

SHUSWAP TRAILS ROUNDTABLE



February 13, 2019

Sicamous Rec Centre



INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Chief Wayne Christian, Splat-sin

Mayor Terry Rysz, District of Sicamous

Chair Rhona Martin, Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Phil McIntyre-Paul, Executive Director, Shuswap Trail Alliance

Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council

Everyone in the room



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

All of you for coming

All partners for support throughout the year

Specifically for today's Shuswap Trails Roundtable:

- CSRD
- District of Sicamous
- District of Sicamous Recreation Centre Society



MEETING OBJECTIVES

Provide update on progress of the implementation of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy this year

To seek feedback on priorities for the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy for next year, and endorse the annual work plan

Convene all trail user groups and orders of government to build relationships and share information from across the Shuswap region



SHUSWAP TRAILS ROUNDTABLE

All of you!

Meets once per year

See Chapter 13, and Appendix 9 for terms of reference

- Quorum:
 - Secwepemc governments – 1 rep each
 - Regional districts – 2 reps from any of the 3 RDs
 - Municipalities – 3 reps from any of the 5 municipalities
 - Provincial government – 2 reps, ideally from Rec Sites & Trails or BC Parks
 - Motorized trails groups – 3 reps
 - Non-motorized trails groups – 3 reps
 - Other sector – 1 rep



WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Over 70 people representing the following:

Sexqéltkemc Lakes Division (4 governments), Switzmalph Cultural Society

Provincial government, including:

- Recreation Sites and Trails BC (part of Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development)
- BC Parks
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development
- Ministry of Tourism and Infrastructure

Motorized recreation

Non-motorized recreation

Commercial recreation tenure holders

Local government including: City of Salmon Arm, District of Sicamous, Village of Chase, CSRD, RDNO

Others - Interior Health Authority, Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association, School District 83, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society



ATTENDED MEETINGS IN 2018, JAN 2019

Louis Thomas, Bonnie Thomas, Shelley Witzky, Avis Denault, Tess Tomma, Aaron Arnouse, Stacey Berryman, Robyn Hooper, Sue Davies, Danielle Dornik, Ian McLellan, Kevin Eskelin, Marshall Kronewitt, Carly Procyshyn, Ryan Nitchie, Veda Roberge, Robyn Cyr, Joe McCulloch, Gord Bushell, Rennie Heare, Joni Heinrich, Fred Torbohm, David Lepsoe, Chris Larson, Brad Vickerson, Wes DeArmond, Brodie Rundel, Keegan Hoffman, Linda Buchanan, Shirley Bates, Mirand Williams, Anita Ely, Sutra Brett, Craig McBride, Clint Smith, Dave Crowfoot, Keith Cox, Sue Hunt, Brad Harrison, Jan Thingsted, Sarah Kylo, Mel Arnold MP, Tom Dickson, Allan Obrigewitsch, Libby Chisolm, Adrian Bostock, Nancy Cooper, Paul Demenok, George Zorn, Carmen Massey, Andreas Meerza...and of course, Phil McIntyre-Paul

Special thanks to those not re-elected



SHUSWAP TRAILS ROUNDTABLE

Building Pathways to the Future on the Foundations of Respect –
Looking Forward as we reflect on the foundation and values of
the Shuswap Trails Roundtable

Sunny LeBourdais

Phil McIntyre-Paul



HISTORY AND PURPOSE



2014 Pierre's Pt



2015 Enderby



2016 Splatsin



2017 Chase



SHUSWAP TRAILS ROUNDTABLE

Reflections on the history, successes, challenges, current status and areas of growth for the Shuswap Trails Roundtable

