



Washington Tracks

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Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation members
of Washington State

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Change of Staff in Washington State

April 19, 2001

Hi Everyone,

We're about two-thirds of the way through the NW 2001 banquet schedule, and we're having another great year thanks to all your hard work. It's been a very rewarding experience for me to have worked with all of you over the past 8 years. In providing assistance to your fund-raising efforts, I've made a lot of close friends. Together, we've made a lot of good projects take place here in elk country.

This letter is to announce a change in our staff structure here in our region. Recently I've been given the opportunity to take a position as NW Lands Program Manager for RMEF. Just this past week, I accepted the position. In this position, I will be working with acquisitions, conservation easements and other conservation tools. Alison and I (and the girls) are excited about the new challenges, and the prospect of more family time.

This of course means I will be removed from direct banquet work. From that aspect, I will miss all of the direct interaction with all of you. I will still be a part of the Northwest team, and may be at a few banquets and workshops. I

will stay put in Spokane, and will be pursuing lands projects in Oregon, Washington and sharing responsibility for Idaho.

The date of my "transfer" is June 1. RMEF is already at work seeking a replacement, so we shouldn't miss a step.

I couldn't be prouder to be a part of any group of people as I am to be a part of the NW team. I will just have a different role from what I have had in the past. My sincere thanks to all of you for your past support for my family and myself. I look forward to taking my new role in assisting you and RMEF in "Passing It On."

Sincerely,

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Introducing the new E. Washington Regional Director, Kevin Brown

Hello Washington and Idaho Volunteers!

I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce myself and let you know how excited I am about being hired as your new Regional Director! My name is Kevin Brown. My wife Ami and I are originally from Missoula, Montana. For the past 2½ years we have lived in Tupelo, Mississippi where I've been the Regional Director for Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. We have greatly enjoyed the experiences we've had while living in Tupelo and are looking forward to new opportunities in Washington and Idaho.

Before we moved to the South, I worked for two years at headquarters in the Conservation Programs Department. Prior to working in Conservation Programs, I worked

in the Elk Foundation Visitor Center and warehouse while I attended college. I graduated from the University of Montana in 1995 with a B.S. in Wildlife Biology.

Both Ami and I are very excited about moving back to the Northwest! We're looking forward to meeting each of you and working with you in the near future. Ami and I enjoy hiking, hunting and the outdoors. We can't wait to get back and enjoy the nice cool weather of the Northwest (the heat and humidity in the South is something else!). My official start date will be late summer. In the meantime, if there is anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to call or email me, even if it's just to say, "hi."

Thank you for everything you do for elk and other wildlife. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you soon.

Sincerely,

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WHITE PASS 2001
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION
WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP
AUGUST 11TH & 12TH, 2001

Come celebrate our success in the new millennium as we look ahead to the future of the Elk Foundation, the *Pass it On* campaign, and our Elk Country Legacy. We'll mix fun, some work, more fun, interesting topics, even more fun, new ideas, lots of fun, renewing old friendships and making new ones, and having FUN.

Registration includes three meals on Saturday and one meal on Sunday. Camping is free in the lot across from the Lodge. Portable toilets will once again be provided. Rooms are available at the Lodge on a first-call basis. You are responsible to make your own arrangements. Contact "The Village Inn Condominiums" @ 509-672-3131. We are hoping to once again have youth activities during the day sessions and a small fundraiser Saturday night before having Smores around the campfire.

NUMBER ATTENDING	_____ Adults @ \$20	= \$ _____
	_____ Children (5-12) @ \$10	= \$ _____
	_____ Children under 5	FREE
		TOTAL = \$ _____

Names and address of those attending:

Names and ages of children (children under 5 should be accompanied by an adult):

(You will be asked to sign a release for children to participate in activities)

I would like to help with _____

I'd like to talk about _____

Make checks payable to: RMEF

Mail checks to: Dan Howell, District Chair
 3322 Old Pacific Hwy S
 Kelso, WA 98626
 (360) 425-9611

Pass It On!

Upcoming Western Washington Hackin' For Habitat Golf Scrambles

Western Washington will have two Hackin' For Habitat Golf Scrambles this summer:

***The Tacoma and Olympia RMEF Chapters have teamed up to put on the Hackin' For Habitat Golf Scramble under the workshop charter. You can conserve wildlife habitat and have fun too while taking part in this Golf Scramble. All proceeds will go to the Elk Foundation RMEF Volunteers working for wildlife.

