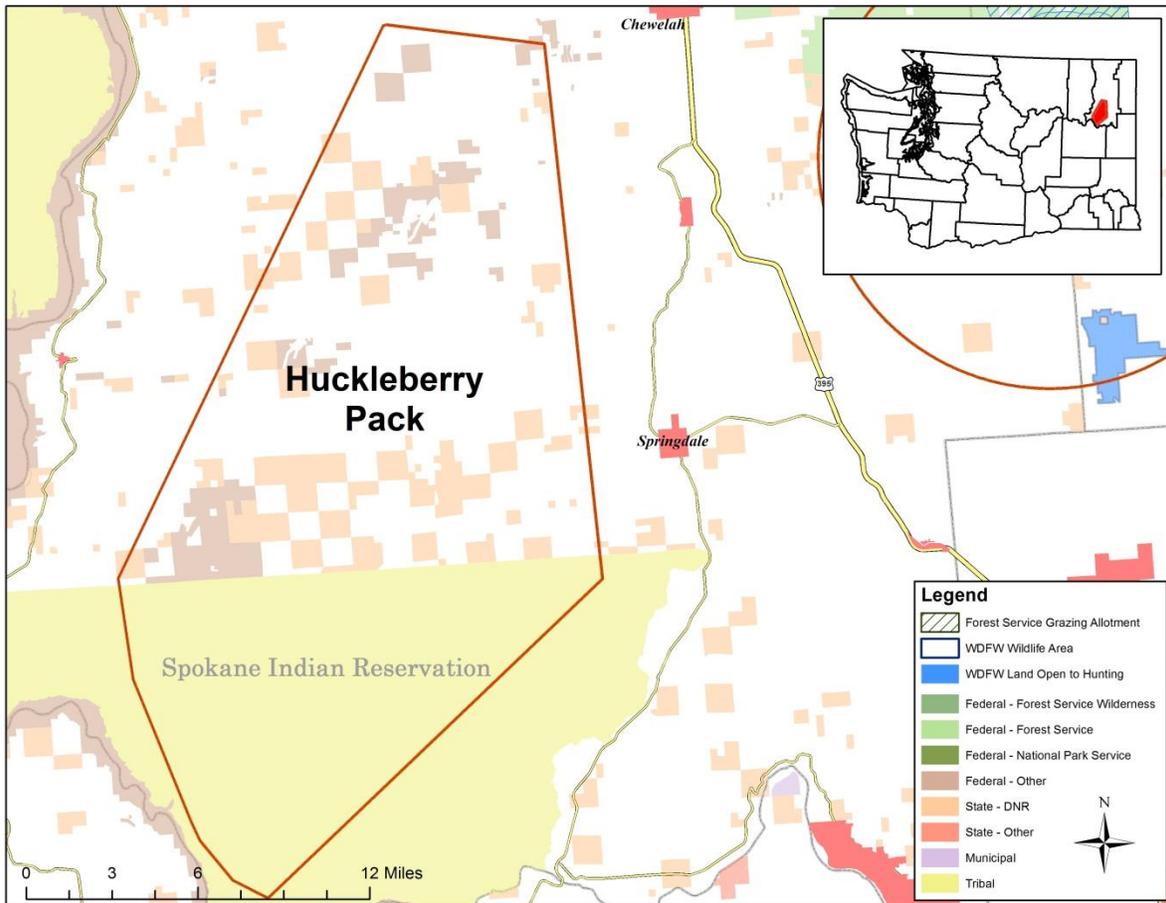


HUCKLEBERRY PACK

Latest Revision Date: August 18, 2015.

1. Pack Location



2. Pack Information

2014 min number of wolves: 3 adults and 3 yearlings.

Number of radioed individuals and type of collar: 1 adult male collared with a GPS collar

Summer trapping plans: We have plans to trap and place additional collars during the summer months in coordination with the Spokane Tribe of Indians.

General denning area known (yes/no): Yes, in 2014.

3. Wolf-Livestock Conflict

Pack's conflict history: Prior to the 2014 grazing season, there were no known wolf-livestock interactions within the Huckleberry territory. During the 2014 grazing season, one sheep producer experienced 26 confirmed wolf depredations and documented more than 200 additional sheep as unknown losses. Substantial efforts to reduce depredations to this producer's herd were employed by WDFW, USDA, and the producer. To address continuing depredations, one wolf was lethally removed from the Huckleberry Pack. Shortly after this removal, the producer moved the flock to a different grazing location outside of the Huckleberry territory. During 2015, there has been one confirmed depredation by the members of the Huckleberry pack to a guard dog. The guard dog sustained significant injuries, but was expected to recover.

Knowledge of allotments/producers/grazing practices in area: Within the 2014-15 Huckleberry Pack territory there is a variety of livestock production and livestock grazing. Activities range from landowners with a single animal to producers with hundreds of cattle or sheep grazing on open ranges. There are potentially dozens of commercial livestock operations within this wolf territory. Some livestock are on permanent, year-round grazing locations, while some use private commercial timber lands or private estate leases.

Outreach with producers (leading up to turn out; plans for check-ins throughout summer): WDFW personnel have been in contact and working with livestock producers in the Huckleberry Pack territory area since 2010. Coordination with large producers who own and/or graze on allotments within the Huckleberry territory has occurred. Conflict Specialists have discussed different strategies with these producers to reduce interactions with wolves. The local Wildlife Conflict Specialist will also be providing a producer with monthly updates on camera activity, sightings, and reported depredations.

This information will then be emailed by this central producer to other producers in the area. Conflict staff will continue to encourage more producers to participate in both upcoming revisions of the Wolf Conflict-Deterrence Updates, the Working Group, Data Sharing Agreements, and Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements.

Number of Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements with livestock producers: 3

Number of data sharing agreements with producers/counties: Currently, wolf location data are shared with six livestock producers, Stevens County Commissioners, and the Spokane Tribe of Indians.

Plans for verbal communication of wolf locations to area producers: As stated above a monthly email update will be sent to a central producer, who will then send it to others within the area. The email will include information about wolf sightings, general collar location, camera work, and reported depredations. Collar data will be monitored daily/weekly by Conflict Staff and appropriate producers will be notified of any activity.

Approaches for sanitation: The Sherman Creek Compost facility is up and running, along with area DOT dumpsites. Also, some producers are burying livestock carcasses, a strategy encouraged since 2011.

Range rider/human presence: Producers in the area use a variety of deterrents that are tailored to their operation. Some of these deterrents include; WDFW range riders, hired hands, herders, other human presence, foxlights, guard animals, electric fencing, RAG boxes, and sanitation where applicable.

Outreach to producers on WDFW lands: N/A

Other items of interest/awareness:

- This pack is co-managed with the Spokane Tribe of Indians
- WDFW is discussing range riders and Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements with several producers and will continue to do so as funds are available.