Over the past two decades Eastern Washington has been experiencing a decline in pheasant harvest. Habitat loss has been identified as the leading factor for the decline. To address the loss of habitat WDFW initiated an aggressive habitat enhancement program. To fund this program the Legislature in 1997 created the Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Fund.

The Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Fund is a dedicated funding source. The fund is used solely for pheasant habitat enhancement on public and private lands and for the purchase of rooster pheasants that are released on lands accessible to the public.

Habitat protection and enhancement continues to be WDFW’s primary tool to maintain pheasant populations and hunting opportunity.

To hunt pheasants in Eastern Washington a small game license is required. The small game license is $40.50, it is $22.00 if purchased with any big game license. Youths under 16 years old can purchase the small game license for $18.50, or $8.80 with a big game license.

Each year thousands of pheasants are released on lands accessible to the public. The Eastern Washington release sites are shown on the maps in this pamphlet. Rooster pheasants are released to supplement harvest. We do not provide release dates because we want to minimize crowding at the release sites and promote hunter ethics.

To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, non-toxic shot is required for all upland bird, dove and band-tailed pigeon on all pheasant release sites statewide.

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Primary Pheasant Zone
To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, nontoxic shot is required for all upland bird, dove and band-tailed pigeon hunting on all pheasant release sites statewide. If you hunt any of these release sites, you may use only approved nontoxic shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading). Use of lead shot is regulated on some wildlife areas. See Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons pamphlet for more information.
The number of pheasants released on each site is based on several factors including the estimated numbers of hunters using those sites.

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The best pheasant hunting in Region One is along the breaks of the Snake River and other major streams in Whitman, Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties. This part of the state has retained a stable pheasant population over the years. Similar population of pheasants can be found near irrigated farms of the Columbia and Yakima river basin.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers own many of the pheasant release sites in these counties. The sites are managed for wildlife as part of the Snake and Columbia River dam mitigation. In addition to public lands, WDFW’s Private Lands Access Program has over 300,000 acres of private land open for hunting under access agreements in Region 1. A small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands. For maps and information about private and public hunting lands, please visit WDFW’s online mapping program Go Hunt at www.wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt.
The Sherman Creek Wildlife Area and release sites can be found by going west on Hwy 20 from the town of Colville. After crossing the Columbia River, head south and west on Hwy 20, then south on Inchelium HWY to the Sherman Creek release site.
The Fishtrap Lake release site can be found by following the signs to Fishtrap Lake from I-90. The Fishtrap exit is approximately 8 miles east of Sprague and is between the towns of Sprague and Cheney.

FISHTRAP LAKE RELEASE SITE
Lincoln/Spokane County, Washington

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From Washtunca, head east on Hwy. 26 and from Colfax, head west on Hwy 26. At the town of Hooper turn south on Hammer Grade Road. Turn right on Long Hollow Road and continue south to the release site.
The Central Ferry site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). To reach the site from Othello, travel east on Highway 26, then south on Highway 127 at the town of Dusty. To reach the site from Spokane, head south on Highway 395 to the town of Colfax, then go west on Hwy 26 to Dusty, then travel south on Hwy 127. From the Tri-Cities head south on Hwy 12 to the town of Burbank, then east on Hwy 124 to the town of Waitsburg, from there head east on Hwy 12 through the town of Dayton to the very small town of Dodge. From Dodge travel north on Hwy 127. The site is east of Hwy 127 and Central Ferry State Park on the north side of the Snake River.
This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). To reach the site from Othello, travel east on Highway 26, then south on Highway 127 at the town of Dusty.

To reach the site from Spokane, head south on Highway 395 to the town of Colfax, then go west on Hwy 26 to Dusty, then travel south on Hwy 127.

From the town of Dayton, head east on Hwy 12 to the very small town of Dodge. From Dodge travel north on Hwy 127.

