

NEWS RELEASE

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RE: Mason County Parks and Trails Department– Trail Usage and Interest Survey

Mason County Parks and Trails Department in conjunction with Mason County Planning Department are currently working on a project to develop a Mason County Trails Plan. A Regional Trails Advisory Committee was recently appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to help the County Parks and Planning Staff with this project. The National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program is also assisting the County with this program.

One crucial element of the Trails Plan development process is soliciting comments from citizens regarding interest and use of trail issues in Mason County. In an effort to solicit public comment, the County has recently prepared a citizen survey. The survey is three pages and will take on average about five minutes to complete. Mason County Parks and Planning staff would like to encourage you to take a moment to complete the survey. The information from the survey process will be extremely valuable in preparing the Mason County Regional Trails Plan.

The survey will be distributed to locations throughout Mason County, including on the County web site. The survey will also be available at numerous County offices, including the Parks Office located at MCRA Park and also at the County Courthouse Building #1. If you would like to complete the survey online, you can do so by accessing the Mason County Web Site at <http://www.co.mason.wa.us/> and either download a copy of the survey or complete the survey online.

In addition, Mason County will also be sponsoring two Trails Plan Public Meetings to solicit public comment. The Public Meetings will be held in Shelton and Belfair later this spring. Additional details regarding those two meetings will be released in the near future.

If you have any questions about the Mason County Trails Plan or the survey, please contact John Keates at Mason County Parks, 427-9670, ext. 669.

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