

2017 WAAC Meeting

May 25, 2017

Last Resort KOA

Meeting Ground Rules

- Everyone in the group is valuable and is treated with respect
- One person's concern is the group's concern
- Confine discussion to the meeting topic
- Listen to understand
- Do not interrupt
- No personal attacks

Management Plan Updates

- Highlights:
 - Floodplain Management Plan
 - Grant funded projects
 - Large Wood Projects continuing

Floodplain Management Plan

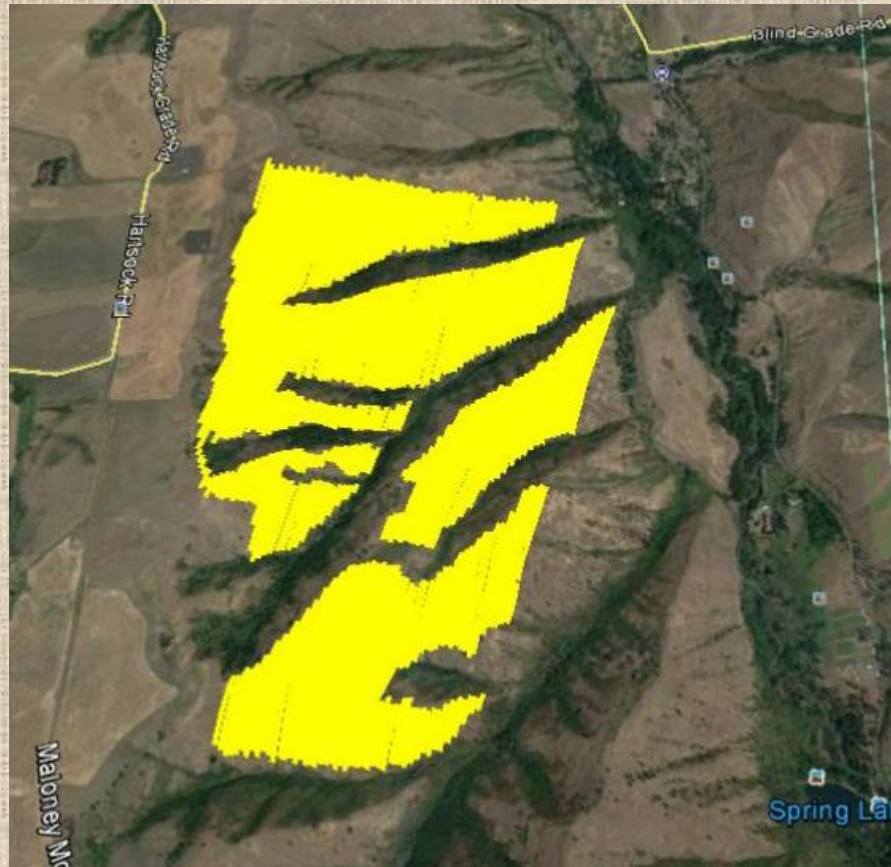
- Submitted for Capitol Projects for 2017-19
- Asked for \$4M, Currently in the budget for \$1M
 - Focus is Rainbow Lake
 - Dredge new lake footprint summer 2017
 - All permits, except Corps obtained
 - Contract awarded May 19
 - Rainbow Lake will be closed June 1 and begin draining
 - Construct settling basin and install pipeline in inlet canal
 - Construct new dam summer 2018
 - Remove old dam and create new wetlands

