

Please, for the love of god, give us a place to ride dirt bikes and downhill mountain bikes on DNR land so we can stop building illegal trails all over the place!
There needs to be better target shooting locations, that don't interact with other activities.
No logging in Blanchard mountain's wilderness core!
Open all gates let people enjoy..what we all own
Stewardship. Keeping the areas natural. Limiting motorized recreation.
I support motorized recreation and user built trails. I am a mountain biker but advocate for the concept of "shared land; separate trails"
Lessen the amount of bullying done by DNR Agents and stop arming them
more mountain bike specific trails
Plan some non-motorized rec areas to be multi-use: mtn bike trails and hiking trails can be separate but still intermingle across a landscape. I love both of these rec types!!
Keep it simple. No vehicles at all, manual or motorized, except for mobility issues.
Improve access to the rivers: NF near Maple Falls, SF near Hamilton.
So many areas I used to hunt are gated. Open them up! Not a fan of Mt Bikers, they cut too many new trails and get mad when they see hunters
Please let some of the space remain quiet so that nature observation and quiet reflection can occur. Noisy motored vehicles should be limited or restricted. Thank you.
Orv access please, we have to currently break the law to ride our dirtbikes because we have no legal access within a reasonable driving distance.
This is a great start.
I am a member of Back Country Horseman. I do not wish to see any opportunities for horseback trail riding to eliminated. The horses do minimal damage and can even improve some trails. There are fewer horse(equestrians) than any other user group and the equestrian user group does not seem to get the recognition in the planning process as I would like to see it have.
Leave it be.
Do not require Discovery Pass / NW Access Pass in new recreation areas unless mandated
Add more river access points. For as many miles of beautiful river flows through our county on public lands, there should be more points of access and places where people can enjoy the river. Also, don't close roads that access many of there areas people enjoy recreating.
Disc golf course
Disc Golf
Eliminate clear cut logging. Select harvest up to 40% to reduce blow downs. Ecologically sensitive harvest would be compatible with soil quality, fish habitat and happy recreation.
I don't believe any DNR land should be set aside for a specific recreation type. They are public lands and should be open to all.
Quit allowing morons like Weimer to sit on any council. He is terrible for Whatcom county.
Please segregate motorized and mountain biking from hiking. They are not at all compatible, and sometimes dangerous for walkers. Also, please restrict motorized/ATV areas to only a few more remote spots as it is environmentally destructive and the noise is unacceptable in quiet rural areas. It is also harmful to creatures in the area.
I prefer we limit non-motorized vehicles and have some clarity on off-leash dog expectations.
Allow legal ORV use in Whatcom county. Allow open camping, not campgrounds. Preferably in areas that do not require discover pass in addition to a multitude of other fees or permits
No wheels. Don't screw with perfection.
Better parking
Don't wreck it by bringing Bellingham's half baked ideas and bull into the woods. Leave it alone!

Post phone number to call if you see people dumping garbage or other violations
Please adhere to approved trail building practices in sensitive lands i.e. Lake Whatcom watershed, riparian zones, wetlands, etc.
Limit it to non-habitat destroying activities. Too much emphasis is placed on recreation as opposed to preservation
I think that we as a community could really help maintain our lands through organized volunteering. We just need to have some state support/overwatch to help guide us/ plan work parties. I do think that we need more atv areas, as there isn't much around here.
The more opportunity for environmental sustainability and preservation, as well as strict rules regarding public safety (especially for bikers/motorcyclists) I feel are of the utmost importance. I would also like to see an area (or multiple) with pay phones to call 911 for emergencies or if people feel unsafe or threatened (I speak from experience).
Please make more accessible trails for those who have mobility aids and low mobility.
Better signs
Education of the public re: the importance for multi-use/purpose of trails and how by working together for access and keeping the trails multi-purpose it will keep the trails open to all of us to use.
Occasionally various groups could do a clean up of a beautiful place. I've seen families bring bags to Clayton Beach to collect bottles/cans & scraps of paper/plastic while enjoying the area. Our family has done that too.
Off-road Area for dirt bikes, ACT's and vehicles. Whatcom County takes my money for ORV tags, but gives me nowhere to ride. Walker Valley is too far away and I don't want ORV funds spent to build/maintain interurban trails in Bellingham.
Stop trying exert more government control and just let people enjoy the lands that they already pay to use. Stop trying to ban things.
Permanent steel targets cemented in the ground to greatly reduce trash and targets people leave in the area.
more info on various DNR sites
Tear down all these thousands of gates blocking access to DNR-managed lands and make it like it was in the 50's, 60's and 70's.
Don't clearcut Blanchard Mountain.
Hiking and snowshoeing near motorized vehicles defeats the purpose of being in nature.
Keep in mind the effect on wildlife of unleashed dogs on the trail and the incompatibility of hiking and biking.
It usually takes quite a long time to correct an event (such as a landslide) that makes a trailhead access road (such as Canyon Creek Road) unusable. I would love to see the process of addressing problems like that speeded up.
I would rather have motorized uses either prohibited or severely limited. The areas I have encountered where motorized access is allowed tend to be severely degraded, both in trail condition and amount of trash.
Adding parking and trails for dirt bikes. If you build it, we will come. Currently, there is no dirt bike riding area in Whatcom that I know of. We would love to come ride up there but just don't hire the awful designers that did Reiter Pit. The trails are awful. They are choppy and tiny and not fun at all to ride on a full size bike.
Include people who ride off road motorcycles in trail planning. The trails at Reiter are awful and poorly executed. They're not worth riding more than once.
Good signage and road access, bathroom facilities at trailheads
Always open access to Canyon Creek Lake area
Ensure all DNR and other public lands have legal public access routes (easements, county roads). Without legal public access that DNR land is ineligible for RCO recreation grants. Pursue exchanges and purchase to ensure legal public access year round.
I would like to see a "leave no trace" campaign to educate the general public about littering and dumping garbage. More public dumpsters in heavy use areas.
I'd like to see the access points for kayaking this run improved http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/2171/ Parking for the take-out could be considered unsafe for some people and I'd like to see something developed with state funds, as it is inadequate as it is.
Single track motorcycle and atv trails are not the same.

