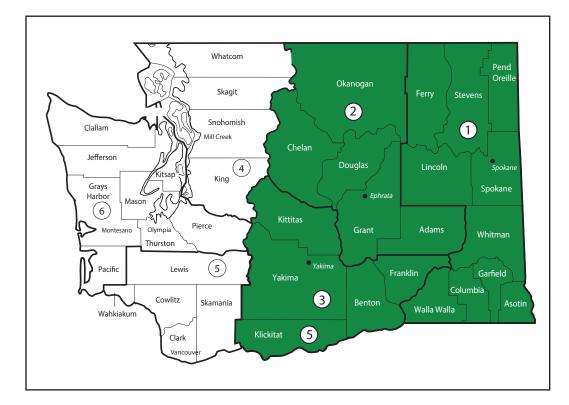
# Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Program







## EASTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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.

#### Required Licenses and Bag Limits:

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. Birds are released for youth and general season openers. We do not provide other 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 hunting on all pheasant release sites statewide.

#### Eastern Washington Regional Offices:

#### **REGION 1**

(509) 892-1001 2315 North Discovery Place Spokane Valley, WA 99216-1566

#### **REGION 2**

(509) 754-4624 1550 Alder St. NW Ephrata, WA 98823-9699

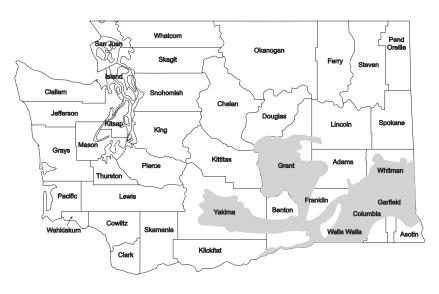
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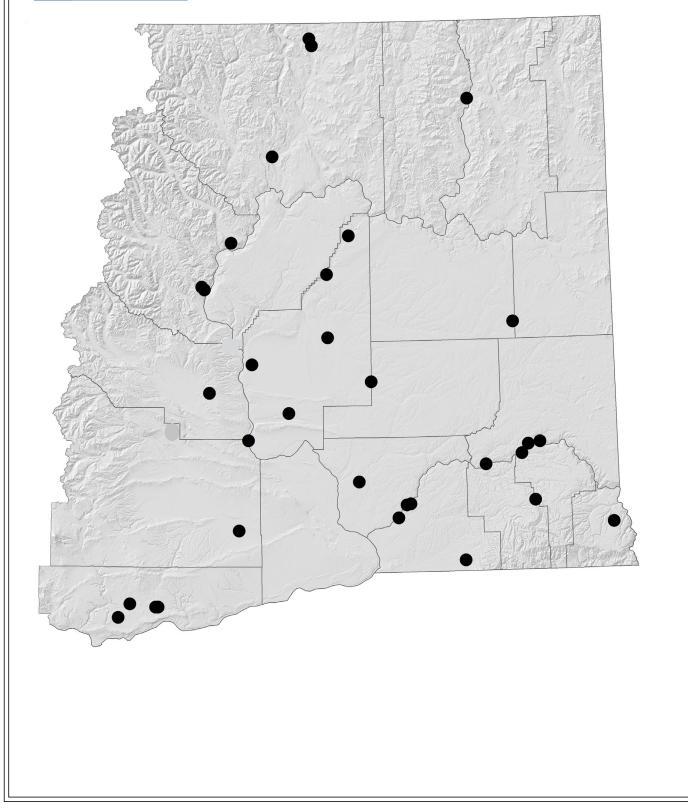
#### **Primary Pheasant Zone**





## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SMALL GAME HUNTERS**

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. <u>See the Game Bird and</u> <u>Small Game Regulations</u> for more information.



## Eastern Washington Pheasant Release Program

The number of pheasants released on each site is based on several factors, including the estimated numbers of hunters using those sites.

County	Site
Ferry	Sherman Creek
Lincoln/Spokane	Fishtrap Lake
Whitman	John Henley
	Central Ferry HMU
Garfield	Willow Bar/Rice Bar
Columbia	Hartsock Unit
Chelan	Swakane Canyon
	Chelan Butte
Asotin	Asotin WMA
Walla Walla	Mill Creek HMU
	Hollebeke HMU
Okanogan	Bureau of Reclamation (Kline/Hegdahl)
	Chiliwist
Grant	Banks Lake
	Steamboat Rock
	Gloyd Seeps
	Quincy
	Buckshot
	Lower Crab Creek
Yakima	Sunnyside
Kittitas	Whiskey Dick
Benton	Toothaker
Franklin	Big Flat HMU
	Hope Valley
	Lost Island
Klickitat	Finn Ridge Road
	Goldendale Hatchery
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## **REGION ONE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION**

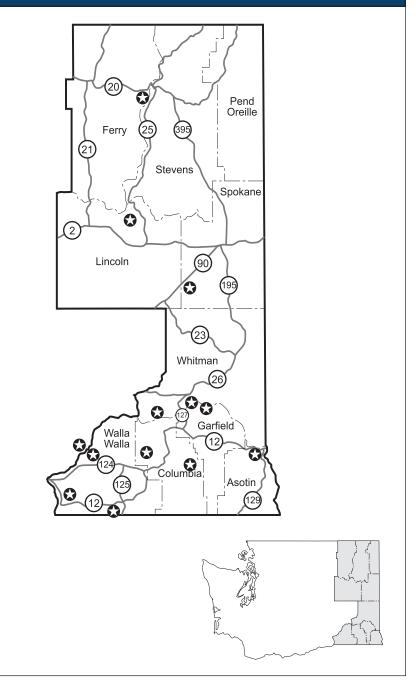




The best pheasant hunting in Region One is along the breaks of the Snake River and other major streams in Whitman, Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties. This part of the state has retained a stable pheasant population over the years. Similar populations of pheasants can be found near irrigated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

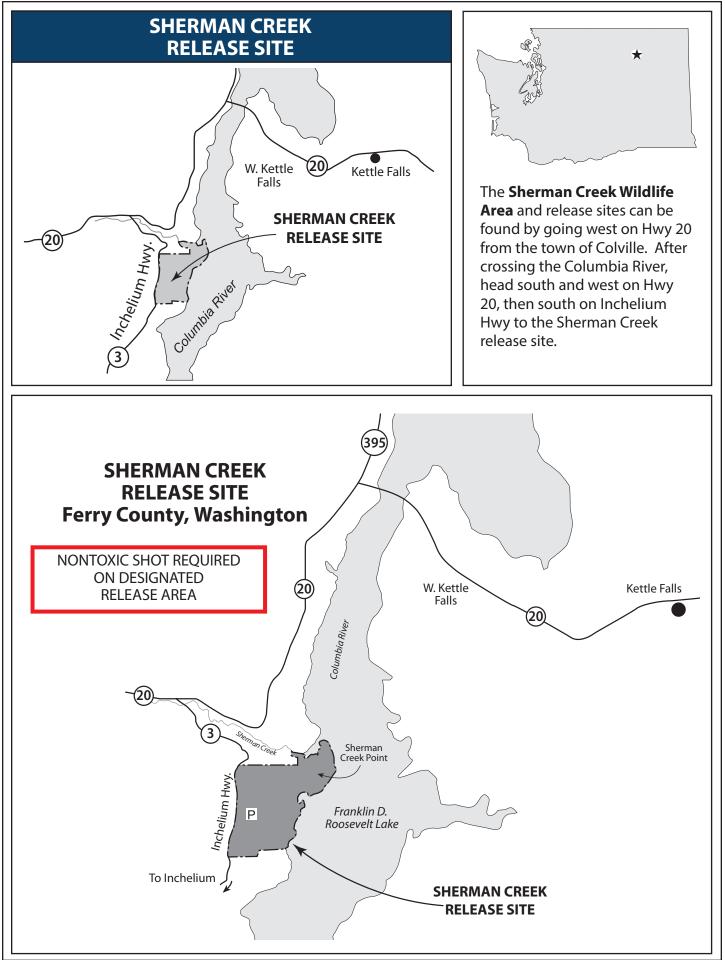
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers own many of the pheasant release sites in these counties. The sites are managed for wildlife as part of the Snake and Columbia River dam mitigation. In addition to public lands, WDFW's Private Lands Access Program has over 600,000 acres of private land open for hunting under access agreements in Region 1. A small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands.

