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Cowlitz County to Assume Operations of Cowlitz County Gun Range Beginning January 1, 2026

Kelso, WA – Cowlitz County will begin managing operations of the Cowlitz County Gun Range effective **January 1, 2026**. This transition will be carried out through a collaborative effort between **Cowlitz County Parks & Recreation** and the **Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office**, ensuring safe, effective, and community-focused oversight of the facility.

Cowlitz County extends its sincere appreciation to the long-standing volunteer organization **Cowlitz Game and Anglers** for their many years of dedicated service, stewardship, and commitment to the gun range. Their contributions have been vital to the success and longevity of this community resource.

As the County assumes operational oversight, the gun range will begin with a **temporarily reduced schedule** during the initial transition period. This adjustment will allow staff to evaluate facility needs, coordinate safety protocols, and ensure a smooth and effective start to County management. Additional updates regarding schedules and operations will be provided as they become available.

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