i don't like to have motorized vehicles tearing around on trails (especially) or on log roads - dangerous to others, noisy, destructive. in planning, if you provide places for motorized traffic, please don't allow motorized vehicles where other activities such as hiking, skiing, snowshoeing or even mountain biking are taking place. ALSO -- for question 15, for me my answer would depend a lot on what kind of commercial services are being considered.
Have it ran by volunteer groups to maintain and clean. Much like walker valley does.
Try to keep shooting range away from for camping
I seems like someone is reopening the USFS Multi-Use campaign. Foot traffic is incompatible with motorized, horse or mountain biking. We don't want people shitting on our trails but people are not supposed to consider encountering possible dangerous animals or trails littered with feces and horse flies
Restricting motorized stuff is key towards having a rewarding back country experience, for me. Motorcycles, ATV's, and snowmobiles are loud, and the users of them generally disrespectful of the trails and other people on them.
Long connector trails starting in town and heading out to the heart of the recreational areas.
I would love to see extensions of existing trails to support multi-day backpacking loops. Extending and tying in existing trails together to create 50+ mile loops would be wonderful.
More DNR law enforcement presence to cut down on illegal activities, trashing, mudding, and vehicle breaki-ns.
I think the planning so far is great and love to hear when there is new information and updates. Look forward to things moving forward over the next couple of years.
Think about who uses the area, not just who has the most money and bitches the loudest.
When you harvest trees exploit the landing pad at the top of the clearing for paragliding. Keep the road that was used for logging open after the logging is completed so that paraglider and hang glider pilots can exploit the clearing.
I have done trail maintenance work in the past but find it difficult now due to age. However I still hike weekly.
Improve Swift Cr. trail bikes from Lk. Ann trail to Baker Lk.
No motorized recreation due to erosion, noise and pollution.
I would like to see a network of trails or a trail that connected Bellingham (downtown) to Mt. Baker (either Heliotrope or Park Butte Trail). I think it is a special opportunity that resonates with the spirit of Bellingham and the people who live here.
Keeping sections clear of activities that chase out the wildlife. Even the constant noise of down hill mountain bikers chases away the critters. I go to the forest to enjoy all of the life in it. It saddens me that I rarely see any animals other than birds anymore.
Much of my experienced difficulties in Whatcom County's DNR lands has stemmed from other users and their lack of respect for others and the environment. Beyond increased enforcement patrols and (sadly) decreased access, I don't know what to do about deeply-entrenched stupidity.
Kids areas and hiking trail suitable for younger children.
discourage or prohibit motorized vehicles on trails.
Thanks for doing this survey. Heavily logged areas good for motors, pristine hiking, mtn biking great in working forests in between logging.
Increase hiking trails.
The recreation areas are being overused and "loved to death". We need to encourage funding (lobby US Representatives and Senators) for Forest Service roads to take pressure off existing recreation areas.
Patrols watching for litterers and drug users is a must!
Please keep trails free of mountain bikes, motorcycles, and ATVs.
Having long connected trails between Mt. Baker and Bellingham would be great, with a number of parking and access points along the way. I think motorized vehicles should have thier own area seperate from non motorized activities.
Much more work needs to be put into trails, both in maintenance and in new trails. Everywhere I go this is an issue.
We don't need petrol motor powered vehicles on DNR land. Get the kids out there instead, educational opportunities are infinite with the right instructors when your in the woods exploring. And that is the best way to raise a new generation of land stewards!

