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**To:** Board of Commissioners  
**From:** Doug Coutts, Director  
**Date:** 12/11/2020  
**Re:** Comprehensive Plan Programs

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## **Comprehensive Plan**

### **Campground Phase 1-Update**

I have been trying to work on the Small Water System Management Plan this month but keep getting pulled away to put out other, more urgent, fires. The County Planning office has brought up the Osprey nest on the School District property and I am working with the County Planners to come to a simple solution rather than a full on environmental/habitat report concerning the development of the campground within 1,000 feet of a DNR identified conservation area/habitat. Hopefully will have more clear information on this by the board meeting.

### **Waterman Property Update**

Scheduled a closing date for December 21<sup>st</sup> and have been uploading and revising files in the RCO system to ensure the grant monies arrive in plenty of time for the closing. So far the process, though time consuming, has been fairly smooth.

### **Aquatic Facility Update**

The good news is that the Foundation has secured enough in private donations for the funding of the feasibility study. They are looking into a number of options going forward and Matt will have more details I am sure for our meeting.

### **Trustland Trails**

With trails at Trustland almost completed, I received an email from the County Planners office stating that although they had told me no other permits were needed, that was an error. I needed to submit a Type 1-Ministerial Application for Land Use to the County Planners office. I have scrambled and completed the form. I have sent a draft in to County Planning and asked them to review it before

submittal so that we only submit once. They have already gotten back to me and I will be submitting the application on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>. This is an administrative decision requiring no public comment so it should be able to be processed quickly. Until it is processed, we will be ceasing work on the trails.

Also, after receiving the letter putting us on notice of hazard from Mr. Panzer, I contacted Enduris, our Risk Management agency and was put in touch with a lawyer to review the email and to discuss possible options. The attorney recommended that we have an independent third party come and evaluate the area of steeper slope identified in the letter as a precautionary measure and I am reaching out to the Washington Trails Association (WTA) to see if a representative can come out and give us their opinion. As to Mr. Panzer's assertion that building trails within site of neighboring properties was a hazard, the attorney did not feel that had any merit whatsoever. I will keep you posted on any progress with getting an opinion on our steeper trail section.