



PRESENTS THE 13TH TRAILS CONFERENCE “COMMON GROUND”

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Trails exist in many forms for a wide variety of reasons. Whether water, snow, dirt, paved, single track, 4×4, equestrian, urban or rural, for pleasure or transportation - our trails have an ever growing population of users. Luckily, in Washington we have some of the most active trail communities in the country.

The Washington State Trails Conference brings together agencies, organizations, businesses, and people to explore our Common Ground in our love for Washington's trails.

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, OCT
5:30PM - 7:30PM

EARLY CHECK-IN AND SOCIAL

FRIDAY, OCT 28TH

7:30AM - 9:00AM

BREAKFAST AND CHECK-IN

9:00AM - 9:30AM

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

9:30AM - 10:00AM

COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITS

10:00AM - 11:00AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS A

11:00AM - 11:30AM

COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITS

11:30AM - 12:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS B

12:45PM - 2:00PM

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2:00PM - 3:00PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS C

3:00PM - 3:30PM

COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITS

3:30PM - 4:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS D

5:30PM - 8:30PM

**RECEPTION AND TRAIL AWARDS CEREMONY
 SONS OF NORWAY LODGE**

SATURDAY, OCT

8:00AM - 9:00AM

BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

8:00AM - 9:00AM

WSTC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

9:00AM - 10:00AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS E

10:00AM - 10:30AM

COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITS

10:30AM - 11:30AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS F

11:45AM - 1:00PM

BUFFET LUNCHEON

1:00PM - 2:00PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS G

2:15PM

CONFERENCE ADJOURNMENT

3:30PM OR LATER

FIELD TRIPS

WASHINGTON STATE TRAILS COALITION

Founded in 1999, the purpose of the Washington State Trails Coalition is to provide an effective and interactive forum centering on protecting, promoting, and enhancing a statewide system of trails. membership is open to anyone with a passion for trails, including motorized and non-motorized outdoor recreation and transportation. The primary focus of WSTC is a biennial statewide trails conference and an off- year caucus.

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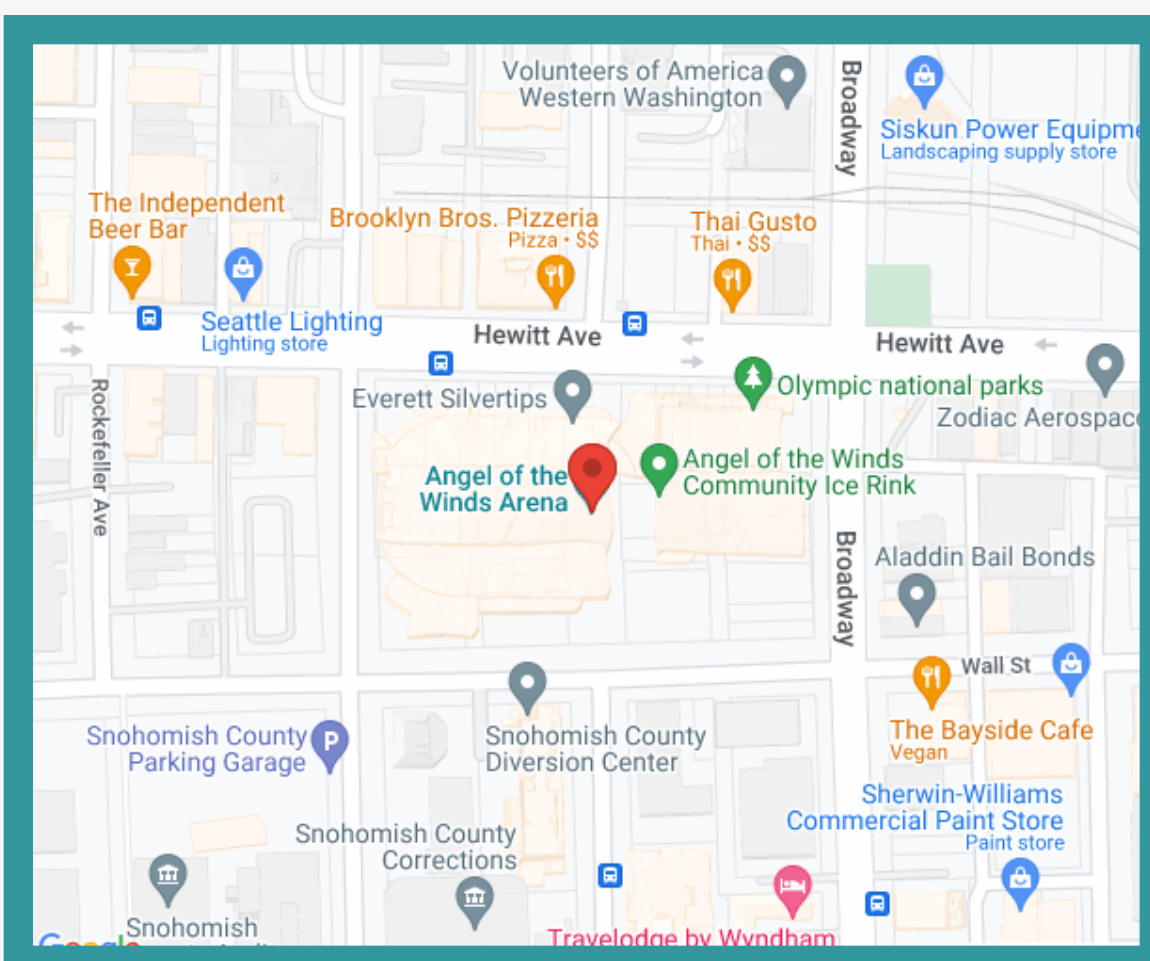
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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

