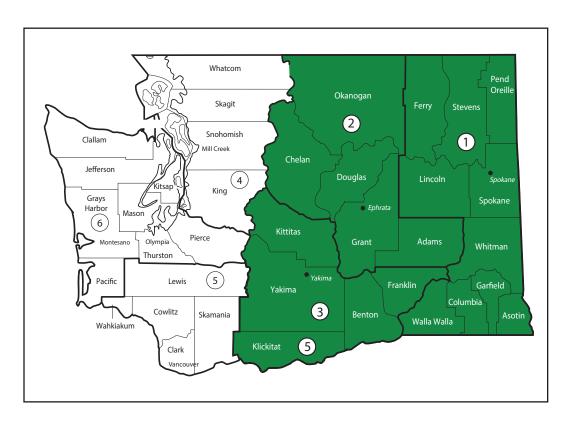
# **Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Program**







# EASTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Over the past two decades
Eastern Washington has been
experiencing a decline in pheasant
harvest. Habitat loss has been
identified as the leading factor
for the decline. To address the
loss of habitat WDFW initiated an
aggressive habitat enhancement
program. To fund this program
the Legislature in 1997 created
the Eastern Washington Pheasant
Enhancement Fund.

The Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Fund is a dedicated funding source. The fund is used solely for pheasant habitat enhancement on public and private lands and for the purchase of rooster pheasants that are released on lands accessible to the public.

Habitat protection and enhancement continues to be WDFW's primary tool to maintain pheasant populations and hunting opportunity.

## Required Licenses and Bag Limits:

To hunt pheasants in Eastern Washington a small game license is required. The small game license is \$40.50, it is \$22.00 if purchased with any big game license. Youths under 16 years old can purchase the small game license for \$18.50, or \$8.80 with a big game license.

Each year thousands of pheasants are released on lands accessible to the public. The Eastern Washington release sites are shown on the maps in this pamphlet. Rooster pheasants are released to supplement harvest.

Birds are released for youth and general season openers. We do not provide other release dates because we want to minimize crowding at the release sites and promote hunter ethics.

To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, non-toxic shot is required for all upland bird, dove and band-tailed pigeon hunting on all pheasant release sites statewide.

## **Eastern Washington Regional Offices:**

**REGION 1** 

(509) 892-1001 2315 North Discovery Place Spokane Valley, WA 99216-1566

**REGION 2** 

(509) 754-4624 1550 Alder St. NW Ephrata, WA 98823-9699

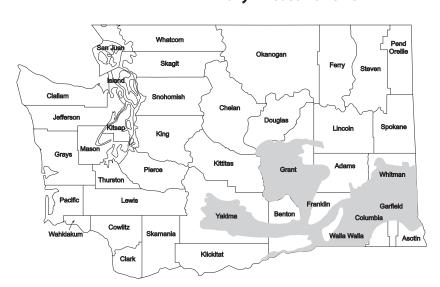
**REGION 3** 

(509) 575-2740 1701 S 24th Ave. Yakima, WA 98902-5720

**REGION 5** 

(360) 696-6211 5525 S 11th Street Ridgefield, WA 98642

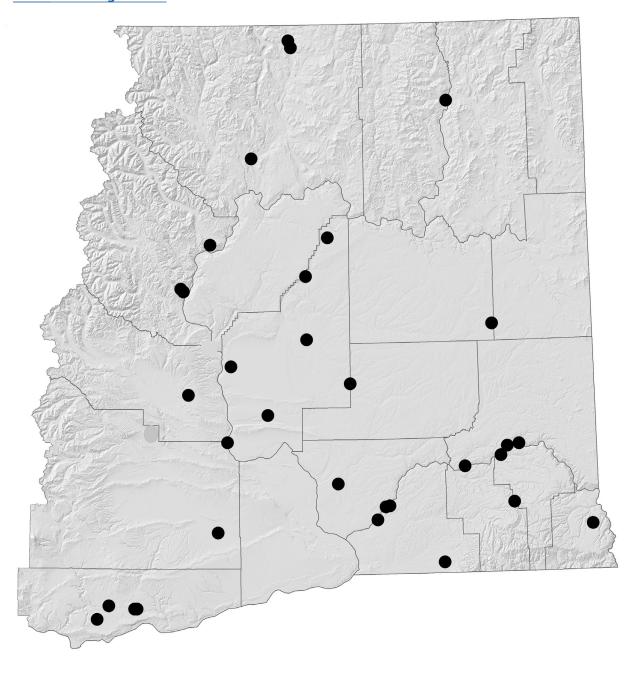
### **Primary Pheasant Zone**





## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SMALL GAME HUNTERS**

To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, **nontoxic** shot is required for all upland bird, dove and band-tailed pigeon hunting on all **pheasant release sites statewide**. If you hunt any of these release sites, you may use only approved nontoxic shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading). Use of lead shot is regulated on some wildlife areas. See the Game Bird and Small Game Regulations for more information.



## Eastern Washington Pheasant Release Program

The number of pheasants released on each site is based on several factors, including the estimated numbers of hunters using those sites.

County	Site
Ferry	Sherman Creek
Lincoln/Spokane	Fishtrap Lake
Whitman	John Henley
	Central Ferry HMU
Garfield	Willow Bar/Rice Bar
Columbia	Hartsock Unit
Chelan	Swakane Canyon
	Chelan Butte
Asotin	Asotin WMA
Walla Walla	Mill Creek HMU
	Hollebeke HMU
Okanogan	Bureau of Reclamation (Kline/Hegdahl)
	Chiliwist
Grant	Banks Lake
	Steamboat Rock
	Gloyd Seeps
	Quincy
	Buckshot
	Lower Crab Creek
Yakima	Sunnyside
Kittitas	Whiskey Dick
Benton	Toothaker
Franklin	Big Flat HMU
	Hope Valley
	Lost Island
Klickitat	Finn Ridge Road
	Goldendale Hatchery
	Gun Club Property

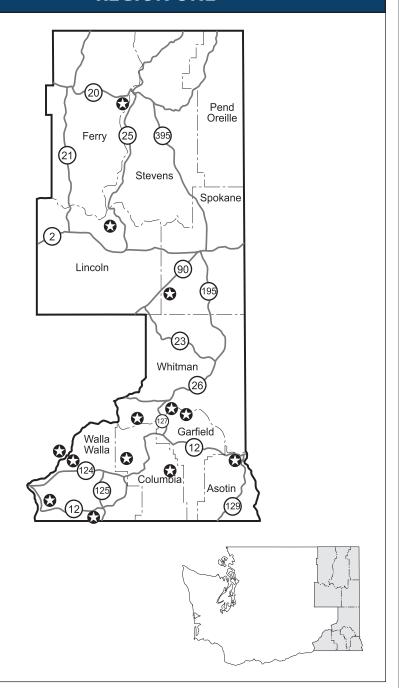
## **REGION ONE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION**



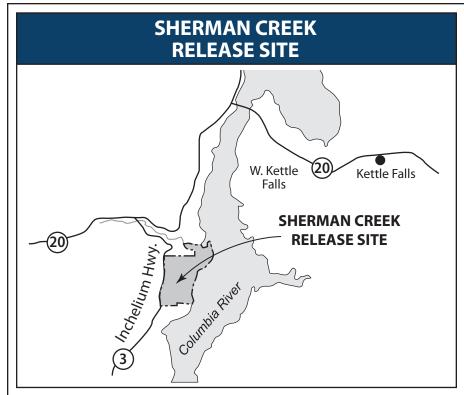
The best pheasant hunting in Region One is along the breaks of the Snake River and other major streams in Whitman, Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties. This part of the state has retained a stable pheasant population over the years. Similar populations of pheasants can be found near irrigated farms of the Columbia and Yakima river basin.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers own many of the pheasant release sites in these counties. The sites are managed for wildlife as part of the Snake and Columbia River dam mitigation. In addition to public lands, WDFW's Private Lands Access Program has over 600,000 acres of private land open for hunting under access agreements in Region 1. A small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands.

