Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Program





EASTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Since the 1980's pheasant harvest has declined, with a few exceptions during years of favorable spring weather. Habitat loss has been the key problem. In 1991, WDFW initiated a very aggressive habitat enhancement program to address this continual loss. Until these habitat enhancement efforts can be established on a broad scale, the release of pheasants will help supplement harvest and maintain hunter opportunity.

In 1997, the Legislature created the Eastern Washington **Pheasant Enhancement** Fund using a "surcharge" of \$10 on eastern Washington pheasant hunters. Beginning in 1999 a simplified license system resulted in a single fee for small game hunters. The pheasant enhancement fund will be retained by dedicating a percentage of the small game license fees. It will be based on the number of eastern Washington pheasant hunters. The small game license is \$38.00, it is \$21.20 if purchased with any big game license, and kids under 16 years old pay \$20.00, or \$11.60 with a big game license.

The idea was to develop a dedicated funding source to improve pheasant hunting in eastern Washington. Most of the funds are used to buy rooster pheasants for release on lands that are open for public access. The balance of the money is available for habitat

Primary Pheasant Zone



enhancement grants to private organizations, individuals, and state or federal agencies.

Each year thousands of pheasants will be released on public lands. Those release sites are shown on the maps in this brochure. Pheasants may also

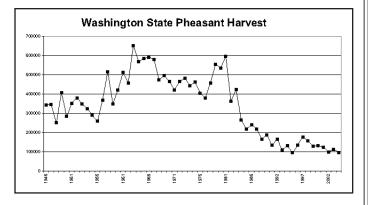
be released sporatcially on lands open under the Feel Free to Hunt Program. The idea behind the release of roosters in eastern Washington is to supplement the harvest.

Releases will take place for the youth seasons on most of the sites in late September. We do not provide other release dates because we want to minimize crowding at the release sites and to promote the highest hunter ethics possible.



Habitat protection and enhancement continues to be the primary tool to maintain pheasant populations and hunting opportunity over the long term. WDFW invests up to \$1 million each year on upland bird management and private lands access. The pheasant enhancement program provides for habitat enhancements.

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Eastern Washington Regional Offices:

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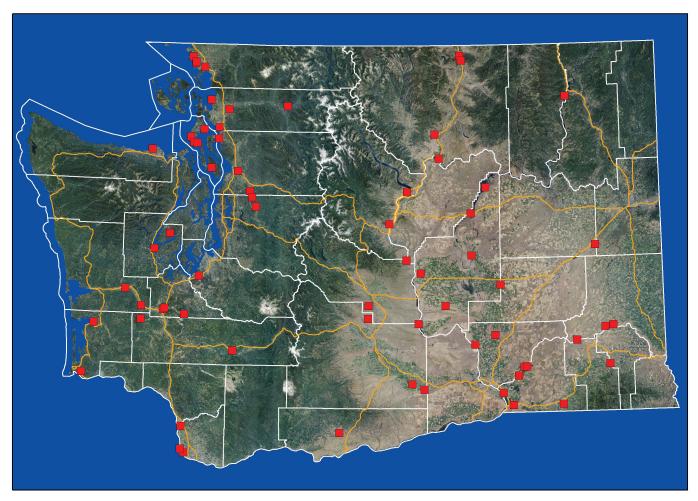
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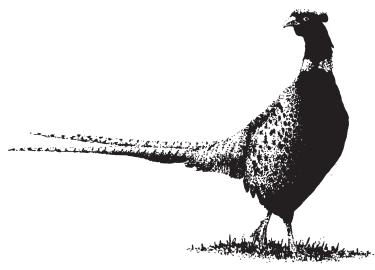
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SMALL GAME HUNTERS

To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, nontoxic shot is now required for all upland bird, dove and band-tailed pigeon hunting on all pheasant release sites statewide. If you hunt any of these release sites, you may use only approved nontoxic shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading). Possession of lead shot is also regulated on some wildlife areas. See Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons pamphlet for more information.





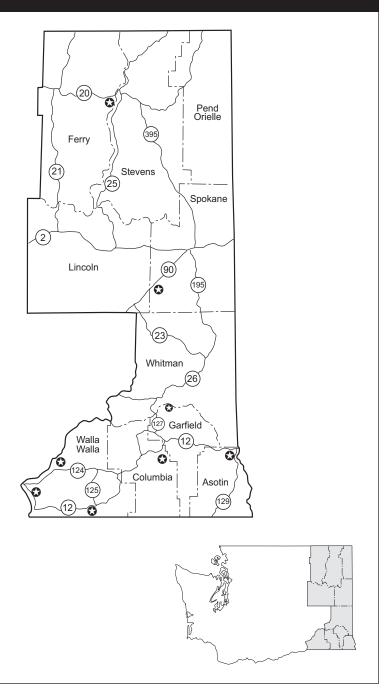
REGION ONE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION



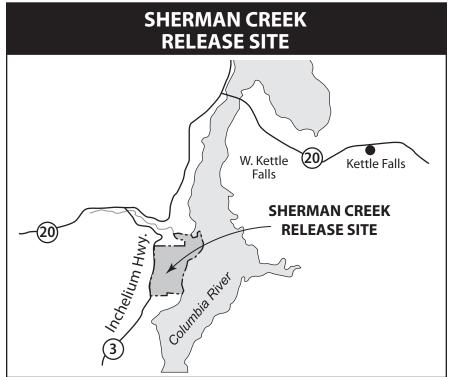
The best pheasant hunting in Region One is along the breaks of the Snake River and other major streams in Whitman, Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties. This part of the state has retained a more stable pheasant population over the years than areas near the irrigated farms of the Columbia and Yakima river basins.

Many of the pheasant release sites in these counties are owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The sites are managed for wildlife as part of mitigation for the **Snake and Columbia River** dams. In addition to public lands, WDFW's Private Lands Access Program has over 300,000 acres of private land open for hunting under access agreements in Region 1, and a small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands. For maps and information about private and public hunting lands, please visit WDFW's online mapping program Go Hunt at www.wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/ gohunt.

REGION ONE

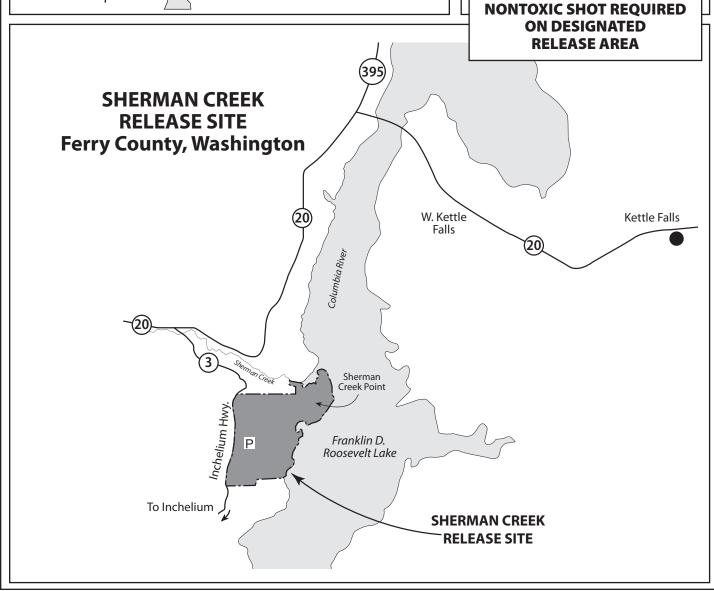


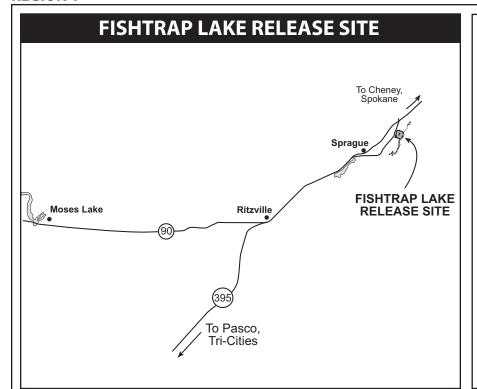
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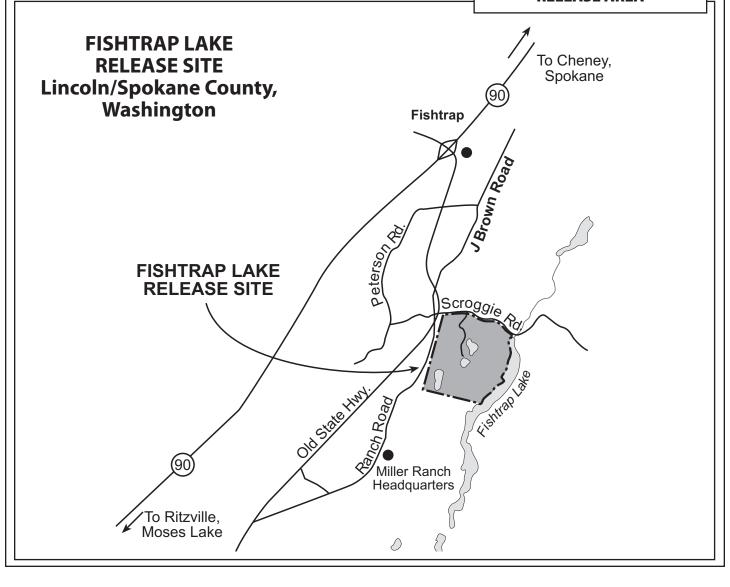
The Sherman Creek Wildlife Area and release sites can be found by going west on Hwy 20 from the town of Colville. After crossing the Columbia River, head south and west on Hwy 20, then south on Inchelium HWY to the Sherman Creek release site.

