

Topic: Recreation Forum meeting

Time: September 22, 3:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Time	Agenda Item	Desired Outcomes
3:00	Join ZOOM and Roll Call Approval of August 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: <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)
3:45	Prioritization of Needs	How have other groups attacked needs as varied as ours? A review from the Methow Trails Alliance.
4:10	Updates from Land Managers	Cle Elum Valley pre-planning effort Winter grant writing needs
4:30	Adjourn	Reminder: As of October, meetings will shift to the THIRD TUESDAY of the month. October meeting will include a deep dive into the Checkerboard Partnership, and a discussion of grants to pursue during winter season.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Attending: Susan Thomas, Nicky Pasi, Eva Tyler, Crystal Smith, Wayne Mohler, Kristin Ashley, Ken Austin, Kathy Young, Kevin Clements, Doug Kilgore, Bradley Gasawski, Ted Jackson, Madison Ford, Gene Reed

Land Managers: Michelle Capp, Larry Leech, Kim Larned, Brian Speeg

- Approval of August Notes
 - Amendments:
 - Under Five Fingers trail redesign: change 'streams' to 'seasonal drainage'
 - Doug – are they classified as streams for management purposes?
 - Kim Larned will look into it
 - Kevin reports that the current management plan defines the coffer dam stream as a class 3 seasonal stream
 - With amendments made, group approves posting of August notes
- Subcommittee updates
 - French Cabin Creek
 - Most recent meeting: Sept 22!
 - Brian has boulders available for placement to block cars from some impacted areas. Need to wait for fire restrictions to come down so Kevin can organize heavy equipment to place them
 - Eva coordinating signage locations with existing sanicans
 - Group walked to determine places for new sign boards
 - Anticipate 4-5 new signboards
 - Likely built by Kevin, but will need assistance with recruiting!
 - What new signs are needed?
 - Don't litter
 - Bear issues lately, group thinks signage about being smart/safe with bears year round would be good regardless of bear frequency
 - Some seasonal signage – burn bans
 - Group wants to implement a friendlier/more positive format for the year-round signs
 - More consistent placement for seasonal signage on the boards, less of a hodge-podge
 - Group identified some flood plains – concerns from the group that those floodplain areas, which are utilized by dispersed campers, could be under water with the Cle Elum reservoir pool raise project
 - Karen B working on a GIS map of fire rings
 - Brian Speeg reports no funding for sanicans in 2021. Highlight for group to tackle!
 - Doug Kilgore collecting information about how to dispose of abandoned vehicles
 - Some discussion with law enforcement officer about locations
 - Working out where to take the vehicles for disposal – not all yards can take all types of vehicles. Doug also wants to know if they are total trash or if anything is salvageable
 - Brian thinks they are 'total trash'

- Darcy pointed out that Friends of Trail often pursues Title II funds for removing vehicles. Could we partner with them or ask them for guidance on where to haul?
 - Brian S reports that FoT typically hauls stuff to the west side, so they don't always have the means to address east side issues at the same level
 - They DO tear apart campers etc for USFS though
 - Action item: folks with FoT contacts, send to Doug!
 - Wayne: Wade Holden, Located in North Bend. Go to website - friends ofthetrail.org
 - Ted points out that this is a huge statewide issue, it would behoove us to come up with a standard process to use when vehicles are found, consolidating contacts and issues
 - Susan – yes, let's make that a winter item to build when we can't be on the land!
 - Larry: RCW 46.68.175 Abandoned Recreational Vehicle disposal account
 - Quick question about use: has it returned to normal levels?
 - Yes, although hard to say if that's due to temperature or smoke
 - Swauk Creek Five Fingers
 - Waiting to see what USFS puts forward for trail design
 - Kim – establishing trail management objectives so they can move design forward
 - Trying to get final dates in place for some timber removal, so we don't try to design or build a trail and then have it disturbed by timber harvest
 - What should group work on during this pause?
 - Feedback from the ORV groups they represent about what they would like to see in that area?
 - Input from the clubs, if they have any
 - Kevin noted that none of the groups he's associated with were familiar with it, although there's obviously lots of use!
 - Ted says NW UTV Trail Riders frequents the area often. He will put out an ask
 - Send to Kim Larned at: kimberly.larned@usda.gov
 - Kim will distribute map of the area so folks can share that with groups as well
 - Outreach and Engagement
 - Website forum! Walkthrough
 - Any additional topics to add?
 - Will need to add more subcommittees as we go!
 - Project wishlist
 - Eyes on the Ground/Forestwatch
 - Bradley willing to help out with moderation as this grows
 - Other broad updates from Rec Forum member groups
 - EMBA
 - Lots of headway on the Naneum Trail project. Evergreen had a work party on Saturday to work on a new beginner loop on lower section.