## **REGION ONE**

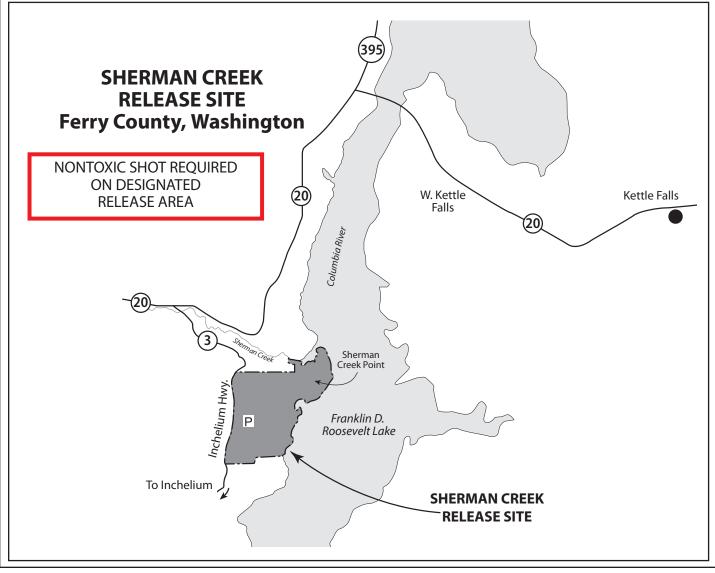


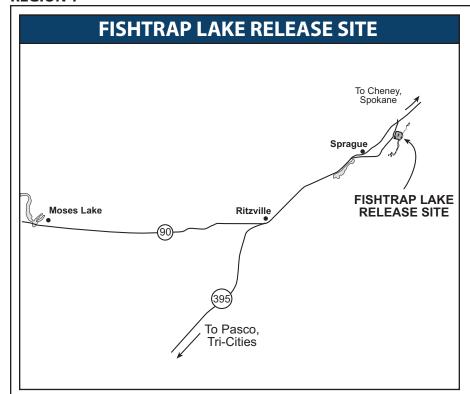
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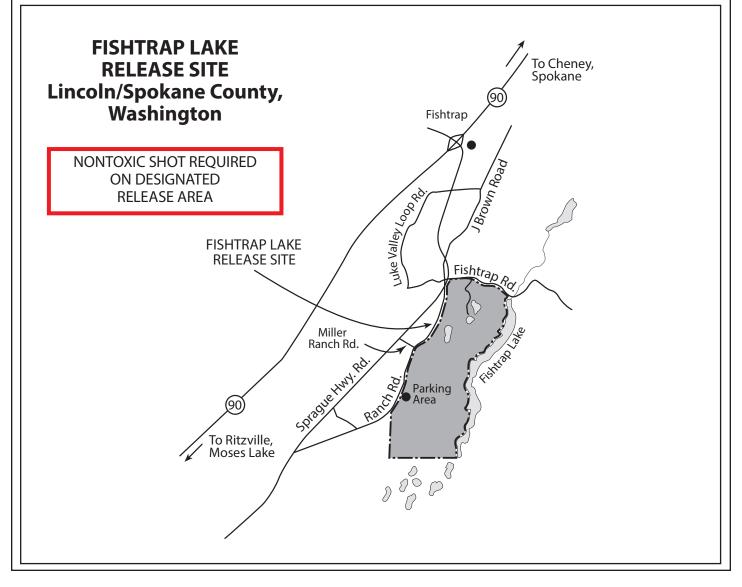
The Sherman Creek Wildlife Area and release sites can be found by going west on Hwy 20 from the town of Colville. After crossing the Columbia River, head south and west on Hwy 20, then south on Inchelium Hwy to the Sherman Creek release site.

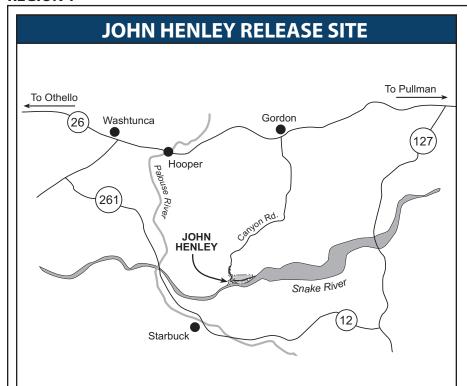






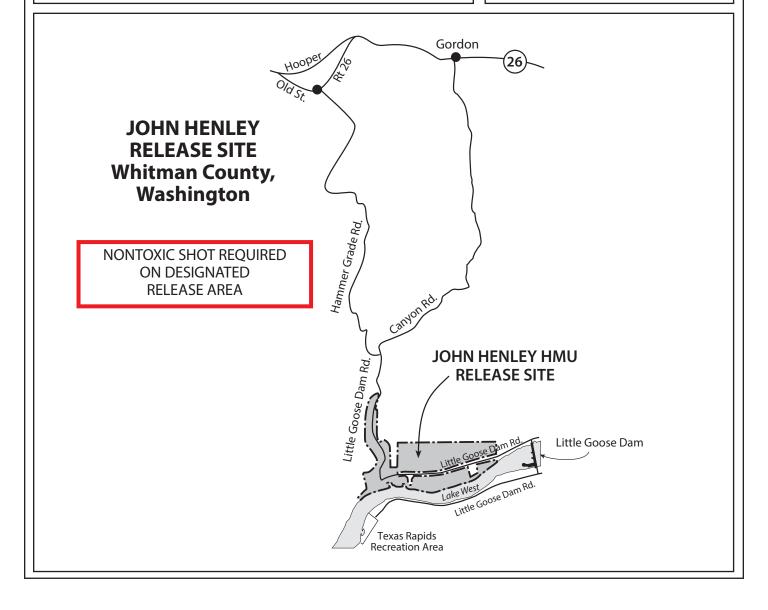
The **Fishtrap Lake** release site can be found by following the signs to Fishtrap Lake from I-90. The Fishtrap exit is approximately 8 miles east of Sprague and is between the towns of Sprague and Cheney.

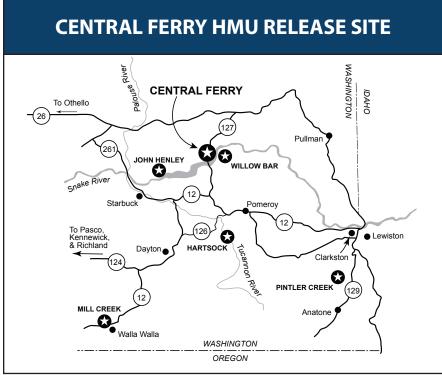






From Washtunca, head east on Hwy. 26 and from Colfax, head west on Hwy 26. At the town of Hooper turn south on Hammer Grade Road. Turn right on Long Hollow Road and continue south to the release site.

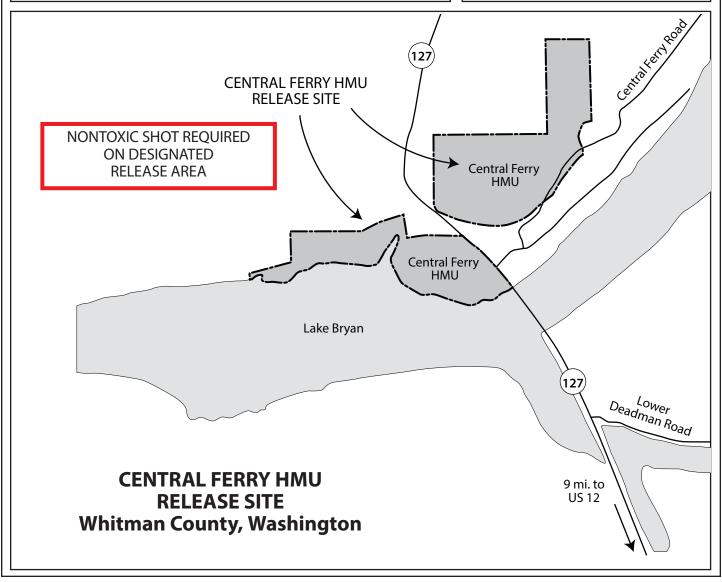


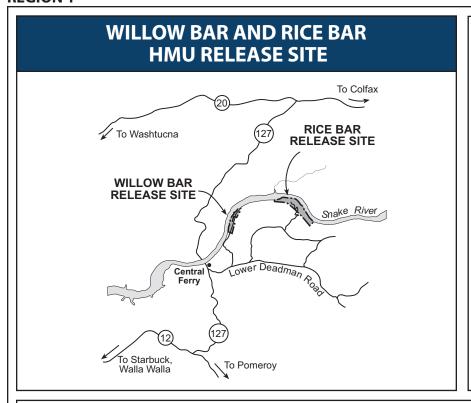


The **Central Ferry** site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the



US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). To reach the site from Othelio, travel east on Highway 26, then south on Highway 127 at the town of Dusty. To reach the site from Spokane, head south on Highway 395 to the town of Colfax, then go west on Hwy 26 to Dusty, then travel south on Hwy 127. From the Tri-Cities head south on Hwy 12 to the town of Burbank, then east on Hwy 124 to the town of Waitsburg, fromthere head east on Hwy 12 through thetown of Dayton to the very small townof Dodge. From Dodge travel north on Hwy 127. The site is east of Hwy 127 and Central Ferry State Park on the north side of the Snake River.





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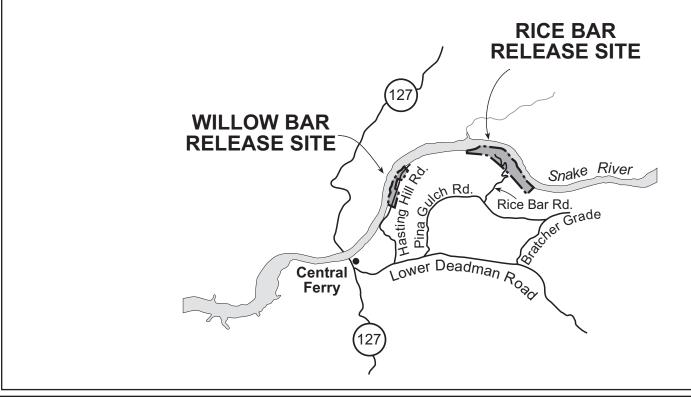
Army Corps of Engineers (COE). To reach the site from Othello, travel east on Highway 26, then south on Highway 127 at the town of Dusty.

