

## Agenda Item Summary

### BACKGROUND

In August of 2015 the Commission approved the acquisition of what is currently referred to as the River Ranch parcel of the Lower Deschutes Wildlife Area (LDWA). This parcel encompasses over ten thousand acres of upland habitat within the Deschutes River corridor, as well as significant portions of Oak and Ferry Creeks.

Since the subsequent acquisition, these lands have been managed under the existing management plan for the LDWA. Both the management and the acquisition of this wildlife area have been and are highly dependent on volunteer labor, input, and donations.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Communication with local sportsman groups, groups involved with the acquisition, and other interested citizens.

### ISSUE 1

Rename the River Ranch parcel of the LDWA to the "Woosley Tract" in recognition of the contributions of Chuck and Gail Woosley to conserving the natural habitats within the State of Oregon and dedicated volunteerism.

### ANALYSIS

The current name for the parcel was derived from the original naming given to this portion by the previous owners.

Chuck and Gail Woosley directly contributed to this project financially, and more importantly gave testimony at Commission speaking not only to the direct benefits of this acquisition, but to the benefit of conservation land acquisition as a whole.

The Woosley's have made significant impacts throughout the state and especially for ODFW through their countless hours of volunteer service at multiple wildlife areas, direct financial support of acquisitions at multiple wildlife areas, and through their willingness to support agency programs and concepts at the legislature and in the Commission process.

The proposed naming of the newly acquired land as the Woosley Tract will recognize the lifelong contributions made by Chuck and Gail throughout the state.

### OPTIONS

1. Amend OAR Chapter 635 Division 008-0123, to reflect the renaming of the River Ranch parcel of the LDWA to the Woosley Tract.
2. Take no action

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the renaming to the Woosley Tract in honor of the lifetime contributions made by Chuck and Gail Woosley to Oregon's natural resources.

### DRAFT MOTION

I move to amend OAR Chapter 635 Division 008-0123 as proposed by staff.

Upon Filing

### EFFECTIVE DATE