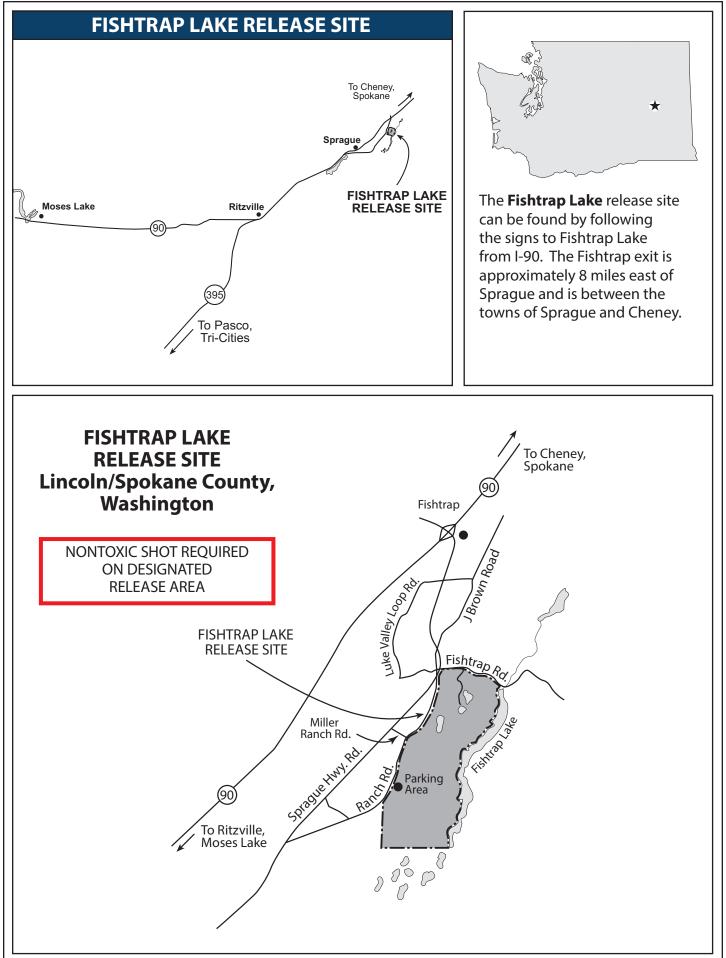
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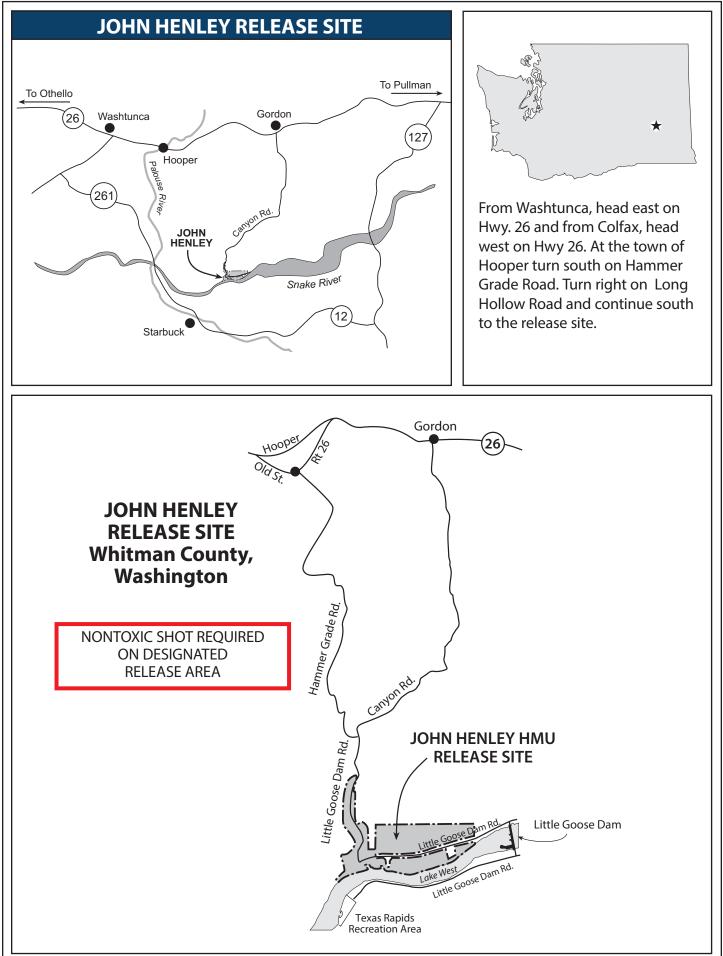


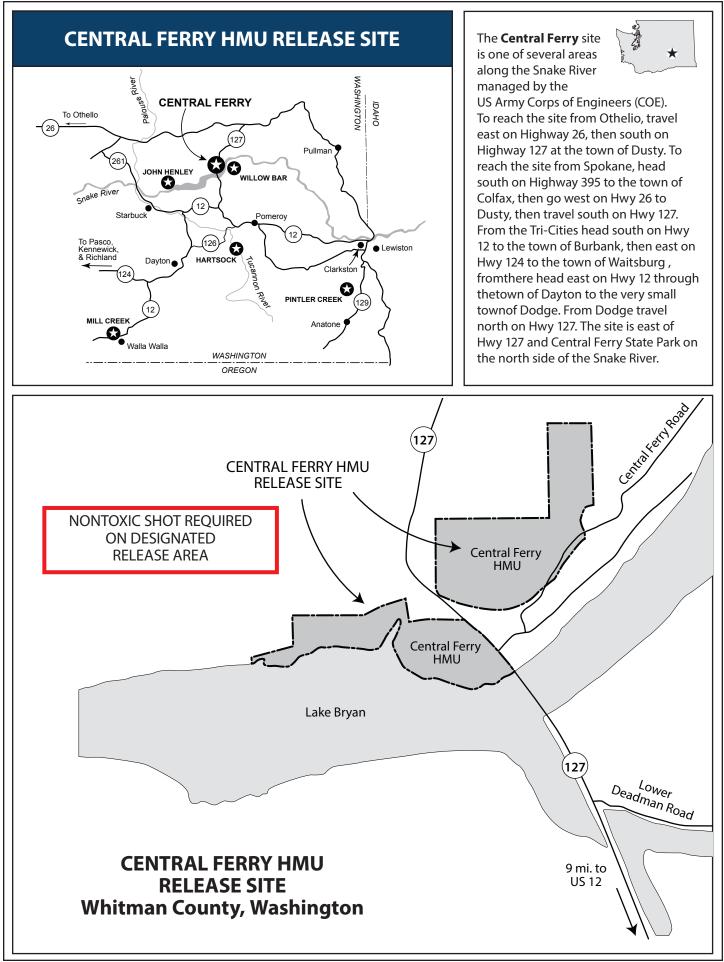
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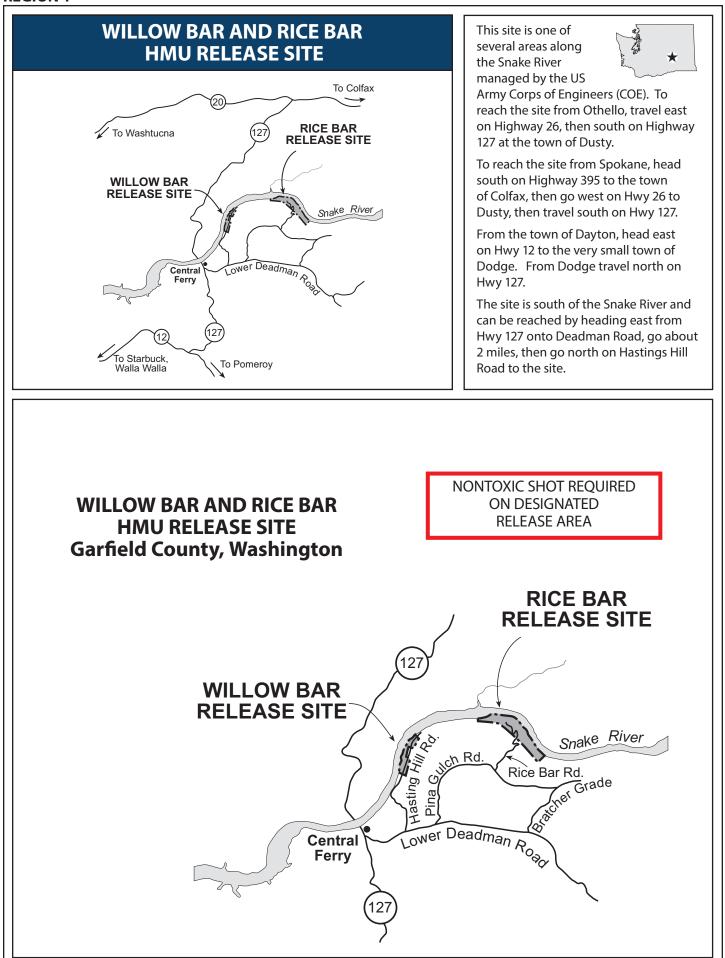
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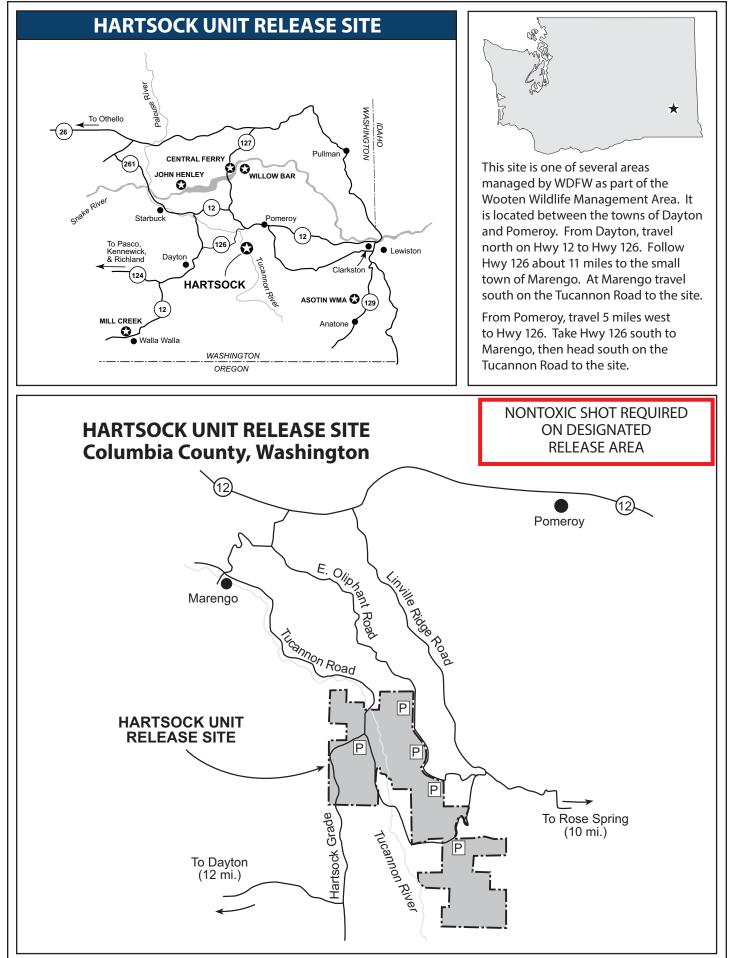


