

# *Enumclaw Forested Foothills Recreation Area*

## General Meeting Minutes Sept. 10, 2007

### **Welcome:**

Pat opened the meeting by introducing who EFFRA is and what we do.

Introduced our **guest speaker Dru Swaim**, who spoke on behalf of Crist Hurst. Chris is working on Equestrian Center in Enumclaw with Governor Gregoire, and working to help keep small farms in rural areas. He and his staff need ideas for bills and laws to help keep our area rural.

Chris may be willing to go on a hike.

### **Committee reports:**

#### **Pat Traub:**

Last steering meeting, we finished developing our By-Laws and worked on completing our Strategic Plan. Announced EFFRA was becoming incorporated. We will be implementing \$15.00 yearly dues. Please bring dues to next general meeting if you want to become a member of EFFRA and support our efforts to conserve our beautiful foothills.

Pat, Lisa Parson of Middle Green River Coalition and Alicia Alexander of Enumclaw Parks went for trail ride on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Lisa, who is an avid bicyclist and hiker, suggested bringing cyclists on trails, to help improve their vision of horseback riding.

Pat gave a terrific presentation of the EFFRA Strategic Plan. A Strategic Plan is our roadmap of how we are going to accomplish our goals. We decided to give ourselves a 5 year plan. Please give us your input and any ideas you may think will help with the Strategic Plan.

#### **Joan Burlingame:**

Seattle Times wrote an article on BCH working to save trails for the next generation. Scott Gray mentioned working with EFFRA maintaining trails in the foothills.

A survey company has agreed to donate \$10,000.00 to do a survey for an easement on Delcy Smith's property off of 408<sup>th</sup>.

Joan and Crystal had a meeting with Bob Burns, Deputy Director of Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) and are trying to figure out how to put money into the budget to acquire 600 acres in Enumclaw Foothills.

Still working on getting the trailhead at the Transfer Station.

King County has made firm offers for four (4) parcels on south side of Mt. Peak.

Backcountry Horsemen (BCH) working with King County to designate approx. 800 acres in the Danville/Georgetown for mountain bike park on Henry's Ridge. GPS'd trails have been recognized.

There have been several vehicles (trucks and trailers) that have been broken into in and around the Lansburg and Danville/Georgetown areas (as well as other areas) as of late. ***If you spot any suspicious activity, please report description of person(s) and the vehicles they are in, to Reagan Dunn and Chris Hurst.***

**Reagan Dunn 800-325-6165 or 206-296-1009**

**Chris Hurst Home: 360-663-2608 or Work: 360-786-7866**

Rocky Spencer – Dist. Wildlife Biologist, passed away on Saturday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a huge loss for the State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

**Debbie Vanous:**

Sent sympathy card to Reagan Dunn and his wife Paige for the loss of his mother Jennifer Dunn.

Sent thank you cards to Reagan & Paige Dunn, Mike Rex of the Safari Club and Roni Strupat of Remax and Tahoma Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen for joining Pat, Crystal and Joan on a trail ride Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Julia Larson:**

Will be bringing the King County Code Enforcement Officer to next general meeting.

Joelyn Higgins is the Rural King County Permit Coordinator. Her phone number is 206-296-7159.

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> is the next general meeting where you can have a voice in making changes to the comp plan. Sets the policy for code changes. Have until Dec. to make comments

**Greta Cook – Vice Pres. of WASART(Washington State Animal Rescue Response Team):**

- Working on non-profit status.
- Looking to help livestock owners in times of disaster.
- Working on sheltering plans for large animals.
- Coordinating a “volunteer drive” to draw people from the community to volunteer to help in rescuing animals – will provide training
- WASART will be sponsoring a Livestock ID Clinic Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at Reber Ranch from 10 am to 5 pm,. There will be a veterinarian on-site, no fees for “haul in” or “farm call”. Freeze marking, micro chipping, health certificates, Coggins testing, vaccinations, brand inspection certificates. Check out vendor booths from Horses for Clean Water, 4H, CERT, WSDA, EFFRA, BCHW, NW Horseback Search and Rescue and more
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – a region wide “Sound Shake”. This will be a simulated disaster to help figure out any loop holes in the WASART mission. If you can. Please bring your animals as if this were a “real” disaster. Please contact Greta Cook or Gretchen McCallum with any questions.

**Greta Cook – 253-569-7799**

**Gretchen McCallum - 360-886-7276**

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – 9 am - WASART meeting Key Bank meeting room

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm – WASART meeting at Expo Center to see if it could be used as a shelter site

### **Upcoming General Meetings:**

- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – meet the new code enforcement officer and talk about the King County Comp Plan
- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - Doreen Johnson will talk about area foothills