

Appendix C.1: Quilcene Workshop – 17 May 2004

Jefferson County Department of Public Works Parks & Recreation Manager Warren Steurer called the meeting to order. Warren thanked everyone for showing an interest and attending.

Warren Steurer provided background history of Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use in Jefferson County, and that this use has not been recognized and ignored for 20 to 25 years. Due to population growth and development, areas for this recreational use have been closed down and reduced. The County and citizens acknowledge that recreation use has increased and an OHV Area is necessary. Past attempts to establish an OHV Area in East Jefferson County have resulted in frustration for several reasons, among them were a bad reputation given to recreational users for trespassing and destroying habitat, as well as other issues.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also sees the need for an OHV Area, and is supportive in partnering with private and public land owners in conducting a search for a suitable area to create an OHV recreational area in East Jefferson County.

Warren discussed participation responsibilities and commitments of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Warren introduced Eric Holm, Mud Toys 4x4 Club president, who presented the original letter to the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners requesting some help or at least a sense of direction from one or more of our county leaders to find a place for All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Four Wheel Drive vehicles to go recreate legally and responsibly. Eric provided information on issues he felt have resulted in areas being closed down, among them are liability issues to private property owners, and garbage being dumped on private property resulting in no area to go play.

Warren introduced Neil Morgan, Just Jeep Junkies 4x4 Club president and Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association (PNW4WDA) representative, who expanded on Eric's comments. Neil stated that he give a presentation to the Jefferson County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board regarding the need and means to establish an OHV Area. The means to establish an area is to establish a Focus Group comprised of two representatives from various user groups to address user group needs, to find suitable areas for an OHV Area, develop a plan of action, and apply for grant funding for a study of the need for an OHV Area and a inventory and planning study of possible areas. The presentation was well received by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board resulting in a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to proceed with establishing a Focus Group to work on establishing an OHV Area. Neil also stated he has received support from the Jefferson County Sheriff Department, Olympic Resources Management (formerly Pope Resources), and DNR.

Neil went on to state that there is currently no designated 4x4 area on the Olympic Peninsula, ATV/Quad designated areas are in Clallam County only, most user groups in East Jefferson County are from south Jefferson County and Kitsap County, an OHV Area could potentially bring in \$\$ to south Jefferson County, Inter Agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) grant funding may be available, and DNR land may be suitable for an OHV Area.

Representatives from user groups attending the meeting were: Wolf Pack 4x4, Mud Toys 4x4, Just Jeep Junkies 4x4, Olympic Trail Blazer 4x4, Northwest Motorcycle Association, Unaffiliated dirt bikes, Washington State Quad Riders Association, and interested independent motorcycle and quad users citizens at large.

Jay Oen, a focus group member of the Happy Valley/ Burnt Mountain Recreational Area south of Sequim, WA gave background and history information about that area. The area received inventory and planning grant funding, trails in the area are user built but not designated, responsible users would have to recognize other user groups need, DNR

Recreation staff is thin, and getting an area designated is a long process that will require sticking with it over a long time period. The Happy Valley/ Burnt Mountain focus group has been working on getting trails designated in the area for four years, and has dealt with noise and several issues.

It was discussed that DNR has shut down areas and has internal problems including funding issues. DNR has committed to support OHV areas on the Olympic Peninsula, one on the East Side and one on the West Side, and is agreeable to meet with the County and user groups.

There was an open discussion regarding possible suitable local areas to establish an OHV Area including the following:

Happy Valley/ Burnt Mountain (Sequim), Central Jefferson County, West Uncas area (Discovery Bay area), South Jefferson County, Tarboo Lake area, Forest Service Land (Mt. Zion), Mt. Walker area (Brinnon side), Mt. Jupiter area, Coyle Peninsula, and several other possibilities.

