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AT A GLANCE

WASHINGTON STATE TRAILS CONFERENCE

Friday, October 4th:

7:30a - 8:30a: Networking and Morning Snacks

8:30a - 9:00a: Welcome Addresses

9:00a - 9:45p: Trail Organization Intros

10:00a - 12:15p: Concurrent Sessions A - B

12:30p - 1:45p: Buffet Lunch with Trail Talks

2:00p - 4:15p: Concurrent Sessions C - D

5:30p - 8:30p: WSTC Trail Awards Reception

Saturday, October 5th: Field Day

8:00a - 9:00a: Networking and Morning Snacks

8:00a - 9:00a: WSTC Annual Business Meeting

9:00a - 11:15a: Concurrent Sessions E - F

11:30a - 1:00p: Buffet Lunch with Trail Talks and
Field Session Logistics

1:15p - 3:30p: Concurrent Sessions G - H

1:15p - 4:00p: In-field Learning Sessions

WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER DETAILS



2nd Floor: Skybridge to Coast Hotel

Wifi Network: WenatcheeConventionCenter | Password: wencenter

ABOUT WENATCHEE VALLEY

The quality of life in the Wenatchee Valley is unsurpassed, evident by a steadily increasing population and a strong, diverse economy. The area's natural beauty and abundance of recreational opportunities are two of the many reasons people come to the Wenatchee Valley.

With an urban area consisting of 80,000 people, the region offers the perfect balance of larger city amenities with the relaxed and friendly environment of a smaller town. Residents and visitors escape from their everyday routines on the Apple Capital Loop Trail, a pedestrian and bicycle path that meanders along the banks of the Columbia River, crossing at two points and connecting the cities of East Wenatchee and Wenatchee.



Along this developing waterfront you'll find Pybus Public Market; a community gathering place with an excellent source of locally grown fruits and vegetables complimented by a quality selection of artisan and ethnic products.





Adjacent to the waterfront is beautiful historic downtown Wenatchee. Home to numerous small businesses you will find a truly unique shopping and dining experience.

The Wenatchee Valley Mall, located in downtown East Wenatchee, gives our area's residents and visitors a more urban retail experience with over forty stores including Sportsman's Warehouse, Olive Garden, Macy's, Ross, and Marshall's.

The area is a growing hub for all of North Central Washington serving a population base of over 250,000 people. The Valley economy is also closely tied to the Seattle Metro area given we are only a 2 ½ hour drive, or a short 20 minutes flight, over the beautiful Cascades Mountains.

The performing and visual arts are highly valued in the region adding to our rich cultural diversity and history. East Wenatchee is actively involved in international relations through an ongoing cultural exchange with Misawa, Japan. The Mayors of East Wenatchee, Wenatchee, and Misawa signed a Sister City Agreement in 2001. Misawa was selected because East Wenatchee was the landing site of Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, flying Miss Veedol on the first non-stop Trans-Pacific Flight from Misawa, Japan, in October 1931. The two cities host delegations from Misawa in the spring during the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival and in the fall during the Wings & Wheels Festival. Likewise a delegation from our community visit Misawa in August of each year.

We invite you to choose this place: to visit, to explore, or to stay.



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AGENDA

Friday, October 4th:

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 7:30a - 8:30a | Morning Snacks and Check-in Fountain Lobby, Lower Lobby |
| 8:30a - 9:00a | Welcome and Opening Remarks Orchard North |
| 9:00a - 9:45a | Trail Organization Intros Orchard North |
| 9:45a - 10:00a | Coffee Break and Exhibits Fountain Lobby |
| 10:00a - 11:00a | Concurrent Sessions A Orchard North and South, Fuji, Gala |
| 11:00a - 11:15a | Coffee Break and Exhibits Fountain Lobby |
| 11:15a - 12:15p | Concurrent Sessions B Orchard North and South, Fuji, Gala |
| 12:30p - 1:45p | Buffet Lunch with Trail Talks Orchard Lobby, Orchard South |
| 2:00p - 3:00p | Concurrent Sessions C Orchard North and South, Fuji, Gala |
| 3:00p - 3:15p | Coffee Break and Exhibits Fountain Lobby |
| 3:15p - 4:15p | Concurrent Sessions D Orchard North and South, Fuji, Gala |
| 5:30p - 8:30p | WSTC Trail Awards Reception PYBUS Market, LocalTel Room, 3 N Worthen Street |

