

# Indian Creek Community Forest

## Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Camas Center, 1:00-4:00 pm

March 29, 2018



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**Attendees:** Alex Laughery, *WSU*; Carol Mack, *retired WSU*; Dale Nicols, Randy Burke, *DNR*; Ray Entz, *Kalispel Tribe*; Lucas Henderson, *Kalispel Tribe*; Colleen, *Kalispel Career Center*; David Marcell, *Pend Oreille Conservation District*; Susan Hobbs, *resident*; Monica and Olivia, *USFS*; Doug, *Pend Oreille Conservation District*; Gary Bailey, *Kalispel Tribe*; Gloria Byrd, *grant writer*; Dana Powers; Bob Gilrein, *Kalispel Tribe*; Matthew Berger, *Kalispel Tribe*; Mike Lithgow, *Kalispel Tribe*; Steph Stroud and Alex Stone, *NPS RTCA*

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### Welcome and Introductions

- Project updates: Olivia from USFS shared about a forestry outreach contest in Pend Oreille County to high school students
- Something to consider for Advisory Committee: having a k-12 poster competition for the Community Forest to engage students
- David Marcell shared USFS document "Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively" through email with the committee

### Vision, Mission, and Goals (Mike Lithgow)

- Committee reviewed the draft vision, and the mission and goals.

**Vision:** The Kalispel Tribe Indian Creek Community Forest is a vibrant 350 acre setting for outdoor environmental education and recreation, with resources to serve participants of all ages while consistently managing for high-quality wildlife habitat.

**Mission:** To bring Community Forest partners together to guide and lead visitors to a better understanding and appreciation of the local forest ecosystem, and to inspire future natural resource careers and good land stewardship ethics by developing trails, facilities, and educational and interpretive materials.

### Graphic Design (Gary Bailey) 10 mins.

- Gary Bailey from the Kalispel Tribe will be the graphic designer for the Indian Creek Community Forest. He introduced himself and his process. He shared that he wants to create a brand for the Community Forest as a whole, and sub-brands for entities within the forest.
- About three options of the logos will be available for the community workshop in May
- Gary is considering the functionality of the signage, site design and wayfinding during this process
- Gary asked all to send other models (trails, destinations, etc., e.g. Turnbull Wildlife Refuge)

- Gary will team with NPS to create a poster for the May workshop

### **10-15 min break**

### **Workshop Planning (Steph Stroud)**

- The committee decided that the **workshops will be held on May 31, 2018** at two times: **12:30-3:30 and 5:30-8:30**
- Volunteers to facilitate at the daytime workshop: Alex, Lucas, Olivia, Colleen, and Randy
- Volunteers to facilitate at the nighttime workshop: Alex, Olivia, Mike, Bob, and Matt
- Back up volunteer: Carol
- The committee agreed on the following format:
  - Welcome and introductions
  - Virtual site visit and background information
  - 4 “Conversation Stations,” each with facilitator and flipchart, set of questions, and a design component for those looking to express themselves with images, words, collage, etc
    - The 4 stations include:
      - Education, Science and Research
      - Recreation
      - Interpretation and Storytelling
      - Community Connection and Cultural Hub (volunteerism, community resources such as astronomers, birders)
    - Each station will include questions about wildlife and conservation
    - Participants will be able to vote on their favorite Logo/Brand
    - A quick icebreaker was recommended
  - Closing with presentations from station facilitators, last questions/feedback, closing remarks, next steps, door prizes and thank you.
- Other suggestions for the workshop included having food/snacks, a large picture of the site (aerial photograph?), sound recordings and plants for an interactive feel.
- Door prizes include Smokey the Bear prizes and live stake plants from USFS and baskets, tote bags and soap from Olivia.
- Ways to integrate students into the workshop: poster contest, poetry and/or essay contest for older students—“What is Indian Creek Community Forest?”; pitch to Cusick to attend the workshop
- How do we engage Tribal community and the community at large.

### **Publicity Plan (RTCA)**

- The committee created a plan, building on the AC’s previous brainstorm, for general outreach for the workshop and targeted personal invites for the workshop
- See publicity plan matrix

### **Closing**