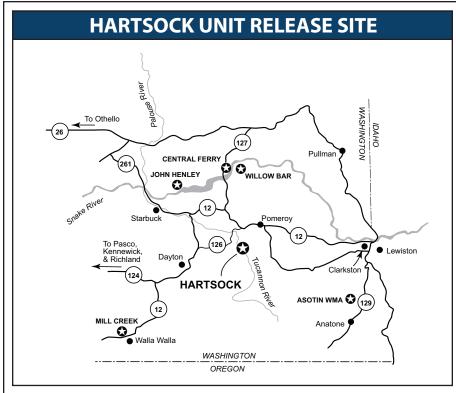
To reach the site from Spokane, head south on Highway 395 to the town of Colfax, then go west on Hwy 26 to Dusty, then travel south on Hwy 127.

From the town of Dayton, head east on Hwy 12 to the very small town of Dodge. From Dodge travel north on Hwy 127.

The site is south of the Snake River and can be reached by heading east from Hwy 127 onto Deadman Road, go about 2 miles, then go north on Hastings Hill Road to the site.

WILLOW BAR AND RICE BAR HMU RELEASE SITE Garfield County, Washington NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON DESIGNATED RELEASE AREA

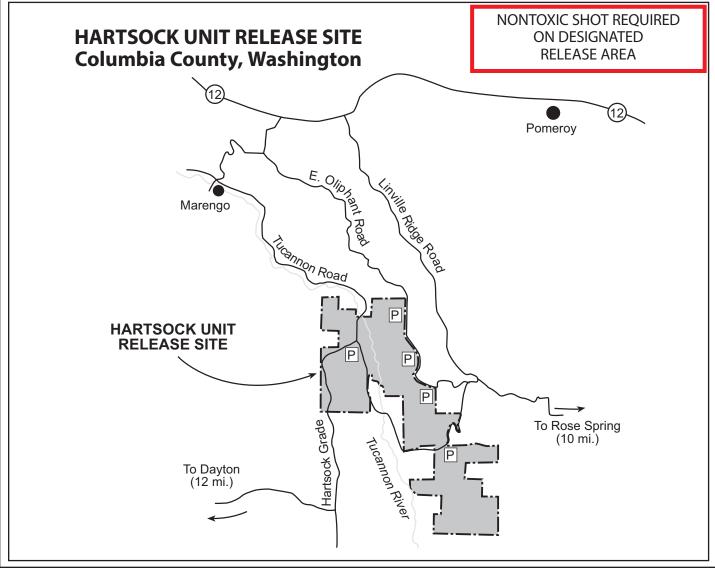


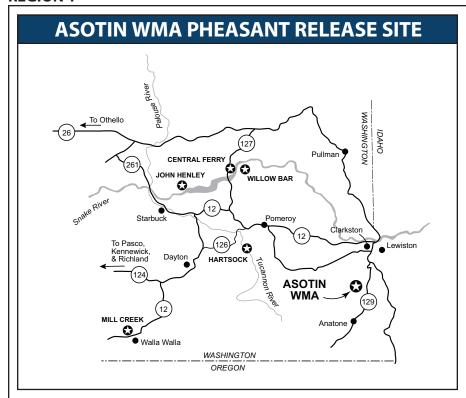




This site is one of several areas managed by WDFW as part of the Wooten Wildlife Management Area. It is located between the towns of Dayton and Pomeroy. From Dayton, travel north on Hwy 12 to Hwy 126. Follow Hwy 126 about 11 miles to the small town of Marengo. At Marengo travel south on the Tucannon Road to the site.

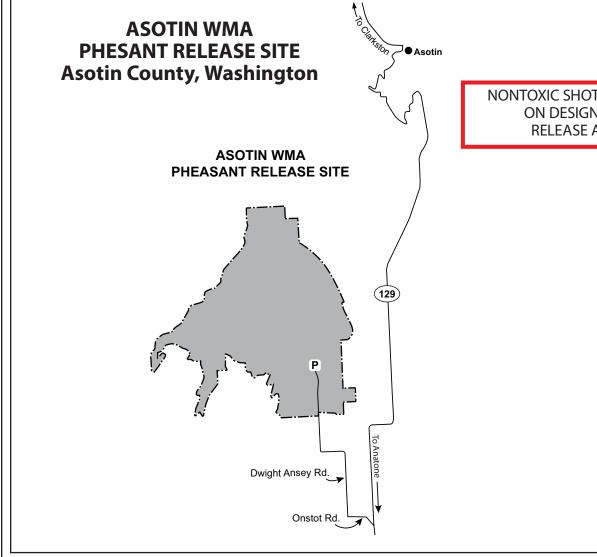
From Pomeroy, travel 5 miles west to Hwy 126. Take Hwy 126 south to Marengo, then head south on the Tucannon Road to the site.



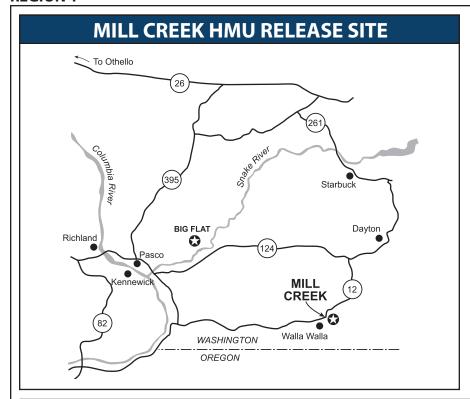




This release site is on property owned and managed by WDFW. It is located between the towns of Asotin and Anatone, just off Highway 129. From Asotin, travel south on Highway 129 for 13 miles to Onstot Road. Turn west on Onstot Road. Travel about ½ mile and turn north on Dwight Hasley Road. Travel all the way to the parking area at the end of the road (3.5 miles).

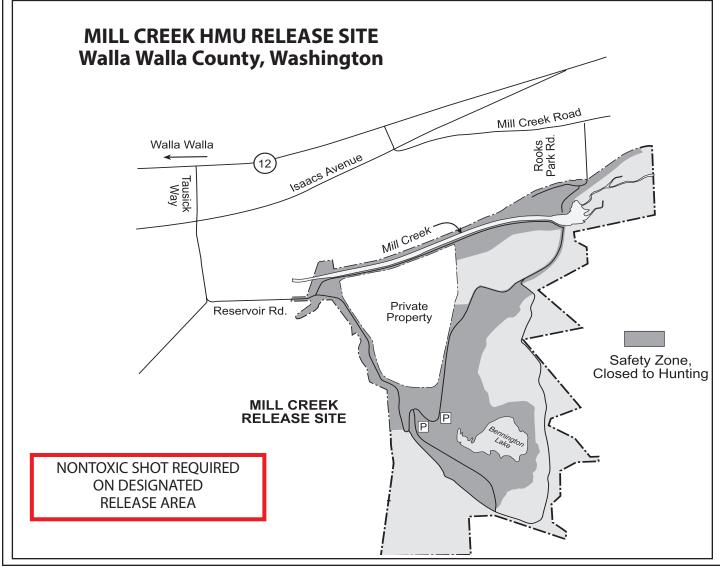


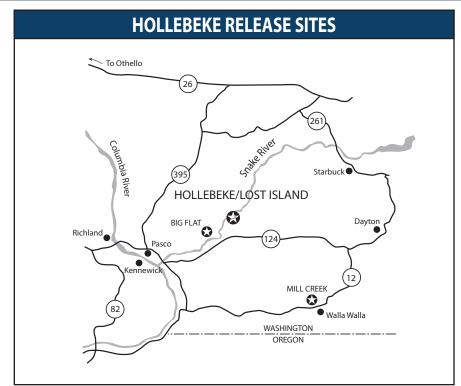
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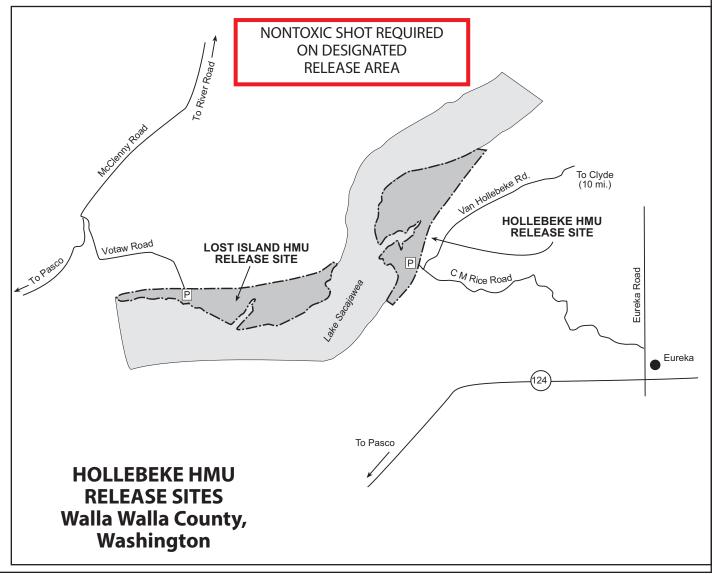
The **Mill Creek** site is located just east of the town of Walla Walla. To find the site, travel east from Walla Walla on Hwy 12 to Tausick Way exit. Go south to Reservoir Road. Go east on Reservoir Road to the Mill Creek site.





