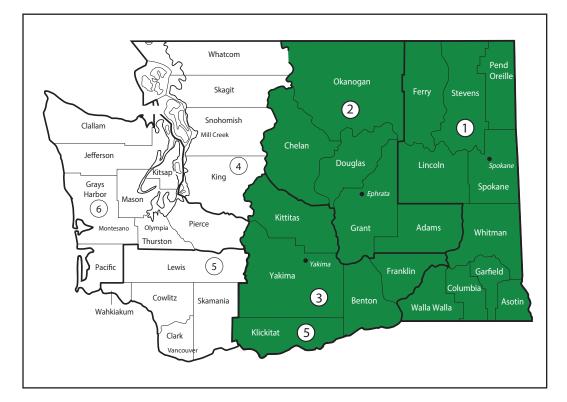
Eastern Washington Pheasant Release Program







EASTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Over the past two decades Eastern Washington has been experiencing a decline in pheasant harvest. Habitat loss has been identified as the leading factor for the decline. To address the loss of habitat WDFW initiated an aggressive habitat enhancement program. To fund this program the Legislature in 1997 created the Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Fund.

The Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Fund is a dedicated funding source. The fund is used solely for pheasant habitat enhancement on public and private lands and for the purchase of rooster pheasants that are released on lands accessible to the public.

To hunt pheasants in Eastern Washington a small game license is required. The small game license is \$40.50, it is \$22.00 if purchased with any big game license. Youths under 16 years old can purchase the small game license for \$ 18.50, or \$8.80 with a big game license.

Each year thousands of pheasants are released on lands accessible to the public. The Eastern Washington release sites are shown on the maps in this pamphlet. Rooster pheasants are released to supplement harvest. We do not provide release dates because we want to minimize crowding at the release sites and promote hunter ethics. Habitat protection and enhancement continues to be WDFW's primary tool to maintain pheasant populations and hunting opportunity. WDFW invests up to \$1 million each year on upland bird management and private lands access.

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Eastern Washington Regional Offices:

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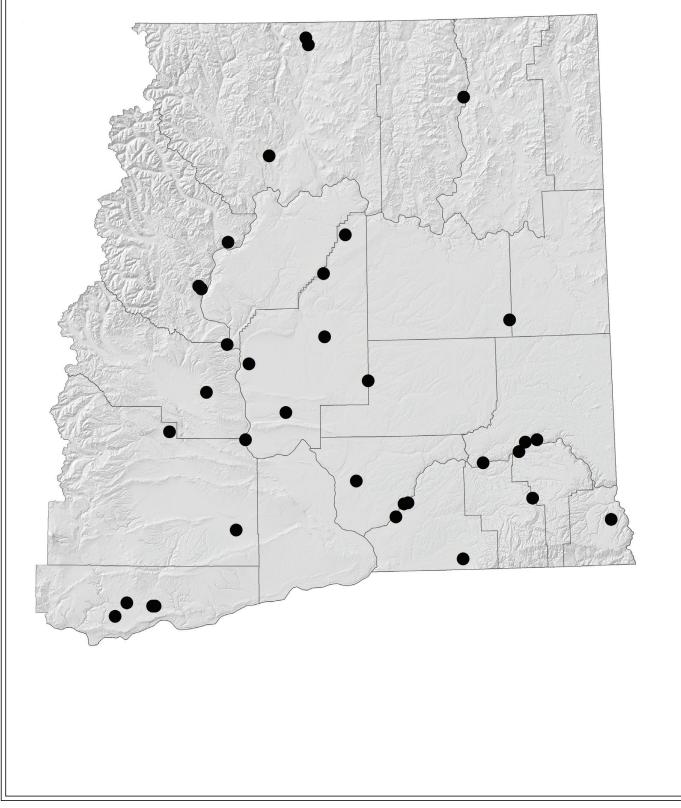
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Primary Pheasant Zone

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). Use of lead shot is also regulated on some wildlife areas. See Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons pamphlet for more information.



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The number of pheasants released on each site is based on several factors including the estimated numbers of hunters using those sites.

County	Site
Ferry	Sherman Creek
Lincoln/Spokane	Fishtrap Lake
Whitman	John Henley
	Central Ferry HMU
Garfield	Willow Bar/Rice Bar
Columbia	Hartsock Unit
Lewis	Lincoln Creek
	Kosmos
Asotin	Asotin WMA
Walla Walla	Mill Creek HMU
Walla Walla & Franklin	Hollebeke HMU/Lost Island
Okanogan	Sinlahekin
	Chiliwist
Grant	Banks Lake
	Steamboat Rock
	Gloyd Seeps
	Quiney
	Buckshot
	Lower Crab Creek
Yakima	Sunnyside
Kittitas	Colockum HQ
	Wenas
	Whiskey Dick
Franklin	Big Flat HMU Hope Valley
Franklin and Walla Walla	Lost Island/Hellebeke HMU
Klickitat	Finn Ridge Road
	Goldendale Hatchery
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REGION ONE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

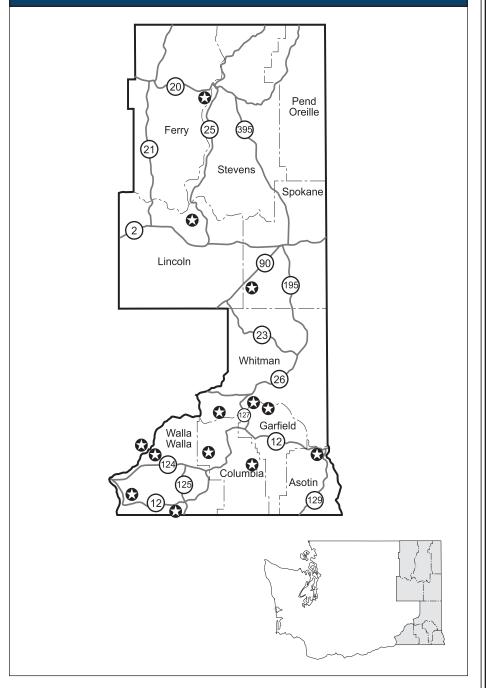




The best pheasant hunting in Region One is along the breaks of the Snake River and other major streams in Whitman, Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties. This part of the state has retained a more stable pheasant population over the years than areas near the irrigated farms of the Columbia and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

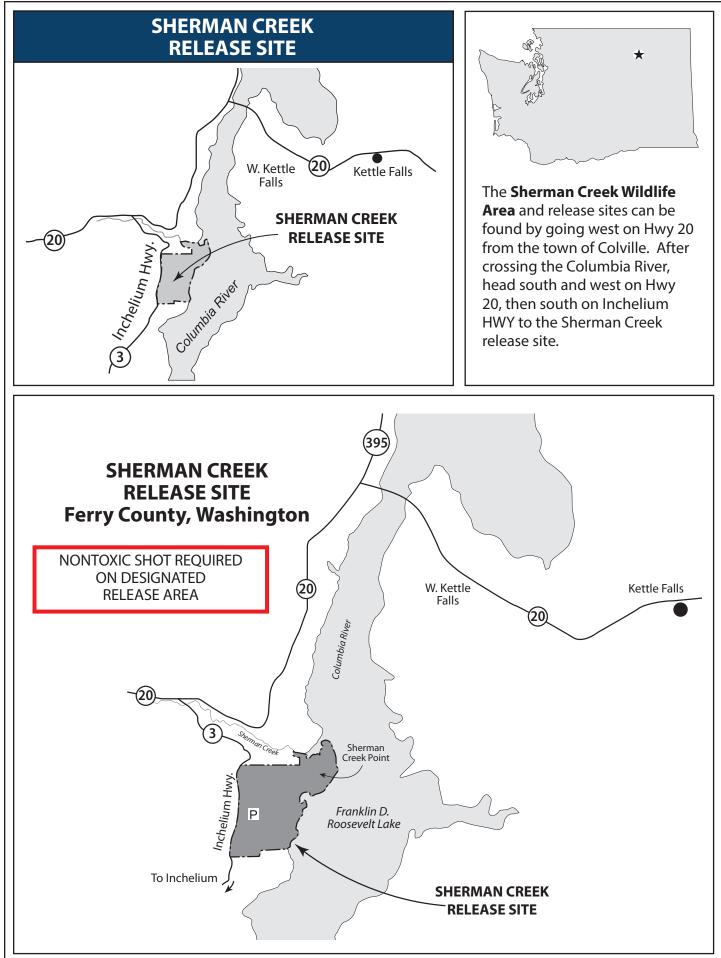
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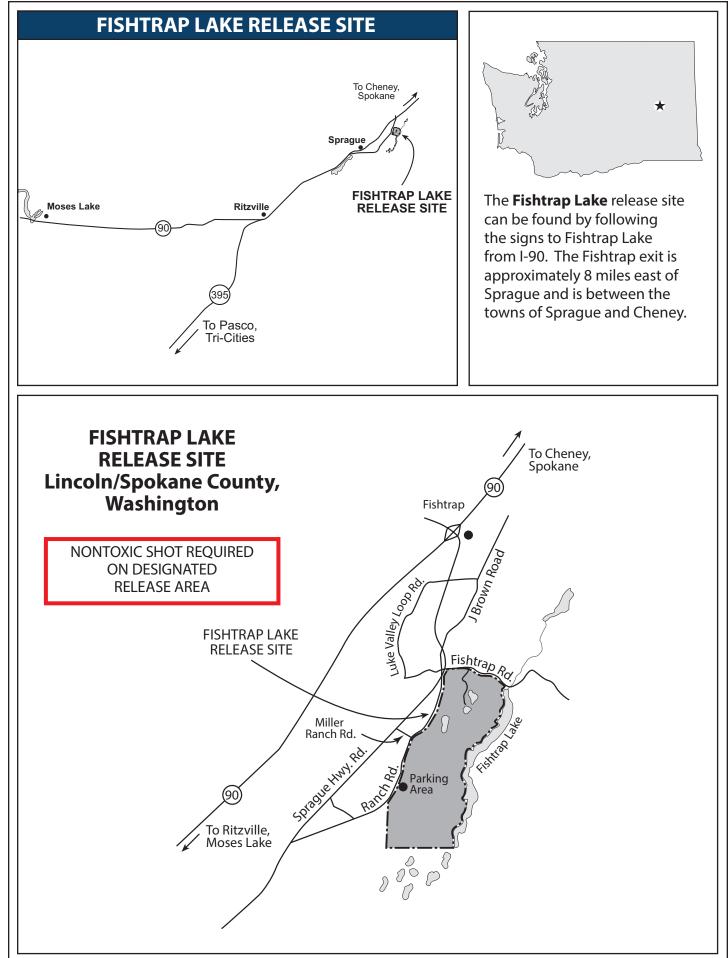


