



Reiter Foothills Forest Non-motorized Trails Planning June 20, 2018

Public Comments

Listening Station 1

1. Why was orphan road eliminated as trail connection to Wallace River Bridge?
2. Two parallel Wallace River Trails – one can be for mountain bikes.
3. Interpretive signage at Pelton Wheel.
4. Move bridge up north of waterfall on upper part of unnamed tributary.
5. Parking lot along Reiter Road is better for Zeke's Wall climber parking. Need a steeper and more direct trail link to Gold Bar boulders.
6. Why was trail to Wallace Lake eliminated?
7. Keep access to Lake Isabel from DNR trailheads.
8. Is there a connection possible to Kellogg Lake tree farm area for adding parking?
9. Add parking that would give access to Wallace Falls State Park.
10. Is old logging road to May Creek Falls in plan as a trail? I like to hike the road.
11. Use both trailhead options for different purposes.
12. Talk with road engineers about limiting crossings over trails.
13. Mike Town is speaking for a lot of us – look at the letter signed by nine organizations representing over a 100,000 members and that was sent to both DNR and State Parks.
14. I support a Trust Land Transfer for this area.
15. I don't want to hike in a clearcut and especially one that has been recently sprayed – health concern.
16. If we get more trails I'm happy!
17. Love idea of new trails connecting to Wallace Falls State Park's trails. (Love win/wins!)
18. Plan for both share and designated trails.
19. Steep mountain bike trails should be separate.
20. Move parking lot to Reiter Pit. 429th is a potential traffic problem.
21. There is not enough parking at Wallace Falls State Park.
22. Let 'em log. Opens up landscape for views and forage.
23. Mountain bikes don't mix with horses. Separate trails, especially for downhill.
24. Horses are ok with hikers.
25. Trunk trail is ok as mixed going uphill.
26. Add nice campsites out in the more remote areas.
27. Build more forested trails on the east side of Wallace River.
28. Dovetail the trails plan into the habitat swap plan. "Next best" makes sense for non-motorized recreation but does not make sense in the motorized area.



Listening Station 2

1. Horse – level preferred, steep ok, 2-3 hours duration
2. Horse - passable water crossing, shallow.
3. Sharing of trails concern about distracted users and collisions.
4. Steep single track mountain bike only.
5. Hiking not too steep, 2000' elevation or less, 4-6 miles if not steep.
6. Speed of other users a concern. No hard stream crossing.
7. Horse - 3 hours length, up and down topography, Ground Trees.
8. Bikes and horses on separate trails.
9. Safety concern is distracted users, head phones.
10. Parking area for larger vehicles and trailers.
11. Mountain biking – shared use ok, directional trails downhill, downhill single use for safety.
12. Horse – Room for horse trailers and turnaround. Designated horse parking.
13. Seasonal use of trails to prevent damage. Consider if needed.
14. No gravel for all surfaces, natural surface.
15. Mix of flatter, with ups and downs cross country biking trail to lead up to downhill trail. Multi-use trail going up.
16. Trail running/hiking variety of lengths/difficulties. Short trips and long trips, Options for loop of various lengths and times. 3 miles to 30 miles.
17. Separation between non-motorized and motorized uses.
18. Adequate parking. Wallace Falls and Mount Si are poor examples of parking.
19. Partnering with transit for shuttle bus to trailheads.
20. Multi-use recreationist comment that mountain biker coming down a 20% grade trail is a concern if horse ride is riding up the trail – safety concern. Specifically this is a concern about the existing trunk trail.
21. Horse rider – having choice to do many loops. Having pullouts or wide spots below the trail so other users can allow others to pass by.
22. Birder – separate trails for hiking should be available including climbing trails. Length depends on seeing birds – 1-4 miles. Parking is a big concern, want to see wooded areas.
23. General user – having access to Wild Sky Wilderness Area.
24. Horse rider – Parking to accommodate several large trucks and trailers (similar to ORV) county parking lot with 6 spots is not enough. Truck + trailer is 18'x40' +. Having loops for horse riding and having them connect to choose your length. Stacked loops. Sharing trails uphill with mountain bikers but not downhill. Varying lengths – 1 hour and up or 3 miles and up.
25. Horse – having potable water available at trailhead. No trough – could spread disease.

