

Checkerboard Partnership Planning Committee  
1.28.2020 Notes

Attendees: Laura Osiadacz – Kittitas County; Jane Kiker – TNC; Nicky Pasi – MTSG; Tristan Spencer – Yakama Nation Tribal Forestry; Brandon Ambrose – Yakama Nation Tribal Forestry; Melissa Speeg – Kittitas Conservation Trust; Andrew Lyons – Hope Source; Gary Berndt – Local Citizen; Mary Morgan – City of Ellensburg; Nancy Lillquist – City of Ellensburg (Alt); Vic Monahan – WFFA – Upper County Forest Land Owner; Jay McGowan – City of Cle Elum; Judy Hallsey – Kittitas Audubon Society; Jim Huckabay – Community; Phil Hess – WFFA; Brian Straniti - TNC

Vote on Charter – All positive, voted in.

One pager handout comments:

- Pictures of recreational users too narrow (young and white), More dynamic flyer (age and ethnicity dynamics)
- Photos of:
  - Cle Elum
  - Peoh Point
  - Sky Meadows view of valley
- All seasons should be shown/represented
- Should not have pictures of Mount Stuart; outside of scope
- Picture should clearly relate to “potential benefits” bullets.
- Hunting camp In Taneum? Hunting and fishing views.
- More diverse recreation shot
- Show use in all seasons
- Map is estimation of public uses
- **ACTION ITEM: Google Drive folder for photos**
  - In email form, hyperlink w/additional photos. Send to Brian or Melissa
- **Need a website – CWU intern is a possibility?**
- Logging pictures convey wrong message – should be side by side comparisons of before and after restoration
- First bullet (priority) should be “healthy forests,” (aka 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet to 1<sup>st</sup>)
- In statement on 2<sup>nd</sup> page, change “protect”? Or “recognize and protect” instead. “Carry forward what we value” Recognize and honor”
- Why does the window of opportunity close at the end of 2021?
- “Time to organize” paragraph – combine the last two sentences.
- Drop “by the end of 2021” and convey this is a limited opportunity. Conservation investors need to sell.
- **ACTION ITEM: All comments on one pager by Friday (02/07/2020)**
  - Please send individually to avoid conversation chatter to Melissa, Brian, or Nicky

Group Work – Way to reach people identified

- Upper County Communities –
  - Control and Access should be more direct and emphasized.
  - Coal -> Railroad -> Timber -> What’s left is the land. That’s our legacy and we want to preserve that.
- Lower County Communities –
  - Water is the most important aspect

- Fire prevention is also helpful (Eburg get's the smoke!)

#### Breakout Groups

- Chasing Money
  - 2 prong plan, grant strategy, and establishing an entity to oversee grant writing (urgent)
  - Charitable organizations – if someone donates, they get tax benefits.
  - No applicant, need to create one
- Public Engagement –
  - Relay urgency of timeframe
  - Air quality for lower county
- Governance –
  - Finished Charter
  - Working on next charter, PDA.
  - 26<sup>th</sup> February, next meeting.