

Wenas Target Shooting Advisory Committee Meeting

November 14, 2018

Selah Civic Center-Senior Room

Meeting Notes

Check-in

Ross began the meeting with a check-in around the room.

Discuss Buffalo Rd

Ross began with a summary from last meeting and provided a DFW proposal. George Holman was not able to attend. DFW shared a recommendation and there was a general discussion from the committee on the size and location of a shotgun only area and how to address pistol and rifle use in the area. There was general agreement to designate a shotgun area in the location identified in the committee report. The committee had a good discussion on options for addressing safety issues related to pistols and rifles in this highly used area. Options discussed included: an area restriction, a road restriction, voluntary restriction and using non toxic shot to address lead concerns. There was agreement in the continued need for a strong education component. No final proposal was recommend by the committee, but they would like options emailed out so that those not in attendance could provide input (note: later discussion identified using Survey Monkey to collect input on multiple topics).

Update from DFW on other topics

Scott provided an update on the proposed WAC change and the timeline. The completed brochure was discussed and made available to committee members to pass out to businesses and organizations. Outreach was discussed and the success on the enforcement intern program was noted. The committee would like information on contacts made by enforcement and staff. DFW mentioned they are working on a tracking spreadsheet and hope to utilize it next year. The committee also discussed options for getting information out through: radio spots, newspaper articles, blogs and Facebook videos and the CWU radio station. Cindi provided pictures on kiosk location and design info as well as starting discussion on what signs are needed and the content of signs. There was a good discussion and input from the committee and DFW will begin to draft signs for review. That will focus on safety, proper shooting (utilize DNR diagram), have pictures and few words, and develop some "range rules" to encourage safe use of improved sites.

Draft design for Sheep Company and Durr Rd

Ross began the discussion with a review of the site visits conducted in September and shared a couple slides of proposed layout for Durr Rd and Sheep Company Rd. There was concern raised on the need for long distance shooting at Sheep Company and a desire to accommodate that need in future improvements. DNR addressed concern with safety on their lands and for lead management. DFW will

work on a couple layout options and will utilize Survey Monkey to get input and try to move forward over the winter with plans to begin construction in the spring.

Public comment- 2 minute limit per person

There was public comment from 2 people.

The first provided input that we are on the right track and concern that we were unsettled on Sheep Company when he thought the layout was settled. He recommended we come up with a final design and develop a timeline to work towards that. He also commented that we need to post a perimeter of the improved sites for the danger area to restrict other use.

The second person commented on how are we going to accommodate all the target shooting use on these sites? There are lots of users, we need to designate more areas for shooters, especially long range shooters. There was also comment on other users impacting hunters during seasons- horseback riders, ORV etc.

Wrap up/Check-out

The committee members checked out and discussed scheduling a meeting for a Thursday in late January.