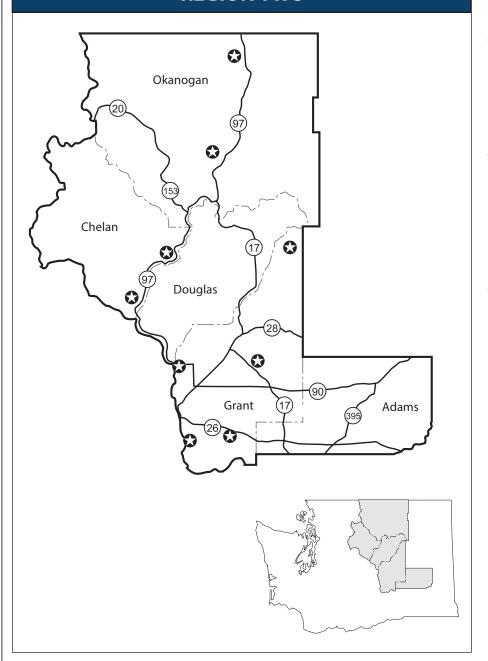


This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). To find this site from Pasco, travel south on Hwy 12 to Hwy 124, just prior to the town of Burbank. Head north and east along Hwy 124 about 19 miles to Eureka Road. Go north on Eureka Road past the town of Eureka about 1° miles. Take Rice Road west and north. Follow Rice Road approximately 4 miles to where it intersects Van Hollebeke Road and the release site.



## **REGION TWO PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION**

## **REGION TWO**

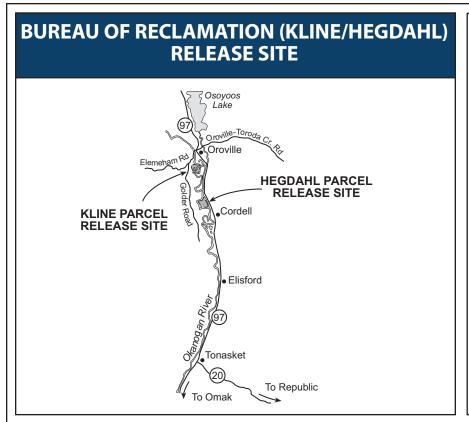


The best pheasant hunting in Region Two is on wetland and native habitats adjacent to farm ground within the **Columbia Basin Irrigation** project near Moses Lake and Othello. WDFW manages 192,000 acres in the Columbia Basin most of which is open for hunting. In addition to public lands, WDFW's Private **Lands Access program has** private land open for hunting under access agreements. A small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands. For additional maps of public and private lands with pheasant hunting opportunity, Visit WDFW's online mapping program Go Hunt at www.wdfw.wa.gov/ mapping/gohunt.

#### **REGION 2**

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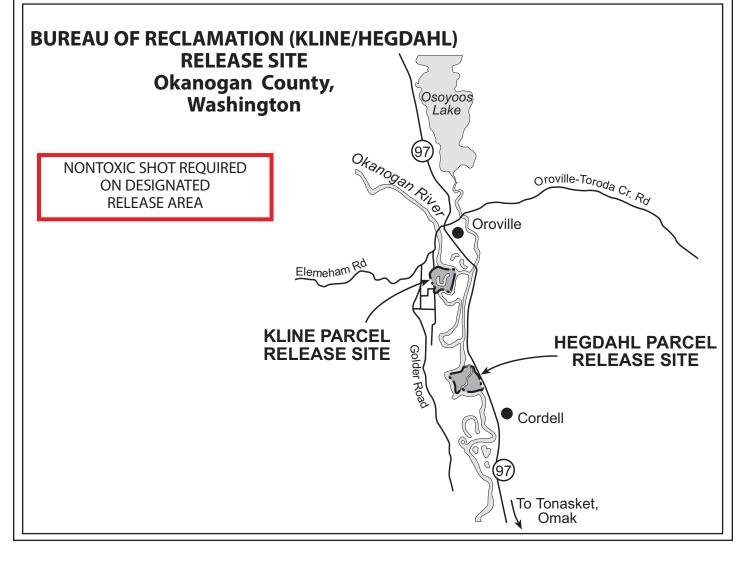


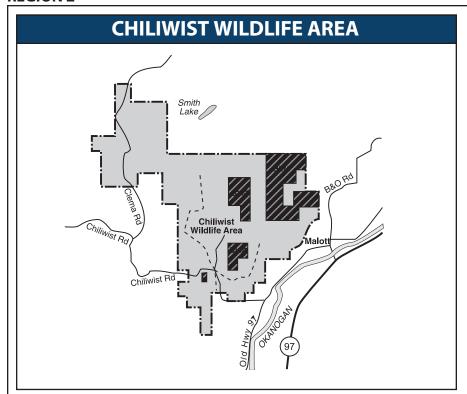




Kline Parcel: From Oroville head south on the west side of the Okanogan River. The Kline Parcel is about one mile south of the town of Oroville.

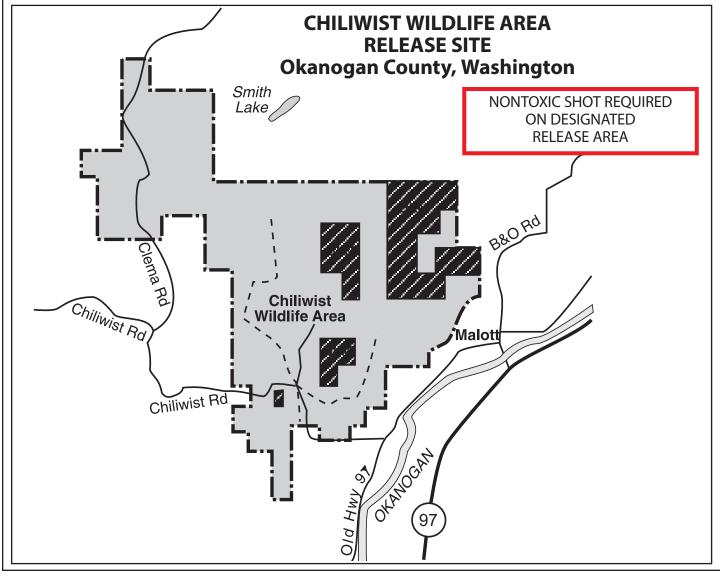
**Hegdahl Parcel:** The Hegdahl Parcel is about about 12 miles north of the town of Tonasket off of C Holmes Rd. Parking area is on the west. Hunters will have to walk across train tracks to access release area.

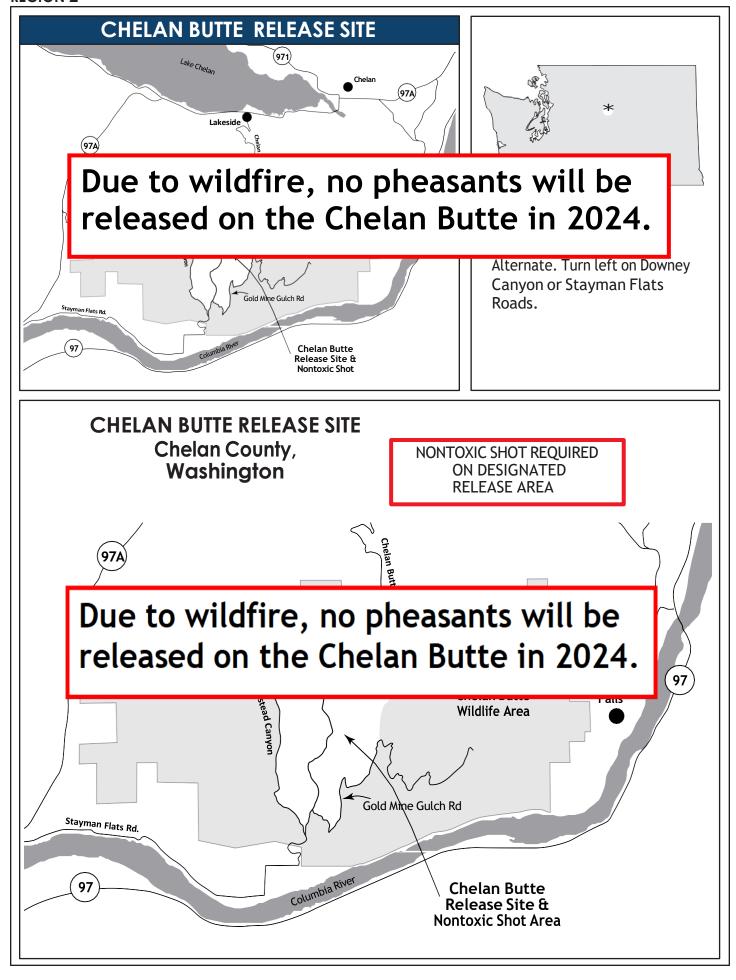


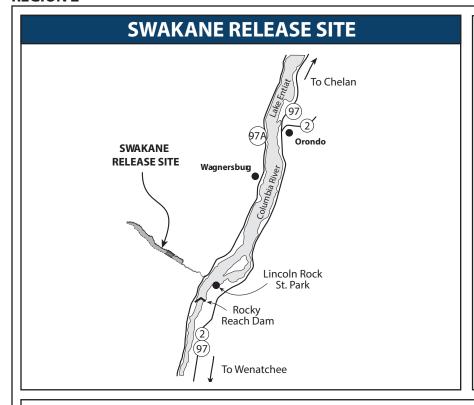




To reach the **Chiliwist Wildlife Area** and release site, travel south from Okanogan on Hwy 20. Continue south on Old Highway 97 through the town of Malott. Head west on the Chiliwist Road to the wildlife area and release site.





