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To: Board of Commissioners
From: Doug Coutts, Director
Date: 1/11/2019
Re: Trails-Discussion

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The approved new trails from December are completed to a base standard and while fine-tuning will continue, there are items we will need to look at going forward:

Trail Names

We need to develop names for these new trails and a continuing process of naming trails going forward, in doing that we should look at our current trail names and develop options for new names.

Currently we have a couple of different methods that have been used to name trails, Named after a feature of the trail-i.e.-Windfall Ridge, ADA Loop, or Salal Lane OR Named after a person instrumental in the trail/park development- i.e.-Westling Loop or Waterman Loop.

These are both good options for the new trails, Commissioners could name the Campground Perimeter trail-Campground Loop for example or name it after a person instrumental in development of the Parks-say Porter Loop.

Regardless, Commissioners should establish a procedure for naming these trails, for example-take name suggestions from staff, board and community for a two week period, narrow them down to a final three for each trail, vote on them at a future board meeting. Staff would advise against a community vote on the final trail naming, but Community input as suggested names would make sense.

Trail Signage

In addition to naming these trails, we will also need labelling/directional/mileage signage for the trails and trail map signage. We currently have some labelling/directional signage in Community Park and

staff would recommend staying consistent with that scheme in future trail marking signage. Here is an example of the existing:



Staff would also recommend installing some interpretive/honorary signage for trail names as we name new trails and trail map signage with mileage at access points. This is what currently exists in Community Park:



Staff prefers the trail map style of signage and would recommend upgrading to a modern interpretive style of signage for the existing Westling Loop Sign, adding a Waterman Loop Sign and signs for any other trails down the road. New signs would be consistent in design and could look like any of these options with explanation about the person's contributions and a picture of that person or in the case of trails named for a physical feature-an explanation of the relevance of that feature.





Staff is also still looking into options for a District GPS unit that will mesh appropriately with the County's GIS system to allow for the creation of better maps which could then be updated to include new trails as constructed. These maps could be posted at trailheads to show trail routes and distances.

This is a discussion item for the board meeting.