

Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)

June 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order and conducted via video/phone conferencing.

- *Members Present:* Charlie Commeree (Chair), Andy Stevenson, Gordon Taylor, Lorrie Mittmann, Jim Mraz, Erik Rohrer, Grant Herman, Justin Zarzecny

County Representatives: Steve Gray, County Public Works Dept. (Ex-officio TAC member)

William Habel, Regional Trails & Active Transportation Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no requests for modifications of the May 7th, 2025 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

C. MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- Member Clark-Getzin's presentation was moved to July.
- Member Taylor asked if a discussion/update could be had on the deteriorating conditions of the ODT section near the Dungeness Nature Center

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER UPDATES:

- **Announcements-**

- Member Stevenson informed the group of an upcoming meeting of members of the Peninsula Trails Collation (PTC) with staff from EFMI, the new owner of much of Rayonier's forest properties, much of which is located on future ODT routes. The purpose of this meeting is to show the virtues of the ODT, and how it can exist in harmony with working forestlands.
- Member Gray informed the group of an upcoming (June 5th) hearing relating to a potential "glamping" development located on FS2918. The first .86 miles of FS2918 are shared with the ODT, as FS2918 is currently a very low volume road. Public Works intends on requiring the applicants to make improvements to the Counties shared section of FS2918 in order to ensure the safety of trail users along that section of the road. Further discussion on current surface conditions and potential improvements ensued.

E. TRAIL PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS:

- **ODT- Forks to La Push Update**

Will Habel spoke of the neighborhood meeting that was held in the 3 Rivers area, informing local property owners of upcoming environmental and cultural surveying. The response was quite positive. Discussions on routing and answering questions and concerns were the primary focus of the meeting. Residents were informed of what sort of actions surveyors would be taking in the area. Western Federal Lands intends on having crew on the ground for preliminary cultural surveying at the end of June.

- **ODT- RAISE Grant Update**

Will informed the group that initial comments on the Counties first "trial run" funding packet submittal were received that morning from WSDOT. The county will integrate these changes into the remaining RAISE segment funding packages and submit them concurrently.

- **County Volunteer ODT/OAT Trail Crew Maintenance Project Reports**

There were 4 volunteer work parties during the month of May, including an actual party, a volunteer appreciation Paella cook off! All work parties were spent on the Adventure Trail.

- **County ODT/OAT Maintenance Project Reports**

Jeff spent most of his first week getting to know the equipment he has available, access locations, and other “first week” activities. He spent the rest of the month mowing, catching up with differed maintenance due to not having a full time maintenance person for two months during the peak growing season. With the upcoming North Olympic Discovery Marathon, mowing was especially important.

- **Other ODT/OAT Reports**

Will informed the group that he was putting together a bid for repairs on the degraded section of trail near the Nature Center. He told the group he knows how important this segment of the trail is, as it is likely one of the systems most popular. He does not yet know where funding will come from to fix this section.

Member Stevenson praised conditions on the Adventure Trail, saying the work being done by the Thursday crew is excellent.

Member Taylor informed the group of a problem with the Mount Mueller Trailhead. The Mount Mueller Trailhead is shared with the ODT, and is currently heavily supported and maintained by the Backcountry Horsemen. The current adopters of this trailhead are currently facing some health issues, and may not be able to continue the same level of service that they have in the past. Member Taylor told the group to just be aware of site conditions, and that something may need to be done if conditions degrade.

Member Gray led a discussion on West Snider Rd, which connects to the Kloshe Nanitch trailhead. The former road/trail continues past the trailhead, where a small washout has severed it. It might be worth examining a future bridge project, as the road has a good surface for a trail, and while short, is a nice walk that parallels the Sol-Duc River.

F. DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Carlsborg Crossing**

Member Gray briefly updated the group on the status of the Carlsborg Crossing project, as well as Jamestown Sklallam’s efforts to relocate the ODT off of Old Blyn Highway. Both projects are proceeding. The County made comments on the most recent 60% design of the Carlsborg Crossing provided by Wendy, and would be meeting with her later that week.

- **Other Reports/News**

The group re-elected Charlie Commeree and Wendy Clark-Getzin as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jeff Bohman of the Peninsula Trails Coalition inquired what the status of the no parking situation near Tributary Lane was. Will replied that the project was on the backburner, but had not been forgotten. He informed the group that the current plan was probably to put up no parking signs, along with wayfinding signs directing those who desire to use either the ODT or the trails across from the ODT to park at the trailhead on Wild-Currant Way

H. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.