Neil introduced Arlene Brooks, PNW4WDA Washington State Director, and Bonny Nettnin, PNW4WDA Region 2 Director. Arlene briefly discussed land matters in the Naches area of Eastern Washington, and how OHV funding is distributed to various user groups. Arlene went on to say that several OHV Parks have scheduled events that return money to PNW4WDA, but there are no areas in Western Washington, although Thurston County OHV Park is a possibility when issues there are settled. OHV areas can charge a day and weekend use fee which generates funds. Private areas charge too much and are too expensive.

A meeting attendee mentioned that the town of Odessa, in Eastern Washington, annually hosts a big motorcycle poker run which brings big \$\$\$ to the community.

An OHV Area with the capability to hold special events could potentially bring \$\$\$ to the community, Increased usage of an area also has some drawbacks including possible increased crime, drugs, and traffic congestion.

A statement was made that the US Forest Service does not want 4x4 use on their managed land.

Neil Morgan, Eric Holm, and Dale Brownfield have looked at several DNR managed areas that are possibilities for an Off Highway Vehicle Recreational Area. The Focus Group needs to study possible areas and topography to make sure the area meets the needs of all user groups.

Public attending the meeting agreed that to establish an OHV Area in East Jefferson County will require a joint effort by user groups, local citizens and land owners, government (Jefferson County, DNR, Forest Service) and that written management agreements be in place.

A signup sheet was passed around for people to sign up to be members of the Focus Group. A Focus Group meeting was scheduled on May 25, 2004 at Quilcene Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Quilcene Parade event representative invited any interested user groups to participate in the parade on Sept. 18th during the annual Quilcene Logger Show.

PNW4WDA information handouts were available to the public.

Recorder:

Darrel M. Erfle
Just Jeep Junkies 4x4 Club

Appendix C.2: Quilcene Workshop – 24 May 2005

Jefferson County Department of Public Works Parks & Recreation Manager Warren Steurer called the meeting to order. Warren welcomed and thanked everyone for showing an interest and attending.

Warren announced that Jefferson County has received a grant of \$40,000 from Non-highway and Off-Road Vehicles Program (NOVA), Off-Road Vehicles category. Jefferson County will leverage \$16,000 in matching local contributions. There were twenty-two applications submitted for consideration and each project went through an evaluation process prior to being awarded recommended funding by the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC).

Warren provided an overview of the awarded grant for the East Jefferson County Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Feasibility Study and discussed expected tasks to be accomplished over the term of the grant (two years).

Warren also thanked members of the OHV Focus Group for their long hours of hard work to put together information for the IAC grant presentation.

Warren then asked all attending the meeting to introduce themselves and give an explanation of why they are attending this meeting. Common comments included:

- Off road recreational areas have been shut down and disappeared in Jefferson County.
- There is a need for an OHV area in the County close to home with a short commute.
- Users want to be involved with watching, protecting and maintaining a designated OHV area in Jefferson County.

Neil Morgan, Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association (PNW4WDA) representative and Just Jeep Junkies 4x4 Club member, also thanked everyone for attending this meeting and showing support for an OHV area in East Jefferson. Neil then provided background history and information including the following:

- The U.S. Forest Service conducted a Feasibility Study in 1991, which did not go anywhere because the proposed area was in the wrong area of the Olympic Peninsula.
- There is a need for an OHV trail system on the east Peninsula.
- Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Timber Management Plan includes providing recreation. DNR's approach is they would support, with plans, enforcement and maintenance, two designated OHV areas on the Olympic Peninsula, one on the East side and Sadie Creek west of Joyce off SR112. DNR recently received IAC grant funds for two education and enforcement officers for the Peninsula.
- An "Adopt-A-Trail" Agreement was executed with DNR, PNW4WDA, Just Jeep Junkies, Mud Toys and Olympic Trail Blazers 4x4 clubs for the Sadie Creek trail system.
- The Burnt Mountain area, south of Sequim, has issues that have been ongoing for several years and has proven very difficult to get designated trails in that area. Currently the area is being monitored by DNR and is day-use only with locked gates.
- An OHV Area will have an impact on, and could potentially bring \$\$\$ to, the local communities close to an OHV area. Increased usage of an area also has drawbacks including possible increased crime, drugs, and traffic congestion.
- Members of the Focus Group have looked at several federal, state, county and private lands for possible sites for an OHV Area, which would likely be located south of SR104. Suitable DNR managed land may be feasible with an optional long term lease agreement, minimum 50 years, managed and maintained by Jefferson County. Any agreement with DNR needs to include input from OHV users for timber harvest with agreement between DNR, the contract logger and users.
- An OHV Park, which provides profit/competition, is not feasible in Jefferson County.

