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**Oct 18 – Nov 17,**  
**2021**

## **Draft Columbia Basin Wildlife Area Management Plan**

**~~ Plan Review Guidance ~~**

*The purpose of this document is to guide you  
through the draft plan review.*

# How to Comment



**Thank you** for your interest in the **Draft Columbia Basin Wildlife Area Management Plan**. This is your opportunity to provide comments.

## How to Submit Comments:

1. Email: [SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
2. Call: Patricia Jatczak, 360-489-4253 if you need help or more information on the plan



***When you see the question mark symbol, it is to prompt your questions and thoughts about what is in the plan.***

***Page number is the page in the plan: p.8***

# Purpose of SEPA comment period

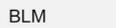
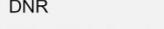
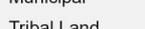
The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires state and local governments to identify possible environmental impacts that may result from governmental decisions, such the adoption of this management plan.

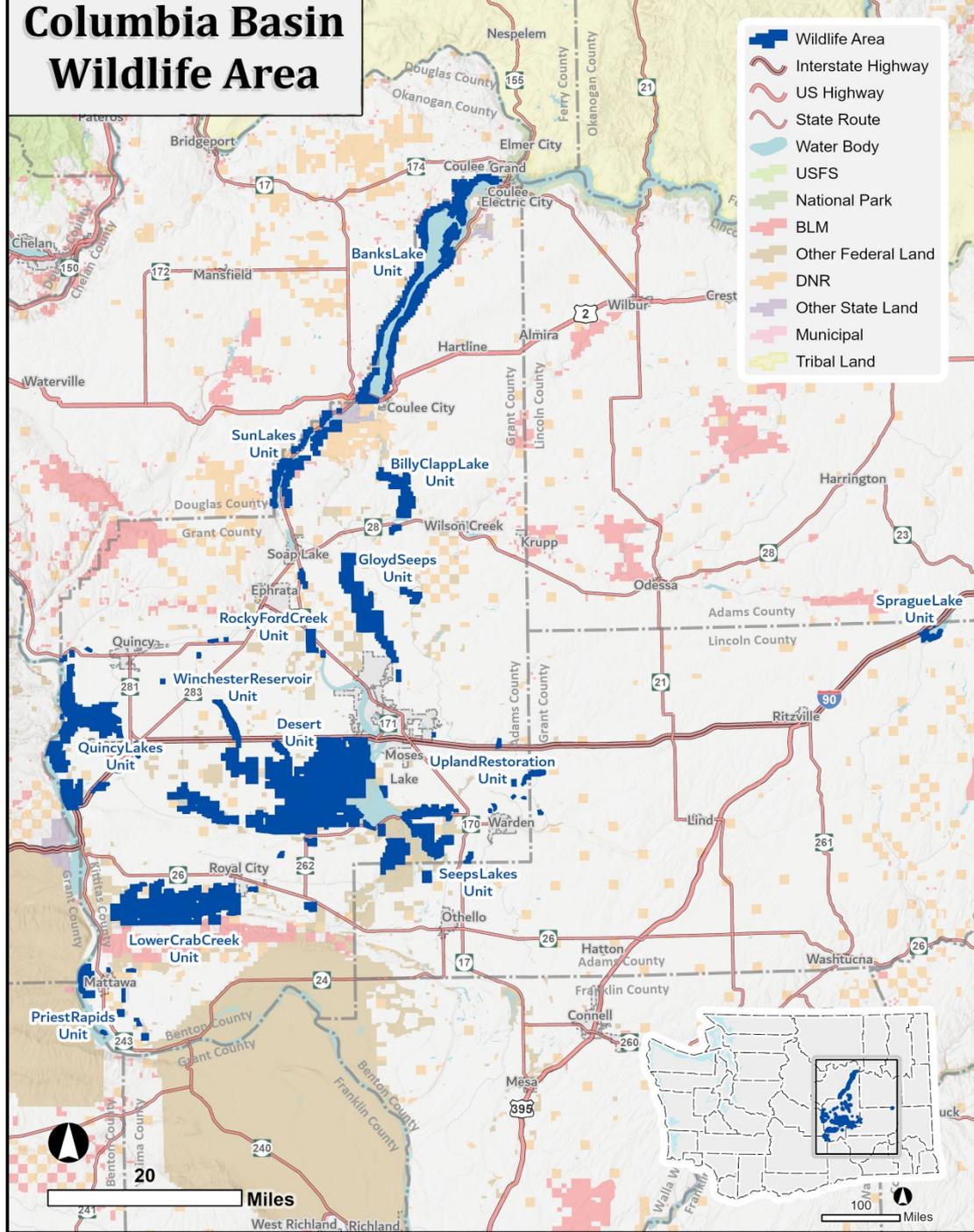
The SEPA process provides an opportunity for the public to review plans and projects and make comments on the SEPA determination, and whether the project will have significant environmental impacts.

