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8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks Sarah Krueger, Washington State Trails Coalition (WSTC), President; Kaleen Cottingham, Director, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Coffee Break & Exhibits
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Breakout Session A
Track 1: Changing Terrain	<p>Creating Collaborative User Relationships for Successful Trail Planning Eric Brown, Trail Director, Whatcom Mountain Biking Coalition (WMBC); Arlen Bogaards, NW Regional Manager, Washington Trails Association (WTA); Daniel Probst, President, Cascade Mountain Runners; Paul McEvers, Park Manager, Larrabee State Park</p> <p>In Whatcom County, various user groups are taking a proactive approach to trail planning and development. Our groups look at the bigger picture and recognize the need for better trail development to give users the experience they crave and to help mitigate potential conflicts. This flexible and collaborative approach makes trail planning significantly easier for local land managers. For example, Washington State Parks recently started the Classification and Management Plan for Larrabee State Park, and the user groups have been involved in pre-planning efforts to ensure partners were all on the same page before the public process even began.</p>
Track 2: Adaptive Solutions	<p>Using Geo Cell to Save Maintenance Costs and Solve Annual Trail Maintenance Issues Jeff Cook, President, South Sound Bike Park Alliance, Work Party Coordinator, Friends of Capitol Forest; Phil Wolff, Capitol Forest Recreation Manager, Department of Natural Resources</p> <p>With ever-tightening budgets, groups must learn to perform trail maintenance in the most cost-effective manner. Providing a more durable fix saves money and volunteer resources. Capitol Forest has several trails that require a significant amount of annual maintenance every year. These typically include trails on relatively flat areas, areas with poorly draining soil, and a large tributary drainage area. Presenters will share a solution that takes a high maintenance, frequently wet and muddy trail and turns it into a year-round, durable trail that requires a fraction of the annual maintenance.</p>
Track 3: Transforming Communities	<p>Integrating Community Health in Trail Planning: More Than a Bullet on a List of Goals Alex Stone, Community Planner, National Park Service Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program; Melissa Morin, Community Health Specialist, Whatcom County Health Department</p> <p>From January to June 2013, the Whatcom County Health Department participated as a pilot site in the development of the Parks, Trails and Health Workbook, a rapid health impact assessment toolkit created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Park Service Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program. The workbook is designed to help community groups, planners, public health practitioners, and other stakeholders establish baselines and assess the health benefits of proposed trails and parks in their</p>

	community, and to integrate the consideration of community health in planning for and designing trails and parks. Presenters will provide a step-by-step tour through the workbook, share the lessons they learned from applying the tool to a trail project in their community, and describe ways that public health and planning practitioners can collaborate to promote active transportation and recreation through trails.
Track 4: Active Transportation	<p>The Redmond Central Connector: A Model for Redefining Urban Trail Corridors <i>Carolyn Hope, Park Planning & Cultural Services Manager; Todd Bronk, Principal, The Berger Partnership</i></p> <p>As the region becomes more urbanized, trail corridors must adapt to ever-broadening influences, pressures, and opportunities. These include safely accommodating increasing users, integrating with vehicular traffic, and using trails as catalysts to shape the communities through which they pass. Urban trail corridors can become critical connections in a transportation system and community destinations filled with vitality and character. Beyond a trail, these corridors can include new infrastructure and enhanced ecology to more fully utilize prized public land. The Redmond Central Connector, part of the 42 mile Eastside Rail Corridor, is a model for new urban trail corridors. Learn how the Redmond Central Connector integrates trail, plazas, furnishings, landscape, and art to intuitively shape safe trail use and provide areas for gatherings, events, play, and interpretation.</p>
Track 5: Trail Showcase	<p>Gaining Ground for a Healthy, Active, and Attractive Community <i>Scott Woodward, President, Ridges to Rivers Open Space Network of the Mid-Columbia</i></p> <p>The award-winning Ridges to Rivers Open Space Network (RROS) Vision Plan was created by a working group of citizens, non-profit organizations, and city and county staff members in 2006. The plan presents a vision for how preserved open space could retain special features in the Mid-Columbia and how the creation of a network of trails would allow residents and visitors an opportunity to experience these features firsthand. The presentation will demonstrate that open space has significant economic benefits, provides ecosystem services for the region, and can have a dramatic positive impact on health, wellness, and quality of life.</p>
<p>9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p> 	<p>Field Session #1: Whatcom Creek Trail – Red Tail Reach Restoration Project <i>Bellingham Park Staff</i></p> <p><i>Distance: .8 miles – rated moderate for grade. Not ADA accessible.</i></p> <p>In 1999, a gasoline pipeline ruptured and spilled 277,200 gallons into Whatcom Creek which exploded, killing three youths and sending a massive fireball and smoke 30,000 feet in to the air. This field trip will include a walk through the restoration project which includes features such as oxbows, side channels, flood plain areas, wetland, and uplands in an urban trail setting. Trail management topics staff will discuss include permitting issues (shoreline and wetland), Critical Area Ordinance application, habitat restoration, and on-going maintenance issues.</p>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break & Exhibits
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Session B
Track 1: Changing Terrain	<p>Understanding the Newest Federal Accessibility Requirements for Trails <i>Rory Calhoun, Accessibility Specialist, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)</i></p> <p>This session will cover how to interpret and apply the new federal guidelines for new or altered trails in the</p>


