

Topic: Recreation Forum meeting

Time: June 14, 3:00 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.
3:15	Brief updates on recent topics	Liberty cleanup effort – Diane Priebe, Nicky Pasi, Gene Reed KSF kickoff – Bradley Gasawski
3:25	HEM Report	Professor Jen Lipton, CWU
3:45	DNR deep dive	Larry Leach, DNR, State Lands Assistant Manager, Southeast Region
4:15	Land Manager Updates	USFS, BLM, DNR, WDFW, State Parks, TNC, Kittitas County
4:30	Adjourn	

Join Zoom Meeting

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Present: Crystal Smith, Eva Tyler, Kevin Clements, Wayne Mohler, Karen Behm with John O'Brien, Ted Jackson, Doug Kilgore, Tristyn Duerr, Kathy Young, Bradley Gasawski

Land managers: Darcy Batura, Stephanie Margheim, Larry Leach, Brian Speeg, Tristan Spencer, Nancy Lillquist, Ross Huffman

Guests: Jennifer Lipton, Bridget Moran

- Changes to May's meeting notes
 - No changes
- Liberty Clean Up Recap – Nicky Pasi
 - 7 people the day after Memorial Day as well as some BLM and FS staff
 - Litter pick-up near meadow
 - Ted and Gene had members of their clubs discuss with visitors about being respectful of land and neighbors
 - Took apart 16 unauthorized fire rings, shoutout to Gene for being able to haul the rock away with his ATV
 - Grateful it was not as bad as expected
 - Ted: systematically picked up litter through main street and campground. Several residents stopped and thanked them
- KSF Kickoff – Bradley Gasawski
 - 5 met yesterday; Bradley, Steve, Steve, Adam, and Nicky
 - Outlined homework for group until next meeting
 - Homework includes
 - getting fiscal approval from chamber
 - distilling purpose statement
 - going thru charters of other 1% programs to save themselves effort when creating their own
 - Meeting again in 2 weeks
- Open Discussion
 - Karen
 - Successful winter rec sno-park clean ups at Gold Creek, Hyak and Cabin Creek
 - Another group went out on their own and cleaned up a lot of Gold Creek first
 - In the Seattle times, notice about TREAD app, used Mailbox peak in King County
 - Homeowner Geoff on Salmon La Sac road had similar concerns as Christine in Liberty
 - He volunteered to do more fire ring mapping
 - Doug
 - Connected with Waste Management to get a dumpster donated near French Cabin Creek
 - Committed to donating and picking up 2x per week
 - Looking to find a way to bear-proof
 - Kevin
 - Parke Creek kiosk installation that Nicky and Noel led last Friday
- Human Ecology Mapping Report – Jennifer Lipton PhD
 - Project team

- Lee Cerveny PhD and Matthew Helmer PhD, approached Jennifer to start project
 - Ethan Lockwood MS spearheaded project and did groundwork
 - Interns Axel Barajas, Kayla Gallentine, and Tonya Morrey helped collect data
 - David Cordner MS and Jennifer completed GIS analysis
 - Project guidelines
 - User generated data about rec areas, values/benefits, and demographics
 - Identify how uses and values interact w collaborative cross-boundary/checkerboard management planning
 - Uses maps to create geospatial dataset combined with survey to gather values
 - Online and in-person
 - Boundary: upper Yakima Basin
 - Timeline: winter 2019 to winter 2020
 - Questions include: where do you go? For how long? What do you do? What features do you value? What are the benefits you derive?
 - Interns did interpersonal surveying of recreators in Little Naches, then went to sno-parks in winter
 - Participants asked to select 5 locations they value and answer questions about why
 - Results
 - 2718 polygons mapped, only 18 people identified 5 places
 - 1132 respondents, 1078 after data cleaning
 - 321 zip codes, 185 from 98926, 122 from 98922
 - Maps
 - Stack all the polygons for a specific attribute
 - Count number of polygons stacked to create heat maps
 - Follow-up
 - Report will be sent with graphics to ECRP members
 - Data available for further analysis
 - Contact Jennifer Lipton to set up a meeting to discuss further
 - Contact
 - Jennifer.lipton@cwu.edu
 - 509-304-8184
- DNR Recreation Management Deep Dive – Larry Leach and Stephanie Margheim
 - How rec plays a role in DNR
 - Most of DNR lands are trust lands, managed for the benefit of schools, institutions, universities
 - Manages Teanaway Community Forest (TCF)
 - Multiple use act – will provide rec opportunities where use compatible with trust objectives
 - DNR will control negative effects of public access through collaboration w public, user groups, landowners, and other agencies
 - DNR rec in Kittitas County
 - Mostly all in Teanaway Community Forest
 - Greendot road management system
 - Rec plans
 - Naneum ridge to Columbia River Recreation and Access Plan
 - Teanaway Community Forest Recreation Plan

