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Public Meeting #1

December 15, 2016

Station 1: Public Sign-In

Station 2: Current Recreation Opportunities

DNR staff provided a brief overview of the existing trails and recreation facilities within the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area.

Station 3: What are your favorite recreation sites and why?

1. Access to Morning Star Peak needed, and bridge on Hedley Creek
2. Boulder Lake - reopen trail parking area
3. Greider - better trail but no camping
4. Road abandon to Greider/Boulder and trailhead
5. Access to Williamson Creek trail
6. Convert old Bear Creek Road to trail to access north side of Greider Peak
7. Walt Bailey trail (USFS) trailhead, parking and road maintenance
8. Bald Mountain, Walt Bailey, Cutthroat Lakes wilderness toilets
9. Trail from Olney Pass to Mount Stickney area
10. Gothic Basin trail needs maintenance (Weeden Creek trail)
11. Lake Stickney (Olney Pass to)
12. Ashland Lakes interpretive trail - 2000 year old forest.
13. North Fork Sultan River - create trail
14. Vesper Peak
15. Maintenance of Hedley Pass trail
16. Trail to Kromona Mine, mine to market conversion
17. Static Peak
18. Pit toilets for Vesper
19. Pit toilets for Vesper @ Foggy Lake
20. Bald Mountain to Boardman Lake fisherman's trail
21. Pit toilets @ Gothic Basin, Del Campo Peak (climbers)
22. Private land shooting, access to Lake Stickney



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23. Boulder Lake

24. Bald Mountain Trail from Ashland Lakes

25. Twin Falls Lake

### Station 4: What are important issues and concerns to address?

1. Roads need to be in good enough shape to serve trailheads
2. Worry about wildlife with all increasing human use
3. Human use impacts in/around Cutthroat Lakes
4. Look at infrastructure as indicator of appropriate level of use (size of parking lot)
5. Need to control level of use. Reservations/permits etc.
6. Pinnacle Lake USFS trail a mess
7. Kromona Mine Road. Road to Trail conversion
8. Gothic Basin

### Optional Written Comment Form:

What types of recreational activities do you enjoy in the Morning Star Conservation Area?

Wildlife viewing, backpacking, day hiking

What are your highest priorities for trails in the Morning Star Conservation Area?

I haven't spent much time in this area. I'm mostly up in the North Cascades area. But any improvements in to more hiking trails and natural habitat preservation is great in my opinion. I'm looking to expand the areas that I hike and I am interested in learning more about the area.

### Email Comment Received:

As far as my thoughts on the Morning Star, I of course am centric to the Static Point area primarily, and would like to see a parking area restored a ways down the now decommissioned road, and some tread/brushing work on what is now the "trail" if at all possible. This would at a minimum reduce the conflict with the Jackson Hydro folks, and go a long ways towards lessening the chances of rolling an ankle on the steep sidehills resulting from previous road decommissioning efforts. I'm also very interested to participate in other areas of the MS, particularly if camping/backcountry access is restored/enhanced.