

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

RUSTLERS GULCH WILDLIFE AREA

- The Rustlers Gulch Wildlife Area (aka West Branch Little Spokane WLA) is 2,772 acres of WDFW-owned and managed land along the West Branch of the Little Spokane River, in the southwestern-most corner of Pend Oreille County, between Horseshoe Lake to the north and Fan Lake to the south. The property was acquired by WDFW in 2008 (1,079 acres) and 2009 (1,693 acres) with funds provided by the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office. The area is located about 30 miles north of the city of Spokane and about 18 miles southwest of the town of Newport. It is managed by WDFW staff based at the Sherman Creek Wildlife Area near Kettle Falls, WA.
- **No unauthorized motor vehicles are allowed on any of this property.** The Rustlers Gulch Wildlife Area is a day use site that provides for non-motorized recreation, with an extensive old road system available for trail use. No overnight parking, camping, open fires, or fireworks are permitted. WDFW Enforcement Officers regularly patrol this property, and will cite the operators of any trespass vehicles to include cars, trucks, SUV's, ATV's, snowmobiles, and other motorized vehicles. Disabled hunter vehicle access is allowed on the Last Chance and Pruffer Barn Roads only, but those hunters must register with wildlife area management annually.
- Hunters, wildlife viewers, and all other visitors to the property must be extremely careful to **avoid private property trespass**. The property boundary was marked with painted orange surveyors' stakes and flagging tape on trees, but these markers do not persist for long. Portions of the boundary are marked with green "WDFW Property Boundary" signs posted on trees. Preexisting fences along the property boundary may not signify the true boundary, and are not posted with boundary signs. Use of a GPS receiver that has a topographic map is recommended in conjunction with this map. Please respect the private lands that border most of this wildlife area.
- Short-term management of this wildlife area including boundary marking, parking area development, mapping, and use regulation development is on-going.
- WDFW pursues acquisition opportunities like this with the long-term goal of securing fish and wildlife habitat and recreational access for future generations.

Driving Directions to the Rustlers Gulch Wildlife Area Access Points

To access the east side: **Last Chance Access Point**

Follow Hwy 2 north from Spokane toward Newport. Turn left on Fertile Valley Road and follow 2.4 miles until you come to Last Chance Road, on the left. Follow Last Chance Road across Pend Oreille County land, staying left at the first two intersections (Fresco Trail). You will notice "WDFW Property Boundary" signs and a map box when you reach the wildlife area. Continue 0.6 miles to an open area along this road that serves as primitive parking. You will see signs indicating "No Unauthorized Motor Vehicles" beyond this location, as well as a locked gate just beyond the parking area. Note, all signs are hung high in trees (about 10 feet), so look up.

