



**DATE: July 27, 2024**

**TO: USFS Snoqualmie Ranger District**

**FROM: White River FPA**

**SUBJECT: April through June 2024 Report & Hours**

**Organizational Issues**

Nothing new.

**Forest Report**

Regular spring activity in the forest. Sign loss was high in the early spring, but as usual, it drops off as we get into summer. We only replaced 17 signs in the last three months. However, we ran out of the brown signs, and the 7013 closed black, red, and white ones, but the brown ones have now been delivered by the USFS.

**Chip Pit Test**







**We call the area above the Chip Pit. It is up on the 70 road as you travel above the main gate just past Pyramid Creek and the cutoff to the Greenwater Lakes. About two years ago, Todd called us and asked for the signage in the top photo. There are nine signs on three concreted posts. This is also where the old salvaged gate from the USFS was placed, but the inside connector is now damaged and down.**

**Before these signs, the area was trashed by shooters, and they were shooting at the far end, right down onto the trail to the Greenwater Lakes. There were truckloads of garbage everywhere, like in most places where people do recreational shooting in the forests. There had also been fires here.**

**We initially thought nine were quite a few, but we put them up. In the past, single signs were shot down within days. However, in this area, as in a few other spots where we put multiple signs, they stayed up, and the shooting stopped. The lower photo shows that the area covered with garbage is almost trash-free, and no new shooting has occurred.**

**We have realized that multiple signs in an area have a psychological impact that causes people not to want to violate the rules. This is true up on the 72 and Huckleberry Creek, and at other locations on the 70 and 7013 areas.**

This ended up being an interesting experiment in putting up multiple signs and the impacts on human behavior, at least as it relates to the mentality of target shooters on USFS lands.

### **FS RD 72 Remediation Area**

Still pending this summer - 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, and so do multiple signs. Our volunteers recently re-signed the area.

### **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, the late 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
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Total Hours for WRFPA since November 2018:	7,020
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### **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.