Small group discussion and independent input



PROGRESS REPORT

Active Transportation – Chase

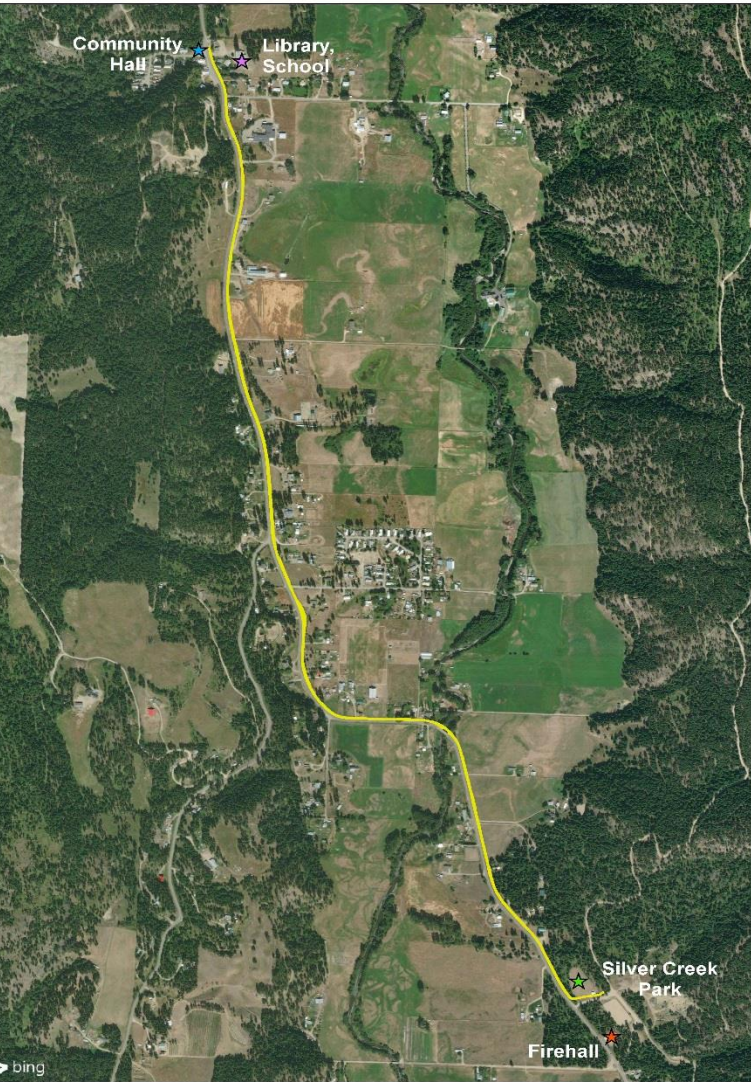


Active transportation infrastructure and policies contribute to the physical, social and economic health of a community.



SALMON RIVER PARALLEL TRAIL





SALMON RIVER PARALLEL TRAIL

- 3.65 km
- One Pedestrian Bridge
- Asphalt Capped*
- Separated trail
- Recreational/Seasonal Use



CHALLENGES



- Land Tenure
- MoTI Standards
- Funding
- Section 11 Permits



SUCCESSSES



- ✓ **MoTI Collaboration**
- ✓ **Variiances to MoTI Standards**
- ✓ **BikeBC Grant**
- ✓ **Rural Breakthrough**
- ✓ **Regional Strategy**



2019 WORK PLAN

- ✓ Receive Permit to Construct from MoTI
- ✓ Tender and Award Pedestrian Bridge Supply and Installation
 - Receive Section 11 Permit
 - Tender Trail Construction
 - Construction completion by October 2019