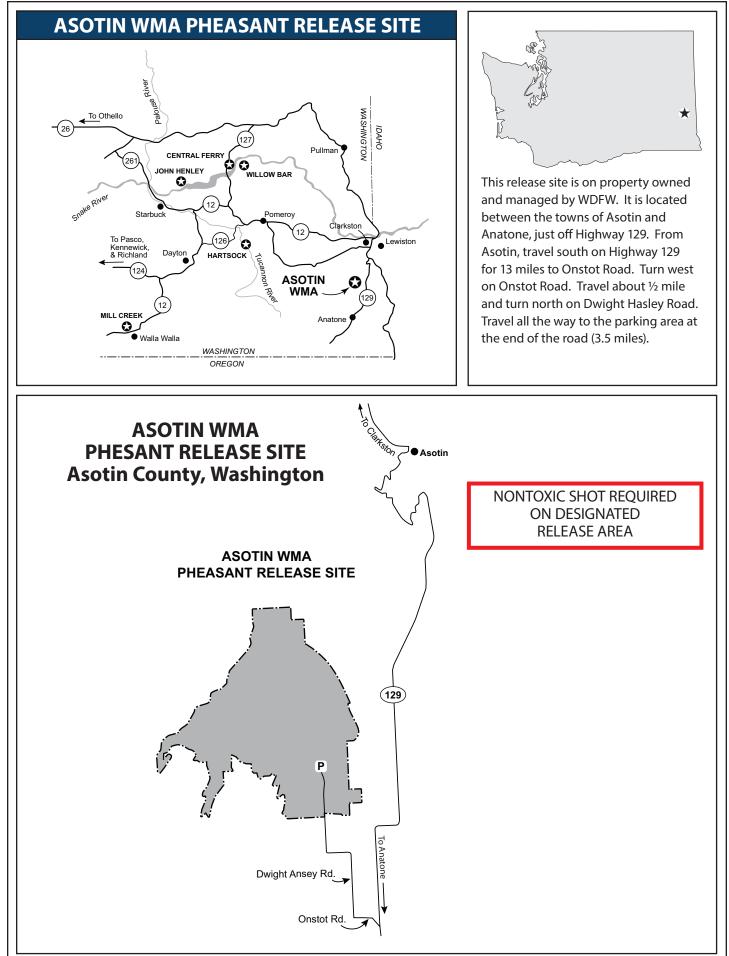


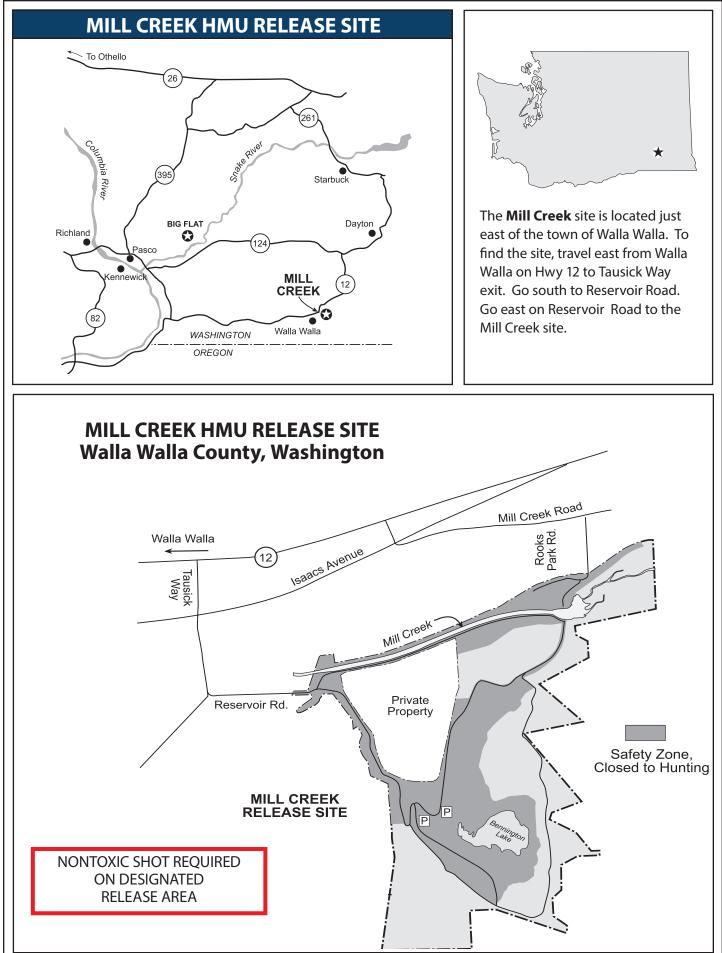


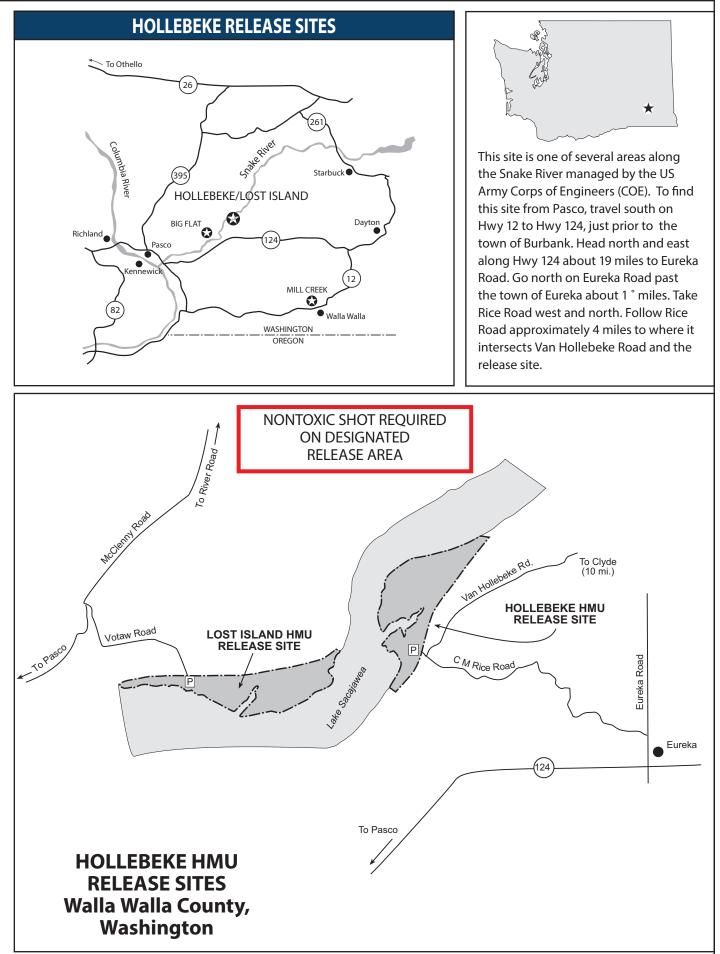




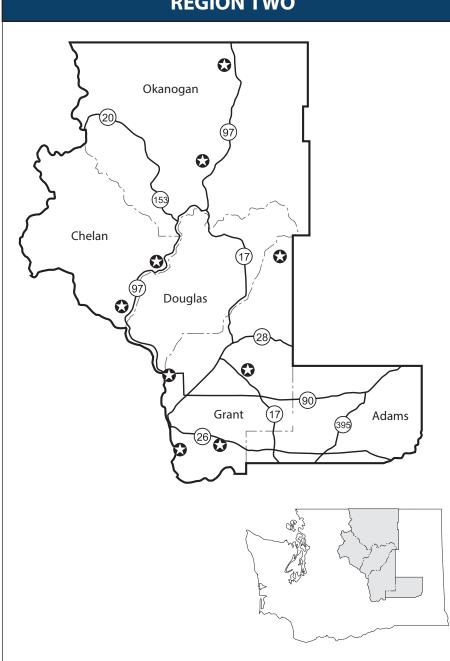








## **REGION TWO PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION**



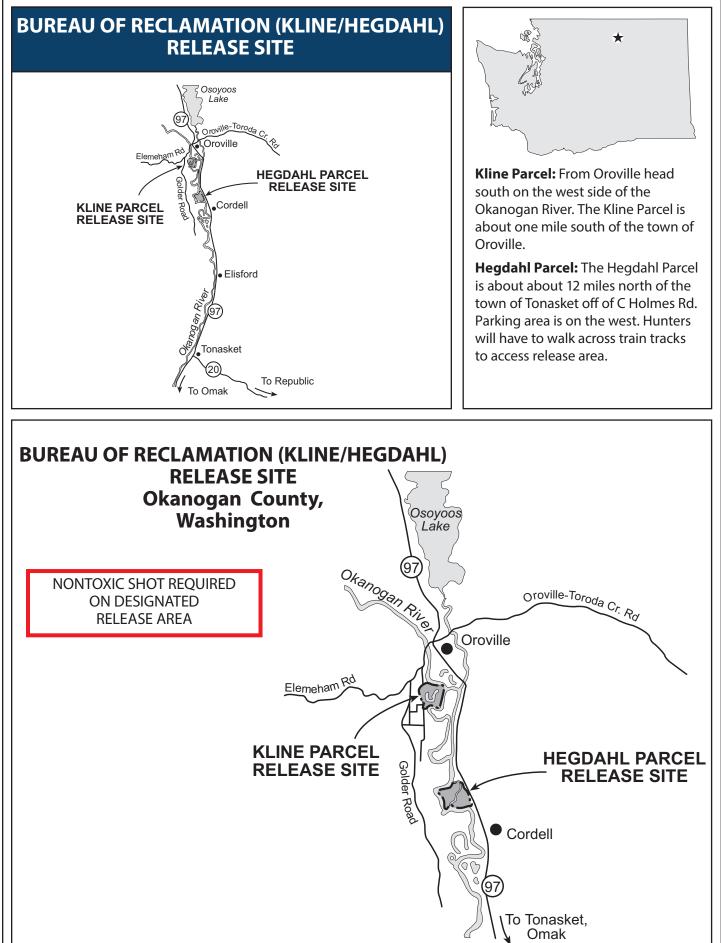
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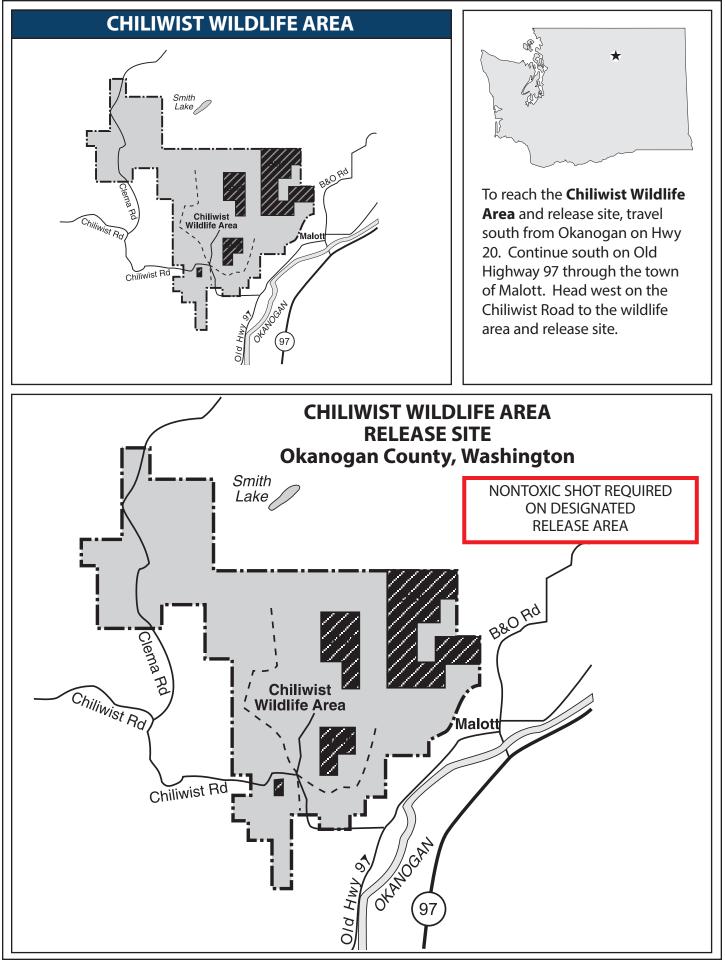