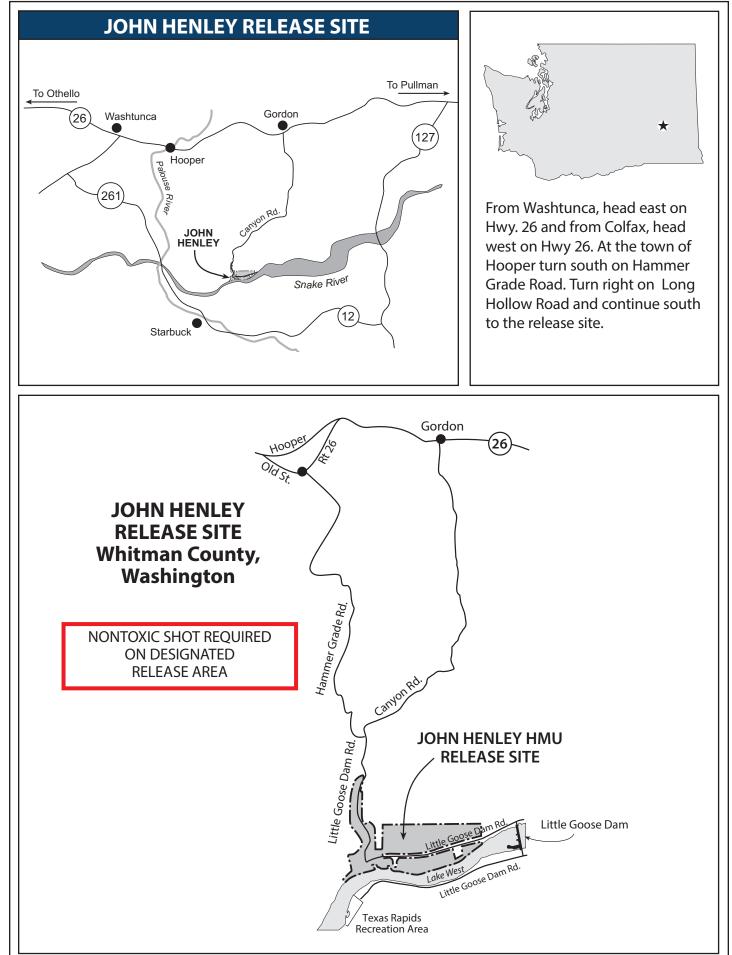
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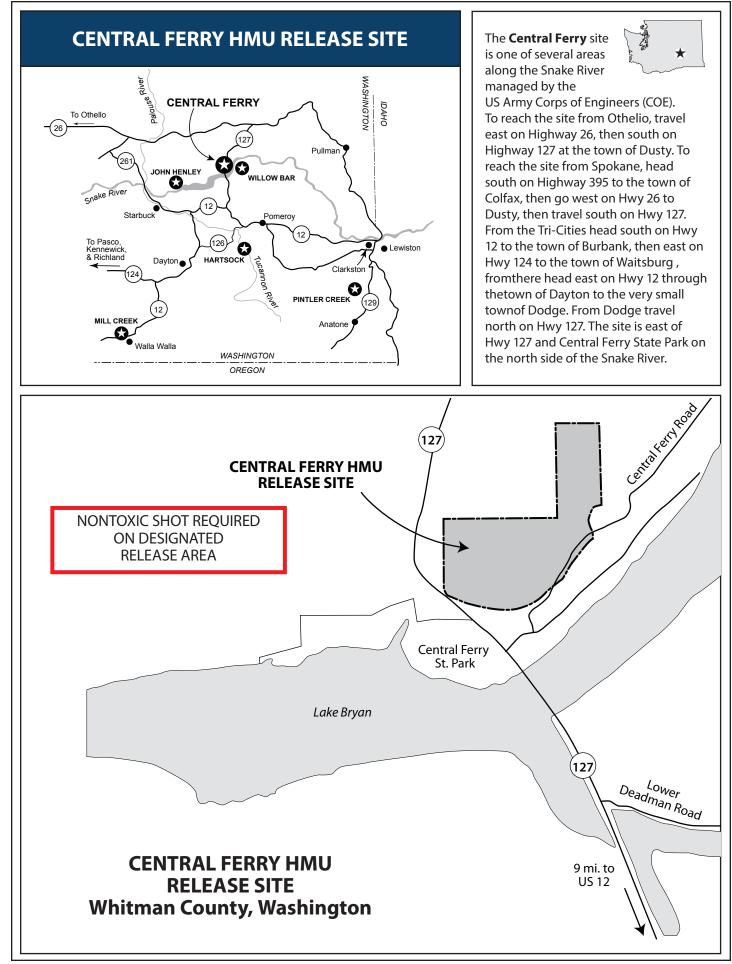
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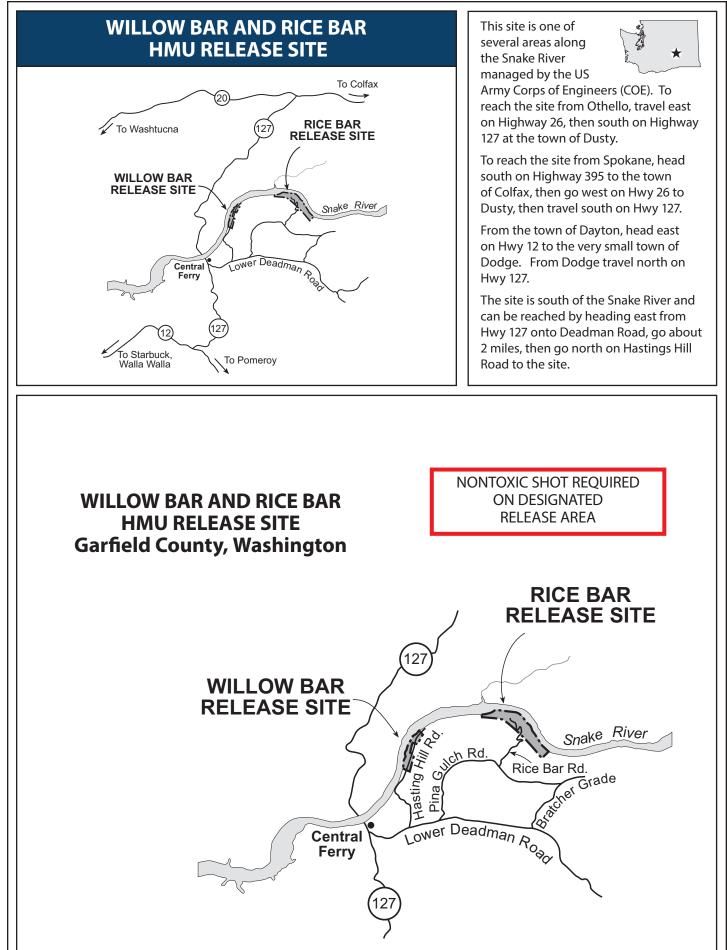
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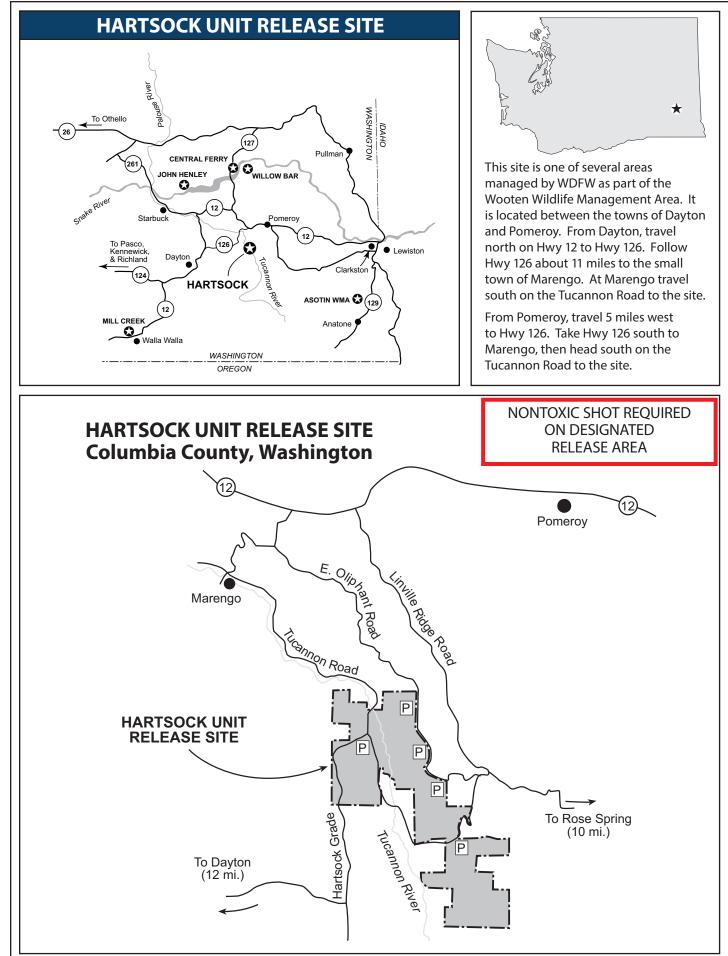


