

November 9, 2017 Meeting Notes

In Attendance

Committee Members

JJ Collins	Martha Wyckoff	Scott Nicolai
Kathy Young	Deborah Essman	Paul Jewell
Andrew Cromarty	Jeri Downs	Darcy Batura
Jen Stephens	John Littel	Kitty Craig
Jim Halstrom	Dale Bambrick	Sage Parks
Laura Osiadacz	Wayne Mohler	Alan Carter Mortimer
Paul Schmitt	Mike Reimer	

Agency Staff

Mike Livingston	Ross Huffman	Patricia Jatczak
Larry Leach	Laura Cooper	Bruce Botka
Doug McClelland	Elizabeth Eberle	Stephanie Margheim
Joe Smith	Glenn Glover	William Meyer

Meeting Purpose: Review lessons learned at the Jolly Mountain Fire field visit. Refine the concept for winter recreation trails and facilities. Revise and update recreation objectives, strategies and tools. Begin summer concept development, by mapping trails and facilities with the committee.

Welcome: Introductions, reviewed agenda and October meeting notes.

Jolly Mountain Fire Field Visit Lessons Learned

- It would be great to have a follow up tour next year with the public to educate them on the fire effects and recovery. UW reached out, maybe loop them in.
- The fire will alter how we look at recreation; runoff will change the river, debris flows may occur. It may mean those areas look differently next year.
- There was a significant difference in the controlled burned areas versus uncontrolled burn areas.
- To see the mosaic of burn intensities was great.
- It was interesting to see the new growth already.
- Access will be closed through the winter as snow and wind bring down many hazard trees.
- 20-year forest health strategic plan: restore forests/watersheds to more adaptable conditions working watershed by watershed and working across boundaries methodically.

Winter Recreation concept development: Doug, [PowerPoint](#)

Sno-Parks in the Teanaway vs Staging Areas

- End of West Fork Rd is being used and should be considered. Skiers are using the area as well.
- 29 Pines is the access to go further north. Use varies year to year with snow quantity/quality.

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- Indian Camp Sno-park could be a good spot, but the road needs to be plowed. It is another way to get to the trails that go to Lake Cle Elum or over to 29 Pines as a loop and it could be a smaller facility.
- The Last Resort seems like the typical launch point from the west. From the east, access from Blewett Pass/Hwy 97 could pull people into the Teanaway.
- East of Indian Camp is steep, but could allow good access toward Yellow Hill and to the west.
- Three Trailheads make sense now, maybe more could be added later if needed.

Family-friendly trails/tubing

- No tubing facility

Warming huts

- Concessionaires could run the huts.
- More trailheads will be needed if there are warming huts as you'll attract more people since it's unique to the area.
- The forest has more capacity in the winter than other seasons to invite people to the forest, so portable warming huts would be a great experiment using volunteers to run them. It may be a good idea to try a hut at a trailhead first, before moving out onto the landscape.
- Day use or unintentional overnight use – huts should be a safety shelter more than a hut to hut lodging facility.
- Examples: skimtta.org, [Methow system](#), San Juans, [Snoqualmie](#)

Teanaway Valley Farm access

- Parking lot construction – spring time
 - Must balance amount of use with habitat purpose
 - Plowing could be an issue
 - No permanent structures or toilets, potentially portable toilets
- South facing, low elevation – does not typically get as much snow as it does higher up.

Non-motorized area should be quiet – PMO non-motorized groomed trails.

Review recreation objectives, strategies and tools: Doug, [PowerPoint](#)

TCF management plan review exercise.

Summer trail concepts and construction considerations: Alan Carter Mortimer (WTA) Presentation

“Now is the time to be bold, then reality will set in later.”

- Make sure watershed protection is strong in the plan so it's there throughout the design, construction and maintenance phases.
- Considerations: destination, experience, loops, connectivity, opportunities for group events/individual events, reduce user conflict.
- Good layout and sustainable construction principles reduce cost and lessen environmental impact. Sustainable trails are easier to maintain.
- When considering existing trails keep in mind that decommissioning trails can be harder and more expensive than building one. Incorporating them and bringing them up to standards could be intensive.

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- Accommodating multi-use: good multi-use designs are harder to layout and design versus a trail designed for a primary use
- A trail system could start as multi-use, but as you get to backcountry, separate the uses. An advantage to this is that there is one trailhead for all of the uses.
- Consider fire in the trail plans. Thinning/forest management can ruin the trail experience. Trails can be part of a fire break and good trail design will help save trails after fire effects like erosion and increased runoff.
- Develop a maintenance plan, for example, a 5-year brushing plan.
- Volunteer partnerships are imperative, but remember volunteers are not free. Volunteers need focus and a reliable agency contact.

Public Comment

Letter from Tracy Rooney

Summer recreation concept development – trails and facilities: Doug, [PowerPoint](#)
Group mapping exercise.

Summer recreation concept development – trails and facilities – mapping exercise

Group 1 -- Darcy's Map: Kathy JJ Kitty Martha, Jeri – all thumbs up

- Dotted line is a loop non-moto multi use route connecting rock features and campgrounds
- Save Illahee bridge
- Area extending from Towns to Teanaway as non-motorized use
- Address private land inholdings
- Make swimming holes more sustainable: parking, sanitation
- 4305 Rd needs to be talked about USFS/DNR
- Places for anglers, identify fish friendly areas, access points
- Family friendly trail around camp lake with wildlife viewing areas thumbs up
- Access from TFF across the river into the area above the river to make multi use loop trails and make a loop back to the CG from there
- Kiosk/gateway at TFF, day use trailer parking would be good at TFF
- Improve Teanaway to Red Top access for vehicles
- Non-moto access from TCF to Highway 97
- Old growth tree trail up Jack Creek – Andrew knows where it is
- West Fork Trail: evaluate condition restore/reroute
- Yellow Hill Trail: convert road to trail and develop parking and signage, improve first few miles of trails, improve barriers
- Middle Fork Trail: evaluate condition restore/reroute as needed
- Free to roam area in the area of Indian Creek/Jack Creek – no developed trail system, free range
- Expanded horse camping at Teanaway campground and Indian Camp
- Need to accommodate use at places people will go whether it's developed or not – rock features for example
- Need official maps for users

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- A day use hike where appropriate

Group 2 -- Paul's group:

- Loop trails in xc ski area across TNC to TCF, stay away from private property, non-motorized trails
- Interpretive center at TFF
- Multi use education center at North Fork/Middle Fork intersection or in meadow next to Teanaway campground
- Sanitation at swimming holes
- Connecting trails from Teanaway Family Farm into area south across river
- Trail to Red Top
- Reopen Dickey Creek road
- More parking at Indian camp and trail to unbalanced rock
- Trails from Teanaway campground to skull rock
- Education/interpretive opportunity = thumbs up

Group 3 – Mike's group:

- Loop trail through the TCF 20-30 miles through the whole forest
- Rock n roll trail that connects all the rock features
- Better connectivity to moto access to USFS
- Motorized easement on Dingbat Creek to get away from 4305 ford
- Public/private partnership at Teanaway store for interpretive center
- Middle Fork trail exchange moto activity by adding additional moto trail for the other connectivity trail between the butte and liars prairie
- Designated camping areas along the long loop trail
- Dump station for RVs
- Visitor center/interpretive center at fire station since there are utilities

See maps attached

Next Meeting: December 14, 2017 at Putnam Centennial Center

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