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Dear Interested Parties:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has published a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) titled, 2009-2015 Game Management Plan. This Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is presented to the public and other agencies.

Major Changes Proposed in this Supplemental EIS

Changes to the 2003-09 Game Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are proposed to update the plan for 2009-15. Strategies that have been accomplished or are no longer a priority have been deleted. New issues, objectives, and strategies are proposed based on public and staff comments gathered over the past several months.

Significant new issues include: hunting near urbanizing areas; improved communications and outreach by the department; re-introduction of antelope; and wolf re-colonization. These new issues with corresponding objectives and strategies have been added to the original 2003-09 issues. Many of the original issues have been updated or modified based on new information and research, changing priorities, or emphasis.

WDFW believes this Final SEIS will assist decision makers to identify the key environmental issues, and options associated with this action. Comments received from agencies and interested parties during public review of this draft document, have been considered, and incorporated into the Final SEIS. WDFW thanks every citizen and agency for his or her thoughtful comments and input into this process.

Sincerely,

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