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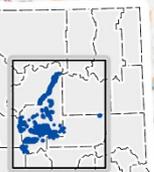
***After reviewing the plan, do you have any concerns about the SEPA determination of non-significance, meaning that the adoption of this plan will not have a probable adverse impact on the environment?***

# Columbia Basin Wildlife Area

-  Wildlife Area
-  Interstate Highway
-  US Highway
-  State Route
-  Water Body
-  USFS
-  National Park
-  BLM
-  Other Federal Land
-  DNR
-  Other State Land
-  Municipal
-  Tribal Land



20 Miles



100 Miles

# Plan Process

1. Decide what the management plan will cover
2. Prepare and review the Action Items (goals)
3. **WE ARE HERE: Review Draft Plan**

*The process includes WDFW, tribal, advisory committee, and public participation in all phases*



# Vision

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*In the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, habitat is conserved and strategically enhanced, and visitors enjoy recreational opportunities compatible with healthy habitat and fish and wildlife populations, including ample waterfowl and mule deer hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, climbing, biking, horseback riding, and boating.*

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***Do you have any comments on the vision for the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area?***

# Executive Summary

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## The three main goals of this management plan are to:

- 1) manage and enhance the function and value of wetlands;
- 2) manage and enhance upland habitat; and,
- 3) manage and improve the traditional and emerging recreation opportunities.

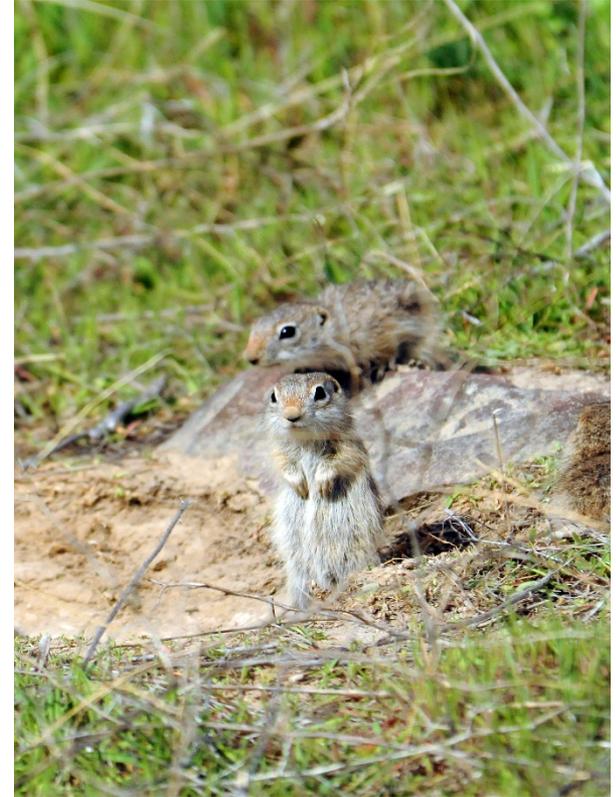
Within these main categories, the management plan lays out specific objectives and output measures, and references implementation of other specific resources such as the weed management plan and wetland management guidance. MORE DETAILS on Slides 12-14.