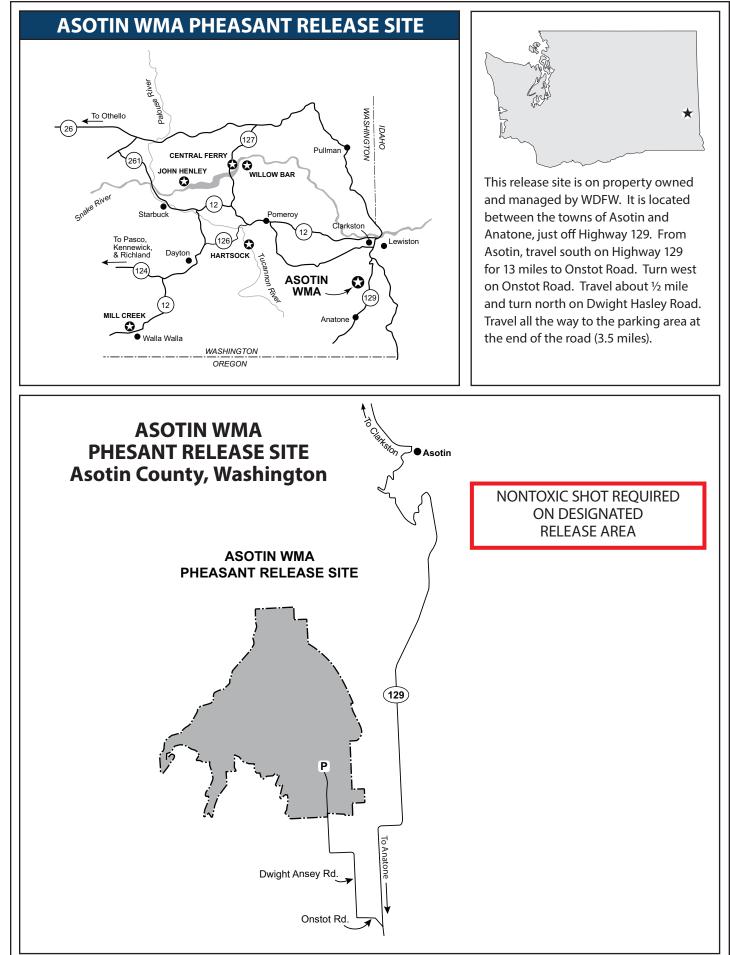


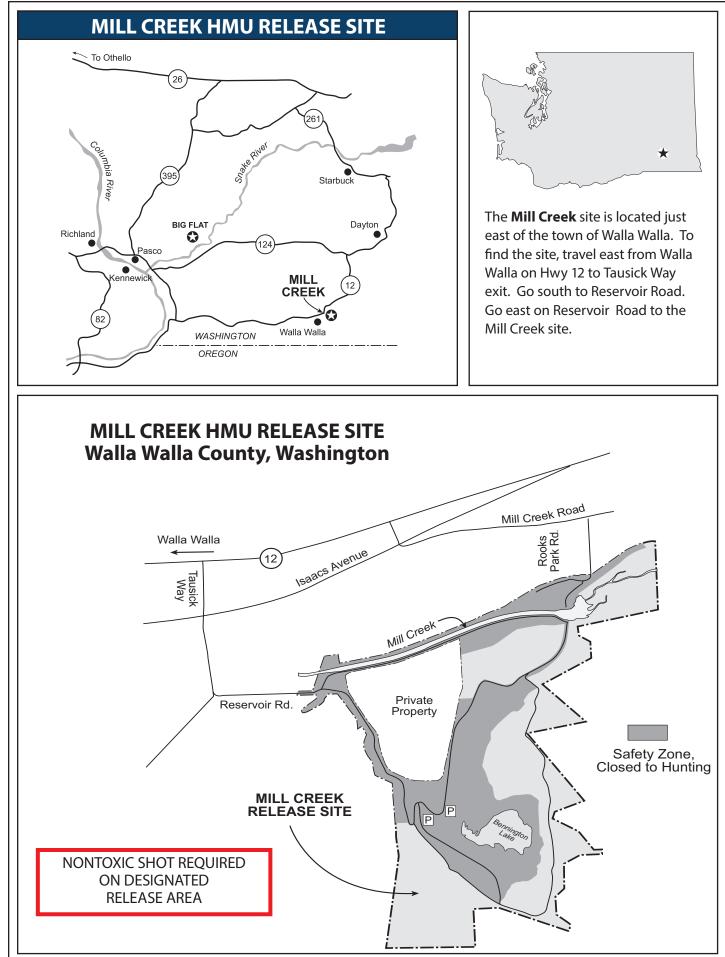


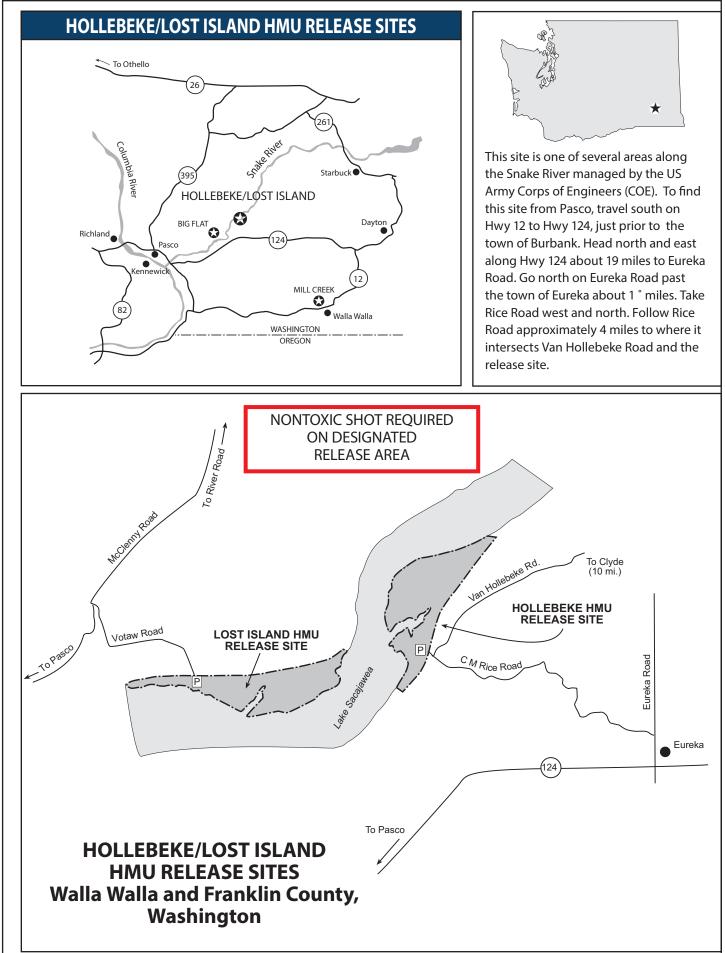




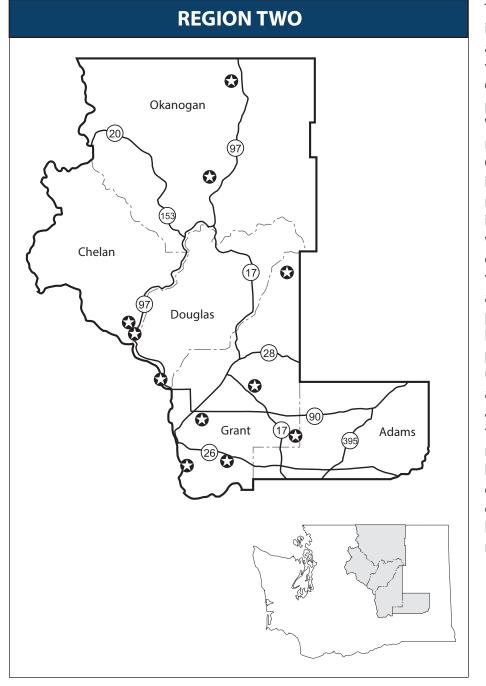








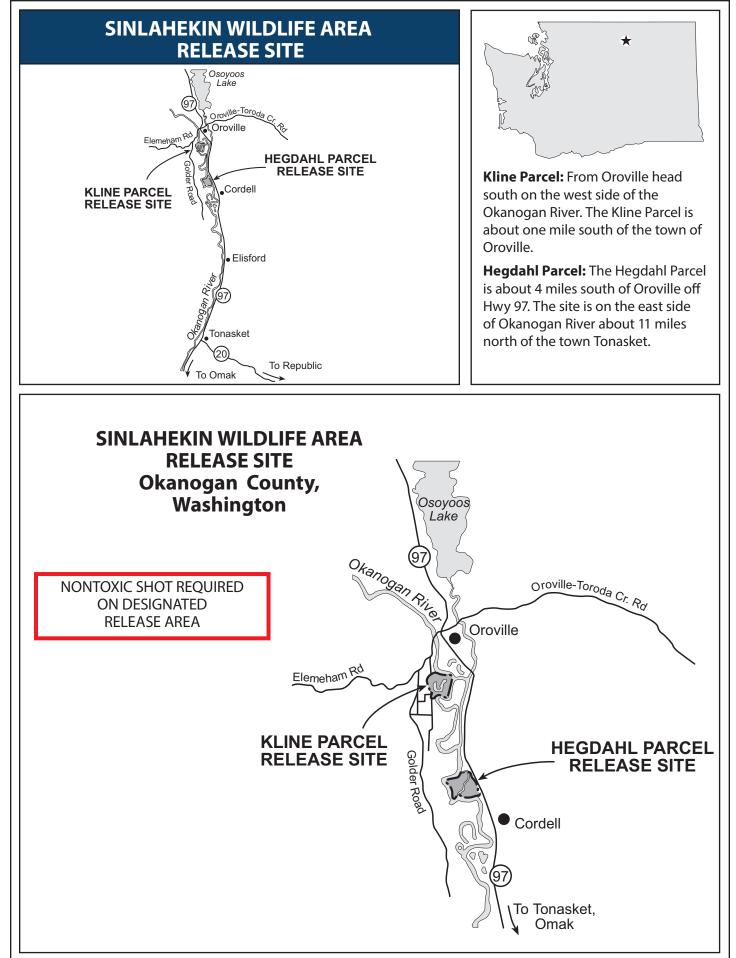
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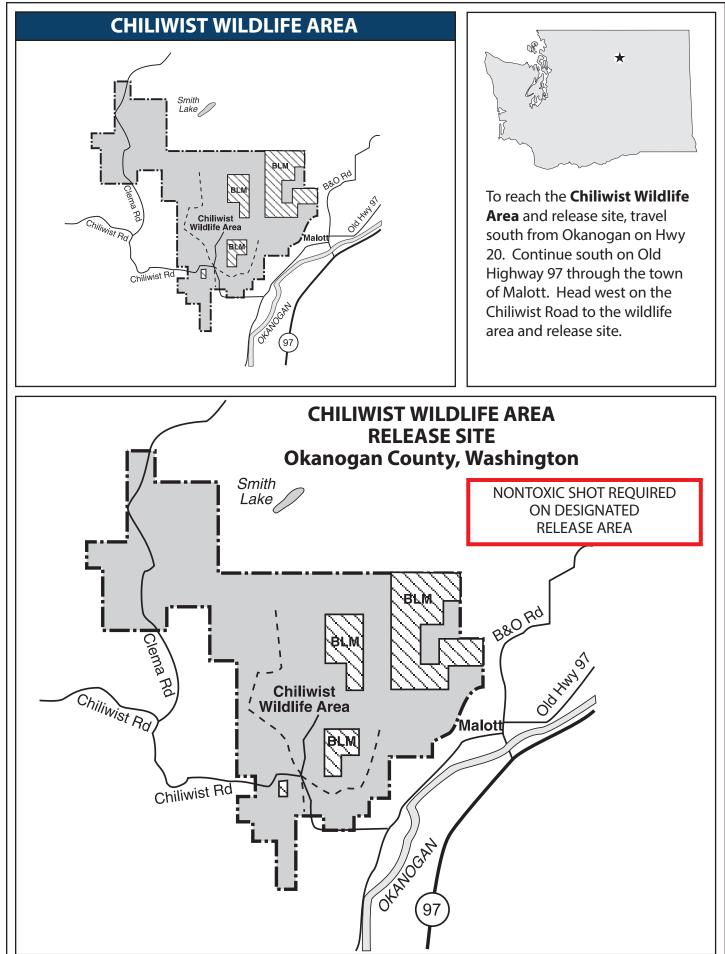


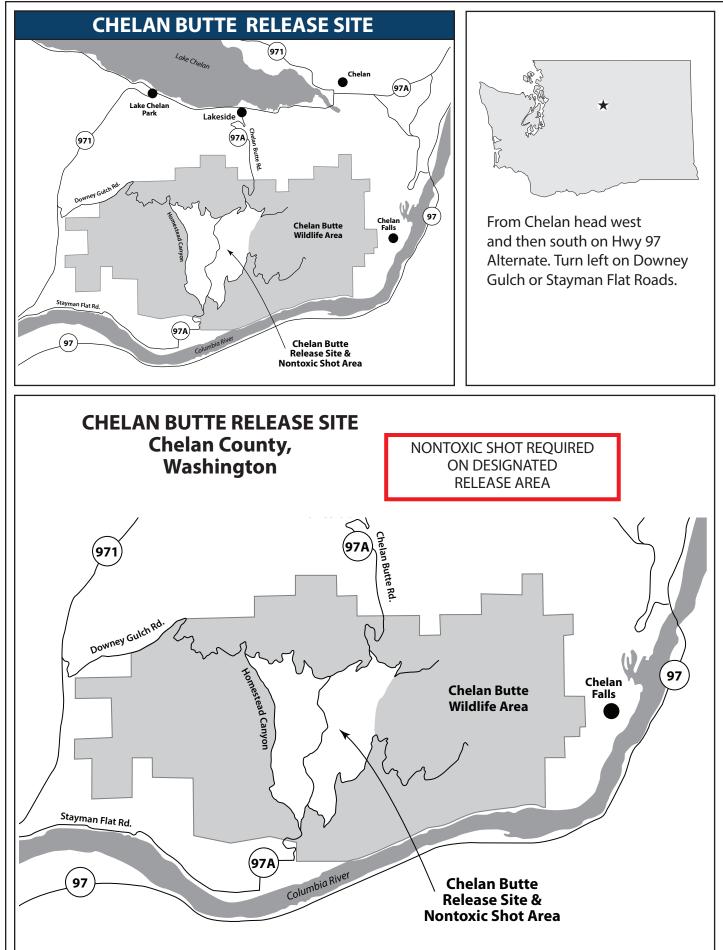
The best pheasant hunting in Region Two's is on wetland and native