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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING 11-15-16, 7:00PM, 180 ROCK ISLAND RD., EAST WENATCHEE

GAME FEED 2017: The efforts to put together the best Game Feed ever are in full swing. The Game Feed Committee will meet around the first part of December. There will not be any Game Feed Committee meetings before the General meeting at 6:00 PM. **ATTENTION:** Anyone wanting to reserve a room at the Red Lion Inn the night of the Game Feed, can call 1-509-663-0711. Red Lion Inn has given WSA a special rate for our event of \$119.00/ night. If you would like to stay longer, you may enquire with the Red Lion Inn when making your reservations. All reservations must be made by January 28th, 2017. We are looking forward to a wonderful night for the Game Feed and the accommodations being provided by The Red Lion Inn. Please remember to get you tickets early, as there will be a limited number of tickets sold to accommodate the venue. Tickets will be sold at Sportsman's Warehouse, Hooked on Toys, and online at www.wsassoc.org, by November 15th. We are still in need of volunteers to help assist in the different parts of the Game Feed. Contact Gene Robards (509-662-6277) or Matt Gutzwiler (509-663-1526) to volunteer or for donations.

WDFW: Wildlife Managers are asking anyone spending time in the Cascade Mountains this fall to report any elk they see with a limp. The hoof disease Treponeme is infectious in elk and can be spread through bacteria in the soil; especially wet, muddy conditions. To report any sightings contact Brook George (360-907-6763) or go to any US Forest Service Office or visitor center to get maps and reporting forms or go online at http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/hoof_disease/. The fall/winter Steelhead run is only 33 percent of the 10 year average of counts at Priest Rapids Dam. All fish are being allowed to return to their spawning grounds with hopes of having enough for escapement goals. There is still time to give your comments on the Washington's Wild Future on the WDFW website at wdfw.wa.gov/wildfuture/. Hunters are encouraged to report on their harvest for big game. Your harvest report should be turned in as soon as possible or before January 31, 2017. Reports made before January 10th, 2017 will be put into a drawing for a special incentive permit.

97-A FENCE: Last year there were major changes to the section of fence that was continually being torn down by rock slides. The newly developed section allows rocks to pass under the fence but stays up for animal containment off of Highway 97-A. This has reduced the mortality of animals and drivers alike by over 80%, and saved on motor vehicle repairs and highway expenses. The WSA has made a commitment to financially help each year for repairs to the fence. There are already several areas that need repair. If you, or anyone you know, can donate funds to help with repairs, please contact Don Millar at (509-885-7969).

WORK PARTIES: There will be one main work party this fall on November 15th. We will be filling feeders and need trucks that can handle rough terrain and a heavy payload. We will be using some side-by-side UTV's for the most difficult areas. Anyone interested in participating can contact Bill Stegeman at (509-663-7529). This will be an all-day event due to the amount of grain to be hauled and road conditions.

WEBSITE: The website continues to be updated and changed to meet the needs of our Association. If you see any areas of the website that need to be updated, please send an e-mail to Dan Dickerson at mt.mandan959@gmail.com.

FACEBOOK: Our monthly photo contest seems to be a big hit and is getting some great photos for all to see. If you have a photo to submit and need some help, contact Adam Neff at (509-699-8427). For those versed in the use of Facebook, let's see those photos.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY: The WSA participated in the first National Hunting and Fishing Day to be held in Eastern Washington. There was a fair turn-out for this event with adults and youth gaining significant knowledge about hunting and fishing. There was casting training, archery training, shotgun training, and rifle training, animal identification and animal sign training. All the youth that participated were gifted with nice items and got encouragement and training from many different organizations. The WSA would like to thank NCW Gun Club for the use of their facility and land for this event. The WSA is hoping to make this an annual event for the Wenatchee area. We would like to hear from you if you would like to participate in this event. Contact any of the Officers or Board of Directors.

USFS: The Forest Service would like to remind visitors to be prepared for sudden changes in the winter weather. Always let someone know your plans for excursions with specific details about where and when you will be going and coming back. Several roads have been closed due to the extreme wet conditions. There is an interactive map at usfs.maps.arcgis.com to review closure areas. You can also visit any Forest Service Office ask about conditions.

DRY LAKE: The WSA has been approached by the WDFW for our help in funding access to Dry Lake in the Manson area. We are hoping to schedule a work party to clear and clean a parking area and a trail to the lake. This will make it possible for others to utilize another one of the great public resources available to us. A kiosk will be placed at the trail head with the names of the different organizations that helped.

COMMITTEE HEADS: We will be going back to having Committee Heads for the various functions of the WSA. This will mean a greater opportunity for our members to be involved in helping improve wildlife, habitat and preservation of the lands for all to enjoy. Join us at the next general meeting to offer your capabilities and be someone who can make a difference in our area.

PROGRAM: We are hoping to have a visit from WDFW Wildlife Biologist Dave Volson on the condition of the elk and deer populations of North Central Washington.

WSA TRAILER: A proposal to review the concept of a vendor-type trailer which would be equipped with the resources needed to pull it to a function, open it up and serve the purposes of that particular event. This is in the planning phase and could save a great deal of volunteer time and effort. Help us put together our perfect concept trailer at the next meeting.

PESHASTIN MILL WATERFRONT: In case you have not heard, there is a .83 mile stretch of the Wenatchee River that is now open to the public. This section of the river has been bought and title deeded over to the WDFW for the people to enjoy well into the future. I would encourage you do go and visit this beautiful 14 acre parcel of land. Take a picnic or enjoy winter activities like snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Then in the spring, go enjoy the return of the Chinook Salmon. In the summer, you could take a leisurely float down stream. It belongs to us all, enjoy!

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Dickerson