

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

2010 WL/TES Program Accomplishments

In 2010 the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest successfully enhanced or restored 3,420 acres of wildlife habitat, and applied prescribed fire on 5,084 acres that enhanced forage for deer and elk. Additionally, the Forest completed surveys for great gray owls, mountain goats, wolves, peregrine falcons, Columbia spotted frogs, wintering bald eagles, and three survey cells in support of the Oregon Bat Grid project. Accomplishment highlights include:

- 36 Bighorn sheep were fitted with radio collars as part of the ongoing monitoring in Hell's Canyon.
- Hemmilwright Springs was reconstructed to provide a dependable water source for wildlife. Materials were flown in to develop two more springs for wildlife in 2011.
- Three road closure structures were installed as part of cooperative travel management agreements in critical big game winter ranges.
- 250 Acres of mountain mahogany were enhanced through removal of encroaching juniper.
- 36 acres of aspen were restored by removal of conifers, and installation of protective fencing.
- 11 great grey owl nest platforms were installed where natural nesting substrate is lacking.



Figure 1. New gates installed in cooperative travel management areas.



Figure 2. Great gray owl platforms were installed, and existing ones surveyed for occupancy.

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Acres	Fund Code	Activity
1,180	NFWF	Nesting platforms, aspen and mahogany restoration
2,240	CMRD/NFWF	Gates installed, closed 7 miles of road (320 ac/mile)
5,084	WFHF	Prescribed burning

Partners/Cooperators

ODFW, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Blue Mountain Elk Initiative, Hells Canyon Bighorn Sheep Initiative

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