The best pheasant hunting in Region Two is on wetland and native habitats adjacent to farm ground within the **Columbia Basin Irrigation** project near Moses Lake and **Othello. WDFW manages** 192,000 acres in the Columbia Basin most of which is open for hunting. In addition to public lands, WDFW's Private 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.

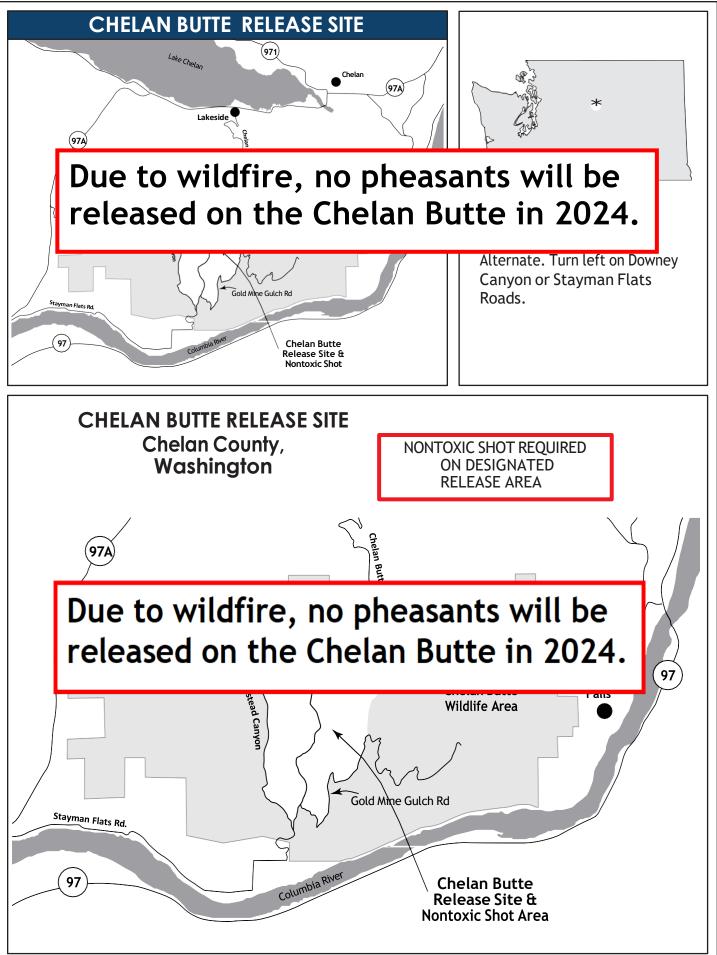
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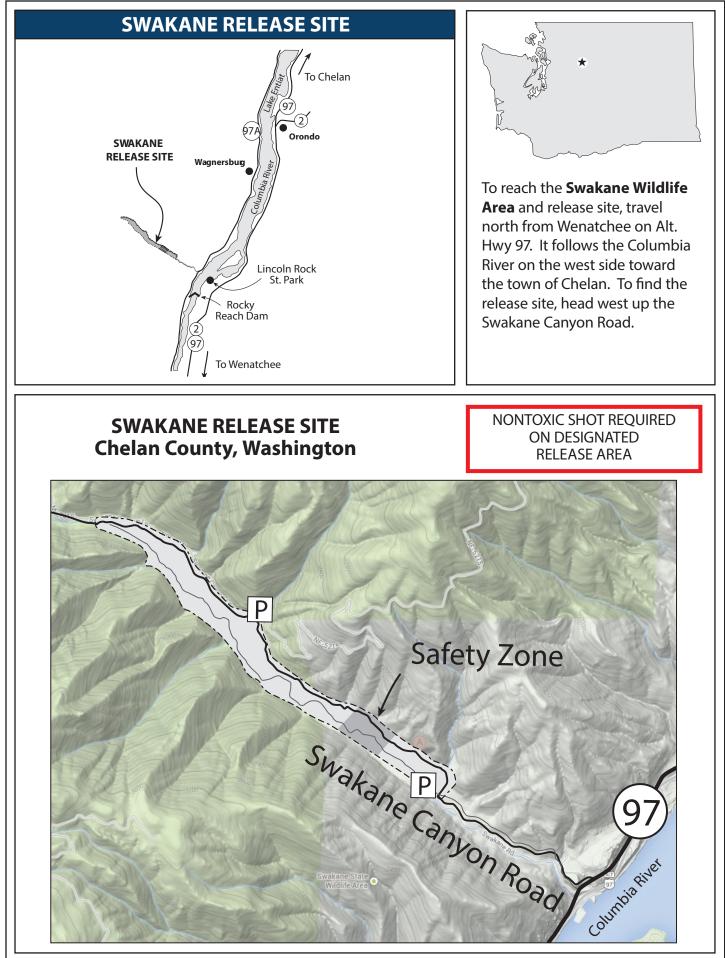


