

Topic: Recreation Forum meeting  
 Partner Updates  
 Time: August 16, 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"> <li>• Trail Options Group</li> <li>• French Cabin Creek</li> <li>• Green Dot Rds</li> </ul>
3:30	Ebikes Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heide Anderson</li> <li>• Information around the DNR/WDFW Ebike decision making process</li> </ul>
3:50	Rec Forum member group events	All
4:10	Land Manager Updates	All
4:30	Adjourn	

Greenway Trust is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: ECRP Rec Forum  
 Time: 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: Barbara Penniston, Eva Tyler, Karen Behm, Kevin Clements, Crystal Smith, Wayne Mohler, Gene Reed, Bradley Gasawski; Doug Kilgore; Kurt Hellman

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

Speakers: Heide Anderson

- Notes from July pass
- Subcommittees:
  - Trail Options Group:
    - Working with Lindsey Pruett to draft sign content
      - Fires have set timeline back. Lindsey hoping for draft from graphic designer by the end of the week (Aug 19)
    - USFS asked for group to help identify FIVE priority trails in need of alternatives
    - USFS training up volunteer, will be reviewing trailhead ambassador programming for him once he's onboard
      - Will share debrief from this first weekend with committee
    - Lindsey notes that the French Cabin Creek signage has been removed! It was so bad!
      - Karen asks if small 8x11' signs can be consolidated. Lindsey agrees that the messy look is not informative.
  - Green Dot Rds
    - In Naneum, at Nealy Creek access point, an agreement to access Naneum State Forest has been reached!
      - Work needs to be done – DNR has a plan, we'll learn more from Mike Williams over time
      - Larry confirms it will be an official access point on next year's Green Dot maps
    - Note to add a report out on Five Fingers progress in September
  - French Cabin Creek
    - Doug has reached out to various agencies regarding water quality monitoring
      - ECY – nobody currently assigned to the area
      - John Marvin, Yakama Nation Fisheries – noted that erosion would be more of an issue than human waste. Referred to Respect The River campaigns and the Forest Travel Plan for setbacks.
    - Karen went out to FCC, curious why no sanicans?
      - Lindsey: funding was late this year, were only recently ordered, but they will be placed this weekend
    - Both Karen and Doug note that the paid campground before the bridge was not full, but FCC was. Also noted a lot of fires.
      - Question: what action can be supported to address the fires
      - Front country rangers are currently working with fire crews. Some targeted patrols on campgrounds – addressed 12 abandoned fires this weekend.

- Volunteer will be doing a ride-along with law enforcement to get to know the area
  - Is Lindsey familiar with Respect the River, and can we add additional locations?
    - Set time aside in Sept for overview of Respect the River
  - Can USFS place exclusionary boulders?
    - Conversation dead-ended when Brian left. Bring up with successor
- Ebikes
  - 2021 legislative session directed DNR/WDFW to collect info related to E-bike use on “nonmotorized natural surface trails, and roads closed to motorized use”
    - Goal: determine where such use can occur, and what classes of E-bikes are acceptable
    - Ran a whole public process requiring input from tribes, conservation orgs, accessibility groups, equestrians, bikers/mtnbikers, hunters, hikers
      - 2 tribal roundtables representing 19 tribes
      - ~7600 responders
      - Also hosted small group listening sessions to get direct feedback from user groups
    - Findings to be part of report submitted to legislature by end of Sept.
  - Currently: Ebikes only allowed on motorized roads and trails open to motorized use, UNLESS you have ADA Parking Placard (then they are allowed anywhere regular bikes may go)
  - Classes of Ebike (all must have saddle, pedals, motor that provides no more than 750 watts, 2-3 wheels)
    - Class 1
      - Has electrical assist, but rider must be pedaling at all times. Motor will assist up to 20 mph
    - Class 2
      - Motor will assist up to 20mph, but has a throttle, so you can be propelled solely by the motor without any pedaling
    - Class 3
      - Must be pedaling (like Class 1) but motor will go up to 28 mph
    - Heide notes that most of the ebikes on the ground now are Class 1. Class 2 & 3 are often used more as commuter bikes, on bike paths,
    - Some models have the capacity to DO MORE than 750 watts, but are programmed not to
  - DNR conducted a pilot program in Darrington, introducing Ebike use to a trail system and monitoring feedback from all groups
  - WDFW doing lit review, impact review, demographics and trends
  - Results:
    - Large disparity in responses:
      - 41% didn’t want any ebikes on ANY routes closed to motorized
      - 41% DID!
    - Majority of general public participants approve Class 1 ebikes
    - Horseback riders and hikers generally saw the potential for conflict

