

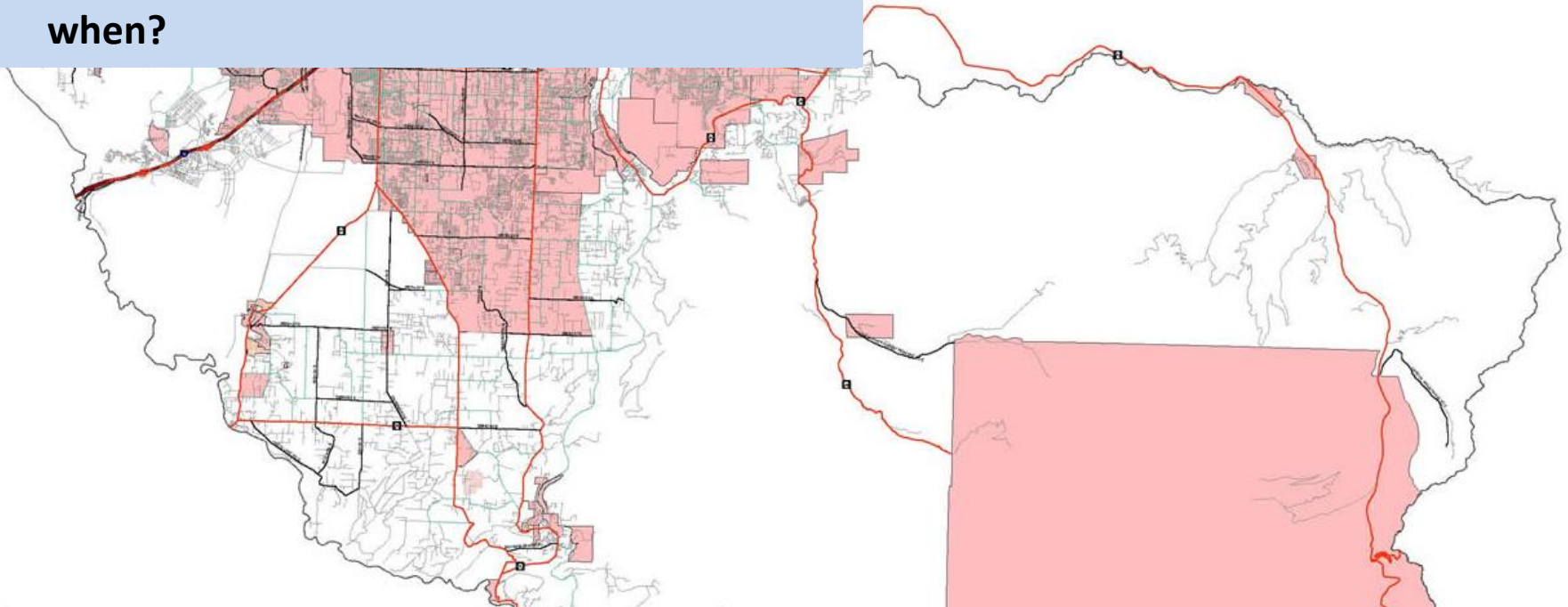
Target Shooting

Pierce County Sheriff Restriction Areas

(No Shoot Zones)

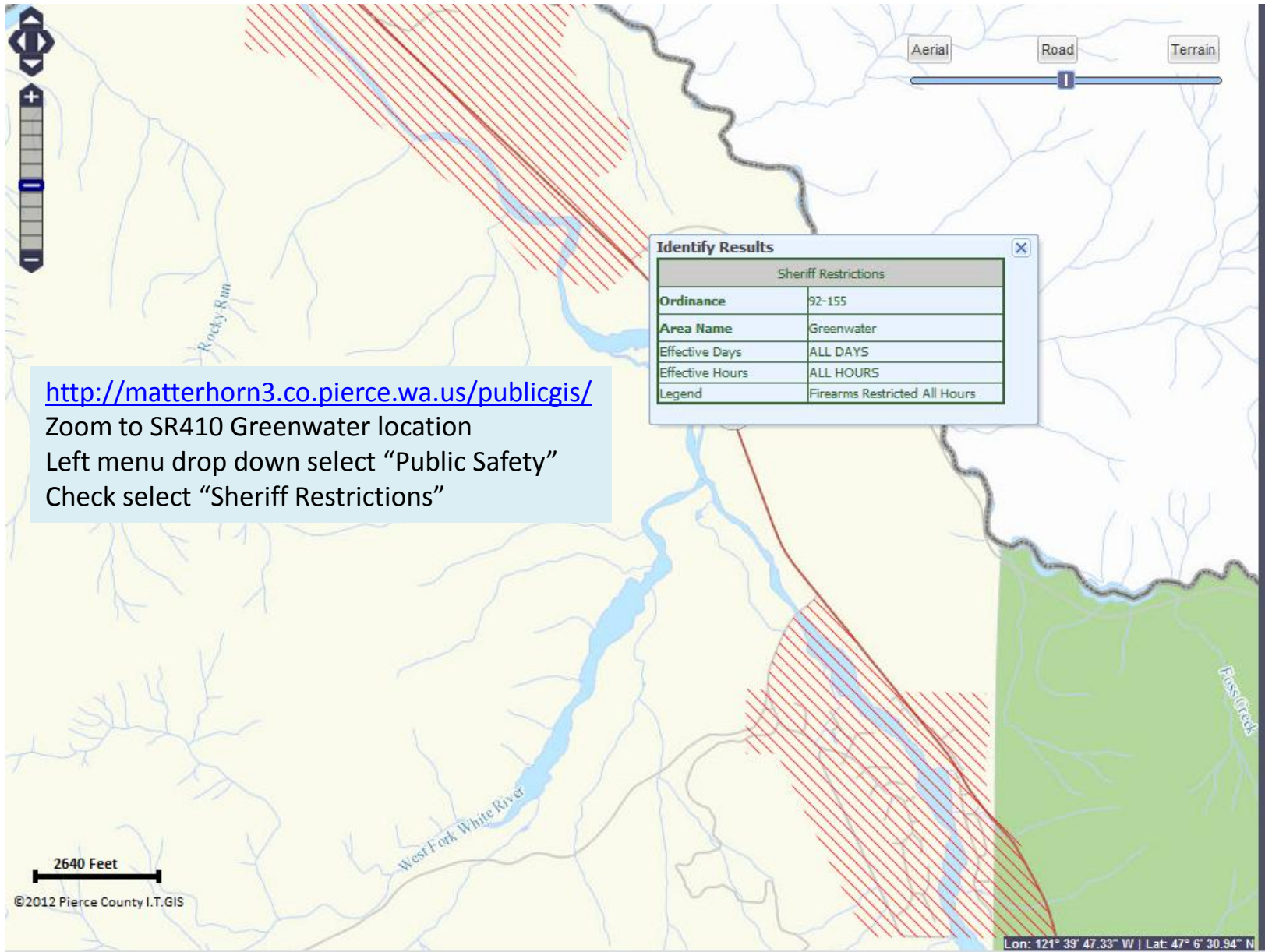
July 27, 2013 Meeting Agenda – Two Hours

1. No shoot zones, east ridge locations, local background, field work
2. Tasks in progress
3. Short term and long term strategies
4. Open discussion forum
5. Define tasks. Who will commit to do what by when?



