

# Lord Hill Regional Park

## Proposed Site Plan Stakeholder Input

### Proposal Support

#### Native Plant Society

- Supports separation of equestrians and bikers – signage on mixed use trails
- Supports designation of protected/off-limits areas

#### Pilchuck Audubon Society

- Supports low impact use areas to protect wildlife habitat
- Supports full critical area reconnaissance and CA studies for improvements or trail construction
- Supports habitat corridors

#### Friends of Lord Hill

- Supports bike use of designated trails, but not a skills course
- Supports critical area preservation within the park
- Leave current multi-use system as-is
- Supports expanding parking options especially for horse trailers
- Supports bike designation and equestrian designation of trails to minimize user conflicts

#### Lord Hill Park Owners Association

- Supports multi-use in the park
- Supports designated trails systems
- Supports dedicating 1000 acres to equestrian use and 300 acres to bike use
- Supports critical area preservation within the park

#### Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

- Supports designation of Mountain Bike and Equestrian Parks and dedicated trail systems
- Supports expanding parking options in both the north and south entrances
- Supports a central gathering place for education, picnics, classes and the ability for local guides and coaches to bring tours and/or students
- Supports studying both the proposed mountain bike park and the Lord Hill 2 former quarry area for mountain bike skills course and educational center (if allowed at LH2)
- Supports re-routing existing single track trails to minimize intersections and sharing of main trails

#### Cascade Orienteering Club

- Supports overall changes
- Continue Orienteering Events open to public including annual Bog Slog and the Washington Interscholastic Orienteering League events
- Continue off trail navigation practice and events
- Keep all trails open to orienteering with the exception of downhill single tracks and skills areas

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### Concerns/Issues

#### Native Plant Society

- Eliminate as many Main Trail/Single Track crossings as possible
- Flora and Fauna of the park not represented as well as the user groups

#### Pilchuck Audubon Society

- Critical and sensitive areas not thoroughly mapped
- Limited entryways need to be studied for impacts to neighborhoods
- Mountain biking in some areas may not be an appropriate use
- Do birders block trails with scopes?
- How are other user interactions?

#### Friends of Lord Hill

- Traffic increase impacts to neighborhood roads at both park entrances
- Bike traffic may impact the natural character of the park and throw the multi-use out of balance
- Bike skills course does not seem compatible with original Master Plan, but keep existing single track trails
- Safety issues with intersecting bike/horse trails and swift riding on skills course
- Hikers may not be able to enjoy the trails with a bike skills course
- 4H use at Lord Hill 2 would cease if bikes skills course is built
- Protection of migrating birds and waterfowl

#### Lord Hill Park Owners Association

- Not enough parking options to expand use of park
- Traffic congestion in local neighborhoods
- Maintaining the natural character of the park
- Security issues at all park entrances and parking areas
- Night use
- Garbage left behind and litter
- Protect the Riverfront area
- Mountain bike speed and skills courses may not be compatible with hiking and disruptive to wildlife and habitat
- Can restrooms be developed to handle a high volume of activity?
- Would bike skills course in Lord Hill 2 impact use of that area by 4-H, Search and Rescue and the Backcountry Horsemen?

#### Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

- Keep multi-use throughout the park including within designated user group areas
- Avoid eliminating users from existing trails that are moderately or heavily used and where there is no current or inevitable conflict

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- Provide an area in a central location for skills area that can also be used for education and group gatherings

### Cascade Orienteering Club

- Addition of skills park in Lord Hill 2 would require users to pass through bike area to access remainder of park
- Illegal entrance through neighborhoods and private roads
- Increase of event fee schedule with improvement of park

### **Suggested Solutions**

#### Native Plant Society

- Add Horse Crossing sign to the Main Trail intersection from the Equestrian Parking Lot
- Remove Herb Robert patches and other invasive species
- Switch hikers and bikers to the Equestrian Entrance
- Segregate South Entrance for hikers/bikers and equestrians possibly using fencing or barriers
- Use existing quarry area for bicycle skills development trails instead of disturbing untouched areas for new skills trails

#### Pilchuck Audubon Society

- Provide low-impact/no-impact zones
- Provide wildlife corridors and be cognizant of migratory bird behaviors and needs
- Perform critical area reconnaissance study
- Perform traffic study
- Perform noise study

#### Friends of Lord Hill

- Expand horse trailer parking options especially in the Equestrian Lot
- Keep multi-use system in place
- Against bike skills course in park, especially in Lord Hill 2, but allow bike use to continue on designated single track trails and multi-use trails throughout the park
- Designate the SE and Temple Pond loops for horses and hikers
- Perform traffic study

#### Lord Hill Park Owners Association

- Create and/or designate hiker only trails
- Assess miles of trail accessible to each user group
- Create more signage to make using the park easier and safer
- Caretakers or guest residences at both park entrances to help with compliance of park rules
- Restrooms in Lord Hill 2
- Separate Parking areas by use in Lord Hill 2 similar to 127<sup>th</sup> entrance

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### Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

- Minimize change and focus on additions
- Provide new infrastructure that will draw users away from problem trails onto a new trail where the user experience is improved
- Keep designated use areas open to multi-use
- Evaluate new skill building and family friendly trail zones close to both entrances (if allowed on LH2)
- Connect short popular segments with new or re-routed single track trails to provide long continuous trails without road or double track interruptions
- Modify existing trails that are moderately or heavily used to enhance user experiences
- New bike by-pass trails to draw users away from less bike friendly and heavily used multi-use trails

### Cascade Orienteering Club

- Locate restrooms and parking in the center of the park to disperse users from a central location to mitigate high traffic areas
- Improve parking facilities
- Construct restroom facilities
- Create a permanent orienteering course with signs, posts and caps accessible via QR code and utilizing new park maps