

## **Dungeness Watershed Action Plan Conference Call Notes, December 12, 2011**

Participants (10): John Woolley, Mike Anderson, Susan Piper, Ross Krumpe, Scott Chitwood, Rebecca Wolfe, Tim McNulty, Dean Yoshina, Sharon Yeh, Jeff Chapman

### Acting Ranger

- Dean said that he is taking a three-month leave of absence to travel with his family in Central America. He will leave December 16 and return March 12.
- During his absence, Sharon Yeh will be acting district ranger. Sharon will also continue her duties as Olympic National Forest staff officer for recreation, lands, and minerals.

### Recreation Plan

- A sub-group including John, Ross, Tim, Jeff, Susan, Sharon, and Dean met in Quilcene on November 18 to discuss a study area for a motorized and non-motorized recreational trail system.
- The sub-group agreed on an area in the vicinity of Bear Mountain and Mount Zion, which is mostly in the Jimmy-come-lately Creek and Snow Creek drainages and partly in the Dungeness/Snow Creek drainage. The proposed study area does not include the Ned Hill area. Rebecca requested to see a map showing the areas under discussion and Jeff agreed to send one to the conference call participants.
- Tim and Jeff discussed the status of the upper 2870 Road, which is proposed for decommissioning in the Watershed Action Plan. Jeff will adjust the study area map to account for that.
- Jeff said that there is a need for more parking/turn-around space at or below the Tubal Cain Trailhead. Dean said that the Forest Service would look into the feasibility of expanding the parking lot or grading the area below.
- Dean emphasized that the recreation groups will need to pursue funding through their organizations for the recreation study.

### Watershed Action Plan

- Susan said that the Watershed Action Plan is essentially complete except for the recreation planning area and the road to the Silver Creek way-trail, which will require some more investigation.
- The Forest Service is starting to think about implementation of the Plan, such as how to design the NEPA analyses and identify funding opportunities and partners.
- Rebecca said that she would look into a Sierra Club funding program that was used for a watershed restoration project in Idaho.

### Public Meeting

- The Forest Service would like to hold an evening public meeting to present the final Watershed Action Plan.
- The group discussed dates and locations and decided on Wednesday, February 8, assuming that the Guy Cole Convention Center is available. [Susan subsequently confirmed that the center is available on that date.]
- The meeting agenda, format, speakers, etc. will be discussed and decided at the collaborative group's next conference call in January.

### Grant Proposal

- Scott said that the Tribe has submitted a grant proposal to the National Forest Foundation to fund a coordinator for the Dungeness River Management Team to work on implementation of the Watershed Action Plan. Scott thanked Rebecca and Mike for helping to draft the proposal. The Forest Service is sending NFF a letter of support.

Next conference call will be on Tuesday, January 10, at 10:00 AM.