

Greetings Ferry County Rail Trail Partners Supporters

Many thanks to everyone who attended our second annual meeting and to all who attended the adjacent landowners meeting on 11 April, along with all the supporters who enjoyed the Jim Whittaker fundraising presentation.

As you can see, it has been a whirlwind few weeks for rail trail supporters--*and it's not over yet!*

Please take note of **3 very pressing** items:

1) Commissioners agenda item "Monday 3:00 PM: Recreational Trail Committee Appointments/Discussion"

This committee was initiated by Commissioner's Bond and Miller, along with then Commissioner Blankenship, Dec. 15th 2008. At that time it was called "a rail trail advisory board", to advise the Commissioners as to the best use of the rail corridor. But the call for applicants and the proposed by-laws indicate it will now be a COUNTY WIDE trail committee; which we find far too broad and lacking the original corridor specific focus. There is no public comment period listed for the Monday agenda item; however; we are asking supporters to attend this 1hr segment, as this will likely be the last chance for the public to voice their concerns and recommendations regarding the scope and composition of this proposed COUNTY WIDE trail committee: now considered by many to be far too broad and lacking necessary rail corridor specific focus. Please visit our website to view the Commissioners proposed By-Laws for this committee. The Commissioners office is behind the Ferry County Courthouse, in the old Kiwanis Hall, 290 East Tessie. If you cannot attend please email your comments before Monday to: "Ferry Co. Commissioners" commissioners@co.ferry.wa.us
<commissioners@co.ferry.wa.us>

2) ORV Scoping may soon include rail corridor as option #6: At the regular Monday meeting Commissioners Bond and Miller (Heath not present) moved the ORV Scoping notice forward and are considering adding option # 6: Rail Corridor from Lundimo Meadows Rd. North to/through Curlew.

This is of profound concern: Regardless of the fact that all versions of the Ferry County proposed ORV Ordinances have been ruled illegal, Commissioners Miller and Bond continue to persist with the OHV scoping that includes roads not eligible under current Washington state law (such as Lundimo Meadow Rd.) *in addition to considering adding the rail corridor as option #6.* This, after the community has been told by the Commissioners for over a year, that the County ORV ordinances are unrelated to the proposed rail trail.

Clearly, ORV access to the rail corridor and the County's scoping are combined.

Furthermore: To bisect the corridor's designation and open it to ORVs in the second

largest town, adjacent to Curlew School and the Curlew Creek wetland, would greatly reduce the overall fundability and sustainability, of this massive 29 mile project.

3) Curlew School Board vote undermined: Commissioners approve application for WSDOT Transportation Enhancement (TE) fund that does not require a School element.

On April 24th 2008 Curlew School Board members voted (Brad Miller abstained) to reject a \$300,000 Safe Route to School (SR2S) grant application proposed by the Ferry County Commissioners, that would have enhanced an existing bike/pedestrian route from the School to downtown Curlew. Much of that route has Boulder Creek Road exposure. By passing on this less than optimum safe route option we believe the school and/or CSCA hopes to collect more information related to the standard two mile SR2S radius in order to craft a more comprehensive plan and apply for the 2010 SR2S funding cycle. Obviously, many hope for the rail corridors inclusion as a SR2S in addition to augmenting school Physical Education programs. **NOTE:** Recently, new information has surfaced that details the County has now applied for money to fix the old safe route with a similar WSDOT/TE fund “TE Bicycle Pedestrian Safety” grant – a grant that does *NOT* require a school element but is still part of the WSDOT TE fund. If money from the TE fund for the old bike/ped. route is granted it would likely preclude any TE funds from being spent on the rail corridor for many years to come.

Please stay involved and attuned to these three major issues - visit our site for updates. <http://www.ferrycountyrailtrail.com/>
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Thank you very much.

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PS: Just for fun, please see below, a smattering of working rail trails in Washington State. Many are in larger populations while some are rural, but one thing is clear, they have a working non-motorized formula, together with a tried and true method of funding and maintaining them.