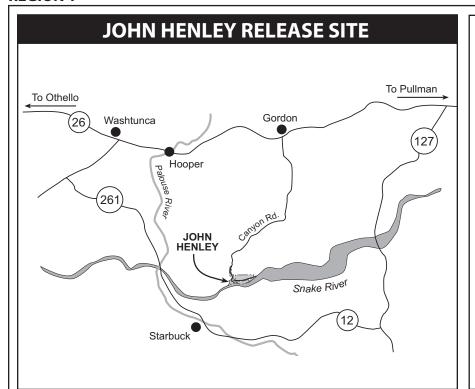






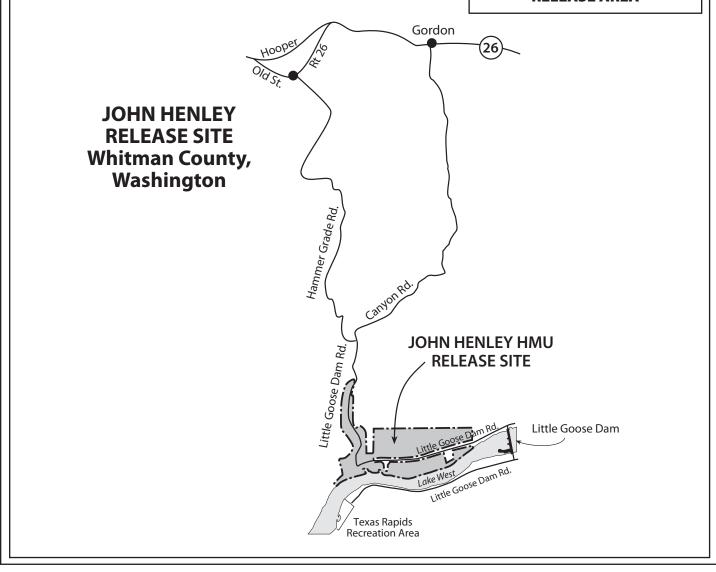
The **Fishtrap Lake** release site can be found by following the signs to Fishtrap Lake from I-90. The Fishtrap exit is approximately 8 miles east of Sprague and is between the towns of Sprague and Cheney.

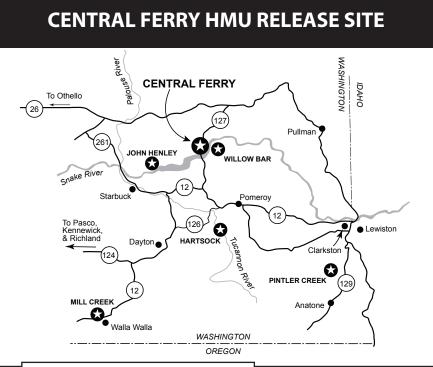






From Washtunca, head east on Hwy. 26 and from Colfax, head west on Hwy 26. At the town of Hooper turn south on Hammer Grade Road. Turn right on Long Hollow Road and continue south to the release site.

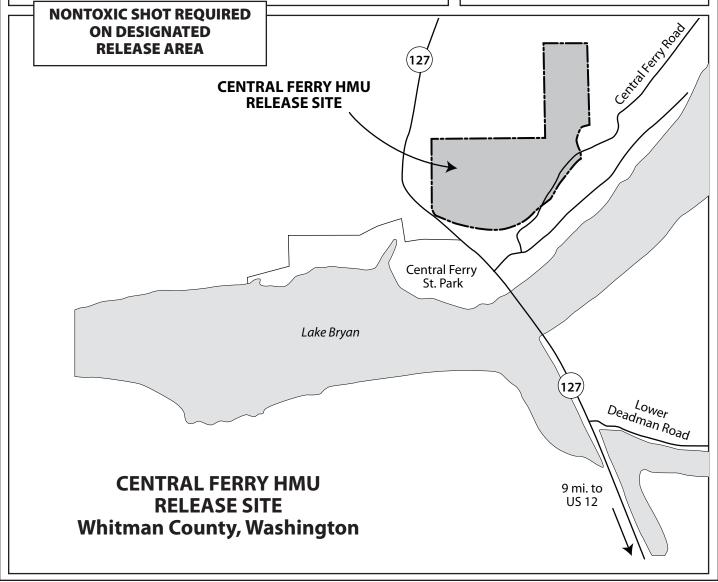




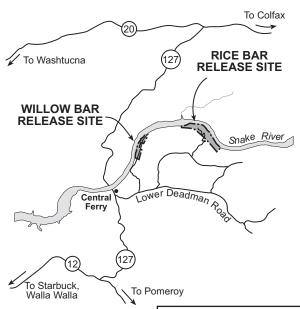
The **Central Ferry** site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the



US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). To reach the site from Othelio, travel east on Highway 26, then south on Highway 127 at the town of Dusty. To reach the site from Spokane, head south on Highway 395 to the town of Colfax, then go west on Hwy 26 to Dusty, then travel south on Hwy 127. From the Tri-Cities head south on Hwy 12 to the town of Burbank, then east on Hwy 124 to the town of Waitsburg, fromthere head east on Hwy 12 through thetown of Dayton to the very small townof Dodge. From Dodge travel north on Hwy 127. The site is east of Hwy 127 and Central Ferry State Park on the north side of the Snake River.



WILLOW BAR AND RICE BAR HMU RELEASE SITE



This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US



Army Corps of Engineers (COE). To reach the site from Othello, travel east on Highway 26, then south on Highway 127 at the town of Dusty.

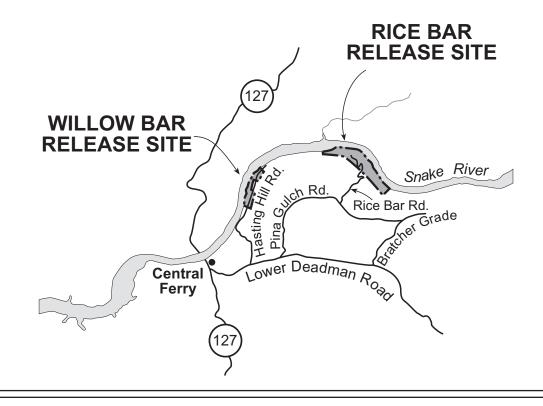
To reach the site from Spokane, head south on Highway 395 to the town of Colfax, then go west on Hwy 26 to Dusty, then travel south on Hwy 127.

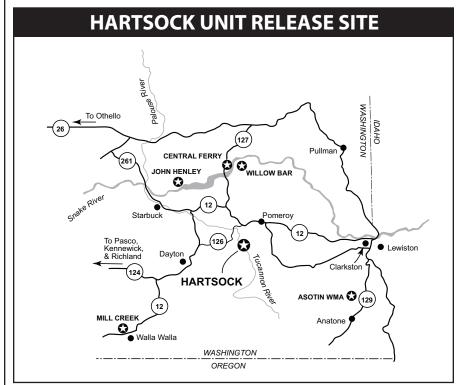
From the town of Dayton, head east on Hwy 12 to the very small town of Dodge. From Dodge travel north on Hwy 127.

The site is south of the Snake River and can be reached by heading east from Hwy 127 onto Deadman Road, go about 2 miles, then go north on Hastings Hill Road to the site.

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON DESIGNATED RELEASE AREA

WILLOW BAR AND RICE BAR HMU RELEASE SITE Garfield County, Washington



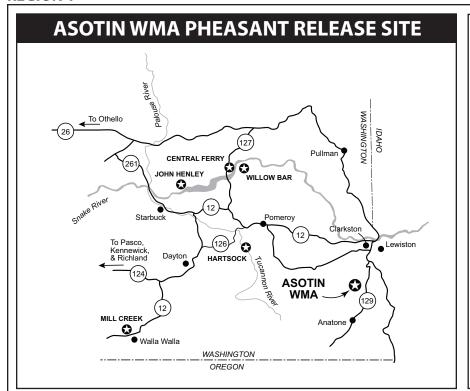




This site is one of several areas managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). It is located between the towns of Dayton and Pomeroy. From Dayton, travel north on Hwy 12 to Hwy 126. Follow Hwy 126 about 11 miles to the small town of Marengo. At Marengo travel south on the Tucannon Road to the site.