Floodplain Management Plan



Update on Grant Work

- Weed Spraying
 - 2016
 - 300 acres were aerially sprayed using RMEF funds

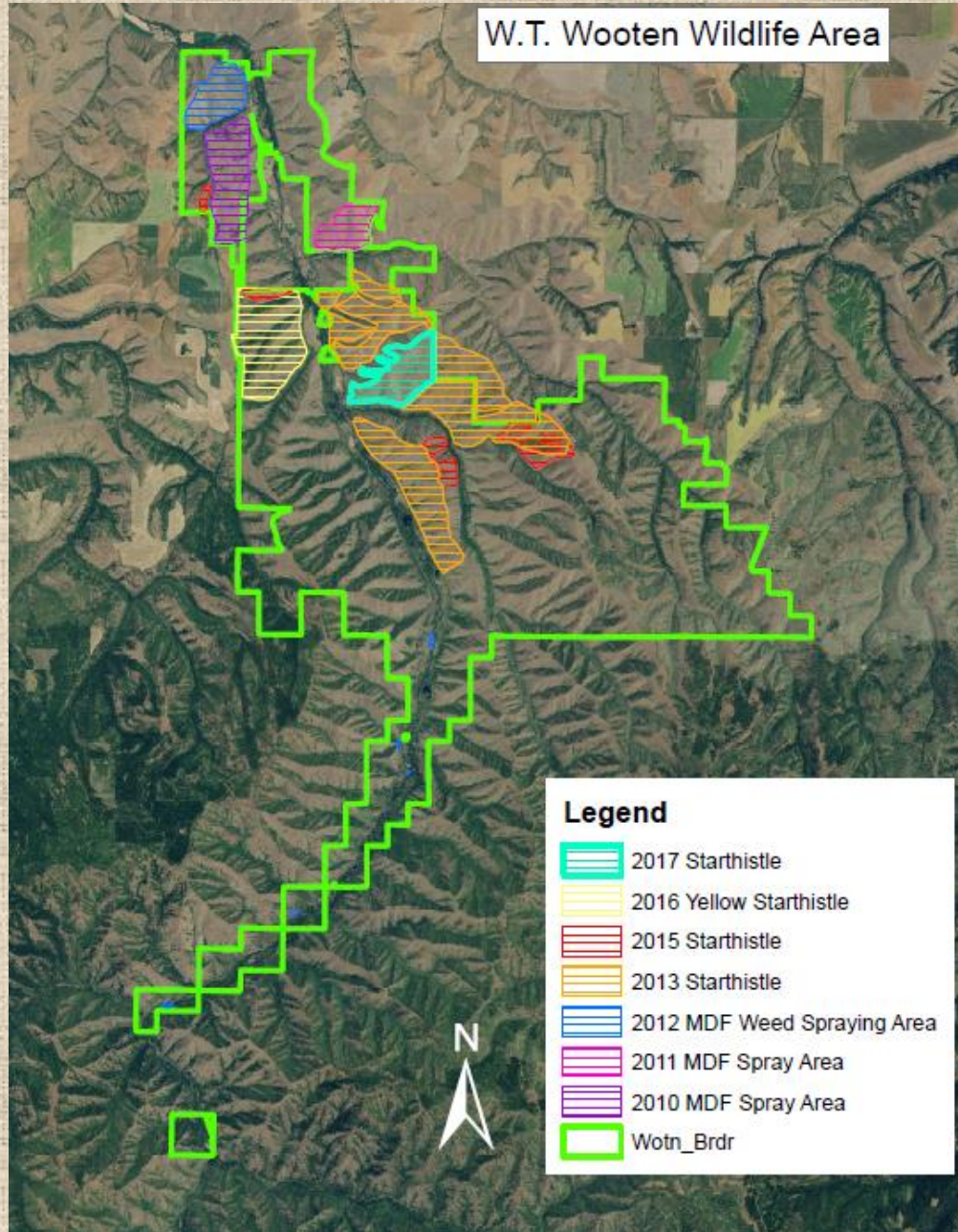


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Large Wood Projects

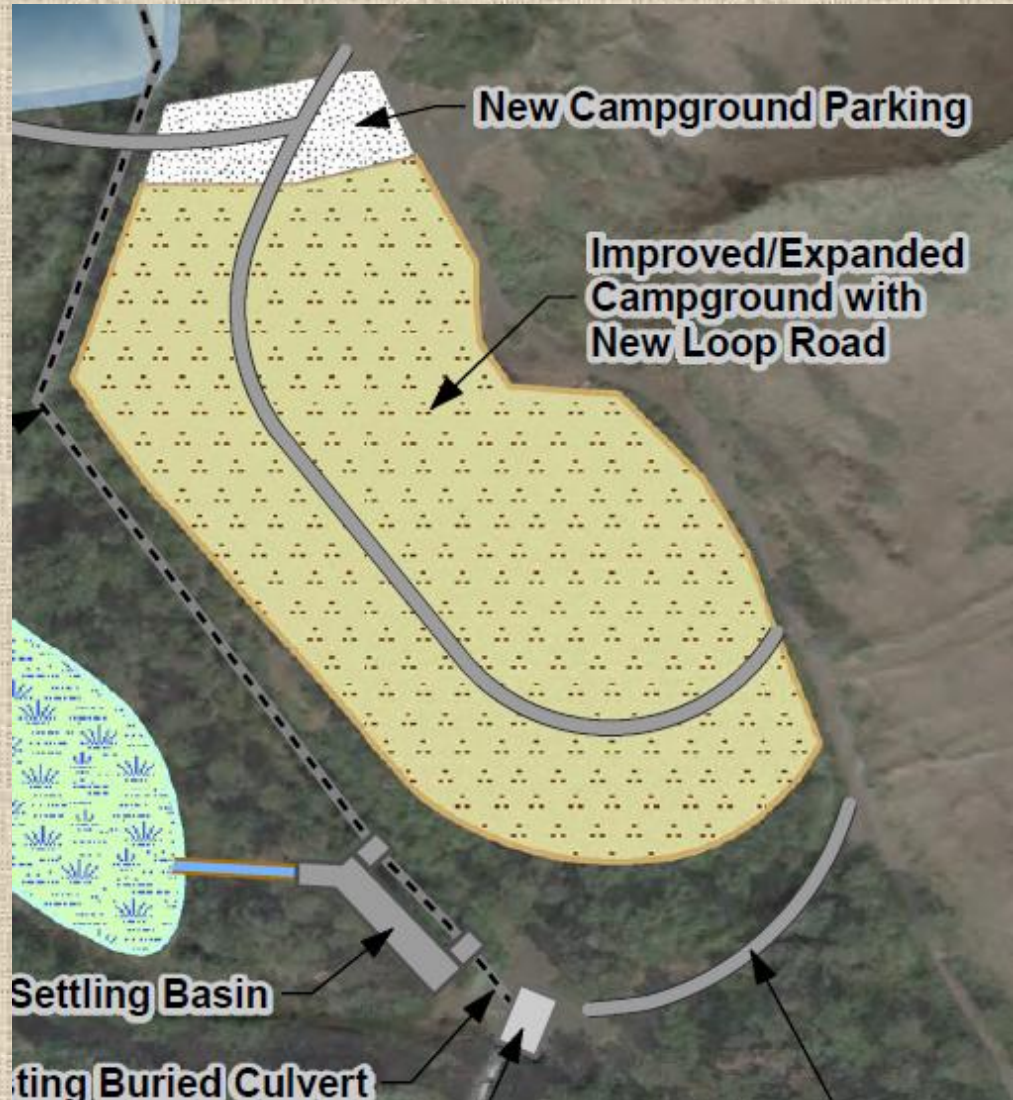
- 2 projects occurring in summer 2017
 - Tucannon Campground to Big 4 Lake
 - Chinook Helicopter – ~July 15-27
 - Hartsock Unit
 - Some helicopter, some engineered
- All BPA funded for habitat restoration for spring Chinook and steelhead

Future LW Projects

- 2018
 - Rainbow Inlet to Hatchery Bridge
 - Predominately engineered log jams
- Future
 - Camp Wooten to Tucannon CG Bridge
 - Designs have not been started yet
 - USFS lands near Guard Station
 - Designs have not been started yet

Campground 3 Upgrade

- Submitted an RCO Grant to upgrade Campground 3
- Did not receive RCO funding
 - Looking at other options
 - Able to use \$10K from Rainbow Lake money



Outhouse Replacement

- Still looking at funding options to replace the old fiberglass outhouses with new concrete outhouses
 - Currently have 6 old-style fiberglass outhouses
 - Not ADA approved
 - Possible statewide project



Bighorn Sheep Update

- Currently have 22 sheep in the herd
 - Only 2 lambs survived from last year (out of 10 born)
- First lamb seen May 5
 - 6 lambs so far; 1 mortality

