Morning Star Trail Planning Committee  
Meeting #3 Notes  
April 18, 2017  
6:00 to 8:45 PM

Meeting Purpose: Analysis and sorting of public online survey written comment results and reporting of individual committee member concerns issues and priorities.

DNR Staff in attendance:  
Paul McFarland - Northwest Region Conservation Program Manager, and Morning Star Trail Planning Project Manager  
David Way – Northwest Region Wildfire Manager, and outgoing Morning Star Trail Planning Project Manager  
Jason McMillen – Natural Areas Recreation Maintenance Steward  
Barbara Simpson – DNR Parks Planner, Landscape Architect

Committee in attendance:  
Ken Masel – Washington Trail Blazers  
Rad Roberts – Member of American Alpine Club, WA Climbers Coalition, Cascade Climbers  
Chris Hagen – YMCA BOLD and GOLD Program Director  
Marc Bardsley – North Cascades Conservation Council  
Thom Peters – Alpine Lakes Protection Society  
Holly Zox – Morning Star Volunteer Site Steward  
Matt Speten – Morning Star Volunteer Recreation Steward  
Matt Jensen – UWild Adventures Program  
Gary Paull – US Forest Service Wilderness and Trails  
Ruth Milner – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Julie Sklare – City of Everett Watershed  
Kathy Johnson – Pilchuck Audubon Association  
Phil Roberts - NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Mike Schutt – Snohomish County PUD (absent)  
Mike Town – Sierra Club and Friends of Wildsky (absent)  
Frances Chiem – Washington Trails Association (absent)

Welcome: Called for Meeting 1 and 2 Summaries approval. Meeting 2 summary change needed on reference to accuracy of registration form at Spada Lake - number compliance vs. data tracking error. There is a lack of compliance but also an error in the computing of the number of folks recreating. Everett watershed personnel are looking into correcting this data. Needs clarification with Mike and Julie.

Phil Roberts' information should read: NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service.
Public Survey Written Comments Analysis and Synthesis: The committee separated into four break out groups to process written comments received from the public in the survey, and group similar items and identify themes. Work was recorded on separate flip charts transcribed as follows:

**Group 1: Feedback Themes**

**Increased Trail Access**
- Loop Trails
- Copper Lake
- Boulder Lakes
- Static

**Appropriate disposal of waste**
- Human
- Garbage

**Diminished Access**
- No new trails
- Overusage - Gothic

**"Other" Travel**
- Mtn bikes, ADA
- Horses, dogs
- ATV's

**Maintenance**
- Trail
- Roads
- Parking

**Interpretation**

**Fishing/hunting**

**Winter Use**

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**Group 2:**

New trail access (13)
Horse access (4)
Historic trails from Spada restored (9)
Loop trail (3)
Mark trails - summer and winter (2)
Dog friendly (1)
Pristine environment (resource protection) (15)
Fishing opportunities (5)
Hunting (1)
Limit overuse (7)
Remote places (5)
Re-establish and/or new roads (7)
Implement "leave no trace" (4)
Toilets (2)
Maintain trails (12)
Enforcement (1)
Mountain bikes (2)
Designated camp spots (4)
ORV ATV access (6)
Create views (1)
Snow parks (1)
ADA access (1)
Public Survey Written Comments Analysis and Synthesis: Continued

**Group 3:**
Roads (14)
New Trails (22)
Trail Maintenance (19)
Motorized (6)
Rock Climbing (3)
Disposal of Waste
Conservation Alpine
Hoof & Bullet
Leave No Trace - toilets, sanitation

User groups:
- Hiking/Backpacking
- Fishing
- ORV

**Group 4:**
New trails
Horses?
Repair Trails
Road access - positive and negative
Conservation
- Wildness
- Wildlife
- Plej + life
Motorized
- More
- Less
Leave No Trace
Shooting - Pro and con
Paddling
- Lakes
- Rivers
Fishing
- Developed
- Wild
Sanitation
Campsites
Repair
Maintain
Delete
Mountain bikes
ADA access
Dogs
Winter use - motorized?
Permit system
**Landscape Maps:** Maps were provided to all committee members. Maps are at 1" = 1600' scale and cover entire Morning Star Landscape. Committee were asked to think about July field trip possibilities and preferences and use map to identify area(s) of interest in the landscape to visit in July. A georeferenced .pdf of map will also be posted to webpage for use for field trips in July. Plan to discuss field trip options at next meeting.

**Committee Member Trail Priorities Input:** Each committee member was asked in Meeting 2 to provide written feedback and verbal summaries of their priorities and interest areas:

"We have gone through the comments gathered at the public open house and from the online survey. Have we missed any categories or themes? Are there comments that are missing? What are your personal experiences, knowledge and expertise regarding Morning Star? Report back on written summary of your and/or your interest group’s issues, concerns and priorities for Morning Star trails."

Committee members each gave a verbal summary of their interest and background in the Morning Star. Written reports are attached.

**Additional homework:** Committee asked to identify field trip areas of interest and be prepared to discuss dates/time for field trips at next meeting.

**Next Meeting (Meeting 4) is May 16, 2017, 6:00pm to 8:00pm**