

Interagency MOU for Management of Recreational Opportunities on Public Land in Central Washington

Between

Trails, Recreation, Education, Advocacy and Development (TREAD)

And

United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS)

And

United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

And

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

And

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

And

Chelan County

And

Washington State Parks

And

Douglas County

And

Chelan County Public Utility District

And

Douglas County Public Utility District

And

Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority

And

Chelan Douglas Land Trust

And the Cities of

Waterville

East Wenatchee

Wenatchee

Leavenworth

Cashmere

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by the above partners to define their respective roles in the development and implementation of sustainable, economically beneficial recreation opportunities on lands open to the public in Central Washington.

- I. Background:** TREAD formed in 2017 with a goal of bringing local recreational stakeholders together (motorized, non-motorized, water, snow and land) to coordinate thoughtfully and sustainably to provide the best recreation experiences possible, thus improving the quality of life for everyone who lives in or visits the Central Washington region. TREAD facilitates a quarterly Ex-Officio group of stakeholders composed of representatives of local and county government, federal and state agencies, and other entities who represent outdoor recreation. Ex-Officio members share a joint vision of sustainable recreation, coordinated public land management, recreation economy, partnerships, and community health; but also express concerns of increasing public demand and uncertainty about the future of recreation.

This MOU is a product of conversations where TREAD, as lead facilitator, engaged partners and stakeholders to identify and track solutions to meet recreational demands, to the best of our ability, now and in the future.

- II. Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to document the cooperation between partners in accordance with the following provisions.

TREAD seeks to bring all community stakeholders together to engage in a collective impact process to achieve outdoor recreation goals. As lead facilitator, TREAD will coordinate and track collaboration between land management agencies and stakeholders consistent with the purpose of this MOU. This MOU directs cooperative efforts toward inter-jurisdictional planning, management, and operation of recreational opportunities and related infrastructure on public lands in Central Washington. This MOU documents a shared intent for current and future collaboration regarding planning, funding, and implementation. The partners identified the following list of needs to support sustainable recreation opportunities in Central Washington including:

1. Public outreach and engagement
2. Increased economic, financial, and ecological sustainability of recreation opportunities.
3. Increased volunteerism and public stewardship

4. Innovative financing opportunities
5. Inter-jurisdictional project planning, implementation, and coordination
6. Attending and working with the TREAD Ex-Officio group
7. Identify internal organizational policies and procedures which would improve collective impact work
8. Continuing serving diverse communities and provide access to all trail users

III. Guiding Principles

1. Lands open to public recreation in Central Washington provide opportunities for outdoor recreation.
2. These opportunities provide economic benefits, solace, comfort, enjoyment, quality of life, health and wellness, accessibility, inclusion, and physical fitness for local communities as well as visitors.
3. Central Washington continues to see increasing numbers of those visiting the areas, as well as those choosing to move here to live and play where they work.
4. Public land managers are responsible for providing opportunities to the public and for the planning, management, and operation of sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities and related infrastructure.
5. The community stakeholders agree that by working with TREAD, shared interests will be met for the planning, management, investment in, and operation of outdoor recreation opportunities.
6. Collective impact work will enhance our ability to provide sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities and infrastructure.

IV. Statement of Mutual Benefits and Interests:

1. TREAD recognizes the complexity of collective impact work and will facilitate a mutually beneficial process for all partners.
 - a. Each of the agencies has its unique mission and mandate, legal authorities, deed restrictions, policies, and finite resources
 - b. Each of the agencies are committed to the implementation and management of sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities
 - c. By state and federal law, each of the agencies must navigate all relevant environmental and cultural resources compliance processes
2. The partners agree that coordinated and collaborative inter-jurisdictional public land management increases probability of a successful outcome through engagement and agreement at the scoping stage, identifies hurdles and red flags proactively, and maximizes opportunities and sustainability through diverse and inclusive collaboration, thus benefiting both the public and land management agencies.
3. The partners agree that by working together with each other and with TREAD, shared interests will be met for the planning, management, investment in, and operation of outdoor recreation opportunities and related infrastructure in Central Washington.

V. Through this MOU, the partners agree to work together to:

1. Discuss project management goals and objectives, natural and cultural resources protection and stewardship, property and funding restrictions, timelines, and other challenges to set the framework for improving collective impact.
2. Identify, design, and incubate innovative approaches for recreation management strategies and projects that support shared objectives.
3. Identify and implement efficiencies in project planning and management.
4. Develop tools to streamline project scoping, identify and acquire funding, interagency financial contributions, and stakeholder outreach.
5. Work collaboratively across landscapes and within agency policies.
6. Synchronize the efforts of the partners in a manner consistent with the purpose of this MOU.
7. Carry out their separate activities in a coordinated and mutually beneficial manner.

VI. TREAD Shall:

1. Coordinate no less than quarterly meetings of the Ex-Officio group membership.
2. Report back minutes, progress, committees, communication, and facilitation.
3. Facilitate and engage public outreach.
4. Serve as an information clearinghouse.
5. Purchase and implement Insight Vision (collective impact tracking software) and act as the communication and training hub for these efforts.
6. Use Insight Vision to track action items and keep all partners informed

VII. Land Managers Shall:

1. Appoint one person to serve as the lead agency representative in the Ex-Officio coordinating group.
2. Participate in no less than quarterly meetings of the Ex-Officio group.
3. Appoint one person to administer the back end of their specific footprint on the TREAD Map App when applicable.
4. Participate in the data software when applicable.

VIII. Period of Performance

Any of the partners, in writing, may terminate their participation in the MOU in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of expiration.

IX. Modifications

Modifications within the scope of this MOU must be made by mutual consent of the partners, by the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all properly authorized, signatory officials, prior to any changes being performed. Requests for modifications should be made in writing, at least 30 days before implementation of the requested change.

- a. Notices: If additional agencies join after this MOU is signed and authorized by all partners, TREAD will notify all partners of the new agency in writing within 14 days.

X. Non-Binding Agreement

This MOU creates no right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity. The partners shall manage their respective resources and activities in separate, coordinated and mutually beneficial manner to meet the purpose(s) of this MOU. Nothing in this MOU authorizes any of the partners to obligate or transfer anything of value.

XI. Duration

This MOU is executed as of the date of the last signature. This agreement will be renewed every 5 years and reviewed as needed.

XII. Authorized Representatives

By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual partners are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this MOU.

In witness whereof, the partners hereto have executed this MOU as of the last date written below.

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Printed Name of Authorized Representative (2)

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Mat Lyons

Signature/Date

Title
Lisa Foster

Signature/Date

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