

Topic: Recreation Forum meeting

Time: October 20, 3:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Time	Agenda Item	Desired Outcomes
3:00	Join ZOOM and Roll Call Approval of September notes	Set expectations and clear goals for teleconference meeting. Join a little early if possible, so we can troubleshoot any tech issues people may have
3:15pm	Subcommittee updates and Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accomplishments• Next Steps• Needs• Logging hours and contributions	French Cabin Creek (Keven Clements, Karen Behm, Eva Tyler, Doug Kilgore) Swauk Creek Five Fingers (Ted Jackson, Deb Essman, Keven Clements, Bryan Peterson) Communication (Ellie Belew, Karen Behm, Nicky Pasi)
3:30	Grant Development and Participation	Kim Larned, USFS
4:00	Checkerboard Partnership – Cle Elum Ridge Community Forest	Melissa Speeg, CPPC facilitator
4:15	Updates from Land Managers	LMC members as available
4:30	Adjourn	Reminder: continue populating the message board with wish list projects and field observations!

Join Zoom Meeting

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Present: Gene Reed, Crystal Smith, Deb Essman, Wayne Mohler, Kathy Young, Eva Tyler, Kevin Clements, Bradley Gasawski, Madison Ford, Doug Kilgore, Karen Behm, Ellie Belew, Kristen Ashley

Land Managers: Lee Ellis, Brian Speeg, Deb Kelly, Brian Straniti, Darcy Batura

Guests and presenters: Tonya Morrey, Melissa Speeg

- Note changes/updates:
 - No updates or edits
 - Two outstanding meetings to update – Aug/Sept
- Subcommittee updates
 - French Cabin Creek
 - Karen mapped 302 campfires
 - Lots of conversations with people out there. Many identify FCC as ‘the guy place’, come there with their buddies but go to other, better-developed sites with their families
 - People seem eager for interaction with staff
 - Like that it’s free
 - Karen will do data documentation for the campfires, rock placements, etc, and data will be sent back to Brian Speeg
 - Brian has received the landscape rocks at the USFS compound
 - Kevin will be placing the rocks with help from John Simon. Need to coordinate a second machine with him, but he’s out of state on fire duty
 - Update: he is back, just taking his days off after the assignment
 - Need to add an agenda item to future meetings for conversation about vehicle removal (in general, not just at FCC)
 - Winter next steps:
 - Continue with sign designs (Eva’s help) to turn over to USFS graphics staff
 - Install formal signs, and potentially utilize at some other heavy dispersed areas
 - Figure out ‘volunteer patrols’, how to integrate with LEOs. Discussions about that to begin over winter
 - Swauk Five Fingers
 - No movement recently, waiting on updates from Kim L and Mickey D at USFS
 - Outreach/Comms
 - Review of the forums, which are live!
 - Looking at how to enter information about needs/signups, etc
- Other Rec Forum Business
 - How to log discovered abandoned vehicles? Bradley found one out on OWNF with license plates and a load of firewood in the back, stripped for parts. How to report?
 - Deb and Kevin: likely stolen
 - Brian S, LEOs will connect with Bradley for next steps here
 - Other volunteer efforts that groups are doing and would like us to know about?

- Nicky will provide form letters and talking points
- CPPC
 - Melissa Speeg, CPPC
 - 2014, TNC acquired 46k acres in WA and Montana, old railroad remnant checkerboard. ~27k acres here in Central Cascades
 - TNC MANAGES this property – it was purchased by a conservation LLC, and is not owned by TNC. Lands are also not permanently protected
 - TNC has to find permanent conservation solution
 - 2018, TNC came to community to discuss models for permanent conservation. Hit upon Community Forest model
 - Toured CFs across the country, and participants decided this was something they wanted to pursue
 - Community forests are:
 - Guided by needs and wants of community
 - Owned and managed on behalf of community
 - Governed so decisions are driven through community participation
 - Balance forest health, rec, and community well being
 - Permanently protect lands from development
 - Maintains local control
 - Three parcels: Cle Elum Ridge, Cabin Creek, Taneum area.
 - CE Ridge is the focus for the community forest,
 - Taneum likely to go to USFS, to consolidate trails management, pursuing LWCF money for that transfer
 - Cabin Creek may be purchased using Forest Legacy funds for management by DNR, benefiting KitCo
 - Assessed community values via survey - <http://surveymonkey.com/r/cppcsurvey>
 - LLC has some conditions for sale of the land:
 - Fair market value paid
 - Public access maintained
 - Respect for treaty rights
 - Active forest management
 - Development restricted, conservation values maintained
 - Development and maintenance of recreational opportunities
 - Commitment to paying property taxes
 - CPPC is pursuing a RCO grant to acquire Cle Elum Ridge lands
 - Starting from the 'bottom' of the parcels, where there has been most development, then start building westward and up along ridge
 - Who will own and manage?
 - Possibly a Public Development Authority
 - Possibly KPRD
 - Will need to partner with a nonprofit in either case, to take in donations and administer certain grants
 - No specific ask of group, just here to answer questions

- How can CPPC help with the ECRP/Rec Forum mission?
 - Request to share the link among groups! Strong motorized response, would be great to see input from other users as well so we have rounded picture of values
 - Are slides available?
 - Email Melissa for them, and/or to arrange a presentation
 - Public meetings?
 - Typically yes, but cannot accommodate 'Zoom walkins', so please ask Melissa, Brian, or Nicky for invites to next Zoom meeting
 - How large is the Cle Elum Ridge parcel under consideration for the community forest?
 - ~9600 acres
 - First piece (phase I) under RCO application
 - Why not divest Cle Elum Ridge on DNR or USFS?
 - Opportunity to get community interested in land management
 - Neither agency very interested – not good fit with their management models (very high rec, too close to a lot of varied private owners)
 - Right in the community's back yards
 - Can use the private ownership to test out land management techniques quickly and efficiently, which can then be replicated on public land. Harder to innovate on public land.
- Land Manager Updates
 - TNC – ongoing mastication on Cle Elum Ridge, complete in Mid-November
 - Trex burn just completed on 22 acres
 - Possibly some upcoming volunteer opportunities and ability to coordinate with Rec Forum! TNC developing protocols.
 - USFS – All trailheads and campgrounds are closed. People still continue to use, but no amenities or rest room facilities available
 - Have completed hiring of snow-rangers
 - Deb Davis returning to snow ranger program
 - Rider's Campground was closed early due to an outbreak of mountain pine beetle in the area. Crew has assessed 300+ hazard trees
 - Snopark plowing update: WA State Parks provides CE Ranger District with money to plow. Road Crew (one person, plus firefighters) tackle those. Others are handled by a contractor
- Other:
 - Reminders to utilize the Forum and look out for support letter templates!