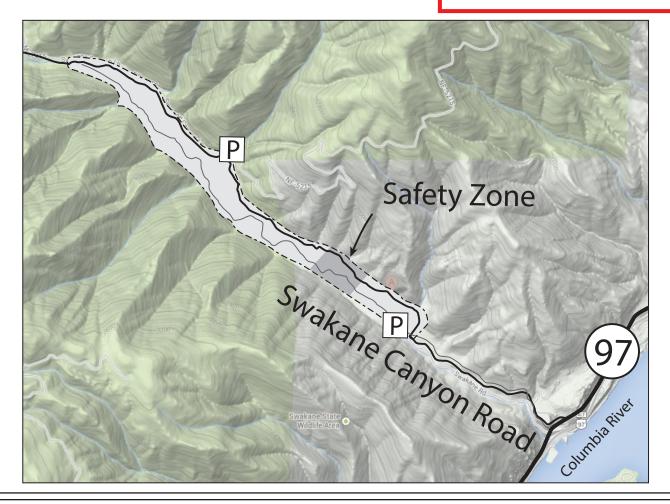


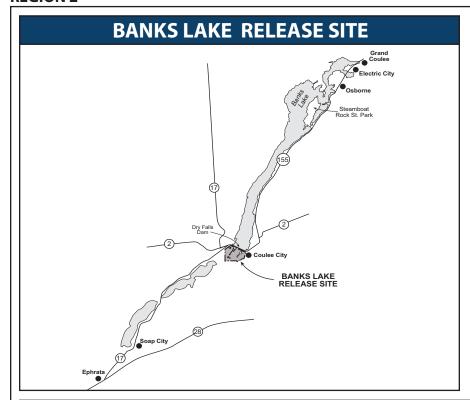


To reach the **Swakane Wildlife Area** and release site, travel north from Wenatchee on Alt.
Hwy 97. It follows the Columbia River on the west side toward the town of Chelan. To find the release site, head west up the Swakane Canyon Road.

# **SWAKANE RELEASE SITE Chelan County, Washington**

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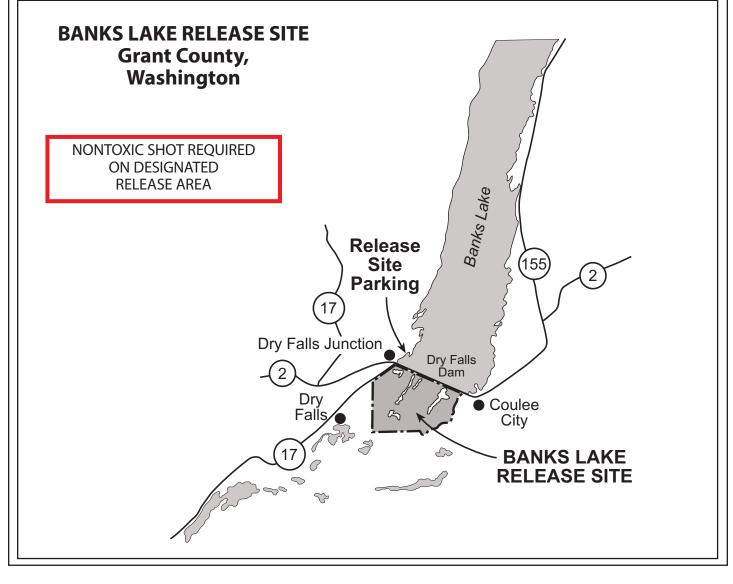


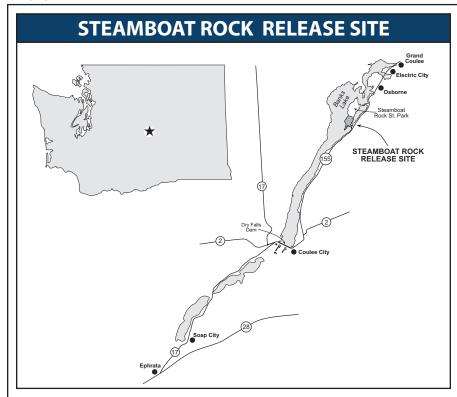




To reach the **Banks Lake** release site from Spokane, travel west on Hwy 2 to Coulee City.

To reach the site from Wenatchee, head east on Hwy 2 to Dry Falls Dam. From Moses Lake, head north on Hwy 17 to the junction with Hwy 2. Head east on Hwy 2. The release site is located south of the Dam.

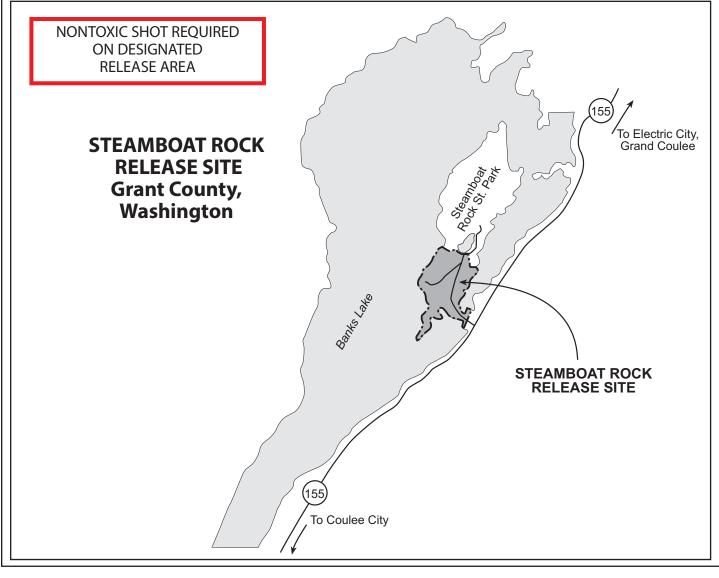


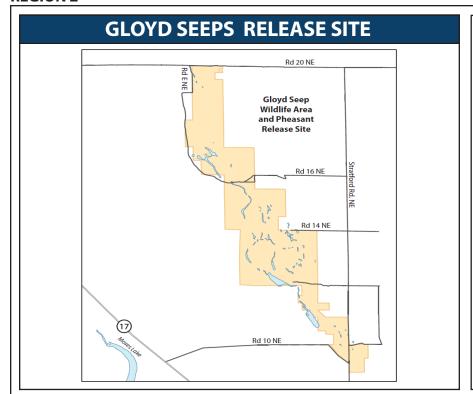


To reach the **Steamboat Rock** release site from Spokane, travel west on Hwy 2 to Banks Lake. Head north on Hwy 155 at Banks Lake about 16 miles to Steamboat Rock Wildlife Area.

To reach the site from Wenatchee, head east on Hwy 2 to Banks Lake and then go north on Hwy 155 to Steamboat Rock.

From Moses Lake, head north on Hwy 17 to the junction with Hwy 2. Head east on Hwy 2 to the junction with Hwy 155, then north on Hwy 155 to Steamboat Rock release site. The release site is located south of the State Park and is well marked.





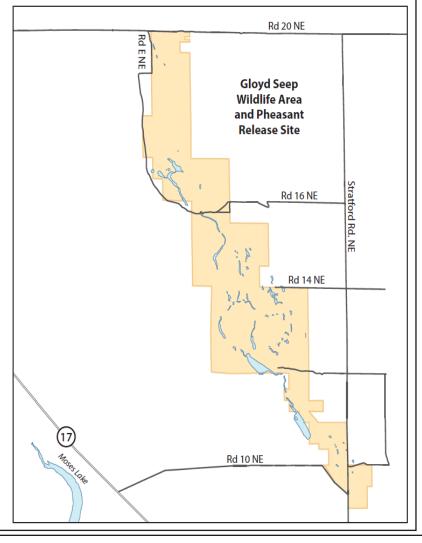


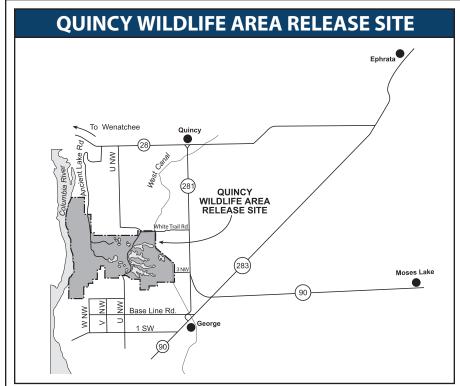
From Moses Lake, head north on Stratford Road (J NE). Most roads that travel west between roads 10 and 20 will take you to access points on the **Gloyd Seeps.** 

## GLOYD SEEPS RELEASE SITE Grant County, Washington

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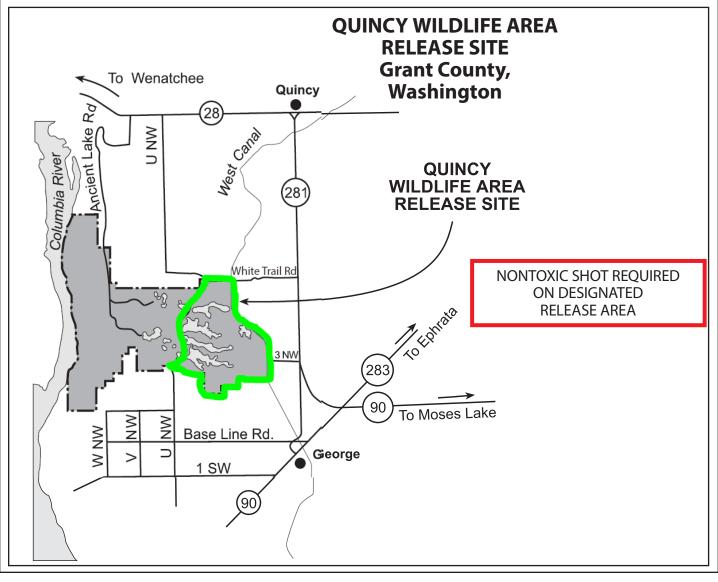
Only one (1) release will occur for each season opener (youth and general only).

