

The Mountaineers • Washington Trails Association

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Elizabeth L O'Neal
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RE: Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan

Dear Elizabeth L O'Neal, SEPA Center:

The Mountaineers and Washington Trails Association respectfully submit comments regarding the draft Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan as it relates to human-powered recreational trails. We appreciate the long history of collaboration with the South Puget Sound Region and look forward to continuing this partnership in support of high-quality, sustainable recreational access for decades to come.

We would first like to thank the planning committee and Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for their work to develop a plan that works for all recreation groups for such a popular area. We appreciate the collaborative process that DNR initiated in 2012 with public meetings and the planning committee. As you all know, the Snoqualmie Corridor is an amazing resource to have so close to the Seattle urban center.

Our organizations encourage DNR to consider the following as part of the current planning process:

Hiking Areas

Tiger Mountain State Forest

- Develop a hiker only trail from West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) to the summit of East Tiger.
- Consider the possibility for a trail from the Rattlesnake Mountain trailhead to the Tiger Mountain Highway 18 trailhead.

Raging River State Forest

- Develop a multi-use trail parallel to the river with side trails providing limited access to the river, where appropriate.

General

We understand that a number of potential trails were suggested by the planning committee during the development of the plan. We would like to see the inclusion of these trails in the plan for future reference.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan. We look forward to working with DNR on the implementation of this plan.

Sincerely,

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The Mountaineers

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