



Motorized Recreation

Motorized recreation has a long history in Kittitas Co.

- Taenum, Colockum, Table Mtn., Miller Peak, Manashtash, Teanaway and Salmon La Sac
- Camping and riding along Bullfrog Rd. in the early 60's
- Plum Creek allowed riding their property which is now known as Suncadia, TNC
- Riding became prohibited on Plum Creek lands in mid 80's

Lost Opportunities

- Lack of ORV planning on DNR lands in Western Washington
- Kittitas County has become “first stop” for west siders to come and ride.
- SCORP study identified off-road recreation underserved.
- 15.3% of Washington residents participate in motorized recreation, more than skiing, snowboarding, tennis, climbing, horseback riding and water skiing

TCF public comments

- Between 6/14 – 8/6/14, 780 total responses received
- Of these, 345 commented on motorized access
- 63.5% want ORV access
- 33% want no ORV access

Volunteerism



Cle Elum Off-Road Team

- As of June 10th, over 1,400 volunteer hours were submitted clearing motorized trails in Wenatchee, Okanogan, Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts
- Clearing downed trees from trails
- Trail watch and patrol
- User education and training
- Working together with ORV rangers
- Advocating responsible use
- Maintaining trail signs





TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Cle Elum Off-Road Team

- Building bridges
- Advocating TREAD Lightly! Principles
- Coordinating trail open/close dates
- ORV maps
- Volunteer resources





**VOLUNTEER
TRAIL
MAINTENANCE
IN PROGRESS**



Washington Audubon Society
www.was-wa.org

What is a Community Forest?

- The Community Forest Trust Program was established in 2011 and founded upon the concept of communities working together to protect the forest they love. The framers of the 2011 law envisioned that community forests would be managed by DNR and used by the local community consistent with local values.



Compatibility with TCF goals

- Water supply
- Working lands
- Recreation
- Fish & wildlife habitat
- Community partnerships



The BIGGEST obstacle

- Social impacts
 - Incompatibility with your preferred rec use
 - Stereotyping
 - Negative perceptions
 - An isolated experience
 - I don't ride
 - Biases
 - Unwilling to share



Vision for motorized recreation

- Create two wheeled motorized recreation primarily on existing trails and dirt roads where consistent with TCF goals
- Identify appropriate roads to keep open to street legal vehicles
- Connectivity to riding areas to the west, north and east of the TCF
- Connectivity to the towns of Cle Elum, Roslyn and Ronald



Hex Mountain

Vision (cont.)

- Establish local volunteer groups/clubs to participate in projects, maintenance, education and policing (Eastern Wa Dirt Riders Assoc., Yakima Valley Dust Dodgers, Cle Elum Off-Road Team)
- Enhance existing staging area near Hex Mountain
- Establish open/close dates for moto use to protect wildlife, water and trail wear.

LEGEND

- TRAIL open to Hikers, Horses, Motorcycles, Mountain Bikes
Trail Number in Italics
Mileage between dots
- TRAIL with seasonal closure
- TRAIL closed to motorized
- TH TRAILHEAD
- Trail Rating: Easiest (circle), More Difficult (square), Most Difficult (diamond)
- HIGHWAY (Route 2)
- GRAVEL OR DIRT ROAD (Route 6100)
- CAMPGROUND (triangle)