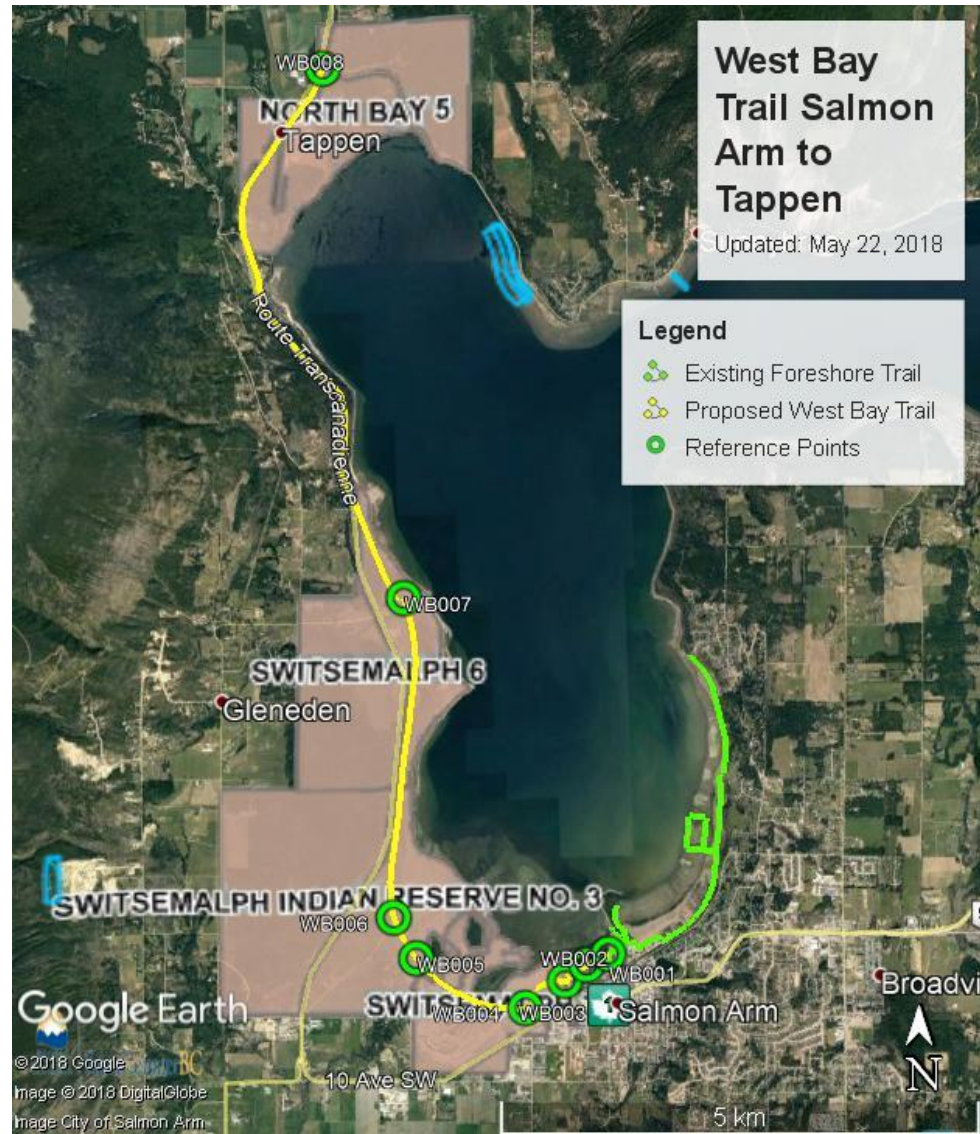


QUESTIONS?



PROGRESS REPORT

Active Transportation – West Bay



SECWEPEMC UPDATE

Indigenous Tourism Project

Secwepemc Landmarks Project

Cumulative Effects Assessment

Shelley Witzky



Secwepemc Landmarks

Presentation by
Shelley Witzky, B.A.



Secwepemculecw

■ Secwepemc occupy one of the largest territories within what is now known as B.C. Oral history passed down through the generations tells us we have occupied our territory since the last glaciation. Cultural history teaches us that our ancestors placed landmarks throughout our territory pointing to good fishing spots, secure village sites, etc. so that future generations can access that information. We see ancient human-modified pillars within easy reach of our ancient trail system that probably ear-marked ideal village or camp sites, such as the pillar at Hoffman's Bluff.

Seasonal Rounds and Gatherings

■ For thousands of years, our ancestors and many of us today, follow the seasonal rounds, gathering and harvesting food, medicine, fish and game from Secwepemculecw.

■ We have oral history and knowledge of ancient gathering places within the Secwepemc Nation, where our ancestors gathered in large numbers to harvest food and to maintain existing relationships and build new ones socially and politically, ensuring the security of our boundaries. We can see this today through kinship ties between the communities.

■ The Secwepemc Nation is reviving these Seasonal Gatherings as well as exploring what our traditional governance is and could be in modern day.