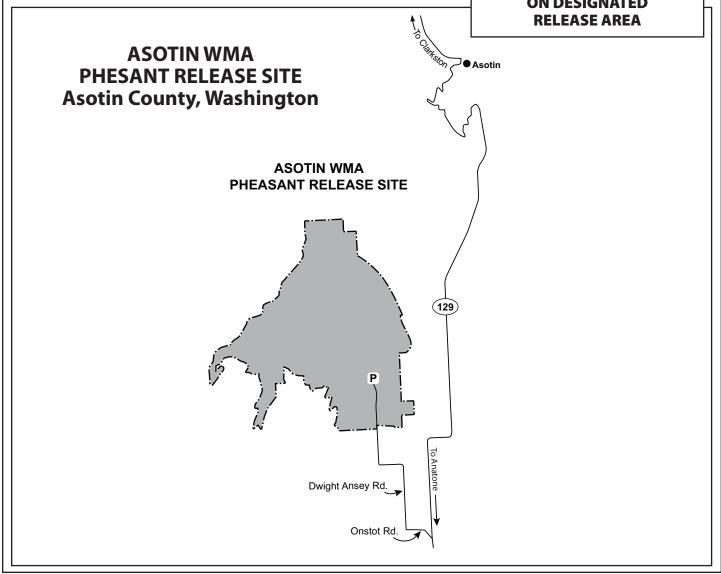
From Pomeroy, travel 5 miles west to Hwy 126. Take Hwy 126 south to Marengo, then head south on the Tucannon Road to the site.

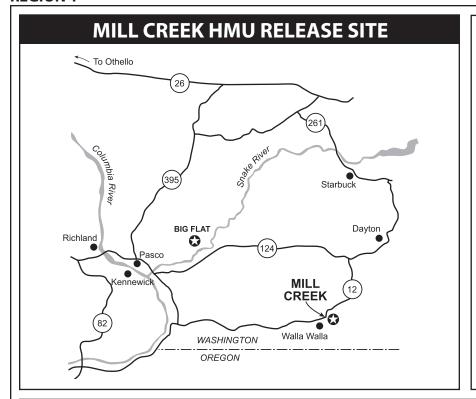
NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON DESIGNATED RELEASE AREA HARTSOCK UNIT RELEASE SITE **Columbia County, Washington** Pomeroy Marengo Cannon Road **HARTSOCK UNIT RELEASE SITE** Hartsock Grade To Rose Spring (10 mi.) To Dayton (12 mi.)





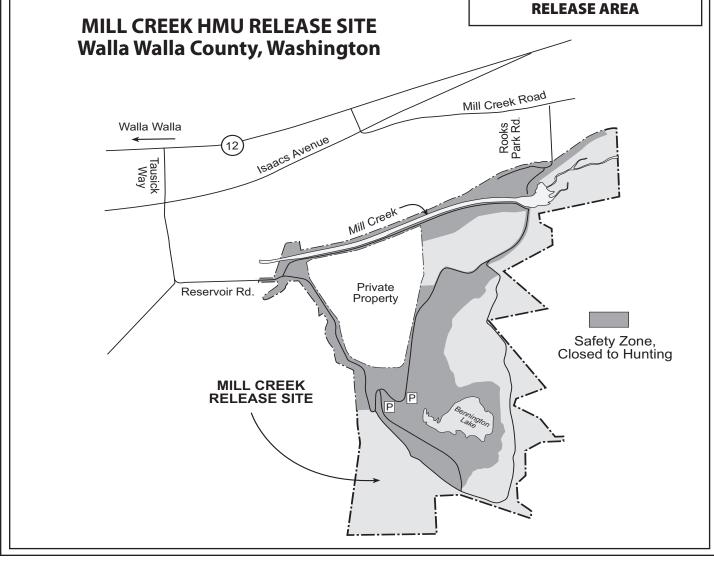
This release site is on property owned and managed by WDFW. It is located between the towns of Asotin and Anatone, just off Highway 129. From Asotin, travel south on Highway 129 for 13 miles to Onstot Road. Turn west on Onstot Road. Travel about ½ mile and turn north on Dwight Hasley Road. Travel all the way to the parking area at the end of the road (3.5 miles).

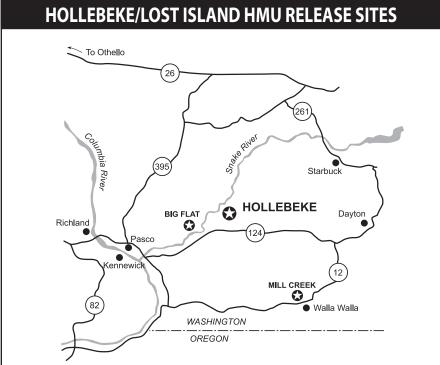






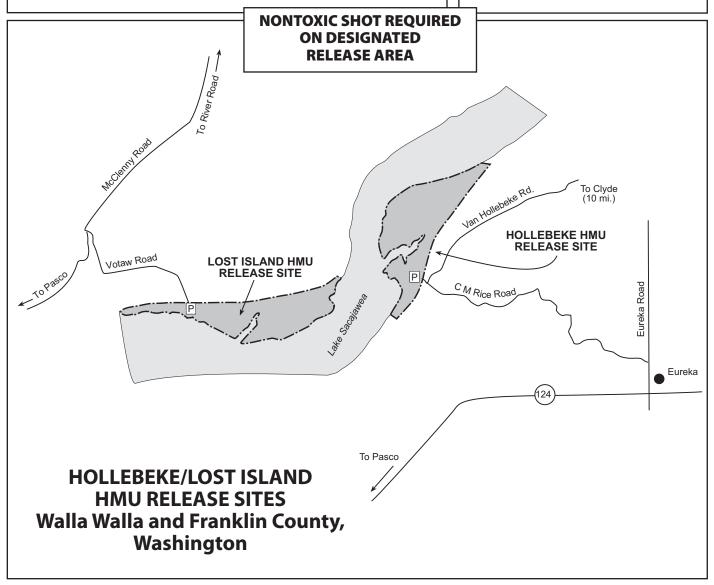
The **Mill Creek** site is located just east of the town of Walla Walla. To find the site, travel east from Walla Walla on Hwy 12 to Tausick Way exit. Go south to Reservoir Road. Go east on Reservoir Road to the Mill Creek site.







This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). To find this site from Pasco, travel south on Hwy 12 to Hwy 124, just prior to the town of Burbank. Head north and east along Hwy 124 about 19 miles to Eureka Road. Go north on Eureka Road past the town of Eureka about 1° miles. Take Rice Road west and north. Follow Rice Road approximately 4 miles to where it intersects Van Hollebeke Road and the release site.



REGION TWO PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

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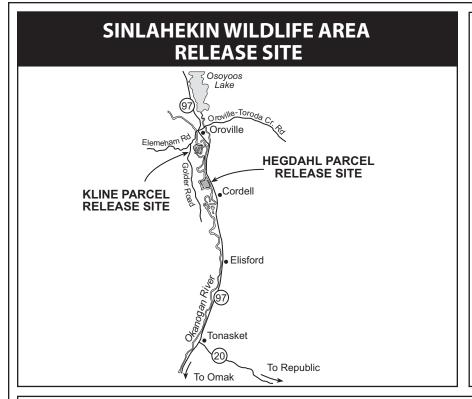
REGION TWO

The best pheasant hunting in Region Two's is on wetland and native habitats adjacent to farm ground within the **Columbia Basin Irrigation** project near Moses Lake, Warden, and Othello. WDFW manages 192,000 acres in the Columbia Basin most of which is open for hunting. Pheasant numbers may be fair to good in some areas but hunting wild birds can be challenging due to heavy cover and strong tendency for birds to run and flush wild. In addition to public lands, WDFW's Private **Lands Access program has** private land open for hunting under access agreements and a small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands. For additional maps of public and private lands with pheasant hunting opportunity, Visit WDFW's online mapping program Go Hunt at www.wdfw.wa.gov/ mapping/gohunt.