Wolf Update

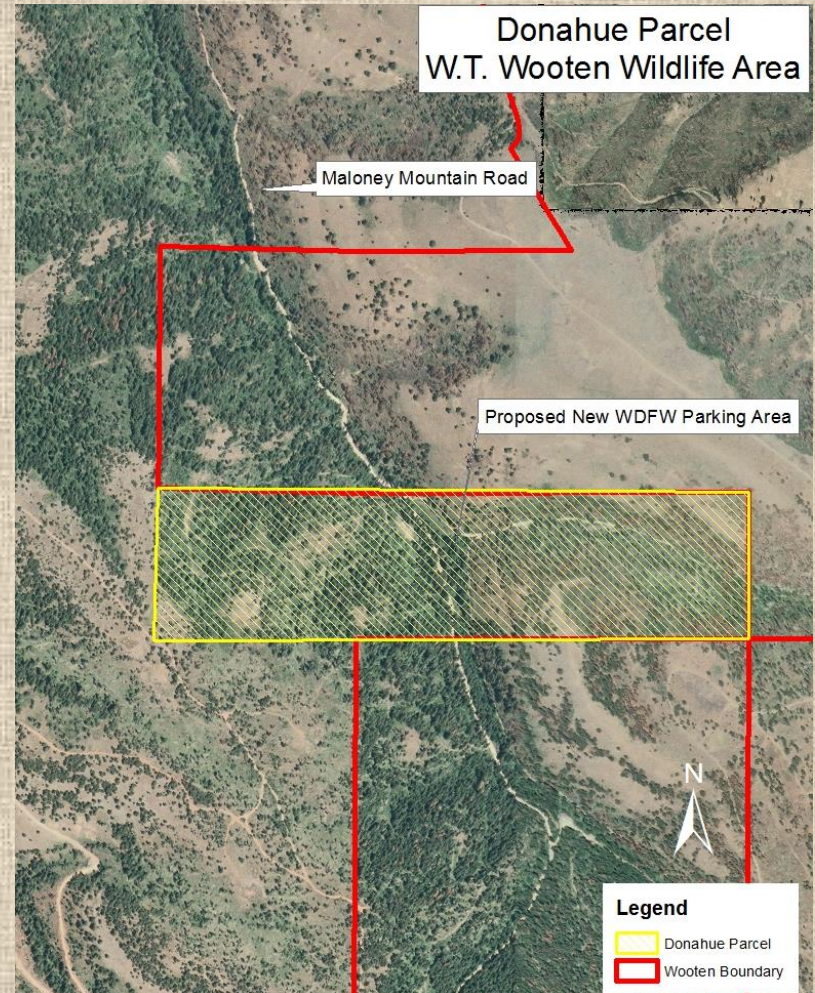
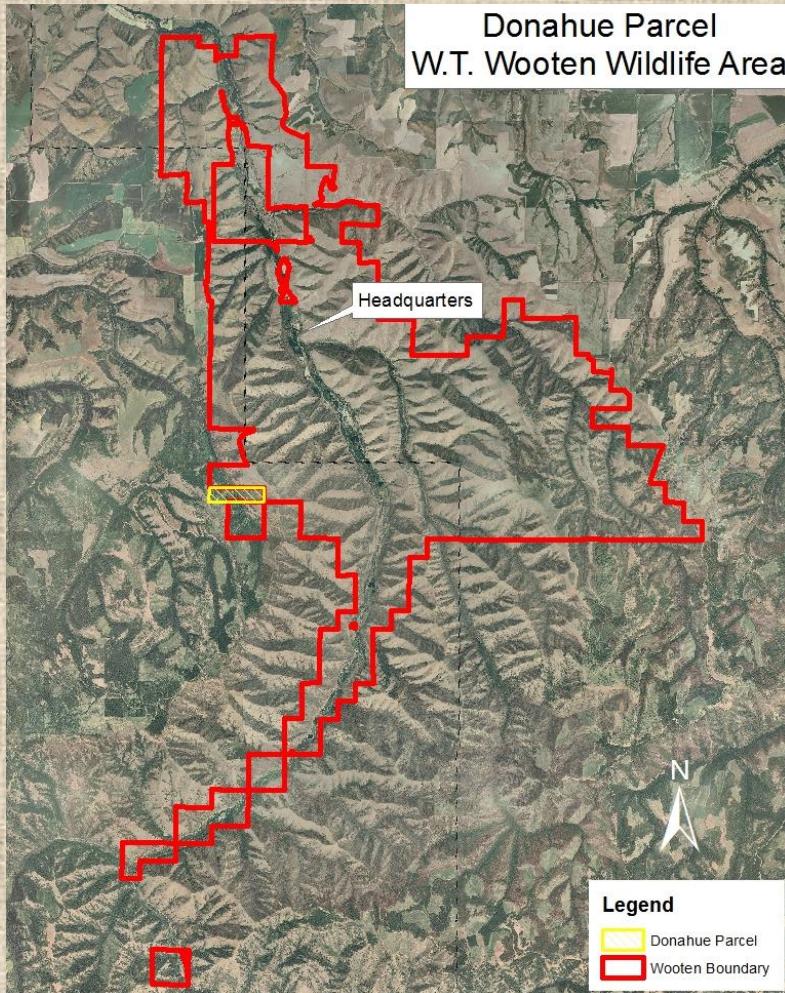
- Tucannon Pack
 - Captured and collared breeding female spring 2016
 - She died 2 weeks later; pups were too young to survive
 - Possible den in upper Cummings Creek area
 - Hoping to trap in next few weeks
- Touchet Pack
 - Denning in Robinette area
 - Collared female from Oregon with unmarked male
- Still have wolves from Oregon coming up, wandering around, and going back to Oregon