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, October 4th:

10:00a - 11:00a | Sessions A

- Fuji **Leveraging Partnerships: Accelerating Trail Expansion in Pierce County**
In the world of trail development, timing, funding, and bureaucracy can hinder progress. The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition, partnering with Pierce County Parks, addresses these challenges by pooling resources and expertise to facilitate trail planning, funding, and implementation. This collaboration accelerates the realization of new trails and amenities. United by common goals, the alliance boosts capacity and effectiveness. Case studies spotlight successful joint ventures, highlighting insights and lessons learned for future trail development projects.
- Gala **Silver Star Vision Plan - Collaborating to Modernize A Trail System**
The Silver Star Vision Plan is a case study in re-imagining an outdated trail system across a beautiful and varied landscape within eyesight of the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area. Over several years, representatives from trail user groups, including Washington Trails Association, the Cowlitz Tribe, Washington Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest Service came together with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program to write the plan. Vision plans provide the conceptual idea of a place to which future planning efforts should align. Does my project idea need a vision plan? How do you plan across agency boundaries? How does this type of planning relate to modernizing a trail system? We will address these questions and offer lessons learned.
- Orchard North **Programming for Safety, Belonging, and Access**
In 2021/2022 King County Parks initiated community conversations on Safety, Belonging, and Inclusion as part of updating its Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan. Conversations focused on why people feel unsafe in the outdoors and what could be done to make them feel safer, resulting in a number of ongoing programs. One is the Mobile Engagement Team, four interns and one full-time staff who host Mobile Welcome Desks throughout the county. Another is the King County Park Ranger program, which supports visitors and staff by providing education and assistance. Finally, the Community Van Access program, a partnership with King County Metro, allows folks to use Community Vans to access trailheads and other destinations at no cost.
- Orchard South **Engaging the Next Generation of Environmental Stewards**
A discussion on the ways conservation and service corps are supporting equitable and inclusive opportunities for young people to develop skills and have a positive impact on natural resources and climate related challenges.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, October 4th:

11:15a - 12:15p | Sessions B

Fuji **Trolling Issaquah Trails**

Issaquah's Rainier Trail has been invigorated with the addition of Jakob Two Trees, an iconic troll created by Danish environmental artist, Thomas Dambo. Artistic components integrated along trail systems can complement a city's art program, draw visitors to support economic development, and educate visitors on culturally significant elements that support ancestral lands, historic elements, and the community's values.

Gala **Ambassador Programs 101**

Learn from nonprofit and land management agencies about ambassador programs across the state that are teaching environmental stewardship behaviors, outdoor ethics, and practical skills of responsible recreation. Whether on trails, at trailheads, or bustling camping areas and water access sites, these accessible programs are striving to build an informed community of responsible recreators in Washington by meeting people where they are – outside. Be ready to learn the behind-the-scenes details of programs like these through people who have experience with them on the ground, as well as the future needs of recreational education in Washington. This panel includes Conservation Northwest, Methow Valley Trails Collaborative, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Washington Trails Association and WA Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Orchard North **Finding Solitude in Indian Heaven Wilderness**

The Cascade Volcanoes Chapter of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness completed its seventh season partnering with the United States Forest Service to monitor solitude on trails in Washington and Oregon Wilderness areas. Federal agencies are charged with maintaining the mandated character of federally designated Wilderness, including the character of solitude. During 2023, volunteers logged more than 500 hours during 20 trips within Washington's Indian Heaven Wilderness to collect visitor counts. This data will assist the Mt. Adams Ranger District in evaluating the solitude quality. Funding was provided by the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance. Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a women-led national grassroots organization that engages and inspires activism to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.

