

AGENDA
CLALLAM COUNTY TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Clallam County Courthouse, Room 160
223 East 4th St Port Angeles, WA
September 2, 2026 - 1:30 p.m.

****ATTENTION****

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PUBLIC COMMENT

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: August 5, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBER UPDATES:

- Information sharing among members on topics of general interest related to the Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT), Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT), other County trails, or about trails.

TRAIL PROJECT AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS

- **ODT improvement/expansion project updates**
 - a. ODT-Forks to La Push Project Update
 - b. Raise Grant Update
- **County Volunteer ODT/OAT Trail Crew Maintenance Project Reports**
- **County ODT/OAT Maintenance Project Reports**
- **Other ODT/OAT Reports (All)**

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

COMMITTEE POSITIONS & VACANCIES DISCUSSION

ELWHA NATURAL AREA

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Members: Wendy Clark-Getzin (Tribal Gov. Rep., Chair), Andy Stevenson (Straits Area Citizen-at-Large Rep.), Gordon Taylor (Western Area Citizen-at-Large Rep.), Jennifer Reandeau (Backcountry Horsemen Rep.), Judy Sarles (Backcountry Horsemen-Alt Rep.), Justin Zarzeczny (Dept. of Natural Resources), Erik Rohrer (City of Forks), Jim Mraz (Peninsula Trails Coalition Rep.), Lorrie Mittmann (Trails Event Coordinator Rep.), Grant Herman (Olympic Peninsula Bicycle Alliance Rep.), Liz Cusanelli (U.S. Forest Service), William Bryant II, (Port Angeles Area Citizen at Large), and John Gagan (Sequim Area Citizen at Large) Ex-officio Members: Steve Gray (Clallam County Public Works Department), and Mike French (Clallam County Commissioner)

Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)

August 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions:

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

- *Members Present:* Charlie Commeree (Chair), Gordon Taylor, Justin Zarzeczny, Lorrie Mittman, Erik Rohrer, Wendy Clark-Getzin, Andy Stevenson, Grant Herman, Jennifer Reandeau, Judy Sarles

County Representatives: Steve Gray, County Public Works Dept. (Ex-officio TAC member)
Mike French, Clallam County Commissioner
Will Habel, Regional Trails & Active Transportation Coordinator

Approval of Minutes: There was no request for modification of the July 1st, 2026 meeting. Member Herman moved to approve, with a second from Member Taylor. The minutes were approved.

Modifications/Additions to Agenda:

- Wendy Clark-Getzin requested a discussion on replacement of the Chair position to the committee vacancies discussion.

Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

Announcements and Member Updates:

- Member Zarzeczny led a brief discussion on the Elwha Proviso. Member Mittman expressed concerns that the designation of the Elwha River Watershed as a natural area would have adverse impacts on future trail segments, as well as the current operation of the Olympic Adventure Trail.
- Member Gray mentioned that activities occurring at the Strait View Drive trailhead relating to camping and potential criminal activities were being pursued by the County Sheriff and the underlying landholder, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Trail Projects and Maintenance Reports:

ODT- Forks to La Push Project Update

Will Habel told the group about a field trip that he and Steve Gray had made to a property located on the Forks to La Push route, to investigate a possible bypass of some environmentally sensitive property owned by the DNR. The parcel has existing road base but would likely require crossing wetland. Will told the group that the bypass would make for a nice route, but that the environmental considerations might be difficult to overcome. See recording for full discussion.

Member Stevenson asked if this location, or if any locations nearby would be suitable for a trailhead. Member Gray replied that installation of new trailheads would be unlikely, as 2nd and 3rd beach, as well as the Calawah River Park would all function as new trailheads for the route.

ODT- RAISE Grant Project

Will Habel informed the group that Clallam County's RAISE agreements were ready for signature with the Board of County Commissioners. After this step was completed, the agreements could then be forwarded to WSDOT

for obligation, meaning the County would then be able to reimburse expenditures relating to the project segments.

County ODT/OAT Maintenance Project Reports/Volunteer Crew Maintenance Project Reports

Jeff and the volunteer crew completed work on the “Burrito Bridge” project on the adventure trail. The work also completed work on the areas “equestrian bypass”, returning the bypass to a safe standard for equestrian trail users.

Some notable other maintenance news included removal of graffiti by the Elwha River bridge, as well as a major downed tree removal in the same area.

Member Gray let the group know that the County would be doing some sweeping out on the west end.

Discussion and Business Items

Grant Discussion

Will told the group that the County was in the final running for some trail grants that he had applied for in the spring. The projects include designing an ODT connector on the Miller Peninsula, a pedestrian pathway for Heath Rd in Carlsborg, and design for sidewalk infrastructure in Carlsborg on Carlsborg Road, to get pedestrians and students to Graywolf Elementary.

Carlsborg Crossing

Member Clark-Getzin gave a brief update on the Carlsborg Crossing and trail rehabilitation project. She let the group know that the plans were at 100%, but wasn't fully satisfied with the bid specifications. She anticipated that construction could start last 2027-early 2028.

Law Enforcement Position/General TAC Positions Discussion

An extensive discussion relating to current positions on the TAC, and the potential of adding new ones occurred. See meeting recording for full discussion. The issue was also moved to be discussed in the next meeting.

Chair/Vice Chair Appointment

As this meeting was Chair Commeree's last, a temporary Chair was appointed to the TAC. Member Clark-Getzin was appointed as temporary Chair until the normal annual appointment of Chair and Vice Chair occurs in February.

Public Comment

- Mr. Canale of Top Left Trails requested that the committee consider a position on the TAC for Top Left Trails. Chair Commeree replied that the group would consider this during the next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

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