Morning Star Trails Planning

Natural Resources Conservation Area
Public Land Manager for:

- 2.9 Million Acres of Upland Forest and Agricultural, Grazing, and Urban Lands
- 2.4 Million Acres of Aquatic Lands Navigable Bedlands, Tidelands, and Shorelands
- 158,000 Acres of Conservation Lands
Natural Areas Program Mission

Conserving Washington’s native species and ecosystems, today and for future generations

High-Quality Ecosystems

Rare Plant Species

Rare Animal Species
Conservation Lands

- 92 Sites currently total more than 158,000 acres, which is about 2.5 percent of DNR-managed lands

- Two Conservation Categories:
  - Natural Area Preserves
  - Natural Resources Conservation Areas
Natural Resources Conservation Areas

- Protect habitat for plant and animal species
- Offer opportunities for environmental education and research
- Include low-impact uses, such as hiking or wildlife viewing
Natural Area Preserves

- Environmental Education
- Scientific research
- Genetic resource of native plants and animals
- Baseline/reference areas for managed lands
- Habitats for vanishing species
- Public access consistent with conservation management
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Data Collection
- Resource Mapping
- Trail / Facility Inventory
- Public Input / Survey Results

Assessment
- Trail Planning Committee Formation
- Issues Identification and Sorting
- Public Input

Results
- Prioritize Implementation
- Committee Recommendations
- Morning Star Trail Plan
Data Collection
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Morning Star NRCA Known Issues
Assessment and Results
Morning Star Trail Planning Committee:

1. Apply for committee tonight, mail-in application, or submit it online by January 15th
2. Committee will meet once each month for about one year
3. Meetings will be held in Snohomish County

Committee will:

1. Analyze and assess data and input received
2. Recommend trail management priorities
Tonight’s Meeting

- Station 1: Public sign-in and committee applications
- Station 2: Current and future recreation opportunities
- Station 3: What are your favorite recreation sites and why?
- Station 4: What are important issues and concerns to address?
Public Participation

Complete the online survey by January 15th

Visit webpage for more information and periodic updates

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/MorningStarTrails

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