Orchard South **Developed Outdoor Recreation Assessment Process (DORAP)**

Use a mobile application to assess outdoor recreation infrastructure: picnic tables, tent pads, outdoor rinsing showers, grills, fire rings, and more. The app incorporates relevant Architectural Barriers Act and United States Forest Service accessibility standards and guidelines for all types of outdoor constructed features. Each assessment provides illustrated visual guides, leading users step-by-step through the entire assessment procedure. Collected data will upload to the cloud and will be immediately ready for processing.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, October 4th:

2:00p - 3:00p | Sessions C

Fuji

Career Pathways & Partnerships for BIPOC Early Professionals

In 2020, Washington Trails Association (WTA) launched its Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) to invest in paid development opportunities for future leaders in the outdoor industry, specifically for communities who experience inequitable access to the outdoors, including BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) individuals. The 14-week program provides hands-on training in technical trail skills, leadership and professional development. The program has expanded to engage agency partners and community organizations. In collaboration with Washington State Parks, ELP has been funded for three years through the Washington State Legislature. ELP offers career paths for early professionals of color and builds connections between WTA, Washington State Parks and local communities with sixty-five percent of alumni going on to work at WTA or partner organizations.

Gala

Northrup Connector - Building Sustainable Trails for the Future through Partnerships and Creative Funding

The Northrup Connector, while a short segment of trail, represents the culmination of years of planning to make an important connection between two major trail routes, to transit, and to an area of employment and economic development, completing a key link in a resilient trail system. It wouldn't have been possible without creative partnerships and funding. Led by Eastrail Partners on behalf of King County, with funding from Meta and REI, this is a unique project bringing funding from the private sector directly to the trail. Eastrail Partners used a progressive contracting approach to meet a fast-track schedule and budgetary constraints. Come hear more about this process from Eastrail Partners and Parametrix (design engineer).

Orchard
North

Pasayten Wilderness Project: a Success Story in Bringing Partners and Agencies Together

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Washington Trails Association, Pacific Northwest Trail Association and the United States Forest Service came together to get some much needed and meaningful work done in the Pasayten Wilderness. Lack of sufficient funding alongside wildfire damage have left sections of the wilderness nearly impossible to navigate. Utilizing all the available tools and working closely together, this collaboration has been able to reopen access to the landscape. There are plenty more opportunities to use these same models going forward.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, October 4th:

2:00p - 3:00p | Sessions C (*continued*)

Orchard
South

No2 Canyon: a Case Study in Developing an Innovative Trail Network Through Community Vision, Public-Private Partnerships, Creative Funding, and an Ethic of Volunteerism

Join staff from the United States Forest Service (USFS), Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, and TREAD to walk through all the phases of visioning, planning, funding, and constructing the trail network at No 2 Canyon. Developed over the past decade, this non-motorized trail network caters to hikers and mountain bikers and creates a backcountry outdoor recreation experience less than 5 miles from downtown Wenatchee. The network includes progression trails to provide a range of looped trail experiences, a community gathering facility, a mountain bike skills park, road and trailhead upgrades, and is now the site of community events and mountain bike classes. This effort is a prime example of the USFS definition of a modern, sustainable trail system.



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, October 4th:

