

Sustainable Recreation Working Group

Summary of January 2009 Funding Survey

Summary of Funding Ideas – Question: “Please share your ideas for sustainable” funding

- Become part of the Federal NW Trail Parking Permit system
- Charge fees to gain access into gated areas
- Collect fees from commercial guides who use DNR trails and facilities
- Enact the “2007 Expedited Tax Performance Review,” which would add about \$7 million to the NOVA account
- Percent of lottery revenue
- Special vanity license plate
- Fee for non-motorized uses similar to the ORV tab fee
- Lease out areas to organizations with the proceeds going to support trails and facilities
- Retain a percentage of the money collected from infractions and invest it back into Education and Enforcement
- Develop and sell maps to users
- Collect user fees at popular sites
- Establishment of a legacy trust (Forest Lands) where revenues are dedicated to support outdoor recreation
- Statewide bond to establish a Greenway Recreation Fund
- Sell advertising rights at campgrounds and trailheads
- Divert ORV/ATV non-DOT approved tire taxes to be used exclusively for ORV/ATV recreation areas
- Have a percent of tax on outdoor recreation equipment and services go to NOVA similar to the ORV gas tax.
- Increase Sin Taxes on:
 - Lawyers
 - Sofas, TV (Encourage people to get outside)
 - Large scale areas
 - Cigarettes
 - Alcohol
- Have a percent of tax revenue from casinos dedicated to outdoor recreation
- Donations from tribes as part of their requirement to donate a percent of their revenue back to the community
- Percent of the property tax dedicated to outdoor recreation similar to Missouri
- Require users to pay depending on level of impact
- Auction off hunting rights to DNR land
- Open bottled water plant with proceeds going to fund outdoor recreation
- Offer classes or hold special events with proceeds going to fund recreation
- Allow groups to purchase the naming/sponsorship rights to a trail or trailhead
- Rent, raffle or auction a DNR site for weekend or special event
- Increase NOVA percentage
- Sell DNR hats, patches, stickers, etc
- Add an access fee to timber sales

- Fees for developers that build in areas that reduce recreational opportunities
- Charge non-green tax on manufactures and users of Styrofoam and other on sustainable products
- State agencies and private business should use percent of their wellness dollars to support trails
- Percent of the hotel/motel tax in areas that serve DNR recreation sites.
- Involvement of private enterprise. Sponsorship by clubs, ATV dealers, guides and local retail.
- Assign caretaking of appropriately accessible trails or sections of DNR recreational areas to groups, families, or organizations who would share responsibility for trail maintenance & clean up with DNR (something along the same line as the Adopt-a-highway clean-up programs).
- Revenue through taxation of other revenue-generating activities that use the lands in question (logging, mining, etc.)
- Come up with some sort of "limited use" license tab or plate that would allow dirt bikes to get from trailhead to trailhead utilizing the maintained roads.
- Registering and purchase of ORV tabs for older dirt bikes that have no title
- Overnight camping fees
- Selling advertising space on some quality trail maps and then actually having those trail maps available at the recreation sites?
- Increased enforcement could be paid for by meaningful fines
- Membership programs—use annual membership fees to keep the areas opened/ maintained.
- Take 10% of fees and invest in endowment for future. Sell lifetime recreation fee pass and invest funds in endowment.