

Breakout Exercise:

What is the most important recreation issue as each person sees it?

Cory's Group Report Out

- Very like-minded people.
- Issues: Trail conflicts between trail users (hikers/horses) vs (bikes/motorized) – safety issues with different types of use on the trails.
- Wildlife – want to maintain wildlife pops that are there now, feel with increased motorized would lose some of the wildlife
- Water quality – possibly monitor water quality to see if improvements are made
- Need parking areas that will accommodate horse trailers
- I don't want Krause Basin to become the land of "NO" like Glacier has become.

Chuck's Group Report Out

- Issues: Motorized use and mtn bike/motorcycle use due to safety concerns with speeds
- Better route signing throughout area and more accurate maps
- Keep area open for all users – motorized users doing trail maintenance better for all users – don't want to see increase in motorized use
- Currently lack of FS personnel to manage area – suggested management plan to help manage area. Don't want to see increase in use due to lack of mgt in the area.
- Promoting use of fossil fuel activities
- Increased motorized use could impact trails that are already impacted by bicycle use and trails that are not maintained – resource damage caused by increased motorized use.
- Increased motorized use is driving out wildlife in the area.

Keith's Group Report Out (some technical issues with a few members)

- Keep Krause Basin non-motorized
- Give preference to hikers and horseback riders – keep bicycle separate
- Keep Forest Service Amendment 19 promise to close all trails in Krause Basin to motorized use.
- Concern for the total lack of law enforcement. Put money into hiring a law enforcement officer for Krause Basin, not signs and other hardware.
- Keep different user groups that are not speed compatible, separate.

Shelli's Group Report Out

- Signage needs to be available for everyone using trails – signage of actual trails (hike, bike, horse) differentiates between motorized and non-motorized

- Greater area signage do not want to promote – small area the more it's promoted the more it will become overrun with people.
- Wildlife habitat security is the most pressing concern, with motorized - wildlife tends to make themselves scarce
- Like to see the Basin left the way it is. Please do not commercialize this area
- Ability to be on foot, running and hiking, enjoy nature in that way, without the intrusion/degradation of all-terrain vehicles
- Use mostly quiet rec – spend a lot of time appreciating plants/nature – appreciate w/o interruptions – have to put up with noise/exhaust
- If promoted as a focus area – will be overrun and – don't want it to be promoted – before you know it, it will be totally overrun.
- Have been frequently run off the trail by dirt and mountain bikes – safety issue

Tyler's Group Report Out

- Pro all use
- Would like to accommodate for quieter activities
- Everyone should be able to use it no matter what – we all pay taxes – should all be able to use
- If you pay taxes – no one person's ideal use should supersede another's use.
- Supply/demand situation – feel plenty of areas for motorized to go – lots of overlap in use – may need to be partitioned a bit.

Derrick's Group Report Out

- Increase use of Krause Basin road – all KB area in general – if we don't deal with issues now – really irresponsible – issues will get worse and worse – whole picture needs to be looked at.
- Addressing that use sooner than later
- Discussed parking accommodations
- Addressing larger vehicles – horse trailers – accommodating everyone
- Limited amount of moto trails compared to others rec opportunities on Forest
- Discussion of education for user groups – users understand how to conduct trail etiquette
- Equity to access for all
- Wildlife concerns with increased motorized access
- Concerned with overall use in Krause Basin – all uses
- Simple need for basic trail etiquette, respect for the resource no matter the use

Mark's Group Report out

- All members favored non-motorized trails – resource damage, concerns to wildlife, water quality, soils, and solitude

- Believed this area solitude/integrity of the area is really important – consider more rec pressure/development in Flathead Valley – more important it is to have quiet wild areas near by (KB)
 - Did not favor signs on the ground – improve the maps for the trails out there
 - All concerned about unauthorized trails in the area – give them an inch – will take a mile. Importance of etiquette and respect to uses out there, building trails oneself does not reflect that respect
 - Multiple uses – too small an area for all user groups to use trails simultaneously
 - Concerns over motorized trail impacts to adjacent State Lands (used for growing trees to support schools).
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