



## **Washington State Department of Natural Resources' mission**

In partnership with citizens and governments, DNR provides innovative leadership and expertise to ensure environmental protection, public safety, perpetual funding for schools and communities, and a rich quality of life.

### **DNR's guiding principles**

- Manage the state's resources sustainably.
- Make decisions based on sound science.
- Make decisions in the public interest and with the public's knowledge.

### **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's recreational goals**

- Provide for the safety of the public, department employees and volunteers.
- Provide recreation that is consistent with trust obligations
- Provide recreation that is consistent with resource protection.
- Provide quality recreation experiences that can be sustained over time.

## **Recreation Planning Committee mission**

- To provide insight and input to help DNR make decisions related to recreation management.
- To work with the planning team staff to develop draft recreation management recommendations.
- The recommendations must:
  - Recognize that the planning area contains working forests which are part of a larger regional landscape.
  - Be consistent with the purpose and objectives of state forest trust lands.
  - Not adversely impact revenue generation from timber sales, communication sites and leases for state trust beneficiaries and counties.
  - Not adversely impact ecological functions or conservation goals.
  - Not favor any user group over another.
  - Coordinate planning with adjacent lands to identify opportunities for connections across a larger planning area.

## **Recreation planning committee commitments**

- Commit to attend and actively participate in all meetings throughout the process, including presenting the committee's recommendations to the public.
- Meet with other interests not directly represented within the committee to share ideas and solicit input.
- Agree to focus on the whole community by representing the interests of recreation activities or organization(s) other than your own, in addition to giving input related to your recreational area of interest.
- Agree to use a consensus-based, decision-making process.
- Agree to work within this charter set forth by DNR and the ground rules agreed upon by the group.
- Be creative and forward thinking; while recognizing that the future is uncertain and technology, information, markets, or other situations may develop that provide new opportunities for recreating in the region over time.

### **Time commitment required**

- Approximately 12 to 14 meetings — three hours in length.
- Review the materials provided prior to each meeting.
- Participate in two to four field trips.
- Attend up to four public meetings and community workshops.

The Recreation Planning Committee will meet from March 2016 to fall 2017 with the following schedule:

- The first meeting is Tuesday, March 8
- 12 to 14 recreation planning committee meetings;
- Spring/summer for field trips (three to four);
- Up to three community open house meetings;
- Review concept plan – fall 2017.

### **Recreation planning committee's role**

The Recreation Planning Committee is convened for the specific purpose of developing draft recreation management recommendations and providing information and insight to DNR staff for the development of the Baker to Bellingham Recreation Plan.

Draft recommendations developed in this committee will be presented to DNR decision makers: Northwest Region Manager, Conservation, Recreation and Transactions Division Manager, and Executive Management.