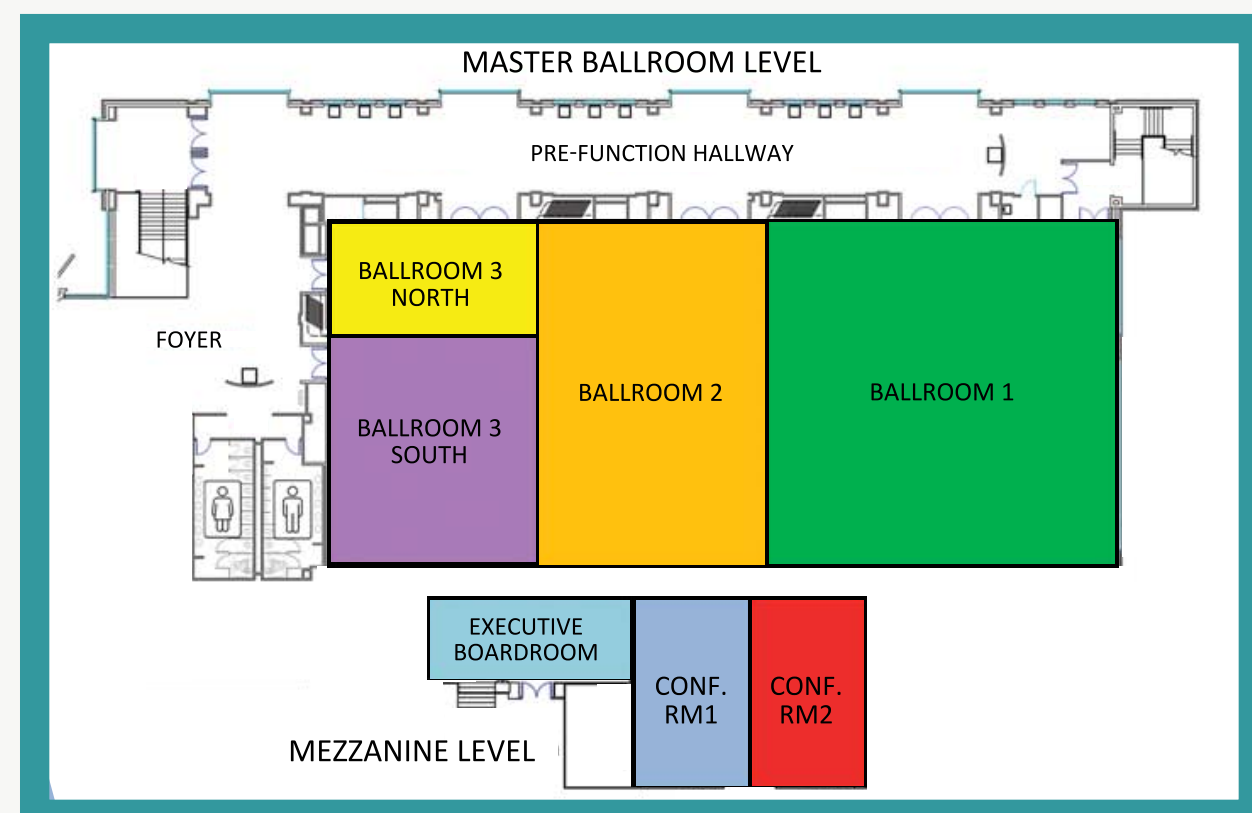
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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY KEYNOTE LUNCHEON

Sophia Danenberg

Washington State Parks Commissioner



Sophia Danenberg is a senior program manager and leads international environmental policy analysis at Boeing. She came to Boeing from United Technologies where she managed global environment, health and safety legislative and regulatory affairs, environmental technology programs, and energy efficiency and indoor air quality projects with governments, universities and businesses in Europe and Asia. Before starting her career, Sophia was a Fulbright Fellow at Keio University in Tokyo.

She received her undergraduate degree from Harvard in environmental sciences and public policy, and completed graduate courses in environmental economics and law at the University of Connecticut. Sophia is on the board of NatureBridge. She also has served on the board of SheJumps, the World Affairs Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters, CT Sierra Club Inner City Outings, a track and field official for Special Olympics, and a mentor for the Passages Northwest Girls Rock program, among other roles.