GLACIER PEAK WILDERNESS

OFF-TRAIL TRAVEL CLOSURE
Affecting wheeled travel - Upper Mad River #1409.1

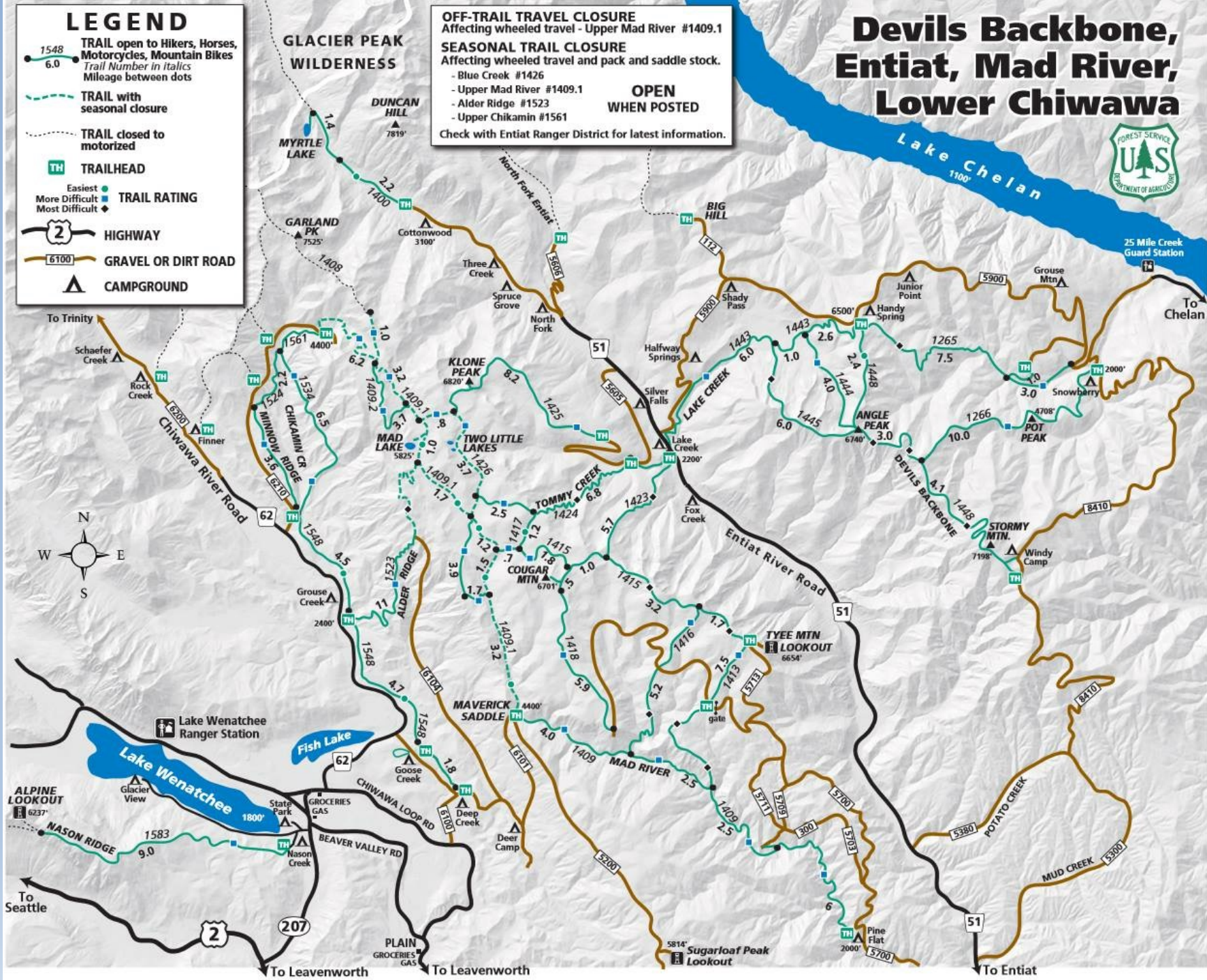
SEASONAL TRAIL CLOSURE
Affecting wheeled travel and pack and saddle stock.

- Blue Creek #1426
- Upper Mad River #1409.1
- Alder Ridge #1523
- Upper Chikamin #1561

OPEN WHEN POSTED

Check with Entiat Ranger District for latest information.

Devils Backbone, Entiat, Mad River, Lower Chiwawa



To Trinity

To Leavenworth

To Leavenworth

To Entiat

To Chelan

Vision (cont.)

- Educate user groups
- TREAD lightly: travel, respect, educate, allow, discover
- Create maps
- Establish signage
- Community watch/self policing “Eyes in the woods”
- Adopt noise level limits
- All recreation users welcome!
- It’s not the wild west!



Benefits of including moto

- Grant funds available
- Significant community support
- Volunteers
- Being inclusive/outreach
- Providing sorely needed new riding trails
- Family activity
- Expands recreational opportunities
- Moto trails open to ALL users!



Conclusion

- Lets keep community in the TCF
- Motorized access and the 5 Legislative goals can be compatible
- Be inclusive, don't alienate
- Tap this willing group of volunteers
- Put your biases aside
- Expand recreational opportunities
- Survey results coming soon!

QUESTIONS?