3:15p - 4:15p | Sessions D

- Fuji **Laying the Groundwork: How Interpretive Planning Leads to Impactful Visitor Engagement**
- Trails connect people to each other, to nature and history, and even to 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.
- Gala **Washington Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Access and Responsible Recreation Strategic Plan**
- As Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) prepares to publish its first ever strategic plan for statewide recreation and access management, join the project team for a reflection on the planning process, discussion on plan themes, and anticipated next steps. Learn how the process was co-developed with Tribes and how DNR sought input from traditionally underserved communities, sister agencies, statewide partners, and the public. Hear about successes of the novel planning process and challenges of strategic planning given the breadth of DNR's management obligations, diversity of lands, variety of recreation opportunities, and tribal commitments. DNR staff will share high-level themes of the draft plan and how the agency hopes to implement various initiatives moving forward.
- Orchard North **Tribal Art and Lushootseed Trail Signs at Tennant Trailhead Park: a Case Study in Collaboration, Vision, and Modern-Day Trail Network Development**
- Tennant Trailhead Park is Washington State's first community trail network with integrated native art and Lushootseed language on the park's kiosk and trail signs. This non-motorized multi-use trail network opened in April 2024 as a collaboration between the Snoqualmie Tribe, Si View Parks District, the City of North Bend, and the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance. The network of hiking and progression mountain bike trails were developed on infill lots in North Bend with a goal to connect the trail user to the lands, the Tribe, and native language to encourage mindful recreation and trail stewardship. This session explores the planning, process, construction, and collaboration of many stakeholders to bring the project vision to reality.
- Orchard South **The Sound to Olympics and Puget Sound to Pacific**
- Imagine a linear park from Puget Sound to the Pacific Ocean (PS2P), filling in the gaps of the Rails to Trails system through partnerships. The partnership of two Tribes, three counties, six cities, one port district and the Washington Department of Transportation successfully received a RAISE grant. The \$16.31 million RAISE grant was obtained to study and design over 34 active transportation components, addressing approximately 100 miles of gaps, community connections, and multi-use trails. This project will focus on integrating the Sound to Olympics and Olympic Discovery trails to become the PS2P.

Washington State Trails Award Reception

Friday, October 4th:

5:30p - 8:30p

**PYBUS PUBLIC MARKET | LocalTel Room
3 N Worthen St, Wenatchee**

Join us for an evening of socializing and networking while helping to celebrate this year's Trail Award winners!



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.

AGENDA

Saturday, October 5th:

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| 8:00a - 9:00a | Morning Snacks Fountain Lobby |
| 9:00a - 10:00a | Concurrent Sessions E Orchard North and South, Fuji, Gala |
| 10:00a - 10:15a | Coffee Break and Exhibits Fountain Lobby |
| 10:15a - 11:15p | Concurrent Sessions F Orchard North and South, Fuji, Gala |
| 11:30a - 1:00p | Buffet Lunch Orchard Lobby, Orchard South |
| 1:15p - 2:15p | Concurrent Sessions G Orchard North and South, Fuji, Gala |
| 1:15p - 4:15p | Off-Site Field Sessions (pre-registration required) |
| 2:15p - 2:30p | Coffee Break and Exhibits Fountain Lobby |
| 2:30p - 3:30p | Concurrent Sessions H Orchard North and South, Fuji, Gala |

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, October 5th:

9:00a - 10:00a | Sessions E

- Fuji **Crafting Adaptive Paths for Inclusive Mountain Biking**
Join us for an enlightening discussion on the world of adaptive mountain biking (aMTB), trail design and program implementation. Our panelists, comprised of trail builders, adaptive athletes, and educators, will reflect on the last three years of Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance's dive into making an inclusive space for riders with disabilities. Discover the collaborative efforts driving the expansion of aMTB opportunities and gain valuable perspectives on the importance of universal access in outdoor recreation. Whether you're a seasoned rider, a trail enthusiast, or a passionate advocate for inclusivity, this panel discussion promises to inspire, educate, and ignite a shared vision for the future of adaptive trails.
- Gala **Advocating for our Trails: Best Practices for State and Federal Advocacy**
More than 90 percent of Washingtonians experience our shared lands and waters using trails. The local and regional trail organizations that build communities of recreationists and trail stewards are well positioned to make a lasting impact for Washington's trails through advocacy. Outdoor Alliance Washington is a state-based network of human-powered outdoor recreation groups representing more than 75,000 human-powered trail users. Representatives of Outdoor Alliance Washington will share current and upcoming state and federal advocacy priorities and best practices that leaders from the trails community can leverage for greater advocacy impact for trail funding, maintenance, and operations. Join this session to get the tools to help you engage with lawmakers to shape a better future for Washington's trails, lands, waters, and climate.
- Orchard North **This is What Pack Stock Can Do for You, Part 1**
Up your output! Integration of pack stock support can really enhance your trail maintenance project. Tools, supplies, timber, gear and provisions for camp -- these amazing creatures can do it all. The stock handlers are pretty awesome too. 2-part presentation. Part 1, Strategic Planning. Show the process that goes into getting pack stock in the field. Part 2, Tactical Planning. Drill down into some of the logistic considerations that go into utilizing stock on your project.
- Orchard South **High-Efficiency Trail Assessment Process (HETAP), Part I**
Introduction to collecting trail data using the Architectural Barriers Act accessibility guidelines as a best practice and the High-Efficiency Trail Assessment Process (HETAP) cart as a tool. HETAP is an automated version of the Universal Trail Assessment Process (UTAP), utilizing both specialized software and hardware. This training will not only teach you how to look for the issues in a trail system but also how to measure them. Beneficial Designs provides the necessary training for staff to walk a trail and catch all of the attributes that need to be addressed. Class session: why and how to conduct a trail assessment. Field session: hands-on trail assessment.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, October 5th:

10:15a - 11:15a | Sessions F

Fuji

Understanding the Forest Service Trails Workforce

The United States Forest Service manages more than 160,000 miles of trails across the country. In 2023, Forest Service staff analyzed its trails workforce to better understand how the agency divides the immense task of stewarding the largest trail system in the country. The results of that nationwide survey provide new insights into the work of Forest Service staff, contractors, partner organizations and volunteers. This presentation will share some of the results of the workforce analysis and discuss what the agency's findings mean for partners.

Gala

Trail School- Classroom Session

Attend the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Trail School to take a deep dive into multi-use trail design, construction, and maintenance best practices. Evergreen's Trail School highlights techniques to make multi-use trails work for all users. Whether you're a mountain biker, hiker, equestrian, or someone who values trails and outdoor spaces, you'll gain valuable insights into thoughtful, balanced, and proven trail design, construction, and maintenance practices and how to enhance trail accessibility, sustainability, and enjoyment for the entire community.

Orchard
North

This is What Pack Stock Can Do for You, Part 2

Up your output! Integration of pack stock support can really enhance your trail maintenance project. Tools, supplies, timber, gear and provisions for camp -- these amazing creatures can do it all. The stock handlers are pretty awesome too. 2-part presentation. Part 1, Strategic Planning. Show the process that goes into getting pack stock in the field. Part 2, Tactical Planning. Drill down into some of the logistic considerations that go into utilizing stock on your project.

Orchard
South

Trailblazing Data: Enhancing Washington's Trails Network Through Collaboration

The Recreation and Conservation Office is proud to present the Washington State Trails Database. This valuable collaborative platform is designed to consolidate and streamline multi-modal trail data across Washington state. We will showcase how trail managers can contribute information to the database and how the database can be used for planning and management to meet the diverse needs of communities statewide. We will conclude with insights on the successes and challenges we've encountered and outline our goals for continued improvement.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, October 5th:

1:15p - 2:15p | Sessions G

- Fuji **A Web-Based Decision Support System for Sustainable Trails Management**
Conservation Biology Institute (CBI) created a web-based application to support collaborative, data-driven decision-making to evaluate the sustainability of existing and proposed trails. CBI's online platform synthesizes diverse types of data into quantitative metrics covering physical, environmental, social, and economic dimensions relevant to trail planning and management at local and regional scales. The application prototype, created in partnership with the US Forest Service and Deschutes Trails Coalition (DTC), covers all trails under multiple jurisdictions in Deschutes County, Oregon. Core features and functionality include a user account system, trail information management tools, trail query and summary functionality, and a sustainability assessment. This online application's framework can be customized for different priorities and is targeted for expansion for Forest Service Region 6 and partners on Oregon and Washington National Forest lands.
- Gala **Charting the Course: Collaboration, Innovation, and Sustainability along the Oregon Coast Trail**
The Oregon Coast Trail (OCT) travels roughly 400 miles across beaches, forests, and rivers, traversing more than 30 communities across 7 counties. However, more than 150 miles of gaps limit continuous access for hikers. The OCT Action Plan bridges government agencies, tribes, coastal communities, and private landowners to close the gaps along this iconic trail. We will share lessons learned for thinking through balancing cost, funding sources, trail maintenance, amenities, equitable trail access, environmental factors, cultural sites, geographical barriers and concerns, and multiple landowners. We will explore questions around trail management: how to manage trails that cross multiple landowners, how to maintain trails that feel safe and welcoming for everyone, and how to provide better access for local communities and residents.
- Orchard North **A Repurposing Project with a Purpose**
The Northern State Hospital campus grounds were originally designed by the Olmsted Brothers in the early 1900's. In its heyday, the mental institution used the concept of a working farm, with patients cultivating the gardens and caring for the stock and poultry. After closing in 1973, the daily pilgrimage of patients moving from the hospital to the farm subsided. Forty years after closing, a new partnership formed with the mission of restoring trails, rebuilding bridges, and reconnecting the campus routes. This mission includes a "parkscription" component to help restore some of the mental health aspects that trails and nature provide. Our presentation will showcase how a little seed blossomed and the landscape was cultivated for public benefit.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, October 5th:

1:15p - 2:15p | Sessions G (*continued*)

Orchard **Washington State Scenic Bikeways Program**

South

Did you know Washington state is getting a Scenic Bikeways program? The legislature directed Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to create a new statewide program under RCW 79A.05.800 to highlight cycling routes throughout the state. A Scenic Bikeway is a cycling route with exceptional scenic, cultural, historic, and/or recreational value and can be located on existing roadways, trails, bike lanes, shared use paths or some combination thereof. State Parks has been working with our partners and stakeholders to develop a framework for the program and hopes to launch it soon. Learn more about the route nomination and evaluation processes, how the program will integrate with other trails, agencies, and organizations across the state, and how your community can get involved!

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, October 5th:

2:30p - 3:30p | Sessions H

Fuji **An Overview of Washington Water Trails**

Washington's tidelands and beaches are not all in public ownership. Public access is available at approximately 30 percent of the state's shorelines. Through advocacy, education, and stewardship, Washington Water Trails Association protects and promotes public access to Washington waterways, shorelines, and marine trails for human-powered watercraft. Find out about the various water trails that Washington Water Trails Association founded and manages throughout the state. Learn about the importance of access to the water, and access to the land from the water.

Gala **Advancing Accessibility through Community Collaboration: A Case Study of Saddle Rock**

The iconic Saddle Rock trail system will be the future home of an accessible trail system, the first of its kind in the Wenatchee Valley. This presentation will review the process of developing the accessible trail, from initial idea to final design, including extensive community outreach efforts to meet the needs and wants of trail users. We will also discuss design considerations including trail sustainability, barriers and limitations to accessibility, mitigation of conflicts between user groups, and the decision-making process for establishing the final design of the trail and surrounding amenities.

Orchard North **Forest Service E-bike Planning in the Pacific Northwest**

The United States Forest Service (USFS) released updated national directives for management of e-bikes in March 2022. USFS will be sharing an overview of the e-bike directives and will be providing an update on the status of e-bike planning in the Pacific Northwest Region.

OUTDOOR FIELD SESSIONS DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, October 5th:

1:15p - 3:00p

High-Efficiency Trail Assessment Process (HETAP) Part II

Introduction to collecting trail data using the Architectural Barriers Act accessibility guidelines as a best practice and the High-Efficiency Trail Assessment Process (HETAP) cart as a tool. How is the HETAP cart used in collection of trail data? Attend this session to find out in real time.

1:15p - 3:00p

Collaborating on Trail

Participate in on the ground learning with a trio of trail experts. Evergreen Mountain Bike Association will discuss how they work through the planning, design, and construction of high-use multi-user trails. Washington Trails Association will detail their successful model of leadership, training, and volunteer retention in their work building and maintaining trails in the state. To illustrate how using pack stock can aid your project, the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington – Wenatchee Chapter are bringing mules, tools, and specialized gear to demonstrate.

Exhibiting Vendors

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