	<p>“Outdoor Developed Areas,” whether or not they are on federal lands or done with certain federal funds. Learn why RCO-funded projects may need to follow these guidelines too, even though RCO is not a federal agency. Hear why the guidelines may or may not apply to certain types of trails and certain types of locations. Discover how the ADA and the ABA are different. This session will help attendees understand and apply the guidelines correctly when designing, building, renovating, or maintaining a trail.</p>
<p>Track 2: Adaptive Solutions</p>	<p>The Road to Collaboration and Innovation on the Mt Baker-Snoqualmie Forest <i>Lee Cerveney, Pacific Northwest Research Station, US Forest Service; Amy Lieb, (MBS); Kelly Sprute, (MBS); Andrea Imler, Advocacy Director, Washington Trails Association</i></p> <p>With more than 2,500 miles of roads and four million visitors a year, the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS) has an extensive road system in high demand for a variety of uses year-round. Shrinking budgets pose a stark reality: too many roads and not enough money. This raises important questions: Where should roads remain? Whom should they serve? How will we maintain them? The MBS partnered with The Wilderness Society and Washington Trails Association to launch an outreach campaign and create the Sustainable Roads Cadre, a group of more than 30 stakeholders, to ensure the public has input about the roads important to them. This partnership leveraged funding and in-kind support to maximize the project’s reach. In 2013, more than 2,000 people participated in community meetings and an online questionnaire about their use of the road system.</p>
<p>Track 3: Transforming Communities</p>	<p>Community Relationships: Key to Successful Fundraising on the Local Level <i>Sharon Grant, Founder, Friends of Badger Mountain</i></p> <p>Friends of Badger Mountain (FOBM), an all-volunteer organization founded in 2003, has preserved 647 acres of Badger Mountain in the Tri-Cities, Washington area. FOBM built three trails and in 2013 counted close to 200,000 users. FOBM organizes a variety of events, including hikes that connect with local wineries and the Badger Mountain Challenge that in 2013 attracted nearly 700 entrants. Badger is also the magnet for many events, including the Chamber’s “Good Health is Good Business” and “Fun, Fit & Over Fifty” weekly hikes. Now FOBM has mounted a campaign to create another ridge preserve and link a much-anticipated 20 mile trail across four local ridges. In six months, FOBM has raised a substantial part of our fundraising goal. Building long-term community relationships has been the key.</p>
<p>Track 4: Active Transportation</p>	<p>Completing Streets and Roads: The Link Between Trails and Community Livability <i>Ed Spilker, Local Planning Specialist, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT); Tim J. Ellis, Public Works Director, Lummi Nation; Gary Leaf, Community Services Director, City of Bonney Lake</i></p> <p>Trails improve the mobility of pedestrians and bicyclists so they can safely travel to residential, commercial, educational, and community centers, while also meeting needs for recreation and physical activity. These shared use paths are essential for completing streets in communities. The Lummi Nation’s Haxton Way Trail and the City of Bonney Lake’s Fennel Creek Trail have improved safety and access for pedestrians and bicyclists to major destinations in the communities. They have also increased the quality of life for residents by improving access to recreation and active transportation. In a discussion led by WSDOT’s Community Design Assistance Office, learn</p>

	<p>more about these trail projects and see how they have enhanced the livability of each community.</p>
<p>Track 5: Trail Showcase</p>	<p>Reinventing a Northwest Classic <i>James DeSalvo, Executive Director, The Methow Valley Sport Trails Association (MVSTA); Danica Ready, Program Manager, MVSTA; Rob Seckinger, Trails Manager, MVSTA</i></p> <p>The Methow Valley Sport Trails Association (MVSTA) has existed for almost 40 years and boasts the nation’s largest cross country ski trail system as well as more than 100 miles of trail for summer hiking, running, biking, and equestrian users. Over the last three years, MVSTA has taken significant steps to become more resilient to climate change, changing user bases, and changing funding sources. MVSTA has repositioned itself through extensive master planning, financial restructuring, and several key initiatives. Come hear about their repositioning and what they have learned from their experience.</p>
<p>12:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.</p> 	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Bellingham Welcome <i>Daniel Tepper, President, Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation</i></p> <p>Keynote Speaker <i>Mia Birk, Transportation Planner and author of JoyRide, presents “12 Steps to Successful Trail Implementation”</i></p> <p>Mia Birk is known internationally for her leadership in transforming Portland, Oregon, and hundreds of communities beyond through her work at the City of Portland and as a consultant. While today, 7-10% of Portlanders ride bikes for daily transportation, it wasn’t always this way. Hear the inspiring story, including the programs, plans, and policies, of how they got there. Mia will demonstrate the dramatically positive impact of bicycle transportation on a neighborhood, a city, and the way people in it live.</p> <p>Mia Birk is the President of Alta Planning + Design and a world-renowned expert in non-motorized transportation. With 20 years of experience in pedestrian, bicycle, trail, and greenway planning, design, and implementation, Mia’s work has helped the country embrace more sustainable means of transportation. She served as Portland’s Bicycle Program Manager from 1993-99, and in her career has developed more than 100 bicycle, pedestrian, trail, and corridor plans. She has managed the public process, design, and implementation of more than 500 miles of new bikeways and walkways as well as programs such as Safe Routes to School, bicycle and pedestrian-friendly development codes, and bikeway/walkway maintenance. She is an Adjunct Professor at Portland State University, teaching Pedestrian and Bicycle Issues for graduate students in urban planning.</p> <p>Mia’s newly-released book, <i>Joyride: Pedaling Toward a Healthier Planet</i>, tells the dramatic and enlightening behind-the-scenes story of how a group of determined visionaries transformed Portland into a cycling mecca and inspired the nation.</p>
<p>1:50 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Coffee Break & Exhibits Terrace</p>
<p>2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Breakout Session C</p>
<p>Track 1: Changing Terrain</p>	<p>Creating a Successful Trail Network on Commercial Forest Land <i>Eric Brown, Trail Director, Whatcom Mountain</i></p>


