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BELLINGHAM CRUISE TERMINAL – JAN. 19, 2016

STATION #1: RECREATING IN THE FOREST

- MISSING – LEGAL RIDING AREAS FOR OHV
- LIKE PROXIMITY TO GENERAL AREA
- SHUTTLE FOR MB TRAILS
- LONG DESCENTS FOR MB'S
- EPIC, LONG MB TRAILS
- LEGAL, SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-PURPOSE TRAILS FOR MOTORCYCLES
- DISPERSED CAMPING NEAR TRAILS
- TRAILS PROVIDE LOOPS
- BEAUTY /SERENITY OF WOODS
- MUSHROOMING
- MISSING: 4x4 TECHNICAL/CHALLENGE AREA
- MOUNTAIN BIKERS LIKE EXISTING TRAILS - NORTH FORK & MIDDLE FORK AREAS
- DEVELOP TWO TO THREE AREAS FOR NON-MOTORIZED NOT LOGGED YET
- MORE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS/CONTINUOUS LOOPS/CONNECTIVITY
- DIRECTIONAL UPHILL MULTI-USE (BIKES UP, HIKE UP & DOWN)
- SANCTIONED MB TRAILS
- DEVELOP NORTH FORK
- QUIET HIKING/RUNNING TRAILS/LIMIT OFF ROAD USE (ESPECIALLY 4X4)
- NO SHUTTLING - MOUNTAIN BIKES
- MISSING PARKING FOR TRUCK/HORSETRAILER
- LIKE SAXON AREA-MOUNTAIN VIEWS, VISTAS
- HORSES PACK GEAR INTO WORK SITES
- NEED PARKING

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- XC MOUNTAIN BIKING/BIKE PACKING
- EXTENDED MILEAGE FOR XC MOUNTAIN BIKING AND MOTORIZED
- MISSING ORV TRAILS IN WHATCOM COUNTY
- RIVER ACCESS POINTS
- BLACK/SUMAS/RACE HORSE-ROAD ACCESS TO LAUNCHES
- ORV ACCESS LIKE EASTERN WA., MIXED ACCESS WITH SINGLE ACCESS
- WINTER SPORTS AT HIGH ELEVATION AREAS; SNOW SHOEING & XC SKIING
- GROOMED XC AREA WITH ROAD ACCESS/WORK WITH STATE SNO-PARKS
- BLACK MOUNTAIN AND RED MOUNTAIN GREAT POSSIBILITIES/WORK WITH WHATCOM COUNTY PARKS AND STEWARD MOUNTAIN AREA
- MULTI-USE AREAS
- WHEELS AND HOOVES CAN CO-EXIST
- MORE PARKING TO ACCOMMODATE USERS AND TRAILERS
- RE-OPEN NORTH FORK TO MOUNTAIN BIKES AFTER EVALUATING TRAILS
- WORK WITH LOCAL USER GROUPS STEWARD AREAS
- NEED PLACE TO RIDE DIRT BIKES (SINGLE TRACK, SKILLS AREA)
- BUILD LOOP TRAILS PROPORTIONATE TO NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MILEAGE
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUIDED RUNS/RACES
- LEGAL DIRT BIKE TRAILS
- LOVE IT ALL, DNR DOING A GREAT JOB

STATION #2: RECREATING IN THE FOREST

- ATV/QUADS-ORV CLUB UPPER SUMAS/SAXON ROAD TRASH PICKUP
- MUSHROOMS/INTACT FOREST BEING DISTURBED
- MORE SINGLE TRACK AT MOUNT BAKER CREEK, SUMAS MOUNTAIN, RED MOUNTAIN

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- PARKING FOR TRUCKS AND HORSE TRAILERS
- GUN USE = SHOOTING EVERYWHERE
- ORV AREA FOR KIDS
- EMPHASIZE MULTI-USE/DOGSLEDS, HORSES DON'T MIX
- MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL-HORSE PUT STRESS ON, SAFETY ISSUE
- LONG DIRT BIKE TRAIL SYSTEM WITH 30+ MILES COVER BIG LANDSCAPE
- SHUTTLE ACCESS FOR MOUNTAIN BIKING
- MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS WITH CAMPING, BIKE PARKING - CITY TO BAKER
- WATER QUALITY DOWN/SALMON HABITAT LESS DUE TO RECREATION ACCESS
- RESTORATION ACCESS BECOMING LIMITED
- \$1100 PIT OUT OF HAND
- RACES BELLINGHAM TO BAKER
- WTA - SOUTHSIDE, LIMIT TRAIL DENSITY
- WTA - CROSS DNR TO ACCESS STATE PARKS/CTR (LARABEE)
- WMBC CONCERN WITH CONFLICTS - PREFER SINGLE USE, DIRECTIONAL USE/DOWNHILL
- CONCERN CERTAIN USES WILL BE CLUMPED INTO SMALL AREAS = SPREAD OPPORTUNITIES OUT (MULTI-USE) AND BALANCE
- TRAIL EXPERIENCE GETS DUMBED DOWN FROM USER WANTS
- NEW RECREATION AFFECTS HUNTING
- DON'T DESTROY EXISTING USE AREA TODAY(MAKE EFFORT TO USE WHAT EXISTS)
- NO DISNEYLAND – TOO MANY RULES AND REG'S
- OFF-ROADING IN UPCOMING HARVEST AREAS
- NO OVER DEVELOPMENT OF TRAILS i.e. WHEELCHAIR ACCESS NOT NECESSARY

