



2023 Washington State Trails Caucus

October 5th, 2023

Mercer Island Community and Event Center

9:00 am Check-in and Coffee

9:30 am Welcome: Lisa Black - President, Washington State Trails Coalition
 Ted Willhite - Chair, Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

9:35 am How Partnerships and Programming Activate Green Spaces

Infrastructure like trails create access to green spaces, but programs can be just as essential to getting people outdoors. A panel of staff from Pierce County Parks, Washington Trails Association, Sahale Outdoors, Audubon Washington, Miles Hike Club, and Youth Experiential Training Institute will share about public-nonprofit partnerships to provide programs that connect residents with public lands. Partnerships and programs help reach communities that otherwise wouldn't recreate outside and create space in the outdoors for all.

11:05 am Break

11:20 am Overview of SCORP and Equity Related Efforts at the Recreation
 and Conservation Office – Ben Donatelle & Leah Dobey

In the past year, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) has completed both an update to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan (SCORP) and an equity review of its grant programs. Staff from RCO will provide an overview of these efforts and plans for implementing their recommendations and strategies, including changes to evaluation criteria for the 2024 grant cycle.

12:30 pm Lunch Break

12:50 pm *WSTC Business Meeting (participation optional)*

1:15 pm How are Local, Regional, State and Federal Partnerships Being Leveraged to Close Gaps in the Active Transportation System

Panelists include representatives from The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Puget Sound to Pacific Coalition, Recreation and Conservation Office, and Washington State Department of Transportation.

2:20 pm A Look Ahead to the 2024 Trails Conference – Wenatchee

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Afternoon Roundtable Discussions

- What are the leading challenges facing your organization?
- What topics should be addressed at the 2024 trails conference?

3:30 pm Closing Remarks

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