**Nason Ridge Community Forest Recreation Planning Framework**

**Recreation Planning Goal:** Work with community members, recreational interests, and neighboring landowners to address recreation objectives outlined in the Nason Ridge Community Forest Management Plan in a manner that integrates with forest management and aquatic/ecosystem health goals.

**Lead Agency**

Chelan County Natural Resources Department is the lead agency coordinating the recreation planning process.

*Technical Assistance*: The National Park Service’s Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program is providing technical assistance to Chelan County and its partners. In addition, Washington Conservation Science Institute will provide ecological guidance on recreation development recommendations.

**Recreation Committee Role:** The recreation committee is a subset of the Nason Ridge Stewardship Committee, and will help guide and advise Chelan County and neighboring land managers on the development of the Recreation Element of the Nason Ridge Community Forest Management Plan. The role of the recreation committee is to represent the community and its varied interest groups during the planning process. The recreation committee members will have the opportunity to participate in and provide input throughout the planning process prior to a broader public review.

The recreation committee’s responsibilities are:

* Attend subgroup meetings relevant to areas of interest/expertise. Meetings will be held approximately monthly. The purpose of these meetings will be for stakeholders to participate in discussions and brainstorming sessions designed to incorporate feedback into planning recommendations. These meetings will be held in person in a facilitated, collaborative setting.
* Attend quarterly Stewardship Committee meetings in which updates will be provided for the whole group, with opportunity to comment on subgroup recommendations. Quarterly meetings will be held virtually to encourage full attendance by Stewardship Committee.
* Participate in other planning-related events such as community outreach efforts and charrettes or workshops designed to further develop recreation concepts.
* Provide support, expertise, and direction on all elements of the planning process and share ideas and concerns early and often. Committee members will seek to work collaboratively with other members to reach consensus.
* Serve as a liaison to participants’ respective agency, nonprofit group, recreation user group, partnership team, or company. As a liaison, the committee member will bring input into the process from their larger constituency group as well as share the results of the recreation planning process with their recreation user group, partnership group, agency leadership, or company leadership.

**Decision-making Process:**

* Subgroup committees will make recommendations to the Nason Ridge Stewardship Committee.
* Subgroup committee members will seek to make decisions by consensus, if consensus can’t be reached by all, they will first seek to modify the proposals to reach consensus. If consensus can still not be reached, the subgroup committee would describe the different perspectives and present this to the Stewardship Committee.
* The Stewardship Committee will consider this input and will make final recommendations to the designated land manager/owner.
* The ultimate decision lies with the land manager. Any recommendations approved by the land manager will be incorporated into the plan. Plan will be adopted through resolution by the County Commissioners with a hearing process.

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Public Process

Nason Ridge Community Forest Recreation Element

Nason Ridge Stewardship Committee Consensus

Recreation Sub-groups

Recommend by consensus

**Consensus:**

All members must support a decision for it to carry. A decision reached by consensus can sometimes represent a wide a range of support. When useful, a simple rating system will be used to help committee members individually and collectively evaluate where they stand in their consensus-based decisions.

1. Support (Consensus)

2. I can live with the decision and accept it, even though it may not be exactly what I want. (Consensus)

3. Cannot support (No Consensus)

If consensus can’t be reached by the Stewardship Committee, subgroups may be tasked with revising recommendations to incorporate concerns expressed by Stewardship Committee. If revised recommendations still can’t get consensus, recommendation will not be included in plan. However, a plan appendix will document all options and explain rationale for recommendations without consensus. The plan may be modified in the future if issues around recommendations included in this appendix can be resolved. The land manager will have discretion to re-address recommendations at future Stewardship Committee meetings. Stewardship Committee members are responsible for expressing non-consensus to land manager on specific topics.

**Committee Membership**

The Stewardship Committee membership is listed below. The committee will strive to include one (or two) representative(s) from each of the recreation user groups who either use the area or have the potential to use the area. Members are encouraged to actively participate in the process (see role and responsibilities above). Meetings will be set by topic, and participants in specific topic meetings will make up a Subgroup. It is not expected that all Stewardship Committee members join all Subgroup meetings, but that those with interests and knowledge of specific topics join those Subgroup meetings. All Stewardship Committee members are encouraged to attend Quarterly Meetings, to maintain awareness of work completed by Subgroups.

**Active Membership**

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| **Organization** | **Representative** |
| Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue | David Walker, Mike Stanford |
| Kahler Glen Association | Ralph Leslie, Dave Millard |
| Kahler Glen residents | Tim and Mary Gallagher, Bill and Nancy Miller, Dennis and Anne Gilbert |
| Stellarwood residents | Eric Prestbo |
| Lake Wenatchee Info | Rob Shurtleff, George Wilson |
| Nasonview landowner | Rollie Schmitten |
| Butcher Creek residents | John Meriwether, Sarah Smith, Amber Zimmerman, David Walker, Mike McCausland |
| Lake Wenatchee Residents | Ray Aspiri |
| Chelan-Douglas Land Trust | David Morgan, Hanne Beener |
| Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee/Tributary Committee/Yakama Nation | Brandon Rogers |
| Alpine Lakes High Camp | Justin Donahue |
| Basecamp Cascadia | Katie Strahl |
| Chelan County Natural Resource Department | Erin McKay, Mike Kaputa |
| Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife |  |
| Forest Health and Wildlife Specialist | Bill Gaines, Andrea Lyons |
| 59er Diner | Joe Cannata |
| Washington State Parks | Matt Morrison, Trevor Wylie, Deb Wadkins |
| Washington Department of Transportation | Scott Cervin, Kate Toffelson |
| Cascadia Conservation District | Patrick Haggerty, Amanda Newell |
| Trust for Public Land | Ann Welz |
| Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee/Tributary Committee/NOAA-Fisheries | Justin Yeager |
| Chelan County Commissioner | Shon Smith |
| Wenatchee Valley TREAD | Matt Lyons |
| Plain Valley Ski Trails | Rob Whitten, Christie Saugen |
| Leavenworth Winter Sports Club/Evergreen | James Munly |
| Nason Area Hunters | Chad Spies, Sean Simmons |
| Audubon Society | Mark Johnston, Bill Deters |
| United States Forest Service | Erica Taeker, TJ Broom, Mason Schuur |

**Potential Membership**

The following organizations may elect to formally participate in the future, and Chelan County will continue to reach out to additional members about their participation.

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| **Organization** | **Representative** |
| Motorcycle/motorized user |  |
| Colville Tribes |  |
| Other residents |  |
| WDFW |  |

In addition, it is possible that other community members may be interested in participating in the future. Any potential new members should reach out to Chelan County. Chelan County seeks to create an open and transparent planning process and will grant new memberships when feasible. New members will need to be able to review relevant information regarding the progress made in the planning process so they can engage effectively.

**Observer Guidelines.** Anyone from the public is welcome to observe the recreation committee meetings. Any observer wanting to make comments can let Chelan County know ahead of time and they will be incorporated into the agenda for the meeting. Observers interested in joining the committee can work with Chelan County as described above.

**Public Input/Outreach**. In addition to the recreation committee members, Chelan County and its partners will reach out to the other interested and potentially affected community members and funders at key times in the planning process to share information and gather input. Outreach methods may include e-newsletter articles, press releases, open houses, and surveys. A webpage will be maintained and updated with meeting information, notes and presentations, and documents.