Sophia was initially drawn to Washington by the access to the outdoors and believes that public lands are an invaluable asset to both individuals and businesses in Washington state. Sophia is an outdoor enthusiast and is an avid climber, hiker and mountaineer. She also enjoys snowboarding, skiing and cycling. In 2006, Sophia became the first African-American to summit Mount Everest.

3RD TRAIL AWARDS RECEPTION

SONS OF NORWAY

Friday Oct 28th, 5:30PM-8:30PM

2725 Oakes Ave Everett Wa 98201



Historical Normanna Hall was established in 1947 as the home lodge for The Everett Washington chapter of the Sons of Norway. Nordic heritage springs from the walls and from the hearts of our members. Cultural traditions are celebrated and welcomed from all corners of the community and the world.

Join us for an evening of socializing and networking while helping to celebrate this year's Trail Award winners! Walk over to the Sons of Norway Hall to enjoy a light dinner with a complimentary glass of wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage followed with a no-host bar. This is a wonderful opportunity to share in what makes the Washington trails community so great!

Washington State Trails Awards Program

The Washington State Trails Coalition is pleased to present the Washington State Trails Awards. These awards recognize the efforts and achievements of exceptional individuals, organizations, and land managers who are working to make the trails of Washington State the nation's best.

Lifetime Service Award: This award will honor an individual who has demonstrated longstanding and exceptional service to the trails of Washington State and their users. Areas of impact could include advocacy, planning, community, engagement, construction/maintenance, and education.

Trail Leader Award: Honors and individual, organization, or land manager that has had the most significant, positive, contribution to any aspect of Washington trails over the past two years.

Emerging Leader Award: This award honors an emerging leader who has distinguished themselves with a significant, positive contribution to any aspect of Washington trails over the last two years. Special consideration will be given for exceptional community service with a direct and specific benefit to youth outdoor recreation, fostering youth stewardship, or the use of trails by youth. Nominations will be considered for individuals who were under 30 years of age at the time of the contribution and for programs/organizations that are primarily composed of, or led by, youth or adults under age 30.

Outstanding Trail Award: The award recognizes a trail project which has demonstrated at least some of the following during the past five years: exceptional planning, design, and implementation, public participation, creative funding, verified economic impact, outstanding user experience, and benefit to the local community.

Friday Night Sponsors

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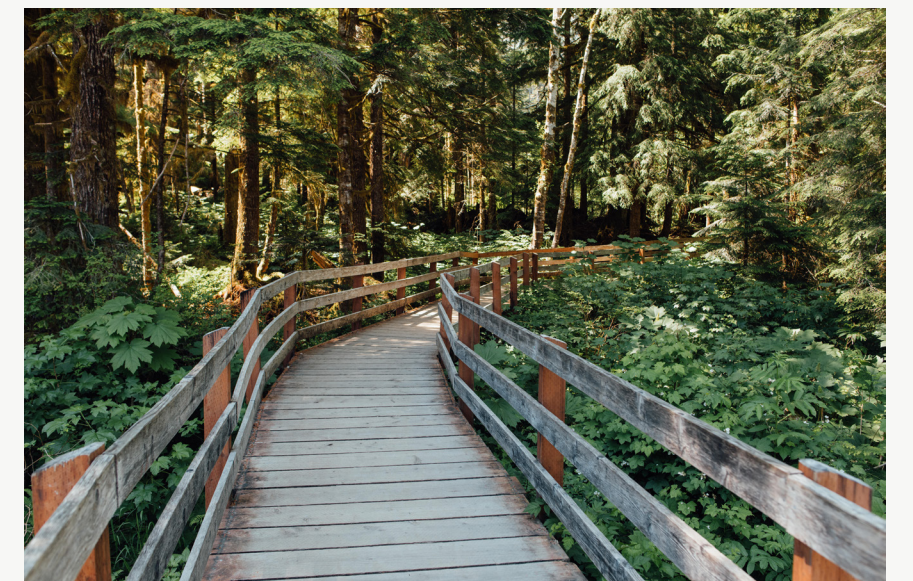


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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

FRI, OCT 28TH CONCURRENT SESSIONS A 10:00AM - 11:00AM

A1

Connections on the Ground

BALLROOM 1

WHY WE ALL DO GET ALONG ON TRAILS: EXAMPLES OF MULTI-USER WORK PARTIES AND WHY WE SHOULD ALL HAVE THEM!

As trail use continues to increase and new funding sources emerge, the need for collaboration between trail organizations is growing. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance and Transcascadia have successfully coordinated joint, multi-use work parties that made a tremendous difference in restoring and re-opening trails, and built camaraderie between user groups with lasting friendships and unforgettable experiences. This session will explore the model, benefit, and need for multi-use work parties and why they build understanding, respect, and volunteer ethic amongst all trail user groups.

