

Topic: Recreation Forum Meeting

Time: November 17th, 3:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Time	Agenda Item	Desired Outcomes
3:00	Join ZOOM and Roll Call Approval of October 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
3:15	Sub-committee Reports	French Cabin Creek (Brian Speeg) Swauk Creek Five Fingers (Brian Speeg) Communication (Nicky Pasi)
3:30	Grant Updates and Winter Planning	Nicky Pasi, Brian Speeg, Darcy Batura
3:45	Winter Recreation Messaging	Nicky Pasi, Kathy Young
4:00	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, Eva Tyler, Susan Thomas, Ken Austin, Karen Behm, Bradley Gasawski, Kathy Young, Ted Jackson, Tonya Morrey, Bryan Petersen, Ellie Belew

Land managers: Nicky Pasi, Darcy Batura, Bryan Speeg, Brian Straniti, Deb Kelly, Ross Huffman

Guests and presenters: Tonya Morrey

- Note changes/updates
 - No updates or edits
 - Two outstanding meetings to update – Aug/Sept
- Subcommittee updates
 - French Cabin creek
 - Kevin will be placing rocks in spring when forest service gives thumbs up
 - Karen – Campfires all recorded, needs to give data to Brian Speeg after fixing issues with attribute table and creating final map
 - Brian – tie back in after 1st of year after work involved with transitioning to a new season slows down
 - Swuak Five Fingers
 - Brian – same as above
 - Outreach/Comm
 - Register bottom right on website
 - Review forums
 - New thread for grants and projects
- Grants
 - RCO
 - Nicky
 - Submitted for bridge and 2 education/enforcement positions in Teanaway
 - Brian
 - Front country education/enforcement (e&e), OHV e&e, wilderness e&e
 - 2 motorized trail grants, 1 non-motorized, 1 front country
 - Sanitation grant
 - Winter trail maintenance grant, winter NOVA e&e grant
 - Continue to send letters of support to Brian Speeg using template previously sent
 - Darcy
 - \$3 mil to acquire first parcels of land from Central Cascades Forest LLC to Community Forest
 - ranked 5th out of 15 applicants (grant must be funded \$12.7 mil for us to get the money needed, proposed \$22 mil budget for grant)

- Previously decided public development authority best model for ownership, currently at point of public hearing
 - Future funding strategies team: drafting budget of annual cost to manage land properly
 - Add grant list to forum website to inform members of individual statuses
 - Winter planning
 - This winter: title II grant
 - We will undergo a prioritization process for what land to focus on across Kittitas County, holding out to do this in person (but unlikely)
 - Skills that can be brought forward (grant writing, letters of support, maps, etc.)
 - Karen: knows a couple excellent writers through winter rec group
 - Eva: organizing and similar
 - Ellie: happy to help, dependent on time and prior commitments
 - Bradley: editing and writing
 - Goal to post a list of grant sources compiled from land managers, including how much funds are available and when grant is available
- Winter Messaging
 - Recreate responsibly coalition
 - Creating guidelines that Nicky will share, including safety, weather, gear, etc.
 - Ask: share messages out to your respective groups
 - Kathy: Recreatesresponsibly.org messaging and resources available for anyone to use
 - Eva: any references for how to talk to people about their malpractices when you encounter them when out recreating? (good point, no consensus)
 - Individual notes
 - Deborah Kelly: educational video to address new users, email Deborah.kelly@usda.gov if you are interested in participating
 - Ken Austin: educating visitors in lower county about using trails when they are wet (not snowy)
 - Karen Behm: state parks has an incorrect emergency number posted on board
 - Spreadkindnesskittitas.org: toolkit for sharing information about COVID
- Land Manager Updates
 - Ross Huffman-WDFW
 - Cole Creek Bridge in Cabin Creek on FS road 41 not structurally sound for groomers and is currently closed, on groomed snowmobile route
 - As it is on a groomed snowmobile route, DFW plans to groom on either side of bridge and post signage to warn users
 - State parks responsible for sharing information (i.e. informing users with social media)

- Grants
 - 1) boating facilities grant for WDFW access site to Yakima River on Ringer Loop; developing new site downstream
 - 2) NOVA education officer for green dot roads on WDFW land
 - Accepting letters of support for both
 - Concern in Wenas valley, 17 miles of elk fencing lost from fire
 - Working on recreation planning strategy, including facilitation, management, and public outreach
 - Brian Speeg – Forest Service
 - Cle Elum and Naches ranger districts will be merging some departments into zones (i.e. recreation will be one zone between Cle Elum and Little Naches, on the other hand fire will remain separate)
 - Allows for greater sharing of resources and personnel, possibly supervision and management
 - Bryan: who's providing the direction? – depends on where activity is happening. Zoning more for sharing of resources.
 - Kim Larned moving to strictly special uses from recreation
 - Closing down roads to start grooming soon
 - DNR
 - Completed renovation of Teanaway Campground
 - Conditional use permit to improve Indian Camp next summer
 - TNC – Brian Straniti
 - CPPC – community forest grant (above), survey closed with 665 responses
 - Winter rec – grooming happens thru state parks when there is adequate snowfall. Winter thinning on Cle Elum Ridge around Rat Pac trail, currently good lumber market. Outreach and engagement planning for that.
 - Current mastication unit on top of Cle Elum Ridge is finished. Top of trail a little beat up. Looking to repair in spring, along with more mastication
 - Cle Elum office – hiring a conservation forester
 - Nicky Pasi – Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
 - Annual dinner, December 6th, email Nicky for invite
 - acknowledgement of partners, panel with previous secretary of the interior
 - Towns to Teanaway – working on signage project, designing this winter, installing in spring. Info to come to share with your circles.
 - BLM
 - Hiring a ranger in Yakima Canyon
- Other
 - Brian Speeg - abandoned vehicle – found owner and following up with individual
 - Kevin – October 24th 22,500 native plants in Bridgeport area

- Deb Essman – 3 acres of native seed planting in burn areas in Yakima Canyon