

# Landowner Hunting Permits

WAC 232-28-296

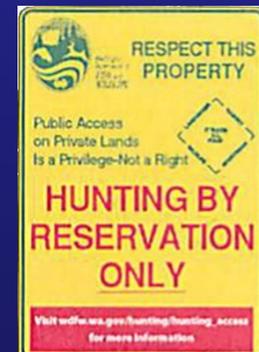
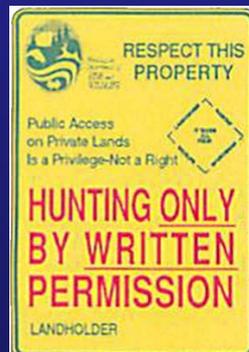
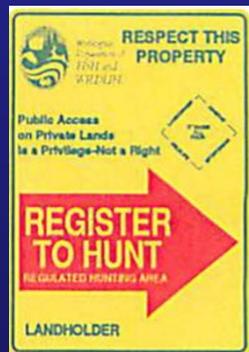
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# Program Overview

## Private lands Access Program:

- Assist landowners in managing public access
- Private Lands Biologists in each region
- 580 Landowners
- 1.3 million acres
- 5 options for landowners



# Program Overview

## Hunt By Reservation:

- Allows hunters to reserve a site in advance
- Manage hunter numbers
- Quality experience
- Landowner Confidence



# LHP Background

## Commission Policy C-6002:

- Landowner Permits
- WDFW Special Permits:
  - 50% of antlerless
  - 25% of bull or buck
- General hunting season opportunity is encouraged
- Landowner incentives may include:
  1. Customized hunting seasons
  2. Second tag opportunity
  3. Technical services to the landowner

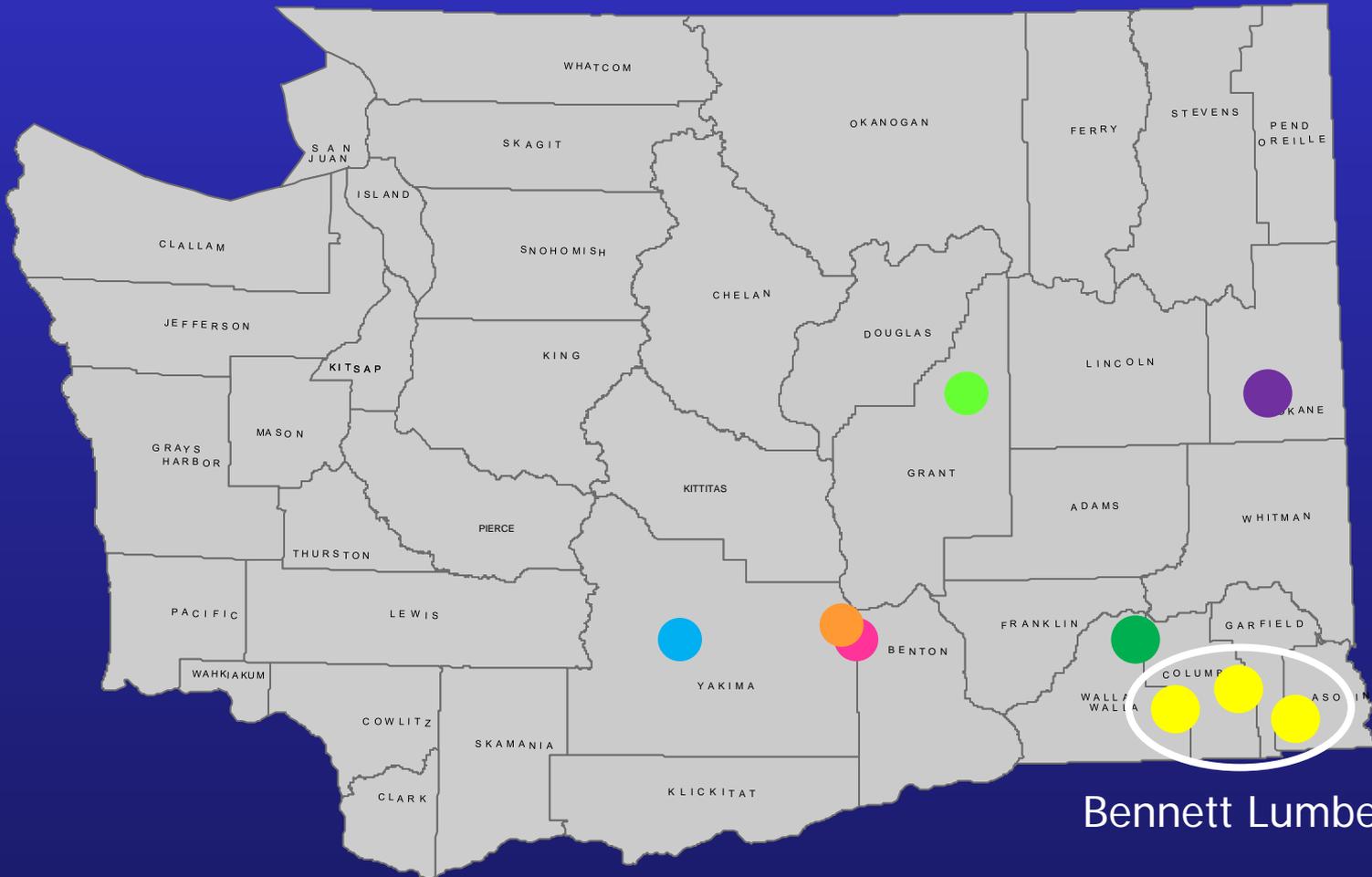
# LHP Participation

**In 2014 we had seven Cooperators:**

- Six are continuing in the program
- 4-0 Ranch opting out
  - WDFW land acquisitions
- Proposed addition:
  - Bennett Lumber



# Locations



Bennett Lumber

# Proposed Changes

## Minor date and permit adjustments:

- Pine Mountain Ranch
  - Landowner and special permits increased from 2 to 3  
(recommended adjustment)
- ZMI Ranch
  - 6 additional antlerless deer special permits  
(assist with damage control)
- CPWMA
  - Permits combined into longer seasons  
(increase success/assist with damage)

# Proposed Changes

## Use of second tags noted:

(recommended adjustment)

- Columbia Plateau Wildlife Management Association
  - Had been used in the past under WAC 232-28-293.
- Bennett Lumber
  - Part of new proposal

# Proposed Changes

## Bennett Lumber LHP proposal:

- Multiple Parcels
- 9,835 Acres
- Landowner permits: 6 buck, 2 bull, 10 cow  
(1 bull in following years)
- In lieu of special permits:
  - Larger parcels: Hunt by Reservation
  - Smaller parcels: Feel Free to Hunt
- Creates more opportunity

# Proposed Changes

## Bennett Lumber LHP proposal:

- Standard allocation formula:
  - 12 to 13 hunters would receive permits
  - About 70 user days
- Estimated Reservation Opportunity
  - >1500 potential user days
  - Does not include “feel free to hunt” parcels

# Questions?