Listening Station 3

1. Set back distances for streams?



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2. Bid for Singletary? Could we raise the \$ and buy that \$1.8 million of revenue/trees?
3. Buffers for trails and put property? No – send out notification letters,
4. How do you enforce the contract? – CA's. is it open to the public for viewing? Yes.
5. 8 Trees Per Acre? Peter Goldman plan – favors that plan – Pilchuck Audubon Society
6. Peter Goldman doesn't know much about forestry
7. Peter's plan – don't have to build roads. 0 but impact to recreation and cost to the sales.
8. DNR are the forest experts.
9. How are DNR responding to county commissioners? 25 acres. Then they rescinded. Where are we at in pushing the sale forward? They own the land, they said go forward.
10. Jean – Habitat swap option. Near-neutral for habitat or net benefit.
11. Bill – That's a concept. Not going forward with sale layout, not doing it in a compatible way. We had a timber sale laid out. Singletary got in the way, went to court, \$ goes to court, County rescinded. Their actions said don't let trails get in the way of timber. I don't see DNR's actions putting timber first. You got the go ahead for trail planning not timber planning.
12. Jean – Hoping the same partnership can work as in the motorized. All over the state people are recreating in 8 Trees Per Acre. Trees grow and managed. Not bare where harvested, will grow. Much of this area designated under marbled murrelet and spotted owl, means it will be thinned or left.
13. John – Only remove 1/3 of trees in those thinning areas.
14. Might disturb the birds.
15. John – We have no Spotted Owls (aka birds). We mimic their preferred habitat. We don't have the actual birds. Not aware of where the actual closest nesting pair. We support habitat recovery.
16. Jean – doesn't seem to be a danger.
17. I think so.
18. John – In some of the alternatives for long term conservation strategy areas - areas designated Marbled Murrelet we don't allow recreation. People bring corvids, garbage, etc. Situations are changing. Moving jigsaw puzzle. Your feedback is helpful.
19. Jean – Habitat, we can move some, some opportunity to do some swapping but not everywhere. Only where we don't shortchange the bird or beneficiaries.
20. Bridge across May Creek. Without a timber sale how will you do a bridge? Without a bridge how will you recreate?
21. Jean – Yes we need the bridge for that plan.
22. From that road will everything be wt down? No, goal of landscape is spotted owl. Mixture of thin and variable retention harvest.
23. Estimate of revenue for nonmoto and moto area?



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24. Over the last 30 years \$50 - \$53 million dollars. Without access to the whole area hard to put a # because of market fluctuations.
25. Not it's only sustainable harvest variable retention harvest. No.
26. What is the Reiter decided sustainable harvest #? Only had access to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the landscape.
27. Is this really a benefit? \$50 million isn't much over 30 years. We have other areas people could go where people aren't recreating. Junior taxing districts. Small rural areas. Counties tradeoff different scale for Sultan School District for example.
28. Beneficiaries? Sultan School district, FD 26, Valley General Hospital, Library.
29. Industrial zoning? Commercial forest, the rock pit owns the mineral rights under the old "Reiter pit".
30. Parking lot under the BPA Powerline? Have we had those discussions with them? No.
31. All kinds of things under the powerlines.
32. So many people don't understand about the lands. Continual challenge.
33. People hear "public land" and don't understand what that means.
34. DNR should maximize harvest and revenue within the Reiter Forest. To generate revenue for the schools, beneficiaries, and County.
35. January 2017 Singletary plan was the best plan so far.
36. Singletary timber sale is a major misfortune. I live in Goldbar. Joe Beavers speaks for Joe Beavers not for the City of Goldbar. My neighbors don't want Singletary.
37. Retired teacher. Understand trust lands. Don't think hiking trails are compatible with timber harvest. DNR has multiple branches. Won't hike in sprayed forest. Clear cutting isn't compatible.
38. Thoughts on thinning? Peter Goldman and his group have come up with partial cutting. Preferable to clearcutting. Bit of a purist. My husband used to work for National Parks. Will not hike in clearcuts. Will not hike where sprayed. Look to Mountains to Sound Greenway for a model. Protected viewshed. Route 2 clearcut. Mixed ownership within view of road. I-90 corridor and how viewsheds have been managed.
39. Don't think we should clearcut. Should have more trails.