<http://yakima.co.pierce.wa.us/MapGallery/index.cfm?event=displayMapInformation&id=449>

Two Local No Shoot Zones

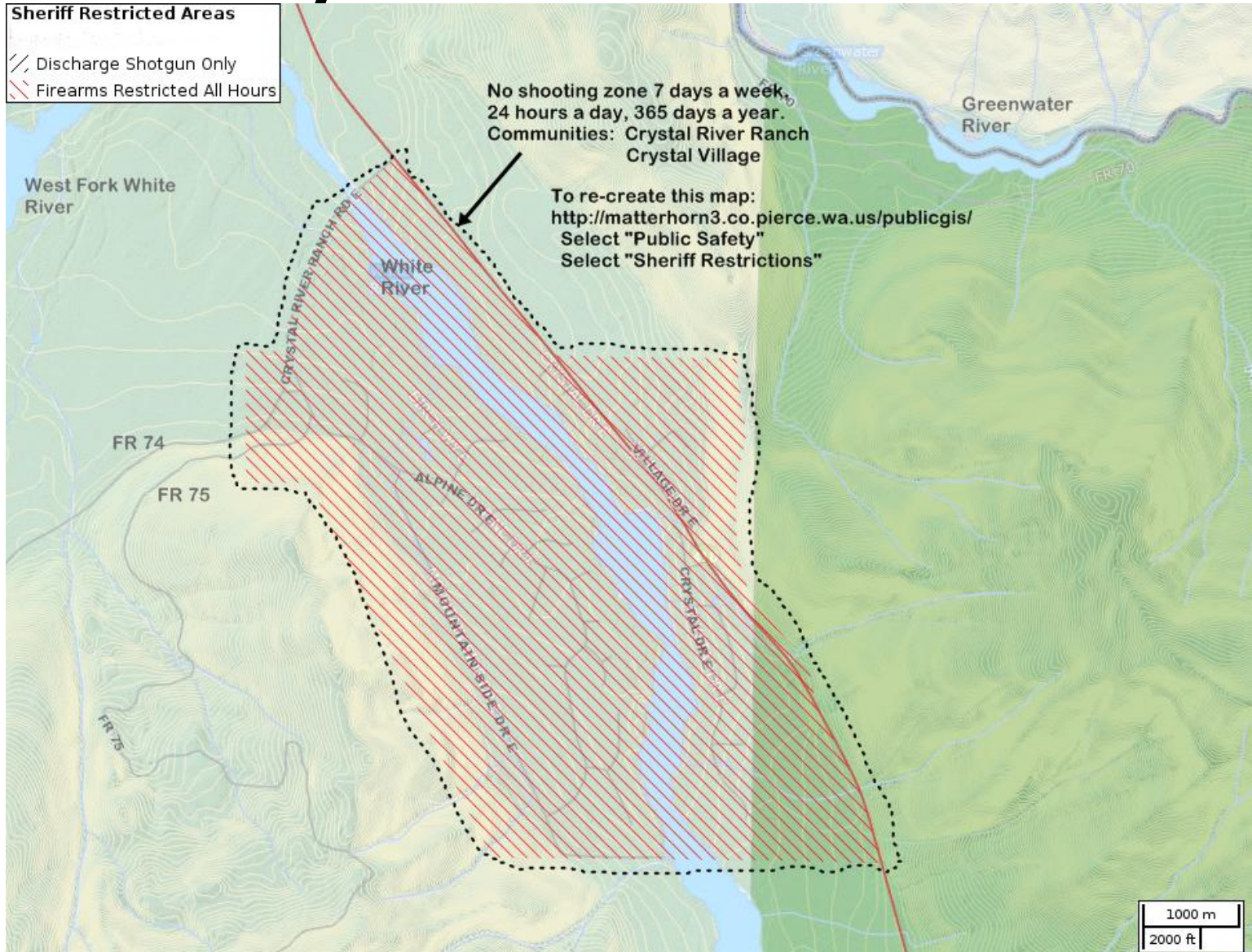


CV / CRR No Shoot Zone

Sheriff Restricted Areas

Diagonal lines (blue and red) Discharge Shotgun Only

Red diagonal lines Firearms Restricted All Hours

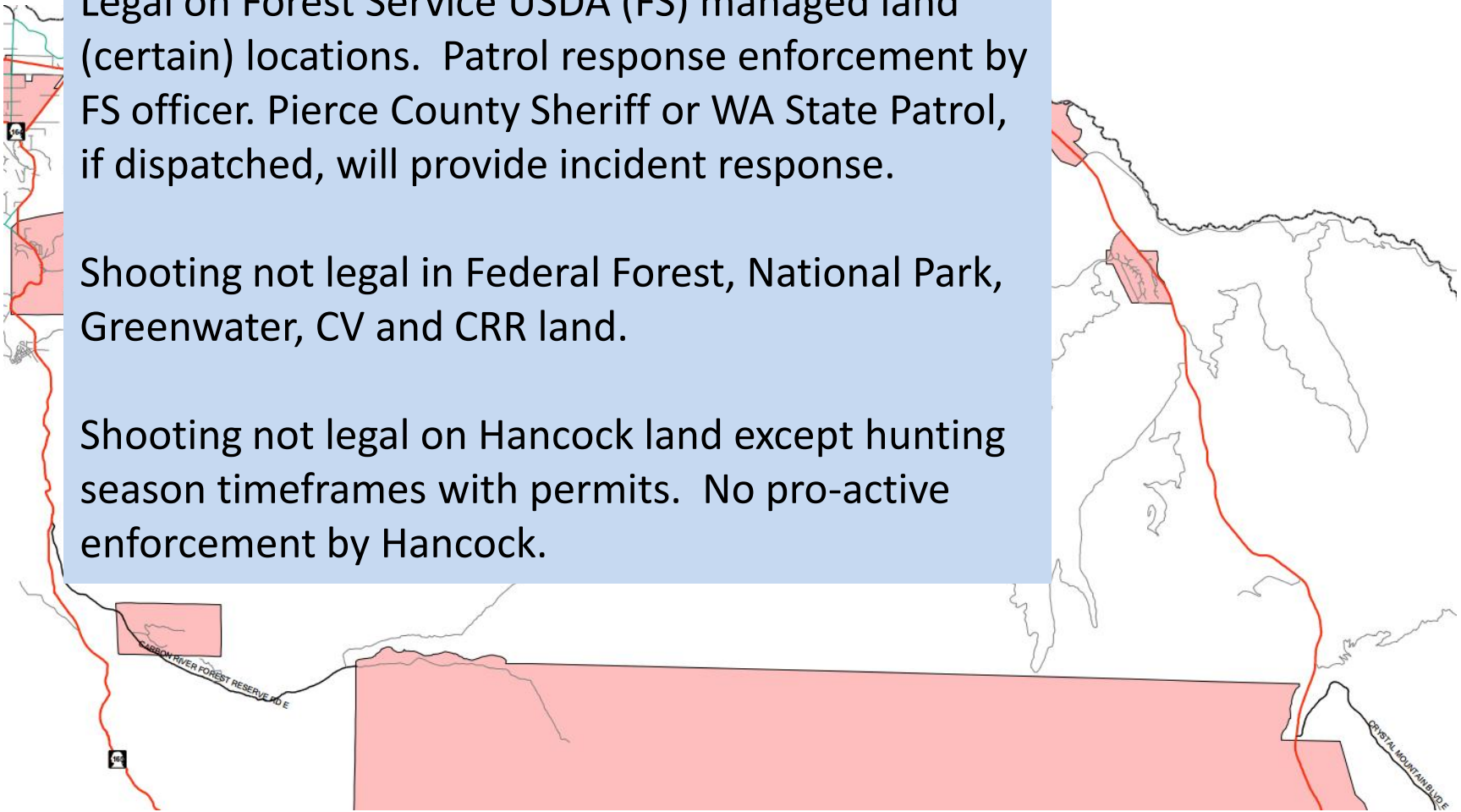


Local Shooting

Legal on Forest Service USDA (FS) managed land (certain) locations. Patrol response enforcement by FS officer. Pierce County Sheriff or WA State Patrol, if dispatched, will provide incident response.

Shooting not legal in Federal Forest, National Park, Greenwater, CV and CRR land.

Shooting not legal on Hancock land except hunting season timeframes with permits. No pro-active enforcement by Hancock.



Typical Illegal Shooting

1. Not discharging a firearm in an area “with unobstructed earthen backdrop capable of stopping all projectiles and debris..” ①
2. Discharging a firearm “...within, from, along, across or down roads or trails.” ①
