

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**September 7, 2004**

**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: County Seeks Citizens to Serve on New Trails Committee

On September 7, 2004 the Mason County Commissioners established a Mason County Trails Committee charged with the task of formulating a master trail plan for a county-wide trail system which will connect communities, parks and public facilities throughout Mason County and provide a link with regional trails systems.

"The development of a master trail system greatly enhances recreational opportunities and offers a direct economic benefit to the local community through the promotion of additional tourism activities, increased property values as well as increased quality of life for county residents," said Commissioner Jayni Kamin. "At our recent economic conference, tourism was identified as a clean industry which brings new jobs and investment to Mason County. One of the long-term goals of the tourism action group was to improve the trail system throughout the county. This is our first step toward realizing that goal."

The County is asking individuals with an interest in serving on the committee to submit an application by September 30, 2004 to the Commissioners' office. Application forms can be found on the county website [www.co.mason.wa.us](http://www.co.mason.wa.us) or by calling 427-9670, ext. 419.

It is anticipated the committee will meet once or twice a month for about six months to formulate a draft Master Trail Plan.

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