Presentation Summary

• Agency overview

• Park overview

• Trail planning process

• Elected official and staff introductions

Larrabee State Park campground
Agency Overview

• Governor appointed Commission

• 400 year around staff

• 400 seasonal staff
Washington’s 1st State Park

Officially named in honor of the Larrabee’s in 1923
Land donations by Cyrus and Mabel Gates

Frances Larrabee
Charles Larrabee
Cyrus Gates
Mabel Huntoon-Gates
Larrabee State Park

- Trail system
- 85 campsites
- Group camp area
- Band shell
- Beach access
- Boat launch
- Events
2018 Larrabee Survey

- In-park survey using iPads
- 81% Washington residents
- 73% repeat visitors
- 46% travel 25 miles or less

Activities participated in while at Larrabee State Park
Upcoming Projects

• Fragrance Lake footbridge repair

• Lost Lake trail re-route

• Clayton Beach railroad overpass
Existing Trail System

- 13.8 miles multi-use
- 2.7 miles hiking only
- 1.5 miles biking-only
- 18 miles total
Trail Use

- Hiking
- Trail running
- Biking
- Equestrian
- Access for non-trail activities

Heat Map showing trail use

Larrabee State Park
Blanchard Forest
Trail Impacts

• Trails have an impact

• Potential habitat and wildlife impacts

• Potential water quality impacts
Baseline Information

- 1993 Natural Forest Inventory
- 2005 Rare Plant Survey
- 2015 Management Plan
- Individual project information
- County and DNR trail planning documents
Trail Needs

• Updated mapping
• Understand trail use
• Understand user interaction
• Relationship to nearby trail systems
• New trail needs
• Trailhead needs
Trail Plan Contents

- Trail maps
- Trail construction standards
- Maintenance standards
- Restoration standards
- Identify trail niche
- Future state
# State Parks Trail Criteria

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Trail Planning Process

- 9 to 12 months
- Three public meetings planned
- Work with an advisory group in between
- Advisory group comprised of local representatives of statewide trail non-profits
- Represent a constituency
  - Local rep. Washington Trails Association
  - Local rep. Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition
  - Local rep. trail running group
  - Local rep. climbing group
  - Other trail groups you suggest
Trail Planning Stages

Stage 1. Identify trail issues (tonight's public meeting)

Stage 2. Develop alternatives to address issues

Stage 3. Present alternatives (public meeting)

Stage 4. Develop preliminary recommendations

Stage 5. Present preliminary recommendations (public meeting)
Stage 1 - Issue Identification

What is an issue?

• Anything you think is important for us to consider

• Anything agency staff think is important and want to communicate to you

• Issue identification begins tonight
Stage 2 – Develop Alternatives

Explore different approaches to trails such as . . .

- Recreational use focus
- Natural resource focus
- Historical and cultural resource focus
- Bring back for public review
Stage 3 – Preliminary Recommendations

Combination of the alternatives explored in Stage 2 applied to . . .

- Trails
- Trail use
- Trailheads
- Trail standards and maintenance
- Trail restoration

Palouse to Cascades Trail - Stage 1 public meeting
Final Recommendations

• Approved by State Parks Director
Now it's your turn

• Trail standards
• Trail connections
• Trail density
• Trail maintenance
• Multi-use vs. single-use trails
• Restoration or repair opportunities
Let us know

- Map stations set up for comment: Trail density
  - Trail standards
  - Trail connections
  - Trail maintenance
  - Multi-use vs. single-use trails
  - Restoration opportunities

- Write down your issues, concerns and questions
  - Sticky note
  - Tell a staff person and we’ll write it down

- One comment per sticky note please

- Reconvene
Email suggestions and comments to Randy Kline, Statewide Trail Coordinator

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