

# Upper Dry Gulch | Funded for Transfer in the 2023-25 Biennium

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<b>Receiving Agency:</b>	DNR Natural Areas Program
<b>Acres:</b>	2,662
<b>County:</b>	Chelan
<b>Trust:</b>	Common School (Trust 03)
<b>Proposed Use:</b>	Wildlife habitat, natural area
<b>Transfer Type:</b>	Fee
<b>Estimated Value:</b>	\$3,075,000

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## Characteristics and Location

The property is in southeast Chelan County, south of Malaga and within the approved boundary of the Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve (NAP). The parcel is a mix of grass and shrub-steppe and the topography is hilly to mountainous.

## Why is this Transfer in the Trust's Best Interests?

- ✓ **The parcel has very limited revenue potential.** The site is steep and arid, with no associated water rights and frequent wildfires. It was formerly leased for grazing, but revenue has been low.
- ✓ **The property has high ecological values and is within the approved boundary of the Upper Dry Gulch NAP.** NAPs protect the highest quality, most ecologically important sites on DNR-managed lands, with a focus on environmental education and research. This site includes the globally rare Whited's milk vetch (*Astragalus sinuatus*), with 95 percent of all known habitat for this plant located within the approved Upper Dry Gulch NAP boundary. This parcel also includes a relatively intact expanse of shrub-steppe, which is increasingly fragmented in Washington and throughout the western U.S. The parcel has high usage by mule deer, bighorn sheep, elk, and quail.
- ✓ Due to its ecological values, the parcel is **unsuitable for solar and wind power.**

## Legal Description

Portions of Sections 1, 11, 12, 13, 24, Township 21 North, Range 21 East, W.M., Chelan County, Washington

Portions of Sections 7, 18, 19, Township 21 North, Range 22 East, W.M., Chelan County, Washington

# Map

