

US Fish and Wildlife Service

SUMMARY OF WILDLIFE RESTORATION



Washington 2002



Division of Federal Aid

September 27, 2005

W-2-L-1

Oak Creek Wildlife Area

The objective is to adjust a segment of the boundary of Oak Creek Wildlife Management Area in Yakima County, Washington in order to resolve an encroachment. A private home straddled the common boundary between Oak Creek Wildlife Area and private property. The 1.01 acre parcel occupied by the private home was exchanged for a 1.01 acre parcel of much higher wildlife value along the Naches River. Resolution of this boundary issue created an uncontested boundary between the wildlife area and private property. It also benefited wildlife and recreational user because the property obtained was of higher value to wildlife than the home site.

Beginning Date: 05/06/2002
Ending Date: 12/12/2002
Federal Cost: \$ 0.00
Congressional District(s):

W-11-L-5

Seed-Stock, Nesting Habitat Acquisition Project

Objective:
Original purchase of the Livingston property in Western Washington was to serve as a stocking site for pheasants that would then reproduce naturally and populate surrounding lands.
Benefit:
Pheasant populations were very low in Western Washington and by utilizing small land parcels as pheasant stocking and distribution sites, new hunting opportunities would be provided to the public.

Beginning Date: 04/22/2002
Ending Date: 09/30/2006
Federal Cost: \$ 0.00
Congressional District(s): 04, 05, 09

W-41-D-52

Habitat Development

Objectives:
Establish and continue statewide cooperative landowner access/ habitat development program for upland game birds to enhance habitat and expand hunter access.
Benefits:
Maintains and increases upland game bird populations and their habitats and improves hunting opportunities that have been reduced over time. Project involves many partners with WDFW: FWS, Corps of Engineers, private landowners, and volunteers.

Beginning Date: 07/01/2002
Ending Date: 06/30/2003
Federal Cost: \$ 375,220.00
Congressional District(s): All

W-42-L-51

Statewide Lease of Lands

To provide for lease payments for 3 State Wildlife Areas and in-lieu taxes for 11 State Wildlife Areas and to increase amount of land available to wildlife and wildlife recreationists adjacent to and within the boundaries of wildlife management areas.

Beginning Date: 07/01/2002
Ending Date: 06/30/2003
Federal Cost: \$ 191,347.00
Congressional District(s): All

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W-83-HS-32

Hunter Education

Objectives:

- * To reduce hunting related incidents involving firearms and other hunting implements
- * To instill in hunter education students and in the general public an awareness of their responsibilities as hunters with particular emphasis on respect for private and public property and the rights of others
- * To enhance student and general public understanding of the basic principles of wildlife habitat and conservation
- * To develop and/or upgrade student and general public knowledge about and proficiency skills with the safe use of hunting equipment
- * To recruit, train and retrain qualified volunteer instructors to conduct firearm and other safety education programs statewide
- * To recognize in a public manner the accomplishments and contributions of certified hunter education instructors
- * To instill in all hunters the concepts of lifelong learning about equipment, safety, wildlife, habitat, and wildlife laws, rules, and regulations.

The education program contains specific problem statement/strategy/results/benefits/approach for the following categories:

Curriculum Live firing Field courses
Bowhunter Education Trapper Education Advanced Hunter Ed
Instructor recruitment Instructor staffing Pre-service training
In Service Training Recognition Hunting accident reporting
Alternative education Range construction Administration

Beginning Date: 07/01/2002
Ending Date: 06/30/2003
Federal Cost: \$ 418,700.00
Congressional District(s): All

W-94-D-20

Wildlife Area Program

Objectives:

- To manage Wildlife Area contract lands in order to meet one or more of the following:
- to protect or increase particular wildlife species
 - to protect or improve existing habitat condition or replace lost habitats
 - to increase wildlife-related recreational opportunity
- Benefits:
Maintain Washington's biodiversity through protection of critical habitats; protected winter range for deer and elk and other game species has allowed populations to remain stable or increase; wildlife associated recreational opportunities (hunting/viewing) for the public is provided on over 400,000 acres of state owned or controlled lands.

Beginning Date: 07/01/2002
Ending Date: 06/30/2003
Federal Cost: \$ 1,038,912.00
Congressional District(s): All

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W-96-R-11

Statewide Wildlife Management

Objectives:

Gather and analyze data for deer, elk, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, moose, black bear, cougar, upland game, furbearers, and migratory game birds; develop improved information related to ungulate, upland game birds (primarily prairie grouse), migratory birds, and large carnivore ecology and population status, to gain information needed to develop management plans. Grant includes studies designed 1) to determine through annual surveys the status of wildlife populations, their habitat requirements, and the effects of altered habitats on future population levels, and to initiate implementation of population and habitat strategies; 2) to carry out research on prairie grouse, Rocky Mountain elk, black bear, snowshoe hare, and band-tailed pigeon; and 3) to update wildlife species plans for deer, elk, cougar, and black bear. These studies will provide information for improving existing, and where needed, establishing new management strategies for the various wildlife species in Washington.

Benefits:

All survey and inventory information on population status of species and additional information on life history of the species in question will assist the agency in more accurately assessing population status, recruitment, productivity, and health to allow for hunting season frameworks to be established and protective measures taken where the information indicates species will benefit.

Beginning Date: 07/01/2002
Ending Date: 06/30/2003
Federal Cost: \$ 1,572,000.00
Congressional District(s): All

W-98-E-2

Section 10 Hunter Ed (Shooting Range)

Revise Shooting Range GA application and materials to provide for both large [\$25k] and small [\$5k] grant funding opportunities

Monitor monthly, quarterly, annual/biennial shooting range expenditures.

Provide for WA Shooting Range Grants for local range improvement projects at existing facilities. (new projects will require add'l NEPA / Sec 7 review)

Beginning Date: 07/01/2002
Ending Date: 06/30/2004
Federal Cost: \$ 145,538.00
Congressional District(s): All