Bellingham Interurban Trail
WA Fairhaven District to Larrabee State Park 6.50

Benn Burr Trail
WA Liberty Park, Spokane to Underhil Park, Spokane 1.10 Walk, Mountain
Bicycle, Wheelchair

Bill Chipman Palouse Trail

ID, WA Pullman, WA (Bishop Blvd) to Moscow, ID 7.45 Walk, Bicycle, Cross
Country Ski, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

Burke-Gilman Trail

WA Seattle to Bothell 17 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Fishing, Wheelchair

Cascade Trail

WA Sedro-Woolley to Concrete (Senior Center on Highway 20) 22.30 Walk,
Horseback, Bicycle, Mountain Bicycle, Wheelchair

Cedar River Trail

WA North Bend to Renton 16 Walk, Horseback, Bicycle

Centennial Trail

WA Snohomish, WA to Arlington, WA 16.50 Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Cross
Country Ski, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

Chambers Creek Trail

WA Chamber Creek Rd at the bay to Tiffany Park development 1.50 Walk

Chehalis Western Trail

WA Lacey to Vail 15.50 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Mountain
Bicycle, Wheelchair

Chehalis Western Trail (Woodard Bay Trail)

WA Woodard Bay Nat. Resource Conserv. Area to Martin Way 6 Walk,
Horseback, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

City of Snoqualmie Centennial Trail

WA Snoqualmie to 0.50 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

Coal Creek Park Trail

WA Coal Creek Park to 3 Walk, Horseback

Colfax Trail

WA Colfax to 3 Walk, Horseback, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle

Columbia Plateau Trail State Park

WA Martin Rd. Trailhead on south to Fish Lake Trailhead on north 23 Walk,
Horseback, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Mountain Bicycle, Wheelchair

Cowiche Canyon Trail

WA Yakima to 2.90 Walk, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing

Dry Creek Trail

WA Gifford Pinchot National Forest to 4 Walk, Horseback, Fishing

Duwamish Bikeway

WA Seattle to 4.50 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

East Aberdeen Waterfront Walkway

WA East Aberdeen (along the north side of the Chehalis River) to 1.60 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

East Lake Sammamish Trail

WA Issaquah to Redmond 11 Walk, Bicycle, Mountain Bicycle

Elliot Bay Trail (Terminal 91 Bike Path)

WA Myrtle Edwards Park, Seattle to Smith Cove Park, Seattle 3.35 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

Everett-Shoreline Interurban

WA Everett to Mt Lake Terrace 11.80 Walk, Bicycle, Wheelchair

Fish Lake Trail

WA US Highway 2 & Government Way to Fish Lake 3.50 Walk, Bicycle, Mountain Bicycle

Foothills Trail

WA Buckley to Puyallup 28 Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Fishing, Wheelchair

Green Trail (Lake Wilderness Trail)

WA Maple Valley to Lake Wilderness 4 Walk, Horseback, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing

PROJECT: Interurban Trail - Seattle to Everett (project overview)

WA Seattle to Everett 11.80

Iron Goat Trail

WA Martin Creek to Wellington 6 Walk

Iron Horse State Park

WA North Bend to Vantage 82 Walk, Horseback, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing

Issaquah Creek Trail

WA High Point to Issaquah 2 Walk, Horseback, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing

Issaquah Trail (Rainier Boulevard Corridor)

WA Issaquah to 2 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

Iverson Railroad Grade Trail

WA Tiger Mountain State Forest to 2 Walk, Horseback, Mountain Bicycle

John Wayne Pioneer Trail

WA Iron Horse State Park to Tekoa 145 Walk, Horseback, Cross Country
Ski, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing

King County Interurban Trail

WA Tukwila to Pacific 14 Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

Klickitat Trail

WA Lyle to Klickitat 31 Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Mountain Bicycle

