

**Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR)  
Outdoor Access and Responsible Recreation (OARR) Strategic Plan**

Version 3 - Purpose Statement and DNR DRAFT Goals

**Purpose Statement for the OARR Plan:**

Develop a shared vision for outdoor access to and responsible recreation on all DNR-managed lands, that protects natural and cultural resources, so that tribes may exercise their rights, including tribal cultural and spiritual practices, while also providing sustainable, diverse, and high-quality recreational opportunities that fosters engagement from all communities, promotes a strong sense of environmental stewardship, and enriches the quality of life in Washington, consistent with the Multiple Use Act and DNR's legal and management framework.

**DNR DRAFT Goals for Outdoor Access and Recreation**

1. **Conserve and Enhance the Natural Environment and Cultural Resources**  
Actively address outdoor access and recreation activities that impact natural and cultural resources and tribal rights on DNR-managed lands, including the health of fish, wildlife, and habitat.
2. **Cultivate a Stewardship and Responsibility Ethic through User Education and Engagement**  
Improve user awareness of recreation's impacts on natural and cultural resources and their understanding of appropriate etiquette in different landscapes, knowledge of rights and interests of all groups, and how to engage in activities safely.
3. **Improve Equitable Access**  
Reduce barriers that disproportionately impact overburdened and vulnerable communities, including tribes, to access DNR-managed lands.
4. **Respect All Rights and Involve All User Groups in Future Planning**  
Tribes, partners, and stakeholders are proactively involved in the recreation and outdoor access planning process. DNR staff have the tools, resources, and expertise to foster meaningful participation.
5. **Secure Financial Stability for Management, Operations, Infrastructure, and Stewardship**  
Identify current and future funding needs and achieve a sustainable operating model that supports other program goals. Leverage existing investments in outdoor access and recreation to achieve sustainable program funding to meet current and future needs, protect the environment and benefit the economy.
6. **Mitigate Climate Impacts and Build Resilience**  
Prepare for extreme climate-related events, implement climate-resilient infrastructure design and maintenance, and integrate management and operations techniques that improve resilience and human safety, in alignment with DNR's Plan for Climate Resilience.