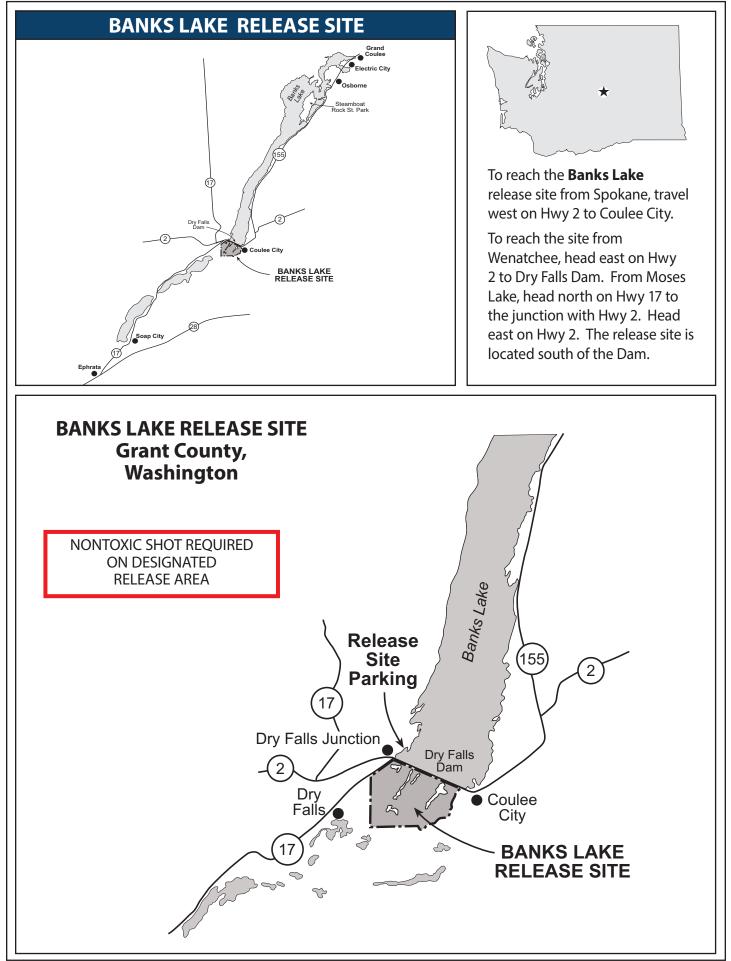
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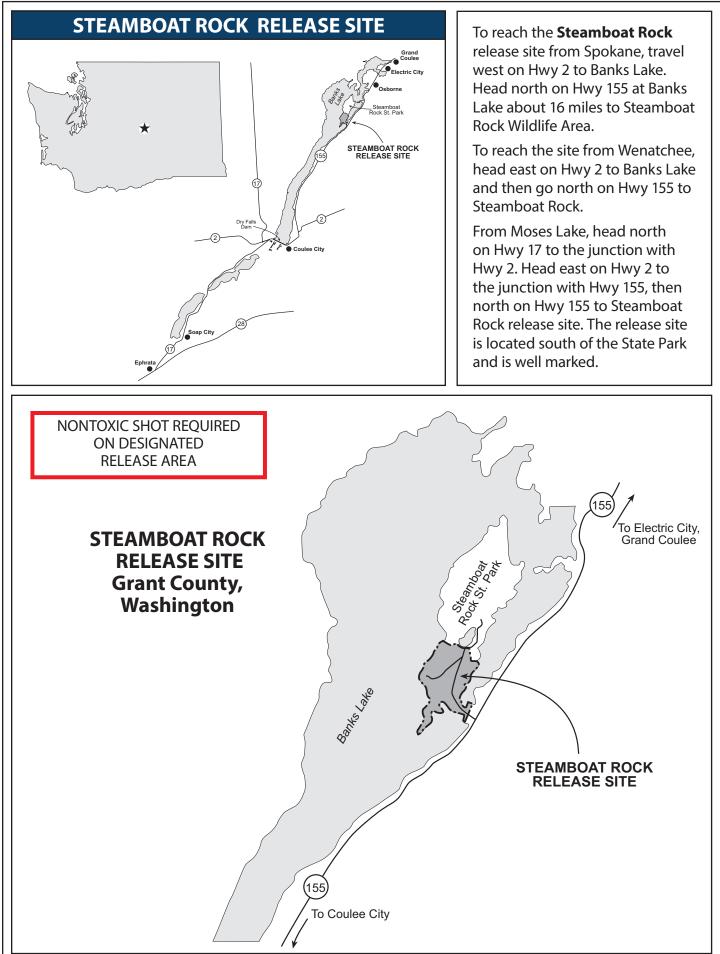