Liberty Lake Stateline Trail

WA Spokane River Centennial Trail to Appleway & Simpson Rd 1.80 Walk,
Bicycle

Lower Padden Creek Trail and Larrabee Trail

WA McKenzie Ave., Bellingham to Interurban Trail at Fairhaven Park 1 Walk,
Bicycle, Fishing

Lower Yakima Valley Pathway

WA Sunnyside to Prosser 14 Walk, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Inline Skates,
Wheelchair

Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Trail

WA Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest to 17 Walk, Horseback, Cross
Country Ski, Fishing

Necklace Valley Trail

WA Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest to Skykomish Ranger District 8 Walk,
Cross Country Ski

Northwest Timber Trail

WA East Tiger Mountain, North Bend to East Tiger Mountain 2.20 Walk,
Horseback, Bicycle, Mountain Bicycle

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

CA, OR, WA Mexico to Canada, through California, Oregon &
Washington 2650 Horseback, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

WA Stevens Pass to Yodelin 36 Walk, Horseback, Cross Country Ski

Port Angeles Waterfront Trail

WA Port Angeles (old Rayonier Mill) to Port Angeles (end of Ediz Hook) 8 Walk,

Bicycle, Inline Skates, Fishing, Wheelchair

Pratt River Trail

WA Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest to 7.50 Walk, Horseback, Cross
Country Ski

Preston Railroad Trail

WA Tiger Mountain State Forest to 3.20 Walk, Horseback, Mountain Bicycle

Preston-Snoqualmie Trail

WA Preston to Snoqualmie 6.50 Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Fishing,
Wheelchair

Pullman River Walk

WA Pullman (downtown) to Pullman (downtown) - Pine Street Plaza 0.30

Railroad Trail

WA Bellingham to Memorial Park 3 Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Cross Country
Ski, Wheelchair

Sammamish River Trail

WA Blyth Park in Bothell to Marymoor Park in Redmond 11 Walk, Horseback,
Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

Scudder Pond Trail

WA Electric Street, Bellingham to Whatcom Falls Park, Bellingham 0.50 Walk,
Bicycle, Fishing, Wheelchair

Seattle Waterfront Pathway

WA Seattle to 2 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

Ship Canal Trail - Phase I

WA 6th Avenue West to 1 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Wheelchair

Snoqualmie Valley Trail

WA Duvall to Snoqualmie Falls 27.90 Walk, Horseback, Mountain
Bicycle, Fishing

Snoqualmie Valley Trail Extension (1 mile gap)

WA Cedar Falls to Snoqualmie Falls 10 Walk, Horseback, Mountain Bicycle

South Bay Trail

WA Bellingham to 4 Walk, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Fishing, Wheelchair

Spokane River Centennial Trail

WA Nine Mile Falls to Idaho state line 39 Walk, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski,

Inline Skates, Fishing, Wheelchair

Spruce Railroad Trail (Lake Crescent Trail)

WA Olympic National Park to 4 Walk, Horseback, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing

Sylvia Creek Forestry Trail

WA Montesano to 2.30 Walk, Bicycle, Fishing, Wheelchair

Tommy Thompson Trail

WA Downtown Anacortes to March Point in Anacortes 3.20 Walk, Bicycle,
Inline Skates

Two Mile Trail

WA Montesano to 2 Walk, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing

Wallace Falls Railway Trail

WA Wallace Falls State Park to 2.50 Walk, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle,
Fishing

West Tiger Railroad Grade

WA West Tiger State Forest to 4 Walk

Whatcom County and Bellingham Interurban Trail

WA Bellingham to Larrabee State Park 7 Walk, Horseback, Bicycle,
Mountain Bicycle, Fishing, Wheelchair

Willapa Hills Trail

WA Chehalis to South Bend 56 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Mountain Bicycle

Woodland Trail (Olympia)

WA Olympia (Eastside Street) to Olympia (Dayton Street) 1.50 Walk, Bicycle

Yelm-Tenino Trail

WA Tenino to Yelm 7 Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Mountain
Bicycle, Wheelchair