



Comments from Sustainable Recreation Public Workshop | September 17, 2008 Ellensburg

- **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?

- Naneum Ridge State Forest
- Reiter Pit
- Upper Kittitas County
- Table Mountain/Liberty
- Manastash/LT Murray
- Umptanum
- Camas
- Walker Valley
- Ahtnaum State Forest
- Taneum
- Wenas
- Naches
- Rim Rock
- White Pass
- Oak Creek
- Milwaukee Road Corridor
- Elbe Hill
- Garrett Canyon
- Long Beach
- Scattered Tracts around the state

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What kind of recreation do you enjoy?

- 4 Wheeling / Off Road
- ATV
- Camping
- Snowshoeing
- Dual Sport Riding
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- X-Country Skiing
- Hunting
- Mountain biking
- Photography
- Rock Hounding
- Trail Running
- Sightseeing
- Snowmobiling
- Nature Study
- Target/Sighting shooting

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How can we improve your experience on DNR-managed lands?

- Access for hunting and fishing –roads, trails
 - General access
 - Maps – shows access
 - Web site
- Outhouses and dumpsters
 - Campground
 - Trailheads
- Parking
 - Needs to be large enough to accommodate trucks and trailers (55ft)
 - Gravel for horses
 - Small gravel
- Paved campgrounds for equestrian
- Isolated parcels need to be exchanged to block up land for multiple benefits
 - Easier for everyone to manage
 - Better for users
- More equestrian trails
 - Overnight 5 to 6 routes
 - Half day – 4 hours 10 miles
 - Full day – 15 to 18 miles
- Destination
- Loop Trails
 - Hitching posts
 - Corrals wasteful of space
 - Manure bins
- Mountain Bike – Trailhead
 - Freeride – 2miles

How can we improve your experience on DNR-managed lands?

Continued...

- Trails – 30 miles
- Destination
- Day Use
- Use barriers to close off non-green dot roads
- More educational material to know the rules are (sic)
- Enforcement on rules! –public presence, follow-up on information
- Consequences
 - Community hours
- Winter recreation larger snow park area
 - Something to hold 60 vehicles
 - signage
- Signage in collaboration with groups
- Green dot
 - Maps
 - Information how works
 - Web
 - Trip planner on web site
- Multiple Use Trails
 - ATV/Motorcycle
 - Single track for motorcycle
 - Single track for mountain bike
 - Loops
- Need for more 4X4 routes in Wenas
 - Loops
- Need MOU with other entities for planning
- Need to make sure we have protected wildlife habitat
- Leases for shooting ranges
- Exit 93 – DNR land plus pvt. – elk herd for winter habitat- permit for gravel pit – concern for elk
- More open roads – more loops and longer loops (50 miles +)
- Good signage
- GPS reference on trail marking signs
- Larger snow park
 - High use – 60+
 - Med use – 45 – 50
 - Low use – 30 less
- More trails spreads out use less damage
- Westsiders coming to eastside displacing eastside
- Presence on landscape with volunteers
- More 4X4 trails on Westside
 - Lacking for technical trails on mileage
 - Camping opportunity
- LT Murrey – unhospitable for horse – berms everywhere stops vehicles and impacts equestrian experience
- % of sales tax dollars from sale of ORV's
- Educational check points to educate folks about the area & what it has to offer – land, habitat, diff uses, grn dot rd system etc.

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What is your vision for recreation on DNR-managed lands for the next 50 years?

- Well balanced recreation program, with a strong education and enforcement support
 - Access for all types of recreation
 - Communications open
 - Works with volunteers
 - Do not close off roads
 - Areas for more campgrounds
 - More trailheads with access to trails. Sani-Cans. Hitching rails for horses. Open more land to public. Keep motorcycles on different trails to horses.
 - To have public access to all DNR lands for multi-user groups. To retain te natural resources for our children.
 - Standardized risk management plan allowing technical freeride mountain bike experiences.
 - Memorandum of understanding (MOU's) w/ local bike clubs that can make freeride trails (& maintain).
 - Keeping routes open with help from volunteers, eyes in the woods. Create multiple use trails (easier to get funding from IAC)
 - Keeping and increasing camping opportunities- campsites and dispersed areas, ORV camps & equestrian camps.
- Use trail difficulty signage Most difficult Intermediate Easy
- Keep working with organized groups – We really want to help. We never say no! We want to keep public lands, open for the public, whether by foot, horse animal or motorized use!
 - Work with Motorized Recreation Groups to provide safe use and an enjoyable experience for all.
 - Safe recreating experiences for all users. Preserving the beauty of our state for generations to come.
 - More and stronger enforcement.
 - I would like to see all users get along so we can get as much as possible from the land we have. More development for motorized recreation.
 - Keep land open and used by diverse groups
 - Thank you for bringing this opportunity
 - Lots of open land so people can spread out and not impact the lands with their use. Would like to see lakes & reservoirs developed to include large RV sites, boat launch areas and picnic areas – all with a central bathroom and related facilities
 - Need to have good loop roads for 4wheeling, snowmobiling, etc. Make the loops long 25 – 50 miles.

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General comments

- I would like to see the DNR develop mountain bike trails that suit the needs of all rider abilities. There is a huge disparity in allowed bike trails on Washington's public land. Technical terrain features on so called "freeride" trails are needed. Our club can build & maintain these types of trail systems (over 150 members) www.trailwashington.org

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