

# Reiter Foothills – Recreation Program Updates

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### General Announcements:

- DNR reopened trails and trailheads May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- CXT toilets remain closed but we rented several port-a-potties for the parking area in Reiter. However, these facilities are serviced only once per week. If you visit please be prepared with your own sanitary supplies and dispose of waste appropriately.
- Again, DNR cancelled this month's meeting due to the coronavirus public health challenges.
- Camping at DNR facilities may be permitted once all counties in the state are at phase 2, probably phase 3 of the Governors reopening plan.
- Individual DNR volunteers may be permitted to donate their time when we enter phase 2 of the Governors reopening plan. Volunteer work parties are postponed until either phase 3 or phase 4 depending on anticipated size of the work party.
- All current events are suspended until phase 3 and phase 4 respectively (i.e. events with less than 50 people will be permitted once we enter phase 3, events over 50 people may be permitted once we are in phase 4).
- We still do not have access to a WCC crew since they are not permitted to spike. I've been in discussion with the Northwest Youth Corps and DNR's seasonal firefighting force to see if they can help with addressing the backlog of maintenance needs due to the winter season and lack of volunteer access.

### Non-Motorized:

- The WWRP – State Lands Development grant to build non-motorized trails west of Wallace Falls State Park is still ready to submit for a June 1 deadline. This grant will include the following:
  - A multi-use trail (hiker/mt biker) to circumvent the need to travel on the most dangerous portions of the Wallace Falls Mainline forest road.
  - A descending mt bike only trail that will provide mt bikers an alternative way downhill.
  - Currently waiting on senior management approval before pursuing this grant funding.
  - Letters of support are now due by August. I will let you know as soon as able if we submit for this grant and letters of support are needed.
- We requested funding in the supplemental budget to hire an A&E firm to create full construction documents and all appropriate studies and reports for a permit to develop a permanent non-motorized trailhead near the Manke gate off Reiter Road. We do not anticipate getting funding for this project but will request again for next biennium.

### Motorized Updates:

- Motorized Parking Lot Update:
  - Continue to work with PACE Engineers to acquire Land Disturbance Activities Permit from Snohomish County.
  - Due to County PDS delays we extended the contract with PACE. No changes to budget or scope. Should be shovel ready by the beginning of next biennium (July 1, 2021).
  - We do not anticipate getting funding in the supplemental budget to develop this parking lot. We will request again next biennium.

- Once volunteers are permitted to return to help DNR plans to coordinate with the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) and the Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WHOVA) to help maintain the ORV trails in Reiter since they received RCO grants too.
- Our seasonal heavy equipment operator, Ken, started on May 5th. Ken has already cleared and surfaced a new 4x4 trail and is currently placing obstacles on it identified by 4x4 visitors.
- Since the Sky Rider timber sale is in operation, all trails within the sale boundary will be closed Monday through Friday until further notice. Trails may close on Saturday and/or Sunday as well with advanced warning.