

Topic: Recreation Forum meeting

Partner Updates

Time: July 19, 3:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers, and Desired Outcomes
3:00	Join ZOOM/Conference and Roll Call Approval of May notes	Set expectations and clear goals for teleconference meeting.
3:10	Subcommittee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trail Options Group• French Cabin Creek<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Water quality monitoring options
3:30	Ebikes Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heide Anderson• Information around the DNR/WDFW Ebike decision making process
3:50	RCO NOVA funding options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What DNR funding alternatives can we support, and how
4:10	Land Manager Updates	All <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer event alerts• Closures for construction• Fire restrictions• Open positions and new hires• Wildlife Area Advisory Committee members needed
4:30	Adjourn	

Greenway Trust is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: ECRP Rec Forum

Time: May 17, 2022 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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

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Members: Barb Penniston, Kevin Clements, Karen Behm, Doug Kilgore; Eva Tyler, Wayne Mohler, Gene Reed,

Land Managers: Stephanie Margheim; Kelee Hodges, Holly English, Tonya Morrey, Holly English, Larry Leach, Lindsey Pruett, Kurt Hellman

Guest: Suzanne Corkran

- Subgroup reports:
 - Trail Options Group:
 - Using Greenway Trailhead Ambassador program as a model
 - Lindsey working on drafting new signs, will have a draft to the group to edit by August 16, working with USFS designer
 - Requested group provide her with the list of alternative trail options
 - Group reviewing list, select 5 trails for these signs to be posted at
 - USFS now has a cache-based QR code that can work without phone service
 - Challenges will be selecting alternatives!
 - Karen researching road alternatives for walkers/dog walkers
 - South Cle Elum Ridge Rd
 - French Cabin Creek
 - Water monitoring options
 - WDFW staff – Scott Downes recommended to connect with. WDFW would also be the party to reach out to with any final data
 - Put Doug and Kevin in touch with him
 - Holly – Scott can operate in advisory role, share information that’s currently being collected, so we’re not duplicating efforts or sites
 - “If we are sure we want to do this, we should follow up with contact. Where would we monitor?”
 - Questions for Scott!
 - Will also need regular volunteers, comparing weekend to weekday quality
 - Components:
 - Equipment
 - Someone to monitor equipment
 - Testing
 - What’s being monitored:
 - Impacts of large camps on the weekends on water quality
 - Fecal coliform?
 - Turbidity
 - USFS updates from July 15 weekend
 - Fire control and law enforcement went up to do a cleanup last weekend, because so many reports were filed
 - Lindsey ordering 2 dumpsters (1 at FCC, 1 at Cooper river)
 - UPDATE:
 - Waste Management does not have 8 yard dumpsters available.

- Waste Management trucks cannot cross the Cle Elum River bridge to French Cabin Creek due to the 10 ton weight limit.
 - Ordered 8 yard bear proof dumpsters for next season.
 - Ordered 1- 20 yard dumpster to be placed at the parking area across the Cle Elum River bridge on the 4600 road and 1, 20 yard dumpster for the wide area on the Salmon la Sac road near Cle Elum River Campground.
 - Nine unattended fires were reported
 - Opportunity for volunteer cleanup on National Public Lands Day
 - Note to contact Ruffled Grouse Society for this
 - USFS aims to have a volunteer set up at FCC
 - Goal to be public contact, reviewing rules and regulations, putting warning signs on vehicles, etc
 - Floating between FCC, Cooper Bridge, Speelyi Beach
- Multi-boundary event
 - Is this useful?
 - Karen – awesome!
 - Kevin – if we'd had this while planning some events in the past, it would have been a godsend
 - Doug – who will take the call?
 - Suzanne – pretty open ended, what are the parameters?
 - What needs to be stated at outset?
 - A good question for the LMC to revisit! What kills a proposed event right out the gate?
 - What are the blackout dates?
 - Stephanie – DNR working on that calendar, likely to have a soft rollout in 2023. Don't want large events to displace regular recreating public.
 - Would include holidays, limit large events to every-other-weekend
 - Wayne – would it be appropriate for the lead land manager to be the first point of contact?
 - Holly – WDFW Rec planners responded positively, as a way to avoid surprise 'no's into the event permitting process
 - WDFW using Smart Sheet, could be used to streamline
- RCO Nova
 - Question: whether to reinstate RCO Nova program as-is, or create alternative funding sources
 - Alternative: charging users by the mile instead of drawing on the gas tax to fund NOVA
 - This would impact the available \$\$, so want to make sure a percentage of the road use tax is also collected
 - Alternative: look at how Discover Pass funds are allocated between agencies
 - Alternative: other permit considerations for fees for equestrian trailers, to help fund equestrian-based trail development
 - Alternative: creating a dedicated account to be funded by a percentage of the total outdoor rec equipment and apparel sales tax