YVONNE KRAUS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EVERGREEN MTN BIKE ALLIANCE (EMBA); TIM VAN BEEK, BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON (BCHW); JEN GRADISHER, TRAIL PROGRAM DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON TRAILS ASSN (WTA); AND TOR BELL, STEWARDSHIP & OPERATIONS MANAGER, MOUNTAIN TO SOUND GREENWAY

A2

BONUS TRAIL SPOTLIGHT

BALLROOM SOUTH

WALKING INTO THE PAST: PUBLIC HISTORY ON THE TRAIL

By utilizing trails, QR codes, and cell phones to teach local history, we can dramatically increase the public's connection to place and past. In one example, signs were placed along the Centennial Trail in Snohomish County, each with a place name and QR code. The trail is the former Seattle Lakeshore and Eastern Railway grade which passes through several examples of railroad trestles and numerous historical (now invisible) sites. By pointing their phone at each sign, visitors are offered historical facts and pictures and can earn virtual badges by answering multiple choice questions. In another example, the 2021 Evergreen State Fair introduced a historic character and followed the character's life and career around a tour of related agricultural, industrial, and domestic displays. The phone-based "game" aspect is a fun family activity that appeals to all ages, and could easily be adapted to a trail context.

GRETCHEN KAEHLER, ARCHAEOLOGIST, SNOHOMISH COUNTY; FREDERICK CRUGER, TREASURER, GRANITE FALLS HISTORIC SOCIETY

A3

CONNECTIONS ON THE GROUND

BALLROOM 2

TRAILS FOR ALL: INCORPORATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INTO TRAIL PLANNING

Representatives from Washington State Parks will share what they've learned from outreach with BIPOC and other marginalized communities about trail accessibility and creating welcoming public recreation spaces. The panel will discuss the findings and recommendations from two DEI studies including signage and wayfinding as well as communicating trail characteristics in a manner that inspires confidence for disabled or new trail users.

MELINDA POSNER, DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION PROGRAM, WASHINGTON STATE PARKS; KRISTA DOOLEY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, WTA; RANDY KLINE, STATEWIDE TRAIL COORDINATOR, WASHINGTON STATE PARKS; JOHN FLOBERG AND ALLISON LU, WASHINGTON STATE PARKS FOUNDATION

A4

ON THE GROUND

BALLROOM NORTH

TRAINING VOLUNTEERS: TRAILS ACADEMY DEVELOPMENT

Learn about the work Back Country Horsemen of Washington and Region 6 of the U.S. Forest Service are doing to develop a Trails Academy which will provide consistent, safe, and effective training in trail development and maintenance.

DARRELL WALLACE, GRANT COMMITTEE CHAIR, BCHW; AARON PEDERSEN, REGION 6 SAW PROGRAM MANAGER, US FOREST SERVICE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

FRI, OCT 28TH CONCURRENT SESSIONS B 11:30AM - 12:30PM

B1

FINANCIAL GROUNDING

BALLROOM 2

TRAILS AND TRANSIT: TWO GREAT IDEAS THAT WORK WELL TOGETHER

In the Puget Sound region, nearly 83% of transit riders access transit by walking, rolling, or by transfer. Providing a seamless experience for people accessing stations is essential for maintaining and expanding ridership on these major civic transportation investments. This panel discussion will focus on how trails can enhance access for people walking or riding bicycles to new and planned light rail stations.

PHILIP HARRIS, INTEGRATION MANAGER, WASHINGTON STATE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION; ALEX KRIEG, DIRECTOR OF ACCESS AND INTEGRATION, SOUND TRANSIT; MONICA THOMPSON, SENIOR PARK PLANNER, CITY OF LYNNWOOD; FRED YOUNG, SENIOR PLANNER, PARAMETRIX

B2

FINANCIAL GROUNDING

BALLROOM SOUTH

REGIONAL INVESTMENT APPROACH FOR EASTERN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

This presentation will highlight Quantified Ventures's efforts to build a Regional Council among communities in Eastern Snohomish County in order to be more competitive for state & federal funding, implement outdoor recreation projects, and solve issues of mutual concern. This presentation will spotlight the challenges of investing in outdoor recreation projects in rural areas, lay out the vision for how a holistic regional effort can leverage innovative funding & financing approaches to achieve success, and highlight our ongoing efforts in Eastern Snohomish County as a case study.

SETH BROWN, QUANTIFIED VENTURES; MIKE SCHLAFMANN, US FOREST SERVICE

B3

BONUS TRAIL SPOTLIGHT

BALLROOM NORTH

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK: HOW INTERPRETIVE PLANNING LEADS TO GREAT INTERPRETATION

Trails connect people to each other, to nature and history, and even to difficult concepts like responsible stewardship in a changing world. Each trail is packed with potential for telling stories that inspire people to take action in support of your mission. In this workshop, we'll talk about how interpretation can add value to your site, and we'll break down the process of interpretive planning and design. We'll guide you through a quick, fun exercise, resulting in a basic framework for storytelling along your trail, as well as a loose design concept for trail signage or other media.