3. “Areas designated or posted as no shooting.” ① Examples: Toward or within CRR/CV or Greenwater No Shoot Zones and on Hancock land without permits.
4. Discharging a firearm at unlawful targets, i.e. “trees, gates, signs, appliances, furniture, glass, wildlife, explosive and incendiary items, garbage of any kind” ... ①
5. Not packing out casings, target debris and litter. “Failure to remove any such debris is prohibited.” ①

① WA State Law WAC 332-52-145

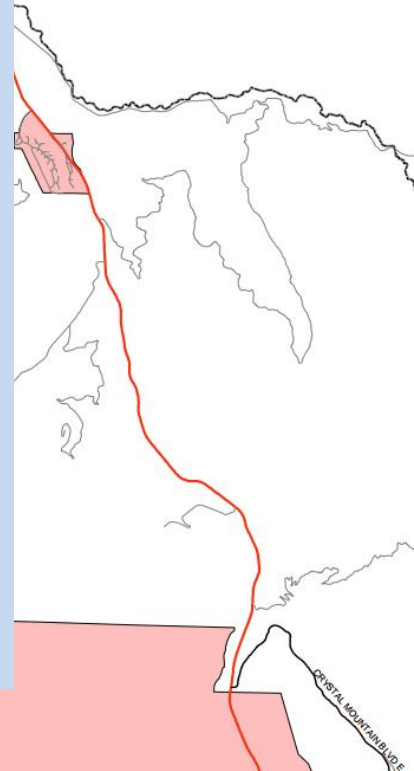


Target Shooting <https://fs.usda.gov>

You can target shoot on national forest lands unless a specific area has been closed to the activity because it jeopardizes public safety. When target shooting, Forest Service regulations prohibit discharging a firearm:

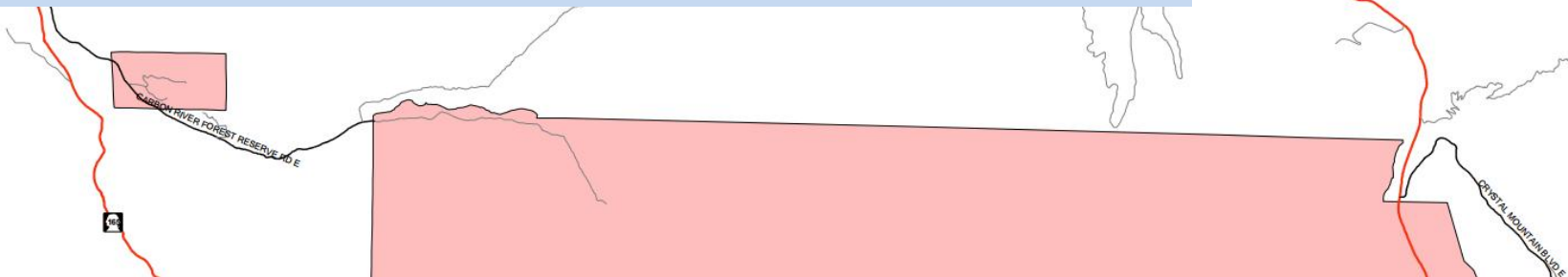
- In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area,
- Across or on roads or bodies of water, or where people or property are exposed to injury or damage,
- Into a cave,
- Causing resource damage; don't shoot trees, rocks, stumps, non-game animals.