habitats adjacent to farm ground within the Columbia Basin Irrigation project near Moses Lake, Warden, and Othello. WDFW manages 192,000 acres in the Columbia Basin most of which is open for hunting. Pheasant numbers may be fair to good 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.

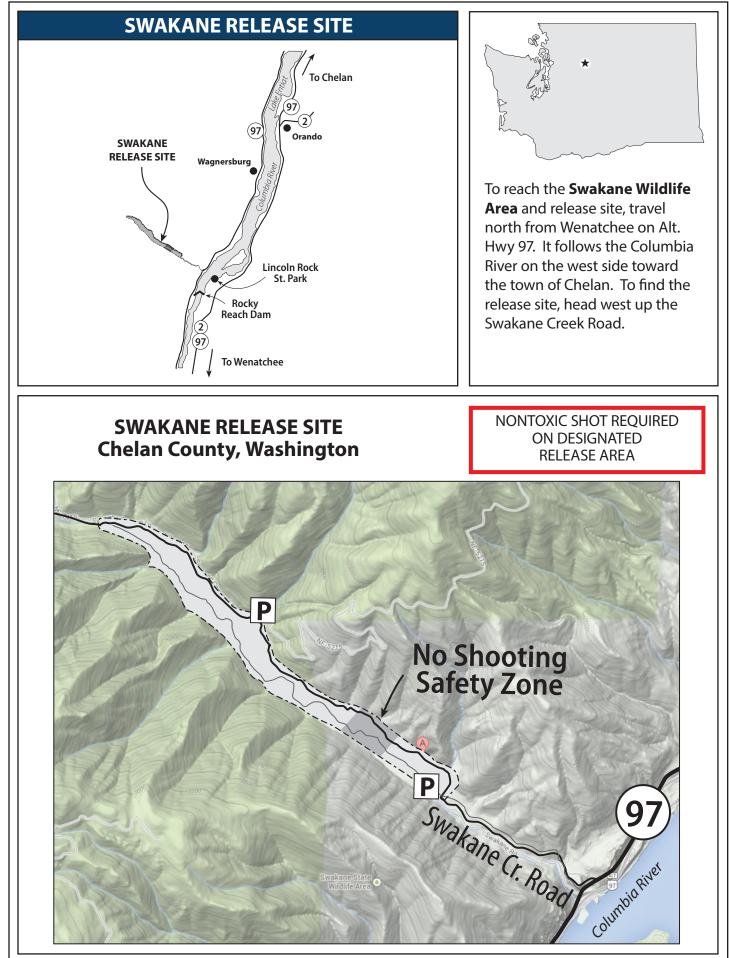
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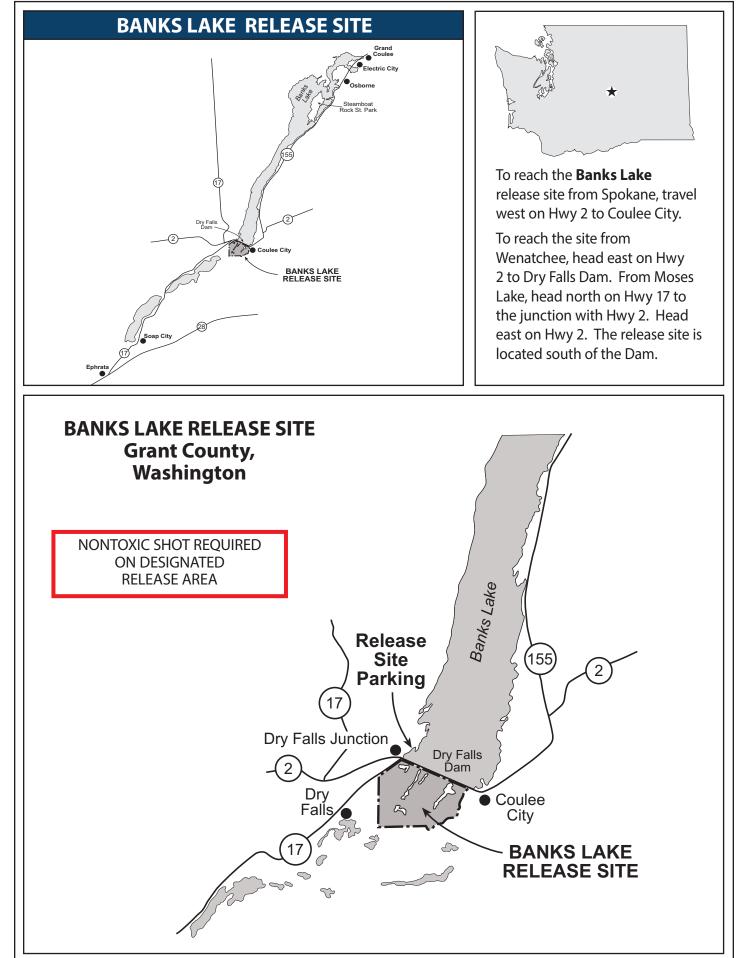