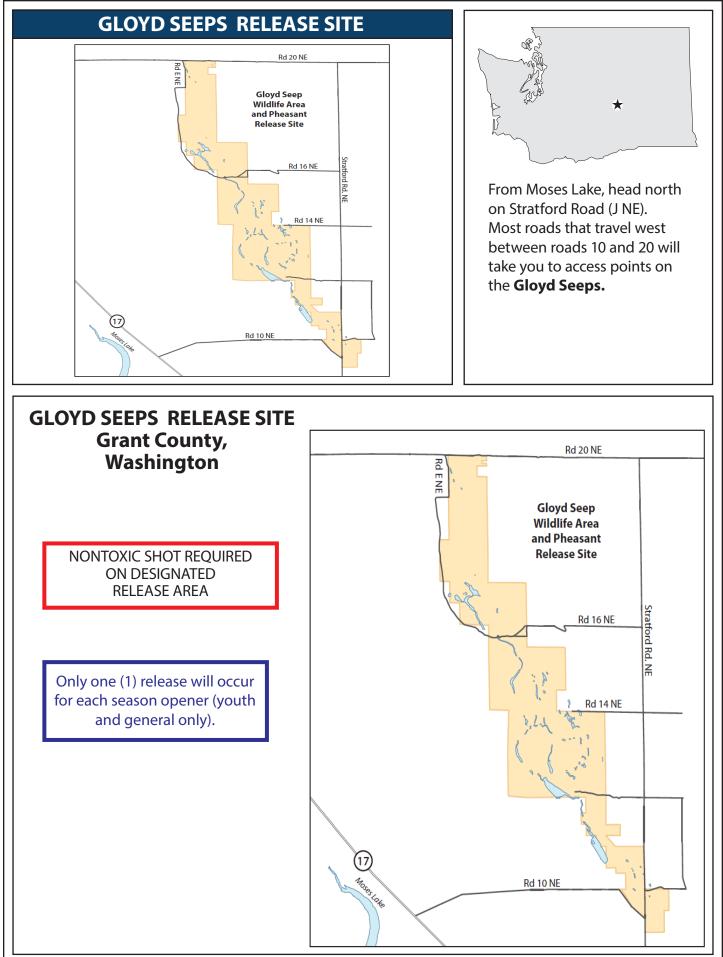


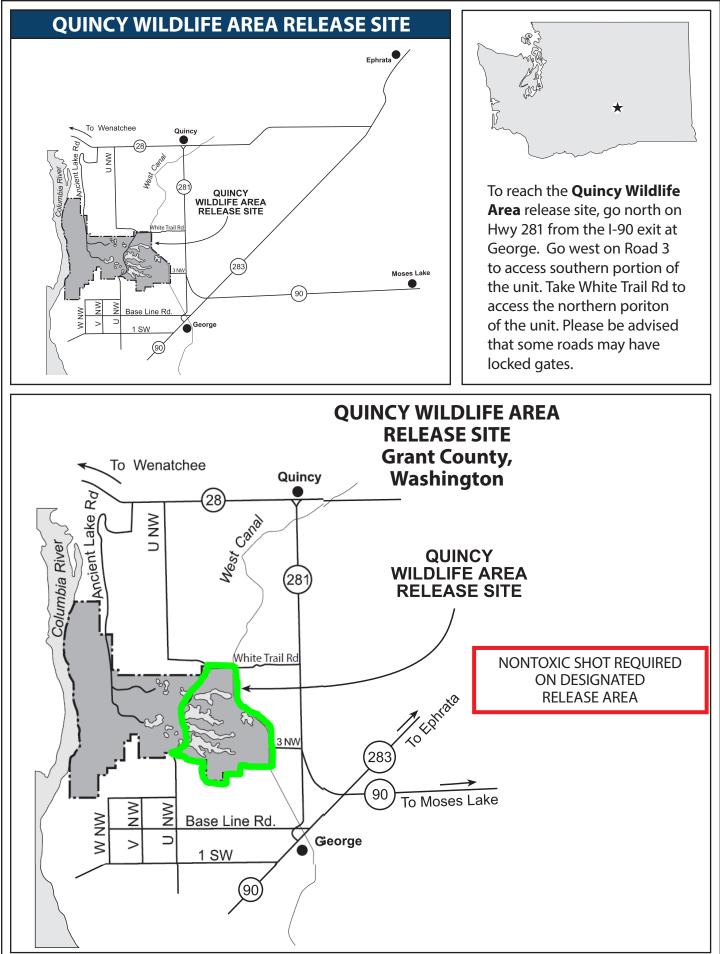


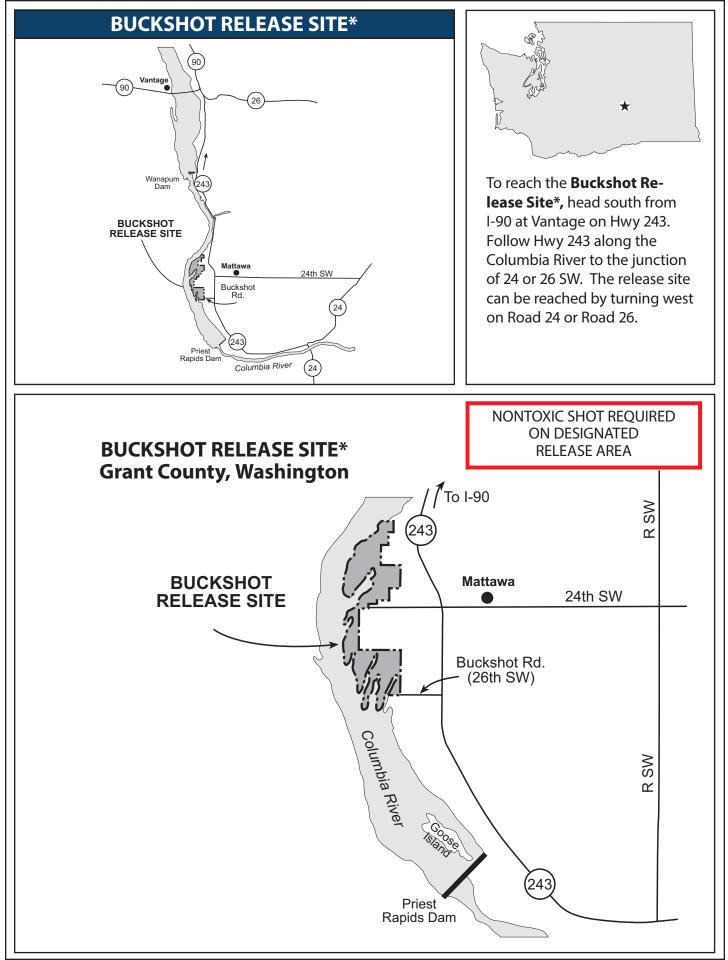


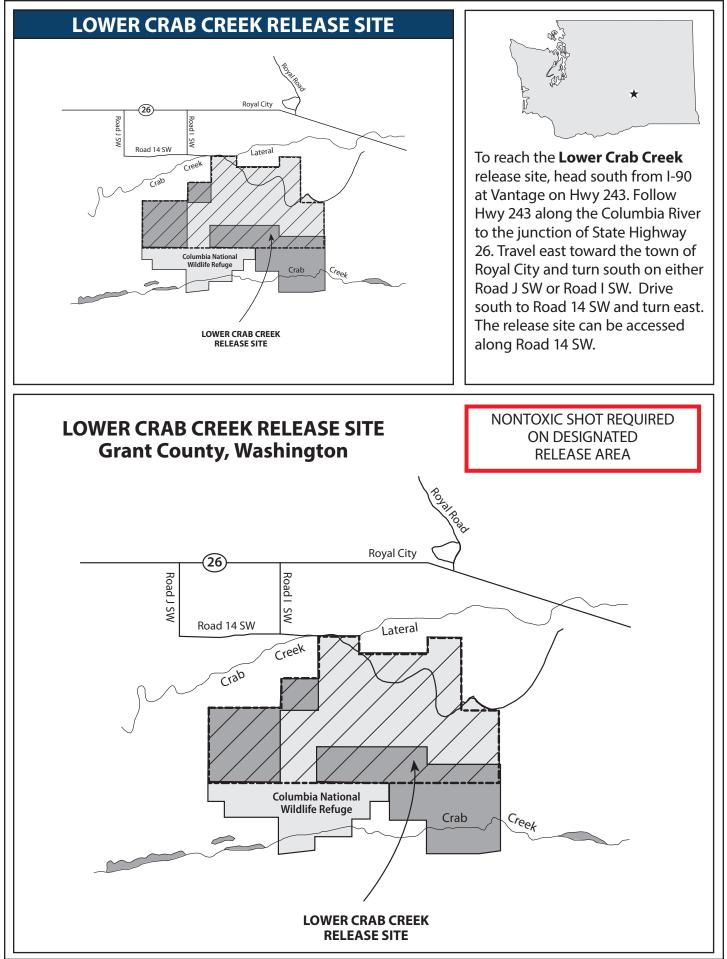






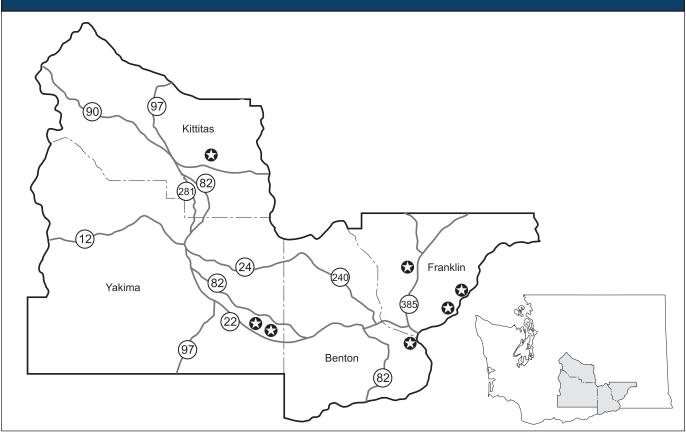






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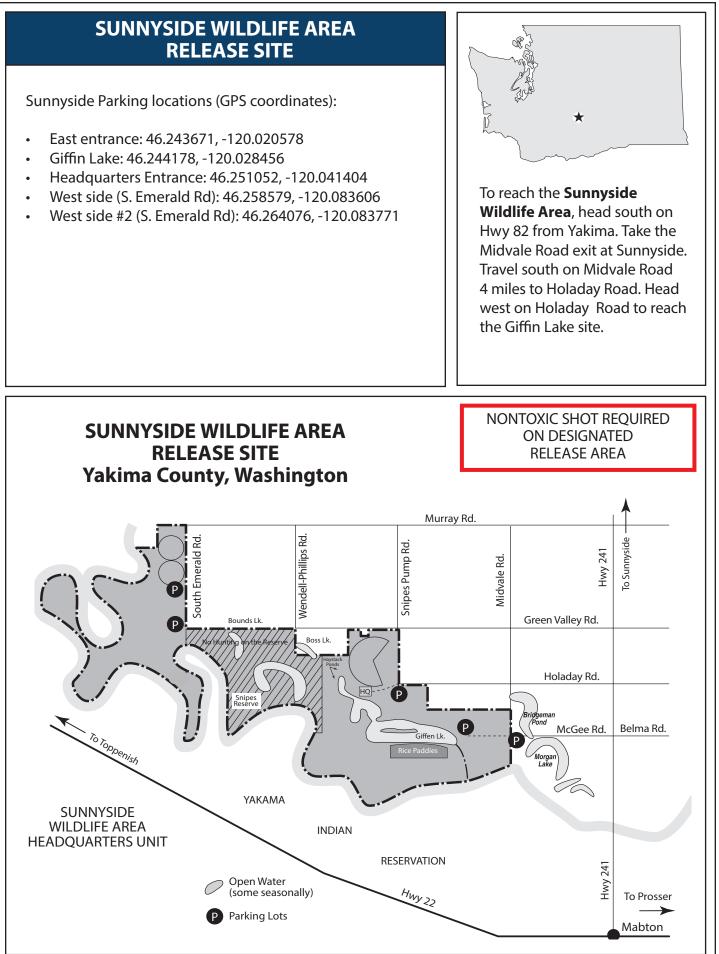
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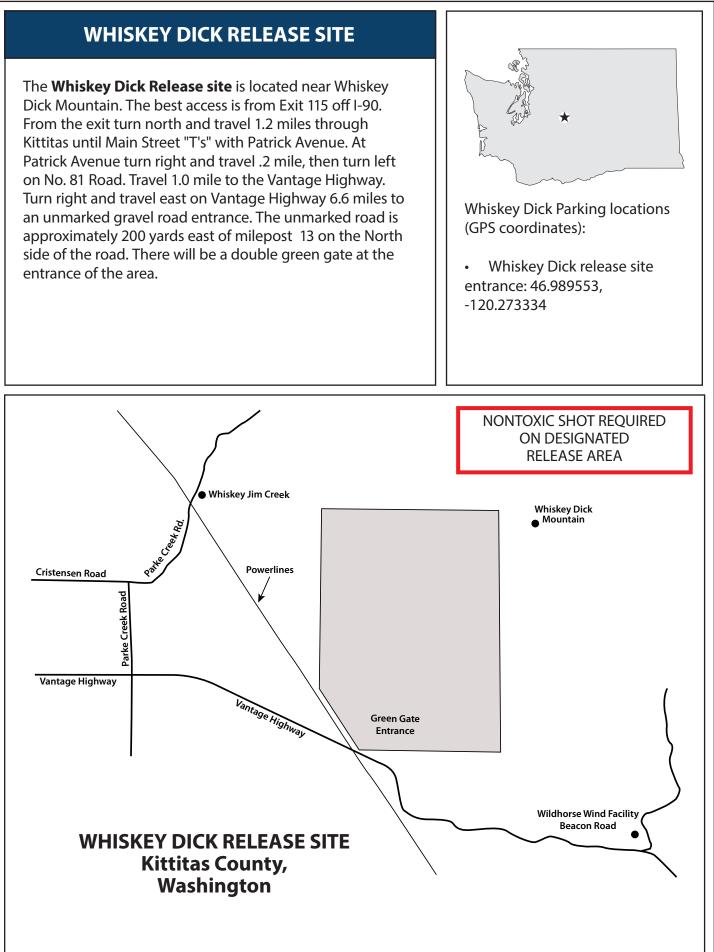