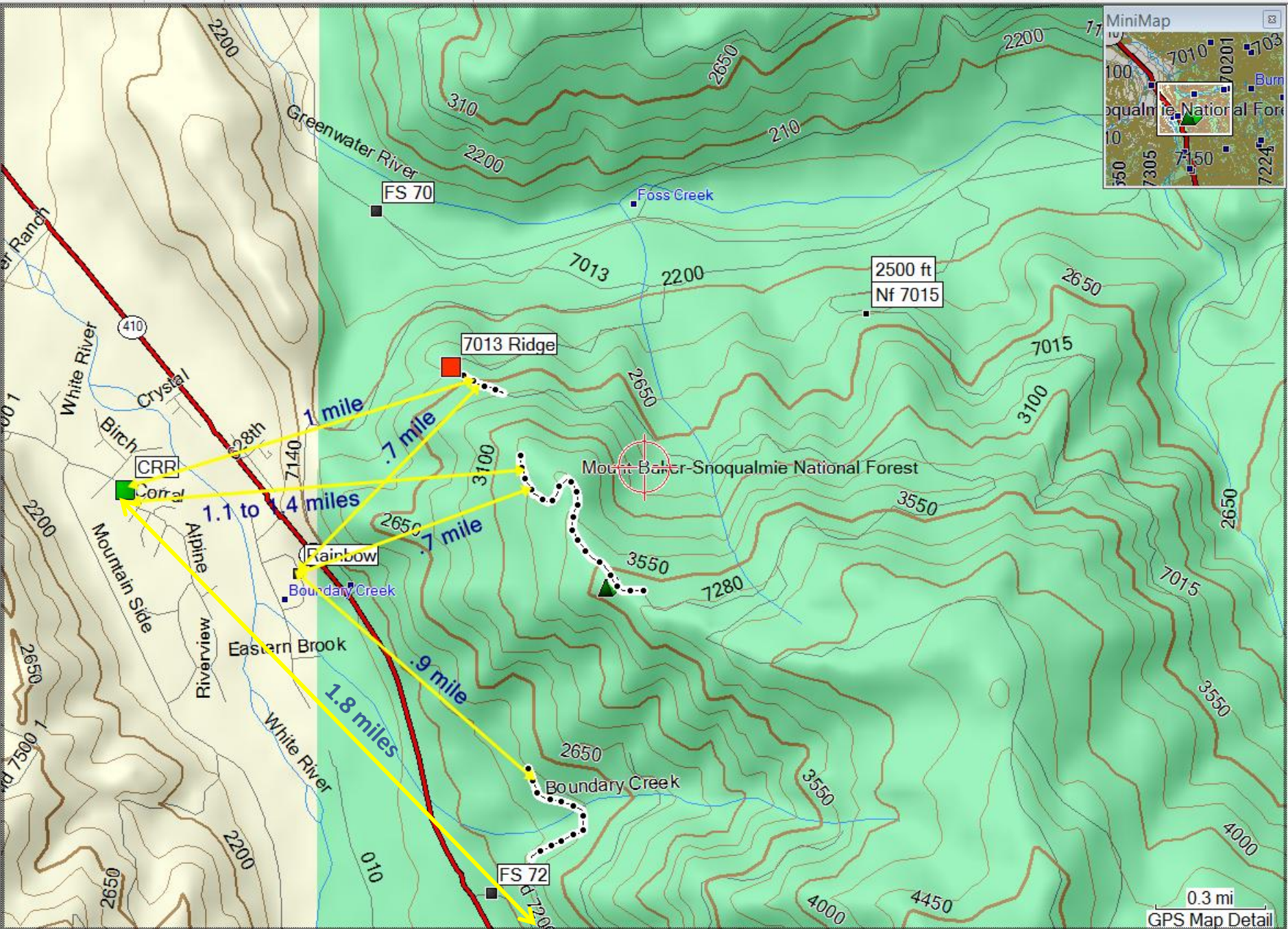
Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both (16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).



Crystal Village & Crystal River Ranch 2000 - 2013

- Increased number of target shooters
- Illegal shooters typically do not know:
 - ✓ RCW state and/or county target shooting laws
 - ✓ Firearm safety
 - ✓ Direction or location of our communities
 - ✓ Maximum distance of ammunition they are using
- Target shooters usually setup at easy drive to locations
- One to two hours is common shooting duration





0.3 mi
GPS Map Detail

Range of a Handgun Bullet

Sources: The Physics Factbook &
NRA Firearms Factbook June 2, 2002

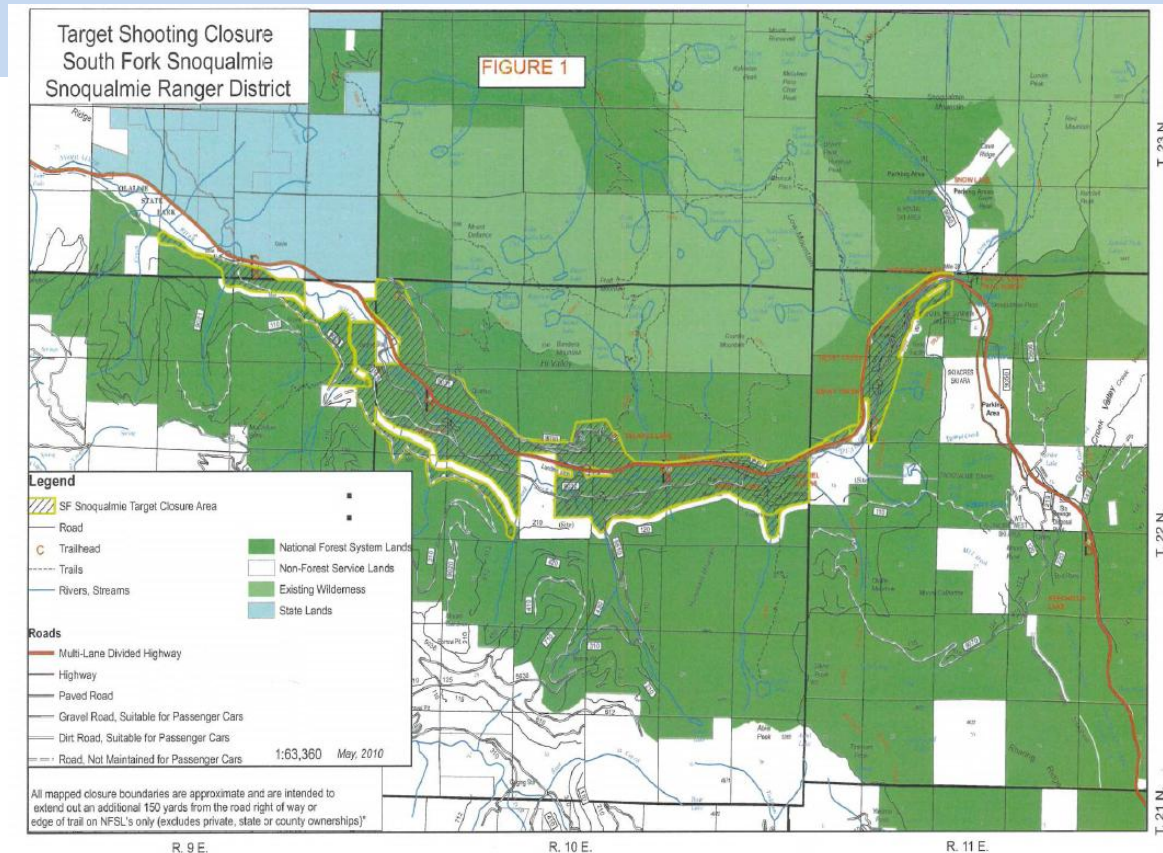
Caliber	Weight/Type	Muzzle / Impact Velocity (ft / s)	Maximum Range (yds / miles)
.22 Long Rifle	40 gr Round Nose (RN)	1255 / 300	2000 / 1.1
.223 Remington	55 gr Soft Point (SP) Boat Tail (BT)	3240 / 545	3875 / 2.2
30-06 Springfield	180 gr SP BT	2700 / 800	5675 / 3.2
9mm Luger	124 gr RN	1120 / 350	2400 / 1.3
45 Automatic Colt Pistol	230 gr RN	850 / 330	1800 / 1.0
44 Magnum	240 gr Flat Point	1760 / 350	2500 / 1.4