This is going to sound strange but I think it's important that we allow for the smoking of recreational marijuana before, during and after recreational activities.
Allow mt. bikers to use and maintain the trails at North Fork. Allow the motorcycles and ATVs to use and maintain the trails on Sumas.
Out in and take ours for river runs, road maintenance to out in and take out. Some runs in the area cannot be paddled because road is in bad shape
Secure river access
Large wind turbine with an observation deck with power sold to PUD or nearby town and proceeds for school construction fund to minimize logging.
Better access for kayaks and rafts to and from the river
Spend the money to build the recreation areas, charge entry(discover pass) utilize nonprofits and volunteers to maintain and care for areas once built.
No shooting garbage with guns at the North Fork!
Allow the authorized use of "User" built trails when they are compatible to the planned recreation in the planning area. They provide a perfect template of what users are seeking when recreating.
Keep the ATVs and motor bikes out and from tearing up ground. They are loud, bad for wildlife and just basically suck.
Continued management of rivers as free-flowing with good public access.
Yeah no gate crap
Whatcom County needs it's own ORV park! After the reduction of Reiter Pit and closure of the back entrance to Walker Valley ORV area we could use a riding spot right here in Whatcom.
Create a disc golf destination!
Open the north fork mt biking trails
It is our land. Open it up and put the garbage dumpers in jail.
More toilets.
Legal off road motorcycle trail areas would be good.
Multi-use recreation areas that allow for a variety of user groups to share access on some trails and have exclusive use others is the best proposal I have heard of so far. Climbing or traversing trail seems to work best with a variety of users where as descending trail works best as dedicated (exclusive) trail for particular users.
Open access to recreate on these public properties please.
Downhill trails at the north fork, similar to the dnr darrington north mountain project
Work to have designated user area (if not compatible with others) and multiuser areas on the access areas around these so all can enjoy the area. Have lots of volunteer programs and events to get users to feel some ownership and want to be better Stewards and ambassadors for all the trails as a whole while out on their own time in public.
Shared-use trails should be utilized, especially singletrack that mountain bikers would use to climb, rather than descend (used as a one way for mountain bikers, and bi-directional for hikers/runners). I feel that users can share trails safely and without conflict, as we have long witnessed on Galbraith / Chuckanut. However, if a trail offers a technical descent it may be wise to limit such a trail to uni-directional mountain bike riding. British Columbia offers many shining examples of this type of shared-use trail system. On another note, I feel that user groups should be assessed on a case-by-case basis (especially equestrian use of trails, based upon research of their impact upon trails). That being said, I think shared use is very important, and it would be best to exclude user groups as little as possible.
Increase in any trail sytem type decreases the load put on onther systems.
allow volunteers to build trails in designated areas. also allow volunteers to repair road washouts. Let us help you!
Open all directions and public lands to fur Trapping. We are only allowed to use cage traps so non-target animals would not be harmed.
More designated motorcycle trails = less illegal riding and trail building!
Have hikers and others wear Hunter orange during hunting season's and be respectful of hunters and others

To encourage use between horses and other users, there should be "yield" signs to indicate who yields to who. Also explain procedure when meeting horses--i.e. "stop, stand, speak." I am an active member of BCH Peninsula Chapter.
Disc Golf Course
Designate certain or specific trails for specific activities. It also takes way less effort for someone to ruin a place with motorized equipment, they cover more ground and it's takes minimal effort to spin the wheels. Hikers bikers and horses have minimal impact on environment. Speed of travel and level of noise would be a good way to separate user groups.
Let use hunt and trap DNR lands. Also have the area open 24 hour so if i have a animal down or if I get off work. I have time to check traps or get a animal out before dusk.
Install better signage and have maps available. Make trail connections to adjoining County Park and Federal lands. Gate off roads being abused by dumping. Solicit volunteers and service groups to help clean-up roads and parking areas. Establish parking and access areas. Eliminate dangerous firearms shooting occurring in gravel pits, on roads and other areas.
Perhaps a pamphlet on what are the current DNR recreation areas, what sort of use they have been established for and maps of the area would be helpful to the general public.
Improving communication between recreational users and private land owners about public access using roads, designated trails, and logging roads to land locked DNR managed lands.
Close motorized vehicles during hunting season
Good maps; good access with clearly defined boundaries to discourage trespassing on private lands.
Make off-road trails accessible for all 4 x 4's utvs and ATVs
Have an ATV area for people and access for more areas
Need an atv riding areas
bikers, hikers, & horse riders need to where hunter orange while using lands during hunting seasons
Don't put any trails of any sort. Don't encourage PEOPLE to be there at all.
Make as much user information as possible available on the internet
Yes, something near Bellingham for motorized dirt biking.
Communication like this for those who agree to a mailing list for accurate insights. Thank you :)
More areas to ride.
Make teleport from Snohomish county. :)
A. More horse trails, trailheads, and parking areas. B. More horse trails, trailheads, and parking areas. C. More of A. and B.
Top priority should be maintaining the environment - no motorized vehicles or "public-private" events which attract too many people and have no regard for flora and fauna. Protect the connectivity of animal habitat. Stop trying to make money from this valuable community resource and learning opportunity for children.
More mountain bike trails, both XC multi-use scenic style and more advanced single use "downhill" or technical trails
I'm always amazed how cities will spend thousands to build skate parks on expensive urban land but prevent the use of land/trails that will often be taken care of by volunteers.
Actually having recreation opportunities that match the activity you want to do.
Tell the law enforcement officers (all WDFW too) that when you issue a family member that is most always a law abiding citizen a \$1,275 infraction for riding a quad on a gravel road when it is not posted clearly or at all for that matter, we and all that we camp with will never come back to do anything in Whatcom Co again. My mother in law was riding a Seadoo and shes is no young woman, the cop on the Lake, Baker... made her jump off the machine and issued her a ticket for failing to yield right of way. She was shaken from the cold water and injured herself attempting to get back on the machine after she was cited for a totally bs infraction. It was clear this cop had an agenda to cite anyone with even the slightest wrong doing while recreating as he went from boat to boat all day. Good way top keep everyone away for good. BTW that officer cited a high ranking government official that day
Education

