

## **Wooten Wildlife Area WAAC Meeting Notes/Comments March 17, 2016**

Marty – Look at spraying burned areas from last summer’s fire with RMEF money to prevent yellowstar from invading. Spraying right after a burn is very effective

Joann – Why don’t you inoculate domestic sheep and then use them to control noxious weeds on the wildlife area.

Some general frustration with additional land purchases such as the proposed one in Walla Walla County

Marty – Why buy???

Marty – What is the value in WDFW owning lands??

Marty – What is the situation with access on the proposed Walla Walla parcel??

### Large Wood Projects

Marvin ( I think) - If a landowner puts in LW in the creek for a project to benefit salmonids, then are they liable if a flood moves the wood and washes someone out downstream?

Terry – according to state law, landowners are not liable for damages

(Who is liable then if there is a failure? Does the state assume liability?)

Marty – Interested in information on content of foodplot seed mix used at hartsock last year.

Marty also suggested not seeding the area this year and felt that it would re-seed itself. Send

Marty a copy of the seed tag.

Marvin – Would like to see WDFW manage fuels on its property I places such as Abel’s Ridge. He is mainly talking about grass that has been there since the 2005 School Fire. He would like to see some type of managed grazing to address the problem. Some other WAAC members echoed Marvin’s suggestion. Marvin also brought up noxious weeds and mentioned annual bugloss.