	<p><i>Biking Coalition (WMBC); Matt Durand, President, WMBC; Rob Janicki, Owner, Janicki Logging</i></p> <p>The Whatcom Mountain Biking Coalition (WMBC) has been building and maintaining multi-use and mountain bike-specific trails on Galbraith Mountain for more than 25 years. For the past 12 years, WMBC has been the official steward of the mountain with more than 3,000 annual trail hours and 45 miles of trail – all accessible from downtown Bellingham. WMBC is also fortunate to have a great partner in Janicki Logging that assists WMBC in managing trail closures and minimizing damage during timber harvest.</p>
<p>Track 2: Adaptive Solutions</p>	<p>RCO: Investing in Outdoor Recreation for 50 Years Darrell Jennings, Senior Grants Manager, WA Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO); Leslie Connelly, Natural Resource Policy Specialist, RCO; Joy Paulus, State GIS Coordinator, WA State Geospatial Program Office</p> <p>What are the state’s priorities for recreational trails over the next five years? What data does the state have about recreational trails? From statewide planning to grant funding to build trails, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is a small state agency that is a champion for motorized and non-motorized recreational trails since 1964. In this session you will learn about the RCO, updated statewide data collection and planning efforts related to trails, and how the RCO can partner with you to create and maintain recreational trails in your community.</p>
<p>Track 3: Transforming Communities</p>	<p>Creating New Leaders: WTA and the Youth Engagement Ladder Andrea Martin, Youth Programs Coordinator, Washington Trails Association (WTA); Jackson Lee, Crew Leader, WTA, Co-Creator of the Western Wilderness Trail Corps (WWU); Aleta Eng, Partnership Specialist, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; Ben Henkel, Youth Volunteer and Ambassador, WTA; Julia Rutledge, Former Youth Volunteer and Ambassador, WTA; Elise Still, Youth Volunteer and Ambassador, WTA</p> <p>Washington Trails Association’s (WTA) youth program has grown tremendously over the past two years. Through multiple volunteer opportunities, WTA has earned a reputation for providing challenging, rewarding, and fun experiences for young people in our trail maintenance program. Additionally, the Youth Ambassador Program engages interested young trail volunteers during the school year, challenging them to encourage teenagers in their communities to give back by volunteering with WTA. The trail maintenance internship program has provided further engagement for the most motivated volunteers in our youth programs, expanding their technical trail skills and challenging their leadership abilities. This panel represents the WTA youth program and will discuss the importance of this youth engagement ladder in creating a new generation of trail stewards.</p>
<p>Track 4: Active Transportation</p>	<p>Leveraging the Burke Gilman Trail to Move the Active Transportation Needle Jennifer Malley, Transportation Planner, Seattle Children’s Hospital</p> <p>Seattle Children’s Hospital touts one of the most progressive transportation departments in the country. This major healthcare institution provides a diverse range of active transportation benefits to its employees such as free loaner bicycles, bicycle commuting classes, commute planning assistance, annual bicycle tune-up subsidies, and a daily commute bonus for those taking alternative commute modes. Seattle Children’s has also invested heavily in the built environment surrounding the hospital and has leveraged its nearness to the award-winning</p>