Please help us make this a successful event. Support us by signing up a team, sponsoring a hole, donating or collecting a donation for a prize or helping work at the event. There is a chance this course may soon be closed to the public, so now is your chance to play it. Please take pride in what we all work for and be able to say "I golfed Fort Lewis and helped to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat."

The scramble will have two hole-in-one opportunities: A new pickup truck, donated by Pacific Coast Ford, and a Personal Watercraft Wave Runner, donated by US Marine.

If you would like to join us for our next planning session, please call co-chairs Ken Kajita (253-631-2477) or Rick James (360-832-4552).

Sign up to play today because space is limited. For information, contact Tim Ahles at 360-456-6604.

DATE: Friday, July 20, 2001

TIME: 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Fort Lewis, Tacoma, WA

COST: \$90 per golfer

Your entry included green fees, cart, range balls and barbeque (a portion of your entry fee may be tax deductible).



***The Sammamish Valley RMEF Chapter will be hosting their 2nd annual Hackin' For Habitat Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 18, 2001. All proceeds will go to the RMEF's WOW program.

The tournament will take place at Echo Falls Country Club, in Snohomish, WA and tee-off will be at 8:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up, call Ric Nichols at 425-402-9050. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early. Also, more information is available on the chapter's website at <http://www.svrmeef.org>

DATE: Saturday, August 18, 2001

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Echo Falls Country Club, Snohomish, WA

COST: \$100 per golfer, \$35 non-golfer for lunch

Entry fee includes: green fees, cart, snacks, lunch, and more!

RMEF TV Series

On May 23, 2001, Gary Wolfe announced that the Elk Foundation had received a proposal from the Outdoor Life Network (OLN) and John Barrett Productions for the creation of a hunting/conservation based television series featuring the RMEF. The proposal calls for 26 half hour shows that would air on OLN beginning in January 2002. What makes this proposal so attractive is that OLN will cover the approximately \$800,000 of production costs, giving the Elk Foundation national exposure with little or no direct cost to the organization. OLN is currently in 37 million households and growing fast.

Gary Burnett stressed in his announcement that RMEF has not yet reached a formal agreement yet, and that negotiations are continuing over the next month. But because Barrett Productions has to start filming in June to get show on the air, they are assuming the project is a "go," and will start some pre-production planning. If you have ideas concerning the format and content of the series, or if you have a storyline related to RMEF that you feel would make a good segment for the show, please contact Russ Copeland in Communications at russ@rmeef.org or 800-843-7633, ext. 574 with your input.



Oregon—First State to Exceed 10,000 members

It all started on October 25, 1986, when the first RMEF banquet was held in Eugene, Oregon. The Willamette Valley Chapter was the eighth chapter to be formed by the RMEF. Since then, membership has soared in "The Beaver State," making Oregon the leader in life and supporting memberships since 1995.

It's no wonder that Oregon was the first state to reach over 10,000 current Elk Foundation members. Oregon is home to two sub-species of elk. Roosevelt Elk can be found in the Coast and Cascade Ranges of Western Oregon, with some Rocky Mountain—Roosevelt Elk hybrids being found in the central part of the state. As you travel east of the Cascades, you enter into elk country inhabited by the famous Rocky Mountain Elk sub-species. Oregon is home to the second largest elk herd in the country, with numbers estimated at over 120,000!

Oregon is also home to 23 RMEF Chapters, with some of the most enthusiastic volunteers in the Foundation. Throughout the years, RMEF volunteers, in Oregon, have raised enough money to complete 338 habitat enhancement projects, all around the state. With combined support, from cooperating agencies, Oregon Chapters have helped to put almost \$14,000,000.00 into habitat conservation, throughout the state.

"The Beaver State," currently has 1,170 Life Members, 425 Sponsor Members, 10 Outfitter members and 8,542 Supporting Members. This brings a combined total of 10,147 current RMEF members located throughout Oregon. What an accomplishment for the many years of hard work and dedication that volunteers have devoted to the mission of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Oregon will continue to further the mission and will help to conserve wild places for free ranging elk, for years to come! Hats off to all of the members, of the Elk Foundation, in Oregon. Let's keep "Passing It On."

