

D. LAND TRANSACTION

May 12th, 2023

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Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

5/12/2023

Agenda item:

D. Land Transaction

Presenter(s):

Karen Edwards, Real Estate Services Manager

Background summary:

Item 1:

**Proposed Acquisition of 159 (+/-) acres in Grant County
Frenchman Coulee, Quincy Lakes Unit, Columbia Basin WLA, Region 2**

This proposed acquisition will purchase 159 (+/-) acres located in the Babcock Bench area of the Columbia Basin WLA, Quincy Lakes Unit. The property provides significant recreational opportunities as well as providing land to relief recreational pressure and overcrowding on existing land in an area that is extremely popular for rock climbing.

Recreational opportunities enhanced by this acquisition include horseback riding, rock and ice climbing, biking, hiking, geocaching, bird watching, and the potential for limited hunting. This property includes cliffs which have the potential for nesting prairie falcon, peregrine falcon, and golden eagle. Recreational opportunities will be managed, as needed, to protect nesting sites established by birds of prey, or to protect other conservation values.

Approved through Lands 20/20 in 2023, the 159(+/-)-acre property will be acquired at its appraised value of \$295,000 and will be funded through the Managed Lands Maintenance Backlog Account – AT2, which supports recreation infrastructure making recreational opportunities more viable to our public. Due to staff vacancy savings the department is able to use these funds to purchase this high priority, at risk asset.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend approval of this land transaction.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Protecting habitat and providing public recreational opportunities.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

Operation and maintenance costs.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Approval of this land transaction as presented.

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Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to approve the land transaction as presented by staff.

Is there a "second"?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

Post decision communications plan:

WDFW will distribute a press release informing the public of this action.

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