

## 2012 FIRE SEASON IMPACTS ON WDFW LAND AND WILDLIFE

Summary of fire-related facts and known consequences to wildlife areas and wildlife. Information is dynamic in nature and subject to changes and updating.

| Fire   | Date Began  | Total Acres burned      | Wildlife Area                   | WDFW Acres Burned | Primary Habitat Affected | Fence Burned | Restoration Needs   | Species Impacted                                      | Winter Range Impacts   |
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| <b>EASTERN WASHINGTON – Region 1</b>           |             |                         |                                 |                   |                          |              |   |   |  |
| Cache Creek                                    | August 20-  | 73,697                  | Chief Joseph                    | 5,300             | Mixed timber             | 4.25 miles   | Herbicide application on 3,000 acres to keep noxious weeds at bay | Deer and elk; listed steelhead                        | Minimal; adequate habitat nearby.  |
| Apache Pass                                    | September 9 | 24,531                  | Swanson Lakes                   | 1,069             | Shrub-steppe             | 6.5 miles    | Reseed 100 acres; replace wood fence posts                        | Sharp-tailed and sage grouse; white-tailed jackrabbit | Minimal.   |
| <b>NORTH-CENTRAL WASHINGTON – Region 2</b>     |             |                         |                                 |                   |                          |              |   |   |  |
| Crane Road                                     | August 1    | 1,709 (89% of the unit) | Wells Central Ferry Canyon Unit |                   |                          | 15 miles     | Seeding 423 acres   |   |  |
| Foster Creek                                   | July 13     | 725                     | Sagebrush Flats                 |                   |                          | 4.5 miles    | Reseed 280 acres  |   |  |
| <b>WENATCHEE COMPLEX FIRES – Chelan County</b> |             |                         |                                 |                   |                          |              |   |   |  |
| Poison Canyon                                  | September 8 | 5,991                   |                                 |                   |                          |              |   |   | Fires burned a total of 6.62% of winter habitat for GMUs 244-251 (Population Management Unit 26) |
| Peavine  | September 8 | 7,647                   |                                 |                   |                          |              |   |   | .71% of PMU 26   |
| Byrd   | September 8 | 7,882                   |                                 |                   |                          |              |   |   | 1.95% of PMU 26  |
| Byrd   | September 8 | 14,160                  | Entiat                          | 3,329             |                          | 4 miles      | Seeding, weed and erosion control to                              |   | .03% of PMU 26   |
|  |             |                         |                                 |                   |                          |              |   |   | 3.61% of PMU 26  |

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|                                      |             |   |          |       |  | restore mule deer winter range |   |   |
| <b>First Creek</b>                   | September 8 | 1,258                                   |          |       |  |                                | .32% of PMU 26  |   |
| <b>OKANOGAN COMPLEX</b>              |             |   |          |       |  |                                |   |   |
| <b>Buckhorn</b>                      | September 8 | 4,638 USFS                              |          |       | Forested north slopes;<br>grass/brush south slopes | Deer and elk                   | Some loss of winter range in the short term. Fire should improve all seasonal habitats in the long term.    |   |
| <b>Leecher</b>                       | September 8 | 1,320 USFS/DNR                          |          |       | Forested north slopes;<br>grass/brush south slopes | Deer and elk summer range      | Insignificant.  |   |
| <b>Hunter</b>                        | September 8 | 211 USFS                                |          |       | Forested   | Deer                           | Insignificant   |   |
| <b>Goat</b>                          | September 8 | 7,378 USFS, DNR & private               |          |       | Forested   | Deer                           | Burned area represents a small percentage of the winter range. Fire should improve summer and winter range. |   |
| <b>DOUGLAS COMPLEX FIRES</b>         |             |   |          |       |  |                                |   |   |
| <b>Barker Canyon</b>                 | September 9 | 17,334 BLM/BOR /NPS/State Parks/Private |          |       | Shrub-steppe                                       | Re-seeding                     | Deer  | Fire consumed winter range for about 100 deer, for both fires. Primarily north facing slopes. |
| <b>Leahy Junction</b>                | September 9 | DNR/BLM/ DOD/Private                    |          |       | Shrub-steppe                                       | Re-seeding                     | Deer  | Primarily north facing slopes.  |
| <b>CENTRAL WASHINGTON – Region 3</b> |             |   |          |       |  |                                |   |   |
| <b>Table Mountain</b>                | September 8 | 40,121 USFS/DNR                         | Colockum | 1,467 | Forest, grassland,                                 |                                |   | Minimal. Fire mostly occurred in summer   |

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|  |                   |                            |       |       | shrub-steppe   |         |  |                      | range; with small amounts of lower-elevation winter range.   |
| <b>Taylor Bridge</b>                   | August 18         | 23,500 Private; some DNR   |       |       | 73% grassland; 27% forested                                    |         |  | Deer                 | Fire consumed winter range for 1,000 deer. Minimal long term impacts. Short term impacts depend on weather and green up of forage. |
| <b>Yakima Complex – Wild Rose</b>      | September 8       | 2,300 USFS                 |       | 50    | Forested; brush and grassland                                  |         | Weed control   | Bighorn sheep        | Minimal; may improve conditions for big horn sheep forage.   |
| <b>Wenas Lake</b>                      | August 31, 2012   | Wenas                      | 1,442 | 1,163 | Shrub-steppe   | 3 miles | Weed control   |                      | Minimal; adequate winter habitat nearby.   |
| <b>Little Park Creek</b>               | September 6, 2012 | L.T. Murray Quilomene Unit |       | 700   |  |         | Re-vegetate 21 acres of dozer line; 47 acres of riparian.      |                      | Minimal.   |
| <b>Umtanum #2</b>                      | July 6, 2012      | Wenas                      |       | 132   | Riparian; shrub-steppe   |         | Herbicide and seeding for weed control on burned and fire line | Threatened steelhead | None.  |
| <b>Cottonwood #1</b>                   |                   | Wenas                      | 6.4   | 6.4   | Shrub-steppe; riparian   |         | Re-seed with native mix; weed control                          |                      | None.  |
| <b>SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON – Region 5</b> |                   |                            |       |       |  |         |  |                      |  |
| <b>Cascade Creek</b>                   | September 8       | 20,000 USFS                | x     |       | Sub-alpine fir; mostly bug killed timber and heavy understory. |         |  |                      | Fire (mostly over 5,000') considered to be beneficial to summer range.   |