2/3rd done! Machine building process will begin when fire restrictions lift

- Another work party this Saturday, Sept 26, 10am
- WA ATV Association
 - OHV map and app is live! Provides a pinpoint dot to help you navigate street legal roads open for ATVs
 - “Washington Hometown OHV map”
- WA legislature/budget talks
 - Rec Big Tent Coalition meets. Parks/WDFW/DNR provided budget asks for 2021-22. Groups watching those accounts to make sure they don’t get bypassed.
 - Developing a legislative support questionnaire and format to make sure support aligns with group values
- TNC
 - TNC acquired parcel on Cle Elum Ridge, between Roslyn Urban Forest and the Central Cascades LLC. Bambrick property closed on Friday!!
 - TNC owns and will likely donate to the community forest project!
- CPPC survey
 - <https://www.checkerboardpartnership.com> – Website for CPPC now live! More discussion on this in October
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cppcsurvey> - survey live to collect input from residents of Kittitas County, and Yakama Nation
- Prioritization of Needs
 - ECRP identified need to create a method for identifying and prioritizing projects on the ground. Rec Forum can play huge role here
 - Methow Trails Alliance has done this already. Susan reached out to try and talk them through
 - Unfortunately no response yet
 - Bradley offered to help with that conversation
 - First step:
 - Capture the wishlist on the forum
 - Make this a priority project for winter!
 - Have any Rec Forum members done something similar in other groups?
 - Ted: a similar process happened out in Sultan WA
 - Each agency got to pick one thing to pursue
 - Sounds like it was really successful
 - Facilitated by the Sultan Chamber of Commerce/Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce
 - Debbie Copple - Debbie Copple (debbie@skyvalleyvic.net)
<Debbie@skyvalleyvic.net> - 360 793 0983
- Land Manager Updates/Requests
 - DNR: Fire season brought on some drastic moves to close lands. Reopened on Sept 19.
 - Target shooting ban in Eastern WA in place – hunting okay
 - Burn ban in place at least through end of September
 - Great work implementing Naneum to Columbia Rec Plan
 - Conversations with Kittitas Co Public Lands Advisory Committee on motorized connectors between DNR and USFS lands

- Teanaway Camp is closed while contractor does final renovations to access road and CXT installations. Should be done mid-October.
 - Discovered a user-built ORV trail on Tucker Creek, fire started right off that trail. Kittitas Reclamation District has offered to abandon that stretch as part of a restoration project there.
- Greenway:
 - Position Post:
 - <http://eastcascadesrecpartnership.org/uncategorized/request-for-proposals-kittitas-stewardship-fund/>
 - National Public Lands Day cleanup details:
 - <https://mtsgreenway.org/get-involved/npld/>
- USFS:
 - RCO process is open, USFS pursuing grants for a variety of projects. District has been applying/relying for the last 25 years
 - Usually 500k per year
 - 250k supports trail needs/trail crew
 - Wants to be more collaborative and get more input from user groups about what needs can be met through grants
 - Kim shared a spreadsheet of the trails that includes notes and assessments on what is needed. That sheet is used to inform the next year's work. District wants input from users on conditions and interest!
 - Action Items:
 - In Wish List Forum, everyone can post about trails from Kim's list that they know are of high priority to their group
 - Groups can also call out whether their group is already pursuing grants for a certain trail, to avoid duplicating asks or competing for resources
 - Nicky to share spreadsheet as VIEWABLE ONLY to Rec Forum members
 - Susan: does USFS want a grant subgroup?
 - Not yet, let's start with the priority exercise