



Mount Si Road Working Group Meeting

Tuesday April 19th, 2016

6:00-7:30pm

US Forest Service Conference Center, 902 SE North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045
(North Bend Ranger Station)

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Meeting Summary

First meeting of neighbors and staff from DNR, King County Road Services and Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to discuss safety, traffic, signage and enforcement along the Mt. Si road.

Objectives

- Common understanding of management needed to provide safe and quality experience for neighbors and visitors
- Provide action items as well as short & long term goals

Meeting Notes

- Neighbors and Staff Introductions
- Reviewed Meeting Objectives
- Quick Overview

How did we get here?

- Mount Si was one of the first natural resources conservation area in the state, it started as 800 acres spearheaded by Francis North to prevent a gravel mining operation. It has now grown to over 12,000 acres with numerous land purchases and exchanges. Little Si trail and parking issues before trailhead was built, DNR re-routed trail from behind private property & purchased land for Little Si Trailhead to also prevent gravel a possible rock mine. The Mount Si trailhead was built in the 1970's and much of the infrastructure has remained the same.
- This biennium DNR received capital funds from the legislature to build a Mount Teneriffe Trailhead and projects focusing in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley and I-90 corridor. We have had several meeting with adjacent neighbors of the proposed trailhead and will continue to have community update meetings for the project. These projects were identified as priorities from the recently released. [Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan](#) (March 2013).

- 'Bucket' Discussion



After our initial meetings with neighbors at our community meetings for the proposed Mount Teneriffe Trailhead, we received feedback about safety, parking, signage and enforcement along the Mt. Si road. For this meeting, we organized the feedback and issues into 'buckets' or themes.

Here is the list of 'buckets' that were written on boards around the room:

- ❖ Safety
 - Current Road Speed
 - Road Standard
 - The Mount Si road is actually a Service Level 3 (not 4 as was said at the meeting) Here is a link (<http://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/roads/tiered-service-levels.aspx>) for more information about service levels and to access a service levels map
 - Shoulder walking & parking
 - Fire/Emergency Access

- ❖ Enforcement
 - Cross-commission for enforcement by DNR & King County Sheriff
 - Ticket v. Towing
 - Current fine & ticket amount of violating a no parking sign along the Mt. Si road

- ❖ Signage
 - Wayfinding and 'trailheads full' signage
 - Current No Parking signage
 - Entrance signage to trailheads

- ❖ Roadside Parking
 - No parking along the entire Mt. Si road
 - Timing of new parking restrictions
 - Just west of the Mount Si Trailhead entrance, King County will be reducing allowed parking from 16 cars to around 8 cars
 - King County standard
 - Discover Pass avoidance

- ❖ Private Roads
 - Uniform signage on private street and driveways
 - DNR willing to work with neighbors to help create no parking signage (DNR provided) if they would like to post signs on their private roads
 - Signage for River Point & Middle Fork neighborhoods
 - King County is able to install no trailhead parking according to their standards, at entrance to River Point and Middle Fork neighborhoods.
 - Investigate legal notice for neighbors to post tow zone on their property

- ❖ Recreation Management
 - Shuttles, partnering with Mountains to Sound Greenway & Compass Outdoor Adventures
 - Trailhead car counters, with parking information displaying online or via signage
 - Upgrade Mount Si trailhead
 - Quality of experience



❖ Communication

- Washington Trails Association, Mountains to Sound Greenway, City of North Bend, neighbors, etc.
- Trail connections between trails in the forest, not on Mount Si road

• Priority Exercise & Discussion

For this exercise, we asked attendees to help prioritize the issues. Neighbors were given stickers and asked to place their stickers next to the issues that were considered high priorities.

While all of these issues were discussed, the following 'buckets' received the most priority.

- No roadside parking along the entire Mt. Si road

- We learned that to accomplish this, there would need to be a King County Ordinance with support from the Mount Si road neighbors. DNR will work with neighbors and Councilmember Lambert on this during the summer.

- Cross-commission between King County Sheriff and DNR Police Officers

- Doug McClelland is meeting with DNR Chief Police Officer and the King County Sheriff May 9th to discuss

- Increase current fine amount of violating no parking signs

- We learned that Councilmember Lambert has requested an increased amount and that this is decided at the legislative level. We will pursue with parking issue.

- Manage capacity at DNR trailheads, which includes shuttles, displaying trailhead parking capacity online, and promote communication via DNR & hiking organizations websites about etiquette about visiting trailheads along residential neighborhoods

- After receiving feedback about concerns with visitors walking between proposed Mount Teneriffe and Mount Si trailhead along the Mt Si road, DNR is going to renovate a connector foot path that connects the Mount Teneriffe trail to the Talus Loop trail. The goal is to get people off the road walking to the Mt Si or Mt Teneriffe trails

Next Steps

- Share contact information and meeting notes
- Upcoming Community Meetings – May, June, September, November
- Provide email newsletter updates
- Update current webpage for project (www.dnr.wa.gov/projects)

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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