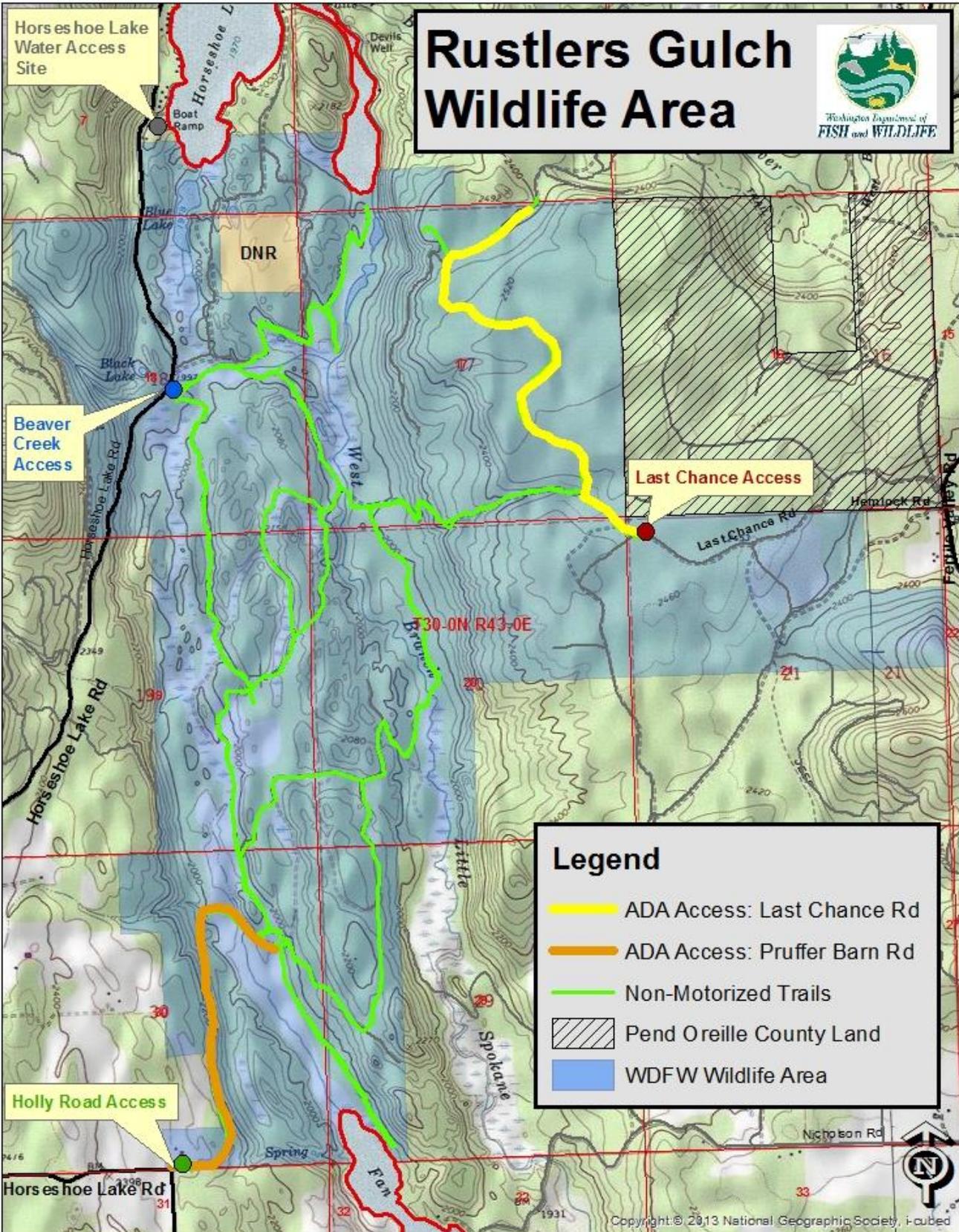
To access the south end: **Holly Road Access Point**

Follow Hwy 2 north from Spokane toward Newport. Turn left on E Eloika Lake Road and follow 3.3 miles to N Division Road. Right on N Division Road and follow. Where pavement ends (in 2.4 miles) this road becomes Horseshoe Lake Road. Horseshoe Lake Road will continue relatively straight until a 90° left turn (0.9 mile from the end of the pavement). Holly Road leaves the county road to the north, while the wildlife area access road leaves the county road to the right, off of this corner. Primitive parking is available in the open area to the left of this access road. You can walk down this road to an old barn and other buildings that set north of Fan Lake.

To access the west side: **Beaver Creek Access Point**

Continue on Horseshoe Lake Road past the Holly Road access. You will come to an intersection with Sherman Road. Continue on Horseshoe Lake Road 2.7 miles and park in the loop pull off on the right. If you look at the map, you are just south of the creek (Beaver Creek) crossing that is southwest of Black Lake. Trails leave the parking area to the east and it is an easy walk down to the river.

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Horseshoe Lake Water Access Site

Beaver Creek Access

Holly Road Access

Last Chance Access

Legend

- ADA Access: Last Chance Rd
- ADA Access: Pruffer Barn Rd
- Non-Motorized Trails
- Pend Oreille County Land
- WDFW Wildlife Area



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