The site is south of the Snake River and can be reached by heading east from Hwy 127 onto Deadman Road, go about 2 miles, then go north on Hastings Hill Road to the site.

WILLOW BAR AND RICE BAR HMU RELEASE SITE

Garfield County, Washington

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This site is one of several areas managed by WDFW as part of the Wooten Wildlife Management Area. It is located between the towns of Dayton and Pomeroy. From Dayton, travel north on Hwy 12 to Hwy 126. Follow Hwy 126 about 11 miles to the small town of Marengo. At Marengo travel south on the Tucannon Road to the site.

From Pomeroy, travel 5 miles west to Hwy 126. Take Hwy 126 south to Marengo, then head south on the Tucannon Road to the site.

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This release site is on property owned and managed by WDFW. It is located between the towns of Asotin and Anatone, just off Highway 129. From Asotin, travel south on Highway 129 for 13 miles to Onstot Road. Turn west on Onstot Road. Travel about ½ mile and turn north on Dwight Hasley Road. Travel all the way to the parking area at the end of the road (3.5 miles).
The Mill Creek site is located just east of the town of Walla Walla. To find the site, travel east from Walla Walla on Hwy 12 to Tausick Way exit. Go south to Reservoir Road. Go east on Reservoir Road to the Mill Creek site.

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON DESIGNATED RELEASE AREA
This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). To find this site from Pasco, travel south on Hwy 12 to Hwy 124, just prior to the town of Burbank. Head north and east along Hwy 124 about 19 miles to Eureka Road. Go north on Eureka Road past the town of Eureka about 1 mile. Take Rice Road west and north. Follow Rice Road approximately 4 miles to where it intersects Van Hollebeke Road and the release site.
The best pheasant hunting in Region Two is on wetland and native habitats adjacent to farm ground within the Columbia Basin Irrigation project near Moses Lake and Othello. WDFW manages 192,000 acres in the Columbia Basin most of which is open for hunting. Pheasant numbers may be fair to good in some areas but hunting wild birds can be challenging due to heavy cover and the strong tendency for birds to run and flush. In addition to public lands, WDFW’s Private Lands Access program has private land open for hunting under access agreements. A small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands. For additional maps of public and private lands with pheasant hunting opportunity, Visit WDFW’s online mapping program Go Hunt at www.wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt.
Kline Parcel: From Oroville head south on the west side of the Okanogan River. The Kline Parcel is about one mile south of the town of Oroville.

Hegdahl Parcel: The Hegdahl Parcel is about 4 miles south of Oroville off Hwy 97. The site is on the east side of Okanogan River about 11 miles north of the town Tonasket.
To reach the Chiliwist Wildlife Area and release site, travel south from Okanogan on Hwy 20. Continue south on Old Highway 97 through the town of Malott. Head west on the Chiliwist Road to the wildlife area and release site.
From Chelan head west and then south on Hwy 97 Alternate. Turn left on Downey Gulch or Stayman Flat Roads.
To reach the **Swakane Wildlife Area** and release site, travel north from Wenatchee on Alt. Hwy 97. It follows the Columbia River on the west side toward the town of Chelan. To find the release site, head west up the Swakane Creek Road.

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To reach the Banks Lake
release site from Spokane, travel
west on Hwy 2 to Coulee City.

To reach the site from
Wenatchee, head east on Hwy
2 to Dry Falls Dam. From Moses
Lake, head north on Hwy 17 to
the junction with Hwy 2. Head
east on Hwy 2. The release site is
located south of the Dam.
To reach the **Steamboat Rock** release site from Spokane, travel west on Hwy 2 to Banks Lake. Head north on Hwy 155 at Banks Lake about 16 miles to Steamboat Rock Wildlife Area.

To reach the site from Wenatchee, head east on Hwy 2 to Banks Lake and then go north on Hwy 155 to Steamboat Rock.