Get SOMETHING in place so we can improve upon it. Nothing to improve upon when there is nothing sanctioned for dirt biking.
More Equestrian trails, and better parking areas for truck/horsetrailer rigs.
more orv riding areas
User groups need to work and play together. Hikers that want no bicycles, no horses and no motorcycles on the trails are just plain selfish. My wife rides horses. They are socialized with motorcycles and bicycles. They have no problems sharing the trails. As a motorcyclist I know to shut mine off at the first sight of a horse, hiker or bicyclist. It is all about sharing the trail resources and experiences.
Having separate areas/trails for activities that are not compatible would allow everyone to enjoy their experience.
Everyone just needs to get along. I have ridden tens of thousands of miles on DNR land in the last 15 years, I occasionally see horseback riders and always give them respect, rarely see mountain bike riders and hunters, and never see hikers and sightseers. Motorcycle riders are to happy ride anything. I suspect only certain trails are conducive to mountain bikers.
Allow more motorized opportunities.
proportionality of rec opportunities within the overall region, not just DNR lands. If DNR lands need to accommodate all users equally within individual planning areas, the results are substandard for all users, too crowded in too small of space. If DNR can consider all acreages available for different types of rec in this DNR region, then true gaps in access can be addressed within appropriate planning areas.
We need more motorized off road opportunities. Reiter and Walker Valley are south of this area. There used to be great events around Hannegan Speedway and there are limited trails systems currently available. I know people who drive north out of our state and take their recreational dollars to Canada ... and that just seems short sighted on our part. We have a LOT of opportunities to develop trail systems and would rather cut off our nose to spite our face.
Designated motorized trails in Whatcom county.
a disc golf option listed
An 18 hole Disc Golf Course would be great for Whatcom County.
Open more opportunities for mountain biking specific trails to reduce user conflicts and trail erosion
We need more single track motorcycle trails. Reiter as re-developed is far too limited. Single track folks tend to tread much more lightly than those on 4 wheels and should be given credit for that with more riding opportunities.
Detail for question 16: I volunteer for Switmo and work on the PNT trail. Please continue to support this trail and the stream crossings needed for swift and the other creek I can't think of right now. Thank you.
Provide an area where motorized recreation can have their own trails. 4x4s, ATVs, and Motorcycles each need different types of trails, and 4x4 trails shouldn't be considered the common denominator because they're the widest. 4x4 users have enjoyed technical trails: Tight, off-camber, and slightly muddy or rocky. I don't like what we've seen and spent in other areas, like the ez-valley connector at walker or the bed of road type rocks laid out at Reiter.
I enjoy mostly "unimproved" off road riding of motorcycles and mountain bikes. We DON'T need highly "engineered" trails.
more public input
Allow user groups to build and maintain trails within these areas as they do presently in British Columbia.
Cease the practice of clear cutting the forest!! Create a network of single use trails, and compatible shared use trails. Educate public to increase understanding about the importance of environmental stewardship.
Do not over think it most people just want a legal place to go outdoor. Segregation of the area takes away from everybody.
A better way to penalize violators
Keep equestrian separate
Work with oganzations and clubs
Just the motorcycles ATV and Mountain Bikes need they own trails and area, to many close calls.
Keep gates open by default, close them only when there is a safety concern. It's public land, there should be public access.