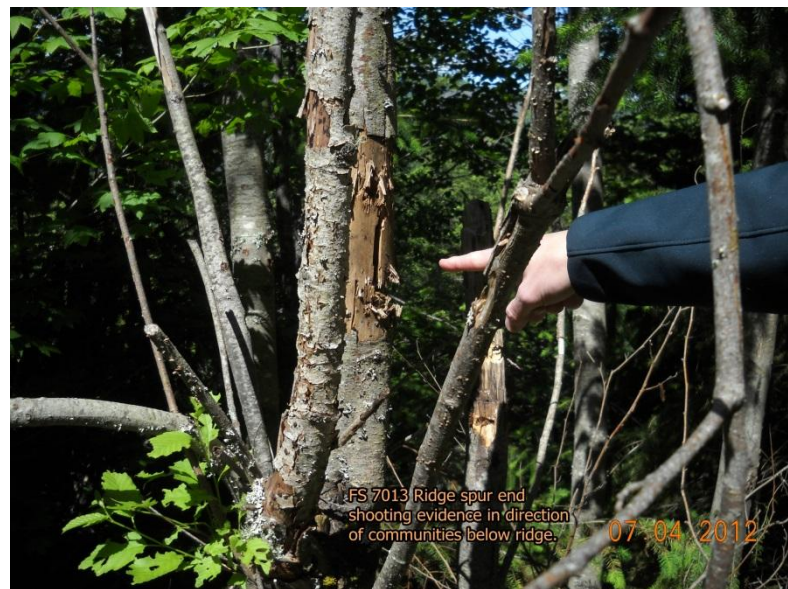
Table above shows average maximum range of several types of popular handgun and rifle ammunition. The calculations were made for Sea Level and 72°F. Warmer temperatures and higher elevations will significantly increase the maximum range of the bullets. Carter K. Lord, National Law Enforcement & Corrections Technology Center

Snoqualmie Firearms Use Restriction

May 10, 2011 <https://fs.usda.gov>

Forest Closure Order Number: 06-05-05-11-01 Restricting use of firearms - South & Middle Forks, Snoqualmie River Drainage to WIT: This restriction is necessary to protect national forest property and ensure the safety of national forest visitors.







7/19/12 Meeting with FS
7/28/12 Ridge access blocked
10/2012 FS signs gone.

7/5/2013 WS posted signs



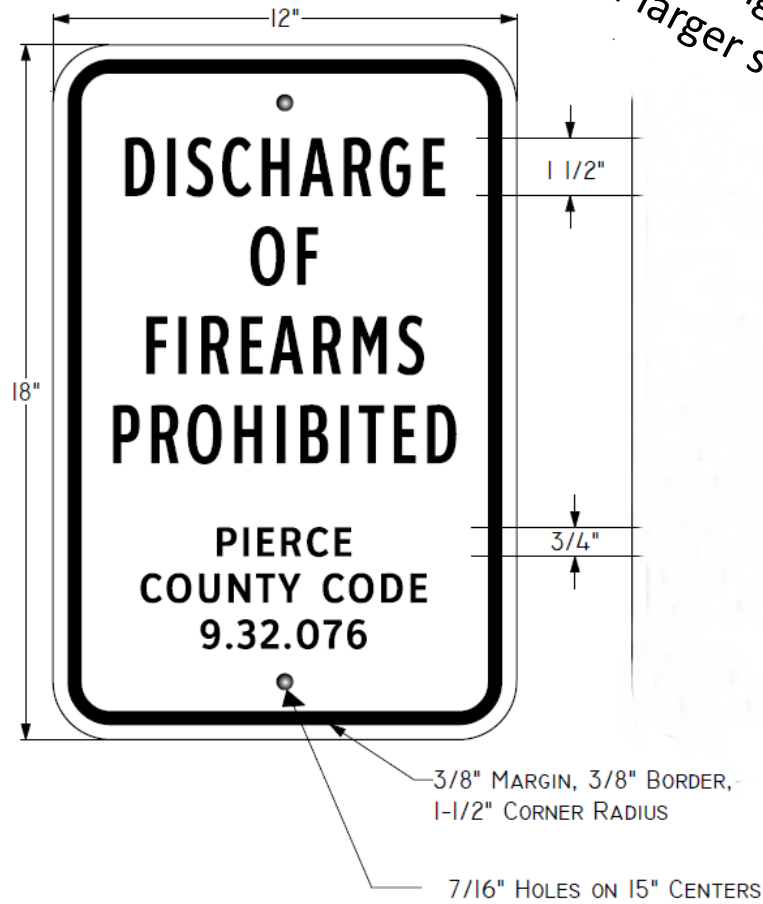


7/7/2013 looking north CVI direction, about 1 mile distance from CV on power utility road. Easy drive in access from FS73.



7/ 8/2013

24 small signs posted Jan 2008 around the two local no shoot zones.



WS design draft of larger sign.

36"

24"

DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS PROHIBITED

RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY IN SURROUNDING AREA

PIERCE COUNTY CODE 9.32.076

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Short Term

A map of a region, likely in Washington state, showing a red line that runs vertically through the center. There are several shaded red areas: one in the upper left, one in the middle left, and a large one at the bottom right. The map also shows some roads and geographical features. The text is overlaid on a blue rectangular background.

Inform:

- Community meetings
- Signs, flyers, posters
- Website postings
- Report illegal incidents
- Letters to Forest Service, Politicians, etc.

Volunteer time:

- Forest Service
- Pierce County Sheriff
- WA State Alliance for Gun Responsibility

