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BLM Completes Phase 1 of Central Washington Land Exchange

Phase 1 of the Central Washington Assembled Land Exchange between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Clearwater Land Exchange Inc. has been completed. Fourteen scattered parcels of public land, totaling 841 acres, administered by the BLM in Okanogan County were exchanged for 6,530 acres of private land. The land acquired by BLM includes 303 acres in the Salmon Creek area of Okanogan County and 6,227 acres in the Moses Coulee area of Grant and Douglas counties. In the Moses Coulee area, the BLM now manages a contiguous block of about 14,000 acres of shrub-steppe habitat.

Jim Fisher, BLM Field Manager in Wenatchee, says, "The lands acquired in this exchange are open for hunting this year, but vehicle restrictions that were previously in effect under the Feel Free to Hunt Program continue to apply for the interim." Fisher said that the short time frame between title transfer and this year's hunting season does not allow time for public comment on road management. Hunters are reminded that fire restrictions remain in effect for all BLM lands in Washington. For more information or maps of the areas, contact the Wenatchee BLM Office at 915 Walla Walla Avenue in Wenatchee (phone: 509/665-2100).

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