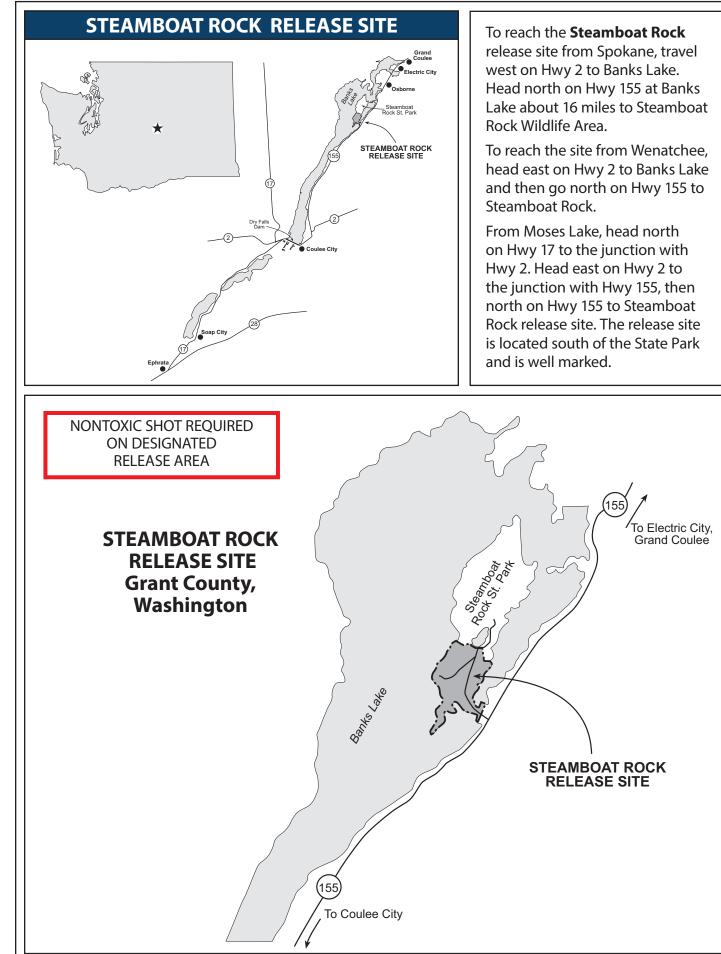


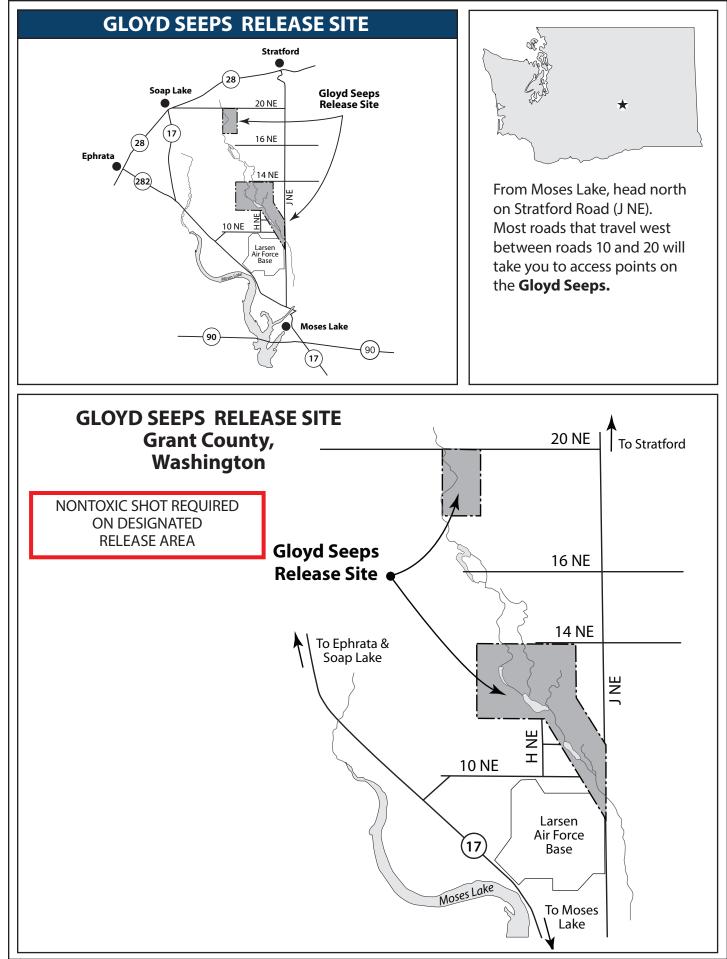


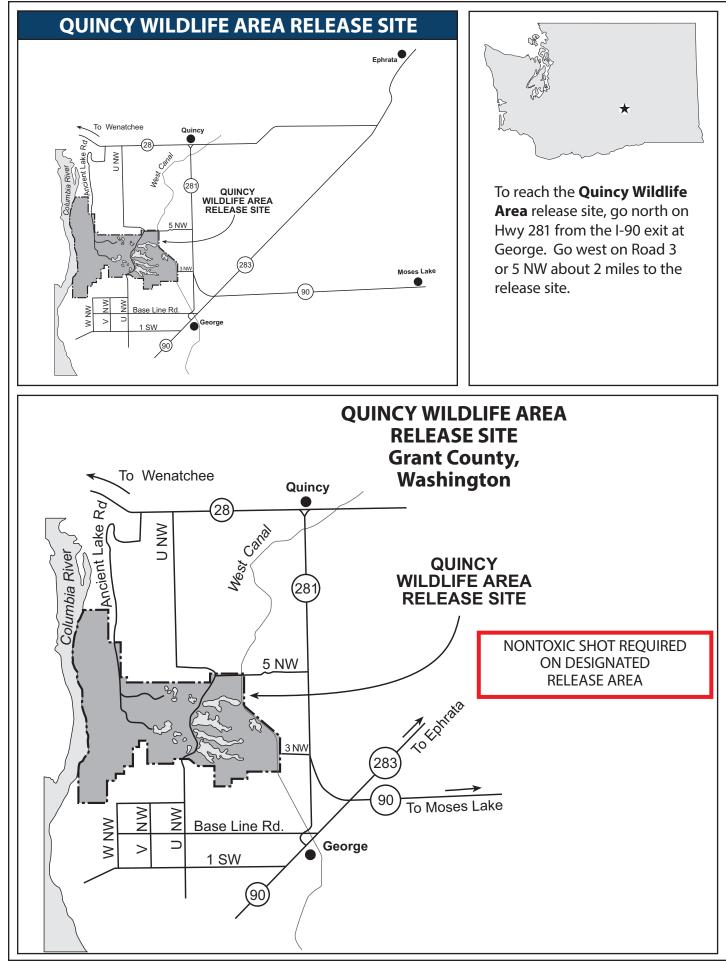


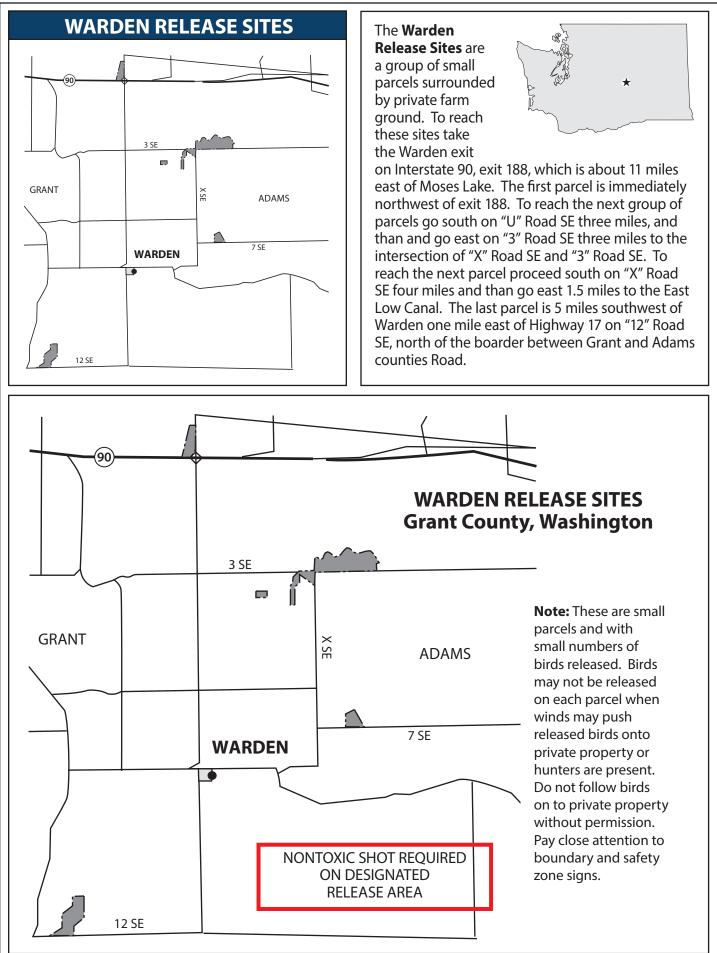


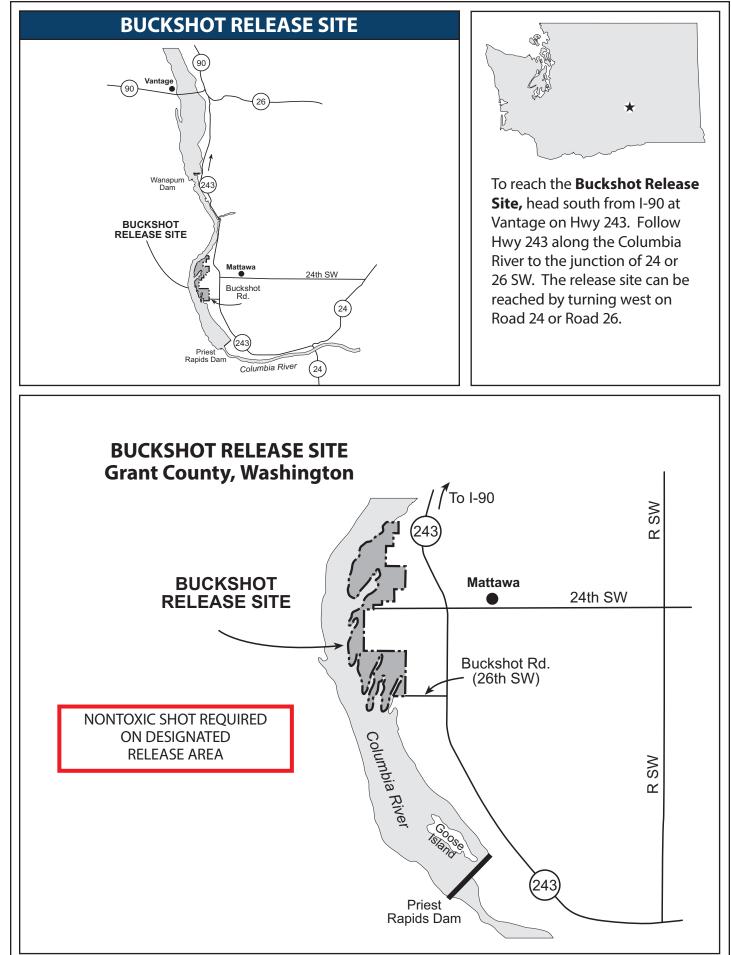