Second Thoughts

My Brother had told me about this organization that was going to do some great things for wildlife. They were coming to Seattle with their National Convention, “lets go see what they’re all about”. It was February 1989.

In January 1990 I discovered the Banquet program in Olympia WA. It didn’t have the same feel as the DU Banquet I had attended a couple of months previous. These people were excited about what they were doing. It was fresh and adventurous. I had been approached by other groups to help out and had shied away, now I found myself trying to contact them and letting them know I was interested in helping. I started to make contact with some great people, people who are still friends today. When Skip Shelton (Field Director at that time) asked us if we wanted to start a new chapter in Tacoma WA we jumped at the chance.

That first year we raised about \$19,000 dollars and set a new record of Sponsor Memberships at about 30. We were on top of the world. I found myself getting more and more involved, helping start new chapters, supporting the old ones, learning more about Elk and Habitat every day. In WA as I’m sure it was all around the country we became a close-knit family, every year we had this huge family reunion at Convention. We made many new friends from all over the country and it was exciting that we could all come together for this noble purpose, the Mission of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

As I end my 5-year run as Washington State Volunteer Chair I look back to see that a lot has changed. The Mission is still the same. The people are still wonderfully dedicated to supporting the Foundation. I still value the many friends that I have made along the way. We are no longer the new upstarts in the conservation field, we are the leaders. Our Headquarters has evolved from a

WOW and Your Auction

WOW your banquet attendees and add another dimension to the Pass It On program. For the past three years, the LooWit Chapter has started their live auction with a WOW progressive auction. We give a brief presentation of the WOW program, explaining that it provides three fourth-grade students with 5 WOW magazines over a year’s time plus materials for a teacher to lead a class—all at a cost of only \$15. We emphasize that this program is giving the next generation an insight into many wildlife issues in a fun and educational way. The future is in our youth and we are ultimately working for wildlife and our future generations.

After the presentation, we begin the auction by asking everyone if they will support the WOW program for \$100, which will

What are Volunteers?

- Volunteers are like a Ford ... They have better ideas.
- Volunteers are like Coke ... They are the real thing.
- Volunteers are like Pan Am ... They make the going great.
- Volunteers are like Pepsi ... They’ve got a lot to give.
- Volunteers are like Dial soap ... They care more. Don’t you wish everyone did?
- Volunteers are like VO5 Hairspray ... Their goodness holds in all kinds of weather.
- Volunteers are like Hallmark cards ... They care enough to give their very best.
- Volunteers are like Standard Oil ... You expect more and you get it.
- Volunteers are like Frosted Flakes . They’re GRRRREEEEAAAATT!!!

Lee Fouts

mom and pop type operation into a corporate monolith. We now talk about Mission accomplishment in Millions of dollars each year. We can see the results of our efforts in many areas of our State and Country.

I am very proud that Washington State continues to be one of the leaders in the efforts of the Foundation. The volunteers here will always stand tall for all of their hard work. We now have a network of volunteer leaders in our State that are ready to lead us into the next generation of Foundation activities. We are still breaking records raising funds and leading the way with new innovative ideas.

I want to say “Thank You” to all of the friends that we made around the State and Country the last few years. My goal as State Chair was only to represent the membership at the best of my ability and to hope that my judgment was within the scope of the Mission. I take no credit for the outstanding achievements that have happened, I was only there as a spectator and maybe a catalyst.

The Mission is what drives our members and supporters to do what they do. Volunteers don’t work well inside of a box, but by having hands on support from HQ Staff chapters have excelled. We must not lose sight of this. The thing that helped us grow at the beginning of this organization had a lot to do with the personalities of the people involved coupled with a common goal to succeed in our Mission. We are still a family, though now quite large which makes being fresh and adventurous a little tougher. Keep up the good work and I hope to see all of you around a campfire sometime soon.

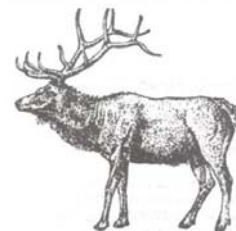
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Dan Howell

give subscriptions to twenty fourth-graders. Then we continue asking for support in \$25 increments down to \$25, and then one last chance at \$15. At each level, attendees are asked to hold their bid cards up until their number is called out and recorded. Several people raise their bid cards at multiple levels.