- Hunters (including tribal uses) concerned about increasing recreational uses
      - Tribal hunters did not see ebikes as improving access for them – they are typically priced out of using ebikes
    - Most groups want improved signage about trail etiquette in areas where ebikes are allowed.
      - Many safety and conflict concerns
      - Concerns that ebikes can travel faster/further/up steeper terrain than traditional bikes, which may multiply bike impacts in areas that don't typically see them
  - Questions:
    - Kevin – has encountered ebikes in old, closed, non Green Dot rds. With as stretched as enforcement is on official roads, how will any restrictions be enforced?
      - Law enforcement was involved in the public process, recommendations will be included in the final report
      - Travel management is next step in their recreation plan. Will incorporate e-bikes
    - Wayne – what is the legislature expected to do with the report? Will rules be made via policy or bill?
      - Hope is to continue with policy process, but part of what pushed this process in the first place was a bill to allow ebikes on all trails. Agencies hope no more bills introduced that runs counter to work they've conducted
    - Kurt – will the findings of the study, particularly the lit review, be publicly accessible?
      - Not until the report comes out. Group working to distil the lit review, which is very dense. Likely to be an appendix
- Rec Forum member updates:
  - Winter Rec Advisory Committee had a recent meeting. Budget has been determined, group has opted to fund many new requested projects
    - Overall increase of 10% for grooming across the board (Karen to confirm)
    - Still no replacement for Pam McConkey, Cory (budget chair) is interim
  - BCHW has been seeing horse camping areas full of non-equestrian users. Would like to ask DNR how to respond/report. BCHW has an internal form and photo submission process.
    - Larry – in the near term, BCHW's support for O&M request (which will add more enforcement and education) will help. Also supporting general enforcement funding for DNR at large.
      - BCHW has other signage that they suggest adding
    - Stephanie – Encourage BCHW use in Indian camp – Teanaway camp was intended more as overflow from Indian
  - Kittitas Co Field and Stream club is putting together an Outdoor Rec Forum next May 20-21
    - Called 'let's go outside'

- Hosted at KitCo armory
  - 21 10x10 info booths, opportunities to talk to people, videos, etc
  - Three presentation rooms where people can sign up to provide 1hr presentations to teach skills, explain programs, recruit, etc
  - Will likely do a Fri setup, Sun teardown
- Land Manager Partners
  - DNR
    - No current fire closures
    - Campfire restrictions – NOT ALLOWED in dispersed or official camping areas
    - Has a vacancy for a Rec Tech in Ellensburg, will be coming up soon
    - Two new trail bridges to be installed in TCF! – One at Carlson Creek and one at Dickey Creek
      - Dickey Creek trail won't be done for a while yet, so bridge will remain inaccessible for another few months
  - WDFW
    - Also has emergency restrictions in place for campfires. Also limits chainsaw use, smoking outside of your vehicle, parking in grass, target shooting restrictions, etc
    - Thorp water access site remains closed as Kittitas Co removes lead from bridge
    - Currently determining Road Maintenance \$\$ distribution
    - Application period for ORV enforcement position in Region 3 has closed
    - Ross moving on to Regional Wildlife Program Manager, will be leaving ECRP
      - Replacement not yet determined, Ross will be phasing out
  - TNC
    - How-Go thinning on north side of CE ridge will be done by end of this year
    - Mastication complete on 50 acres, 250 to go
      - One at top of Patrick Mine Rd (decommissioned)
      - One at top of Rat Pac (closed Mon-Fri)
    - Completed precommercial thin in the Taneum
      - Still working on single track trail improvement
  - Greenway hosting National Public Lands Day in the Teanaway Basin (DNR/USFS) and Cle Elum valley (USFS)
    - Work parties in TCF, USFS in the Teanaway and Cle Elum valleys
- Other questions/updates
  - Clarifying location of the Nealy Creek Naneum access point
    - It is a user-built access point that is being made official
    - Possibility that Grouse Springs track will be turned into official single track trail, which continues from USFS property (is currently unofficially used as double track on WDFW land)