***Do you have any questions or concerns about these overall management objectives?***

# What does the plan cover?

- General wildlife area planning (p.6)
- ▪ **Specific information about each unit** (p.14)
- Overall land management (p.45)
- Cultural Resources (p.47)
- ▪ **Recreation** (p.51)
- ▪ **Goals and objectives (action items)** (p.57)
- Physical landscape (p.73)
- Ecology (p.75)
- Wildlife species (p.81)
- Fish (p.89)
- Habitat and plants (p. 91)
- Climate change impacts (p.97)



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*Do you have any questions or concerns about any of the wildlife area units? Is there anything else you would like to see in the plan?*

# Selected Recreation

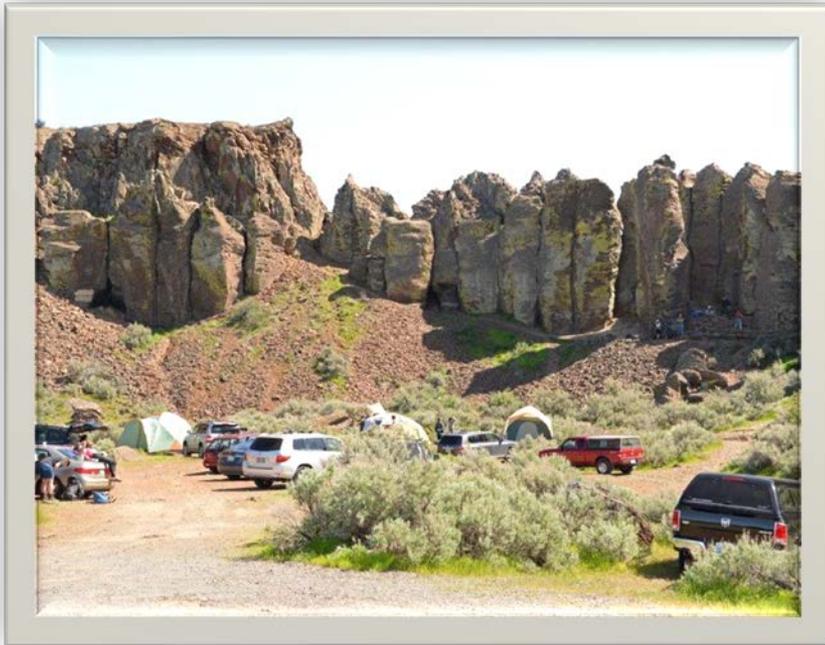
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- ❖ Hunting
  - Waterfowl, upland bird, pheasant, small game, mule deer
- ❖ Fishing
  - Trout, warmwater species
- ❖ Nature enjoyment
  - Bird watching, wildlife viewing, flowers
- ❖ Camping
- ❖ Boating
- ❖ Walking, horseback riding
- ❖ Climbing

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*What other recreational interests do you have?*

*Do you have concerns about what is planned for recreation?*



# Species Management

## Key Game species *p.85*

- Mule deer
- Waterfowl
- Upland game birds



## Key Non-game species *p.87*

- Northern leopard frog
- Striped whipsnake
- Monarch butterfly
- WA ground squirrel
- Cliff nesting raptors
- Bats



# Habitat Management

Key topics *p.93*

- Priority plant species
- Wetland management and enhancement
- Fire history and response
- Shrubsteppe rehabilitation
- Prescribe fire
- Weed management

# Selected overall plan objectives (1/3)

*Some of the actions in the plan are summarized in the next few pages by overall goal. See page 58 of the plan for the complete table of goals, objectives, and outputs for the wildlife area.*

- 1) **Manage and enhance the function and value of wetlands**
  - Acres of wetland maintained and enhanced
  - Acres of weeds treated
  - Acres of Russian olive and phragmites treated
  - Acres of prescribed burns
  - Acres of habitat enhanced for northern leopard frog



*Do you have any questions or comments about any of the wetland management objectives?*

# Selected overall plan objectives (2/3)

## 2) Manage and enhance upland habitat

- Acres of weeds treated
- Acres of Russian olive and phragmites treated
- Acres of shrubsteppe enhancement
- Acres of prescribed burns
- Acres enhanced for pollinator
- Acres enhanced mule deer habitat



*Do you have any questions or comments about any of the upland management objectives?*

# Selected overall plan objectives (3/3)

## 3) **Manage and improve the traditional and emerging recreation opportunities**

- Development of comprehensive travel management plan
- Development of trails plan for Quincy Lakes
- Management of rock and ice climbing to protect birds of prey
- Development of target shooting range
- Development of campground at Frenchman's Coulee
- Improvement of kiosks and signage
- Redevelopment of boat launch
- Increased accessibility for people with disabilities



***Do you have any questions or comments about any of the recreation management objectives?***



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