



WRFPA Community Outreach – Crystal River Ranch Folks May 17, 2025

Numerous mission-critical Forest Service employees have been recently terminated, which will significantly impact our community. This will affect everything from user access to forest fires and trash pickup. Your help is needed.

Our group, the White River Forest Protection Association, is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff or ongoing budget. It is Greenwater-based, and in 2018, it was turned into a Washington State Non-profit Charitable Corporation and holds 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Since then, our volunteers have dedicated over 7,412 hours to protecting local forests. This volunteer effort has also secured \$74,120 in matching funds for the USFS to use to support their seasonal forest workers in the area in past years.

Our main work is keeping up the USFS signs in the forests and maintaining no-shooting signs in 56 locations. We also ask people engaging in illegal shootings to stop doing so, clean up trash, fix trails and roads, help build barriers, and work with other forest groups, like Conservation NW, to remedy damaged areas and create better camping locations.

Our group is neither pro-gun nor anti-gun. Gun owners and hunters are welcome members of our group. We are about safe, legal, and responsible firearms use. That said, well over 70% of all wildfires in Washington State are caused by unsafe target shooting. Our group has identified and reported many fires to the Greenwater Fire Department and the USFS.

If you have been here for a while, you remember the almost constant gunfire from illegal and unsafe shooting that could be heard in the Ranch. That has all but stopped due to our efforts. Homes, vehicles, and people were shot in our community, but not anymore.

On March 22, 2025, we held a local meeting at the Greenwater Community Center and signed up twelve new volunteers! We hope to get more soon. We also need donations for signs and other materials for which the USFS no longer has funds. Your support would be greatly appreciated. A lifetime membership to our fun local group costs only \$5, and your support will benefit your local community. Please consider donating more money if you can. You do not need to be a member to donate. We are all in this together. You can join now and mail this to: WRFPA 62504 Indian Summer Way E, Greenwater, WA 98022:

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