

Media Advisory – Aug. 27, 2008

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Parks prepares to open Paradise Valley area

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation will share its trails management and use plan for the Paradise Valley Conservation Area during a public meeting on Sept. 9.

The parks department is preparing to open the Paradise Valley Conservation Area for public use. To guide construction and maintenance of the trail system, a plan has been created that includes a variety of hiking, mountain bike and equestrian trails.

The original property, approximately 667 acres located along Paradise Lake Road north of the King County line, was purchased from the Lloyd family in 2000. In June, Snohomish County acquired an additional 126 acres adjacent to the conservation area.

The area has remained closed to the public while Parks created a balanced plan for meeting both conservation and recreation goals within the property.

Under the proposed plan, an extensive network of existing trails that crisscross the combined properties has been evaluated for use. Many trails are suitable for passive recreation and will remain open. Others will be closed to avoid sensitive natural features. Large undisturbed habitat “islands” will be created by closing unnecessary trails and old logging roads.

Various improvements such as signage and gates have been installed to prevent unauthorized use and further protect the area.

In addition, parking has been constructed and a mountain bike skills center is proposed for a portion of the property.

Residents are invited to comment on the plan during the Sept. 9 public meeting.

The meeting will be held at Hidden River Middle School’s cafeteria, 9224 Paradise Lake Road, Snohomish, from 7 to 9 p.m. A presentation on the plan will run from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

To view project background information and history, go to www.snocoparks.org. For more information on the project or the upcoming meeting, contact Chris Mueller at (425) 388-6620.

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PARADISE VALLEY CONSERVATION AREA

TRAILS MANAGEMENT AND USE PLAN

Snohomish County is preparing to open the Paradise Valley Conservation Area for public use. To guide construction and maintenance of the trail system, a Trails Management and Use Plan has been developed. The plan includes a variety of hiking, mountain bike and equestrian trails. Please join us for a brief presentation followed by an open house to view, discuss and comment on the proposed plan.

September 9th 2008

Presentation 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Open House 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Hidden River Middle School Cafeteria

9224 Paradise Lake Rd. Snohomish, WA 98296

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