



North Mountain Bike Trail System Public Meeting Comments **Arlington, December 1, 2015**

Summarized from comments received at listening stations. Comments may have been edited for clarity and are in no particular order.

Partnerships Listening Station – who wants to be included in the project?

- Pilchuck Mountain Bike Club
- Schools: community service projects
- Schools: high school programming, agriculture classes, honor society
- Boys & Girls Club
- Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
- IMBA
- Geocaching groups
- MTB orienteering association

Economic Benefit – how can this project help strengthen the local recreation economy?

- Arlington bike shop will benefit from additional traffic
- Downtown Arlington can become “bike hub northwest”
- Travelers from Seattle to Twisp/Winthrop will have another MTB option
- Huckwagons MTB shuttle company

Culture and History – how should we incorporate these into the project and the trails?

- North Mountain Lookout needs to be preserved and supported
- Trail names that emphasize the timber history and culture: e.g. “log flume”, “whistle punk”, “skyline”, etc
- Local artist Nels Bruseth
- Link with local events: Bluegrass Festival, Summer Meltdown, Jazz Fest
- Respect of native cultures and historic uses
- Maintain integrity with historic and current logging practices of the area
- Horses should stay on the mountain and the historically used trails

Trails and Mountain Biking –what should be considered in planning and construction?

- Raw, hand-built, challenging trail experience
- Tread to mineral soil only – rock armor only if absolutely necessary
- Maximum rock slab tread for minimal erosion regardless of grade