ANGELA MELE, INTERPRETIVE PLANNER, WATERSHED CO

B4

GROUND RULES

BALLROOM 1

ONE OUTDOOR RECREATION MAP FOR ALL: TREAD MAP APP

TREAD Map (TM) is a smartphone app that connects all outdoor enthusiasts through real-time interaction between land managers, user groups, and local stakeholders. TREAD Map will inform users on snow levels, fires, closures, downed trees, and full parking lots all on one platform. During this session, TREAD will share how TREAD Map can be used as a community-powered platform that equips users to recreate respectfully, strengthens communities, and generates possibilities for sustainable recreation and economic development in your region. This session will include a live demo of the TREAD Map App, and allow time for participants to engage in questions and plan how to get TREAD Map active in their community.

MAT LYONS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TREAD; MARC ROTHMEYER, DHARMA MAPS; DAVID BLANDFORD & MIKE MOE, STATE OF WASHINGTON TOURISM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

FRI, OCT 28TH

CONCURRENT SESSIONS C

2:00PM - 3:00PM

C1BONUS TRAIL SPOTLIGHTBALLROOM NORTH

ALL ABOUT WASHINGTON WATER TRAILS AND THE CASCADIA MARINE TRAIL

Learn the backstory of Washington Water Trails and how the Cascadia Marine Trail, extending from Olympia to Canada, provides access to the water in the face of continuing privatization of waterfront parcels.

ANDREE HURLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON WATER TRAILS ASSN

C2ON THE GROUNDBALLROOM 2

GET GROUNDED WITH BELLINGHAM TRAILS: A LOOK INSIDE HOW WE DO IT ALL

The City of Bellingham is a playground for all things recreation related. They are known for their expansive trail network and accessible parks, as well as being the gateway to the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and San Juan Islands. From mountains to sound, there is no shortage of places to roll, ramble, run, stroll, or pedal. So how do they do it all? Panelists from the City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department will share their approach to projects and how they're able to accomplish so much in a time of limited resources and increased awareness about ecological impacts.

GINA G AUSTIN, PROJECT ENGINEER; STEVEN JANISZEWSKI, PARK OPERATIONS MANAGER, CITY OF BELLINGHAM PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

C3FINANCIAL GROUNDINGBALLROOM 1

CHOOSING THE BEST TOOL: THE LIMITS OF THE VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP MODEL

Volunteers are vital to the maintenance of public recreation trails. Volunteer stewardship creates deep connections between individuals and the natural world and builds a strong community of advocates. However, there are practical limits to volunteer labor that can reduce the effectiveness of volunteerism in achieving certain trail maintenance objectives. This session will share experiences from the non-profit and government sector where panelists have found that volunteers are not the most cost-effective and productive form of labor.

MICHAEL DECRAMER, NORTH CASCADES REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ASSN; BEN MONTE CALVO, PARKS SPECIALIST, PIERCE CO PARKS; BEN MAYBERY, RECREATION MANAGER - SNOQUALMIE CORRIDOR, WA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR); EMILY SNYDER, CENTRAL PUGET SOUND TRAILS COORDINATOR, WTA

C4GROUND RULESBALLROOM SOUTH

ENVISIONING A VIBRANT EQUESTRIAN FUTURE IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY
- OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

In 2019, the Executive Horse Council of Snohomish County — a community/volunteer-driven entity — was launched to engage equestrians from all disciplines and work together to create a vibrant future for horses and humans in the county and beyond. This session will explore the creation, purpose, and vision of this effort, including successful partnerships with parks staff, public lands leadership, and other user groups. It will also discuss opportunities and challenges, and the search for effective strategies that will bring about a positive trail-sharing future.

CATHERINE COLLINS, CHAIR, EXECUTIVE HORSE COUNCIL OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY; SHARON SWAN, INTERIM DIVISION DIRECTOR, SNOH CO DCNR, PARKS & REC

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

FRI OCT 28TH

CONCURRENT SESSIONS D

3:30PM - 4:30PM

D1ON THE GROUNDBALLROOM NORTH

TRAILS PLANNING ACROSS PARTNERS -
A CASE STUDY OF THE WEST FORK TEANAWAY COMMUNITY FOREST TRAILS PLAN

Learn the benefits of collaboration among agencies and nonprofits in developing a shared vision for trails through a discussion with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Washington Trails Association (WTA). Launched in mid-2020, WTA has led, in partnership with DNR and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, a trails planning process for the Teanaway Community Forest's beautiful West Fork area. During this session, learn how this collaborative effort came together, what the trails planning process looked like (and the results!) and how agencies, organizations, and trail users can work together to leverage limited resources and capacity to achieve common goals.