- Could be used for maintaining dnr, wdfw, state parks either in lieu of or partnership with Discover Pass
 - Ted feels this would be the best way of setting dedicated funding for outdoor rec.
 - Big Tent Outdoor Rec coalition just voted in a new president and vice president
 - Christy Mullet w/WA Wildlife and Rec Coalition (WWRC) is new vice president
 - Rico Bambrick(sp?) is new president
 - Ted remains secretary
 - Group working towards figuring out sustainable funding for the three state agencies as pertains to outdoor rec
 - Questions:
 - If transitioning from fuel tax to road user charge, are there any groups looking at transition mechanisms?
 - How do you move the money that's in the account, and how do you make sure agencies are receiving from new account?
 - Doug Levy, coordinator for the Big Tent coalition, has been including ORV and motorized in meetings around this proposal. Putting pressure on House and Senate transportation committees about maintaining the 1% gas tax at a minimum until the transition is complete
 - DNR – if NOVA is not coming to DNR any longer, Green Dot Rds are going to be hit hard. RCO does not recognize Green Dots as trails, view them as forest trails, so RCO grants can not be used to support rec use on GDR.
 - ATVs and WATVs are not required to have Discover Passes, so these users are not paying for the rec services on GDRs. Basically all other DP users foot that bill, and if DP goes away, DNR does not know how they'll be able to upkeep 1400 miles of road for play/access
 - Ted - All ATVs/WATVs are required by statute to maintain tags, and that money goes into NOVA RTP, so they are contributing. Also all tow-rigs need to have DPs. Contributions are made in that way.
 - But the tabs money can only be used for trail dev/maintenance. Ted notes that the legislature could change that to make portion of funds available for road maintenance (ie green dots)
 - State has never made a cost of living adjustment on ORV tabs, which should be considered.
 - Kevin – excluding GDR from trail funding is an anomaly and they need to be reclassified as trails!
 - Yes, some tow rigs have DPs, but many others park on county roads, or outside of DNR/WDFW parking areas, where DPS are not required, so many do skirt that cost.
 - In summary, these gaps need to be closed. Simplest way would be to get GDR reclassified as trail
 - We'll get clarity, and can support the funding proposals after September elections
 - What would it take to get GDR reclassified as a trail?
 - Show up at RCO meetings and insist on policy change
- Land Manager updates
 - USFS:

- Updated signage being pursued, to improve education and volunteer recruitment
 - Met with USFS chief in DC! Want to support more field staff, make more permanent positions, and fund recreation at a higher level
 - Trailcrew and Wilderness crews are keeping trails opened, dealing with downed trees etc
 - DeRoux hut update – tribal letters have been sent, scoping will be coming up soon
 - Please send any comments to Kim Larned (Kim.Larned@usda.gov)
 - Wayne – has application/permit been submitted yet?
 - Unclear, Kim would know
- WDFW
 - Plan for Manastash Trails approved! Melinda Hughes (wildlife area manager for Wenas) is implementing. Reconvened stakeholder committee. Barb Penniston helped to find an equestrian rep for that, and for LT Murray Advisory Committee.
 - Melinda applying for NOVA grant to help fund implementation to reroute current unsustainable trails, rerouting doubletracks, new signage, etc
 - Revising LT Murray Wildlife Area Wildlife Plan
 - Draft phase of plan, setting out goals and objectives (this will outline staff workplans for next 10 years!)
 - Reconvening the LT Murray Advisory Committee. Needs a forest service rep!
 - Hiring a partnership coordinator!
 - Coordinate with stakeholders, conservation groups, wildlife groups, to do work on the ground
- DNR:
 - Everything is open!
 - Dispersed campfire restriction in effect
 - Only allowed in campgrounds with provided designated metal fire pits.
 - 29 Pines does NOT have these, but Indian and Teanaway Camps are good to go
 - New position: Maintenance Tech focused on Green Dot Rd system
 - Sat August 23, Green Dot Cleanup for Naneum, meet at Coleman Orchard at 9:30am
 - <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/event/naneum-ridge-state-forest-green-dot-clean>
 - Add to FB!
- TNC
 - Hiring two fire-related position:
 - Fire Director
 - Prescribed Fire Specialist
 - careers.nature.org
 - Job codes:
 - Fire Director - 51740
 - Rx Fire Specialist – 51803
 - Trail restoration project for single track motorized trails in Taneum.

- Youth Corps crew brushed 3 miles of North Fork Taneum
 - NWMA crew will be rerouting Lightning Pt trail, regrading and retreading other trails in need of maintenance
 - Mastication on ridge:
 - Paul's Trail closed for now, working towards Patrick Mine Rd
 - How Go unit commercial thinning still underway
 - Crews will continue to work until fire restrictions
 - Kittitas County
 - Involved with Manastash Trailhead group to try and develop additional parking!
 - Thorp Bridge will be shut down completely from August 1 to end of Nov.
 - WDFW water access site will be closed
 - CNW
 - Finishing up a literature report that will help synthesize existing lit relating to wildlife and rec dynamics, and put it within WA context
 - Studying 15 species of wildlife
 - Greenway
 - Developing volunteer projects for National Public Lands Day!
 - Weed pull event on Cle elum Ridge – 14 participants
- Other:
 - Karen reports that the Golden Circle in Norway, where she recently visited, had overcrowded parking lots, no designed trails, a lot of braiding, etc.
 - But useful signage, pictographic
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