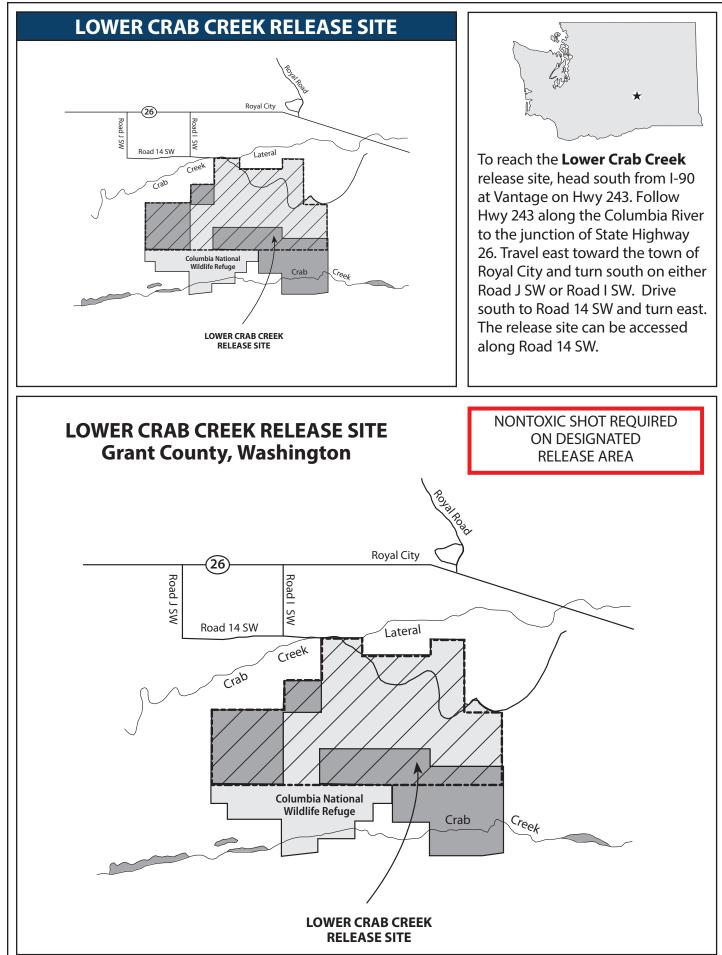




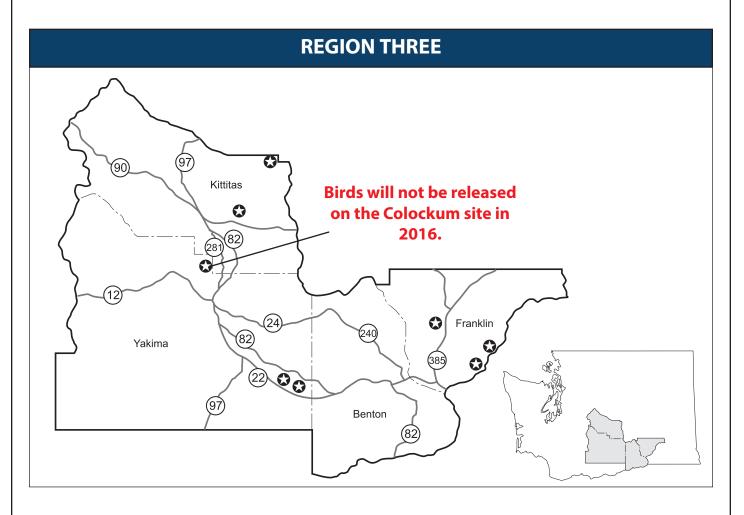








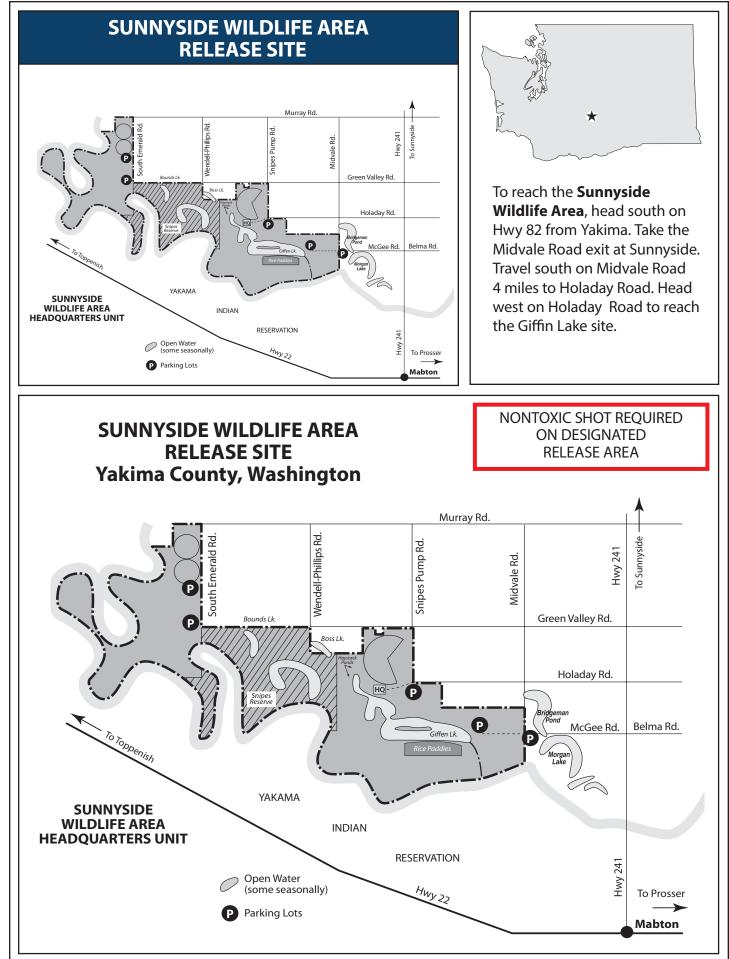
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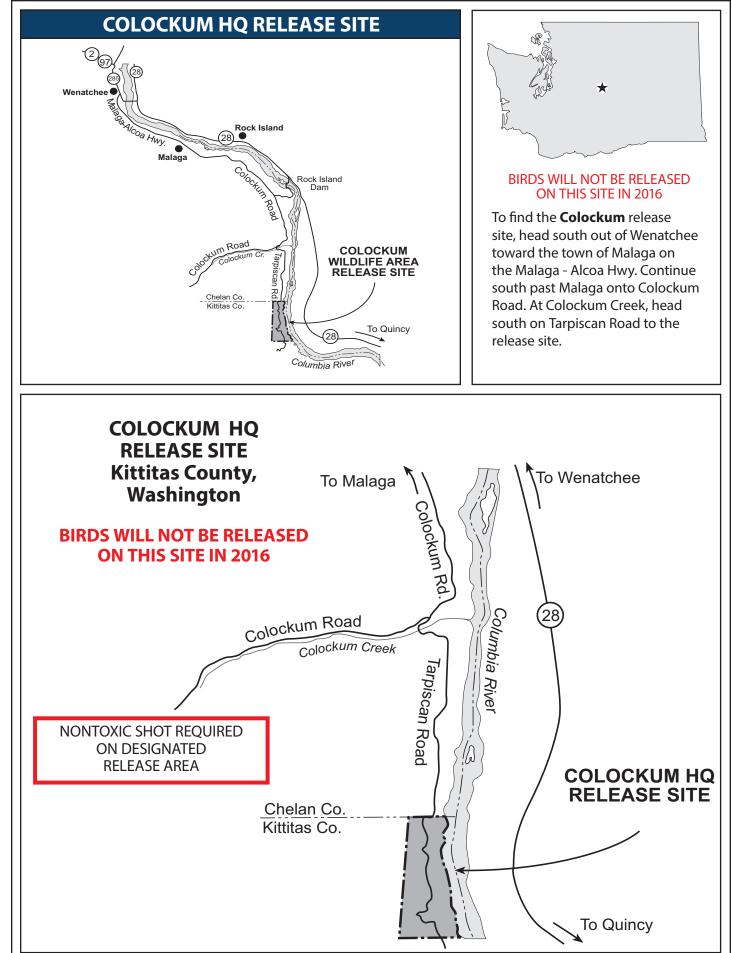


