

PROPOSAL – West Rocky Prairie 2014

220 Acres

Conservation Values

- **Protects unique prairie-oak-wetland habitat**
- **Excellent site for reintroduction of prairie species**
- **Connects existing public lands**

Recreational Values

- **Wildlife viewing**
- **Hunting**
- **Hiking**

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Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Estimated Acres	220
Existing Uses	Undeveloped land/gravel mine
Threats	Development/gravel mining
Intended Uses	This acquisition would provide wildlife habitat conservation and recreation (wildlife viewing , hiking and hunting) under the management of the South Puget Sound Wildlife Area
Project Description	The property protects the largest available tract of unique prairie-oak-wetland habitat mosaic in South Puget Sound as recommended under the South Puget Sound Prairie Site Conservation Plan. This site contains mounded and terraced prairie with Idaho-fescue-white-topped aster community, oak woodland and wetland/riparian systems. This site provides a linkage for dispersal of listed and at-risk species between neighboring protected areas. Protects habitat for reintroduction of golden paintbrush, streaked horn lark , Oregon spotted frog, Mardon skipper butterfly. The project has been assessed as an excellent re-introduction site for the listed Mazama pocket gopher and streaked horn lark. This acquisition would expand the existing wildlife area by improving the viability of species, core habitats and buffers. Recreation activities include: wildlife viewing, hunting (big game and upland bird) and hiking.
Partners/Supporters	Joint Base Lewis McChord, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Puget Prairies, Center for Natural Lands Management, Forterra