Walla Walla Property Update

- Stovall Road Unit
 - Seeded with grass seed in spring 2016
 - Poison hemlock is gone; replaced by Russian thistle and kochia
 - Plan to continue to treat as weather permits
- McDonald Bridge Unit
 - Severe weed issues along dike removal project
 - Plan to continue to treat as weather permits

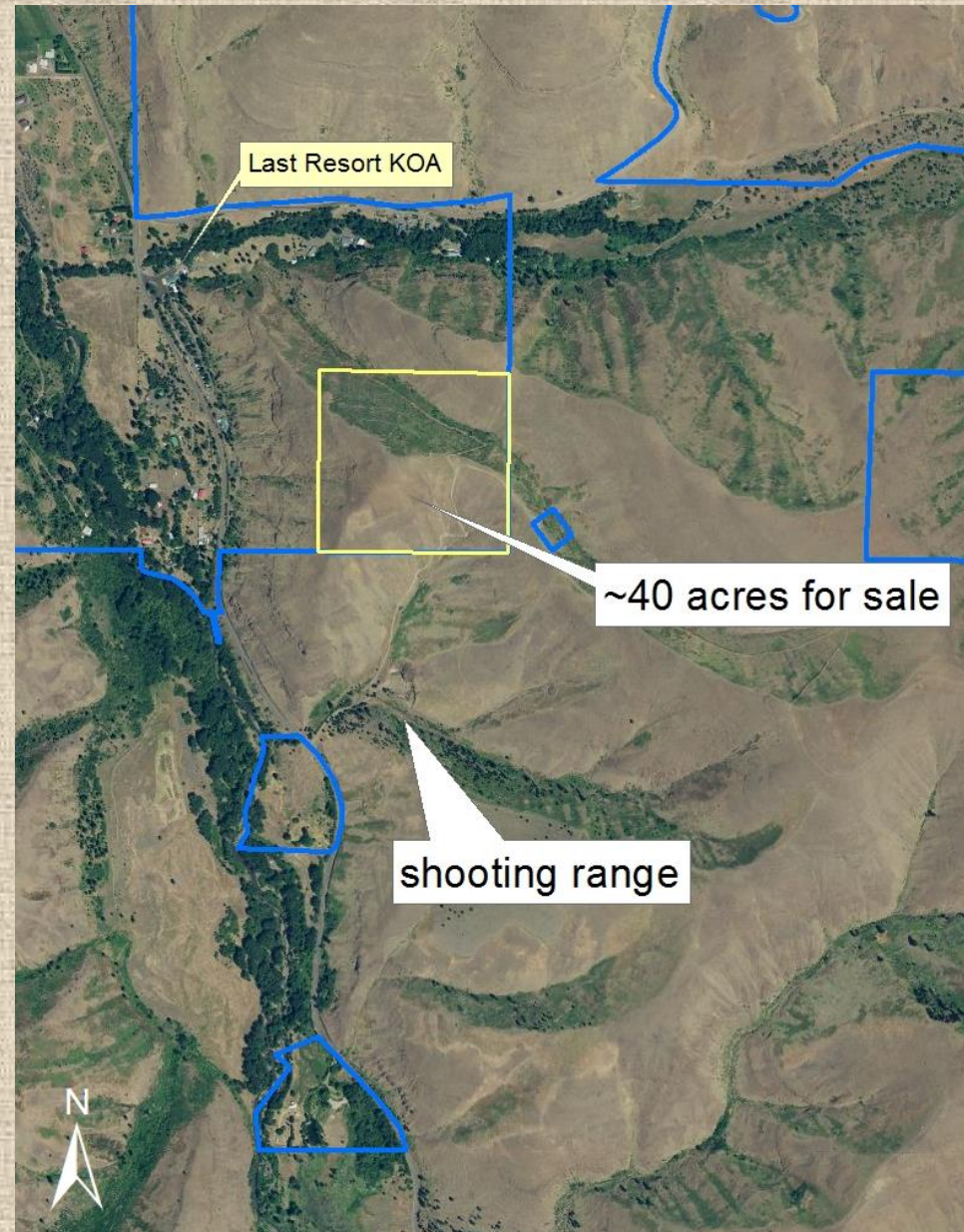
Donahue Property

- RMEF purchased 60 acre Donahue parcel
 - WDFW will purchase from RMEF (hasn't closed yet)



Goat Mountain Road Property

- 43 acres
- Columbia County
- Recreation Values
 - Hunting
 - Fishing
 - Wildlife viewing
- Currently in Lands 20/20 Process



WAAC Communication

- More communication with WAAC during Management Plan Rewriting process
 - Scoping
 - Review of draft plan and chance to comment
 - Review of Final Plan

Questions??

