North Mountain Bike Trail System Public Meeting Comments
Arlington, December 1, 2015

Summarized from comments received at listening stations. Comments may have been edited for clarity and are in no particular order.

Partnerships Listening Station – who wants to be included in the project?
- Pilchuck Mountain Bike Club
- Schools: community service projects
- Schools: high school programming, agriculture classes, honor society
- Boys & Girls Club
- Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
- IMBA
- Geocaching groups
- MTB orienteering association

Economic Benefit – how can this project help strengthen the local recreation economy?
- Arlington bike shop will benefit from additional traffic
- Downtown Arlington can become “bike hub northwest”
- Travelers from Seattle to Twisp/Winthrop will have another MTB option
- Huckwagons MTB shuttle company

Culture and History – how should we incorporate these into the project and the trails?
- North Mountain Lookout needs to be preserved and supported
- Trail names that emphasize the timber history and culture: e.g. “log flume”, “whistle punk”, “skyline”, etc
- Local artist Nels Bruseth
- Link with local events: Bluegrass Festival, Summer Meltdown, Jazz Fest
- Respect of native cultures and historic uses
- Maintain integrity with historic and current logging practices of the area
- Horses should stay on the mountain and the historically used trails

Trails and Mountain Biking – what should be considered in planning and construction?
- Raw, hand-built, challenging trail experience
- Tread to mineral soil only – rock armor only if absolutely necessary
- Maximum rock slab tread for minimal erosion regardless of grade