

Topic: Recreation Forum meeting  
 Partner Updates  
 Time: February 21, 3:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers, and Desired Outcomes
3:00	Join ZOOM/Conference and Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions, goal setting</li> <li>• Approval of November notes</li> </ul>
3:10	Subcommittees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Dot Roads               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Legislative Outreach</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trail Option</li> <li>• French Cabin Creek</li> </ul>
3:20	2023 Topics of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion to guide agenda development</li> <li>• Guest Speakers</li> <li>• In-Person options</li> </ul>
4:10	Land Manager Updates	All
4:30	Adjourn	

Greenway East is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: ECRP Rec Forum

Time: Every month on the Third Tue, 12 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Attending:

Barb Penniston, Crystal Smith, Kevin Clements, Eva Tyler, Suzanne Corkran, Doug Kilgore, Laura Osiadacz, Tonya Morrey

Audience:

Vince Pruis, Jared Treser (CERD), Kay Emery, Kelee Hodges, Lindsey Pruett, Hannah Bates, Stephanie Margheim, Erin Browning

- Notes
  - No edits
- Legislative Updates
  - Community Forests O&M Request
    - For Teanaway and Klickitat
    - \$2.8m requested, \$1.5 in gov's budget, advocating for remaining \$1.3\
    - Met with a dozen electeds, Sen. Warnick standing as advocate on Ways and Means
      - Senate very supportive, House a little more lukewarm
  - WDFW maintenance
    - Internal crew utilizing \$400k to grade roads in Wenas Wildlife area – starting March 4 (was \$300k, but additional \$100k from internal reallocations process)
      - Durr Rd
      - Roza Creek Rd
      - Buffalo Ridge Rd
      - Bull Pasture Road
      - Kelee Flats
      - Beltell Rd
    - Question: Any work on Quilomene wildlife area?
      - WOVA grant is funding has \$1.5m for statewide need, WDFW put in for Quilomene. Will know sometime in March
    - EBIKES
      - Bill that WDFW opposed was dropped, but there is an additional proposal
  - Kittitas County
    - Conversations around the bear proof garbage containers on national forests and bordering communities
      - Met with Waste Management, service provider in Kittitas Co. WM has made dumpsters with bear-proof tops available to public landowners/managers! Will have some number of bearproof cans available for local residents.
        - Will be borrowing cans from other communities, due to supply and demand

- Available this summer – Commissioner O wants them in place before summer months
  - Question: Do cities need to make a special request to be prioritized?
    - Unclear at this time, though Osciadacz flagged Roslyn, Ronald, and Suncadia as greatest need
  - Question: expense?
    - Probably an additional fee for upgraded cans
  - ASK: are there any restaurants who may want to test a bearproof dumpster?
- Green Dot
  - Discussed the updates from Hannah
  - Actions taken: signed onto advocacy letters for maintaining funding levels
  - Learned that the funds to connect south side of Naneum to legal county roads was not included in gov's budget.
    - Signed onto an ask to get that funding restored
    - Current pricetag to add new road section on public land: \$750k
- Trail Options/signage
  - Regional office is moving funds over to FY21, so amendment can be made to Greenway GAOA agreement
    - Go out to bid, trying to get subcontractor
    - Progress maybe not by NEXT meeting, but April Meeting
- Land Manager Updates
  - USFS
    - Signs update above
    - Working on 113 Spur Rd
      - Aquatics specialist has consulted, write up submitted to District Ranger
      - Proposing mitigation efforts to keep the spur rd open for 4wd rec
        - Would convert from 'road' to 'trail'
      - Working w/regional office for funding
    - Still aiming to fill 6 seasonal rec positions for summer
      - Got approval to re-fill Trails Manager position! Will be posted on USA Jobs soon
    - Prioritizing trailwork for the summer w/partner nonprofits
    - Winter Rec
      - Grooming is on schedule and caught up
    - Questions:
      - Kongsbergers have been connecting with USFS and BoR about possible nonmotorized trail option – trying to learn more about who says 'yes' to this. Sounds like BoR is looking at whether they need to provide permission.
        - BoR talking with Kim Larned to determine property lines, this will determine whether the two agencies need to enter into an agreement
  - DNR

- March 14, Annual Green Dot Meeting at Kittitas Valley Event Center – review new map changes
      - Watch out for outreach to share!
    - Waiting for WWRP funding decisions, which will hopefully fund West Fork Trailhead NEPA/SEPA – there will be a public process piece to this if/when it happens
  - WDFW
    - Will also be putting out information about the Green Dot meeting
    - New Rec Planning Staff! Erin Browning working on Trailhead Ambassador Program
    - No motorized use on Whiskey Dick right now (wintering elk closure, through May 1)
    - A lot of grant applications in the works right now! Push to start some new Rec Planning in 2024
    - Questions:
      - Will BBQ Flats be open for horseback riding after fire?
        - Yes, but enter at own risk
  - Kittitas County
    - Bearproof cans info above
    - County in a holding pattern with rec projects – Manastash Road is moving forward in the fall, during fish window.
  - TNC
    - So far no negative news re: winter rec on Central Cascades Forest lands
    - Hiring for a Prescribed Fire Coordinator: <https://careers.nature.org/JobID52891>
    - NW Motorcycle Association continuing to work on Lightning Point trail in the Taneum, aim to complete by August.
- 2023 Topics of Interest
  - Volunteer Opportunities/Gathering
    - May 20/21 – Let’s Go Outdoors Rec Forum. Anyone can participate to do direct community outreach at the Armory
      - Registrations due in week prior to event. Spaces are first come first served, but also opportunity to lead workshops/give a talk
    - March 11 – Ruffed Grouse Society annual banquet!
    - March 17-19 – Back Country Horsemen Rendezvous
    - March 25 – Field and Stream Chukar Run Banquet at Kittitas Event Center
    - SOON – Pheasants Forever banquet
    - May 19 – Greenway Breakfast
    - May 5-7 – Annual Wenas Green Dot Cleanup
      - Plus something for Elk Heights/Sky Meadows in June
    - Teanaway Spring cleanup
    - April 22 – Durr Rd Cleanup
  - Lecture/Discussion topics? Interest or no
    - TREAD update

- Snag agency staff to present on things like:
      - Rec impacts on wildlife (note from WDFW: sort by habitat type, because we can then narrow down biologists with the right info)
      - Wildlife tracking
      - I-90 wildlife crossings – William updates for mule deer patterns? (Josh Zilstra? Hannah has some contacts here)
      - Update on 10-year WDFW Rec Plan
      - Restoring and protecting shrubsteppe habitat
        - Video in the works from WDFW
      - Recreation after a fire – timelines, restoration efforts
      - Updates on Midcolumbia Fisheries projects!
      - Updates on KCT projects
      - Updates on KCCD projects
  - Trainings/certifications
    - Chainsaw at top of list
    - Basic workshop on trailbuilding!
    - Sawyer and/or Crosscut training
    - Winter trail maintenance – Kongsbergers could host!
    - Wilderness First Aid training – specifically utilizing materials in the backcountry
      - OR maybe a ‘tips and tricks of first aid’ presentation instead of something considered a legal certification
      - Ask Search and Rescue to come talk with us before busy season!
    - Equine rescue
  - LET’S DO A CELEBRATION where we just get together!
- BACK TO IN PERSON?
  - Hybrid again in March!
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