	<p>Burke Gilman Trail to increase its active transportation mode split. Learn how Seattle Children’s Transportation Department has used the Burke Gilman Trail to meet our goals.</p>
<p>Track 5: Trail Showcase</p>	<p>Recreation Planning in the Upper Nooksack River Basin <i>Susan Rosebrough, Community Planner, National Park Service Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program; Tom O’Keefe, Pacific Northwest Regional Coordinator, American Whitewater</i></p> <p>From the alpine slopes of Mt. Baker to the meandering trails along Horseshoe Bend, outdoor recreation in the upper Nooksack River basin contributes greatly to both quality of life and economic growth in Whatcom County. Unfortunately, recreation can also have negative impacts on fragile natural ecosystems and neighboring communities without proper planning. To ensure that the Nooksack River system remains pristine and that local communities, area tribes, and recreational users can coexist peacefully, developing a shared vision for natural and recreation resource management is critical. The goals of the Upper Nooksack River Recreation Planning Effort are to provide guidance and clear recommendations for sustainably managing recreation use in the upper river basin, while at the same time protecting and restoring habitat and recovering native fish and wildlife populations.</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p> 	<p>Field Session #2: Along the Interurban Trail – Arroyo Park to Woodstock Farm <i>Bellingham Park Staff</i></p> <p><i>Distance: .8 miles – rated moderate for grade. Not ADA accessible.</i></p> <p>One of Bellingham’s most successful trail projects is the Interurban Trail linking Fairhaven Park to Larrabee State Park. This field trip will cover the middle part of the trail from Arroyo Park to Woodstock Farm, the former estate home of Cyrus Gates, an early and prominent citizen and park benefactor in Bellingham. The historic estate was acquired by the Bellingham Parks Department in 2004 and offers stunning views of Chuckanut Bay and north Puget Sound. Trail management topics staff will discuss include on-going trail maintenance, impact of archeological study vis a vis public access (Woodstock Farm), shoreline permitting, and storm water design issues.</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Coffee Break & Exhibits</p>
<p>3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Breakout Session D</p>
<p>Track 1: Changing Terrain</p>	<p>The Trail to the Top: Career Paths of Trail Professionals and the Future of Trail Jobs <i>Bob Birkby, Trail Skill Trainer; James DeSalvo, Executive Director, Methow Valley Sport Trails Association; Krista Dooley, Youth Program Manager, Washington Trails Association (WTA); Kevin Farrell, Project Coordinator, Washington Conservation Corps; Darrell Jennings, Outdoor Grants Manager Senior, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO); Jacobo Jimenez, Senior Forest Maintenance Worker, Seattle Parks and Recreation; Gary Paull, Wilderness & Trails Coordinator, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; Amber Raynsford, Landscape Architect, The Watershed Company; Noah Pylvainen, Marketing & Outreach, Pacific Northwest Trail Association; Katrina Rabeler, Community Assistance Fellow, NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program</i></p> <p>A recent study by Outdoor Industry found that the outdoor recreation industry is larger than the pharmaceutical industry. What opportunities are there for young people looking to get into this industry? What are typical (and atypical) paths to becoming a trail professional? What is the future of trail jobs? Eight</p>

	<p>professionals will describe their careers and then open up a broader discussion of trail jobs and opportunities. This session is open to all conference participants but is geared towards Youth Ambassadors (students and trail crew members who are volunteering at the conference).</p>
<p>Track 2: Adaptive Solutions</p>	<p>Creative Ways We Work With Less (and Having More Fun with Volunteers) <i>Karen Daubert, Executive Director, Washington Trails Association (WTA); Eddie Espinosa, Regional Coordinator, American Alpine Club; Trygve Culp, President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington; Jon Nishimura, Regional Volunteer, WTA; Morgan Scherer, Executive Director, Washington Water Trails Association; Bob Woods, Regional Coordinator, Pacific Crest Trail Association; Glenn Glover, Executive Director, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance</i></p> <p>Every organization – especially those that rely on volunteers – is asked to do more with less. Representing small and large groups that work throughout Washington’s landscape (on water, horseback, dirt, and rock), this panel will provide case studies and presentations focused on creative ways organizations are doing more work with less. The panel will also discuss ways organizations are working to recruit younger generations.</p>
<p>Track 3: Transforming Communities</p>	<p>Making Connections – the Social Value of Trails <i>Monica Leers, Capital Planning Manager, King County Parks; David Kimmitt, Natural Resource Lands Program Manager, King County Parks; Brett Roberts, Parks Specialist, King County Parks</i></p> <p>Come explore the physical, mental, and social benefits trails provide to our communities. Whether they are commuting to work, hiking a mountain, walking in the forest, or experiencing a river up close, King County Parks’ extensive regional and backcountry trail systems provide a wide range of experiences for more than two million residents. With 175 miles of regional trails and 190 miles of backcountry trails, King County’s trails connect parks, open spaces, and communities from urban to rural areas. This session will explore the multiple benefits of trails along with practical lessons learned along the way.</p>
<p>Track 4: Active Transportation</p>	<p>The Good, the Bad & the Promising World of Bicycle Parking <i>Elco M. Gauw, Chief Bikeonimist, Urban Racks</i></p> <p>The goal of this session is to bring more focus and insight to the best practices surrounding bicycle parking infrastructure with a particular focus on the trail community. This will include the technical information required to incorporate bicycle parking into the surrounding landscape and outline the questions that need to be asked when designing and allocating space. This presentation will define how secure, end-of-line bicycle parking solutions have become an economically sound infrastructure necessity to be factored into public and private planning.</p>
<p>Track 5: Trail Showcase</p>	<p>The Olympic Discovery Trail – Transforming the North Olympic Peninsula <i>Rich James, Program Manager, Clallam County Transportation, Annette Nesse, Chief Operations Officer, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe</i></p> <p>The Olympic Discovery Trail is a planned, 128 mile long, shared use path that will span the North Olympic Peninsula from Port Townsend on the Puget Sound to LaPush on the Pacific Ocean. This “Pathway to the Pacific” will connect to the developing trail systems in Kitsap County and across the Kingston Ferry to eastward routes across Washington state. Come hear how the joint efforts of the Peninsula Trails Coalition, Jefferson Trails Coalition, Clallam County, Port Angeles, Sequim, the Back Country Horsemen of Washington, the Jamestown Tribe, the Elwha</p>

