

OVCBCHW

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

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I attended the Eastern Washington Wildlife Area Advisory Committee (CAG) meeting on February 26th. We had a good group with most user groups represented. They combined the Sinlahekin and Scotch Creek meetings into one so Jim took the first half and Justin finished up. There was a very informative discussion of the Sharp-tailed Grouse project by Mike Schroeder. There was some discussion among the group about why the species has declined in the past 40 years and is only now showing signs of recovery. My vote is for habitat changes. If anyone is interested give me a call.

There was a very good presentation on controlled burns and how they differ from uncontrolled burns. The Sinlahekin did not get any burning done last fall due to many factors not the least of which was the weather.

We discussed future plans for both the Scotch Creek and Sinlahekin Wildlife areas.

On March 14th and 15th a group of us attended the BCHW Rendezvous in Ellensburg. With the exception of one gully washer which lasted less than an hour we had excellent weather. There were more vendors than usual this year and some of them even set up outside. As usual there were more classes and discussion groups than I was able to attend due to conflicting times. I did get to the treasurers class, grant seminar, some of the packing classes, gambling rules, and new Director training.

Don't forget that we have our first ride of the year on the 29th at Horse Spring Coulee. We are going to meet at the SE corner of the property and ride out from there. Bring your GPS and some sort of sack lunch.