



Board of Natural Resources Retreat

NW REGION TOUR – RECREATION WITHIN WORKING FORESTS AUGUST 21 - 23, 2023

August 22: BNR, the public and staff meet at the [Four Points Sheraton, 714 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham, WA 98229](#), then travel to the first stop at Sumas Mountain

August 23: BNR and staff gather at the [Four Points Sheraton, 714 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham, WA 98229](#) then travel to [Blanchard Mountain Trail Lower Parking Lot](#) to meet the public participants

Please dress for the weather, bring sunscreen, bug spray and hiking shoes. Please bring your own water, snacks and lunch for the day. We will walk to some sites, all under a mile on flat terrain.

A G E N D A

DAY 1 – August 21st

1300-1600	Travel to Bellingham – Four Points Sheraton	BNR Members/Staff
1600-1700	Check In at Hotel	
1730	Depart for Dinner	
1800	Dinner Offsite – The Loft	
	-No board business will be conducted	

DAY 2 – August 22nd

0730-0755	Meet in Parking Lot at the Four Points Sheraton Sign in and Submit Waivers	
0755-0820	Welcome, Introductions, Expectations, and Safety Briefing	Jay Guthrie
0820-0830	BNR Members, staff and public participants load in vans at the hotel and depart to Sumas Mountain	Todd Welker Kristen Ohlson- Kiehn
0830-0930	Travel to Sumas Mountain HWY 542 Access	
0930-1130	Arrive at Sumas Mountain -Overview for the Day -Orientation to Sumas Mountain -ORV trails -Dispersed recreation - blocking attempts for illegal trails -Baker to Bellingham Recreation Plan (site dropped) -Target shooting issues	Jay Guthrie Kristen Ohlson- Kiehn Chris Hankey
1130-1200	Travel to Olsen Creek	

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1200-1400	Olsen Creek -Working lunch at Olsen Creek -Seed Orchard history -Partnerships with DNR, Whatcom County & Land Trust -Conservation Easement -Recreation development – capital funds for 23-25' -5 th Grade Tour -Interpretative Signage for Working Forests -Public Use in a Working Forest -Lake Whatcom Reconveyance -Lake Whatcom Management	Chris Hankey Hyden McKown Cory McDonald
1400-1500	Travel to Lake Padden Trails Parking Lot (restroom stop)	Cory McDonald Eric Brown
1500-1530	Travel to Galbraith Mountain	
1530-1730	Arrive at Galbraith Mountain -Recreation in a Working Forest -Recreation Partnerships	Rob Janicki Cory McDonald Chris Hankey
1730-1745	Travel to Hotel	
1830-2000	Banquet Dinner at Four Points -No board business will be conducted	BNR Members/staff

DAY 3 –August 23rd

0800-0830	BNR Members and staff gather at hotel and travel to Blanchard Mountain Trail Lower Parking Lot to meet the public	BNR Members/staff
0830-0900	Meet public at Blanchard Mountain Trail Lower Parking Lot Sign in, submit waivers (if needed) then load in vans and depart	
0900-1300	Blanchard Mountain -Orientation to Blanchard -Heavy Recreation Use -Recreation in a Working Forest -Road Re-route with Timber Sales for Recreation -Visual Mitigation for Recreation in Timber Sales -Interpretative Signage on Blanchard -Blanchard Forest Advisory Committee -Recreation Partnerships on Blanchard -Hang Gliding -Samish Overlook -Lunch at Blanchard with Debrief of BNR Tour at “Grasshopper”	Chris Hankey Hyden McKown Dan DeVoe
1300	Return to Blanchard Mountain Trail Lower Parking – Depart (No return transportation to Bellingham)	

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