

Topic: Recreation Forum meeting
 Partner Updates
 Time: February 15, 3:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers, and Desired Outcomes
3:00	Join ZOOM and Roll Call Approval of November notes	Set expectations and clear goals for teleconference meeting.
3:10	Legislative Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Green Dot group • Update on WTA proviso • Update on other relevant legislation
3:30	I-90 Alternate Trails group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit subcommittee goals • Redirecting traffic to other selected areas
3:50	Known 2022 Volunteer Needs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events • Public input opportunities
4:15	Land Manager Updates Rec Group Updates	All
4:30	Adjourn	

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Attendance: Barb Penniston (new BCHW, sitting president of Kit Co Trail Riders), Eva Tyler, Gene Reed, Wayne Mohler, Bradley Gasawski, Ted Jackson,

Land Managers: Stephanie Margheim, Larry Leach, Katie Pofahl, Katie Pofahl, Joe Rausch, Deb Kelly, Troy Watlamet, Nicole Ogan, Heidi Anderson, Ross Huffman

- Green Dot Road Subcommittee:
 - Positive discussions with county and state folks to help fund Education and Enforcement on Green Dot Rd system
 - Ted has had conversations w/Senate Ways and Means about the outdoor rec advocacy effort to fund the maintenance backlog
 - How likely is funding?
 - Ted says he's getting positive feedback, feels we've been clearly heard
 - Larry agrees that the crystal ball is cloudy, but support has been encouraging
- I-90 trails corridor
 - Has done some exploration and had conversations with USFS/State Parks staff. They've determined that there really aren't any corridors WITHIN the I-90 boundary.
 - Propose renaming the committee 'Trail Options' or something similar
 - Goal: Explore and implement actions to inform people of alternative options
 - Improve existing trails
 - Draw out of corridor
 - Monitor use elsewhere (?)
 - Tasks:
 - Posting signs with alternative trail suggestions at crowded trailheads
 - Get trail use data this season, compare to use on suggested trails in successive years to see if pattern is changing
 - Barb: BCHW would enjoy exploring new trails, but parking is the biggest issue
 - Eva: Parking isn't something this committee can really address – funding is too huge, analysis and engineering, etc.
 - Example:
 - Some trailheads off exit 70 near Easton, which go up to Silver Creek trail to Kachess Ridge
 - Has some potential parking outside of official lot
 - Katie: what was the core issue? Can we summarize for new folks.
 - Eva: Conversation triggered by how quickly I-90 fills up, causing people parking in the road, on interchanges/medians, etc
 - Not so much about improving trail experience as trails being beyond capacity!
 - Joe: Concept sounds good, let's get into specifics of who-what-when-where to redirect
 - What west side groups could we link with?
 - WTA
 - Issaquah Alps might have some input
 - Nicky could connect through Greenway Board

- Wayne: could utilize Evergreen Snopark as one of the redirect sites. Currently only approved for winter use, so would need some zoning change, and exploration of how to link to trails to S Cle Elum Ridge
- Bradley: Have we developed a list of parking locations that we know are crowded, and which we want to move people away from
 - Have we considered surveying users in those locations to find out why they're at those trailheads/what kind of rec they're looking for – Use HEM data?
- Action Items:
 - Officially renaming it the Trail Options Committee
 - Set up meeting with Lindsey Pruett (Deb and Jon)
- KNOWN UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENTS:
 - DNR:
 - Green dot area clean ups around Elk Heights, Naneum, Wenas.
 - Wenas May 13-14
 - Elk Heights in June
 - Teanaway Love Day – May 21
 - Indian Camp ongoing upgrades
 - High line installation
 - Split rail fencing installation
 - Campsite cleanups
 - Weed pulling in sensitive areas
 - WDFW
 - Some motorized trail reroute in the Flats area – working with motorcycle and jeep clubs
 - Revisiting shooting range cleanup that Field and Stream runs in spring (Durr Rd)
 - Planning to submit grant for work on Manastash Ridge trails – will need to coordinate volunteers for match (but this is in 2023, if funded)
 - Will need additional replanting help in Evans Canyon in the fall
 - BLM
 - Volunteer cleanups at Liberty!
 - Will need public comment and support for LWCF dollars to purchase Bighorn boat launch (which is needed, with Ringer Loop launch being reclaimed by river)
 - TNC
 - Working with Upper Kittitas Rec Partnership (new moto access group, run by Jason Holmes and Tim Penelrick) to organize work on Patrick Mine Road
 - Possible weed control efforts on T2T
 - USFS
 - District wide rec planning meeting FEB 16-17! Will know more after that!
 - Questions:
 - Bradley asks: what happened with tree cleanup on Table Mtn?
 - Waiting for snow to leave
 - Also open to firewood cutting, so let people know there's easy pickings in that area!
 - And what about yurt at Table Mtn?

