

**BCHW Public Lands Day, Friday March 17. To be held in conjunction with Rendezvous, Kittitas Valley Fairgrounds, Ellensburg Washington. The meeting will be held at the Armory Building conference room A starting at 9:30 A.M.**

**9:30 A.M**

**Morning Session Guest Speakers:**

**Jon Sydner Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development Advisor to  
Gov. Jay Inslee**

**Brock Millern Conservation, Recreation and Transaction Division Manager DNR**

**Glenn Glover Statewide Recreation Manager DNR**

**12:00 Lunch Hour**

**Afternoon Session USFS**

**1:00 P.M. Dennis Benson Acting Region Trails and Recreation Manager**

**Explain the Regional perception on how the importance of wilderness access is interpreted as a requirement of The Wilderness Act. How should Back Country Horsemen approach the inevitable situation that we are going to lose trails, lots of trails? How do we stay on top of the situation so that we chose priorities for trails we want to keep open, and select which trails we would consider decommissioning if that is our only other choice? Is maintaining access (trails) a critical requirement of the Wilderness Act for the Agencies to administer “for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such a manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness”? Is permanent decommissioning of trails that were in place and being used prior to wilderness designation following the mandates of the Wilderness Act?**

**2:15 P.M. Mary Bean Forest Recreation Manger Okanogan-Wenatchee NF, Gary Paull Wilderness & Trails Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF**

**Leveraging resources to improve trail maintenance. Improving Communication between user groups for focused trail maintenance and larger projects. Communications with Districts for projects, correct contacts and procedures, Volunteer agreements? How can BCHW help other than volunteer efforts? How does BCHW move forward and improve on the existing partnership with the USFS?**

**3:20 Larry Randall Recreation Program Manager Umatilla NF**

**Will establishing a long term Maintenance Plan for Wilderness areas be helpful in reducing the trail backlogs such as the Wenaha Tucannon Wilderness? Identifying trail classifications and prioritizing usage, knowing that trails may not be clear any time in the near future.**

**4:00 Adjourn**