

Topic: Recreation Forum meeting

Partner Updates

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

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers, and Desired Outcomes
3:00	Join ZOOM and Roll Call Approval of March notes	Set expectations and clear goals for teleconference meeting.
3:10	Subcommittee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green Dot Group• Trail Options Group• Discuss reactivating French Cabin Creek
3:30	TREAD Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mat Lyons• Memorial Day Launch• Input on likely crowded sites
4:00	Land Manager Updates	All
4:30	Adjourn	

Greenway Trust is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Every month on the Third Tue, until Nov 15, 2022, 7 occurrence(s)

May 17, 2022 03:00 PM

Jun 21, 2022 03:00 PM

Jul 19, 2022 03:00 PM

Aug 16, 2022 03:00 PM

Sep 20, 2022 03:00 PM

Oct 18, 2022 03:00 PM

Nov 15, 2022 03:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Attending: Eva Tyler, Barb Penniston, Karen Behm, Gene Reed, Kevin Clements, Doug Kilgore, Wayne Mohler, Bradley Gasawski, James Moschella

Land Managers: Larry Leach, Ross Huffman, Stephanie Margheim, Tonya Morrey

Guests:

- Subcommittee updates
 - Green Dot
 - Planning for fall to get representatives out on the sites where resources could be applied to improve road conditions. Not likely to happen until after summer
 - Trail Access
 - Eva and Barb have met, shared notes w/Karen
 - Reviewed trailheads in the Teanaway and Cle Elum River area. Easier to find alternatives for
 - I-90 corridor virtually impossible, EVERYTHING is crowded
 - Deb Davis shared spreadsheet of known trails in need of maintenance, so should not be recommended
 - Next steps:
 - Decide how many, and which, trailheads to focus on for:
 - Distributing information
 - Recommending
 - Conduct site visits to consider signage/potential impact
 - Determine what USFS is able to provide for funding
 - Social media side:
 - A lot of crowding due to social media
 - Identifying roads and other non-trail corridors w/adequate parking for people who just want to walk/take their dogs out
 - Groups that can help with advance redirecting of traffic:
 - WTA – recently posted a blog to this effect
 - WA Hikers & Climbers
 - Cascadians
 - What about lower-county options?
 - Some hiking, plenty of mountainbike trails
 - Keep people away from Manastash Ridge, already crowded
 - Ancient Lakes and Frenchman Coulee have some cool trails
 - Whiskey Dick/Quilomene is popular with riders, might make for good hiking too
 - Ski trails on the LT Murray make good hiking in summer
 - Restart French Cabin group?
 - Would need USFS direction – what do they want help with?
 - Doug – sense of frustration if all we’re doing is mitigating the harmful use, with no pathway to protect the area
 - Impression from past years is that there’s nothing USFS can do from regulatory standpoint to change the allowed uses
 - “If all we’re doing is cleaning up after an impossible situation, it’s hard to motivate interest in further action”

- Doug indicates the Upper Lewis river near Mt Adams, where riverside dispersed camping has been curtailed
 - Can we ask them how they did it? They are in Region 6, same as Cle Elum
 - Doug, Karen, interested in this!
 - Nicky to help find relevant staff for Doug to talk to
- Experience on the John Day river, where the focus is on Dark Sky, so all campers are encouraged to use either red lights or keep shades down on campers to prevent campsites from emitting light.
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Land Manager Updates:

- USFS
 - Wayne: ARRA did a pretty comprehensive survey of many of those issues the USFS is dealing with, which indicates a huge nationwide lack of resources for the agency
- WDFW:
 - Manastash Ridge Trails Plan is finalized and adopted by WDFW
 - Melinda (Wildlife Area manager) has been reaching out to Manastash Ridge Trails Coalition members to reengage and set up site visits to begin implementation of the plan
 - Eva: is this plan available to read?
 - Ross: unsure if it's posted to website yet, but will share it with Nicky for group distribution
 - New signage for the Green Dot Roads! Less "NO" language, more graphic representations of allowed and disallowed activities
 - April 15 – Oct 15, no campfires allowed on the wildlife areas (except Oak Creek in Yakima, which follows DNR's local guidelines)
 - Wenas wildlife area hiring a new Rec Management position! Split between management of developed shooting range and management of Manastash Ridge trails
- DNR:
 - All Green Dots under seasonal closures are now open
 - Teanaway, Indian, and 29 Pines camps are open
 - Indian expansion will be open for use after Saturday (fencework)
 - Working with BCHW chapters to install high lines and horse ramps there as well
 - Workparty for calendar!
 - Green Dot Cleanup in Elk Heights area – June 4
 - WTA Proviso money is now being planned out. In Kittitas, it will include:
 - Rockwork in Indian Camp
 - Road Improvements in Naneum Ridge State Forest
 - Green Dot Rd improvements (drainage, driveability)
 - Work on the new Green Dot Rd, Barber Springs, in Manastash
 - Some scattered additional signage projects to go with new kiosks
 - DNR working with county on access issues across private land for Naneum. Continuing to pursue public easement in Coleman Canyon
- TNC
 - Mastication work happening on CE Ridge, beginning now, through June
 - Work occurs during week, not weekends
 - Some trail impacts, TNC will let us know when trails are closed

- TNC received Title II funds from USFS in 2019, implementing this summer to do trail restoration work in Taneum w/NW YouthCorps and NW Motorcycle Association
- WTA:
 - WTA now has 'accessible trails' and 'wheelchair trails' features on the website!
 - <https://www.wta.org/news/signpost/how-kitsap-county-volunteers-are-building-up-their-trails>
 - Leveraging GAOA funds to hire crews in the OkaWen
 - "Lost Trails Found" crews, restoring trails with little maintenance in MBS and OkaWen
 - Stepping up the West Fork Teanaway trails plan, finished report targeted for end of July
 - INTERNAL CHANGES AFOOT! A new CEO coming in. Interim is Jaime Lauke (sp). Search underway, which will coincide with new 5yr strategic plan
- Teanaway:
 - Teanaway Love Day – 9am this Saturday in the TCF!
 - Campsite cleanups
 - Building buck and rail fence in Indian Camp
 - Gravel path maintenance
 - Sign up: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPPi2dwiGvIce5kFHvEhhBJwNjahxgsMbQvtkSIYFI7ZhStg/viewform>
 - Were planning to do a Noxious Weed 101, but growth is about a month behind this year
- Greenway:
 - Greenway NHA launches Friday for public comment! Review executive summary, we invite input through a survey, and there's a link to the full plan for people who want that. Two open houses will happen virtually in June (60-90 min sessions)