Our chapter has raised up to \$2000 each year for this great program. This year we plan to start at \$200 due to attendee requests. Pass It On at your next banquet!

Pass It On!



Building a Chapter Web Site

By Jack Nichols

District Chair – Information Management – Pacific Northwest Region

As one of the people heavily involved with the Northwest Region RMEF web site (www.nwrmeff.org) I get a lot of questions from committee members about how they can make their own web site for their chapter. In our culture, we are coming to expect to find information about whatever we want whenever we want, all through the Internet. For this reason, it is important to consider building a site for your chapter.

To be honest, not every chapter should build a web site, at least not right away. Your chapter may not have the time or the resources to do so right now. However, there are a number of very good reasons to consider building a site, including:

- 24x7x365 exposure. RMEF members in your area can get information about the RMEF and your chapter 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- Ticket sales and promotions. Several chapters that have web sites sell tickets to their events and raffles through their sites. My chapter, the Sammamish Valley Chapter, does this. This year we had a good number of ticket sales through the web site that we may not have received otherwise. With regards to raffle ticket sales, you may not be able to sell raffle tickets online by law – check with your field director if you are not sure.
- “Stickiness” of your members. Stickiness is a buzzword used by web site operators to quantify the number of visitors that return again and again to a site. For example, every day I visit the Weather Channel site to see what the weather will be during the day. This is an example of a “sticky” site. There are a number of ways to achieve stickiness, which I will discuss in future articles. The bottom line, however, is that the stickiness extends beyond your web site and to your chapter events as well. A sticky chapter site will keep your members constantly interested in your site and hopefully will encourage them to consistently attend your events.

In addition to the above good reasons to build a site, there may be a few bad reasons to build a site. Consider your audience, for example. Here in the Seattle metropolitan area, practically everyone owns a computer with access to the Internet. In the part of the region where you live, this may not be the case. It might be worth finding out how many of your attendees have Internet access – after all, there is no sense in building a site if your audience can't even see it!

Once you have decided to build a web site, it is now time to get down to the dirty work. The first step you should take is planning out the information and features you want your site to include. All chapter sites will want to include information about chapter news and events, for instance. Plan out what categories of information you want to offer to your site's visitors. If you are new to site design, start small – chapter news, banquet information, meeting information and the like may be all you need. As you grow or your needs change, you may want to add things like photos of your events, information on your donors and contributors, and interactive things like a ticket window or a guestbook.

Once you have outlined the information categories you want, you should then outline them in “page” form. Find logical groupings of information and group them into a page on your site. For example, you may elect to put information about your banquet and information about your golf tournament on a single page of events. Or, if you have a lot of things to say about your banquet and your golf tournament, you may choose to put these pieces of information on their own pages. The key thing to remember here is not to include too much information on a page – too

much information can confuse your users.

At this point you should now have your pages outlined with the information you intend to put on them. Now, you should begin to actually construct your pages and author the content to be placed on them. Unfortunately, this process is not very straightforward and is beyond the scope of this article. If you have someone on the committee or know someone who already knows how to author web pages, this is a big plus. This person should be able to take your page outline and turn it into a complete web site. If you don't have anyone you know that can do this, you have two options: learn to do it yourself or pay someone to do it. Learning to author web pages is not hard for a competent computer user. It just takes some time devoted to learning the material. Of course if you lack the time to learn to do it yourself, you can pay someone to do this, but be warned – this could cost your chapter a fair bit of money. You will also find it beneficial to learn how to transfer your work to your site's home in cyberspace.

With your pages authored, your next step will be to find a home in cyberspace for your chapter web site. These days, “web space”, a storage area where you place your web site files for public access, is easy to come by. Chances are, you already have some web space included with your Internet service provider. If you don't, you can easily acquire web space from one of many hosting companies. Once you have found a place for your site, you should then transfer the pages you have created to your web space. Your hosting provider, or the company that hosts your web space, will usually help you with this.

Where you put your web site is important because the location of your web site becomes your identity on the Internet. Internet identities are very important to several well-known businesses (such as Amazon.com, Buy.com, Rmef.org, etc.). It is important to make sure your identity is easy to remember for your visitors. This is why I highly recommend obtaining a .com, .org, or .net “domain name” for your site. For the Sammamish Valley Chapter, we chose “svrmeff.org”. “svrmeff.org” is a lot easier to remember than something like “<http://www.somefreehostingprovider.com/users/svrmeff>”. The expense of hosting a .org domain is not very great – registration of the domain is \$70 for two years plus any hosting fees. In my opinion, this is a small price to pay for your users' ease in remembering your site.

