

Topic: Recreation Forum meeting
 Partner Updates
 Time: November 15, 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 August notes	Set expectations and clear goals for meeting.
3:10	Subcommittee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail Options Group • French Cabin Creek • Green Dot Rds
3:20	Legislative Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize supported efforts • Consider usefulness of lists • Review elected representatives, outreach dates
3:40	Wildlife monitoring in the Teanaway (tentative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Meyer, WDFW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Past efforts ○ Future opportunities
4:00	Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewing Rec Forum participation • Speaker requests
4:15	Land Manager Updates	All
4:30	Adjourn	

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Attending: Barb Penniston (BCHW), Tonya Morrey (TNC), Eva Tyler (WTA volunteer), Doug Kilgore (Roslyn), Vince Pruis (Greenway), Kurt Hellman (CNW), Wayne Mohler (WSSA), Karen Behm (CCWRC)

Land Managers: Jason Goldstein (State Parks), Andrew Kerlee (State Parks), Kelee Hodges (Kit Co), Lindsey Pruett (USFS), Toni Sandoval (YNF)

Guests: Scott Downes (WDFW), William Meyer (WDFW), Howard Crabtree (resident),

- Subcommittees
 - Green Dot Rd
 - Most same elected officials.
 - Nicky to connect with RRC & WWRC on their priority projects
 - Trail Options subcommittee
 - Lindsey received draft of interpretive plan from USFS designer, wasn't happy with that, will be reaching back out to designer from BLM days
 - Eva: how did the trailhead ambassador work out this past summer?
- WDFW wildlife presentation
 - William Meyer (WDFW, YBIP, half time in Teanaway Community Forest)
 - Scott Downs (WDFW)
 - Teanaway has a wildlife/habitat goal. In fulfilling that, put out 8 cameras to collect data that can direct future management decisions, determine how animals are moving around current rec developments (to compare to future patterns), and what species are present.
 - Learn when wildlife is on the ground so we can time human activity more appropriately
 - Determine scope of territories
 - Study how development affects behavioral changes
 - 8 cameras, x10,000 pics each in 4.5 months
 - Dingbat Ridge, Sandstone, U-Betcha, Loop, Lick Loop, Rye Pond, TC4, TC7
 - May need community help sorting through collected data
 - Similar to current effort collecting stream temp data with Trout Unlimited
 - Will be posting cameras for Winter 2022 as well
 - Need to download all cards, replace batteries, etc
 - Cameras were left up on Lick Loop
 - Looking into an AI to remove useless photos (vegetation movement, wind, etc)
 - Thins things down so volunteers only have to look through a few hundred instead of 10k
 - QUESTIONS:
 - Karen: What are they interested in having volunteers help with?
 - Swapping cards/batteries, sorting images. Some cameras are up locations that require 4wd vehicles
 - Tabulate species at each site – for folks who prefer to volunteer from home

- WDFW can set up data spreadsheet to specify what they're looking for
 - New idea, we're still taking suggestions on how people can be helpful! We don't have a study plan or anything yet
 - Kurt: adds that CNW has a 'community volunteer wildlife monitoring project' that has been in play for 15 years. There's a planning process for each season. Has WDFW worked with them?
 - Yes, they work with CNW, but weren't sure what capacity for something like this would look like
 - Could be good opportunity to look at how CNW has collected data, use their format
 - Tonya: What considerations are in account when placing wildlife cameras?
 - Consulted aerial imagery and used a grid approach to avoid cameras being back to back
 - Targeted some perennial watering sites
 - Looked for natural saddles in the topography
 - Aimed for game trails
 - Tried to avoid heavy human areas, to avoid theft or damage
 - Ideally, volunteers would go out with Scott and William during setup, help determine location, be responsible for that camera
 - Action items
 - Let Nicky know if you want to volunteer, she will connect with Scott/William,
 - WDFW will come back and share data!
- Partner Updates:
 - USFS
 - Transitioning from summer seasonal staff to winter staff, they start Nov 20
 - Signing the Sno Parks
 - Lindsey coordinating with Karen to set up meeting between managers and rec partners, Dec 3, to discuss winter rec uses, updates, etc
 - GAOA
 - Lindsey ordered 40 new kiosks, additional bear boxes, fire rings, etc, to a total of ~\$400k
 - Sign funding may be GY21, so we could put funds through Greenway agreement
 - Neely Creek snowmobile route will be open, but not groomed (no funding for grooming), had been grown over but was brushed out by snowmobile group
 - State Parks
 - Getting grooming agreements and contracts into place
 - New winter manager – Corey Toller (sp?), rebuilding program as Pamela McConkey has retired. Still looking for administrative asst and budget person
 - New snowshoe trails will be opened this year – Easton Reload
 - However Beehler Pass (above Easton) washed out, will need to coordinate with WDFW to reopen
 - Need to talk to Hannah Bates – working with USFS on reroute

- Cle Elum River Campground will be a snowplay area, in agreement with USFS
 - Hyak/Crystal Springs/Lake Easton snoparks are transitioning. Snow-poles and signate are either in place or being posted.
 - New booth being ordered for Hyak – larger, with electricity
 - Working to put in warming hut at Keechelus campground – agreement being finalized now, unsure if it’s public or for the club members only
 - Hoping to get a new pay machine at Crystal Springs
 - Hiring winter park aides! Part time position, apply online.
 - Questions:
 - Will there be grooming at Salmon la Sac?
 - USFS will continue to groom this year, Mondays and Fridays
 - Can signs be installed at Crystal Springs to better direct ski traffic away from snowmobile trails?
 - Yakama Nation Forestry
 - Track D area is closed
 - Kittitas County
 - Parking expanded at Towns to Teanaway/Coal Mines Trail trailhead
 - Still working on parking at Manastash
 - Project on North Fork Teanaway right now – Dickey Creek, federal highway bridge replacement. Reminder that speed limit has been reduced in that area, there’s a dangerous curve right before it!
 - Conservation Northwest
 - Submitted a SEPA appeal to discourage recreation in a critical habitat near Mardee Lake
 - TNC
 - Commercial thinning on the ridge will continue through winter – log trucks coming down at 5am, 10:30am
 - No current forest restoration projects impacting recreation
 - Aiming to do another 280 acres
 - Some prescribed fires in the Roslyn area last month, one on the ridge, others in RUF. Some good lessons learned about informing community
 - NWMA working on lightning point reroute in Taneum. Video on project details will be out soon!
 - Permits in the works w/State Parks, KPRD for grooming
 - Greenway
 - Annual dinner
 - Kittitas Stewardship Coordinator hired!
- Membership/Planning for 2023
 - Speakers/updates
 - TREAD app
 - Karen adds that they were promoting heavily at the trails conference in Everett a few weeks ago
 - NPS – fisher study
 - NPS – Grizzly reintroduction

- Coordinating tree-down removal with land managers in early/late fall (can be tricky to coordinate around agencies tackling fire duties)
 - BCHW can certify sawyers! Ed Lecher. Us to coordinate! Lindsey may also have suggestions. Sounds like a lot of interest in this!
- Membership
 - NMA
 - Bob Seelye - Groomer's Council
 - Jason Holmes - Upper County Recreation Association
- Activities
 - More volunteer options other than garbage pickup
 - Data collection/sorting
 - Trailhead Ambassadors
 - For winter rec – clearing trails before the snow arrives! Organizing parties to help with that in fall
 - Often done by snowmobile clubs in groomed areas. With others, have to contact land manager
 - Wayne – trees down in Manastash area – WDFW might know
- Other: NO DECEMBER MEETING