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## *Disabled Hunters Access on the Colville National Forest*

**Colville, WA**-The Colville National Forest in partnership with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife are proud to announce the 2013 hunting season routes designated for Disabled Hunter Access and the addition of two non-permanent access platforms to help disabled hunters see over brush.

The 2013 disabled hunter access routes are:

- Betty Creek in Ferry County (12.4 miles in length)
- Boundary Mountain in Ferry County (7.8 miles in length)
- Brewer Mountain of Steven's County (2.4 miles in length)
- Middle Fork Calispell Creek in Pend Oreille County (10.6 miles in length)
- Mitchell of Stevens County (7.8 miles in length)
- Renshaw in Pend Oreille County (2.8 miles in length)

The Disabled Hunter Access (DHA) program was established to provide high quality hunting opportunities on Colville National Forest (CNF) for hunters with disabilities. The program allows motorized access into a gated road where other hunters must walk in. The overall project is a cooperative effort between the Colville National Forest, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council.

The program does not provide special motorized access to all areas on the CNF, just access to specially designated roads otherwise closed to motor vehicles. DHA hunters and one of their two permitted assistants may harvest any game in season for which they have purchased licenses. Permitted hunters may use the weapons allowed any local hunter for the season such as modern firearm, black powder and archery.

The Inland Northwest Wildlife Council has generously supplied the material and labor to construct and place four 6'x 8' non-permanent wheelchair accessible platforms and associated ramps along disabled hunter access routes. The platforms will be placed adjacent to routes in areas where thick brush or topography limits the ability for disabled hunters to see game. Two platforms will be placed on the Betty Creek route this year and the other two platforms will be placed on the Brewer Mountain and Ruby Creek route at a later time.



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“We are very excited to be able to expand on this popular program by adding two platforms and ramps that will help improve the experience for hunters with disabilities,” Said Sandy Mosconi, Disabled Hunter Access program manager for the Colville National Forest.

To participate in the program, hunters with disabilities must have a state issued disabled hunters permit and must register and sign-in at any one of the six Colville National Forest offices prior to hunting. Registration and sign-in begins in early August at any Colville National Forest office. Hunters will be asked to provide information about their party and will receive an access permit, maps, and other pertinent information. Hunter information packets will also be available in early August at all Colville National Forest offices. Information is also available on-line at: [www.fs.usda.gov/colville](http://www.fs.usda.gov/colville) and [http://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/road\\_access.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/road_access.html)

For more information applying for an access permit, please contact one of these U.S. Forest Service offices after August 1, 2013:

- **Colville NF Supervisor’s Office:** 765 South Main Street, Colville, WA 99114  
(509) 684-7000, Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Three Rivers Ranger District Office:** 255 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Kettle Falls, WA 99141  
(509) 738-7700, Office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Kettle Falls Regional Information Center:** 255 W. Third Ave., Kettle Falls, WA 99141  
(509) 738-2300, Officer hours are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Republic Ranger District Office:** 650 East Delaware Avenue, Republic, WA 99166  
(509) 775-7400, Office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Newport Office:** 315 North Warren, Newport, WA 99156  
(509) 447-7300, Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Sullivan Lake Office:** 12641 Sullivan Lake Road, Metaline Falls, WA 99153  
(509) 446-7500, Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **BLM / Forest Service Information Center:** 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, WA 99212  
(509) 536-1266, Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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