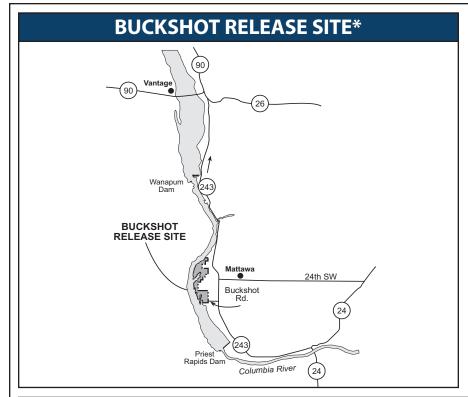






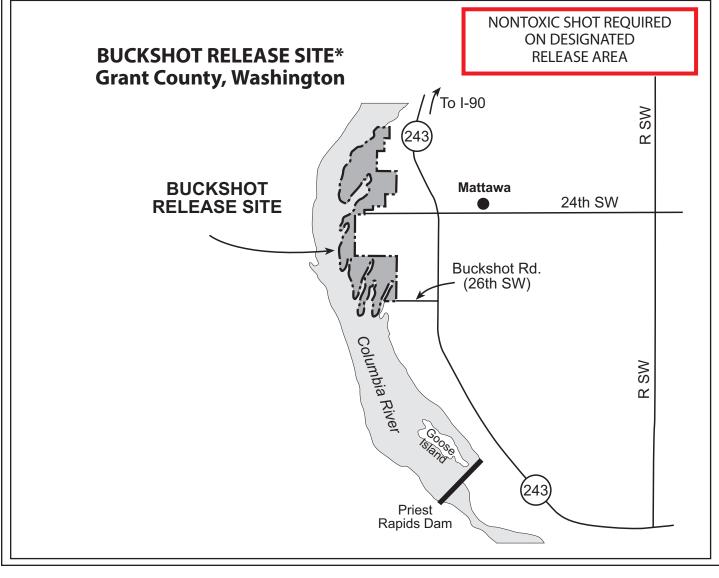
To reach the **Quincy Wildlife Area** release site, go north on
Hwy 281 from the I-90 exit at
George. Go west on Road 3
to access southern portion of
the unit. Take White Trail Rd to
access the northern poriton
of the unit. Please be advised
that some roads may have
locked gates.

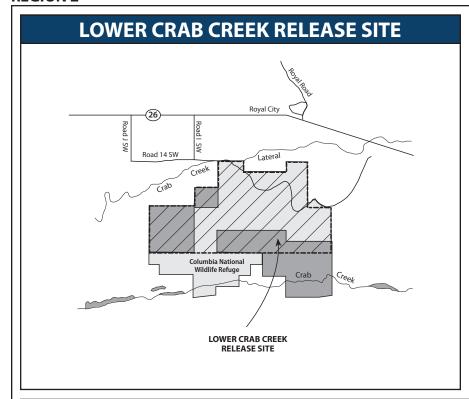






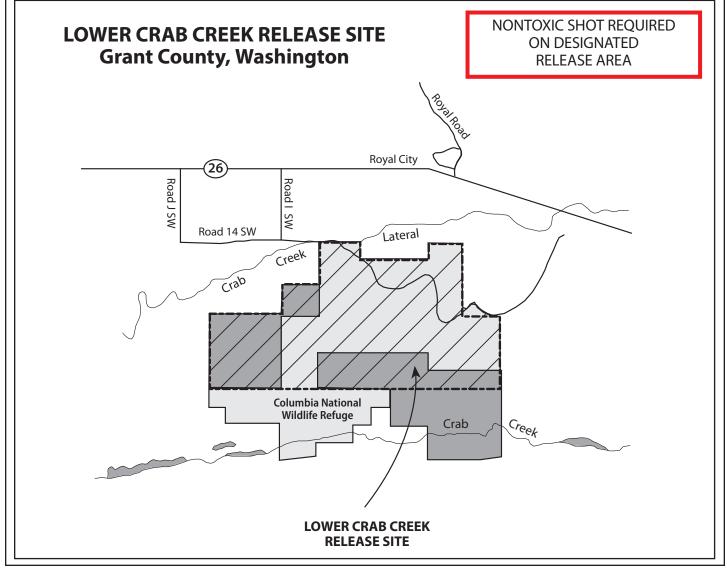
To reach the **Buckshot Re-lease Site\***, head south from I-90 at Vantage on Hwy 243. Follow Hwy 243 along the Columbia River to the junction of 24 or 26 SW. The release site can be reached by turning west on Road 24 or Road 26.



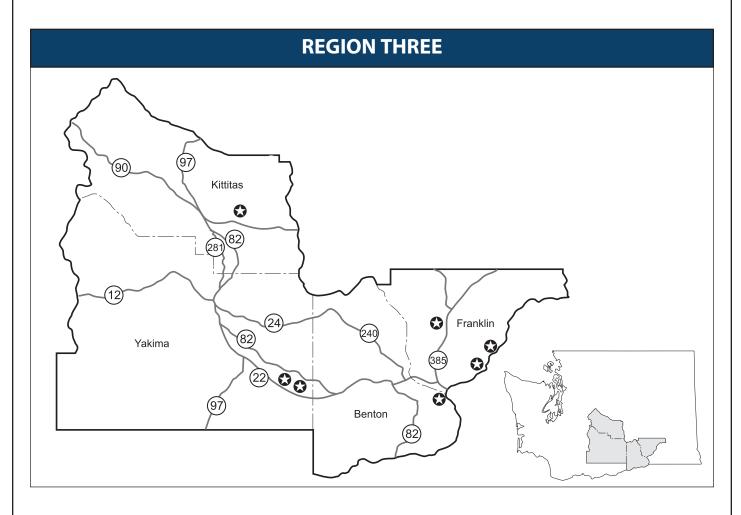




To reach the **Lower Crab Creek** release site, head south from I-90 at Vantage on Hwy 243. Follow Hwy 243 along the Columbia River to the junction of State Highway 26. Travel east toward the town of Royal City and turn south on either Road J SW or Road I SW. Drive south to Road 14 SW and turn east. The release site can be accessed along Road 14 SW.



## **REGION THREE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION**



The best pheasant hunting in Region three is around the irrigated farmland in Benton, Yakima, and Franklin counties and along the Yakima River. A large part of the irrigated farmland in Yakima county is located on the Yakama **Indian Reservation. Hunters** interested in hunting on tribal lands should contact the office of the Yakama Indian Nation at (509) 865-5121. For maps of WDFW owned and managed land along the Yakima River, contact the Yakima Regional office at (509) 575-2740.

In addition to public lands, WDFW's Private Lands Access Program has private land open for hunting under access agreements. A small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands. For maps and information about private and public hunting lands, please visit WDFW's online mapping program Go Hunt at www.wdfw. wa.gov/mapping/gohunt.

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## SUNNYSIDE WILDLIFE AREA RELEASE SITE

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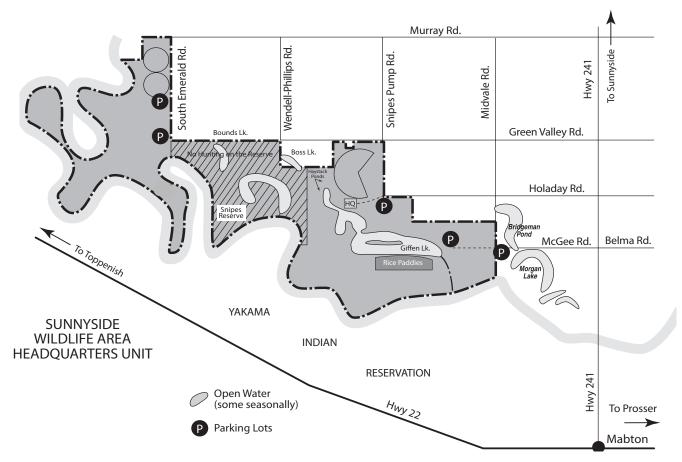
- East entrance: 46.243671, -120.020578
- Giffin Lake: 46.244178, -120.028456
- Headquarters Entrance: 46.251052, -120.041404
- West side (S. Emerald Rd): 46.258579, -120.083606
- West side #2 (S. Emerald Rd): 46.264076, -120.083771



To reach the **Sunnyside Wildlife Area**, head south on
Hwy 82 from Yakima. Take the
Midvale Road exit at Sunnyside.
Travel south on Midvale Road
4 miles to Holaday Road. Head
west on Holaday Road to reach
the Giffin Lake site.

