



DATE: April 9, 2024

TO: USFS Snoqualmie Ranger District

FROM: White River FPA

SUBJECT: January through March 2024 Report & Hours

Organizational Issues

Nothing new.

Forest Report

Regular wintertime activity in the forest. Sign loss is low due to snow and roads not being open. We only replaced 14 signs in the last three months but have not seen a number of them up higher since last fall.

Things will pick up as the weather improves, and limited snowfall in the last few months will open many roads sooner this year.

CNW Supplies

Conversation NW has delivered an order of supplies for forest rehab. These included trash pickers (really nice ones), paint for rocks and walls, painting supplies, and heavy-duty trash bags. We will put all of these to good use as soon as the weather improves and gets warmer! Thanks to CNW for being a great partner in protecting the forests! Here is some of the damage we plan to repair this spring:



Arson Report

Ever since the FBI and USFS LE personnel talked to David "Keith from Carbonado" Moore and warned him about doing any more arsons, there have been NONE! He still is around, and we see him frequently in shooting areas picking brass, but this convicted criminal is no longer setting USFS signs and property on fire. We appreciate the help of the USFS LE guys and the FBI for their help on this problem.

FS RD 72 Remediation Area

This is the bend on the 72 just above the 70 where people have set up a shooting site, causing significant damage and posing a huge forest fire risk. We hope to work with CNW this spring on fixing this area and forest restoration work. Hopefully, it will be a high priority. We are ready to help with volunteer hours and ideas.

7013 Area

There was no shooting and no additional damage. Closures work!

Cedar Springs & Old US Army Camp Site Concepts

Pending. Conservation NW has a plan for Cedar Spring 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! The plan by our volunteer, Marshall Rose, is excellent and we hope it can move forward on the Old Army Camp area on Huckleberry Creek.

Volunteer Hours

Current Quarter volunteer hours for the WRFPA are: **196**

Total Hours for WRFPA since November 2018: **6,824**

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.