



**Morning Star Trail Planning Committee
Meeting #3 Notes
April 18, 2017
6:00 to 8:45 PM**

Meeting Purpose: Analysis and sorting of public online survey written comment results and reporting of individual committee member concerns issues and priorities.

DNR Staff in attendance:

Paul McFarland - Northwest Region Conservation Program Manager, and Morning Star Trail Planning Project Manager

David Way – Northwest Region Wildfire Manager, and outgoing Morning Star Trail Planning Project Manager

Jason McMillen – Natural Areas Recreation Maintenance Steward

Barbara Simpson – DNR Parks Planner, Landscape Architect

Committee in attendance:

Ken Masel –Washington Trail Blazers

Rad Roberts – Member of American Alpine Club, WA Climbers Coalition, Cascade Climbers

Chris Hagen –YMCA BOLD and GOLD Program Director

Marc Bardsley –North Cascades Conservation Council

Thom Peters – Alpine Lakes Protection Society

Holly Zox – Morning Star Volunteer Site Steward

Matt Speten – Morning Star Volunteer Recreation Steward

Matt Jensen – UWild Adventures Program

Gary Paull – US Forest Service Wilderness and Trails

Ruth Milner – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Julie Sklare –City of Everett Watershed

Kathy Johnson –Pilchuck Audubon Association

Phil Roberts - NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

Mike Schutt –Snohomish County PUD (absent)

Mike Town –Sierra Club and Friends of Wildsky (absent)

Frances Chiem –Washington Trails Association (absent)

Welcome: Called for Meeting 1 and 2 Summaries approval. Meeting 2 summary change needed on reference to accuracy of registration form at Spada Lake - number compliance vs. data tracking error. There is a lack of compliance but also an error in the computing of the number of folks recreating. Everett watershed personnel are looking into correcting this data. Needs clarification with Mike and Julie.

Phil Roberts' information should read: NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service.



Public Survey Written Comments Analysis and Synthesis: The committee separated into four break out groups to process written comments received from the public in the survey, and group similar items and identify themes. Work was recorded on separate flip charts transcribed as follows:

Group 1: Feedback Themes

Increased Trail Access

- Loop Trails
- Copper Lake
- Boulder Lakes
- Static

Appropriate disposal of waste

- Human
- Garbage

Diminished Access

- No new trails
- Overusage - Gothic

"Other" Travel

- Mtn bikes, ADA
- Horses, dogs
- ATV's

Maintenance

- Trail
- Roads
- Parking

Interpretation

Fishing/hunting

Winter Use

Group 2:

New trail access (13)

Horse access (4)

Historic trails from Spada restored (9)

Loop trail (3)

Mark trails - summer and winter (2)

Dog friendly (1)

Pristine environment (resource protection) (15)

Fishing opportunities (5)

Hunting (1)

Limit overuse (7)

Remote places (5)

Re-establish and/or new roads (7)

Implement "leave no trace" (4)

Toilets (2)

Maintain trails (12)

Enforcement (1)

Mountain bikes (2)

Designated camp spots (4)

ORV ATV access (6)

Create views (1)

Snow parks (1)

ADA access (1)



Public Survey Written Comments Analysis and Synthesis: Continued

Group 3:

- Roads (14)
- New Trails (22)
- Trail Maintenance (19)
- Motorized (6)
- Rock Climbing (3)
- Disposal of Waste
- Conservation Alpine
- Hoof & Bullet
- Leave No Trace - toilets, sanitation
- User groups:
 - Hiking/Backpacking
 - Fishing
 - ORV

Group 4:

- New trails
- Horses?
- Repair Trails
- Road access - positive and negative
- Conservation
 - Wildness
 - Wildlife
 - Plej + life
- Motorized
 - More
 - Less
- Leave No Trace
- Shooting - Pro and con
- Paddling
 - Lakes
 - Rivers
- Fishing
 - Developed
 - Wild
- Sanitation
- Campsites
 - Repair
 - Maintain
 - Delete
- Mountain bikes
- ADA access
- Dogs
- Winter use - motorized?
- Permit system



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Landscape Maps: Maps were provided to all committee members. Maps are at 1" = 1600' scale and cover entire Morning Star Landscape. Committee were asked to think about July field trip possibilities and preferences and use map to identify area(s) of interest in the landscape to visit in July. A georeferenced .pdf of map will also be posted to webpage for use for field trips in July. Plan to discuss field trip options at next meeting.

Committee Member Trail Priorities Input: Each committee member was asked in Meeting 2 to provide written feedback and verbal summaries of their priorities and interest areas:

"We have gone through the comments gathered at the public open house and from the online survey. Have we missed any categories or themes? Are there comments that are missing? What are your personal experiences, knowledge and expertise regarding Morning Star? Report back on written summary of your and/or your interest group's issues, concerns and priorities for Morning Star trails."

Committee members each gave a verbal summary of their interest and background in the Morning Star. Written reports are attached.

Additional homework: Committee asked to identify field trip areas of interest and be prepared to discuss dates/time for field trips at next meeting.

Next Meeting (Meeting 4) is May 16, 2017, 6:00pm to 8:00pm