- Was a special use cabin for Boeing, did burn down in Table Mtn fire, no plans to replace
 - Community has an interest in getting it back, so...maybe in the future?
- Updates:
 - TNC
 - Beginning to transfer land in the Cabin Creek area to USFS! Got an update from the USFS realty group re: Amabilis Mtn parcels that environmental review is kicking off in the fall. Likely to take ~2yrs
 - Communicating with Kongsbergers' Ski Club about the transfer and the changes that may trigger
 - If folks want to share concerns or comments, contact Katie Pofahl.
 - katie.pofahl@tnc.org
 - Cle Elum Ridge will be undergoing additional prescribed burns above the communities in spring
 - Outreach will be underway, ask for help spreading the word
 - ~April
 - Some forest health work in partnership w DNR in spring
 - DNR
 - Just offered the Education and Enforcement warden position! Will be mostly in Yakima but also locally on Green Dot system! Coming in March
 - Will be a lot of staffing needs this spring as some folks retire and are replaced. Staff requests patience as they work with temporary reductions
 - Green Dot Update meeting coming up soon
 - Waiting for ice and snow to melt and dry up!
 - USFS
 - Ted asks: Travel Management Plan when?
 - "awaiting decisions on how to move forward on that"
 - How can we 'birddog' that? No enforcement possible without a plan, so LEOs lack tools to ensure preservation and care
 - Most road closure orders have expired and are no longer enforceable
 - Taneum project is ready to go to consultation with USFW
 - Minimizing wildfire risks
 - Some wildlife benefits as well
 - Invitation to collaborate on Upper Swauk Project near Liberty. Aims to reduce wildfire risks in area
 - Deb: Little Naches Uplands project draft Environmental Assessment likely to come out in next few weeks.
 - Preparing for next round of applications for Title II (Secure Rural Schools) projects.
 - Amount available is not yet confirmed
 - Projects can be on national forest or adjacent but beneficial to forest
 - Proposals due April 10
 - Robin DeMario is USFS contact
 - Requests for volunteers to apply on the Title II committee

- WDFW
 - Green Dot Rd meeting will be virtual, mostly survey-based to review proposed changes and get general comments. Notices will go out to public.
 - Revised maps due out by May 1
 - Forestry work planned in Colockum and LT Murray for this year. Some prescribed burns, more forest health work.
- County
 - T2T trail easements progressing
 - Coordinating w/WSDOT on longterm lease option to expand Vantage boatlaunch parking
 - Now working to control flooding as the snow runs off!
 - Possibility for Evergreen Snopark involvement?
 - Unclear, need to learn if Kittitas Parks and Rec District is hanging onto that
 - Currently only permitted for winter use
 - Off of 4510 Rd, linked to Trailside Homes development (All Seasons drive?)
- Questions:
 - Wayne: how much is typically budgeted through Title II?
 - Deb: has decreased by about 5% annually in recent years
 - Members for committee pulled from Yakima, Kittitas, Chelan, Okanogan

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