a large landowner and prospective developer in the Stemilt basin, has sued the County regarding the County's Determination of Significance (DS) regarding the development. As part of the permitting process the WSA has been active to ensure all the existing rules, regulations, and proper mitigation (if necessary) are followed if this development is to be approved. However, Wheeler Ridge LLC is accusing the WSA of breaking the law, and has issued the following Cease and Desist to all WSA members:

"This is a formal request that the WSA cease and desist any and all attempts to enter on the Wheeler Ridge property [Section 17]. Further, we ask that WSA members, staff [which we have none], and outside consultants be put on notice that no one is to enter onto the Wheeler Ridge property. Wheeler Ridge reserves all rights to protect interests including, if necessary, legal action against the WSA."

As stated, **all** WSA members shall not trespass onto Wheeler Ridge property. It is entertaining that members of Wheeler Ridge LLC are also WSA members, but we'll let them sort that out. It should be noted that Squilchuck Road bisects Section 17, as does Upper Wheeler Road, both are public roads, so please feel free to continue to use those roads as you please. The WSA has also retained legal counsel to defend ourselves against frivolous litigation.

Mission Ridge Expansion. The WSA has submitted comments to both Chelan County and the Forest Service regarding the proposed expansion development. We are not opposed to the idea of an expansion at Mission Ridge, but feel that any impacts to wildlife need to be fully mitigated. So far the proposed mitigation plan (or lack thereof) has left much to be wanted.

No Fishing and Trying to Not Go Crazy. Just a reminder that WDFW felt it necessary to cancel all recreational fishing in the State due to the current COVID19 outbreak. That's on top of all the land and recreation closures also in effect. Good luck maintaining your sanity, I know I'm struggling. Just be thankful this didn't happen during hunting season (at least we're hoping it doesn't last that long).

UPCOMING EVENTS and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Unfortunately with the current COVID19 pandemic, we have postponed or canceled all planned volunteer activities for this spring.

April General Membership Meeting. Canceled

April - Rock Island Kids Fishing Day. Canceled.

Spring Cleanup Day. Postponed. Date TBD.

May General Membership Meeting. TBD. Based on the current State recommendations.

Kids Youth Hunting and Fishing Day. September 19, 2020.

2021 Game Feed Fundraiser. March 6th, 2021. Might as well just put it on the calendar and count on having a good time.

We'd also like to thank Aaron Kelli for already pitching in and donating some wild pork for the 2021 Game Feed!

It's good to see someone's already planning ahead!