

March 10, 2004 TWG

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James- we should take ten minutes to read through the recommendations and see if we have any questions or comments

Alice Rarig – we need to confirm public meeting for march 30th and get a letter to the paper a week before that

Changes to minutes

Gary Mendivil: delete “that would accommodate small vehicles” from page 1 sentence 5 to keep everyone from wanting to bring vehicles up there

Alice Rarig- saw ted eubanks speak- one person from the gov's office, frankie pilifant carla hart –had discussion about marketing to independent tourism, he showed examples of maps from Texas showing road map that pointed out where you can see certain birds and wildlife.

Gary Mendivil:-make it “expand trail head parking for west glacier” to make it more clear
And on trail of time-“create pullouts along the trail”

Alice Rarig- Montana creek right of way- is that for the first mile ?what will the transfer require?

James- it's the first two miles – it makes sense for them to take it over because it is the access to their trail- they said they would take it over if it were put into perfect condition

Alice Rarig- do we want to present this document or do we want to add more comments

Gary Mendivil: this is like an addendum to the existing trails plan

James –we need to keep it as “no change”

Bob- create a new line “Existing use”

Larry- where did we get the number eight from (for commercial use group size)

Sandy- bob jan- he would usually have only about four to six people in a group

Gary Mendivil: is this a special number just for this trail just for weekends?

Alice Rarig – should we just say up to fifteen with 1 a day on weekends

Larry- forest service uses the standard twelve as the lowest –if we kept it at that it would be more standardized

James- recommendations from 2002- it was either up to 10 or up to 15- including guides-- we should change that number to 10 (instead of 8) to keep consistent

Sandy- would like to see it stay at 8 (at least for this year) maybe make a change when we look at everything

Gary Mendivil:- we need to make this more consistent – glory hole trail is 7 – it gets confusing

Alice Rarig – yes –maybe we should make it 8

Sandy- OK but lets reconsider this next time

Merrill- yes -we should definitely keep numbers consistent

Larry- keeping counter logs on a trail in Ketchikan to monitor use

Gary Mendivil: going below 8 starts to affect the economics of the company 8 is good for commercial operators

Second page-

Gary Mendivil:- change “that would accommodate small vehicles”

Alice Rarig- treadwell mine historic loop- could we say “to be posted each season”

Gary Mendivil:- added “the” to top of hooter chair

James- worried about putting in too much info in the eaglecrest part – is it adequate

Alice Rarig I think its good

Page three

Gary Mendivil:- do we want to reflect discussion on changing from rainforest to outerpoint

Larry- we should imply the possibility of changing in 2005

Would like to see recommendation to close to commercial use in 2004 stated

Add another sentence reflecting discussion on changing from rainforest to outerpoint
Sandy- we should make it clear that only one will be used commercially

Sandy – new amalga meadows trails- What alternatives are we talking about?

James- because there is no proposal for commercial use we don't know what to propose – think that recommendation is that it is currently closed to commercial use but will be open later to proposals

Gary Mendivil: is that putting the cart before the horse

James- it will be a big trail that it could be used for commercial use

Sandy- Should we say we'll consider proposals for use after trail is build

Larry- should say it is permissible for commercial use even though it won't be use for this year (language saying it is closed now would make it hard to swallow)

Alice Rarig-how about "Criteria for commercial use will be addressed after the trail is built

Recommendation "No recommendation at this time"

General agreement on this suggestion

Comment- Change it to "infrastructure is constructed" instead of trail

Recommendation- scheduled for future discussion

Mine ruins trail to 8 per day to keep consistent

Larry- question about signs at trailheads- change permitted to designated

Sandy- signs should say trail designated for commercial use but no commercial activity at this time and showing permitted use as well

Bob- under implementation in 2005 should be implemented in 2004

Alice Rarig – how about "unless otherwise specified

Merril- Kim Kiefer: was leary at first because of possibility of big changes

Alice Rarig – are we doing signs this year too?

Gary Mendivil: - wildlife viewing – should be no instead of none

Gary Mendivil: do we even want to include # five (sheep creek road) in there it's a private land owner

James – it's all right to suggest it

Gary Mendivil:- why don't we say sheep creek valley and omit "road" change would to could

Alice Rarig sprab- lot of dogs at eagle beach- interfering with feeding

Dog task force recommended closing eagle beach to dogs

Gary Mendivil: take out the word whole in number six

Bob- do we want to add eagle beach

Gary Mendivil: what's the difference between wildlife viewing and commercial use

Alice Rarig- say "as viewing areas"

Alice Rarig put in Parentheses eagle and other areas maybe

James- don't put eagle beach in because public comment and bill Garry made it clear that they didn't want commercial use

Make a number 7 saying other areas are open to the possibility of commercial use

Public process paragraph isn't staying in- its just for the meeting

Sandy- its not just going to prac but state parks...

Bob- reason I'm bringing up eagle is for consistency with mount roberts

Agreed to add mt roberts line

Gary Mendivil: wildlife viewing is not in our mission

James- we are just making recommendations to pursue

Alice Rarig- suggest honing that recommendation to tell the prac and assembly what we suggest (with the discussion of commercial use on trails the issue of wildlife viewing has come up and we recommend...)

Bob – mission statement should say prevent as well

James- Like the idea of writing a letter from the twg to each agency highlighting recommendations

Merrill- we shouldn't waste what we've learned with the twg just because it doesn't quite fit within the mission

Gary Mendivil: I think we should expand to cover wildlife viewing

Bob- do we have a catchall term we could use?

James- the mission can be interpreted in a way that makes it ok

It's agreed that it's all ok

Sandy- planning for public meeting-

James-should we have our last meeting before pub meeting on 17th to finalize details.- library not available but james will send out an email when he finds out where it is – take out the 24th meeting

We need to decide how to present this-

Gary Mendivil: post the info for the public to view before hand

James- Combo- meeting at seven to look at things then someone make a few opening remarks then open up mike for public comment around 7:30

Eaglecrest focused more on written comments and it worked pretty well

Definitely have half hour at beginning to mingle and discuss and review stuff

Provide original trail plan, maps, (high light places on maps where changes are proposed)

Address to send comments

Comment box

Highlight in different colors commercial use trails

Change “New Recommendations” category

Put granite creek, red mill, mine ruins and glory hole, under perseverance

James- was planning on taking granite creek and outer point off the list on the spreadsheet cause they are closed

Bob – it makes sense to have the closed part defined within the system to give a clearer picture

Sandy- people view granite creek as a separate trail but it makes sense to put them all under perseverance

Gary Mendivil:- modify spread sheet to say trail “system” would be simpler to explain the process to people in this way

James will wrestle with the system idea and have some ideas for the next meeting

James – how are we going to advertise this thing?

Alice Rarig will do a my turn

Ask a reporter to do a story on it

Capital chat

Patrick might put it on the city web page

Bob will talk with chris burns to see if there is an opening for the week before the 30th

Ask Kim Kiefer to do the psa's