## SUNNYSIDE WILDLIFE AREA RELEASE SITE Yakima County, Washington

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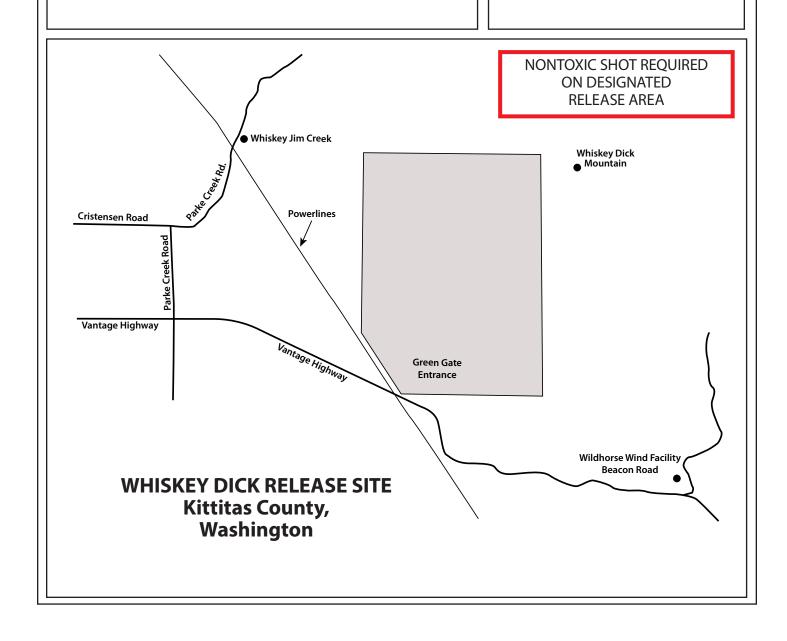
## WHISKEY DICK RELEASE SITE

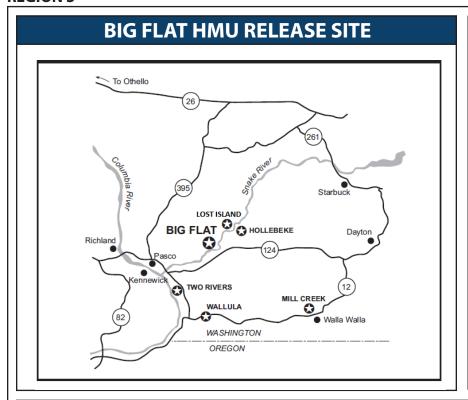
The **Whiskey Dick Release site** is located near Whiskey Dick Mountain. The best access is from Exit 115 off I-90. From the exit turn north and travel 1.2 miles through Kittitas until Main Street "T's" with Patrick Avenue. At Patrick Avenue turn right and travel .2 mile, then turn left on No. 81 Road. Travel 1.0 mile to the Vantage Highway. Turn right and travel east on Vantage Highway 6.6 miles to an unmarked gravel road entrance. The unmarked road is approximately 200 yards east of milepost 13 on the North side of the road. There will be a double green gate at the entrance of the area.



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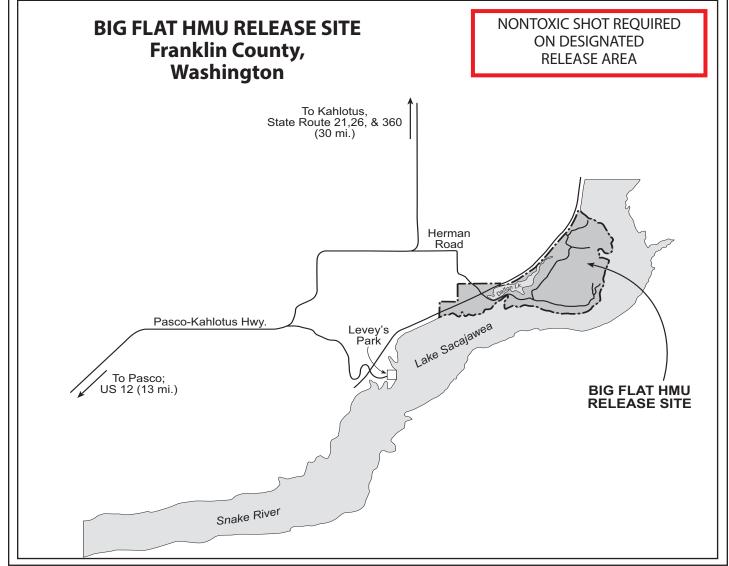
Whiskey Dick release site entrance: 46.989553, -120.273334



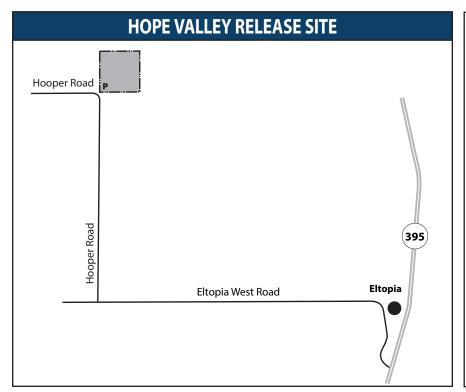


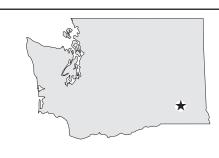


This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). From Pasco, head south on Hwy 12 about 1 mile out of town to Pasco-Kahlotus Road. Go north on Pasco-Kahlotus Road about 12 miles, then turn east onto Herman Road and drive about 1 mile down to Big Flat release site.



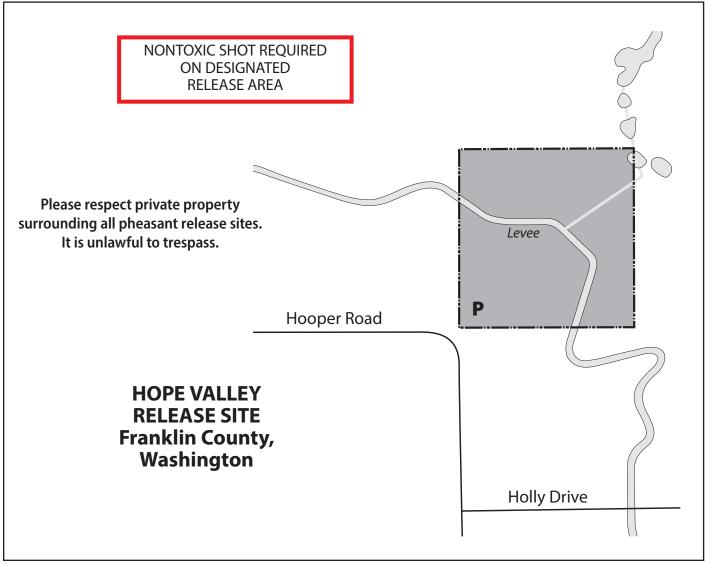
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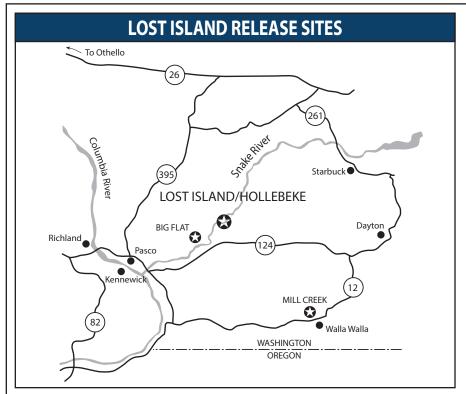




This site is in Franklin Co., about 8 miles northwest from Eltopia. From Hwy 395, take Eltopia West Road at Eltopia, and drive west for 4.5 miles to Hooper Road. Turn right and drive north for 2.5 miles to the parking lot.

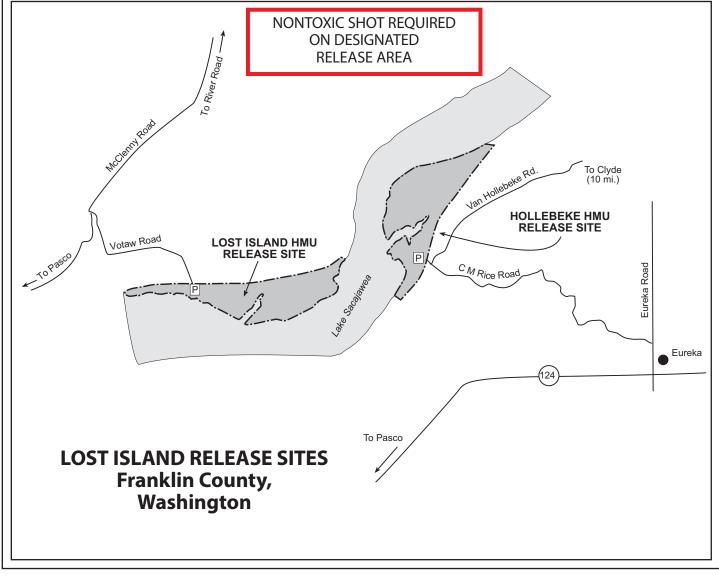
160 acres







This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). From Pasco travel East 18.5 miles on the Pasco-Kahlotus Road, turn South on McClenny Road and follow for 3 miles and then continue South again on Votaw Road for 2 miles to the site.



## **TOOTHAKER RELEASE SITE**

FIRE NOTICE: Pheasant releases in 2022 and onward will be on hold until habitat recovers post fire.