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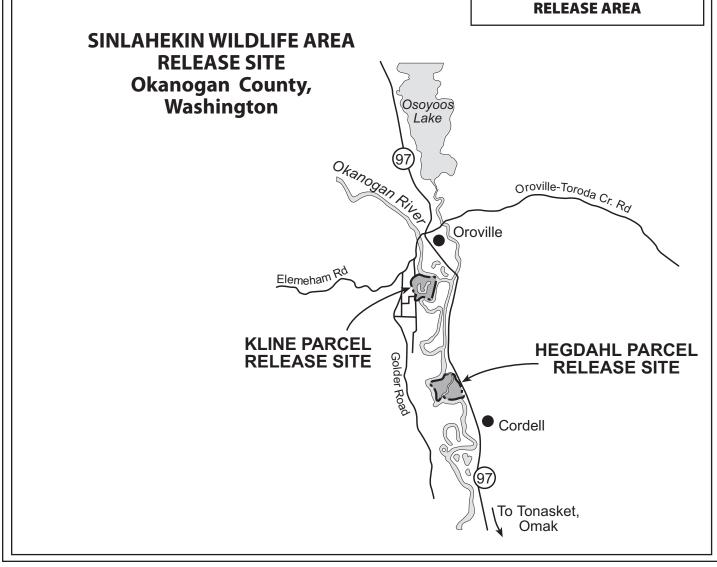


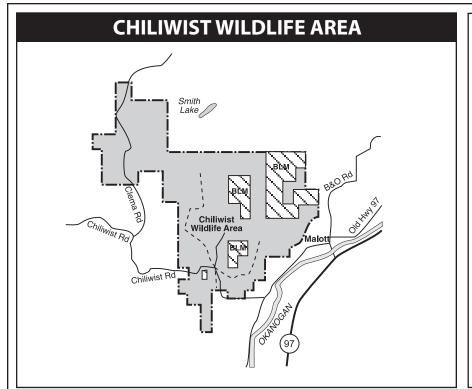




Kline Parcel: From Oroville head south on the west side of the Okanogan River. The Kline Parcel is about one mile south of the town of Oroville.

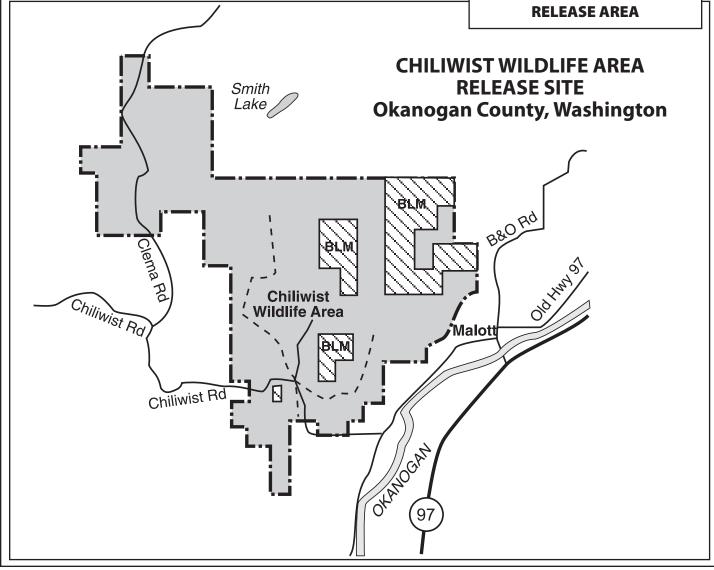
Hegdahl Parcel: The Hegdahl Parcel is about 4 miles south of Oroville off Hwy 97. The site is on the east side of Okanogan River about 11 miles north of the town Tonasket.

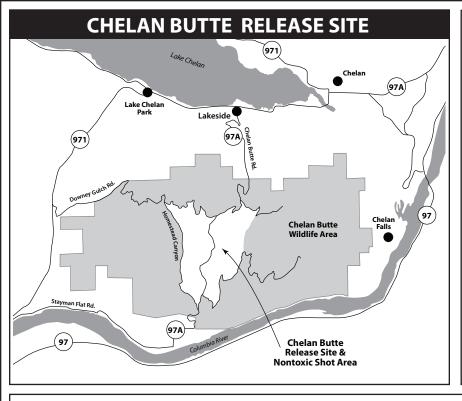






To reach the **Chiliwist Wildlife Area** and release site, travel south from Okanogan on Hwy 20. Continue south on Old Highway 97 through the town of Malott. Head west on the Chiliwist Road to the wildlife area and release site.



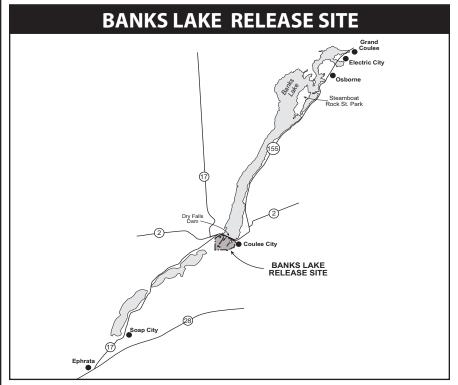




From Chelan head west and then south on Hwy 97 Alternate. Turn left on Downey Gulch or Stayman Flat Roads.

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED
ON DESIGNATED
RELEASE AREA

RELEASE AREA CHELAN BUTTE RELEASE SITE Chelan County, Washington 971 Downey Gulch Rd. 97 Chelan **Chelan Butte** Falls Wildlife Area Stayman Flat Rd. Columbia River 97 **Chelan Butte Release Site & Nontoxic Shot Area**

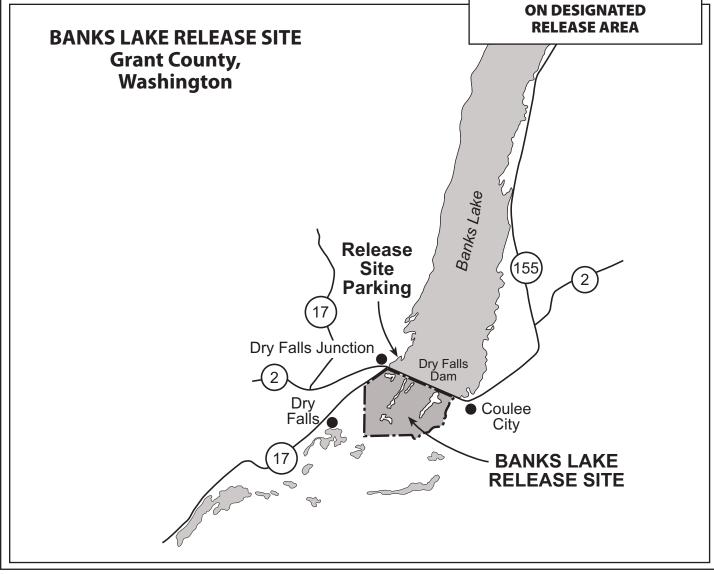


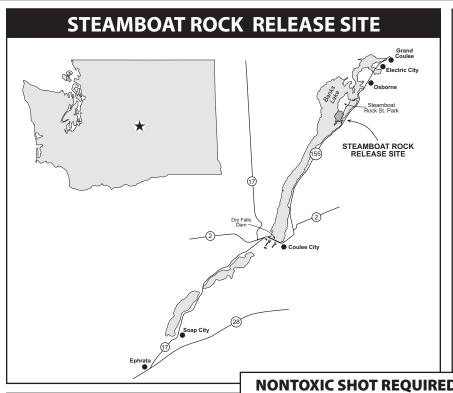


To reach the **Banks Lake** release site from Spokane, travel west on Hwy 2 to Coulee City.

To reach the site from Wenatchee, head east on Hwy 2 to Dry Falls Dam. From Moses Lake, head north on Hwy 17 to the junction with Hwy 2. Head east on Hwy 2. The release site is located south of the Dam.

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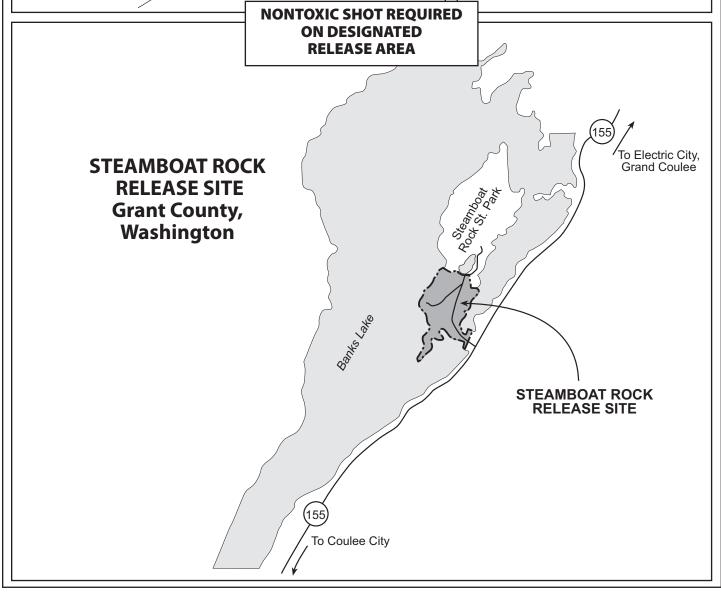


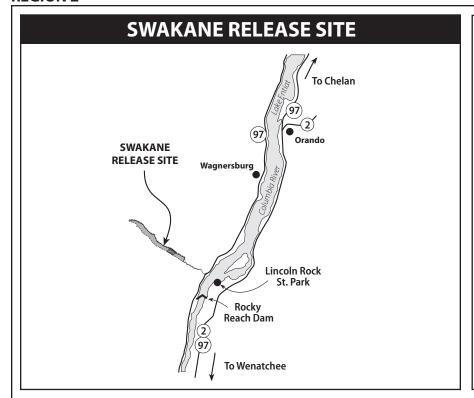


To reach the **Steamboat Rock** release site from Spokane, travel west on Hwy 2 to Banks Lake. Head north on Hwy 155 at Banks Lake about 16 miles to Steamboat Rock Wildlife Area.