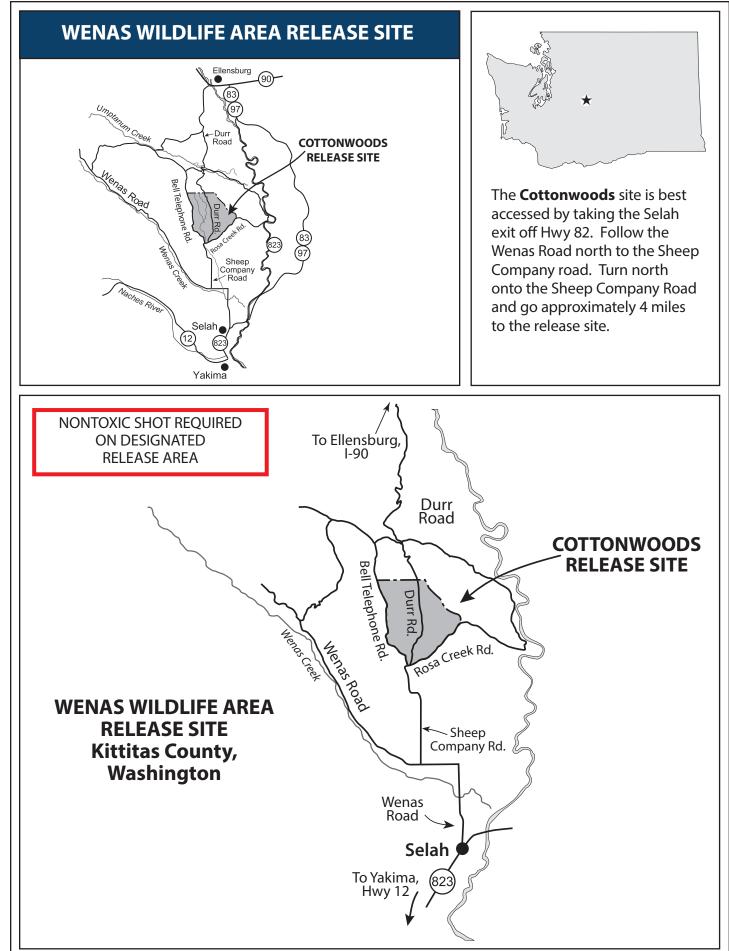
The best pheasant hunting in this Region is around the irrigated farmland in Benton, Yakima, and Franklin counties and along the Yakima River. A large part of the irrigated farmland in Yakima county is located on the Yakama Indian Reservation. Hunters interested in hunting on tribal lands should contact 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.

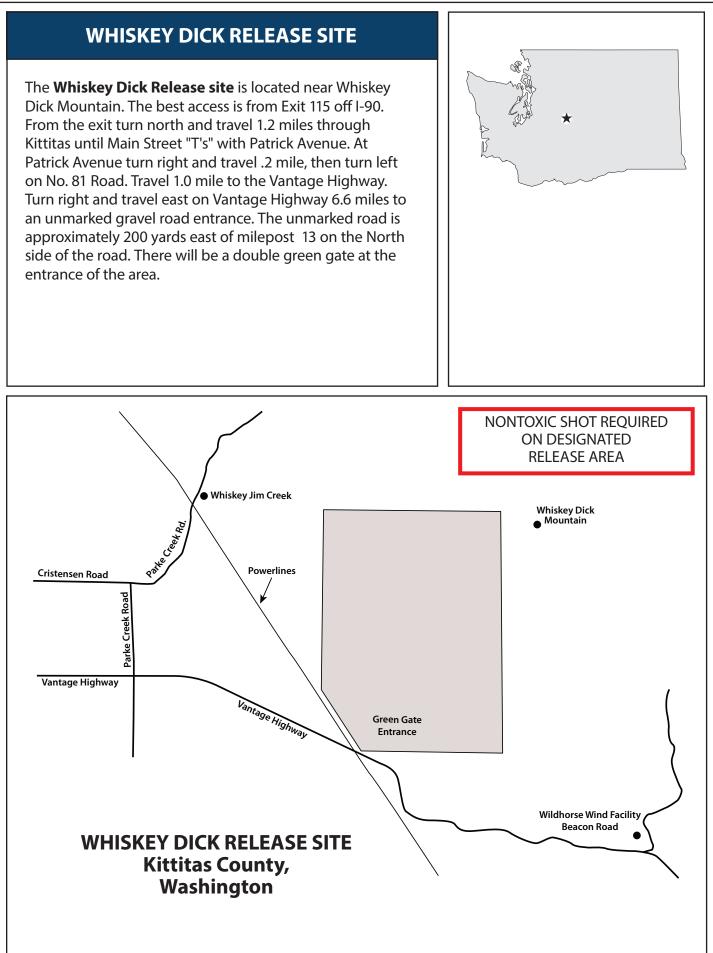
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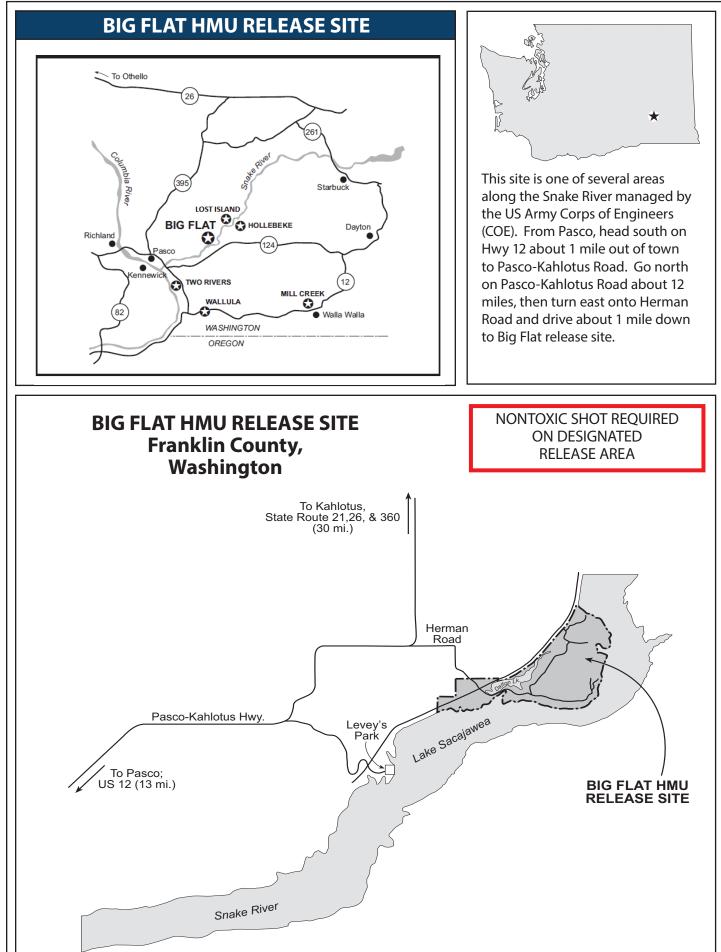