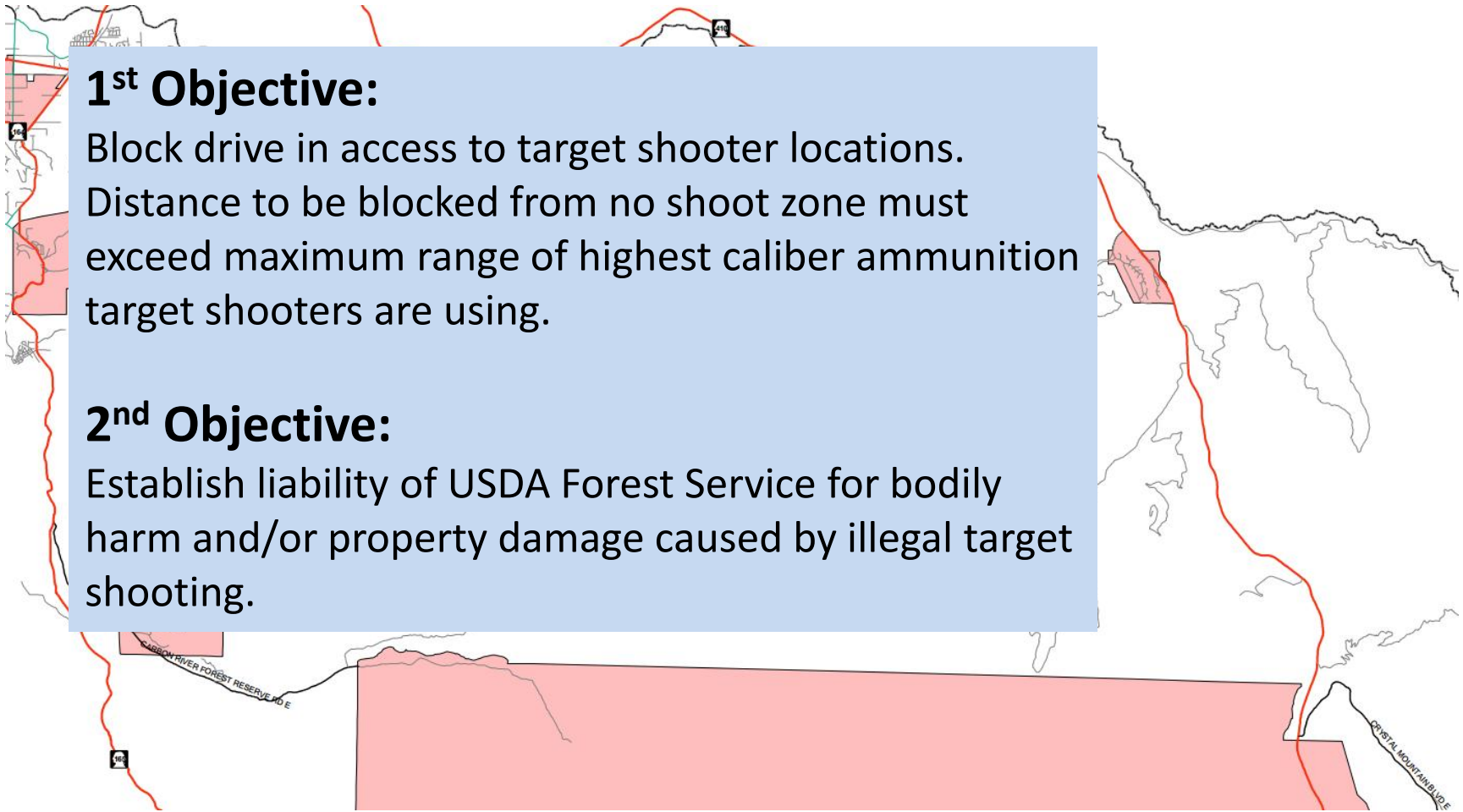
Long Term

1st Objective:

Block drive in access to target shooter locations. Distance to be blocked from no shoot zone must exceed maximum range of highest caliber ammunition target shooters are using.

2nd Objective:

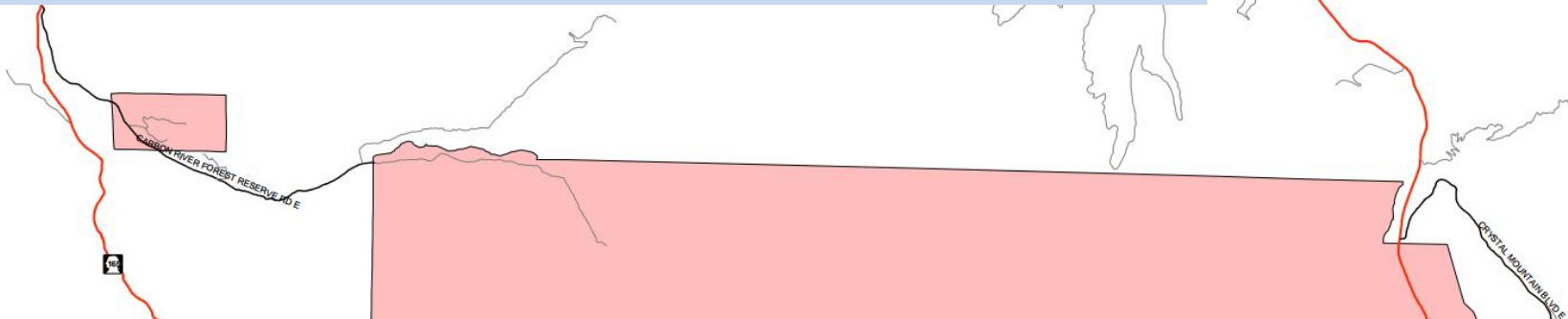
Establish liability of USDA Forest Service for bodily harm and/or property damage caused by illegal target shooting.



To Report Illegal Shooting

Call 911 or WA State Patrol Dispatch: [425-649-4370](tel:425-649-4370) radio designator "Forest 55" and if possible provide the following information:

1. Incident time
2. Location,
3. Vehicle license, make & color
4. Description of individual(s)
5. General weapon description, i.e. rifle, handgun, shotgun
6. Observed illegal action(s)



Incident Examples Recorded

January 1, 2013 Paul McNabb walking in CV was struck and injured in the hand by bullet from above. "Something whizzed past my head..." Sheriff case #13-002-0481

<http://mynorthwest.com/11/2301732/Stray-bullet-survivor-may-never-know-who-shot-him>

September 2012 A man from within his vehicle in CRR no shoot zone, kills bull elk less than 50 feet in the direction of Dr. Steve Lewis residence. The man did not have a valid elk hunting permit, but he had his son with him.

June 16, 2012 A .223 Remington round came directly through the CRR community recreation room window at 1:24 pm from FS 7013 east ridge ricocheted off the floor, traveled 20+ feet and embedded in far wall. Video surveillance recording showed within a couple minutes a man and young boy entered, crossing the path of .223 bullet. Sheriff case #12-170-0207

September 2007 Wildfire ignited within a couple miles of CRR community by two young men target practice shooting at one or more incendiary targets in a wood debris pile on FS 75 road.

September 9, 2001 Father tragically shoots and kills his son at Greenwater FS 70 gravel pit.