To reach the site from Wenatchee, head east on Hwy 2 to Banks Lake and then go north on Hwy 155 to Steamboat Rock.

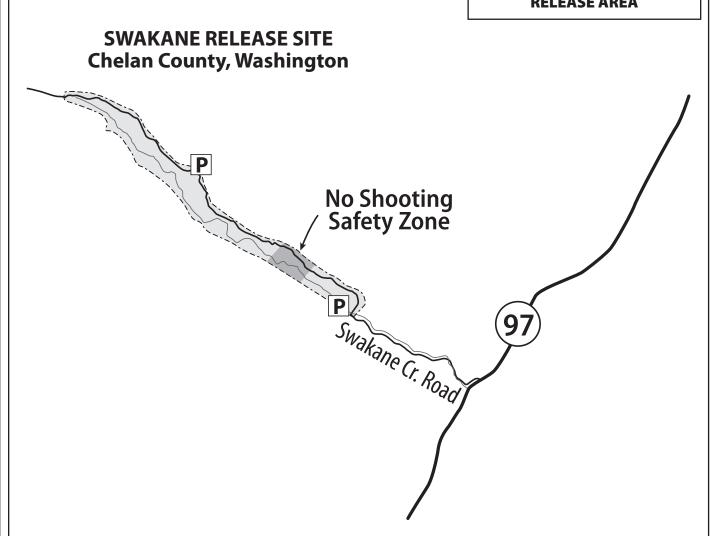
From Moses Lake, head north on Hwy 17 to the junction with Hwy 2. Head east on Hwy 2 to the junction with Hwy 155, then north on Hwy 155 to Steamboat Rock release site. The release site is located south of the State Park and is well marked.

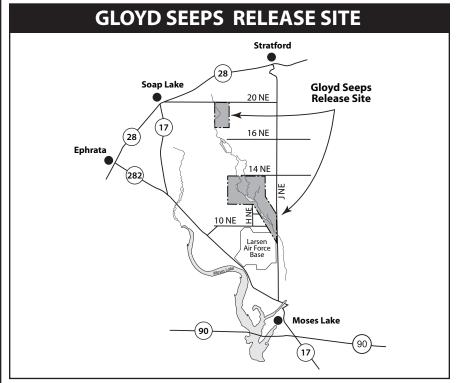






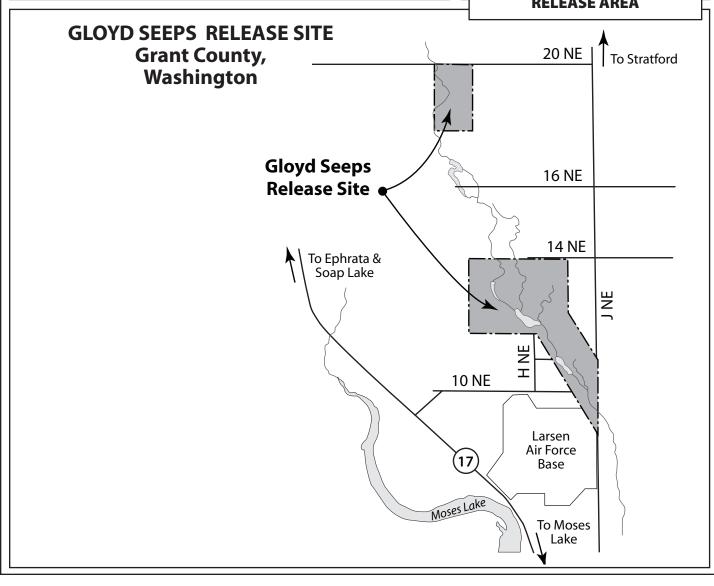
To reach the **Swakane Wildlife Area** and release site, travel north from Wenatchee on Alt.
Hwy 97. It follows the Columbia River on the west side toward the town of Chelan. To find the release site, head west up the Swakane Creek Road.

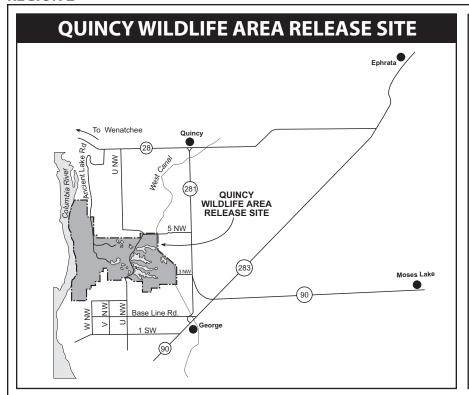






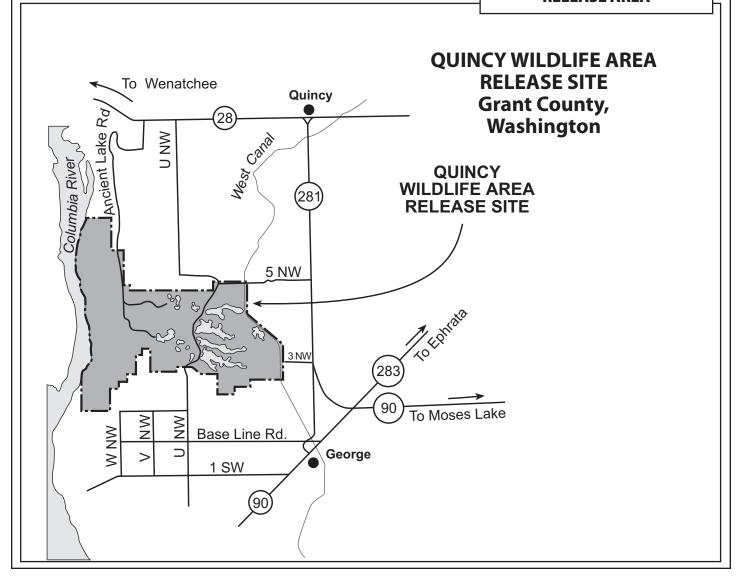
From Moses Lake, head north on Stratford Road (J NE). Most roads that travel west between roads 10 and 20 will take you to access points on the **Gloyd Seeps.**

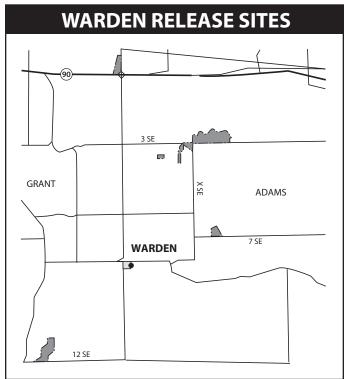






To reach the **Quincy Wildlife Area** release site, go north on
Hwy 281 from the I-90 exit at
George. Go west on Road 3
or 5 NW about 2 miles to the
release site.

