

# 2008 Western Regional Soil Survey Conference



Field Trip to the Channeled  
Scabland of Spokane County

# General Overview

- Hosted by Washington State NRCS staff
- Objective: Discuss use of ecological sites in the Channeled Scablands during the update of the Spokane County Soil Survey
- Bus tour of several different ecological sites

# General Overview Cont.

- Will view “Mystery of Megaflood” video during bus ride
- Tour will include four stops
- Will visit three different ecological sites throughout Channeled Scablands
  - Ponderosa Pine / Idaho Fescue
  - Ponderosa Pine / Common Snowberry
  - Bluebunch Wheatgrass/ Idaho Fescue
- Will also visit Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge

Soil Survey and Ecological Site Classification  
Field Tour June 17, 2008  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Spokane, WA  
Departure/Return

Red Lion  
Hotel

Channeled Scablands

Cheney, WA

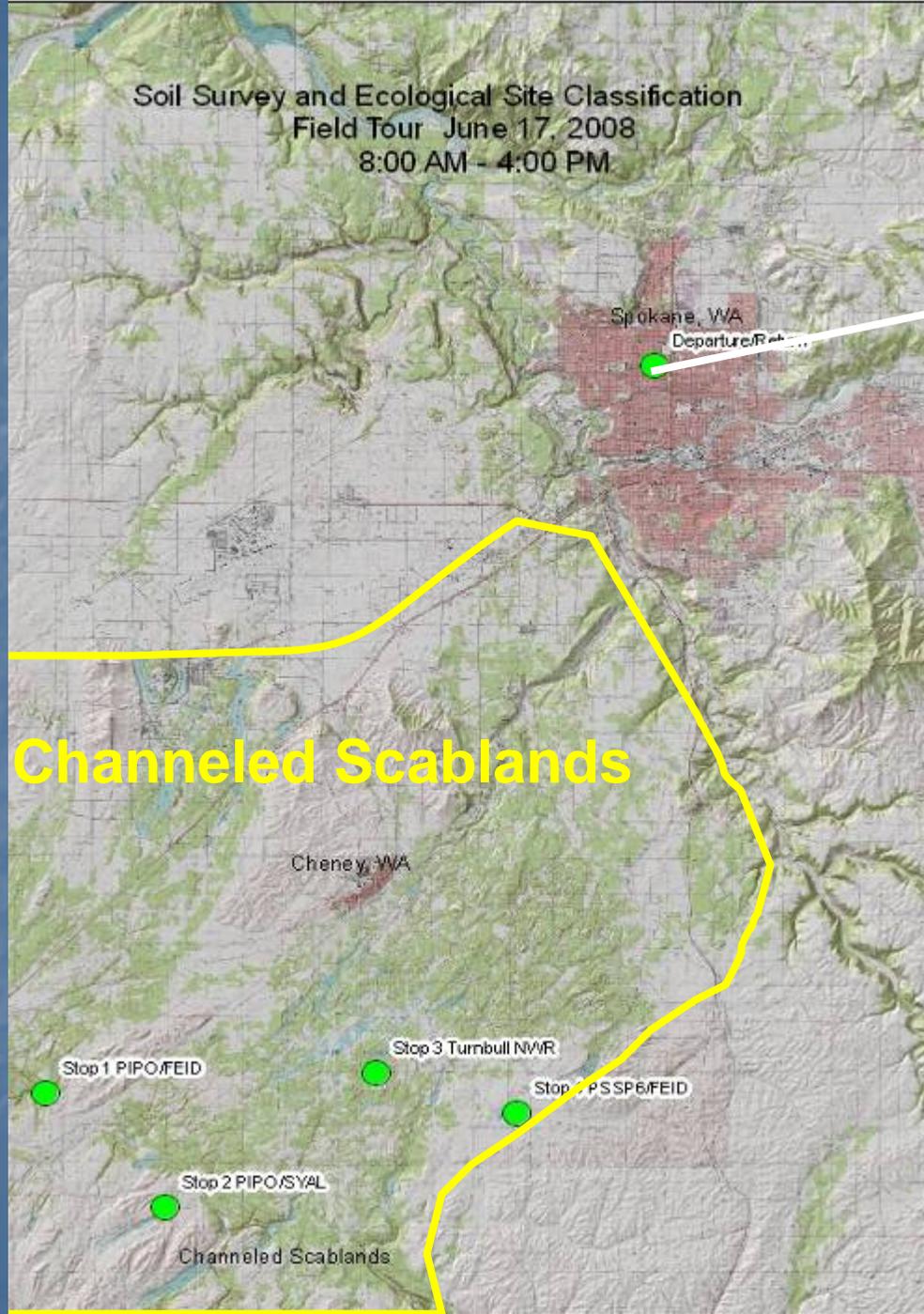
Stop 1 PIPO/FEID

Stop 3 Turnbull NWR

Stop 4 PSSP6/FEID

Stop 2 PIPO/SYAL

Channeled Scablands



# Logistics

- Tour bus will arrive at 7:30 at the Red Lion Hotel
- Bus will depart promptly at 8:15
- Bus will return to Red Lion Hotel around 3:30 pm
- Lunch will be provided

# First Stop



- Ponderosa Pine / Idaho Fescue
- Pocket of forested Missoula Flood glaciofluvial deposits
- NRCS Soil Scientist, Forester, Biologist will present information about soil properties, ecological site, and wildlife
- Approximate time – 1:15

# Second Stop

- Will only stop if time allows
- Ponderosa Pine / Common Snowberry
- Short discussion of plant species and soil types
- Approximate time – 30 minutes

# Lunch

- Box lunch will be provided at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge
- Due to occupancy limitations at Turnbull we will split tour group into 2 groups after lunch
- Half will proceed to stop four and half will stay at Turnbull
- After one to one and half hours the two groups will switch locations
- All participants will visit every stop

# Third Stop

- Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge
  - Unique Wildlife Refuge in the Channeled Scabland
- Presentation about refuge from Biologist Mike Rule
- Bus tour of Refuge
- 1 hour



# Fourth Stop



- Bluebunch Wheatgrass / Idaho Fescue
- Large plain of Missoula Flood grassland glaciofluvial deposits
- NRCS Soil Scientist, Range Specialist, and Biologist will present information about soil properties, ecological site, and wildlife
- 1 hour
- Head back to Red Lion Hotel at 2:30 pm

# Recommended Items to Bring

- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Head cover
- Boots
- Long sleeve shirt
- Rain Gear
- Camera
- Small Day Pack