We need to find a way to encourage people to be more polite & cordial to each other. We are all there to enjoy nature & take care of this beautiful area we live in. Horse riders are often snubbed or treated rudely when meeting hikers but we are often the ones working hard to clear downed trees & keep the trail passable.
Get motorized traffic off hiking/riding trails by giving them a designated area to ride.
State funds should be used to build and maintain trail systems. The public wants access to public lands. Trails allow that. Separate areas for motorized sports should be the goal. Mountain bikes should be minimized and kept to their own trail systems. They should also go the same speed as horses and hikers when on a shared trail. Horses should be allowed on almost all trails. They and hiking are the most traditional means of transportation, we should protect that heritage.
Let me know if volunteer opportunities do come available
After questions 14 and 15, I am scared that there will be recreation "zones" that only are only open to one type of recreation. I think that there is no problem with having mountain bike trails and horseback riding trails right next to each other on the same hillslope, though they are not the best trails to have as multi-use so that the horses do not get scared and injure someone. I do not think that each and every one of these areas referred to in question 2 should be separated just by recreation type. I think there is enough room to share each area in some fashion.
Downloadable GPS or phone based apps to ensure appropriate land use.
Some multi-use recreation areas have seen great success allowing uphill-only mountain bike access on hiking trails, then designating downhill-only trails for mountain bikes specifically. Basically, avoid mixing speeds (fast bikes and slower hikers, any motor traffic and any non-motorized, etc.)
Explicitly legalize recreational access to existing trails and access points in commercial forests, and streamline the approval process for new user-driven projects. Allow volunteers to maintain their own recreational amenities. Recreation doesn't require input of funds, only permission.
More multi-use trails, particularly motorcycle trails. This seems to work reasonably well at Capitol Forest (my former home trails), where the different user groups try to accommodate each other. It's a recipe for disaster and frustration to herd basically *all* motorcycle/atv users onto the small trail network at Walker Valley. Also, more trails should be signed as "one way" and/or "downhill only" so as to improve safety in blind and/or steep areas.
Better parking area and more access.
Please allow more mountain biking. Bikers are good stewards of trails and a great volunteer resource for trail building and maintenance. Other areas (see Bend, OR) have very successful multi-use trail systems that benefit the community as a whole.
More access
Horses and Bikes do not mix well, sure it can be done but when you scare a horse on a bike its no fun for you, the horse rider, and the animal. Plus hoof's punch holes in the trails and manure piles are no good when you ride through them. I don't know about mixing moto's and mtb's, could be collisions and moto's carve up the trails so they are no good for mtb's
Eliminate the logging for schools requirement. This does not mean eliminate logging.
To please provide recreation areas to off-road vehicles. Thank you.
More opportunities for mountain biking would be wonderful and I would visit/spend more if that were the case.
I volunteer in parks out of south sound
Additional trails to connect areas not currently connected. Loss the evidently impact nonsense, this used to be logging land which was clear cut and had heavy equipment running all over it. The impact from any of these user groups is zero in comparison.
no
Trail Maps, available free online or for sale at recreation stores
Tie roads together to make scenic loops. Don't decommission roads. Mark roads as primitive nonmaintained. Have many multiuse trails and roads. Allow nonprofit organizations to hold events on DNR lands. Between Whatcom County and DNR the woods are virtually inaccessible to user groups. Put our inmates to work on the trails.
need a camping area utilize the one-way trails for high-speed users
don't do it
Providing short term overflow camping areas only for use during busy holiday weekends

Please allow North Fork MTB trails to reopen, and to be expanded. Thank You
More island or coastal camping if possible please!
I would like more information on trails designated for horseback riding. I would like to see more areas utilized for horseback riders without intrusion of motorized vehicles or mountain bikers. Too often I see evidence or have run into individuals who disregard the designated use of trails. This disregard could result in serious injury to horse and rider especially when motorized vehicles show up on trails only intended for hikers and horse riding.
Designated target shooting ranges to separate this activity from others that may have a bad interaction.
We have been so pleased with all the improvements that have been made at the areas we visit and recreate. I think the constant care of the trail system and hang gliding launches is all I would like to see. We are so grateful for having the land made available for use and thank DNR very much!!
Open the gates
If you do have recreation, it should consider intensity of use impacts and plan buffer needs accordingly. To ensure that damage is minimized, there should be a limit on how many people can use the trails in relationship to wildlife needs. We need to stop acting like we are the property owners of this planet or this county. We need to show restraint to ensure ecological resiliency and health.
Let people use the land, it belongs to them. As long as no one or property is hurt, just stay out of it, you are only the caretaker of the peoples property.
not at this time...
Disc Golf
Disc golf course
first, thank you, Whatcom already does an impressive balance, so all feedback is in the context of getting better, not complaining. Parking is the biggie.
Appro e use of volunteer managed freeride trails
Keep most motorized out
I would love to see more paragliding and hang gliding sites developed in the area.
Severely limit motorized recreation. It has a highly negative impact on every other user group. It destroys the landscape, and shatters the soundscape. It is difficult to contain the impacts from spreading outside of designated areas. Such high-impact activity is not a right, and has limited place on public lands.
Yes, Let's build a non motorized trail from Bellingham to Mt. Baker. http://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/local/article85168737.html
Disc Golf
Paraglide launch sites
No
Fix the Roads
No
Please add more orv areas
Open the gates to us. Public access to public lands. Quit blocking "decommissioned" roads.
More hang gliding and paragliding sites
Dedicated mtb trails!
With the view that our population will increase in the coming years and, therefore, a greater number of users will be accessing trails, it is vital that new and existing trails be built for multiple user groups and that trails are not designated to single users except in exceptional circumstances. My experience with user groups in several trail systems is that the more you separate users, the more division is created. Whatcom County's systems have shown that with more community involvement, greater education, and heightened volunteerism, the trail users can get along in a positive manner and the trails can be maintained more effectively. We need more trails, not fewer for single user groups. This approach will be beneficial for all trail users for generations to come.
Let us build ramps for hang gliding that might improve safety

