

# Meeting Notes

## For the MRT First Public Meeting at Hal Holmes Center on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2016

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Our agenda for the night was to listen to a presentation on the planning grant then break up into small groups for discussion. Nathan Longoria presented a PowerPoint about the planning grant, in which he detailed the need for improvements, the sensitivity of the area, and the challenges we expect to face. He outlined the framework that we have to work within for the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) planning and implementation grant.

- Nonmotorized
- There will be considerations for natural resource conservation
- There will be a public process and the public will participate in planning
- Currently we are in the planning phase for the project, once we have a plan prepared we will be applying for an implementation grant. The implementation grant will fund the activities in the plan.

Cindi Confer Morris discussed that she will be forming a stakeholder group for the project. The stakeholder group will meet more frequently and will help to refine preliminary plans before they are shared with the public at the subsequent public meetings. There are certain expectations for the people seeking to participate in the stakeholder process.

- Serve as spokespersons for respective interest groups, reporting back to the agency and committee about the interests and concerns of the larger stakeholder group
- Stakeholders will review requested information
- They will collaborate
- They will attend meetings or have their assigned alternate attend in their place

At the back of the room near the sign in sheet was the stakeholder applications, people seeking to become stakeholders were requested to complete an application.

During the explanation of the stakeholder process there were quite a few questions from the audience. At this point we transition into questions from the audience.

Once questions were concluded the user groups broke up into small groups and wrote down their comments and concerns on poster boards. The comments we received are attached to this document.

An additional organizational meeting for the hikers has been scheduled for:

**Hikers Meeting Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> at Peterson building at CWU 7PM to 830PM**

# Poster Comments

## Hikers

### Use Groups

- Seasonal
  - Runners
  - Family
  - Clubs
  - Students
  - Hunters
  - Naturalist
- Distance
  - Beginners
  - Pets
  - Climbers
  - “Out of Towners”
  - Audubon

### **Goals/Vision = what we want**

- Safe
  - Sustainable
  - Maintained
  - Non-motorized
  - Clean (Pet Waste)
  - Trailhead (Porta-a-John)
- More Marked trails
  - (Long Term)
  - Conditions
  - Design
  - Weeds

### Vision/Scope of Grant

#### Lines of Effort

- Information Campaign
- Bra(?)ding
- Earthworks/Trail Design
- Reclamation/limit use
  - Measure Use
  - Priority Use

#### Problem Statement:

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## Mt. Bikers

♠Kevin

♠Andrea

♠Drew

♠Jessie (Head Mt bike trainer)

Bradley (CWU Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals)

♠Advanced rad Downhill

Bruce

Kathy

There is a large volunteer base- Trail wise we can accomplish a lot

Can we have a bigger vision than the existing foot print

One way trail flow on mountain bike trails

Should some trails be single use only

Would like one female voice for stakeholder for Mt. Bike community

Would like one rad downhill voice

Branch the trail to spread use

Improve and expand, not contract mileage

Shooting/hunters/hunting season safety

Expand (a) trail(s) into trees to be climbing trail in treed section

- Benefits of shade (summer heat) and scenery

Organized trail maintenance day to continue to improve