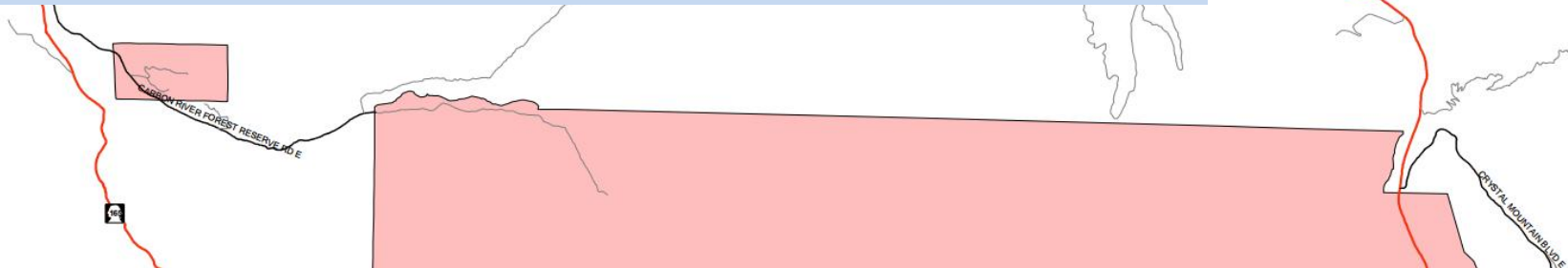
<http://community.seattletimes.nwsourc.com/archive/?date=20010911&slug=shooting11m>



More Incident Experiences

2009 Careless FS 73 and FS 74 shooting: “I was going down different sites off of 74 and 73, and I saw a guy shooting his .22 LR into the woods across the river. There could have been people hiking over there.” <http://forum.opencarry.org/forums/showthread.php?77501-Careless-shooting-in-Greenwater>

November 9, 2007 Diane Gebenini, Greenwater Skis
"I've had first hand experience of being on the other side of a sign used as target practice. One summer night someone in a moving (westbound) vehicle shot at the speed limit sign near our shop. I was outside with two of my young nieces. It was dark, the people shooting had no way of knowing who or what was beyond the sign. It was a terrifying experience."

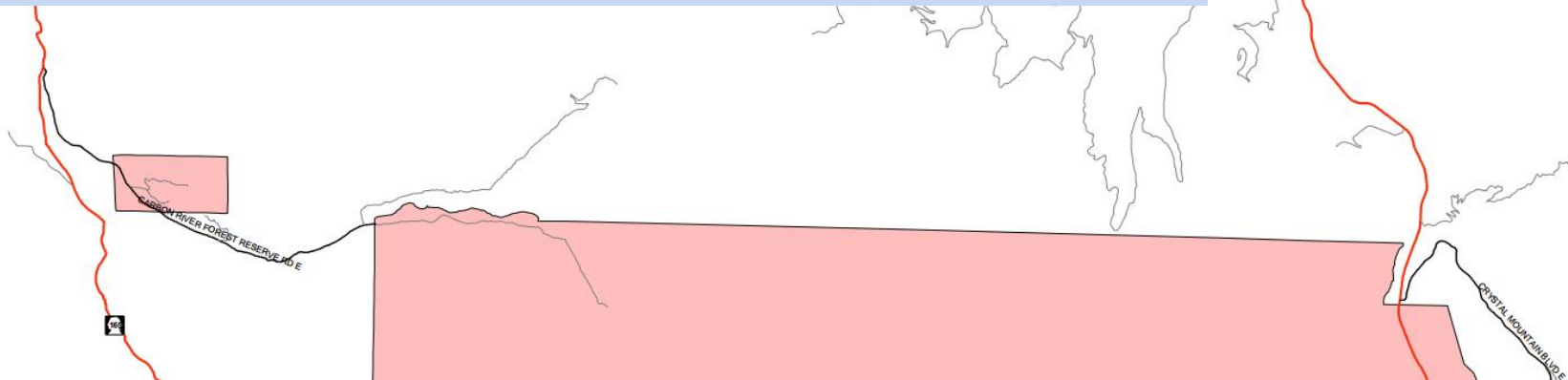


More Incidents Date Unknown

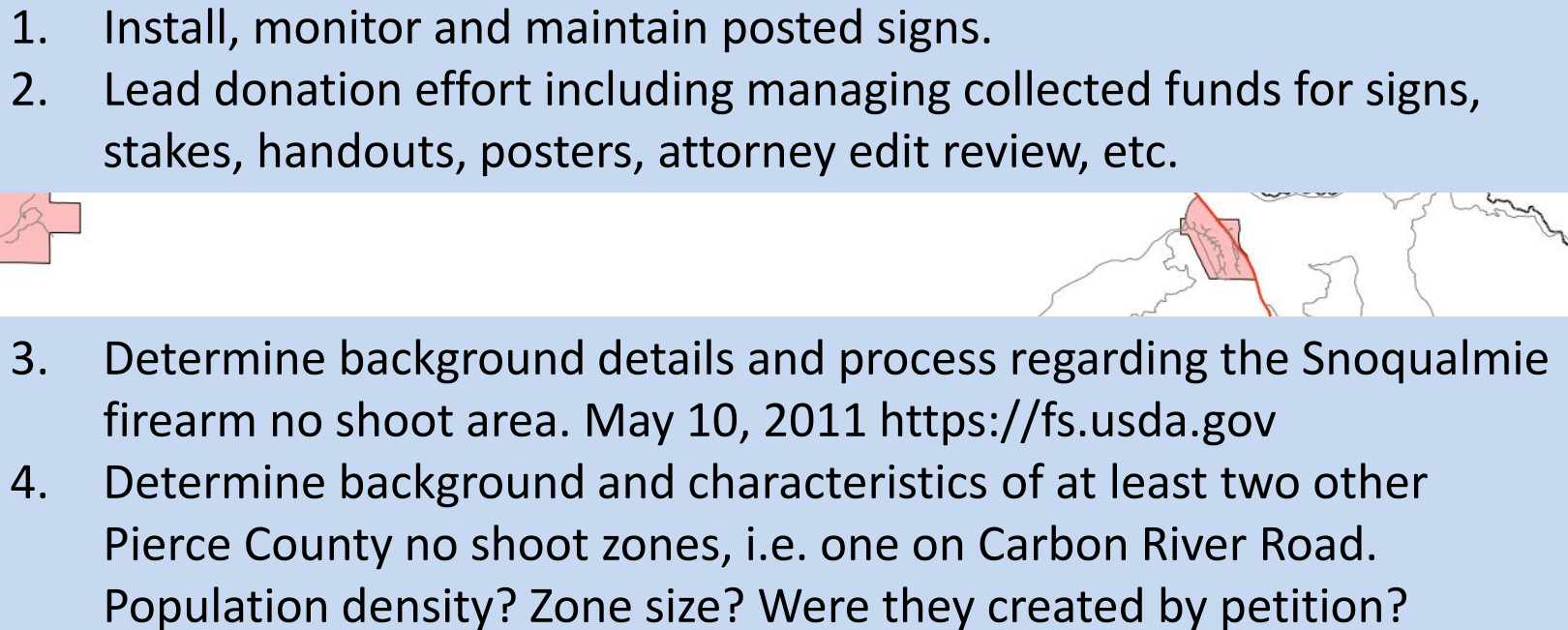
Memorial Day holiday: CenturyLink fiber optics junction box (over \$10K repair cost) was destroyed by target practice shooters . During the repair, phone service (911 emergency) unavailable 1.5 days.

Brian and Sandy Miller, CRR property owners still have the bullet that pierced their hot tub cover one summer within a few hours of family members getting out of the hot tub.