Communication and information is key. Up to date maps and information on logging information is greatly appreciated.
More recreational access in the twin sisters area. Designated Mountain Biking only trails. Maintain already established roads to alpine.
If money is tight make a park and rec. permit necessary for trail use.
There should be a place for everyone to recreate no matter what their chosen form of recreation is. Whatcom County needs quality designated places for 4x4, ATV, and motorcycle use. Additionally, I feel that DNR lands should be much more available than they currently are for organized events both large and small.
n/a
More info available on the trails in the area. I primarily trail run and mtn bike in the Chuckanuts and on Galbraith. Would love to explore more!
Having trails that are designed for more than one activity are a great idea if they are somewhat the same SPEED. Just don't want anyone hurt due to the speed difference.
This area needs disc golf courses
A lot of questions pertain to using DNR land when there is no land to ride ready to be used for ATV.
A bike trail from deming to bellingham would be AMAZING! Bike commuting on the highway is scary and many of us would bike instead of drive to town if there were a trail. Mountain bike trails would also be awesome and bring a lot of business to the area.
Education for everyone on multi- use trails. On Galbraith Mountain trails mountain bike people are partnering with horseback riders to work on the trails.
I am new and would like to hear what is currently happening
Devise a plan that caters to a variety of trail user types overall. Individual trails should be specific to the user type with some trails that are multi-use - particularly uphill trails for connectivity.
Bathrooms
I would really like to see an ORV area in Whatcom County, I always pay ORV registration for my kids off road motorcycles with no area to legally ride in Whatcom county. Walker valley is a great place to ride but is extremely crowded in the spring and summer.
No
More trails for all kinds of activities
listen to the Mountain Bikers.
I really like the idea of combining multi-use trails that are climbing only for bikes, and then having biking only trail options for descents. Many trail types are great for all uses in both directions, but sometimes it is better to divert faster user groups like mountain bikes and motorcycles onto their own trails. It is also important to remember that different users like different trail features. When I hike I like views and waterfalls, when I horseback ride I like meandering singletrack, when I ride mountain bike I like fast descents with berms and built trail features, and when I dirt bike I like challenging climbs and am happy taking a logging road further back than the hiking and biking areas to get to moto specific trails.
Stop closing and locking gates. Public lands should be available for all uses, not just entities such as logging and mining.
More mountain biking!
have user specific areas to give all users there own area to police themselves and have responsibility and pride to take care of it. As well as having multi use areas for all compatible users to share.
Non motorized connectivity along trails corridors between all public owned-managed lands.
Create trail building/maintenance opportunities for the public on DNR lands. It's much cheaper than contracting work crews and gets the community involved.
Dedicated Mountain bike areas for both endure and down hill shuttles. Keep horse shit off of hiking and biking trails!
Allow trail building by Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalilition
Allowing more access, and allowing organized user groups to build and maintain trails.
Need more areas for atv camping mountain biking horse back riding

Playing in the woods if fun.
Have horse back riders also have to clean up the horse poop.... It doesn't make sense that they can just leave it...
Proper education for the different user groups on how they can safely and effectively share trails and space.
While hikers and mountain bikers can share some trails. I think it's important to give each group dedicated single use trails. The types of trails that are best for each activity are very different when it comes to trail routing and construction. I think the use of shared hiking and uphill only climb routes for bikes are a great idea. Then give each user group it's own option for going back down. This minimizes user conflict and the miles of trails that need to be constructed while maximize user experience.
Please allow MTB access. Mountain bikers in Whatcom County are extremely well-organized, responsible stewards, and relatively low impact.
The more Hiking, Mountain Biking and running trails the better!
no motors!
Please no motorized vehicles in our forests!
Please increase motorcycle access to singletrack trails. I will be very happy to volunteer my time to support trail construction and maintenance.
If there were areas for motorcycle riding, we would definitely volunteer to maintain the trails, or whatever was needed. We don't like having to take our kids out of area to trail ride.
More area! More legal trails, more volunteering
Take account of the volume of users, not simply the volume of their voice.
Related to compatible recreation types - cross country mountain biking and hiking would work very well together. Downhill/free ride biking is very incompatible with hiking. So having a few trails that are multi-use and a few that are downhill would be great!
Give every recreation user type there own piece of the pie. It makes them more responsible when they are the only user to make sure it is kept up and they feel responsible for it. Then Have several multi use areas they are shared.
More access and user specific trails for Mt Bikes and Motor bikes.
Don't charge people to use public lands that our taxes already pay for.
Increase opportunities for mountain biking and snowmobiling.
Motorized users have always supported mixed use trails. It would be nice to see the non-motorized folks support the same. Their attempts to exclude certain user groups is selfish and short sighted. There is room for everyone in the forest. If they prefer absolute silence, then I would invite them to recreate on the thousands of acres of wilderness we already have in WA State.
Sections of areas could be multi use if groups can potentially share access trails and then split off to their own single use trails. For instance, if a trail network has a percentage of single-use trails dedicated to hiking, biking, motorcycles, that allows those users to have a specific, high-quality experience without having to worry about potential user conflicts. That said, I'm not adverse to a specific user group utilizing an area - especially if they have historically been using it already. In Whatcom County, most user groups have already carved out their little areas and self-segregated. While not ideal, that's been reality.
Good trail signage with the user groups targeted clearly indicated.
work with local advocacy groups to route, build and maintain trails, since they will be the main users and have a good idea of the type of experience users are interested in.
Camping and atv/side by side riding. I travel mostly to Eastern WASHINGTON and spend around 500 dollars per trip
Open it up.
There needs to be a legitimate disc golf course in the area that is designated for disc golf.
Please keep user groups separate. ..horses and motorized trail users are a nightmare. Mountain bikers are ok, but they are quiet and ride fast in blind areas, which is scary for hikers and equestrians.
more disc golf
Open more trails so existing trails are not over populated and eventually shut down because of too much traffic
Add jeep trails