Now that you have created your pages, found a home for your site, and put your pages on the site, congratulations! Your site is now live and ready for the world to view! The final step is to promote your site. Start by sending us an e-mail at ElkNet to have your site listed on www.nwrmeff.org. Then, get the word out to your event attendees – they will more than likely want to look at your chapter's new home in cyberspace. Be creative with promoting your site.

Creating a web site can be a fun and rewarding process that has many benefits for your chapter. I encourage you to give it a try. Unfortunately, I don't have unlimited space with which to write this article so I had to gloss over some important details. Hopefully, I'll be able to cover some of the details in future articles. I'm also open to what you want to learn about – send me an e-mail with your suggestions or questions and let me know what you want to know! If you don't know, my e-mail address is jack@nwrmeff.org.

Good luck on your quest to create your chapter sites. I look forward to seeing the work that some of you will produce!



If you've ever thought you had patience, know something about habitat, and wanted your voice to be heard during Foundation discussions about funding a project in our state, try attending a Project Advisory Council (PAC) meeting. Held twice a year, June in Eastern Washington and December in Western Washington, wildlife professionals from throughout our state, lead volunteers, Washington Regional Directors and the Foundation Conservation Projects Manager gather together to consider project proposals for possible funding by the Foundation.

Projects range from controlled burns to interpretive signs to capture and relocation of troublesome elk to re-vegetation and fertilization to spring development to research to forage expansion to...and the list goes on and on. Projects are grouped by category. Habitat enhancement, research, and management are the three primary areas. Criteria are established in each area. A review matrix is established to rate such areas as the technical elements of the project, the biological needs and benefits of the proposal, whether the most cost effective means are being used, if implementation would cause loss of Foundation membership, loss of volunteer support, or negative public relations. The question is always posed – will the project provide opportunity for RMEF volunteer labor; and is it habitat focused?

Wildlife professionals who are members of the PAC explain each project. Projects are not funded without the support, both in staff and in dollars, of a partner. Agencies like the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), USDA Forest Service, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), Blue Mountains Elk Initiative (BMEI), and private lands managers such as Hancock Timber Resource Group act as conduits for projects within their sphere of influence. Each project is brought to the table, discussed, dissected, validated, tested against the RMEF mission statement, and voted on by the group. A score is derived from these objective rankings, and projects are then rank ordered.

Sounds really simple. Until you've been there. Each voting member of the PAC is sent a packet of all the projects that are to be considered, well in advance of the meeting, for review. All of the projects are then subjected to a "peer review" by fellow wildlife professionals and lead volunteers. Everyone comes prepared to discuss each project. It is apparent by the comments made and questions raised that these professionals take this objective ranking and project selection process very seriously. They offer insightful, well thought out, tough questions.

Our Regional Directors alternate facilitating these meetings. The Foundation Conservation Projects Manager asks tough questions, but is not a voting member of our PAC. Lead volunteers evaluate each project as well, and each brings years of experience and observations from the volunteer ranks. Other volunteers who attend are asked to provide input, and the comments made are honored and evaluated by the voting members of the PAC. Individual volunteers are encouraged to attend, and participate if asked. (Make sure you provide advance notice of your desire to attend. You will be provided a packet of the projects for review at the meeting.)

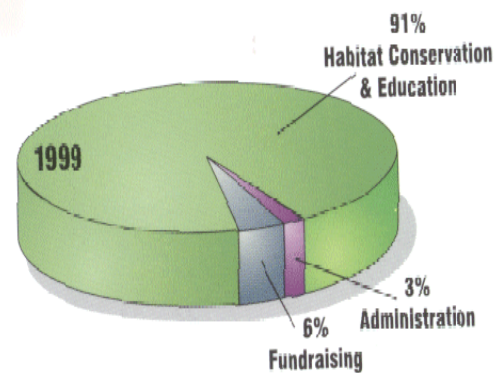
After each project is assessed, a rank order is established. ***This is where the PAC makes sure that every dollar we have raised is earmarked for a valid, workable, and valuable project. These folks really do look out for us in the distribution of our PAC dollars. Projects are not automatically funded when they are submitted. Extensive research, examination, and discussion ensue by our PAC before their "stamp of approval" is noted on the project.*** If a project did not meet the "mission test," it is automatically returned to the partner agency. Agencies sometimes voluntarily "pull" a project application if dis-