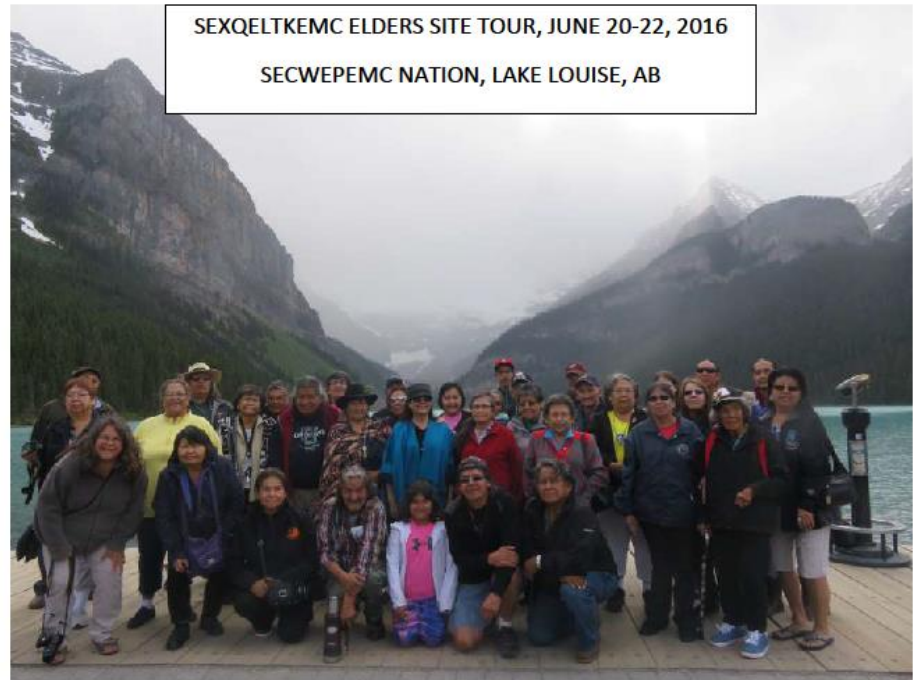
Current Use and Occupancy

- Secwepemc use and utility of Traditional Territory
- Traditional Use Studies
- Cultural Heritage Studies
- Pipsell (Jacko Lake)
- STS Elders Site Tour
- Cultural Camps
- Seasonal Gatherings



Elders Site Tour

- Identified sacred and sensitive sites to be protected before, during, and after highway expansion
- Burials/graves uncovered during the expansion of TCH 1
- Disturbance of sacred and sensitive sites
- Rat Cave
- Ancient village sites and seasonal camps
- 50 Elders from the 5 Bands (Adams Lake, Neskonlith, Splatsin, Little Shuswap Lake, and Shuswap) on site tour
- Visited each highway expansion project site (17 in total over 3 days)



Secwepemc Landmarks

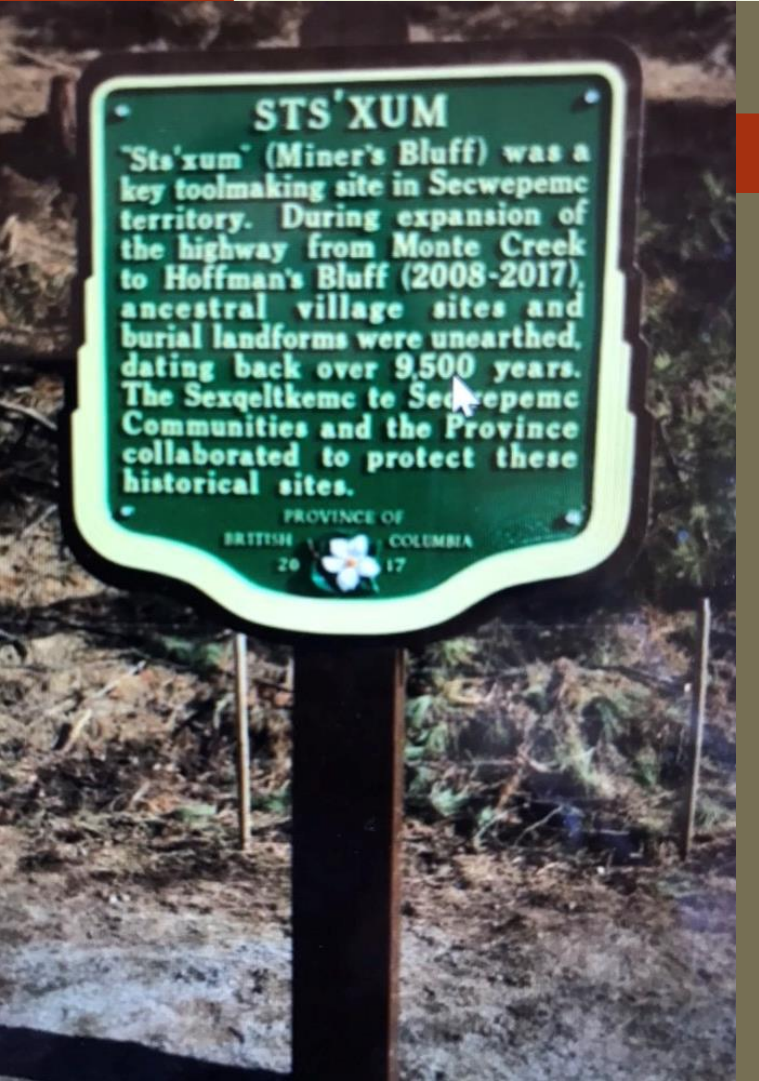
- To commemorate the burials and graves uncovered during the expansion of TCH 1
- Pullout off of TCH 1 for Secwepemc to conduct ceremony in safety
- Modern Secwepemc Landmarks
- Ties into ancient Secwepemc Landmarks
- Secwepemc Landmarks Project with Shuswap Trail Alliance and Shuswap Tourism