ANDREA IMLER, ADVOCACY DIRECTOR, WTA; STEPHANIE MARGHEIM, RECREATION & PUBLIC USE MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; RYAN SCHREINER, RECREATION SPECIALIST - TEANAWAY, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

D2FINAINCIAL GROUNDINGBALLROOM 1

STRUCTURING AND GROWING A TRAILS NOT-FOR-PROFIT
TO SUCCESSFULLY PARTNER WITH LAND CONSERVATION AND RECREATION ORGANIZATIONS

Back by request! Come learn about the operations model and inner workings of a non-motorized trails nonprofit. Over the past 5 years, the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance quadrupled its membership, doubled its budget, doubled its construction and maintenance team, completed a statewide reorganization, and opened over 300 miles of new mountain bike trails in Washington. Join Evergreen's Executive Director and trails Director in a presentation about the strategies, tools, cost share models, fundraising techniques, and project development methods that have allowed the organization to grow into the largest trail construction nonprofit in the nation. Participate in a discussion about strategic plans and operational decisions for nonprofits in the outdoor recreation industry.

YVONNE KRAUS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMBA, MIKE WESTRA, TRAILS PROGRAM DIRECTOR, EMBA

D3CONNECTIONS ON THE GROUNDBALLROOM 2

REDEFINING OUTDOOR RECREATION:
INCREASING THE DIVERSITY OF NATURAL SPACES THROUGH COLLABORATION

Wild Society, a wilderness education nonprofit based out of Kitsap County, is always looking for new ways to get people outside and connected with their own backyards and our shared public lands Through a partnership with African Community Housing & Development (ACHD), they are working together to break down the barriers that exist in outdoor education and redefine what it means to belong to the outdoor recreation community. ACHD's mission is to provide opportunities for African Diaspora immigrant and refugee communities, families, and individuals in King County to attain health and housing stability, economic development, high-quality education, and referrals to legal services.

ABBY HINES, EDUCATION MANAGER, AFRICAN COMMUNITY HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT (ACHD); BILAN ADEN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, ACHD; KENDRA ALLEN, DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, WILD SOCIETY (PRESENTATION ONLY); HARPER MCFADDEN, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, WILD SOCIETY (COMP TICKET)

D4CONNECTIONS ON THE GROUNDBALLROOM SOUTH

DEVELOPING A VISION TO CONNECT COMMUNITIES BY TRAIL

Learn how Leafline Trails Coalition developed a map vision for the trails network spanning Kitsap, Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties. Speakers will delve into: Data coordination, including challenges, replicability, and benefits of a shared system; Branding, marketing, and communication; Relationship-building, including how this year-long process strengthened the Coalition; Use case and next steps. The Leafline Trails Network was created by Leafline Trails Coalition, a coalition of more than 60 organizations, agencies, and businesses working together on a shared vision for an interconnected, intuitive, well-traveled, and treasured trails network spanning the Central Puget Sound region and providing equitable access, health benefits and recreational opportunities for all.

Claire Martini, Project Manager, Leafline Trails Coalition; Hailey Brey, Transportation Planner, Parametrix; Terry Jungman, Parks Planning & Development Manager, City of Kent; Gabriel Avila-Mooney, Community Engagement & Communication, King County Department of Natural Resources & Parks

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

SAT, OCT 29TH CONCURRENT SESSIONS E 9:00AM - 10:00AM

E1 BONUS TRAIL SPOTLIGHT BALLROOM 1

TIMBERLINE MIDDLE SCHOOL: SITE ECOLOGY & LEARNING LANDSCAPES ALONG REGIONAL AND LOCAL TRAILS

The Watershed Company collaborated with Lake Washington School District, McGranahan Architects, and Weismann Design Group to design a multi-phase interpretive plan on the Timberline Middle School campus, as well as 14 outdoor wayside exhibits for educational features that were integrated along a regional trail and connected ‘learning loops’. The team of interpretive designers researched and created educational content along with original digital illustrations to enhance the learning landscape of the school. The content spanned broadly across natural systems and engineered systems, reaching a wide audience that included middle school students and their families, as well as those traveling along the public regional trail through the campus.

NELL LUND, SENIOR ECOLOGIST, WATERSHED CO; KYLE BRAUN, PLA, WATERSHED CO

E2 CONNECTIONS ON THE GROUND BALLROOM NORTH

PACKGOATS AS ALTERNATIVE STOCK FOR TRAVEL IN THE BACKCOUNTRY

The North American Packgoat Association (NAPgA) collaborates with land managers to advocate for goatpacking using best management practices. NAPgA strives to educate and mentor responsible and competent use of packgoats on and off trail. In this presentation, NAPgA will share their best management practices, the environmental benefits of low-impact packgoats, community building with past service projects, and packgoats as an affordable, easy-to-handle pack stock. Additional discussion will include increased access to Washington trails for those who need assistance due to health, a growing family, or a desire to get deeper in the backcountry.

