

**PUBLIC LANDS DAY WORKSHOP AGENDA
RENDEZVOUS 2018
FRIDAY MARCH 16, 2018**

This year the Public Lands Day Workshop will include guest speakers from the US Forest Service and Washington State Department of Natural Resources. This is an excellent opportunity to meet some of the leaders and managers from two of the land managing agencies that many of our Chapters of the BCHW often work with to promote public access and assist in maintenance of trails and other recreation facilities. After each presentation time will be set aside for questions or comments concerning the agency's changing role in outdoor recreation management and how the BCHW can play a more meaningful role in maintaining public access in the Great Outdoors!

Morning Session

9:30 am

All Public Lands Committee members and others that are interested are encouraged to meet briefly to finish setting up the conference room and discuss the day's agenda and how we can make this workshop more meaningful.

10:15am

Traci Tophooven

Director of Recreation, Lands & Minerals for the PNW Region, US Forest Service

The US Forest Service faces a number of challenges and a wide array of often conflicting issues in managing National Forest System lands. In a time of declining budgets and increasing use it is often difficult to continue to provide public access and maintain trails and recreation sites. Traci will provide some insight in where the Forest Service recreation strategy is headed in the future the role the agency can play and the relationship with and importance of volunteer groups such as the BCHW.

11:15am

Cara Farr

PNW Regional Soil Scientist and Burned Area Emergency Response Coordinator

In the past several years catastrophic forest fires in Washington and Oregon have burned extensive areas that will likely have long term impacts on public lands. Cara will present a power point program to illustrate how the BAER Program works from the initial emergency response planning to selection of a management team to the planning and implementation to stabilize soil and water resources and rehabilitate roads, trails and effected recreation facilities.

12:15 LUNCH

Afternoon Session

1:15pm

Cyndi Comfort

Environmental Planner in Recreation, Washington State DNR

and

Phil Wolff

Recreation Manager at Capitol Forest, Washington State DNR

BCHW currently helps maintain trails and other recreation facilities in several State Forests managed by the DNR. Cyndi will provide perspective on the challenges DNR Recreation faces in future planning, maintenance of trails and recreation sites and declining budgets while attempting to deal with increased public use and problems associated with law enforcement, vandalism and homelessness.

Phil Wolff has been on the Capitol Forest since 2009 and has developed a volunteer user group model that has been instrumental in working together to plan, construct and maintain an extensive motorized and non-motorized trail system in a forest which produces 55 million board feet of timber annually. He will present a power point that will show some of the successes as well as challenges of coordinating a wide array of volunteer groups.

2:15pm BREAK

3:00pm

The BCHW Public Lands Committee will meet to exchange ideas, talk about current issues which effect their Chapters and plan a public lands strategy for 2018.

3:45pm ADJOURN