From Moses Lake, head north on Hwy 17 to the junction with Hwy 2. Head east on Hwy 2 to the junction with Hwy 155, then north on Hwy 155 to Steamboat Rock release site. The release site is located south of the State Park and is well marked.

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From Moses Lake, head north on Stratford Road (J NE). Most roads that travel west between roads 10 and 20 will take you to access points on the Gloyd Seeps.

Only one (1) release will occur for each season opener (youth and general only).
To reach the Quincy Wildlife Area release site, go north on Hwy 281 from the I-90 exit at George. Go west on Road 3 or 5 NW about 2 miles to the release site.

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The Warden Release Sites are a group of small parcels surrounded by private farm ground. To reach these sites take the Warden exit on Interstate 90, exit 188, which is about 11 miles east of Moses Lake. The first parcel is immediately northwest of exit 188. To reach the next group of parcels go south on “U” Road SE three miles, and then go east on “3” Road SE three miles to the intersection of “X” Road SE and “3” Road SE. To reach the next parcel proceed south on “X” Road SE four miles and then go east 1.5 miles to the East Low Canal. The last parcel is 5 miles southwest of Warden one mile east of Highway 17 on “12” Road SE, north of the boarder between Grant and Adams counties Road.

*As of 2017, Pheasant releases will no longer occur at this site.

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To reach the Buckshot Release Site, head south from I-90 at Vantage on Hwy 243. Follow Hwy 243 along the Columbia River to the junction of 24 or 26 SW. The release site can be reached by turning west on Road 24 or Road 26.

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To reach the Lower Crab Creek release site, head south from I-90 at Vantage on Hwy 243. Follow Hwy 243 along the Columbia River to the junction of State Highway 26. Travel east toward the town of Royal City and turn south on either Road J SW or Road I SW. Drive south to Road 14 SW and turn east. The release site can be accessed along Road 14 SW.
The best pheasant hunting in Region three is around the irrigated farmland in Benton, Yakima, and Franklin counties and along the Yakima River. A large part of the irrigated farmland in Yakima county is located on the Yakama Indian Reservation. Hunters interested in hunting on tribal lands should contact the office of the Yakama Indian Nation at (509) 865-5121. For maps of WDFW owned and managed land along the Yakima River, contact the Yakima Regional office at (509) 575-2740.

In addition to public lands, WDFW’s Private Lands Access Program has private land open for hunting under access agreements. A small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands. For maps and information about private and public hunting lands, please visit WDFW’s online mapping program Go Hunt at www.wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt.

Birds will not be released on the Colockum site in 2017.
To reach the Sunnyside Wildlife Area, head south on Hwy 82 from Yakima. Take the Midvale Road exit at Sunnyside. Travel south on Midvale Road 4 miles to Holaday Road. Head west on Holaday Road to reach the Giffin Lake site.

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To find the Colockum release site, head south out of Wenatchee toward the town of Malaga on the Malaga - Alcoa Hwy. Continue south past Malaga onto Colockum Road. At Colockum Creek, head south on Tarpiscan Road to the release site.
The Cottonwoods site is best accessed by taking the Selah exit off Hwy 82. Follow the Wenas Road north to the Sheep Company road. Turn north onto the Sheep Company Road and go approximately 4 miles to the release site.
The **Whiskey Dick Release site** is located near Whiskey Dick Mountain. The best access is from Exit 115 off I-90. From the exit turn north and travel 1.2 miles through Kittitas until Main Street "T's" with Patrick Avenue. At Patrick Avenue turn right and travel .2 mile, then turn left on No. 81 Road. Travel 1.0 mile to the Vantage Highway. Turn right and travel east on Vantage Highway 6.6 miles to an unmarked gravel road entrance. The unmarked road is approximately 200 yards east of milepost 13 on the North side of the road. There will be a double green gate at the entrance of the area.

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This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). From Pasco, head south on Hwy 12 about 1 mile out of town to Pasco-Kahlotus Road. Go north on Pasco-Kahlotus Road about 12 miles, then turn east onto Herman Road and drive about 1 mile down to Big Flat release site.

