



**DATE: October 2, 2023**

**TO: USFS Snoqualmie Ranger District**

**FROM: White River FPA**

**SUBJECT: July through September 2023 Report & Hours**

**Organizational Issues**

Note that these reports will now be quarterly as opposed to each month.

**Marshall Rose Passing**

Our group is sad to report the passing of one of our most active and valuable members, Marshall Rose, from Greenwater. Marshall had been involved with our group for many years and was instrumental in helping with our mission. He died after a battle with cancer, and he will be missed.

**Forest Report**



Above is a typical picture of an area where target shooters are ruining the National Forests. It is filled with trash and hundreds of trees are now shot down or filled with bullets and will not be harvestable in future years. On top of that, the area is contaminated with highly toxic chemicals that will threaten people, wildlife, and fish.

These types of areas are everywhere, and shooters virtually never clean them up. We have seen less than 1% of target shooters clean up after shooting in National Forests, and this is after many years of observing them.

We continue to suggest that the forests be closed to recreational target shooting until they can be decontaminated and then opened back up with safe and legal shooting and be properly monitored.

The signs we maintain for the USFS are all up and functioning at this time.

### **7013 Area**

No shooting and no additional damage. Closures work!

### **Cedar Springs Site Concept**

Pending. Conservation NW has a plan we endorsed and sent a letter of support. We hope they will gain funding and be able to move forward on this significant project in the coming years!

### **Volunteer Hours**

Current Quarter volunteer hours for the WRFPA are: 255

Total Hours for WRFPA since November 2018: 6,392

### **Sign Inventory**

We are stocked up for a while.

### **Issues Moving Forward**

- Discussion on the closure and decontamination of the 70-pit.
- Permanent closure of the 7013 and access road remediation – move the gate out to the very edge of the 70 road.