	Tribe, the Quileute Tribe, Olympic National Forest, Olympic National Park, the Department of Natural Resources, and large private timber landowners have worked together over the last 20 years to complete more than 70 miles of shared use path. Learn how the existing trail is drawing tourists and hosting events to benefit the economy of the Olympic Peninsula.
4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Break & Exhibits
4:45p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Water Trails Meet and Greet <i>Open meeting for all interested in water trails</i>
5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	<p>“Friday Night Out” A reception at the Whatcom Museum – Old City Hall 7:00pm – 10:00pm <i>Sponsored by the Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation</i></p> <p>Take a break from the conference and enjoy a night out in Bellingham. Make your way down to the post-dinner reception by private transportation or by self-guided walking tour (approximately one mile one-way) through downtown Bellingham. Live music, refreshments, and historic park photography from the museum archives await you at Bellingham's stately Victorian-era Old City Hall building, now part of the Whatcom Museum, courtesy of the Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation.</p>
	
Saturday, October 18	
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Registration
8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	WSTC Business Meeting
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Breakout Session E
Track 1: Changing Terrain	<p>The Ins and Outs of Trail Parks – An Emerging Trend in Trails <i>Dan Miller, National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program; Mike Westra, Trails Director, Evergreen Mtn Bike Alliance; Leslie Thurston, Executive Director, Washington State Horse Park (tentative)</i></p> <p>Trail parks allow land managers to create dense trail systems that can provide close-to-home recreation for a variety of trail experiences. This presentation will focus on how to select a site, develop a trail plan, and construct a trail park. It will draw on a number of examples throughout the Pacific Northwest, including equestrian, mountain bike, and multiple-use trail parks to illustrate how a trail park might be successfully developed and managed.</p>
Track 2: Adaptive Solutions	<p>Regional Trail Planning on a Shoestring –Collaboration, Crowd Sourcing, and Creative Thinking in a Limited Budget World <i>Paul Knowles, Park Planner, Spokane County Parks; Lunell Haught, Inland Northwest Trails Coalition</i></p> <p>Spokane County Parks, partnering with the Inland Northwest Trails Coalition, recently completed a substantial update to the Spokane County Regional Trail Plan. With no budget and limited staff, Spokane County worked with the Inland NW Trails Coalition to survey trail users, crowd source trail data, and develop a comprehensive, mapped trail inventory within Spokane County. Presenters will focus on the role of effective community partnerships in</p>

	<p>planning, their experience with crowd sourcing trail data, the potential for other trail plans and applications, and components of the Regional Trail Plan that have made it a success. On a limited budget, any county or city can develop a community-supported trail plan with effective partnerships and creative community involvement.</p>
<p>Track 3: Transforming Communities</p>	<p>Right of Way: Stories of Striving Toward a More Inclusive Outdoor Culture <i>Loren Drummond, Digital Content Manager, Washington Trails Association (WTA); Greg Hanscom, Senior Editor, Grist.org; Erica Keene, Youth Engagement Coordinator, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; Andrew Pringle, Outdoor Leadership Training Coordinator, WTA</i></p> <p>Hear case studies about how the outdoor community is striving to create a more inclusive outdoor culture. This panel will examine two models for creating safe outdoor spaces for youth through the YMCA BOLD/GOLD program and WTA’s Outdoor Leadership Training’s train-the-trainer program. Leaders from land management agencies – from Washington’s National Parks to the county level – will talk about how they are taking cultural diversity, equity, and social justice into account when developing trail systems. Learn about Mt. Baker Snoqualmie’s community engagement program to build youth outdoor experiences into future career paths and learn practical steps that the outdoor retail industry is taking now to create more inclusive, equitable, and accessible companies. Finally, hear stories of individual outdoor professionals who are at the forefront of leading a movement toward a healthier, more diverse outdoor culture.</p>
<p>Track 4: Active Transportation</p>	<p>Oxbow Loop Trail: Federal-State-Local Partnership Dream Come True <i>Larry Fetter, Parks Director, City of Hermiston; Matt Mathes, Trail Planning & Environmental Consultant, American Society of Landscape Architects; Tom Appler, US Bureau of Reclamation Hermiston Office</i></p> <p>This panel highlights a decade of activities and lessons learned along the way to rediscovering the Umatilla Riverfront. In 2000, Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce developed a concept for Umatilla to McNary Dam Greenway Trail Corridor as a 6.5 mile trail vision plan. In 2007 and 2008, the City of Hermiston adopted the Hermiston Park Master Plan with Oxbow site as 1.5 mile trail and developed Riverside Park, taking two big first steps toward the 6.5 mile Loop Trail. In 2013, City of Hermiston successfully negotiated the use agreement for the Oxbow site and secured state grants funding along with local partners for the regional trail proposal.</p>
<p>Track 5: Trail Showcase</p>	<p>Port Gamble Trails & the Kitsap Forest & Bay Project: Trails to Transform North Kitsap <i>Linda Berry-Maraist, President, North Kitsap Trails Association (NKTA), Kitsap Forest & Bay Project (KFBP); Don Willott, Conservation Chair, Kitsap Audubon, Vice President, NKTA, KFBP; Mark Schorn, Vice President, NKTA & Vice President, West Sound Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance; Charles Forkner, Board Member, West Sound Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance</i></p> <p>Nestled around the national historic town of Port Gamble are 3,880 acres of open space with 1.5 miles of shoreline and a 60 mile web of trails that Pope Resources timber company plans to sell. The Kitsap Forest and Bay Project is working to preserve this forested watershed as a community resource and statewide tourist destination on the Kitsap Peninsula. Community partners ranging from mountain bikers to birders are laying out a vision of healthy outdoor recreation for all, including a ride park for mountain bikers, quiet trails for wildlife viewing, a network of</p>