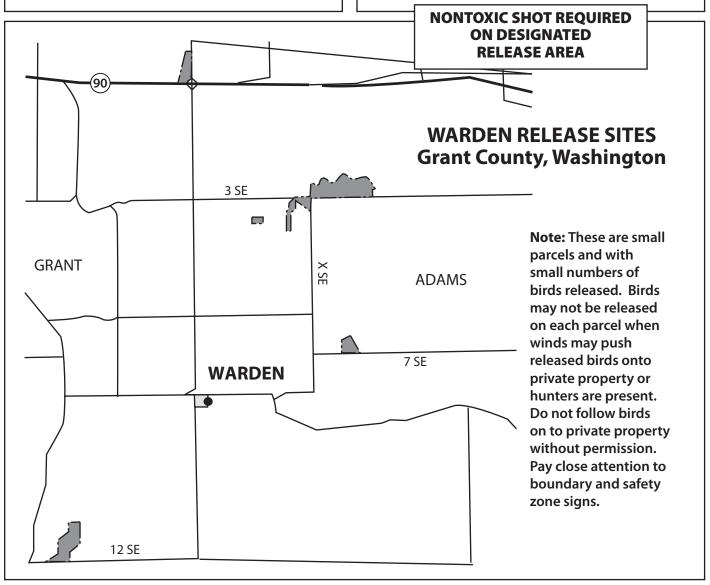


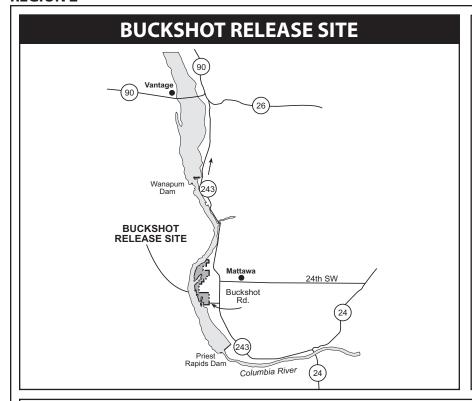


The Warden
Release Sites are
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by private farm
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these sites take
the Warden exit



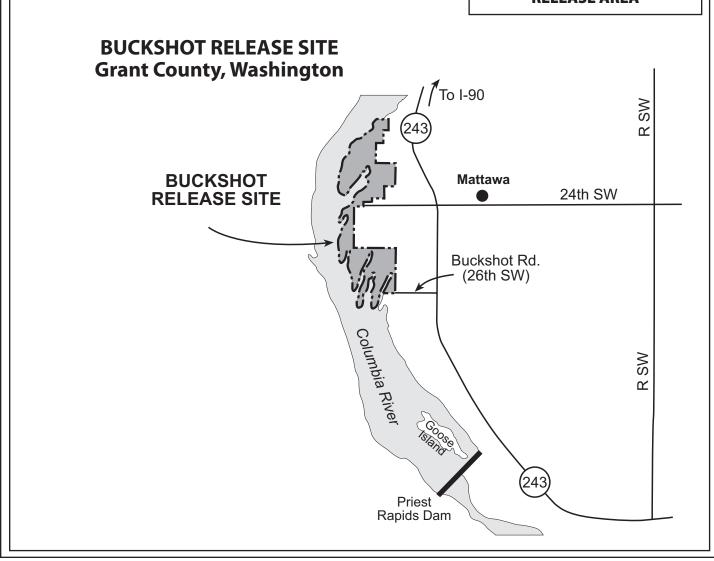
on Interstate 90, exit 188, which is about 11 miles east of Moses Lake. The first parcel is immediately northwest of exit 188. To reach the next group of parcels go south on "U" Road SE three miles, and than and go east on "3" Road SE three miles to the intersection of "X" Road SE and "3" Road SE. To reach the next parcel proceed south on "X" Road SE four miles and than go east 1.5 miles to the East Low Canal. The last parcel is 5 miles southwest of Warden one mile east of Highway 17 on "12" Road SE, north of the boarder between Grant and Adams counties Road.

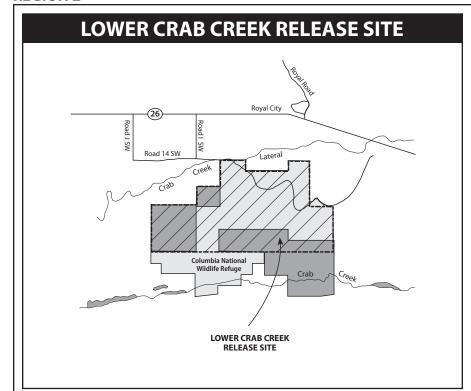






To reach the **Buckshot Release Site,** head south from I-90 at
Vantage on Hwy 243. Follow
Hwy 243 along the Columbia
River to the junction of 24 or
26 SW. The release site can be
reached by turning west on Road
24 or Road 26.



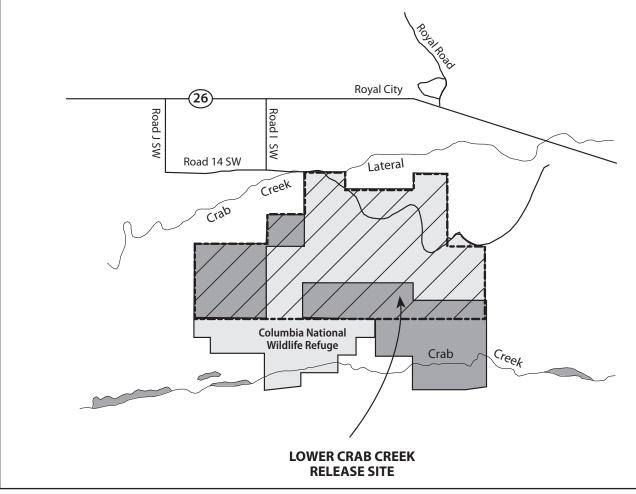




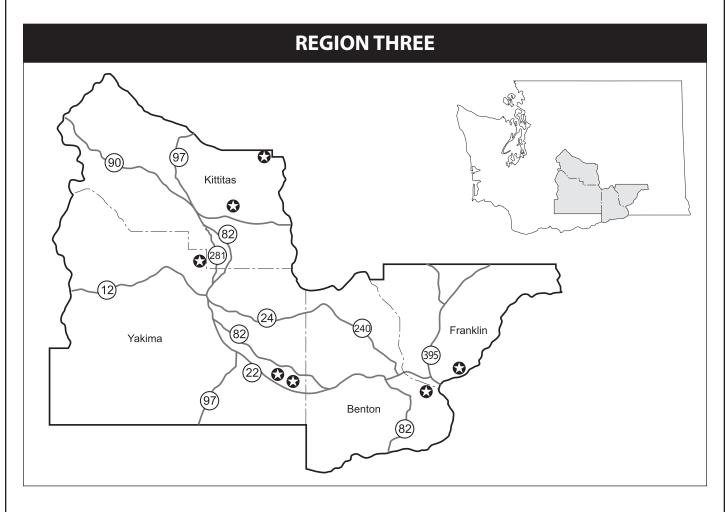
To reach the **Lower Crab Creek** release site, head south from I-90 at Vantage on Hwy 243. Follow Hwy 243 along the Columbia River to the junction of State Highway 26. Travel east toward the town of Royal City and turn south on either Road J SW or Road I SW. Drive south to Road 14 SW and turn east. The release site can be accessed along Road 14 SW.

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LOWER CRAB CREEK RELEASE SITE Grant County, Washington



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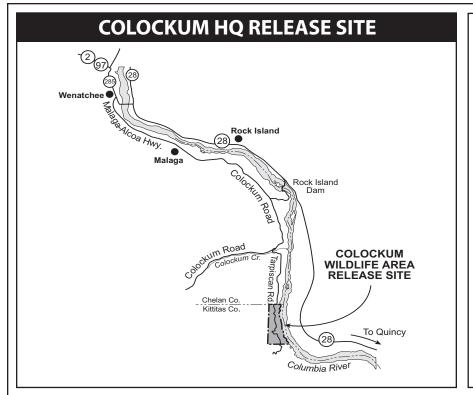


The best pheasant hunting in this Region is around the irrigated farmland in Benton, Yakima, and Franklin counties and along the Yakima River. A large part of the irrigated farmland in Yakima county is located on the Yakama **Indian Reservation. Hunters** interested in hunting on tribal lands should contact the office of the Yakama Indian Nation at (509) 865-5121. For maps of WDFW owned and managed land along the Yakima River, contact the Yakima Regional office at (509) 575-2740.

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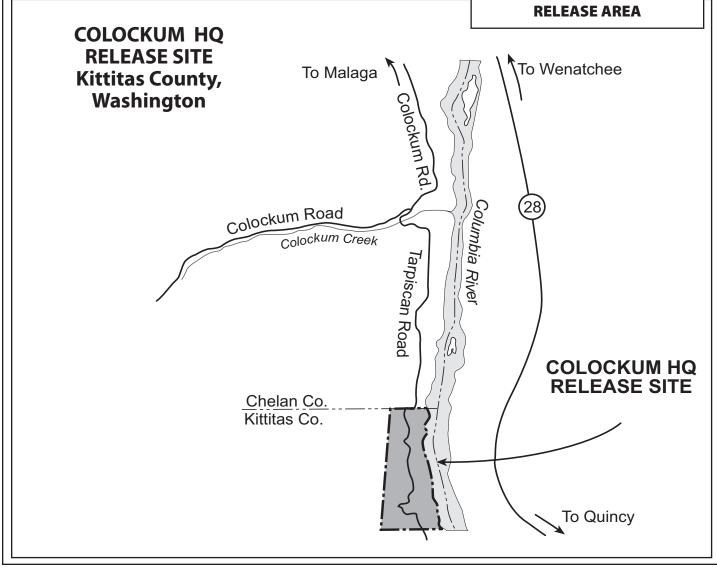


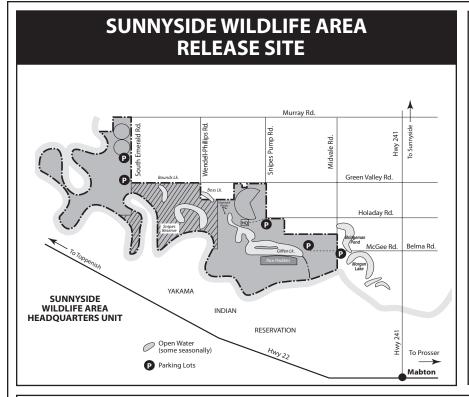




To find the **Colockum** release site, head south out of Wenatchee toward the town of Malaga on the Malaga - Alcoa Hwy. Continue south past Malaga onto Colockum Road. At Colockum Creek, head south on Tarpiscan Road to the release site.

