Reiter Foothills Forest

Non-motorized Trails Planning

June 20, 2018
Tonight’s Agenda

Agency Background
Reiter Recreation Plan
Trail Planning
Question & Answer
Listening Stations
DNR Manages and Protects

5.6 million acres of:

Trust Lands
- Working Forests
- Agriculture
- Renewable energy

Conservation Lands
- Natural Area Preserves
- Natural Resources Conservation Areas

Aquatic Lands
DNR Trust Mandate

➢ Generate revenue for each trust in perpetuity

➢ Maintain undivided loyalty to beneficiaries

➢ Act impartially with respect to current and future beneficiaries

➢ Act prudently to reduce the risk of loss for the trusts, including through loss of ecological function
State Trust Land Management
GENERATES REVENUE

$260 million in FY 2014 for
- K-12 Public School Construction
- State Universities
- Prisons & Reform Schools
- Capitol Buildings
- County services and local schools
Multiple Use Act (1971)
RCW 79.10.120

Multiple uses additional to those activities necessary to fulfill the financial obligations of trust management may include:

- Recreation areas

Use must be consistent with obligations of trust mandate.

If such additional uses are not compatible with the financial obligations for management of trust land they may be permitted if there is full compensation from such uses.
Conservation Lands

156,000 acres protected as:

Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs)
- Conservation
- Low Impact Recreation
- Environmental Education

Natural Area Preserves (NAPs)
- Protect best remaining examples of rare plant and animal habitat.
DNR Fire Program

Protects 13 million acres of private and state forestlands from destructive wildfire

- Wildfire prevention
- State’s largest on-call fire department
- Coordinates fire response with other state agencies, federal partners, local jurisdictions and many tribal governments
DNR’s Recreation Vision:

Provide diverse and high quality recreational opportunities on DNR landscapes that foster community engagement, promote a strong sense of environmental stewardship, and enrich the quality of life in Washington.
DNR
Statewide Recreation

- 160+ recreation sites
- 1,100+ miles of trails
- Boating, camping, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, ORVing, hang and paragliding, hunting, foraging, and winter activities
- 11 million annual visits
Purpose of Planning

- Integrated approach to forest management, protection, and trail routing
- Ensure community involvement in decision making
- Provide high quality, managed recreation
- Assist in securing funds for design and construction
Planning Goals

- Public safety
- Compatibility with state trust management obligations
- Resource protection
- Quality user experience
Recreation Planning

Began
Early 2008
2010 Recreation Plan

Reiter Foothills Forest Recreation Plan

April 2010
Non-Motorized Planning Area
Current Status

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- 14 miles of Preliminary Trail Routes Identified
Future Plans: Concept Trails

All trails shown are conceptual only. Trail lines which enter Wallace Falls State Park have been discussed with parks staff but are not approved and are contingent on further discussion and the outcome of the Wallace Falls State Park land use planning process currently under way.
Future Plans: Trailhead Options

Snohomish Co. Property

Reiter Road Access
Trail Planning Next Steps

1. Field Date (Objective/Location TBD) July 11 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
2. Field Date (Objective/Location TBD) August 1 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
3. Public Meeting #2: August 15 Snohomish Public Library 5:45 – 7:45 PM
Listening Stations

1. Conceptual Trails and Destinations
2. User Experience and Trail Management
3. Forest Management and Other
Questions?

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