The Mountains to Sound Greenway encompasses over 1.3 million acres of connected natural lands and vibrant urban areas surrounding I-90 between Puget Sound and Central Washington. The Greenway conserves a shared heritage of working farms and forests, parks, sustainable communities and abundant outdoor educational and recreational opportunities.

This map illustrates that the Mountains to Sound Greenway is bounded by major watersheds, framed by the urban areas of Seattle and Ellensburg and woven together by the interstate highway and an extensive network of trails that link the public to the Greenway landscape.
Planning Area
Purpose of planning

- Develop objectives for managing recreation for next 10-15 years.
- Identify opportunities for connections across the landscape.
- Identify partnerships and volunteer opportunities.
- Determine what types of recreation will be provided in the forests and where.
- Establish priorities for implementing the plan.
Planning Goals

- Public safety
- Compatible with state trust and Natural Areas management obligations
- Resource protection
- Quality user experience
# Planning Process & Timeline

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<td>FALL 2011</td>
<td>Determine the need and scope, project team, stakeholder involvement plan, and data collection needs</td>
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<td><strong>PROJECT KICKOFF</strong></td>
<td>WINTER 2012</td>
<td>Public Meeting, Finalize Recreation Planning Committee</td>
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<td>Committee to begin meeting in early March</td>
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<td><strong>PHASE 2: INVENTORY / LAND SUITABILITY</strong></td>
<td>WINTER &amp; SPRING 2012</td>
<td>Determine the land suitability: gather biological, soil, geological and management data</td>
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<td>Determine community benefit and planning context for the project</td>
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<td><strong>PHASE 3: RECREATION INVENTORY / PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT</strong></td>
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<td>Determine public issues and concerns, hold public meetings, collect recreation field data, online survey</td>
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<td><strong>PHASE 4: ASSESSMENT</strong></td>
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<td>Suitability analysis: opportunities and constraints</td>
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<td>Determine the 'BIG IDEA', or management concept for the planning area (what are we going to do where?)</td>
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<td><strong>PHASE 5: ALTERNATIVE(S)</strong></td>
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<td>Determine and describe the preferred alternative for the project, document preparation and production</td>
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<td><strong>PHASE 6: SEPA PUBLIC REVIEW &amp; COMMUNICATIONS</strong></td>
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<td>SEPA is conducted, plan is edited and formatted for publication</td>
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Station 1. Landscape Connections
- What opportunities are there to connect trails between DNR-managed lands, communities, and local, state and federal lands?

Station 2: Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Mt. Si NRCA
- What do you enjoy about recreation in this area?
- What is your favorite place to visit?
- What is missing from your experience in this area?
- Do you have concerns about the future recreation management of this area?

Station 3: Raging River State Forest
- What recreational opportunities would you like to see?
- Do you have concerns about the future management of this area?

Station 4: Trust lands: surrounding the community of Preston
- What recreational opportunities would you like to see?
- What is your favorite place to visit?
- What is missing from your experience in this area?
- Do you have concerns about the future recreation management of this area?

Station 5. Questions and Issues we might have missed?
Recreation Planning Committee

**Data Gathering**
- Biological Data
- Soils/Geology Data
- Management Data
- Field Visits
- Field Inventory of Current Use
- Public Input
- Recreation Trends
- User Survey
- Adjacent Land Uses & opportunities
- Community Input

**Assessment**
- Land Suitability Analysis
- Field Visits
- Issue Sorting from:
  - Survey Results
  - Public Meeting
  - Committee Input
  - Ongoing Public Input
- Evaluate Costs of Capital
- Development & Maintenance

**Recommendations**
- Committee Brainstorming
- Preliminary Recommendations
- Develop/Review Draft Recreation Concept Plans
- Prioritize Implementation Timeline
- Final Concept Plan
- Committee Recommendation
## Land Suitability Assessment

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<td>Riparian areas and riparian buffers</td>
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<td>Talus, cliffs, caves, and balds</td>
<td>Deep-seated landslides</td>
<td>Utility easements &amp; BPA substation</td>
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<td>Suitable Marbled Murrelet habitat</td>
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<td>Northern Spotted Owl nest patches</td>
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Recreation Land Suitability