CHRIS RIGHIHMES

E3 ON THE GROUND BALLROOM SOUTH

EVERGREEN MTN BIKE TRAILBUILDING SCHOOL, PART 1

Join Evergreen Trail School for part one of their discussion on bike trail design, building, and maintenance, followed by an after-conference field trip to Japanese Gulch in Mukilteo.

MIKE WESTRA, TRAILS PROGRAM DIRECTOR, EMBA; DAVID FLEISCHHAUER, TRAILS PROGRAM MANAGER, EMBA; BRANDON LESTER, TRAILS AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MANAGER, EMBA

E4 CONNECTIONS ON THE GROUND BALLROOM 2

FINDING WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY TRAILS IN WASHINGTON

Working with Jenny Schmitz and a cohort of other wheelchair hikers, Washington Trails Association added a wheelchair-friendly filter to their Hiking Guide in spring 2022. They will discuss how they built it, what they learned, and what wheelchair hikers need to know to hike safely.

ANNA ROTH - HIKING GUIDE MANAGER, WTA; JENNY SCHMITZ - WHEELCHAIR HIKING ADVOCATE AND AUTHOR OF WHEELCHAIRWANDERING.COM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

SAT, OCT 29TH CONCURRENT SESSIONS F 10:30AM - 11:30AM

F1 FINANCIAL GROUNDING BALLROOM 1

TREAD BRINGING TOGETHER LOCAL LAND MANAGERS, PARTNERS, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION NON-PROFITS TO PLAN, BUILD AND MAINTAIN TRAILS THROUGH COLLECTIVE IMPACT IN RURAL WASHINGTON

TREAD (Trails, Recreation, Education, Advocacy, and Development) will be sharing how they brought together 62 partners across Chelan and Douglas Counties to build an Outdoor Recreation Collaborative (ORC) with the goal of collaborating on current and future outdoor recreation projects. Learn how TREAD successfully lead land managers, nonprofits, local businesses, and government agencies to share current projects and plan sustainable and economically beneficial recreation opportunities for a better community. Hear about the success stories of 7 Outdoor Recreation Collaborations in Washington and how you can get an ORC started in your region. This session offers opportunities to engage in questions, discussions, and future planning.

LISA FOSTER, OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, TREAD; MAT LYONS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TREAD

F2 BONUS TRAIL SPOTLIGHT BALLROOM NORTH

THE OLD MILITARY ROAD TRAIL PROJECT - SAN JUAN ISLAND

Join several members of the San Juan Island Park and Recreation District as they share a short slideshow highlighting the success of the Old Military Toad Trail project. The panel will focus on how this small team leveraged its vision into an effective strategy and explore the challenges of creating a new 20+ mile rural trail through mostly conserved land owned by public or nonprofit agencies, the key partners.

JIM MCNAIRY - CO-CHAIR; DAVE ZERETZKE - CO-CHAIR; MARK NOYES, MEMBER; ROBIN DONNELLY, COMMUNICATION TEAM CHAIR

F3 ON THE GROUND BALLROOM SOUTH

EVERGREEN MTN BIKE TRAILBUILDING SCHOOL, PART 1

Join Evergreen Trail School for part two of their discussion on bike trail design, building, and maintenance, followed by an after-conference field trip to Japanese Gulch in Mukilteo.

MIKE WESTRA, TRAILS PROGRAM DIRECTOR, EMBA; DAVID FLEISCHHAUER, TRAILS PROGRAM MANAGER, EMBA; BRANDON LESTER, TRAILS AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MANAGER, EMBA

F4 CONNECTIONS ON THE GROUND BALLROOM 2

STO (SOUND TO OLYMPICS) TRAIL

The Sound to Olympics (STO) Trail has been in the works since 2007. The trail links up with the cross-nation “Rails to Trails” route by using connections between Mountains to Sound Greenway and Olympic Discovery Trail. Learn about the project and the plan to move people along a multi-user path from Bainbridge Island and Kingston Ferries to the Hood Canal Bridge.

LYNN SCHORN, STO STEWARD/PARK STEWARD; DOUG MARAIST, BOARD DIRECTOR, NORTH KITSAP TRAIL ASSN

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

SAT, OCT 29TH CONCURRENT SESSIONS G 1:00PM - 2:00PM

G1

ON THE GROUND

BALLROOM SOUTH

THE NACHES TRAIL

Learn how the ORV community is working to keep the Historical Naches Trail open for mixed-use.

NICHOL PHILLIPS, WASHINGTON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PACIFIC NORTHWEST FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSN

G2

BONUS TRAIL SPOTLIGHT

BALLROOM 2

“YES WE CAN”- A COMMUNITY SAVES A FOREST

This is the story of how a small group of people organized to create a park. In 2008, a 95-acre parcel was slated to be clear-cut, but through the efforts of Friends of Heybrook Ridge, it is now the 150-acre Heybrook Ridge County Park. The Leovy Trail running through the park is popular for its views of Mount Index and Bridal Veil Falls, and soon it will be joined by a forested ADA trail. Learn about the steps taken by an impactful Snohomish County community to make this park a reality.