- Many projects listed and prioritized in plans
 - Often limited on funds to work on those projects
- Funding
 - Funding for the county based from use at established recreation sites; 3 TCF campgrounds in Kittitas County
 - Limited staffing (only 6 rec staff in this area)
 - No funding to deal with dumping
 - Falling behind on road maintenance of green dot roads
 - Agency has paused on creating projects due to cuts in funding from legislature reducing funding and failing to realize how important these lands are for recreation
- Volunteers
 - Currently
 - Approximately 1600 hours/year
 - Cleaning green dot roads and dispersed areas
 - Forest watch patrols
 - What does it take to make an event happen
 - Find project, determine needs, schedule time for prep/work/follow-up, ensure staffing/equipment/etc is available, promote and recruit, attend event, gather/process/submit paperwork, recognize volunteers and manage hours
 - Big time sink for limited staff
 - How can we chip in?
 - Let them know if you see a need
 - Cleanups, education of users, help better react to unexpected issues, regular work parties
 - Get trained on how to host volunteer event yourself
 - Project timeline
 - Project idea
 - ID funding source and location
 - Site review, visits, and surveys with experts
 - Planning, permitting, and contracting
 - Can take multiple years to complete
- Options to support recreation access
 - Compromise: seasonal closures
 - Cooperation: volunteer, advocate, grants, donations
 - Compliance: education and enforcement
 - Creativity: ideas? Funding?
- Green dot road users
 - Kevin, Doug, possibly Gene
 - Kevin: upwards of 10x the rec pressure on green dot roads than previous years. Seeing 10-20 vehicles on a road on week days, spent \$10k into one road in one year which is over DNR's budget
- Nicky – how can we get them to capture rec use in our county in a different way?
 - Advocate to open eyes of legislature outside of our area
 - Traffic counters that Stephanie is deploying
- Ask of group

- Should we create an advocacy sub-committee? (Karen offered to help)
 - Event coordination volunteer sub-committee?
 - Wayne – work with Big Tent on this funding issue
 - Contact info
 - Larry: (206)793-5336 larry.leach@dnr.wa.gov
 - Stephanie: (509) 925-0984 stephanie.margheim@dnr.wa.gov
- Land Managers Update
 - Forest Service – Brian Speeg
 - Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group will be hiring 2 employees for education at dispersed sites, trash clean-up, organizing volunteers
 - Title II funding for winter trail maintenance, install a toilet at Beverly campground, continue cleaning up dispersed trash sites and dumped vehicles
 - Mudding damage at Table Mountain in the meadows, having botanist taking lead on managing issue which may involve future volunteer projects
 - Wilderness rangers beginning patrol in July
 - Northwest Youth Corps working on Pete Lake trail this summer
 - WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife – Ross Huffman
 - New Wenas Wildlife Area Manager starting soon
 - Working on finalizing Manastash Ridge trail plan
 - Some funding coming for signage and education for off-road vehicle use
 - Mudding damage in meadows in Naneum
 - Signage posted but removed
 - The Nature Conservancy – Tonya Morrey
 - ‘How-Go’ Unit Thinning has begun
 - Rat Pac is now closed
 - Main Ridge Road and Alliance Road is the haul route so please avoid using them. Use extreme caution if you must use them.
 - Mastication will be moving to the next unit soon
 - Ewok and Never Ending Hill will be closed
 - Invasive species management volunteer
 - Please email me at tonya.morrey@tnc.org if you are interested in helping us identify where invasive plants are occurring on trails
 - Hired our Eastern WA Community Relations Manager who will be beginning in July and will be in WA in August