	multi-use paths, and the active transportation spine of the Sound to Olympics Trail.
<p>9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p> 	<p>Field Session #3: Taylor Dock to Boulevard Park – South Bay Trail System Bellingham Park Staff <i>Distance: 1 mile. ADA accessible.</i></p> <p>Taylor Dock is an overwater walkway located on the South Bay Trail System which connects Fairhaven to downtown Bellingham. This field trip highlights Bellingham’s efforts to give users access to Bellingham Bay while reclaiming former industrial sites for recreation purposes. The trail also serves as a non-motorized transportation corridor for commuters. Additionally, the trip will also visit one of Bellingham’s most popular parks, Boulevard Park, which is built on the site of a former lumber mill. Trail management topics staff will discuss include shoreline permitting (overwater walkway), City Master Plan issues, rail-trail separation issues, on-going maintenance, and mixed use usage in a confined space. Also discussed will be the recently completed beach restoration project.</p>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break & Exhibits
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Session F
Track 1: Changing Terrain	<p>Liability Exposure of Outdoor Recreation on Public and Private Lands in Washington Andrew Rigel, Attorney, Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson; Joe Sambataro, National Access Director, The Access Fund; Katherine Hollis, Conservation and Responsible Recreation Manager, The Mountaineers</p> <p>This presentation will explore the potential legal ramifications of recreation on public and private lands in Washington. The panel will explain the relevant state and federal statutes, case law, perception of risk by public and private landowners, impact on recreational access, risk management, and the difference in exposures facing landowners versus organizations performing volunteer work for recreation on the lands.</p>
Track 2: Adaptive Solutions	<p>Bringing Resources Together – The Goodwin Bridge Project Jason Ridlon, Trailwork Boss, Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW); Bernie Stratton, Lewis County Chapter Director, BCHW; Bernie Stratton, BCHW; Tim Van Beek, Field Programs Manager, WTA</p> <p>When the Naches Ranger District (USFS) and the Pacific Crest Trail Association agreed with the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) that the Goodwin Meadows Bridge over the Bumping River badly needed replacement, it looked like the usual “lack of funds” problem. Since then, however, with technical guidance from the Forest Service, a small grant from the Back Country Horsemen of America, a rigging crew from the Peninsula Chapter of BCHW, packing by Lewis County Chapter BCHW members, and crews from Earth Corps, Washington Trails Association, and Cascadia, caring trail users have replaced this critical bridge. Trail managers agree that this project is one of the best examples of working together and sharing resources on Washington trails in many years.</p>
Track 3: Transforming Communities	<p>Collaboration for Transformation – ForeverGreen Jane Moore, Executive Director, ForeverGreen Trails; Bryan Bowden, President, ForeverGreen Trails; Diane Wiatr, Active Transportation Coordinator, City of Tacoma; Noah Struthers, Director, 2nd Cycle</p> <p>In response to the Russell Family Foundation’s Puyallup Watershed Initiative, ForeverGreen Trails is facilitating a broad-based collaboration of diverse supporters of trails and active transportation. This Community of Interest is</p>

