

History of Multi-user Group:

Group came together in early 1990's to discuss trails and shelters with the goal to come up with solutions that everyone could live with. Gene Bowling took over management and leadership again with the goal of bringing in various trail users to come up with solutions that everyone could work together on.

Trails Strategy and Agency Planning:

Agency goals and objectives for moving forward with trails strategy. Collaborative group forming to assist with trails open house to be held May 3 in Rogue Valley.

Objectives of group:

New users are interested in seeing what goals of original group were. More or less it was groups identifying needs or projects and as a group solving and/or achieving the project ends, running it by the Forest Service or the BLM and seeing how they could get it done. Multi-user group is conceived as a working/implementation group.

Saw certification:

Continued high priority need. Julie do something about this!!! Association of Oregon Loggers has certified trainers. Get list of providers/classes for 1st Aid/CPR.

Potential project:

- Clear the lake trail near Hyatt Lake – Rogue Riders (Terry Canavello)
- Equestrian groups have ability to pack gear in for crews
- Original Huckleberry Lookout Tree – (Gene Bowling) looking for input to get trail approved from FS. Half of tree is gone; Headwaters of Union Creek. Trail from campground to Huckleberry Lookout. Wants to sign for historic interpretation (set up meeting with Melissa Julien, Gene Bowling, Bob Cochran, Julie)
- Cattle guard on BLM that is too narrow, has a gate that is offset from the guard. If the gate were moved to the cattle guard, Klamath groomer could get equipment through the opening. Keno Access and Dead Indian intersection (wilderness trails) a snow cat access through trees is no longer accessible with a cat (this trail is on the winter use map). Need someone from BLM to take a look at it this summer.
- Sign area above reservoir in Applegate Watershed for horse trailer parking (Judy Klein) Top of Granite Street in Ashland.

What are groups doing to recruit younger volunteers?

- Develop websites and Facebook, posting photos that excite younger people. Rogue Snowmobilers have seen increase in membership as a result.
- Grayback Brush Riders – sponsor youth events; started family play day for kids with and without horses; work closely with 4H groups.
- On Olympic Peninsula (Cate Bendock – BCHO Sourdough) developed trail safety program and worked with private land owners on access; brought in Eagle Scouts to construct trail kiosks, bridges, tables, etc; worked with Americorps to do trail work; packed for different agencies; different user groups working together to maintain and improve trails.

- MRA creating social media page to promote responsible use. MRA maintains 1300 acres of private land for riders. They face the same issues that federal agencies do with misuse. Utilize Boy Scouts a lot...they camp for free for 3 days and in return do 3 days of trail work.

Posting on websites:

Ask from the agencies – when you post, post responsibly so that we’re not perpetuating illegal construction of new trails.

Need: is there a place to update trail reporting conditions and/or volunteer hours (agency office).
Develop contact list for this group to report trail conditions.

Cate to send to agencies spreadsheet used for reporting volunteer hours

Notes of interest:

Vehicle use on groomed trail system is no longer occurring. Signs that Bob Cochran posted and berms have helped significantly.

Enforcement along lake has made a big difference in preventing vehicle use on groomed trails.

Jim Reiland - ApplegateConnect.org is posting an interactive trail map on their website

MRA will be hosting/organizing stream restoration project for this summer. Would like to partner with BLM to curtail hill climbing that is occurring. Willing partner in trying to enforce. Elderberry Flat (BLM) would like to partner with BLM to better this area and protect resources. MRA put in 7 gates on private land to prevent 4WD access. Would love to partner with agencies on education!! Jack – MRA

Thousand Springs Snow Park – Chuck Allen (Rogue Snowmobilers) club purchased and installed a Hughes Internet satellite dish at cat shed. Have a repeater in shelter when they’re working to give better signal strength.

Northwestern Outdoor Leadership Institute - Looking for venues to teach backcountry program for youth. K-12 where classroom is forest. Looking for private land or federal land where could get a permit to perform activities on public lands and wilderness areas.

Trail safety program – STOP STAND and SPEAK (Cate Bendock) willing to present to different user groups.

Backcountry Horsemen – go to Lily Glen and clear trails. May be asking for help to get done in one day. Clear parts of PCT; should agency let this group know there is a problem that we need help with, they would come and help.

PCTA trails college coming up in mid June.

Next meeting April 25 at 6:00

Participants:

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