

Topic: Recreation Forum meeting
 Partner Updates
 Time: October 19, 3:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers, and Desired Outcomes
3:00	Join ZOOM and Roll Call Approval of April notes	Set expectations and clear goals for teleconference meeting.
3:10	News and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSF Update – Bradley • BLM volunteer need • Teanaway volunteer need – Nicky
3:15	State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it? • What is it used for? • How to participate
3:30	Priority Project Conversation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review matrix • Green Dot discussion • Recreate Responsibly/I-90 trails • EDA grant
4:15	Land Manager Updates	All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire updates • Land closures • Other
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Join Zoom Meeting

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Attendees: Nicky Pasi, Eve Tyler, Doug Kilgore, Matt Anderson, Katie Pruitt, Eugene Reed, Crystal Smith, Kevin Smith, Stephanie Margheim, Bryan Peterson - WOHVA, Joe Rausch, Wayne Mohler, Nicole Ogan

Land Managers: Larry Leach, Ross Huffman

- *Motion to approve September minutes*
 - No edits, no objections to publishing meeting minutes
- **KSF Update – Bradley**
- *BLM Volunteer need*
 - Nov. 13th 9am -2pm tree planting volunteer opportunity Big Pines, Umptanum, Lumne Creek
- *Teaway Volunteer need – Nicky*
 - Nov. 6 at 9am to 1 pm – Teaway fencing, 20 people to take down cattle exclusion fencing. Details on Greenway website.
 - Stewardship fund with Chamber of Commerce to sponsor
 - Point of sale 1% test businesses. Larger roll out next year if successful. Mid next year request for grant proposals.
- *WDFW and Ruffed Grouse –*
 - Pump House Rd - derelict fence removal Sat October 23rd at 8:30 am - Lunch Provided! Details and contacts on RGS Facebook page.
- *State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Survey*
 - Katie Pruitt – update at RCO every five years, 2023 update under way now, random sample survey in past of 100,000 respondents – now adding an experience survey (9 min) and additionally a website. Please share with others to fill out. The survey data will inform the board with how fund priorities.
 - Nicky – Can you explain responses direct priorities? – They will inform the committee on priority setting and schedule. Draft plan early 2022, with board to approval in spring 2022, and final document out late 2022.
 - Provider survey to land managers. Should go out to this group.
 - Survey Links: <https://wa-rco-scorp-2023-wa-rco.hub.arcgis.com/feedback/surveys/b8fa89e9a3d9404a8dc5c766115839e6/explore>
 - Plan update Page: <https://wa-rco-scorp-2023-wa-rco.hub.arcgis.com/> - people can pin favorite place. Can enter to win a discover pass.
 - Nicky – Can you describe the distinction between plan and impact survey? Survey data required for SCORP. This rolls up all studies they do like equity study and economic and health. Impacts grant cycle categories.
 - Eva – Wants to see survey with questions that are on it. Nicky shared screen and went through the questions.
 - Doug – Carrying capacity – what would become of identifying areas where areas potential is at or over carrying capacity? It's tricky to determine limits of carrying capacity though. Possibly anecdotal data with some recommendations coming from data. Can they map survey results compared to socio demographics? Yes. Also, will be available in Spanish. Other languages? RCO will look in to it.

- Distribution – everyone that RCO has contact with – recreation groups – asking others to share – newspaper – online website – social media. Nicky will post to Greenway Facebook page. Mail in option? Mailing address: Recreation and Conservation Office, PO Box 40917, Olympia WA 98504-0917 C/O Katie Pruit
- *Priority Project Conversation*
 - Previously collected ideas, matrix, then narrow down with additional matrix of “Does this project?” (multiple yes/no) questions.
 - Final four projects Implementation –
 1. Champion green dot roads, identify and publicize alternative to popular overwhelmed trails in the I-90 corridor
 2. ADOOCACY – Palouse to cascade trail connections around Ellensburg, Evergreen Snopark completion – fundraising and support role.
- Now how to implement number 1.? – trails. New economic bucket for funding for rec and tourism funding post COVID recovery. Alternate trails need work. I-90 corridor.
 - Doug – trails in Cle Elum not maintained – level of policy? Why are they not maintained? Joe – it is not to discourage use. Likely because of staffing, time, money, and capacity of work force. Rotate through trails for maintenance. Some staff for trail maintenance – seasonal temporary staff. This year there was a lot of staff deployed to fires. New position available for GS -11 F.S. in Cle Elum, Recreation Specialist.
 - Eva – Washington trails – F.S. trails – could they redirect to alternate trails? Group plan to coordinate joint maintenance of trails. Would need to follow federal and state safety guidelines. Might be good task for the new position. Which trails are getting overused? The group needs to find trails to redirect rec traffic to trails with developed trailheads with access, parking, variety of uses, and facilities. Find volunteer group for maintenance. Joe’s contact: joseph.rausch@usda.gov Others: Karen, Wayne, Bradley. Doug and Kevin/Ted for roads group for advocating and road maintenance state partnerships – little funding. Doug – what are the greatest needs? Where is the problem? Funding? Ross – not much funding routinely for road maintenance. Roads usually graded only with timber harvests. Alternatives to revenue – ATV or UTV tags, 1% donation to powersport sales, identify specific areas. Reform the NOVA program to apply for grant money? – Typically, not eligible. Doug general narrative to identify need and funding. Kevin – Ad Hoc group for problem areas. Larry, Ross, Doug, Kevin, Ted – conversation for motorized conversation.
 - Rough Grouse group has an agreement in place with F.S. with someone trained to drive agency trucks.
 - Impact to I-90 trails – messaging and outreach - recreate responsibly for recreating safely in the winter. Communication public meeting coming up: Kathy Young on the Recreate Responsibly. Can we help?
- *Land Manager Updates*
 - USFS – Joe – Not too much at this time. Working to get new Recreation Specialist position filled. Temporary snoparks – Cle Elum Campground – likely going to reopen this. Slash pile burning happening SW of Lake Kechelus, Teanaway and Swuak areas coming up. French Cabin Creek bridge closed just south of the one that goes over the Yakima River. Still accessible to foot and bike traffic, and snowmobiles.

- BLM – N/A
- Greenway – Offering a position for outreach, branding, and engagement in the Teanaway.
- DNR – Not much at this time. Camp fire restrictions lifted but please be careful. No land closures in the County. Expansion at Indian Camp almost finished. Winter wrap ups. Temporary snopark in Teanaway this year? Need to ask advisory committee. NF in plan has motorized trailhead. WF is non-motorized. So, to open this year is inconsistent with the plan.
- TNC – Still active prescribed burns above Roslyn causing some trail closures.
- WDFW – Ross – Restrictions all lifted. New wildlife area staff Hannah Bates. Improvements at Durr Road firing area (backstops and parking) – waiting for approval. Coal Creek bridge and cabin creek – load restricted bridges.
- WTA – None.
- Kittitas County – Nicole – Towns to Teanaway trail sponsorship and easements underway.