	<p>creating a vision and 20-year strategic plan for developing and maintaining trails and active transportation to improve stewardship of the watershed. This presentation will describe the process of developing a shared history; defining values, goals, current conditions, and desired impacts; developing strategies for the next 10 years; and creating a detailed plan for one year, including a work plan, budget, and plans for evaluation and reporting.</p>
<p>Track 4: Special Topic</p>	<p>Collaborating to Publish Print & Online Trail Maps <i>Virginia Cleaveland, Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition</i></p>
<p>Track 5: Trail Showcase</p>	<p>Building a Trails Community – A Success Story in Mount Vernon <i>Art Tuftee, Trail Consultant; Larry Otos, Director, Mount Vernon Parks Department; Jim Taylor, Founder and Executive Director, Mount Vernon Trail Builders</i></p> <p>Five years ago, presenters decided that more trails would be good for the Mount Vernon community. Today, there is a vibrant and growing group of volunteer trail builders in Mount Vernon. To accomplish this, the presenters forged relationships between agencies, local businesses, schools, community organizations, and other volunteer groups. They built miles of new, quality multiuse trails, including bridges, trailheads, kiosks, and interpretive signs. The community has embraced the improvements by visiting the park in ever-increasing numbers, both for recreation and exercise.</p>
<p>12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Coffee Break & Exhibits</p>
<p>12:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.</p> 	<p>Lunch & Keynote Speaker <i>Robert Birkby, Trail Skill Trainer, author of Lightly on the Land and the Boy Scout Handbook, presents “The Trail to Siberia”</i></p> <p>With 5 million copies in print, Robert Birkby is a best-selling author of books about outdoor adventure and skills. Using slides and a good deal of humor, Robert will share stories of trail work through the years and of ongoing efforts to instill great trail work ethics in the parks and reserves of Siberia.</p> <p>During his college summers, Robert learned the basics of trail design and construction while serving as trail crew foreman and then director of conservation at Philmont in northern New Mexico, the national high adventure base of the Boy Scouts of America. After working as trail contractor for the Forest Service in southern Oregon, Robert joined the Student Conservation Association, guiding coed crews of high school students during month-long backcountry trail work projects in national parks and forests throughout the western states, Alaska, and in the republics of Latvia and Estonia. As a chief instructor of the SCA Wilderness Work Skills Program, he has taught more than 60 weeklong courses in traditional backcountry conservation work skills to agency professionals and leaders of trail crews at sites all over the United States.</p> <p>Robert Birkby’s deep experience in the backcountry and his ability to impart his knowledge led the Boy Scouts of America to entrust him with writing three editions of the <i>Boy Scout Handbook</i> over three decades and the recently-published <i>Fieldbook: Scouting’s Manual of Basic and Advanced Skills for Outdoor Adventure</i>. He also wrote <i>Lightly on the Land: The SCA Manual of Backcountry Work Skills</i>, considered by many to be the bible of trail construction and maintenance. His book, <i>Mountain Madness: Scott Fischer, Mt. Everest, and A Life Lived on High</i>, is</p>

	<p>a biography of his close friend, the Himalayan climber and guide who perished on Everest in 1996.</p> <p>In 2008, Robert was invited to Russia to help guide the new Great Baikal Trail Association in developing programs for volunteers constructing hiking trails in the five national parks reserves surrounding Lake Baikal in eastern Siberia. He has returned every year to continue mentoring crew leaders and officials of Russian public lands with hands-on skills and effective management plans for the future.</p>
<p>1:50 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Coffee Break & Exhibits Terrace</p>
<p>2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Breakout Session G</p>
<p>Track 1: Changing Terrain</p>	<p>Creative Youth and Young Adults Programming in a Changing Environment <i>Trevor Knight, Student Conservation Association (SCA); Mel Hoffman, Project Leader, SCA; Sarah Zablocki-Axling, Director of Youth Programs, SCA NW & AK; Jeff Olson, Field Director, Northwest Youth Corps</i></p> <p>With shrinking budgets, rising contract fees, and a never-ending list of deferred trail projects, how does work ever get done? Conservation corps offer a cost-effective solution, which provide a great service to the community as well as public lands. This presentation discusses contracting versus cooperative agreements, funding streams, benefits in utilizing corps crews, and programs offered throughout the NW region. It highlights two Student Conservation Association (SCA) programs: Seattle Community Program, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary of creative youth programming, and the Corps program with the Bureau of Land Management and multiple collaborators, which for the past three years piloted a 16 week Conservation Field School Program in the Southwest.</p>
<p>Track 2: Adaptive Solutions</p>	<p>Trails that Engage: Maximizing the Value of Interpretive Signage Investment <i>Tracy Durnell, Graphic Designer, The Watershed Company; Amber Raynsford, GIS Analyst & Landscape Designer, The Watershed Company</i></p> <p>Research shows that interpretive signs are cost-effective tools for user education and behavioral change on recreational trails, freeing budgets for staffing and other needs. Yet commissioning interpretive signs can feel like an overwhelming and expensive endeavor. Walk through a case study that will demystify the interpretive design process – from cost estimation to funding, to maximizing sign value through design and fabrication. Learn how the right partnerships can help organizations stay on the critical path to completion and avoid common pitfalls that can derail an interpretive project or diminish its value.</p>
<p>Track 3: Transforming Communities</p>	<p>Water Trails – Paddling into Your Economic Future: A Tale of Transforming Individuals and Communities Through Paddling <i>John Kuntz, Owner, Olympic Outdoor Center; Andy Dunau, Executive Director, Spokane River Trail; Morgan Scherer, Executive Director, Washington Water Trails Association; Patricia Graf-Hoke, Executive Director, Visit Kitsap Peninsula; Sue Abbott, Community Planner, National Park Service Rivers, Trail & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program</i></p> <p>Water trails are now playing key roles in boosting recreation and economic vitality at state, regional, and community levels. Hear an overview of the National Water Trails System and how two close-to-home water trails</p>