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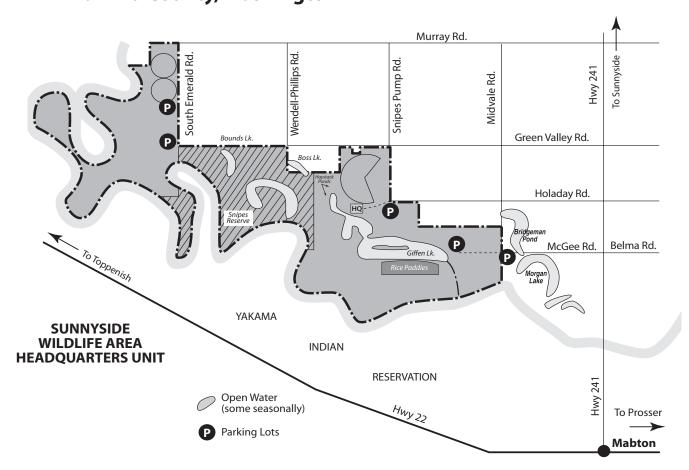


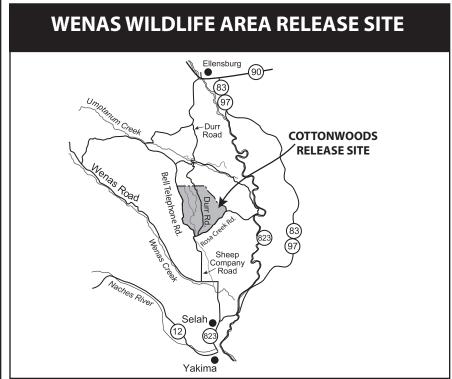


To reach the **Sunnyside Wildlife Area**, head south on Hwy 82 from Yakima. Take the Midvale Road exit at Sunnyside. Travel south on Midvale Road 4 miles to Holaday Road. Head west on Holaday Road to reach the Giffin Lake site.

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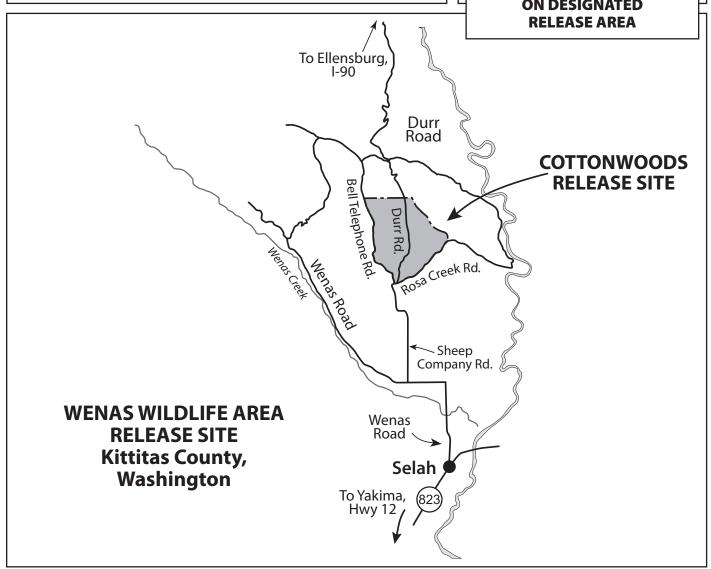
SUNNYSIDE WILDLIFE AREA RELEASE SITE Yakima County, Washington







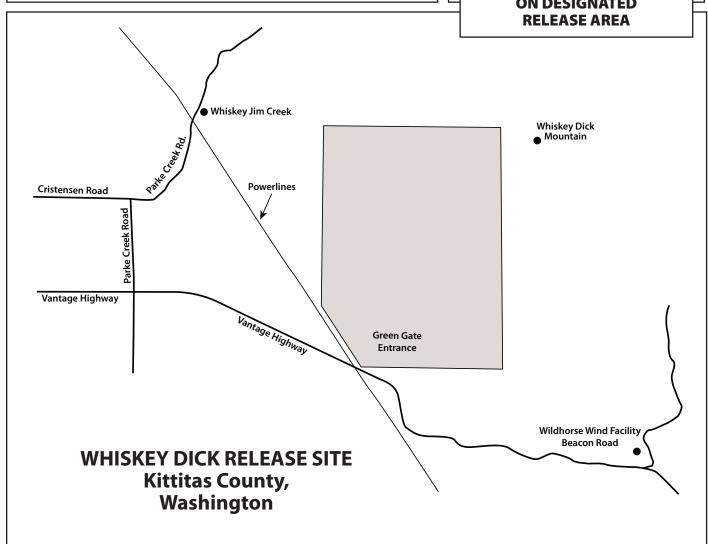
The **Cottonwoods** site is best accessed by taking the Selah exit off Hwy 82. Follow the Wenas Road north to the Sheep Company road. Turn north onto the Sheep Company Road and go approximately 4 miles to the release site.

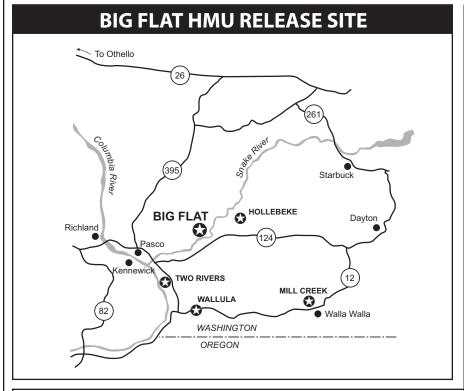


WHISKEY DICK RELEASE SITE

The **Whiskey Dick Release site** is located near Whiskey Dick Mountain. The best access is from Exit 115 off I-90. From the exit turn north and travel 1.2 miles through Kittitas until Main Street "T's" with Patrick Avenue. At Patrick Avenue turn right and travel .2 mile, then turn left on No. 81 Road. Travel 1.0 mile to the Vantage Highway. Turn right and travel east on Vantage Highway 6.6 miles to an unmarked gravel road entrance. The unmarked road is approximately 200 yards east of milepost 13 on the North side of the road. There will be a double green gate at the entrance of the area.







BIG FLAT HMU RELEASE SITE

Franklin County,

Washington

Snake River



This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). From Pasco, head south on Hwy 12 about 1° miles out of town to Pasco-Kahlotus Road. Go north on Pasco-Kahlotus Road about 12 miles, then turn east onto Herman Road and drive about 1 mile down to Big Flat release site.

NOTE: USFWS/COE lands may not be available for pheasant releases after 2000 pending changes to USFWS policy.