Secwepemc Signage

- Work with Secwepemc Elders, STA and Shuswap Tourism to draft storyboards
- Sculptures, monuments, on trails
- Reconciliation between Secwepemc and Canadian society
- Secwepemc artists and Caucasian artists to design and co-create art
- Trails, trailheads, lookout points
- Interconnecting Landmarks from mountain top to mountain top





Secwepemc Place Names

- Working with Elders to tell the story of significant areas where Secwepemc gathered, what we did there, what we named it
- Sts'xum
- Tsutswecw
- Pipsell
- Illicilleweat
- Potential new places
- Craigellachie
- Revelstoke
- Adams Lake
- Shuswap Lake
- How we can utilize those sites in modern times, while protecting sacred and sensitive sites (Pillar at Pillar Lake)



Indigenous Tourism Coordinator

Short Term Activities

- 1. Develop Capacity to Implement the Secwepemc Lakes Tourism Strategy**
- 2. Determine Protocols**
- 3. Artisan Inventory and Marketing**
- 4. Assist Entrepreneurs** – University of Victoria EAGLE and ACE programs
- 5. Offer Tourism Industry and Cultural Training**
- 6. Increase Cultural Presence** – Work with local visitor centers, MOTI, FLRN-Sites and Trails, Parks Canada and other partners to increase storyboards, signage, language, art and the cultural awareness and presence within the Territory.
- 7. Events Committee/Artisan Collective**

Long Term Activities

Through various partnerships:

- 1. Develop/expand businesses** (eg. Overnight accommodation, café, catering, artisans collective, etc.)
- 2. Develop/expand experiences** (eg. Guided tours, interpretive talks and storytelling, Salmon BBQ, multi-night itineraries of cultural interpretation/experiences, etc.)
- 3. Develop and promote events** (eg. Pow Wows, Seasonal Gathering feasts, etc.)
- 4. Explore the opportunity to build a Cultural Centre.**



Secwepemc Indigepreneurs

- Endless opportunities!
- 18.9 million overnight visitors to BC in 2015, spending \$10.3 billion
- 1 in 3 are seeking an authentic Indigenous experience
- Long term sustainable employment
- Youth and young adult training
- Small business opportunities
- Secwepemc Artisan Market
- Guide Outfitters
- Hunting, fishing, gathering excursions
- BBQ and storytelling

