

## Wenas Target Shooting Advisory Committee Meeting

May 16, 2018

### Meeting Notes-draft

#### Introduction/Check-in

Ross started the meeting by welcoming everyone and food orders were placed. Everyone in attendance checked in. Ross passed out a copy of the updated charter and ground rules to all committee members.

#### Presentation from George Holman

Ross introduced George Holman the Range Officer at the Yakima Training Center who has volunteered his services on site improvements. George gave a presentation on his analysis of risk at Sheep Company, Cottonwoods and Durr Road. George also discussed options to mitigate for risk such as backstops. The committee members asked several questions and had a very good discussion with George. The committee agreed that George should move on to the next step, which is design of safety feature alternative.

#### Update from DFW on proposed WAC change

Ross gave a brief update on the WAC change and status, which is still in progress. There was general discussion by the group on what the new draft language will look like and when it will be available for review.

There was also a brief update on CORT training coming up on May 19 and the Enforcement Program Intern who will start on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The intern will focus a lot of effort on the Wenas Wildlife Area.

It was noted that there are different planning efforts going (e.g., Manastash Trails), and that these efforts need to be coordinated. At the end of the meeting it was recommended that someone from each group should periodically visit other meetings to provide updates and make sure, there are no conflicts due to lack of coordination.

#### Review and Discuss target shooting brochure and Wenas insert

Ross passed out the latest draft of the brochure and Wenas insert. Overall, the committee was happy with the product, but there were several comments:

Increase font size on insert (map text was especially noted as unreadable)

Too much text on insert, people will not read it

Do a full page insert with a larger map that people could use

Add DNR as a partner in the timing restrictions on insert

Add language on no exploding targets to brochure (other relevant rules?)

#### Public Comment

The meeting was opened for public comment. Jim Lydigsen was the only person to comment. His comments focused on:

Support for George Holman's involvement

Jim will report out to the NRA range design staff on the project

Sites could be posted with what calibers of weapons are prohibited at each site

#### Begin discussion on Buffalo Road

Ross gave a presentation on the committee recommendation pertaining to the Buffalo Road area and unresolved issues. WDFW reminded the committee of the agency vision and goals outlined at the beginning of the advisory committee process. WDFW provided an initial draft alternative to meet the safety concerns at Buffalo Rd, and the committee was asked to help develop additional alternatives for consideration. The committee agreed to break into groups and complete a mapping exercise on what they would like to see at Buffalo Rd. Following the breakout, each group reported to the committee what they recommended.

Group 1: Recommended a pistol and shotgun range oriented to the northwest direction utilizing the hill north of the current primary shooting site at the intersection of the green dot road and the power lines.

Group 2: Recommend a northeast orientation for a shotgun range at the location described in the report.

Group 3: Recommended that three separate sites be developed for shotgun, pistol, and rifle along Buffalo Road.

There was a good committee discussion on the different options and DFW will review and present additional recommendations at the next committee meeting.

#### Wrap-up/Check-out

The committee discussed when to meet again and felt two months was a good schedule. Ross will send out a Doodle poll to select a date in July for the next meeting, which will be in Selah.

Everyone on the committee provided "check out" comments; most members expressed a positive reaction to the meeting and progress of the committee.