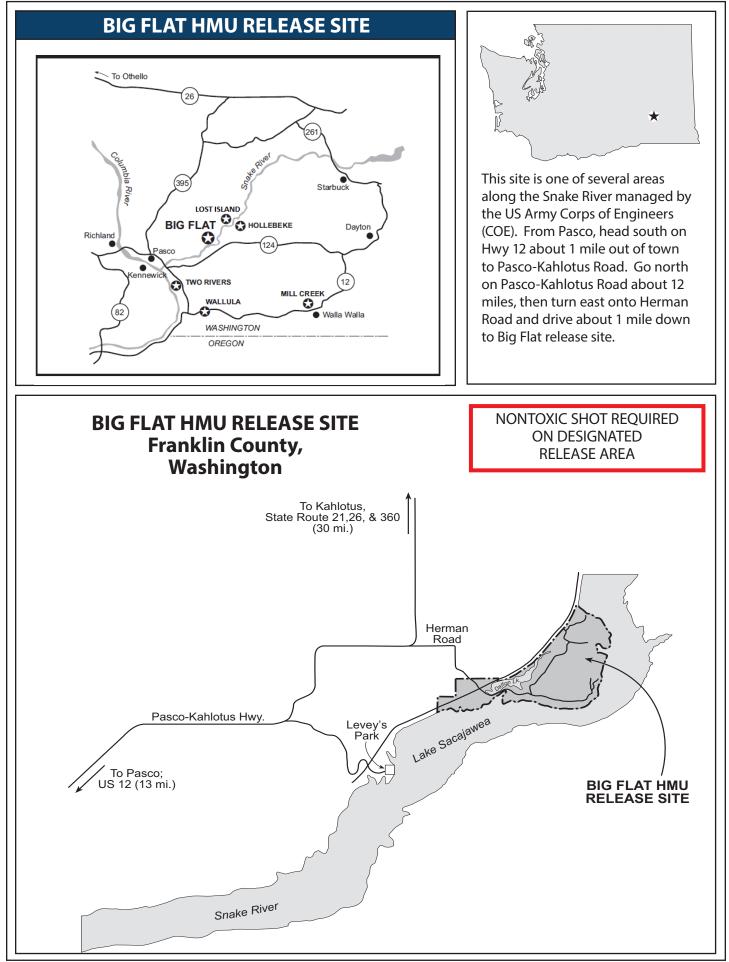
The best pheasant hunting in Region three is around the irrigated farmland in Benton, Yakima, and Franklin counties and along the Yakima River. A large part of the irrigated farmland in Yakima county is located on the Yakama **Indian Reservation. Hunters** interested in hunting on tribal lands should 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.

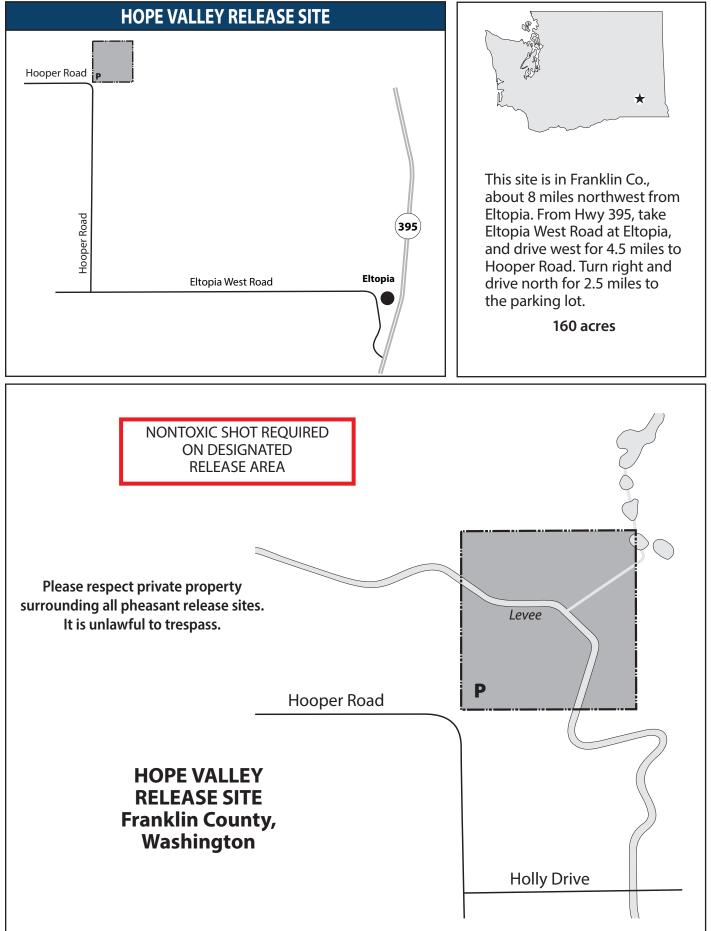
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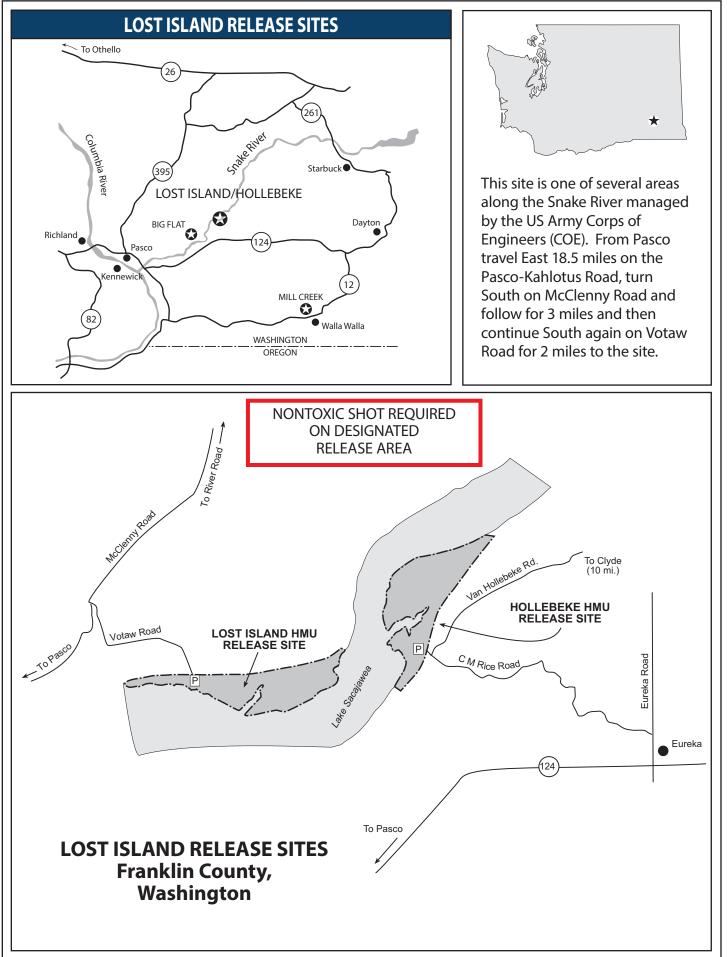












## **TOOTHAKER RELEASE SITE**

**<u>FIRE NOTICE</u>**: Pheasant releases in 2022 and onward will be on hold until habitat recovers post fire.





One of several sites managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. 300 acres. Day-use only. From the Cable Bridge river crossing on State Route 397, travel south through Finley 10 miles, crossing the overpass, then turning left on South Piert Road for 1 mile, veering onto Meals Road. Parking lot is on your left, a second lot is 1.2 miles further down Meals Rd.