Disc golf
Give us and our family a place to ride our atvs together. It is great family bonding time
More trails lowers the over usages and user group conflicts.
Less planning, just leave gates open so the public ha access to public land. We need less management not more.
Don't discriminate against one activity because another complains about it. Mt Bikers vs dirt Bikers. Horse riders vs mt.bikers.....and so on.
Allow more legal mountain biking and motorcycle trails! Many people are very unsatisfied with the lack of these recreation opportunities.
Get lots of user group feedback, try to get volunteers as involved as possible.
We need an ORV park for dirt bikes and quads, we have no place in Whatcom County that we can legally ride trails and get fined when we ride on the current DNR land which just isn't right. We pay ORV tabs we deserve to have a place to ride.
ORV park in Whatcom County
If it's to be anything like Reiter I would not visit it in terms of dirt bike single track
No
everyone just needs to respect each other their loved activities for it all to work. i lived in the sun valley idaho area for 15 yrs and everyone motorized and non motorized get along and help each other! it is needed and can be done with all the land that is whatcom county.
Please please so it so we don't have to be tax paying outlaws
land management activities to improve game animal populations
Get it going now, we've waited to long for this.
We have zero legal single track dirt bike opportunities. This is a legitimate use of public lands and should be recognized. Single use designated trails should be offered to dirt bikers and mountain bikers. Directional trails should be provided. i.e. Climbing and descending trails.
All of the above mentioned activities are highly compatible with each other in other counties, states and countries. When you get a group that wants something for themselves, to exclude others, that is when you have hard feelings and problems. One of the first things we learned as kids was to share, why can't we do that as adults?
In BC most of the trail building is done by user groups. BC funds the groups.
More trails
Open the north fork up to moutian bike again. These are public owned lands and should be enjoyed by everyone.
Dirt biking trails for orv dirt bikes, not just street legal bikes.
With the world going crazy over the stereoscopic 3D and VR apps using google cardboard and your smart phone. Installing 360 degree cameras in certain scenic locations could improve use of the recreational areas and increase revenue. Just post the feed link to your website for people to view. They'll see how beautiful it is, and want to come visit in person.
Better access (parking and toilets)
Please open an ORV park in Whatcom County
Please add more available trails for motorcycles, ATVs and off-roading in the county. We need something locally!
Dirtbikers and ATV riders and snowmobilers , like mountain bikers, are environmental stewards. We care for the environment and our riding areas, and dedicate a lot of time and effort to ensuring our areas stay open. Motorsports are a huge family pastime, please let us enjoy them legally!
A better web presence with trail descriptions and maps?
Only recommendation I have is this simple idea... If you build leagal areas for people to regulate it will be easier to manage and control the impact they make. Plus the more opportunity you give people to use the land, the more they will work to protect it and care for it. Thanks for the effort you're putting into this already.
Why are all the roads blocked off? Give duel sport motobike away around. Its the locals dumping garbage in dnr land. We will help you police the area, everyone has cameras now. I hate felling like a outlaw while riding my motobike.