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- ORV/BIKING CLOSED IN WINTER, SAME AS CAPITAL FOREST
- OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT PARKING FOR HORSE TRAILERS
- ACCESS TO CLEAR WATER CREEK FOR KAYAKS DECOMMISSIONED
- NORTH FORK NOOKSACK BY MAPLE FALLS ACCESS FOR KAYAKS LIMITED CIRCULATION
- HAMILTON HWY 9-SOUTH OF NOOKSACK NEED ACCESS AT BRIDGE
- PROVIDE FOR USER GROUPS A WAY TO WORK WITH CONTRACTORS AND DNR ON PRESERVING TRAILS FROM HARVESTING ACTIVITIES
- CREATE OPTION FOR LIMITED VEHICLE ACCESS BEHIND GATES FOR HUNTING
- BE SENSITIVE IN LOCATING DIRT BIKE PARKS-NOISE, SIDE SLOPES, PORTER CREEK/SUMAS LESS NOISE PROBLEM
- ORV PARKS CONTAIN TRAILS - ENFORCE BOUNDARIES
- GROUPS FIGHT OVER SUMAS MOUNTAIN USE BY MOTORIZED USES

STATION #3: ACCESS THE FOREST

- SILVER LAKE ROAD (3)
- GLACIER SPRINGS (2)
- ACCESS FOR RESTORATION (NORTH FORK ROAD)
- FS 38 ROAD (4)
- SAXON ROAD (4)
- HEADY ROAD
- Y-ROAD (2)
- TRAIL EASEMENT CONNECT TO EXISTING SITES
- RACE HORSE RIDGE

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STATION #4: OPPORTUNITIES/PARTNERSHIPS

- BCH WA AND WHATCOM CHAPTER (1)
- RAINIER RIDGE RAMS (1)
- MT BAKER MOTORCYCLE CLUB (5)
- 4-WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION OF BC
- WTA (2)
- WHITE WATER KAYAKER
- AROUND THE SOUND JEEP CLUB
- NW GLACIER CRUISERS
- KULSHAN CYCLING AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
- BIKE SHOPS
- SHUTTLES
- WMBC (1)
- HANG & PARA/GLIDERS
- CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
 - WA STATE SNOPARK SYSTEM
 - NOOKSACK NORDIC SKI CLUB
- HUNTING
- NEED FAMILIES WITH KIDS AND SENIORS REPRESENTED
- BELLINGHAM TRAIL RUNNING CLUB
- CITY OF BELLINGHAM
- NCSC
- WHATCOM REROUTE – (DIRT BIKE)
- CASCADE SHERPA

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LYNDEN COMMUNITY CENTER – JAN. 20, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (unedited, draft format)

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- HAVE A WALKER VALLEY IN WHATCOM COUNTY, BETTER PARKING
- LOADING RAMPS FOR ORV'S & BIKES
- SOMEWHERE TO HAVE EVENTS
- MAPS AND INFO FOR TRAIL SYSTEM
- STEWART AND ANDERSON ARE FAVORITES
- MORE TRAILS ALL USES
- RED/BLACK/SUMAS

STATION #2: RECREATING IN THE FOREST

- CLOSED GATES DURING HUNTING SEASON
- ACCESS TO DNR THRU PRIVATE LANDS
- LOOK AT RECREATION ACROSS COUNTY AND NOT JUST DNR
- FUNDAMENTAL FAIRNESS
- HOW TO KNOW WHOSE LAND YOU'RE ON
- CAMPGROUND OPPORTUNITY
- HAVE SEASONAL RECREATIONAL CLOSURES, TO ALLOW HUNTING
- CONCERN-TOO MUCH REGULATION WITH WATER STREAM CROSSINGS

STATION #3: ACCESS THE FOREST

- ANDERSON MOUNTAIN
- RED MOUNTAIN FROM SR542 (3)
- S-1000 AND S-1100
- MIDDLE TO SOUTH FORK

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- VAN ZANDT DIKE FROM MOSQUITO LAKE ROAD
- NORTH SIDE OF SUMAS
- BLACK MOUNTAIN (1)
- VEDDER MOUNTAIN
- SUMAS (4)
- NORTH FORK (2)

STATION #4: OPPORTUNITIES/PARTNERSHIPS

- CASCADE MOUNTAIN RUNNERS (1)
- NOOKSACK WILD & SCENIC PROGRAM
- WHATCOM COUNTY PARKS
- UPPER SKAGIT ORV CLUB
- MT. BAKER HIKING CLUB
- WHATCOM LAND TRUST (1)
- SKAGIT MOTORCYCLE CLUB
- NW QUAD ASSOCIATION

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