

# Green Dot Roads Public Meeting

March 4, 2020 | Selah Civic Center

## Meeting Summary

Following introductions, Ross Huffman (WDFW) and Joe Smith (DNR) reviewed proposed changes to the green dot system and upcoming projects that may impact access. The presentation is available online. Larry Leach (DNR) then gave a short presentation on impacts of motorized recreation on roads and road maintenance costs.

Before breaking out by road management area to ask specific questions, the meeting was opened for general questions. A majority of the questions focused on the gate on the SF Ahtanum Rd and costs/budgets for road maintenance. The following is a summary of comments received by road management area. No comments were received about the proposed road changes for 2020.

## Comments received by Road Management Area

**Naneum/Colockum:** No comments

### **L.T. Murray/Whiskey Dicky/ Quilomene:**

- Roads are in poor condition and need to be fixed, especially in the Tamarack Springs Area (L.T. Murray).
- There was a request to open a road from Quilomene Bay to Little Brushy and to reopen the NF Manastash Road, and Shadow Creek Road.
  - These roads were originally closed to protect habitat, especially for endangered fish species.

### **Wenas:**

- There were comments about the Lower Buffalo Road, parking issues and access to the Skyline Trail.
  - A solution is being worked on.

### **Oak Creek/Nile:**

- Why was the camping loop off of the 1500 Rd (Bethel Ridge) scarified?
  - This was due to continued trash dumping and vandalism
- There was a comment to Green Dot the Hatton Rd west of the FS land, this would be on DNR land and is really part of Ahtanum/Cowiche Green Dot.
  - Currently there are concerns with the Hatton Rd area and access across private property. Adding this road to the green dot system may encourage additional trespass issues on private property.
- A request for more accessibility during hunting season-open non green dot roads.
  - One purpose of the Green Dot system is to provide access while creating areas where you can access and hunt without vehicles. As mentioned in the meeting, enforcement of Green Dot violations continues to be an issue, adding additional motorized access during hunting season does not seem like a good solution.

- There was a request from a private landowner to install a gate on SF Cowiche Rd on private property.
  - The private landowner issue and does not impact Green Dot Roads.
- There needs to be more ADA roads.
  - The state agrees and will continue to look for opportunities to provide quality ADA access during hunting seasons.

**Ahtanum/Cowiche:**

- Multiple requests to re-open the S. Fork Ahtanum Rd.
  - Discussed extensively during the meeting. Road will stay closed until further notice. There is a meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Selah Civic Center to discuss road management in the Ahtanum.
- There was a question regarding whether ATVs/UTVs are allowed on “Jeep Trails” (apparently the Jeep Trail designation disqualifies those uses in some other road management systems).
  - At this point the state is not restricting ATV/UTV use on Green Dot jeep trails. This was primarily in regards to designating the existing Green Dot Road near Nasty Creek as a Green Dot Two Track Trail on the map.