Give gate keys to motorcycle clubs
I would love to see a disc golf course as it would be used year around and disc golfers are very used to helping with set up and maintenance of disc golf courses.
None
Get more disc golf courses. It's fun for the whole family.
More disc golf courses
GIVE US SOME AREA AND ALLOW US TO USE IT. THERE IS LOTS OF LAND AROUND US!
More Orv trails
Involve the people who will use the sites in the planning on where to put trails and how to build them
Singletrack only motorcycle riding area. User built trail are already available. Give us a place to legally park and help keep kids outa trouble by providing a place to ride. Just don't over manage it :) all canadian riding areas have a steward club in charge of trail maintaince and trail building, it a wonderful system that let's the users police the area and allows government money and personnel to be utilized on more important fronts.
Please provide a legal riding area for motorcycles in the Whatcom County area.
Open up more areas for us to ride and let us help keep it clean
We desperately need legal atv areas.
More motorcycle and atv areas would help save the few areas we already have.
Coordinate with local universities for research, recreation, and volunteer opportunities.
open up trail access via the Middle Fork up to Schrieber Meadows, Deming Glacier and Rail Road Grade.
Bring Disc gold courses into the parks, they are minimally invasive and players who are willing to venture out to a course typically respect the areas the course is in. The size and variety of parks could allow for world championship level courses that will drive people from around the country to play on whatcom counties course.
Don't worry too much about who is using the trails. any trails are better than none.
The motorcycle club in Skagit county does a very good job of maintaining the recreation area at Walker Valley ORV park. Club participation is vital to the support and sustainability of any recreational area no matter what type of recreation its used for.
It seem like every opportunity has been addressed in terms of recreation except those of us who like to ride off road motorcycles. There are areas for horses currently and mountain bikes and hikers and they are typically marked no motorized vehicles. We have been paying orv license fees for some years with no benefit in this county . Time to even out the scales. Lets have an ORV park for the motos .
Need area for off-road motorcycles, in addition to trails, we also need a mx style track, and an open area that could be used for kids learning to ride.
Specifically I would like to see a second motocross track in Whatcom county that is less hindered by urban encroachment such as we see at hannegan speedway. Motocross is very popular in Washington and there are more tracks the further south you go from whatcom county.
Would love to see another couple disc golf courses added in Whatcom. Lots of players ranging in skill/experience, but currently very limited options. More serious golfers are traveling out of county to play better courses. Would even happily pay a small course fee to help with upkeep.
Would love to have more info on trails (even if unmaintained) in the South Fork area. Would like to see more fishing opportunities on DNR land in the South Fork area. Would like to see more collaboration with Land Trust and other groups to connect DNR land with other lands in the South Fork area for larger trails, loops, etc.
Question 13 includes 2 very different activities. I would strongly support events like a 50k running race or mountain bike or cyclocross races. I would also support the commercial activities associated with those one-time events. I would not support permanent commercial activities.
It'd be great to incorporate a disc golf course. Even though I live in Canada, I travel to Wa often to play disc golf - Sedro Woolley is a fantastic example.
Add a disc golf course

Disc golf is a tremendous sport with a very low cost of entry for players. The community in Washington is growing quickly and is well-known for involvement with course and land maintenance.

Install disc golf courses. If they are managed the way they are in Michigan, you can bring in a lot of extra revenue.

Adding more disc golf courses.

Add new sports like disc golf.

Develop one (or more than one) public disc golf courses. They need little in terms of recurring maintenance (other than garbage/bathroom service) and can be set up in the forest with minimal clearing. It will bring folks in from all over and provide locals with a healthy outdoor recreational activity.

There are groups in Whatcom County that will build quality trails with all volunteer crews. These groups can also reach out to the community to fundraise to get everything moving! The mountain biking community and trail running community already keep up trails on Galbraith and the Chuckanuts-let us help and we can get these trails built. We can fund them and we can build them-let us help!

We need more disc golf. Its a fun way for the whole family to be outside enjoying our beautiful state

very simple, open them and let them evolve.

really need ATV riding in the area so we all can enjoy this

ATV's are fine on connector trails but ATV trails are WAY TOO WIDE for motorcycle trails. I ride enduro. The tighter and harder the trail the better. Walker Valley is for pansies. I also answered #15 in the truest form possible. Taking into account the fractured nature of the tree-hugging hippies in this town, they will tell you none of the forms are compatible with others. I ride in Eastern WA with ZERO issues with other forms of recreation on the same trails. I've been shot at, had a car try to hit me (and then claim I'd hit his car), and had guerrilla photographers jump out of the bushes to take pictures of me when riding in this county

Restrict motorized recreation to a specific area that would not impact residents nearby. Noise carries. Why should I be impacted because of some elses' activity. An ATV park that would be behind hills to block noise is what I would support. If there isn't a designated area they will continue to access many areas illegally. The amount of environmental damage is huge.

Motorcycle riding areas!!!!

No increase to motorized vehicle access!

Disc golf! Whatcom county is in need of more disc golf areas. They need very low capital to start and little if no maintenance once established. Plus the current topography is used in course creation.

I would like more opportunities for family's to ride off road motorcycles.

stewardship signs at trailheads with simple actions each user can take to improve the site, such as invasive species removal information, trail maintenance techniques i.e. water bar and culvert maintenance.

Enforce laws. Recognize that it is primarily neighbors who impact biodiversity. Recognize the ancillary impacts of users who litter and speed on access roads. Fence and supervise the playgrounds to control the biodiversity impact of horse, bicycle and atv users. Recognize that commercial exploitation is incompatible with biodiversity and with recreational use by locals--see Hawai'i beaches.