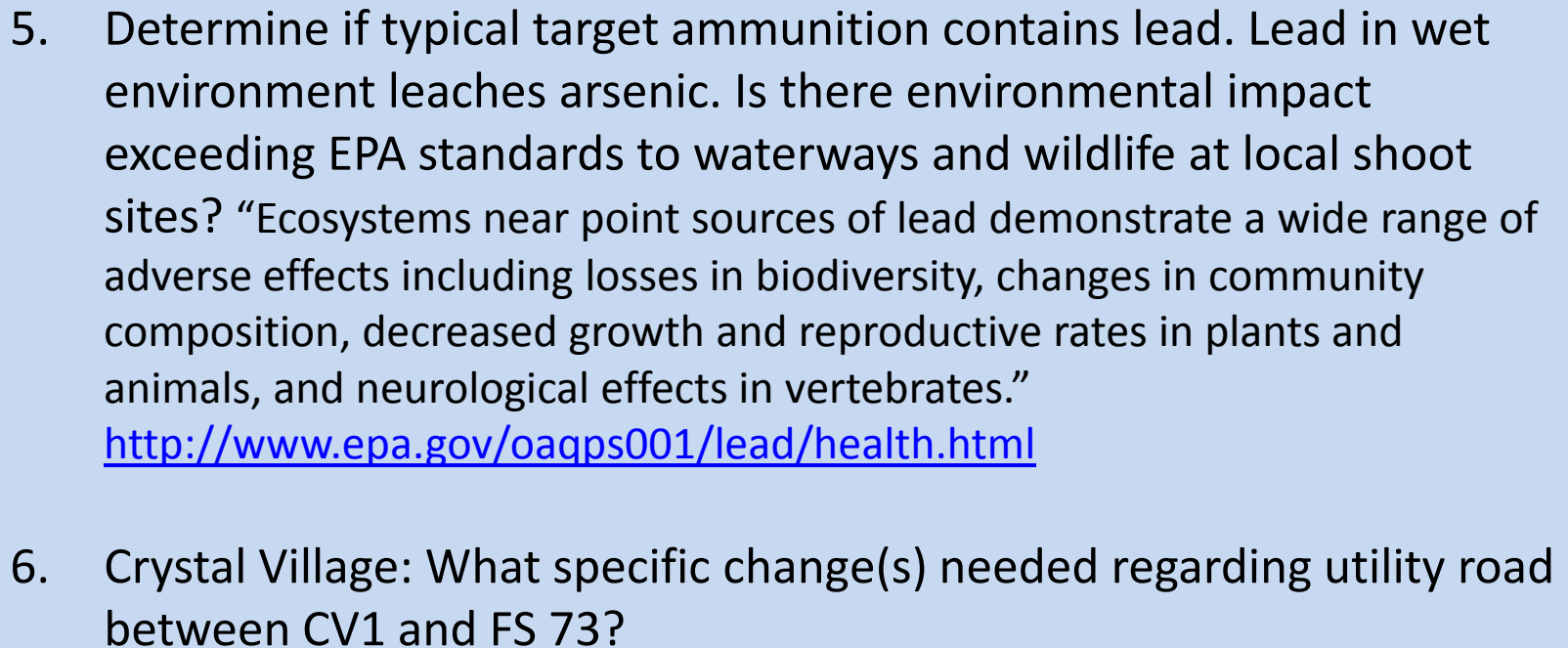
Frank Nemeth, CRR property owner heard and found a bullet that hit neighbor's metal roof while he and family were outside one evening on their patio.



Suggested To Do's

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1. Install, monitor and maintain posted signs.
 2. Lead donation effort including managing collected funds for signs, stakes, handouts, posters, attorney edit review, etc.
 3. Determine background details and process regarding the Snoqualmie firearm no shoot area. May 10, 2011 <https://fs.usda.gov>
 4. Determine background and characteristics of at least two other Pierce County no shoot zones, i.e. one on Carbon River Road. Population density? Zone size? Were they created by petition?

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5. Determine if typical target ammunition contains lead. Lead in wet environment leaches arsenic. Is there environmental impact exceeding EPA standards to waterways and wildlife at local shoot sites? “Ecosystems near point sources of lead demonstrate a wide range of adverse effects including losses in biodiversity, changes in community composition, decreased growth and reproductive rates in plants and animals, and neurological effects in vertebrates.”
<http://www.epa.gov/oaqps001/lead/health.html>
6. Crystal Village: What specific change(s) needed regarding utility road between CV1 and FS 73?

Key Contacts

Marty Schramm, FS District Ranger (her appointment position starts 7/15/13)
Snoqualmie Ranger District - North Bend Office: 425-888-1421
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Local Administrative Office 360-825-6585
450 Roosevelt Avenue E, Enumclaw, WA 98022

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Snoqualmie Ranger District
WSP Dispatch "Forest 55": 425-649-4370

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Democrat, CRR Property Owner

Cathy Dahlquist cathydahlquist@comcast.net 31st District Representative
Republican

Dan Roach droach@co.pierce.wa.us Pierce County Councilmember



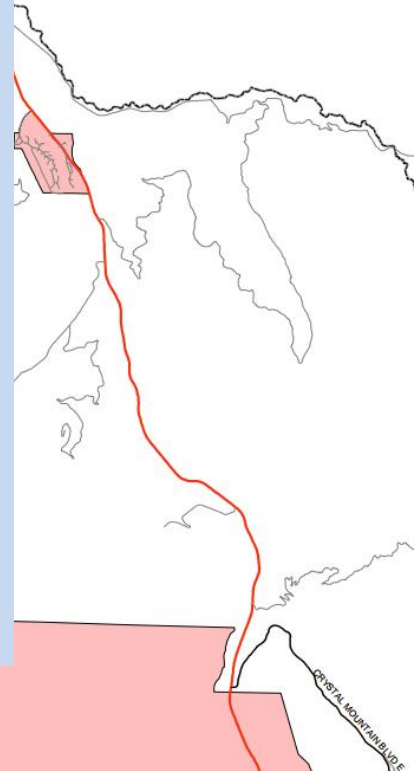
WA Alliance for Gun Responsibility

<http://wagunresponsibility.org>

“The Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility is a coalition of concerned citizens and organizations working together to forge commonsense solutions to reduce gun violence. We support the Second Amendment right of citizens to own guns. We also believe with that right comes basic responsibilities.”

“2010 Gun-related fatalities exceeded motor vehicle deaths in Washington, the latest year for which data are available, according to information compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and released by the Violence Policy Center.”

Washington had 609 gun-related fatalities compared to 554 motor vehicle deaths.



Tort Claim

A tort is a civil wrong which unfairly causes someone else to suffer loss or harm resulting in legal liability.

Although crimes may be torts, the cause of legal action is not necessarily a crime as the harm may be due to negligence. Reasonably foreseeable harm must be compensated. This is the first principle of negligence.