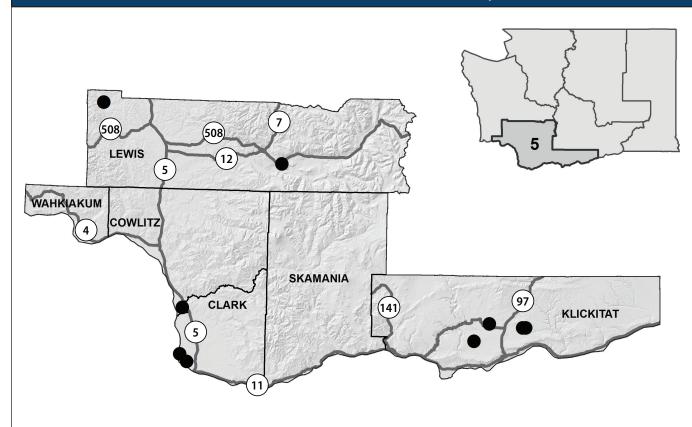
One of several sites managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. 300 acres. Day-use only. From the Cable Bridge river crossing on State Route 397, travel south through Finley 10 miles, crossing the overpass, then turning left on South Piert Road for 1 mile, veering onto Meals Road. Parking lot is on your left, a second lot is 1.2 miles further down Meals Rd.



TOOTHAKER RELEASE SITE Benton County, Washington

## **REGION FIVE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION**

## **REGION FIVE - Klickitat County**



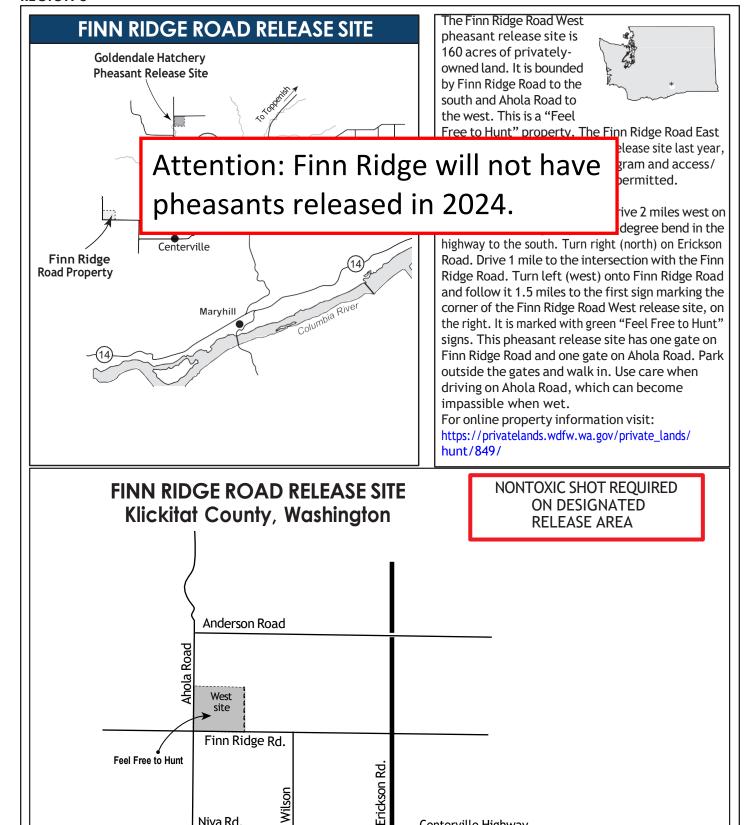
There are three pheasant release sites served by WDFW in Klickitat County. One is located on departmentowned land, and the other two are on private land enrolled in the Private Lands **Access Program.** Please treat the properties respectfully, so that future visitors may enjoy these sites as well. All sites are for day-use only; no overnight camping is allowed. These sites are relatively undeveloped, with primitive road access. Roads may be slippery when wet, and soil will become extremely soft with fall rains and snow. Be cautious in selecting parking

places next to roads in order to avoid becoming stuck. Driving off-road is prohibited.

For maps and information about private and public hunting lands, please visit WDFW's online mapping program Go Hunt at www.wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt.

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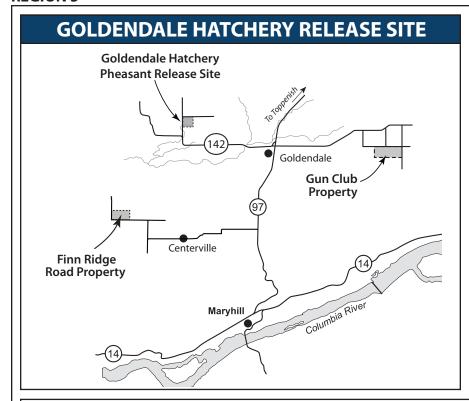




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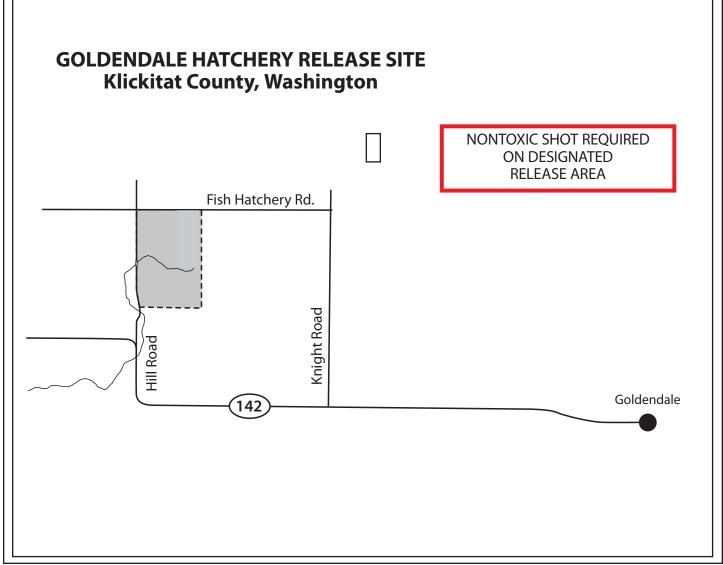
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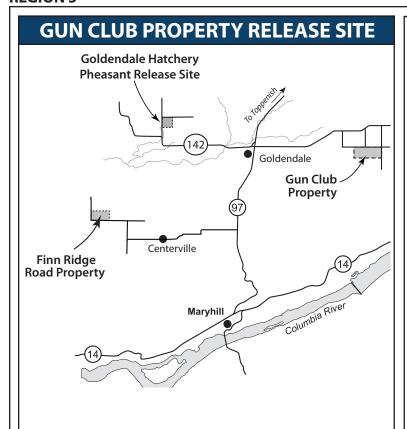




This 240 acre site is owned by WDFW. It is bounded by Hill Road on the west side and Fish Hatchery Road on the North Side.

Directions: From Goldendale, drive west on Highway 142 approximately 4 miles to the intersection with Hill Road. Drive about 0.5 mile north on Hill Road, across the bridge over Spring Creek, then turn east on a dirt road onto WDFW property. This road goes into the center of the property. Note: The hatchery facilities are located along the east boundary of the parcel. Please stay away from the immediate vicinity of the buildings to protect worker safety.





This 480-acre site is privately owned. It is bounded by Rogers Road on the north and Fenton Lane on the east.

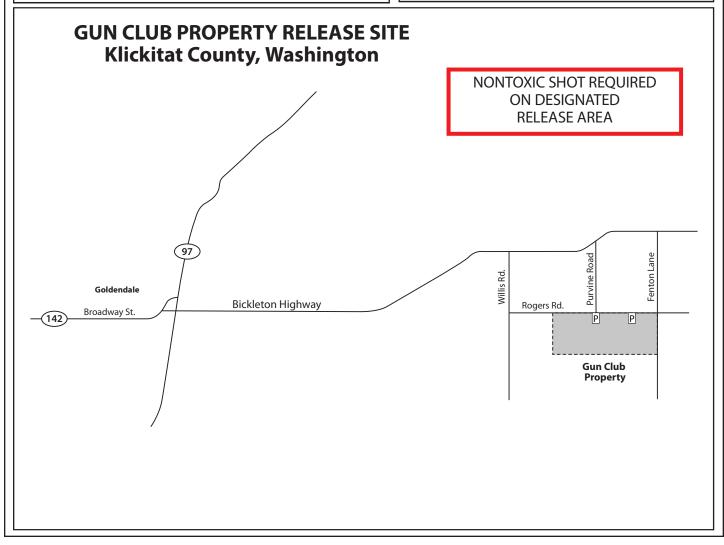


**Directions:** From the intersection with

Broadway Street in Goldendale, drive east on the Bickleton Highway 5.6 miles to the intersection with Purvine Road. Turn right (south) on Purvine Road and drive .9 miles to the T intersection with Rogers Road. Go either left or right on Rogers Road and look for wire gates accessing the property. There are two gates. Both are marked with signs exhibiting the WDFW logo. Park along Rogers Road, outside the fence, and walk in.

Purvine Road may be impassible when wet. For an alternative access go east another 1 mile on the Bickleton Highway, and turn right (south) on Fenton Lane. Follow Fenton Lane south 1 mile to its intersection with Rogers Road. Turn right (west) onto Rogers Road, and drive about .1 mile west to a gate and parking area.

For online property information visit: https://privatelands.wdfw.wa.gov/private\_lands/ hunt/847/



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