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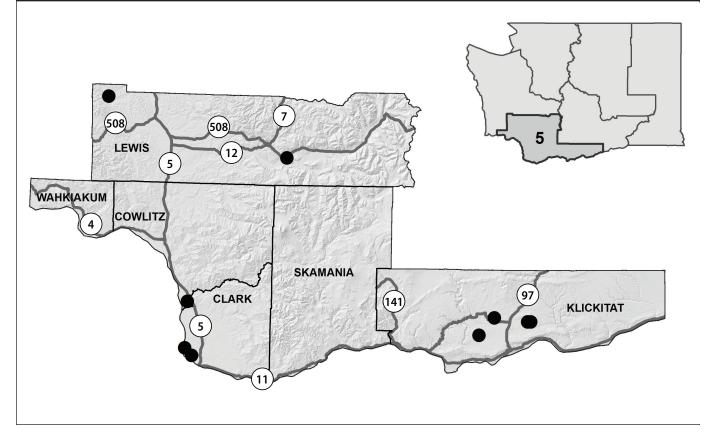
NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON DESIGNATED RELEASE AREA

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### TOOTHAKER RELEASE SITE Benton County, Washington

## **REGION FIVE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION**

## **REGION FIVE - Klickitat County**

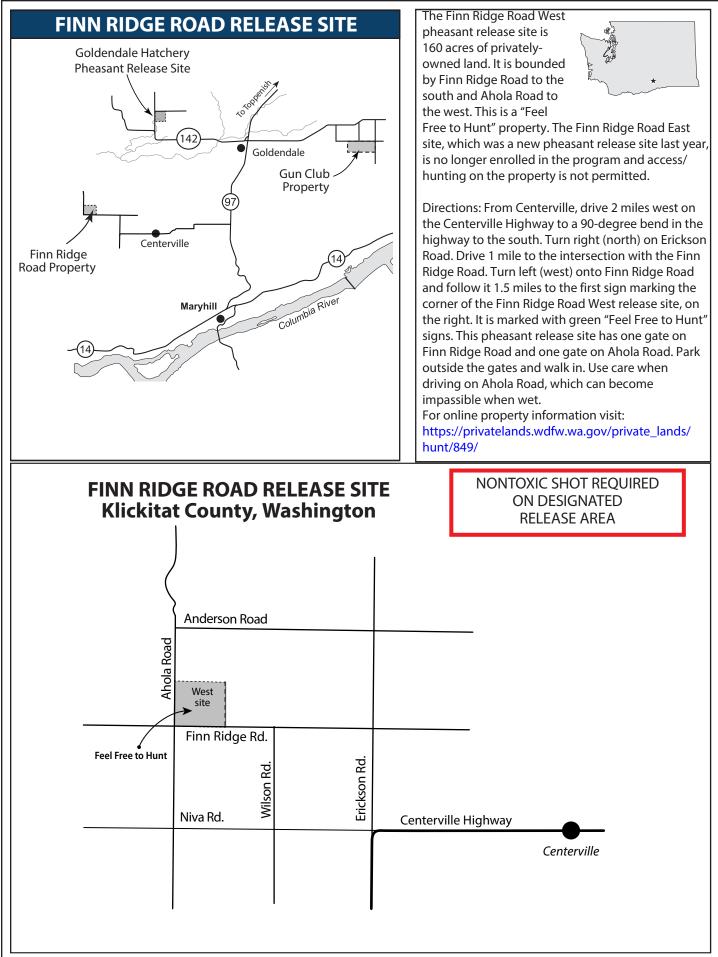


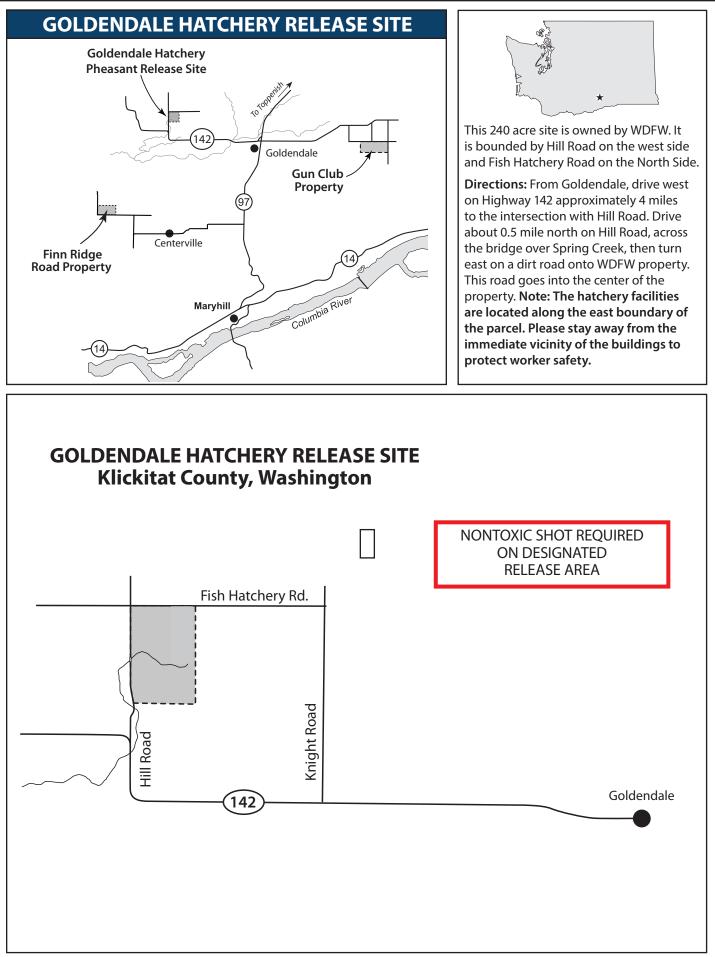
There are three pheasant release sites served by WDFW in Klickitat County. One is located on departmentowned land, and the other two are on private land enrolled in the Private Lands Access Program. Please treat the properties respectfully, so that future visitors may enjoy these sites as well. All sites are for day-use only; no overnight camping is allowed. These sites are relatively undeveloped, with primitive road access. Roads may be slippery when wet, and soil will become extremely soft with fall rains and snow. Be cautious in selecting parking

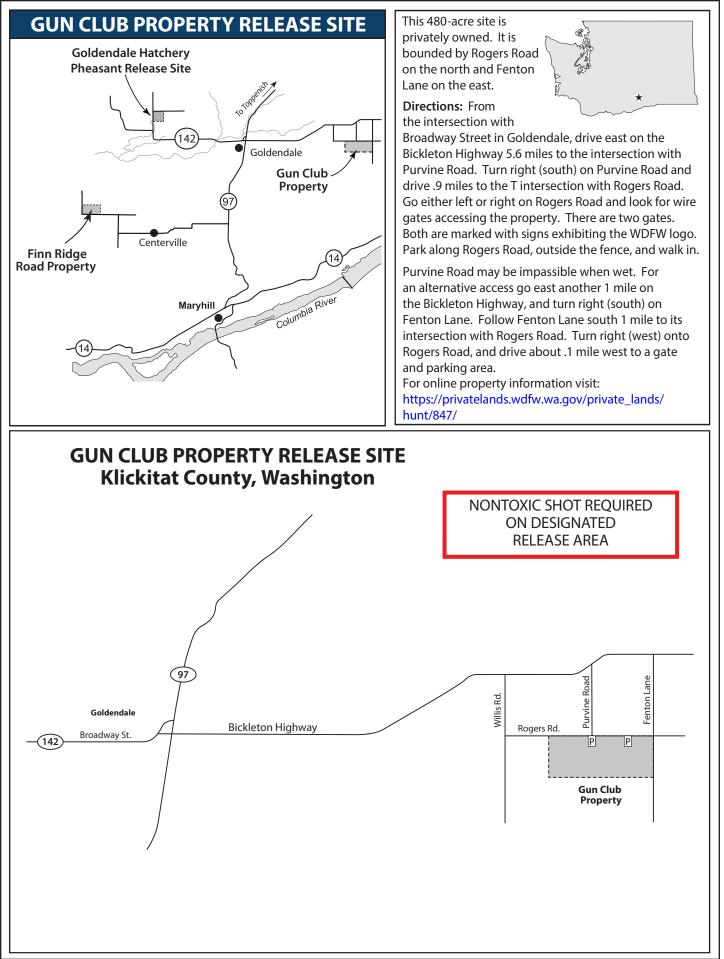
places next to roads in order to avoid becoming stuck. Driving off-road is prohibited.

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. REGION 5 (360) 696-6211 5525 S 11th Street Ridgefield, WA 98642









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