



Comments from Sustainable Recreation Public Workshop | September 15, 2008 Hoquiam, WA

- **Where do you like to recreate?**
- **What kinds of recreation do you enjoy?**
- **How can we improve your recreational experience on DNR-managed lands?**
- **What is your vision for recreation on DNR-managed lands?**
- **General Comments**

Where do you like to recreate?

- Wynochee Lake
- Near Clear Lake
- Kalaloch
- Mt. Rainer
- Sadie Creek
- Wishkah Game Fields (Horse)
- Olympic Wildlife Area (Horse)

What kinds of recreation do you enjoy?

Activity

4X4 trail riding-no riding along the coast jeep

Beach walking (esp. after storms)

Berry/mushroom picking

Bird Watching

Camping

Clam digging

Crabbing

Dirt biking

Fishing

Hiking

Horseback riding

Hunting

Kayaking salt marine trail

Kite boarding

Marine algae harvesting

Motorcycle sponsored events/off road races

Mountain biking

Off road single track

Operation Beach clean-up Jeeps

Plant identification

Quads

What kinds of recreation do you enjoy?

SCUBA diving

Shellfish harvesting

Skim-boarding/ Body boarding

Surf Fishing

Surfing

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How can we improve your recreation experience on DNR-managed land?

- Open Tahuya year round
- Need more law enforcement presence
- Horse camping should be horse only
- Provide 4x4 opportunities as well as other motorized use on the coast (right now need to drive 4 hours. 150 miles away)
- Trails with obstacles for motorized users
 - Full day and half day loops with rocky terrain, hills and tight corners that a normal truck cannot do
 - Camping sites for ORVs
 - Bathrooms and parking for families that can fit a trailer
- Jeeps and quads on same trail with motorcycles on separate.
- Parking need improved for horse and 4x4 users
- Provide adequate for shellfish harvest and water based recreation
- Make trails more accessible to horses especially for gates that are supposed to allow horse use (cannot get around)
- If it says it's open for a particular use make sure it is actually open for that use.
- Adequate parking and turnaround space.
- More signage indicating trail name and use type
- More horse use
 - Roads for horses and quads
- Better information about whether trail is open or closed
- Better coordination between F&W and DNR
- Improve links with maps with trails, will improve safety/
- Seasonal trail use same trails may be best part of the year and closed other times need to help respect differences
- Keep the woods open and accessible
- Provide access through private lands and communicate what is open, when and to whom.
- Keep opportunities within short driving distances
- Ask Feds to keep land open and fix roads
- Educate difference of Fed, State lands
- Beware and fix hazards
- Be true to designated sites, limit non-designated uses within. Have enforcement
- Allow public areas to recreate LAWFULLY
 - Do not care about requiring permits
- Need for more places to ride for licensed ORV users. Too few place close by.
- Make access is not arbitrarily decided. Allow people access to documents that explains what identifies the use (regulations, management plans, other designation decisions)
 - Have the info online in a PDF
 - Make it easy to find answers
- Open up land that is closed for lack of maintenance
- Maintain and repair access roads

How can we improve your recreation experience on DNR-managed land?

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- Law enforcement presence and more education about cleaning up after yourself.
- Larger staging areas in winter would help reduce crowding
- Better job utilizing volunteers leadership, organization, coordinate certifications (ie chain saw) getting people and resources –gravel [sic] to user groups
- Make detours very clear around clear cuts and washouts
- Make access better for mobility impaired folks
- More parking at Scatter Creek access Capital Forest for horse trailers
- Jeeps can utilize small section
- Utilize naturally abandoned logging and fire roads for recreation
- DNR can utilize local clubs to build, maintain trails/park especially in coastal area
- Draw people to the coastal area
 - Brings big money for communities

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What is your vision for recreation on DNR-managed lands?

- Balance between Trust Mission and Recreation
- More Trust Funds used for Recreation/ Set-up a Trust just for Recreation
- Keep the trails open. And maintained
- Keep the campgrounds open and maintained
- Recreation opportunities within a one to two hour drive from population

General Comments

- Need some local (within 50 miles) 4x4 trails
- Now must travel 4hrs. +/- to Mt Rainer or Tillamook to find trails for “jeeps”.
- Limit wheel base to minimize environmental impacts.
- Possible collaboration w/ local jeep clubs to build & maintain trails
- There are no 4x4 jeep trails anywhere in the Olympic or Pacific Cascade DNR regions. Our local 4x4 in Grays Harbor must drive to Mt. Rainer or Cascades Mts. a 4 hour trip to recreate. We would like access to some naturally abandoned logging roads or money permitting an ORV park with several miles of trails like Evans Creek.
- I believe DNR should maintain several lakes (well stocked). Where only adults can fish if accompanied by a youngster 16 years or less. State limits and rules but introduce the young people to DNR lands and waters
- Work to make the horse camps available to just horse camping
- Water for live stock needed.
- Law enforcement presence needed.
- I would like to see some type of jeep trails along the coast between Port Angeles & the Columbia River. We now have to go to Mt Rainier area 3-4 hours drive. I would also like to see bathrooms so we could go as a family.

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