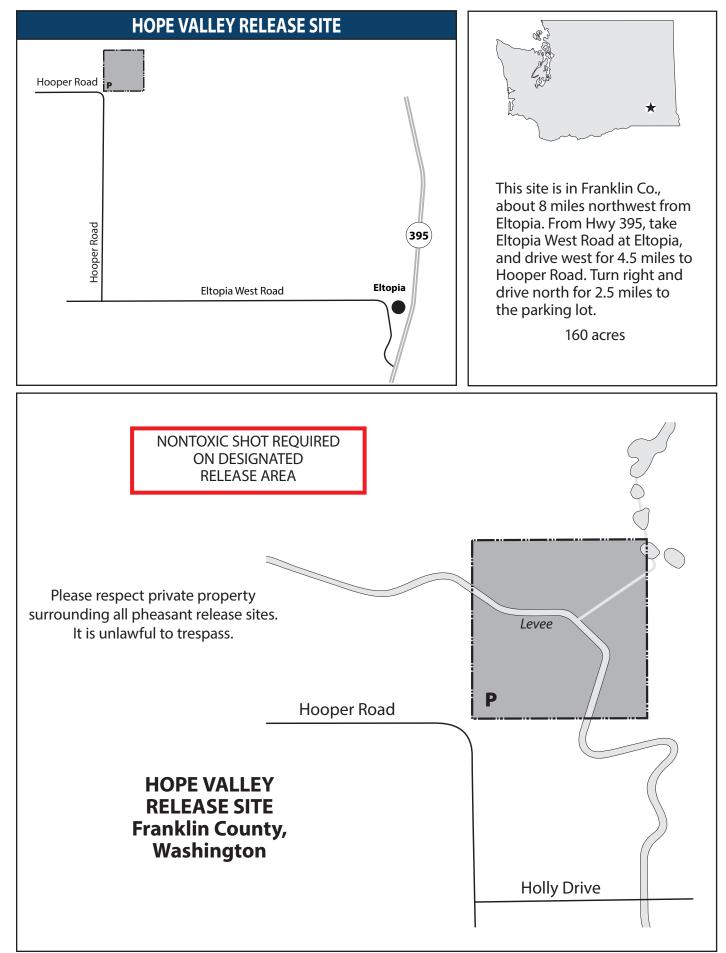


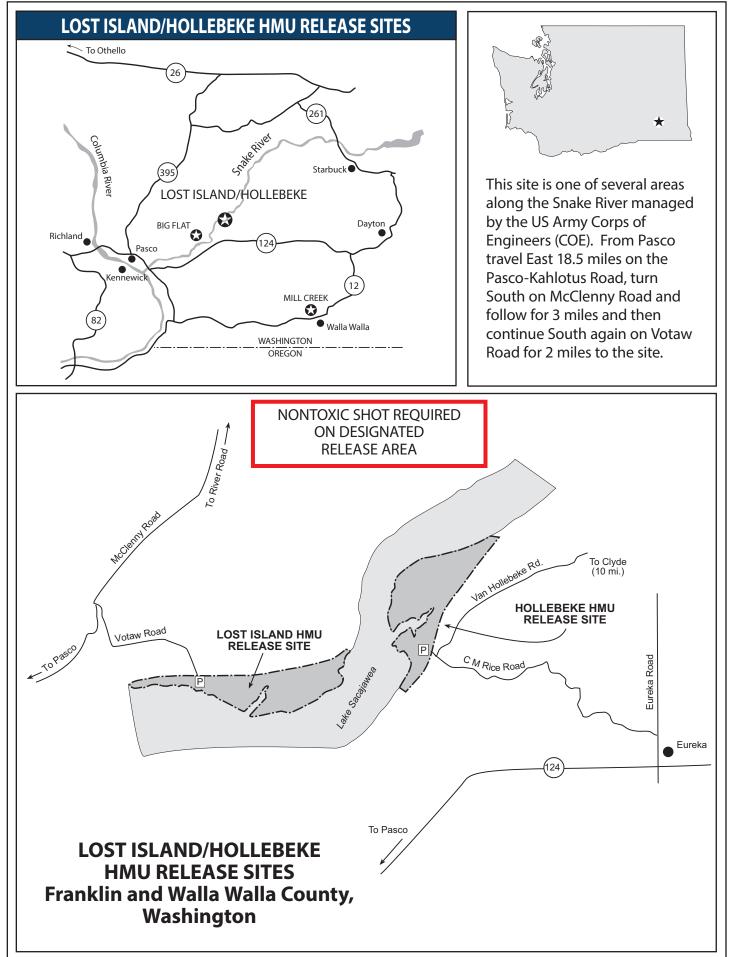




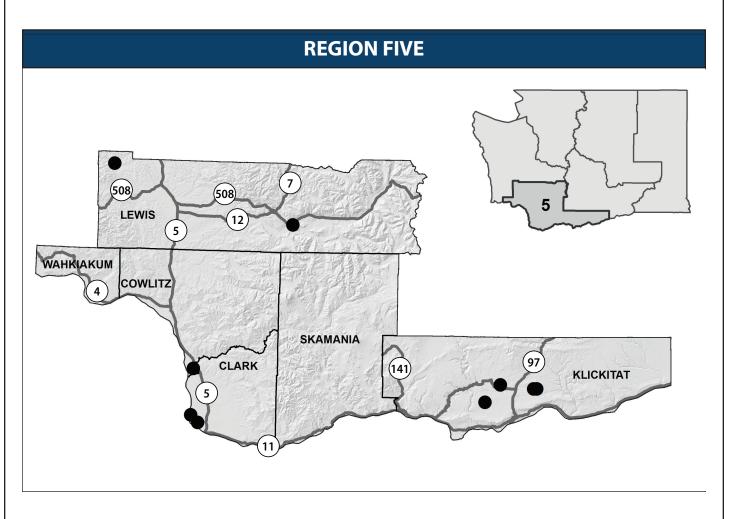








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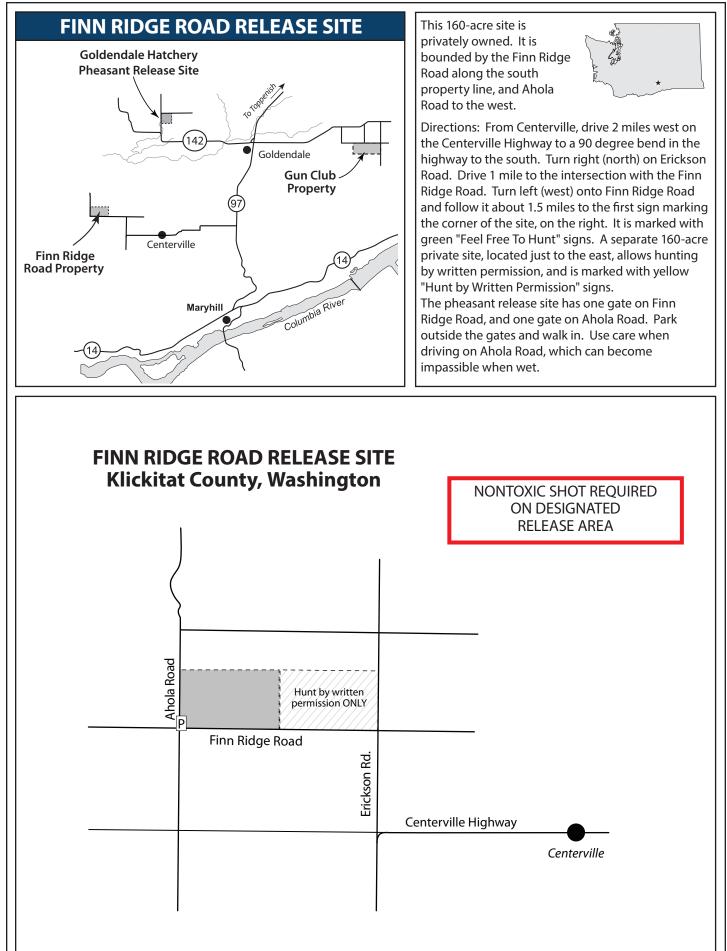


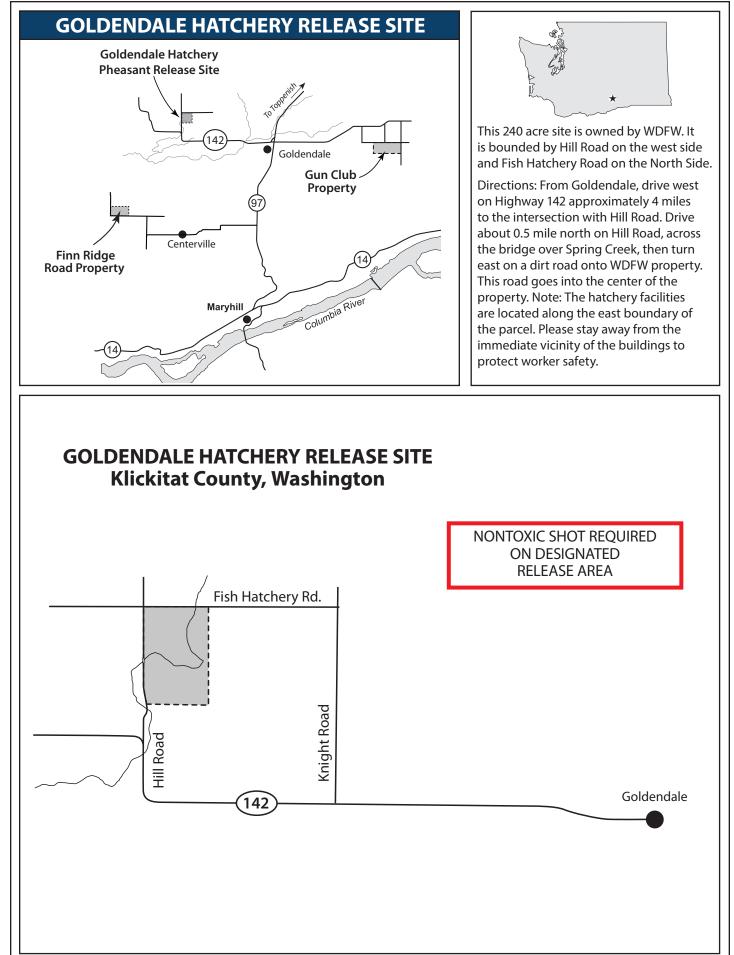
There are three pheasant release sites served by WDFW in Klickitat County. One is located on department-owned land, and the others are on private land. Please treat the properties respectfully, so that future visitors may enjoy these sites as well. All sites are for day-use only; no overnight camping 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

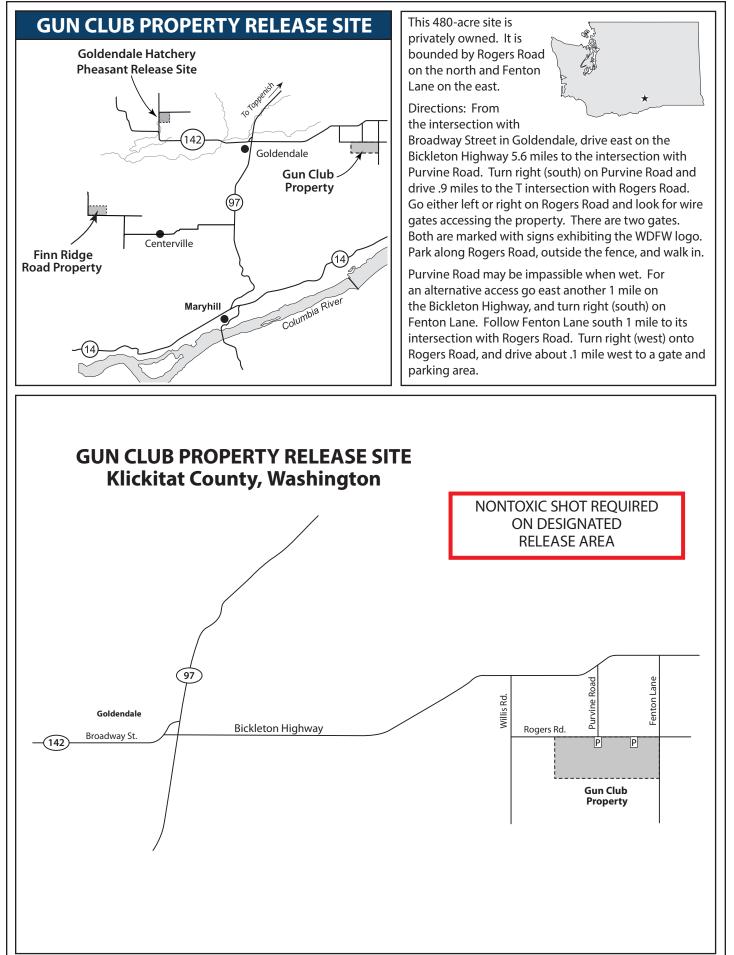
next to roads in order to avoid becoming stuck. Driving off-road is prohibited.

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 5** (360) 696-6211 2108 Grand Boulevard Vancouver, WA 98661









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