cussions indicate the project is lacking in substance or merit before assessment occurs. After the rank order is established, discussions ensue, where minimum value ranking is established for funding. All PAC voting members agree that not every project can be funded. Although a project may be a fundable project, it may not make the "cut-off value" for funding. If that occurs, the partner agency is given information to strengthen the application for possible submittal at a later date. Sometimes, PAC funds are not completely "fenced" during this process (remember, Missoula still must approve the project as well!). Dollars remaining after the December meeting are earmarked for the North American Habitat Fund. And then we start again for the next meeting.



Where your Elk Foundation dollar is invested

Ensuring a future for elk and other wildlife means ensuring that healthy, sustainable habitat exists today and into the new millennium. Whether through protecting key parcels of land, funding habitat enhancement projects or providing resource tools for wildlife managers, the Elk Foundation strives to assure that future generations may enjoy wildlife and wild country for centuries to come.



Your Elk Foundation dollar is invested in the following way (1999 figures):

- 91% Habitat Conservation & Education
- 6% Fundraising
- 3% Administration

Banquet Results To Date

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>NET RESULTS</u>
Olympia	\$34,365
Bellingham	\$21,652
Everett	\$45,622
Vancouver	\$53,346
Enumclaw	\$14,438
Bellevue	\$35,511
Mt. Vernon	\$29,840
Tacoma	\$46,378
Port Angeles	\$33,524
Colville	\$68,796
Moses Lake	\$34,210
Omak	\$40,988
Newport	\$17,771
Walla Walla	\$30,871
Spokane	\$30,348
Tri-Cities	\$63,250

Online "Fish and Wildlife Science" Magazine Launched

"Fish and Wildlife Science," Washington State government's first electronic magazine devoted to natural resource issues, was launched in April by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Written by WDFW scientists, the magazine is expected to provide a forum for the Department and its science partners to inform and educate Washington citizens on a broad range of fish and wildlife topics by featuring stories on research projects and the individuals performing the work.

The magazine can be accessed directly at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/science> or through the Department's main page at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw>

"Fish and Wildlife Science" will also serve as a library for scientific and technical papers written by WDFW scientists, making it an easy-access, online source for natural resource professionals, policymakers, scientists, teachers, students and others. The magazine has an interactive feature which allows readers to communicate directly with the Department and obtain answers to fish and wildlife science questions.

WDFW Director Jeff Koenings said the Department hopes the magazine will promote public understanding of fish and wildlife issues by serving as a vehicle to deliver WDFW science to as wide an audience as possible. He also hopes the magazine provides a source for the science and research WDFW does in conjunction with partners throughout the state.

Upcoming Events in Washington

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
June 6	Western Washington District Chair Meeting	Frank McMahon at 360-459-1423
June 8,9,10	Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho Rendezous	Darci Teel at 509-372-9633
July 20	Hackin' For Habitat—Fort Lewis	Ken Kajita at 253-631-2477
July 21	Kittatas County (Ellensburg) Chapter Big Game Banquet	Nathan Weis at 509-649-2241
July 21	Spokane Chapter Big Game Banquet	Jeff Hicethier at 509-468-7024
August 4	Wenatchee Chapter Big Game Banquet	Terry Smart at 509-782-5069
August 11-12	Volunteer Workshop—White Pass	Frank McMahon at 360-459-1423
August 18	Hackin' For Habitat—Bellevue Chapter at Echo Falls	Ric Nichols at 425-402-9050
September 8	Chehalis Chapter Spike Camp	Frank McMahon at 360-459-1423
December 1	Kitsap Chapter (Bremerton) Big Game Banquet	Bill Mason at 360-830-5881

Facts about the RMEF

- The Elk Foundation will only purchase land from willing sellers.
- The Elk Foundation attempts to not own land long-term.
- Lands owned by the Elk Foundation are generally managed by state fish and game agencies and are open to the public for multi-use recreation including hunting.
- The Elk Foundation pays property taxes on all land it does own.

Register Now for the
Volunteer Workshop....

See inside for
details and registration form!

