

Capitol Forest Users Group Meeting

July 26, 2012

Dean Richins is the new Middle Waddell Camp host - He has been on in the camp for about a month

Map Update

- Still looking at another 2 months until completion then it needs to go to print
- The state is looking to find the funds to do the initial printing
- Printing must go out to bid and then must be scheduled to print
- Map cost is estimated to be around \$9 each
- There was discussion on what elements will be on the back on the map.
- It has not been decided on if the pdf version of the map will be made available prior to the printing of the map.

Grant Update

- 5 different grants are being submitted
- Every grant has at least 25 letters of support from CF users. DNR thanked users because it does make a difference when they present the grants.
- Middle Waddell SEPA process has been cleared and the bridge has gone out to bid.

New Work Party (WP) / Event Update System

- There is a new form to fill out when requesting WP's and Events approval. Please email Nick if you did not receive it
- Please don't submit WP requests more than 2 months in advance.
- DNR will enter the WP into the DNR calendar and send out a communication to everyone that is on their Volunteer email distribution list. If you would like to be added to the distribution list please email Nick - nick.cronquist@dnr.wa.gov
- Jim Graham will also update capitolforest.com with all the events and work parties.
- Applications for events will be accepted at the November Users Group meeting

Rocking needs in the forest

- The new sections of Lost Valley loop and in Waddell Basin needs to have rock brought in.
- Moto groups and DNR will get together offline to schedule a time to visit Waddell Basin and come up with a plan for drainage and rocking
- Nick asked for all user groups to help get the rocking done

- DNR is using a ground stabilizer call Geoweb (<http://www.prestogeo.com/geoweb>) on the trails
- Photos were passed round showing some of the different trail projects that are taking place.
- DNR talked about the different tests with the Geoweb
- A tentative date of Sept. 29th was selected for the multi-group rocking work party.
- DNR will spearhead the effort to get communications out on the rock work parties..

Project & Trail Updates

- Work is being done on Loki trail
- Middle Waddell is getting some rocking and camp repairs
- North Rim just below C-7000 has had the trail machine on it doing dirt and rock work
- Camp crews are brushing from Porter up #8 towards Wedekind. They did not make it to Wedekind
- Andy reported Several smash and grabs have taken place at Middle Waddell and Rock Candy. Please do not leave valuables in your car.
- Andy (Forest Warden) is patrolling the forest Thurs - Mon most weeks.
- There are now two Law Enforcement Officers assigned to the CF area.

Round Table Discussion

- Questions about the last meeting with MTB users that wanted a more downhill oriented trail. Nick gave them cards, but has not heard from them. Jim Graham thinks they tried to contact Nick, but did not hear back.
- Lee Peterson asked about how to get large boulders - DNR recommended to get with them to obtain them.
- WA ATV looking to move their event to Sat. May 4-5 2013 to be able to use the Tacoma Trail Cruiser camp area and free up Middle Waddell. In the past DNR has not allowed any event prior to May 15. This issue will be discussed further at a future user group meeting. Please come prepared to the next UG meeting to discuss changing the event window that DNR has established.
- Discovery Pass pass must be displayed when driving on DNR land.
- Moto groups made a recommendation that large trail projects should be done in late summer to minimize damage to trails due to heavy equipment on the trails when they are wet.
- Discussion around working to house more campers out of Middle Waddell. Dean is working to have campers share camp spaces. DNR reminded UG's that any event approval is for non-exclusive use. A suggestion was made to contact the Evergreen Gun Club to pre-arrange camping on their grounds.
- There will be pipeline testing August 6th -15th.
- 4th Annual Benefit Moto Poker ride is Aug 4th. This is to benefit United Way.

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- Please spread the word to slow down on Waddell Creek road. Riders have had close calls with speeding vehicles.
- Andy is working to put together a forest watch program. He will send out an email about a kick off date.
- Mima Falls, Fall Creek, and Middle Waddell restrooms have been pumped out.
- Phil reminded everyone if you are riding on CF roads you must yield to trucks. Please ride to the shoulder.