	are promoting tourism through the “the Natural Side of Puget Sound” brand. Finally, learn about the Spokane River Water Trail, a case study in transforming community. From the creation of Spokane River Water Trail’s highly interactive Internet website to the development of new access points and volunteer programming, this is the story of inter-agency collaboration to create a water trail that no single organization could possibly accomplish on its own.
Track 4: Active Transportation	Going Loopy: Building Whatcom County’s Nooksack Loop Trail Daniel Tepper, President, Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation After 50 plus years of planning and dreaming, Whatcom County is moving forward with the Nooksack Loop Trail, a major 45 mile multi-use trail that will connect four of the county’s largest cities and be the major cornerstone for future county trail projects. This session will discuss the challenges of planning, building, funding, and marketing this multi-jurisdictional trail. It will also touch on active transportation, recreation, health and economic/tourism benefits to the county, as well as the political reality of what it takes to start and build a major trail such as the Nooksack Loop Trail.
Track 5: Trail Showcase	Entiat's Waterfront Trail – Path to a Small Town's Revitalization Mark Hafs, Principal, Hafs Epstein Landscape Architecture Fifty years after its thriving downtown was flooded by the construction of the Rocky Reach Dam on the Columbia River, the City of Entiat has undertaken an ambitious effort to re-create itself. The City is planning to restore its waterfront town center, redesign its shoreline park, and build a marina. The City focused its initial redevelopment efforts on building more than two miles of trail along the banks of the Columbia and Entiat Rivers. This session will describe how this newly constructed trail has become the centerpiece for a small town’s revitalization efforts, providing opportunities for economic development, recreation, habitat restoration, and an up-close look at the waterfront on which Entiat was founded.
3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Coffee Break & Exhibits
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Breakout Session H
Track 1: Changing Terrain	Trail on Trial: the 40-year History of the Corvallis to Sea Trail Effort Gary Chapman, President, Corvallis-to-the-Sea Partnership Since 1972, federal, state, and local governments and volunteers have sought a hiking, biking, and equestrian trail route from the Willamette Valley to the Oregon coast. Numerous disappointments occurred, mainly due to 25 years of private landowner resistance. Between 2003 and 2007, volunteer efforts reversed enough landowner positions to afford a workable route, but, since 2010, problems have arisen with changing Forest Service policies that still need to be worked out. This presentation describes the ups and downs of the efforts, the current status, and a description of the currently proposed trail.
Track 2: Adaptive Solutions	From Baby Steps to Major Strides: Developing Volunteerism and Partnerships for Local Trails Nancy E. Henderson, President, Parks and Trails Task Force, Town of Steilacoom Like many small towns, Steilacoom is a community of walkers. With the closing of a mill in 2000, the town was

	<p>forced to reduce parks staff, impacting trail maintenance. Volunteers, working with town officials and staff, stepped forward to enhance trails throughout the town with projects to promote identification of trails and enhance and maintain them. This presentation is a case study of what has worked in Steilacoom. The presenter will share practical ideas about involving the community and forging innovative partnerships as force multipliers for communities with limited staff resources.</p>
<p>Track 3: Transforming Communities</p>	<p>Increasing Equitable Trail Access For Youth: Gear Lending, Mini-Grants, and Training <i>Andrew Pringle, Outdoor Leadership Training Coordinator, Washington Trails Association (WTA); Krista Dooley, Youth Program Manager, WTA; and guest outdoor leadership trip leader</i></p> <p>Schools and community based organizations can use outdoor experiences on Washington state’s trails as a powerful tool for positive youth development, and to meet their academic goals or organization’s mission. However, several barriers exist for teachers and youth workers in getting kids outdoors. In this presentation, Washington Trails Association (WTA) staff will discuss their innovative new efforts to meet the needs of community partners who want to lead hiking and camping trips. Additionally, a guest speaker from a community partner organization will discuss the challenges of facilitating outdoor youth trips. They’ll talk about the benefits of having access to WTA’s resources and share the positive impacts of their on-trail experiences.</p>
<p>Track 4: Special Topic</p>	<p>SCA’s Youth Share Their Stories - What keeps them coming back? <i>Student Conservation Association (SCA) Crew Members and Alumni (high school students and recent graduates); Sarah Zablocki-Axling, Northwest Regional Program Director, SCA</i></p> <p>More and more conservation organizations are working with youth and are building new programs to serve young populations. What about these experiences really stand out for youth? What keeps them coming back? Or conversely, why don’t they come back? Is there anything we can do differently to help nurture these new conservation-minded interests? Come meet four youth who will share their experiences regarding their time spent on Student Conservation Association (SCA) trail crews – what worked, what didn’t, and why they were excited to get more involved. The SCA members will discuss tips and tricks on how to create a fun, engaging and hard-working environment that helps build confidence and leadership skills, in turn creating the next generation of conservation leaders.</p>
<p>Track 5: Trail Showcase</p>	<p>Leveraging Change to Fund and Complete Trail Projects <i>Jack Horton, President, Woodland Trail Greenway Association</i></p> <p>Share the tricks of the trade and work together to develop the opportunistic attitude and strategic thinking needed by successful opportunivores. Born in the forge of a failed parks levy, the Woodland Trail Greenway Association (WTGA) learned to seek opportunity and partnerships. Hear how the WTGA learned how to align values with policy, win support from developers, find creative sources for grant match, build tomorrow’s stewards with trail projects, and exploit the new media. Using examples from the 20 year history of the WTGA, learn how others have found opportunity in crisis and share your experiences.</p>

5:00 p.m – 5:30 p.m.	Closing remarks <i>Sarah Krueger, President, Washington State Trails Coalition</i>
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