

Resolution No. 2019-114

RE: Adoption and Implementation of the Stemilt Partnership Recreation Plan

WHEREAS, the Stemilt Partnership was established in 2007 by the Stemilt and Squilchuck communities and multiple federal, state, local, and non-profit agencies and organizations, as well as private citizens, for the protection and restoration of water, wildlife and recreation resources; and

WHEREAS, the Stemilt Partnership developed the Stemilt-Squilchuck Vision document which outlines the goals and implementation measures for the protection of water, wildlife and recreation across the Stemilt and Squilchuck basins; and

WHEREAS, the Stemilt Partnership has continued to meet and implement the Vision document with the various landowners in the basins; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources initiated and adopted the Naneum Ridge to Columbia River Recreation and Access Plan in 2015 to guide recreational development in the planning area, a portion of which includes the Stemilt Partnership planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Stemilt Partnership desired to have a recreation plan specific to the Stemilt Partnership area which would outline in more detail specific recommendations and projects appropriate to its planning area; and

WHEREAS, Chelan County received a technical support grant from the National Park Service Recreation, Trails and Conservation Assistance program to work with the Stemilt Partnership to develop a Stemilt Partnership recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Stemilt Partnership established a recreation planning committee to work with and develop a recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft Stemilt Partnership Recreation Plan was available for informal and formal comment through the Stemilt Partnership, recreation planning committee, multiple workshops and public hearings over a two-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources have both commented on the recreation plan and intend to use the plan to guide implementation on their respective lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Chelan County adopts the Stemilt-Squilchuck Recreation Plan, subject to the following provisions:

1. Implementation of the recreation plan will be accomplished on a voluntary basis as funds are available by landowners and interested parties in coordination with the Stemilt Partnership.
2. The Chelan County Natural Resource Department will coordinate implementation of the plan with the Stemilt Partnership.
3. The Winter Recreation Compromise Proposal will be implemented and guided by an Implementation Committee comprised of local community recreation representatives. The Committee will report semi-annually to the Chelan County Commissioners on the challenges and opportunities to implement the Winter Recreation Compromise Proposal. After two years, if the Commissioners determine that significant challenges remain, then the Committee will propose solutions to these challenges.
4. The following considerations will guide implementation of the Winter Recreation Compromise Proposal:
 - a. No existing snowmobile access points will be affected by this proposal (including: Lily Lake Snopark, Clear Lake Snopark, Beehive Road, Graffiti Rock, Forest Ridge). If, for reasons outside the scope of this plan, snopark locations need to change, agencies and/or landowners will collaborate with user groups to assess other possible snopark locations.
 - b. No groomed snowmobile routes will be affected by this proposal (including access up to Microwave tower along Naneum Ridge Road). If snopark locations change for reasons outside of the scope of this plan, new groomed connections to the existing groomed trail system will be included in the assessment of alternative snopark locations.
 - c. Authorized users of the Noyd easement may still travel via snowmobile across non-motorized area into groomed snowmobile trail system on a designated route (TBD). The intersection of the designated route and any non-motorized trails will be well marked.
 - d. Upper Wheeler Road would not be closed to motorized traffic during winter as per County Public Works policy, but there would not be improved parking for snowmobile trailers at the base and therefor motorized traffic would be minimal.
 - e. High elevation non-motorized play areas included within the proposal area focus on areas of specific interest to backcountry skiers: slopes above Clara and Marion Lakes in WDFW Section 23, slopes below proposed backcountry hut in DNR Section 36 and above Upper Wheeler Reservoir to the south and west.
 - f. Non-motorized opportunity in lower elevations will focus on development of marked routes for snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and fat-tire biking and identification of non-motorized parking at access points (Squilchuck State Park, Upper Wheeler Road or Orr Creek Road, and possibly Mission Ridge are identified as access points in the plan). Marking routes and establishing parking provides the non-motorized opportunities that many in the valley desire and is consistent with the Naneum Plan concept. These routes will be designed to

minimize conflict with motorized use in the area (Noyd Easement, Upper Wheeler Road).

- g. Focus will be on implementing the trails/access points/play areas rather than on enforcement of the boundary. The goal is to have logical play areas/trails that don't need excessive on-the-ground enforcement.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2019

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