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON DESIGNATED RELEASE AREA
This site is in Franklin Co., about 8 miles northwest from Eltopia. From Hwy 395, take Eltopia West Road at Eltopia, and drive west for 4.5 miles to Hooper Road. Turn right and drive north for 2.5 miles to the parking lot.

160 acres

Please respect private property surrounding all pheasant release sites. It is unlawful to trespass.
This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). From Pasco travel east 18.5 miles on the Pasco-Kahlotus Road, turn south on McClenny Road and follow for 3 miles and then continue south again on Votaw Road for 2 miles to the site.

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LOST ISLAND RELEASE SITES
Franklin County, Washington
There are three pheasant release sites served by WDFW in Klickitat County. One is located on department-owned land, and the others are on private land. Please treat the properties respectfully, so that future visitors may enjoy these sites as well. All sites are for day-use only; no overnight camping is allowed. These sites are relatively undeveloped, with primitive roads access. Roads may be slippery when wet, and soil will become extremely soft with fall rains and snow. Be cautious in selecting parking places next to roads in order to avoid becoming stuck. Driving off-road is prohibited.

For maps and information about private and public hunting lands, please visit WDFW's online mapping program Go Hunt at www.wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt.
These two pheasant release sites are each 160-acres and are privately owned. They are bounded by the Finn Ridge Road along the south property line and Ahola Road to the west. The Finn Ridge Road West property is a “Feel Free To Hunt” property, while the Finn Ridge Road East property is a “Hunt Only By Reservation” property (see http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/hunting_access/private_lands/hunt/730/ for more information).

Directions: From Centerville, drive 2 miles west on the Centerville Highway to a 90-degree bend in the highway to the south. Turn right (north) on Erickson Road. Drive 1 mile to the intersection with the Finn Ridge Road. Turn left (west) onto Finn Ridge Road and follow it 1.0 mile to the first sign marking the corner of the Finn Ridge Road East release site, on the right. It is marked with yellow “Hunt Only By Reservation” signs. The site has two gates along Finn Ridge Road. If you have a valid reservation for that day, park outside the gates and walk in. At 1.5 miles after turning on Finn Ridge Road from Erickson Road is the Finn Ridge Road West property, marked with green “Feel Free To Hunt” signs. This pheasant release site has one gate on Finn Ridge Road and one gate on Ahola Road. Park outside the gates and walk in. Use care when driving on Ahola Road, which can become impassible when wet.
This 240 acre site is owned by WDFW. It is bounded by Hill Road on the west side and Fish Hatchery Road on the North Side. Directions: From Goldendale, drive west on Highway 142 approximately 4 miles to the intersection with Hill Road. Drive about 0.5 mile north on Hill Road, across the bridge over Spring Creek, then turn east on a dirt road onto WDFW property. This road goes into the center of the property. Note: The hatchery facilities are located along the east boundary of the parcel. Please stay away from the immediate vicinity of the buildings to protect worker safety.
This 480-acre site is privately owned. It is bounded by Rogers Road on the north and Fenton Lane on the east.

Directions: From the intersection with Broadway Street in Goldendale, drive east on the Bickleton Highway 5.6 miles to the intersection with Purvine Road. Turn right (south) on Purvine Road and drive .9 miles to the T intersection with Rogers Road. Go either left or right on Rogers Road and look for wire gates accessing the property. There are two gates. Both are marked with signs exhibiting the WDFW logo. Park along Rogers Road, outside the fence, and walk in. Purvine Road may be impassible when wet. For an alternative access go east another 1 mile on the Bickleton Highway, and turn right (south) on Fenton Lane. Follow Fenton Lane south 1 mile to its intersection with Rogers Road. Turn right (west) onto Rogers Road, and drive about .1 mile west to a gate and parking area.