

Green Mountain and Tahuya State Forests Recreation Plan Comments from Open House/Kickoff Meeting | October 26, 2010

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►PARTNERSHIPS: What opportunities are there for partnerships?

- Northwest Runners (Trail Runners)
- Bike Clubs
- School Districts
- Fly Fishing Groups
- YMCA's
- 5.5 Tahuya Trail riders Yahoo Group – 100 members
- Pastoral Groups
- 4-H Groups
- Community/Housing Groups
- Local Community College
- Bremerton Sportsmen's Club
- West Sound Cycle club (WSCC)
- Realtors
- Tourism Bureau
- Chambers of Commerce
- Schools—Senior Projects
- Inmate Labor
- Company Sponsors
- Backcountry Horsemen & other Equestrian Groups
- Bremerton Sportsman's Club
- 4X4 Clubs & PNW
- 4 H camping to BSA sites for same
- Pogies

►What do you enjoy about recreating in Green Mountain State Forest?

Types of activities people like to do in Green Mountain

- Camping
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Sightseeing/View
- Horses, Pack Stock
- Mountain Biking
- Wildlife Viewing
- Motorcycling
- Trail running
- Geocaching
- Camp Hosts
- Trail Maintenance Training
- (YMCA groups)

Other comments:

- Likes the challenging terrain the Green Mountain provides for motor bikes.
- Beautiful views from Green Mountain.

►What is missing from your recreation experience in Green Mountain State Forest?

- Accessible Horse Camp during the week
- Extended trail mileage for passive-non-motorized use i.e. Mountain Bike/running/hiking
- Segregation of land for Human powered activities. Works at Capitol
- Better maps with trails shown
- Maintaining closed watershed to Bremerton-Union River surface watershed
- Single track talking to Prendergast.
- Useable replacement for the Tind Mine trails for all users
- More multiple use including motorized
- Better use of the topography more opportunities – less erosion
- A place to hunt safely and quietly (only a 3-4 week season)
- More safe quiet places for horses
- Narrow trails
- Trail system connecting Green Mtn & Tahuya (multiple-use)
- Trail system connecting to Newberry Hill Heritage Park

- If we convert some areas to more motorized or non-motorized be equitable so users don't lose ground.
- Keep some trails non-motorized
- No hunting (small area)
- Shotgun, black powder & Bow only – no modern fire arms too many trails roads houses.
- More trails & more maintenance
- Keep Trails rustic (single track)
- More involvement with Scouts & Youth groups
- Add Scouts & Youth Groups, Boys & Girls club to stakeholders
- More enforcement & public awareness of the rules
- Trails bike play area (1 or 2 acres would be good). Used to be there on telephone line trail.
- Keep single track trails, challenging, don't make too easy.

►What do you enjoy about recreating in Tahuya State Forest?

- Want single track trail from Pendergast – Green Mtn – Tahuya (Please)
- Segregated trails if we have at least same mileage
- Horseback & Camping
- Camping key to Tahuya – closures have hurt this connection
- Rock play areas 4X4 - more challenges takes time, meet new vehicle skills
- Need more challenge areas for Motorcycles
- Tahuya is a great place to raise kids, outdoor & active & safe
- Diversity of opportunities
- Quality of facilities, signage
- Great place to stage events
- Hunting area undisturbed by bikers
- Additional play areas meet demands of new 4X4, need to try to keep challenging
- Tahuya has not lost trails – 4 trails rest of state lost trails. Impacts but makes Tahuya even more valuable
- Horse riding, hunting – needs some separation or closures during key seasons. West block Tahuya is key area for hunting & non-motorized uses.
- West Tahuya special place – quiet – aka Hurd Rd – How do we keep them unique
- Secret, quiet trails are valuable
- Decades use of Tahuya for hunting & fishing – should not be pushed out by other uses
- User fees – support programs
- Single track – last lowland places
- Hurd Road – critical to remain single track

- E&E critical
- Capitol forest E&E – Tahuya in winter
- Large Expanse of Tahuya – before Memorial weekend
 - Ability to ride 50-60 miles on motorcycle in (oops that are challenging & memorable)
- Solid special Place -
 - 40 acres Rhododendron between used Car Rd & S. Spillman road – wonderful place – solid pink

► What is missing from your recreation experience in Tahuya State Forest?

- Noise (West)
- Private Property (West)
- Illegal Use (West)
- Hunting (Private Property) (West)
- Campgrounds that stay open
- Safe parking for vehicles at staging areas
- Trailhead for non-motorized use (Horses – Bicycles)
- More miles of technically challenging 4X4 trails
- Mountain Bike skills area
- Quiet place to hunt in season (1/2 of area?0
- Scouting/Youth Programs
- More trail loop
- Enforcement
- Open roads during hunting season
- Current trail maps
- E&E man hours
- Trails crew hours
- More motorized single track mileage-multiple use
- Substantial Single track for passive/human power i.e. Biking/hiking only
- West Block needs horse camp/staging area
- Safe hunting area and season – no noise, freeways, just forest.
- Horses spooked by loud noise safety problems arise
- Man-made difficult 4X4 trails/obstacles
- More extreme 4/x trails
- Develop more dedicated single track motorized trails.
- Traditional access for hunting and camping hunting dominated for decades
- Dedicated trails motorcycle riding area for observed event

► What is your favorite place to visit?

Note: As part of this question, meeting participants also placed sticker dots on maps to identify their favorite places to recreate in addition to providing the following comments.

- My private property to see wildlife (West)
 - Totally non-motorized
 - Motorized mileage increase
 - Any narrow trail at Tahuya/Green Mtn is fun to visit on my motorcycle
 - Separation of motorized/non-motorized
 - Like the trails for good workout for horse – the vistas-Good experience before tackling some of the trails in the Olympics.
 - All of it – but the West end needs to stay non-motorized
 - Non-motorized – pay my taxes! Motorize some of it! NAH! All of it
 - Dirt bike trails! A current map would be nice
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► COMMENTS received on comment cards:

- My concern is that this planning process is the beginning of further reductions in the motorized trail systems. Green Mtn. and Tahuya are some of the very few motorcycle accessible trails left. Pressure from other closures only increases impact. Please do not restrict our legal trail mileage.
 - More trails at Green Mtn to reduce use- conflicts. Additional wildcat one way trails to eliminate downhill conflicts.
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► COMMENTS received following the Oct. 26 meeting:

- Because of the amount of annual visitors—camping needs to be addressed (supply and demand issues).
- Overcrowding at the staging facilities and trailheads. (Safety factor)