



Help shape the future of recreation on DNR-managed lands in Kitsap and Mason counties

Share your ideas at a community workshop, June 29 or 30

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is planning for the future of recreation on 35,000 acres of DNR-managed land within Kitsap and Mason counties. Planning areas include **Green Mountain and Tahuya State Forests, as well as other blocks of state trust lands**. Community dialog and input from citizens and local businesses are vital to helping us make sound decisions as we plan for sustainable recreation opportunities in these forests for the next 10 to 15 years.

You are invited to one of two community workshops, hosted by DNR on June 29 in Silverdale and June 30 in Belfair. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas on these and other questions:

- How does having access to recreation opportunities help your community's economic vitality? What businesses or organizations directly (or indirectly) benefit from recreational activities in the area?
- How can outdoor recreation make your community healthier and more vibrant?
- How can DNR provide opportunities on state trust lands that will help foster greater enthusiasm in young people for getting outside and experiencing outdoor recreation?

When and where are the workshops?

- **June 29:** 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way NW
- **June 30:** 6 to 8:30 p.m.
North Mason High School, 200 E. Campus Dr., Belfair

What will happen at the workshops?

Workshops will begin with a brief introduction about the planning area. Then, at several "listening stations" participants can provide DNR staff with their views about how recreation opportunities on DNR-managed lands can support local economies, enhance quality of life, and help foster healthy communities.

What will DNR do with my input from the workshop?

Your ideas will be brought to the citizen-based recreation planning committee to consider as they prepare to make recommendations to DNR on how best to provide recreational opportunities on forested state trust lands on the Kitsap Peninsula. Your input also will be shared with DNR staff.

If you can't attend the workshops...

Send an email with your ideas to greentahuyaplan@dnr.wa.gov. You also can stay current on this recreation planning process by subscribing to the Green Mountain and Tahuya e-newsletter by entering "subscribe" the subject line of your email.

For workshop details or to request special accommodations, contact Mary Coacher, 360-902-1430 or mary.coacher@dnr.wa.gov.



Project background

The growing population in Kitsap and Mason counties is putting pressure on the landscapes that the public enjoys for outdoor recreation. Green Mountain and Tahuya State Forests are popular regional recreation destinations that are likely to become even greater draws in the future.

These forests are part of the state trust lands that DNR manages statewide to provide revenue to specific trusts—mostly to build public schools and universities. On the Kitsap Peninsula, most trust revenue goes to local county services and local education. State trust lands are managed to protect fish and wildlife habitat and DNR's management has earned green certification for these well-managed forests. Recreation opportunities on trust lands offer many added benefits for the public.

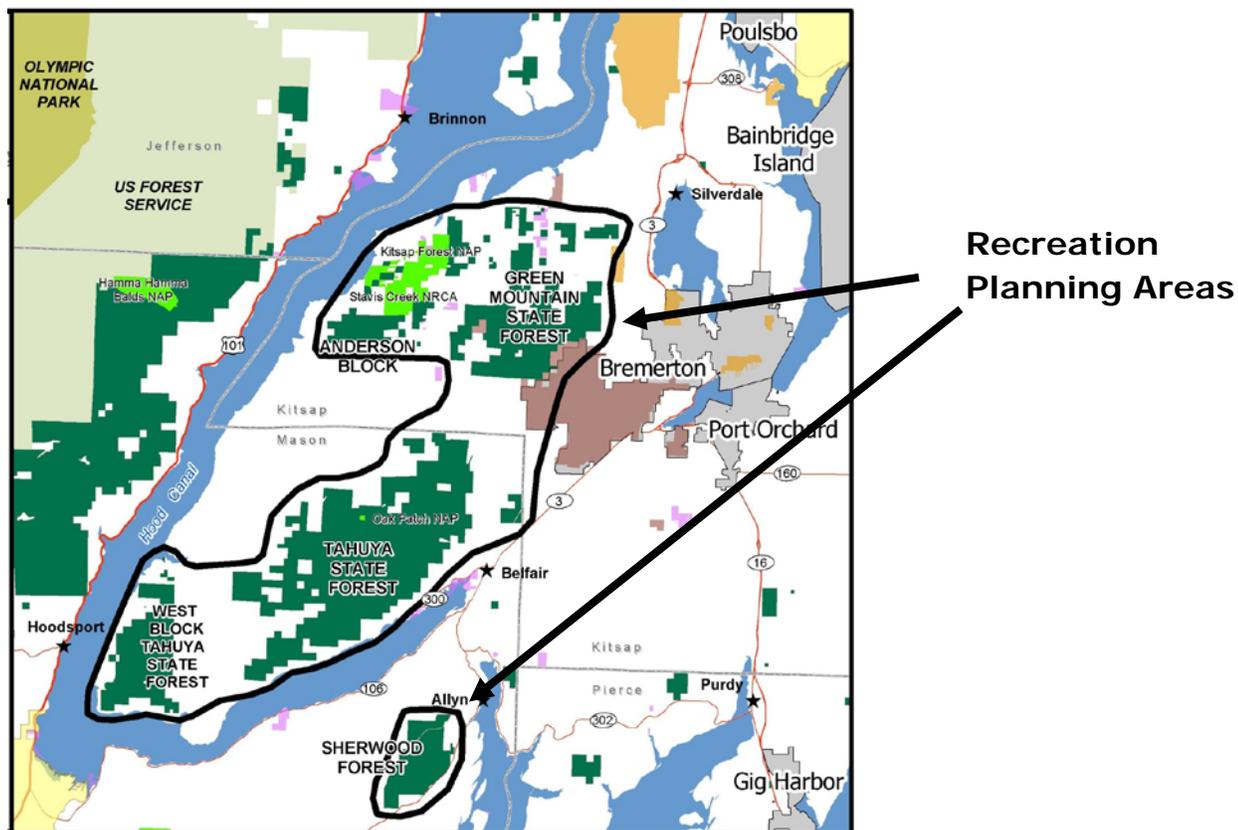
To address future recreation needs, DNR recognizes the need for long-term, comprehensive recreation planning that addresses sustainability, natural resource and habitat protection, public safety and health, quality of life, and economic vitality of nearby communities.

In January 2011, DNR began planning for recreation on the Kitsap Peninsula and convened a citizen-based recreation planning committee, which meets monthly. These individuals represent a broad spectrum of recreation interests. In addition, DNR is engaging citizens in various ways to help identify what matters most to them about recreation on DNR-managed lands. At the same time, we are looking to businesses in the area to provide ideas on how improving recreation opportunities can strengthen local economies.

You can follow the recreation planning process on the web at:

www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Topics/RecreationPlanning/Pages/amp_rec_green_mtn_tahuya_rec_plans.aspx

We invite you to help shape the future of recreation on DNR-managed lands in Kitsap and Mason counties!



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