Chapman Lake | Funded for Transfer in the 2023-25 Biennium

Receiving Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Acres: 542

County: Spokane County

Trust: Common School (Trust 03)
Proposed Use: Wildlife habitat, recreation

Transfer Type: Fee

Estimated Value: \$1,000,000

Characteristics and Location

The parcel is located in southern Spokane County, south of Cheney and the Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge. The parcel includes the southern portion of Chapman Lake.

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

- ✓ This parcel has limited potential for revenue generation. The parcel is too sparsely forested for timber harvest, its soils and topography are not suitable for agriculture, it offers low potential for grazing revenue, it is too small for industrial-scale solar power generation, and it is located too close to the 20,000-acre Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge for wind power generation. DNR currently does not have water rights for this parcel.
- ✓ The parcel has high ecological values, including wildlife habitat and support for wildlife migration to and from the nearby wildlife refuge. Chapman Lake and riparian areas to the south are used by bald eagles in the fall and by waterfowl in the fall and winter, until the lake freezes. Numerous species of wildlife are known to utilize the area, including whitetail and mule deer, elk, coyotes, and wolves.
- ✓ The transfer would restore public access to Chapman Lake, which historically has been a productive and popular lake for fishing and other public water uses. This site is approximately 15 miles from the greater Spokane area.

Legal Description

Portion of Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 41 East, W.M., Spokane County, Washington

Chapman Lake | Map

