



## Large Wood Projects in Tucannon River

The Large Wood projects are progressing as planned. The boulders have been hauled in for Project Areas (PA) 1, 3, and 14. Trees have been hauled in for PA 1 & 3, and are currently being hauled in for 14. The WDFW crew from the Lacey Construction Shop arrived on the Wooten Wildlife Area (WA) on June 16 to begin staging materials for PA 14. In-stream work is scheduled to begin on all projects on July 15.

The helicopter portion of PA 1 & 3 is scheduled from July 7-12 and Campground 10 will be Closed To All Human Entry as it will be used

for the helicopter pad.

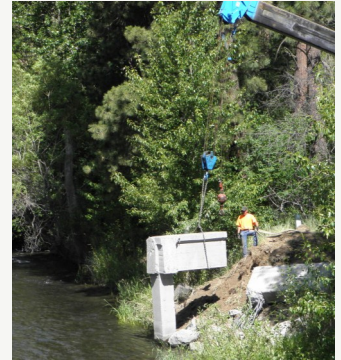
PA 15 is still waiting on the results from the cultural resource survey before work can begin. Once we get the go-ahead the contractors will begin constructing the new access road into the Russell Unit. The access road will be left in place after the project an

will be used as a Parking Area for the public.

The old road bridge south of the Headquarters was removed in early June as part of PA 14.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:



◆ Old road bridge removed

## New Career Seasonal Employee

Ken Christian has been hired as the new Natural Resource Worker 2 on the Wooten WA. Ken lives in Starbuck where his wife is the Principal and Superintendent of the Starbuck School. Ken is originally from the west side of the state.

Welcome Ken to the Tucannon Valley!!!!



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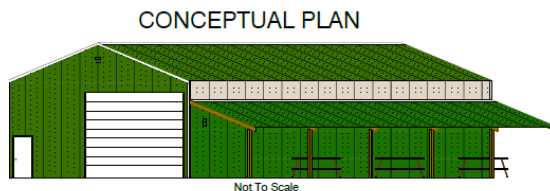
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### *Mountain Road Project*

Garfield County, in cooperation with USFS and WDFW, is constructing a shop at Baker's Pond near the USFS boundary. The shop will be used to house the County's snowplows in the winter to increase their ability to keep the Mountain Road clear of snow.

The shop will have an overhang with picnic benches under it, a new outhouse, lighting, and an emergency telephone.

Construction is scheduled to begin summer 2014.



### *Weed Spraying*

Weed control is continuing on the Wooten WA. Roadsides have been spraying along the Main Tucannon Road, Hartsock Grade, and Blind Grade.

A grant was received from the National Wild Turkey Federation to purchase a new backpack sprayer for the Wooten WA and herbicide for the Wooten WA and Camp Wooten.

Grant funds are being pursued for weed control for next year.

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OPPORTUNITIES.

### *Rewriting Management Plan*

Work has not yet begun on rewriting the Wooten WA Management Plan.

### *Campground Relocation Project*

The Campground Relocation Project is moving along on schedule. The designs have been agreed upon. The cultural resource survey is being finished up.

The existing Campgrounds 6 & 9 will not be closed to the public until after Labor Day weekend. Construction of the new Campgrounds 6, 9, & 10 may begin prior to Labor Day, but they will not be open for the public to camp in until the fall.



New Campground 6 location

### *Volunteers*

Volunteers from the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council spent a weekend on the Wooten WA removing old barbed wire boundary fence along the Blind Grade.





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*The W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area consists of 16,000 acres in the foothills of the Blue Mountains. The main valley contains the Tucannon River, along which are located 8 man-made lakes which were constructed in the 1950s. The lakes are stocked with hatchery raised rainbow trout for a put-and-take fishery. There are 10 campgrounds located on the Wildlife Area.*

*The area was historically a major big game wintering location and lies adjacent to National Forest lands. The bulk of the land purchases occurred from 1941-1944. The elk fence was constructed in the 1960s.*

*Current management objectives and problems are similar to past goals and problems which include providing maximum winter-range forage conditions while meeting recreational use demands. At the present time there is a harvest season of some type taking place 12 months of the year within the boundaries of the wildlife area.*

***Wildlife***

There are currently 4 bighorn lambs bouncing around on the Wooten WA. They are at the cute stage where they are playing with each other, climbing on rocks, and standing on mom!!

The bald eagle nest and the golden eagle nest were both successful this year and both nests have eaglets in them.



***Wildflowers***

The wildflowers on the Wooten WA were incredibly beautiful this spring!!!



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