SHUSWAP TRAILS ROUNDTABLE BUSINESS

Meeting summaries for 2016, 2017

Quorum



LUNCH AND GROUP PICTURE

- Thanks to District of Sicamous for sponsoring lunch



PROGRESS REPORT

South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan



SICAMOUS TO ARMSTRONG RAIL TRAIL

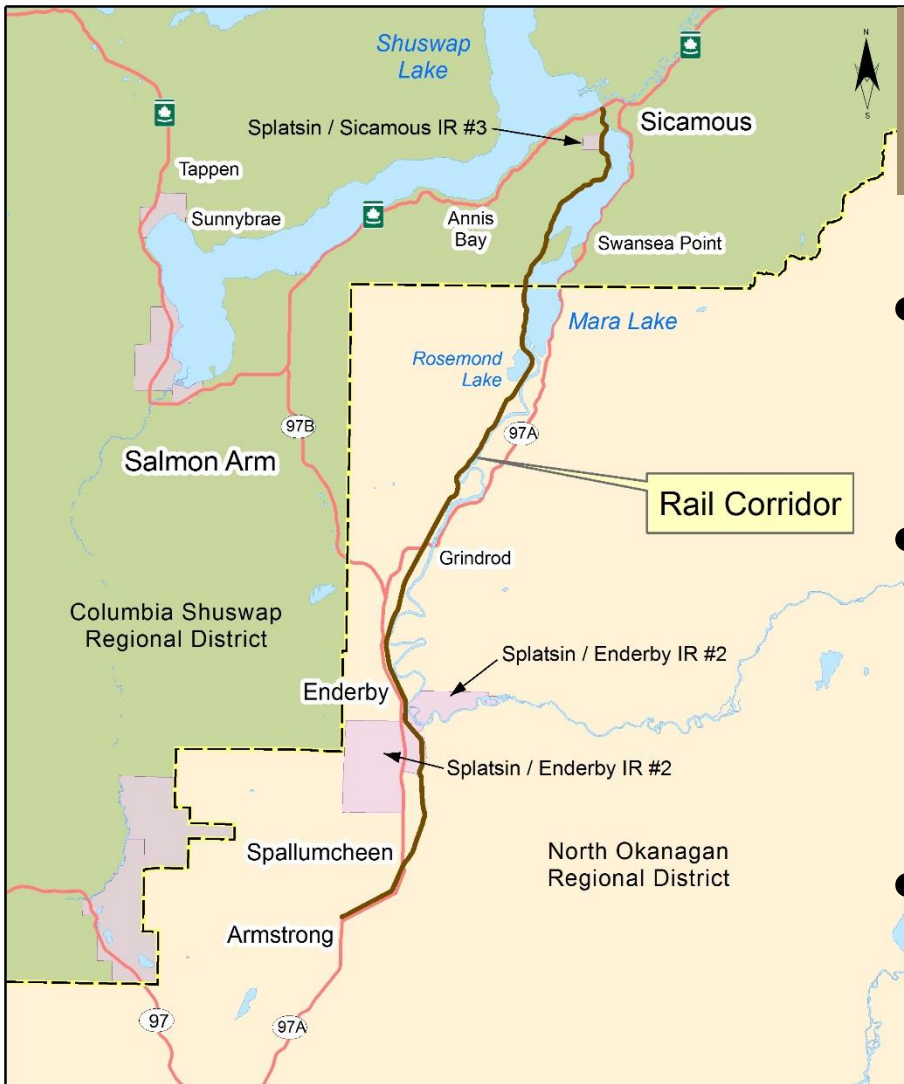


Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail

- Acquired Dec 2017

- Splatsin, CSRD, RDNO Partnership

- Approx 50km



RAIL TRAIL - WORK TO DATE



- Risk Management Signage
- Inventory Historic Agreements
- Establish MOU, Governance Operational Terms of Reference
- Grant Applications



RAIL TRAIL – WORK IN PROGRESS

- Convene Governance Committee
- Convene Operational Committee



- Grant Follow up
- Project Manager
- Hazard Assessment
- Invasive Species
- Encroachment /Crossing Agreements
- Land Use Agreements



QUESTIONS?



RECREATION SITES AND TRAILS BC

Update



SUB-REGIONAL DISCUSSIONS

Align by 7 sub-regions according to your area of interest:

West Shuswap

North Shuswap

East Shuswap

Inner Shuswap

Salmon Arm Bay

Shuswap River

Falkland/Salmon River

Mark up the maps as needed.

Fill out feedback form (one per group); be prepared to report out



SUB-REGIONAL DISCUSSIONS

Questions:

- **What trails-related issues exist in your sub-region that need to be addressed? Are there any emerging issues?**
- **How do we work together? Do we need structure, such as committees or specific point-people to enhance capacity? If so, who is willing to step up?**
- **What is the big picture for the sub-region? If we restrict access in one area, where do we allow it to increase? What are the areas to promote trails and different kinds of trail use? (elements of Cumulative Effects Assessment)**
- **What are the connections between trails? How do they connect with one another? What are the opportunities?**
- **What new funding opportunities are out there?**



PROGRESS REPORT

Kela7scen (Mt. Ida)



2018 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCES

See 3 page report in print



2019 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

- 2019 work plan – updated based on today's input
- Working Group to address fundraising, budget



NEXT STEPS

- Meeting summary from today – ASAP
- 2019 work plan – updated based on today's input
- Working Group meetings:
 - April 12
 - June 14
 - October 18



CLOSING COMMENTS AND EVALUATION

Any additional announcements? Email
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How do you feel about what was accomplished here today?

Did the format work? What to change for next year?

Further suggestions?



THANK YOU AND SAFE TRAVELS!