SUSAN CHATLOS-SUSOR, PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF HEYBROOK RIDGE (FOHR); SUE CROSS, VICE PRESIDENT, FOHR; ANN DARLINGTON, PAST-PRESIDENT, FOHR

G3

CONNECTIONS ON THE GROUND

E-BIKE ACCESS TRAILS: A DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION PERSPECTIVE

Join in on a presentation and roundtable discussion about e-bike access and learn the results of a 7-month e-bike access committee facilitated by Evergreen.

YVONNE KRAUS, EMBA; KRISTEN MCCUNE, EMBA; ALECIA MCCONNELL, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, OUTDOORS FOR ALL



PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

SAT, OCT 29TH FIELD TRIPS

JAPANESE GULCH

Gulch South Trailhead, 4407 76th St SW, Mukilteo, WA 98275

Follow up the Evergreen Trail School sessions with this walk and talk along the trails in Mukilteo’s Japanese Gulch conservation Area. Put into practice identifying trail design/construction/maintenance issues, discuss previously done fixes, and then problem solve solutions to some existing trial conditions.



Meeting time: 3:30
Duration: 1.5 - 2 hours
Lead by: Mike Westra, David Flieshhauer, and Brandon Lester

- Use what was discussed in class to:
1. Identify trail design/construction/maintenance issues.
 - We will start with some trails that need work and have a “what’s wrong with this picture?” discussion that follows up directly from the classroom session.
 - We will differentiate examples of general issues that are generic regardless of what users are on the trail, and we’ll have examples that are user group specific. Hopefully we’ll find examples for hikers, bikers and equestrians.
 2. See solutions on the ground.
 - Then we’ll head to some trails that don’t have those issues or where those issues have been fixed and we’ll have a “what was done differently here? Why is this better?” discussion.
- Problem solving on actual trail issues.
- Then we’ll have to hike back over some of the same trails to get back to the parking lot, so we’ll end with a “now that we’ve seen some techniques for how to fix/improve issues, what specific techniques can we use here to improve these situations?” discussion.

CENTENNIAL TRAIL

1626 Virginia St., Snohomish, WA
(It’s actually downtown Machias)

Experience Snohomish Co. Public History via QR codes along this 30-mile multi-use paved trail for walking, running, biking, equestrians, and commuters.

Meeting: 3:30
Duration: 1 hour
Lead by: Gretchen Kaehler, Snohomish Co. Archeologist and Fred Cruger, Granite Falls Hist. Soc.

Join us for a short field trip on the Centennial Trail starting out at the Machias Depot and try out the virtual tour to get a firsthand experience of how it can be used for trails, history, and public education.

The Centennial Trail is a paved trail that follows the original route of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railway, parts of which were later acquired by the Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern. The trail runs 30.5 miles from the town of Snohomish to the border of Skagit County.



After the railroad corridor became inactive, local efforts began for a trail in 1989, the year of the state’s centennial celebration. The first 6 miles opened in 1991. Machias at the turn of the century was a bustling community with a railroad depot, many stores, a school, a church and a post office where the trailhead is now located. The trailhead building is a replica of the original depot. The concrete slab across the trail from the building is the original slab where the water tower once stood. The Machias Depot is a popular stop on the Centennial Trail.



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SPENCER ISLAND TRAIL

5033 4th St. SE; Everett, WA 98201



Meeting: 3:40 at the ADA parking area just before the bridge
Duration: 1.5 hours
Lead by: Brett Gaddis and Michael Rustay, Snohomish County Surface Water Management and Salmon Recovery

Spencer Island is one of the best places in the Snohomish River Estuary to view waterfowl and shorebirds. The large island is home to deer, coyotes, river otter, and a variety of small mammals and amphibians. This site is one among many Snohomish River estuary restoration projects established as flood reduction and salmon habitat restoration projects. Acquisition and restoration of the subsided floodplain properties has also provided public recreation access.

The island has a dike-top trail system, which provides scenic views of the wetlands, sloughs, and mountains. This site visit is best for anyone interested in the complimentary outcomes of salmon restoration and recreation projects. The visit will include a discussion with salmon habitat experts about completed and planned restoration projects, public access, and restoration and recreation benefits.

***Weather-appropriate dress is encouraged. Consider bringing binoculars, cameras, and comfortable shoes for walking on the gravel road and trail.

NARBECK WETLAND SANCTUARY

7007 Seaway Blvd, Everett, WA

Meeting: 3:30
Duration: 1 - 1.5 hours
Lead by: Hugh Mortensen, Watershed Co.'s construction manager for the project

Completed 22 years ago, Narbeck was built as a wetland mitigation bank for the current and anticipated impacts of Snohomish County Airport. In addition to its wetland replacement goals, it provides an amenity for public education. Narbeck offers two ADA-accessible walking trails: a small loop trail and a 0.5-mile interpretative trail around the perimeter with educational signs and self-guided tours.



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