Maps guide recreation planning efforts

Biology
Soils
Geology
Management
Composite Suitability Map

Criteria:
- Biology
- Soils/Geology
- Management
Draft Recreation Plan
## Implementation Priorities and Phases

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<td>Raging River State Forest &amp; Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area</td>
<td>PMO Biking Area: develop new mountain biking trails, providing a variety of experiences; hiking and horseback riding to be secondary uses when feasible; to be separated where practical.</td>
<td>Local Access from Snoqualmie: pursue partnerships with surrounding landowners to develop local access to Raging River State Forest.</td>
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<td>PMO Equestrian Area: develop equestrian connections from Raging River State Forest to Taylor Mountain County Forest.</td>
<td>CCC Trail Connection: develop a new trail connection for hiking, biking, and horseback riding from Tiferenille Trailhead.</td>
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<td>Rural Lands</td>
<td>Isolated Parcels SW of Tiger Mountain: work with King County and surrounding landowners to evaluate recreation opportunities.</td>
<td>Thompson Lake Connection: improve the existing trail from Granite Lakes to Thompson Lake in the Alpine Wilderness.</td>
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<td>Mount Teneriffe Trailhead: develop new trailhead for hiking to Teneriffe Falls and summit for hiking, biking, and horseback riding on CCC Road.</td>
<td>Dirty Harry Trailhead: pursue partnerships to expand the existing trailhead for hiking and rock climbing.</td>
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<td>Granite Creek Trailhead: develop new trailhead near Granite Creek Flats and construct new trail connection to Granite Creek Trail.</td>
<td>South Fork River: evaluate day use opportunities along the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River accessed from the Dirty Harry Trailhead.</td>
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<td>Granite Creek Trail: improve existing Granite Creek Trail for hiking to Granite Lakes.</td>
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<td>Preston Connection to East Tiger: develop trail connections for hiking and biking from Preston to East Tiger Trailhead at High Point Interchange: develop new trailhead serving hiking trails in West Tiger Mountain NRCA as well as non-motorized use trails on the north side of I-90 including the Issaquah-Preston Trail and Grand Ridge.</td>
<td>Raging River State Forest: PMO Equestrian Area: Plan and develop new equestrian trails in the Raging River accessed from Taylor Mountain County Forest; secondary uses to be hiking and biking if feasible.</td>
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<td>Mount Si NRCA &amp; Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA</td>
<td>CCC Trail: Complete existing CCC road-to-trail conversion for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.</td>
<td>Dirty Harry Rock Climbing Area: develop and improve sustainable connections from Dirty Harry Trailhead to rock climbing opportunities and to Dirty Harry’s Balcony.</td>
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<td>Mailbox Peak Parking: expand parking near Mailbox Peak Trailhead if practical.</td>
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<td>Mitchell Hill: work with surrounding land owners and King County to plan and develop a trail network for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.</td>
<td>Snowshoe: partner with the USFS to evaluate the potential for China to use the CCC Trail and Box Elder Ridge. The road accesses both USFS and DNR-managed lands and is currently being used to support a rock removal lease.</td>
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<td>Grouse Ridge: Evaluate potential recreation opportunities in the Grouse Ridge Area that could be developed after mining is completed. Identify priority access points and connection routes for future development.</td>
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*Future items are contingent on the completion of SR-18 improvements or leases at Bessmer and Grouse Ridge before they can be developed. Planning to be done ahead of time to develop strategic partnerships and to identify critical pieces and coordination items for the future development of recreation opportunities.*
Draft Site Concepts

- Highpoint Trailhead
- Summit Trailheads
- Raging Trails
- Exit 27 Trailhead
- Teneriffe Trailhead
- Mine Creek Champion
- Oxbow Lake
- Russian Butte
North of Raging River

High Level Trail Concept & Key Deliverables
1. Long High Elevation Cross Country (XC) Loop
2. Shorter Easier Low Elevation Winter Option
3. Out & Back to Viewpoint
4. Stacked Loop Options
5. Advanced Tech Trails (Dry Hill Zone)
6. Community and Adjacent Trail Connections
   A. Exit 27 Trailhead Connection
   B. Tiger Mt Trail System Connection
   C. North Bend Community Connection
   D. Taylor Mt & Tiger Summit Connection
   E. Snoqualmie Community Connection
   F. Work with USFS to Preserve Exit 27 Trails

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