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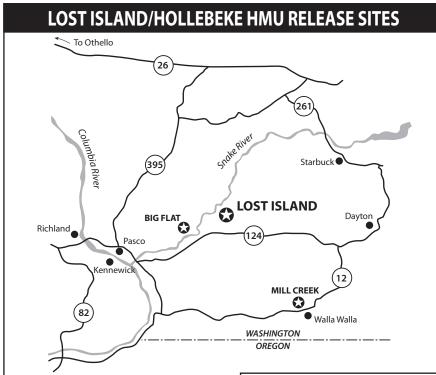
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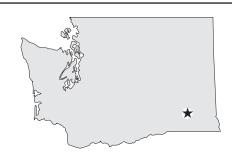
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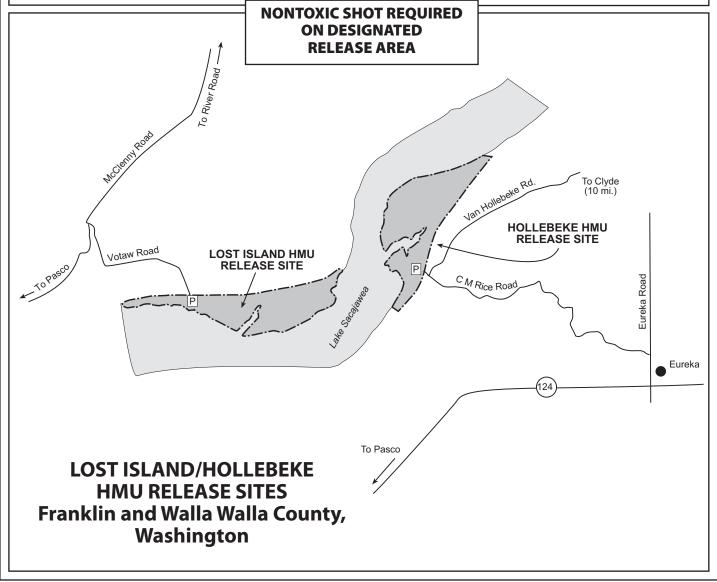
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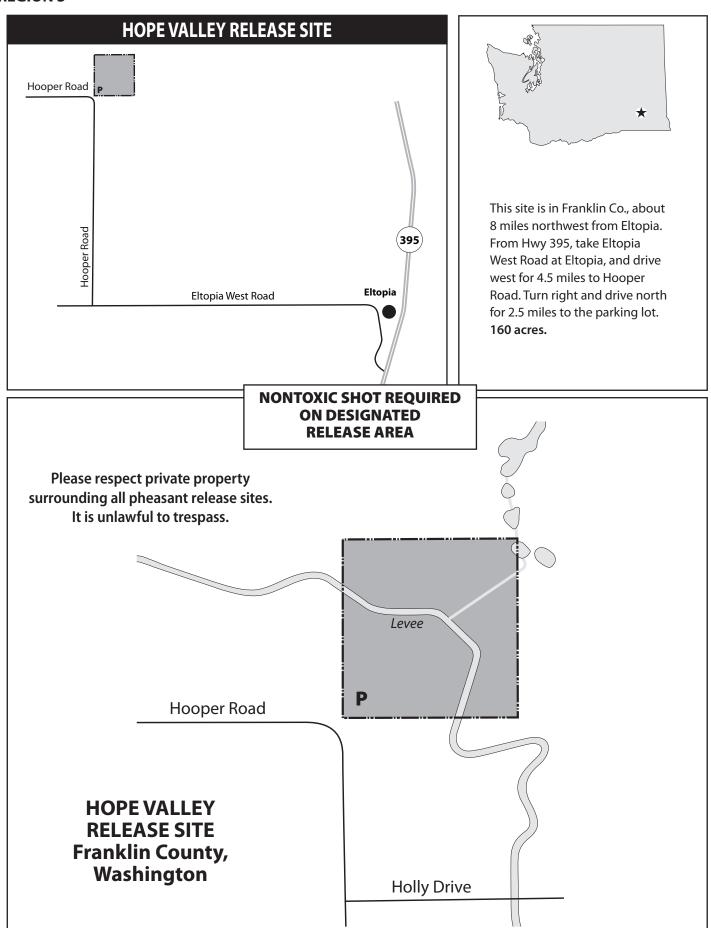
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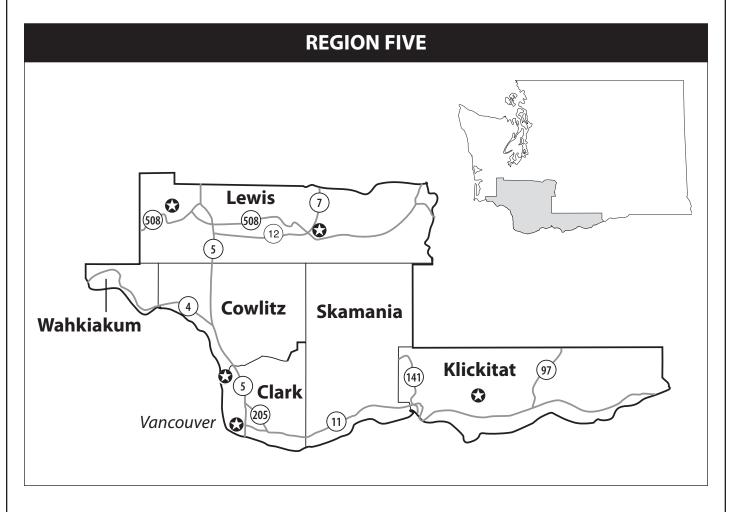


This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). From Pasco travel East 18.5 miles on the Pasco-Kahlotus Road, turn South on McClenny Road and follow for 3 miles and then continue South again on Votaw Road for 2 miles to the site.





REGION FIVE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

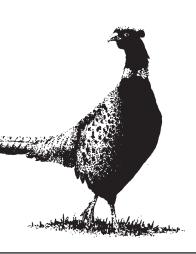


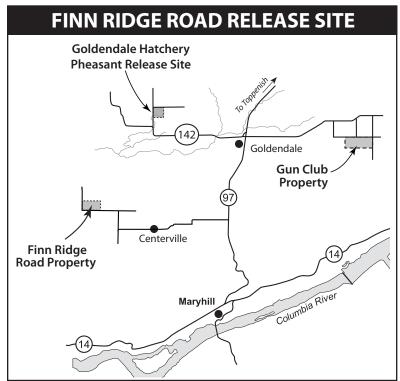
There are three pheasant release sites served by **Washington Department of** Fish and Wildlife in Klickitat County. One is located on department-owned land, and the others are on land owned by a private individual. Please treat the properties respectfully, so that future visitors may enjoy these sites as well. All sites are for day-use only; no overnight camping is allowed. These sites are relatively undeveloped, with primitive roads access. Roads may be slippery when wet, and soil

will become extremely soft with fall rains and snow. Be cautious in selecting parking places next to roads in order to avoid becoming stuck. Driving off-road across fields is never allowed regardless of season.

For maps and information about private and public hunting lands, please visit WDFW's online mapping program Go Hunt at www.wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt.

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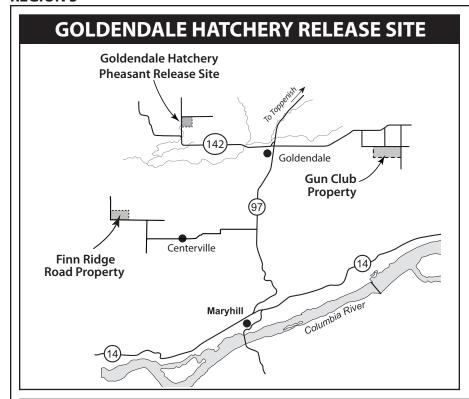
This 160-acre site is privately owned. It is bounded by the Finn Ridge Road along the south property line, and Ahola Road to the west.



Directions: From Centerville, drive 2 miles west on the Centerville Highway to a 90 degree bend in the highway to the south. Turn right (north) on Erickson Road. Drive 1 mile to the intersection with the Finn Ridge Road. Turn left (west) onto Finn Ridge Road and follow it about 1.5 miles to the first sign marking the corner of the site, on the right. It is marked with green "Feel Free To Hunt" signs. A separate 160-acre private site, located just to the east, allows hunting by written permission, and is marked with yellow "Hunt by Written Permission" signs.

The pheasant release site has one gate on Finn Ridge Road, and one gate on Ahola Road. Park outside the gates and walk in. Use care when driving on Ahola Road, which can become impassible when wet.

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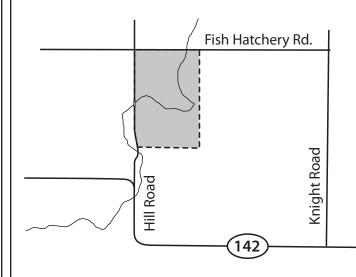


This 240 acre site is owned by WDFW. It is bounded by Hill Road on the west side and Fish Hatchery Road on the North Side.

Directions: From Goldendale, drive west on Highway 142 approximately 4 miles to the intersection with Hill Road. Drive about 0.5 mile north on Hill Road, across the bridge over Spring Creek, then turn east on a dirt road onto WDFW property. This road goes into the center of the property. Note: The hatchery facilities are located along the east boundary of the parcel. Please stay away from the immediate vicinity of the buildings to protect worker safety.

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GOLDENDALE HATCHERY RELEASE SITE Klickitat County, Washington

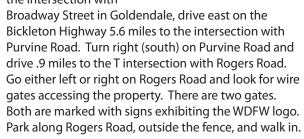


Goldendale



This 480-acre site is privately owned. It is bounded by Rogers Road on the north and Fenton Lane on the east.

Directions: From the intersection with



Purvine Road may be impassible when wet. For an alternative access go east another 1 mile on the Bickleton Highway, and turn right (south) on Fenton Lane. Follow Fenton Lane south 1 mile to its intersection with Rogers Road. Turn right (west) onto Rogers Road, and drive about .1 mile west to a gate and parking area.

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RELEASE AREA GUN CLUB PROPERTY RELEASE SITE Klickitat County, Washington Goldendale **Bickleton Highway** Rogers Rd. Broadway St. (142) P Р **Gun Club Property**

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