The following East Jefferson County OHV Focus Group responsibilities were discussed:

- A consultant is necessary and will be contracted to validate feasibility study work.
- The Focus Group would define the "Scope of Work" for consultant services.

- The Focus Group will need to work closely with the consultant to provide a public survey questionnaire for input to achieve satisfactory results for all.
- The Focus Group will need to recognize and determine the needs of all user groups, recreational users, the public and others.
- The Focus Group needs to study possible areas and topography to make sure the area meets the needs of all user groups.

The following were discussed by all meeting attendees:

- Attendees agreed that to establish an OHV Area in East Jefferson County will require a joint effort by user groups, local citizens and land owners, government (Jefferson County, DNR, Forest Service, ?) and that written management agreements need be in place.
- A Sadie Creek Trail work party conducted in March included +/- 50 people and generated \$6,000 in IAC matching funds. DNR was very satisfied with work that was accomplished.
- The process to get successful "Adopt-A-Trail" Agreements was discussed.
- The successful "Adopt-A-Trail" Agreement with DNR for the Sadie Creek Trail has been requested by Whatcom and Grays Harbor County user groups for review and consideration.
- DNR will implement a "Forest Watch Program" for the Sadie Creek area and provide training on how to deal with vandalism, garbage, etc.
- The popular Tarboo Creek recreational area has been closed due to vandalism (trees destroyed on neighboring property), environmental damage, dumped garbage, and objections from other user groups.
- Pickup litter when you see it on any trail or other area !!!
- Funding for the NOVA Program category comes from a portion of the motor vehicle gasoline tax paid by users of ORVs, non-highway roads and a small amount from ORV permits. How gas taxes are distributed back to grant funding agencies (IAC, WDFW, etc.) and how local grant matching contributions is accomplished was discussed.
- IAC provides grand funding for operation and maintenance of trail systems.
- Oregon has approximately 6,000 miles of OHV trail systems.
- Jerry Nettnin provided information on land matters and explained maintenance agreement options for various trail systems in the Cascades area of Eastern Washington.

A sign-in sheet was passed around and Warren encouraged attendees to sign up and get involved to become members of the OHV Focus Group.

The next Focus Group Agenda includes developing a work plan, "Scope of Work" for consultant services and begin developing a public survey questionnaire for a consultant contract by September.

The next Focus Group meeting is scheduled on June 14, 2005 at Tri-Area Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Warren stated there may be a Public Kick-off meeting late September or October.

Recorder:

Darrel M. Erfle
Just Jeep Junkies 4x4 Club

Appendix C.3: Quilcene Workshop - 19 September 2006

Quilcene High School on September 19, 2006.

The following comments and/or questions were made:

Public Attendees

Questions and comments made, with some initial responses, are as follows:

- **Who is going to manage this park?**
- **How are you going to police the site if the local law enforcement agency is already overburdened? Basic rules for appropriate, acceptable conduct will be established and users will be expected to follow them. The user groups who are charged with managing the site and maintaining order are motivated more than anyone else to make sure the rules are followed or they are in danger of having the park shut down.**
- **Will there be restrictions on the type of users allowed? Age, old enough to have a license?**
- **Will the park be for locals only or will you allow others from around the state / region to use the park? We expect the park to be used primarily for locals, but it will be open to anyone - it's a public facility, so it has to be available to all.**
- **Why can't this park be placed on private land with a public-private partnership? If a suitable site and owner who will partner with the user groups can be found, then it makes sense to look at that option. the park does not have to be placed on DNR land.**
- **How much of an effect will this park have on the local emergency response services, aid cars, fire and rescue, etc.?**
- **Why are we just now hearing about this project? We've been hearing for months that something was being worked on, but the information has been kept secret?**
- **Will there be user fees charged to help maintain the roads that users will be tearing up, for fire and rescue that gets called to the site?**
- **What happens to the income from timber harvesting on this site that helps fund the fire department, parks, schools, etc. in the Quilcene area? Will we lose that funding, and if we do lose that funding, which is a significant portion of these groups' budget, how will the shortfall be made up?**
- **How are you going to keep the public informed in the future? Can you set up a website?**
- **There are many property owners near these two sites, have you identified them and talked with them? Do you know where their properties are located?**
- **Is this list of sites the final list? No, if better sites can be found, we can look at them also.**
- **What is the time frame for construction of this park? It could be as short as two years and as long as four years. This study only determines if the project is feasible on one or more of the sites. If the County Commissioners agree to proceed, then detailed, environmental and scientific studies will be made, permits will need to be obtained, and public hearings will be held.**
- **We are very concerned with the environmental impacts of this project, particularly in regards to the Quilcene River. How can we be sure these critical areas are protected? Before this park begins construction, all permits must be obtained, many environmental studies, including EIS, noise, fish and wildlife impact, etc., must be completed and accepted.**
- **Why did the Penny Creek site get eliminated from consideration at one meeting, but now it's one of the prime sites? As the process moves forward, each site is evaluated with new list of criteria, and in many cases, sites move up and down the list. Based upon the criteria used for this latest round of evaluations, Penny Creek was deemed to have many more positive qualities than the other sites. At this level of investigation, the positive aspects of both the Skidder hill and Penny Creek sites currently outweigh the negative aspects, such that we are compelled to perform further study. That does not mean that at some time in the future, more exhaustive studies will eliminate one or both of the sites.**
- **Are you aware that part of the entrance road to Skidder Hill, Snow Creek Parkway, is privately owned? We are aware that there is a dispute in that area involving a resident. If that becomes a significant issue, we will evaluate its impact at**

that time. Currently, there are many positive aspects of the site which compel us to continue evaluation.

- **What is the County's involvement?**
- **What is the DNR's involvement in this project?**
- **How will emergency services be handled?**
- **How can you expect this process to take a couple of months if all the environmental tests and studies you are speaking of will take so long to complete?** Once a site has been chosen and the County Commissioners agree to move ahead, additional studies will then be undertaken. This is only a feasibility study to identify the sites having the best potential. Scientific studies are not part of the current process.
- **Will the County be funding the maintenance or providing maintenance for the park?** IAC will fund maintenance through grants. The plan now is for user groups to provide maintenance.
- **How many people / users will be on the site?**
- **Have you done a study to determine the number of users you can expect to have at any one time?**
- **Have you performed a study to determine the economical impact of the park?**
- **Will the park be able to fund maintenance and upkeep without using tax dollars?**
- **What sources of funding will pay for the long-term maintenance and management of the park?**
- **What happens if the User Groups disband or lose interest, will the County take over maintenance?**
- **Why can't the State of Washington DNR / Parks construct, manage, and operate this park?**

Appendix C.4: Quilcene Workshop - 14 November 2006

Introductions:

Matt Tyler (Jefferson County Department of Public Works Parks & Recreation Division Manager) introduced himself and thanked all attendees for coming to this meeting.

Matt also set the "Ground Rules" for conducting the meeting to attendees.

The following groups and members were recognized by a show of hands:

- Quilcene area residents
- OHV Focus Group
- Tom Beckwith & Associates Consulting Group
- US Fish & Wildlife Service (Quilcene Fish Hatchery)
- Jefferson County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
- Organized User Groups
- Unaffiliated User Groups
- Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
- Adjoining and affected property owners

Matt presented Tom Beckwith (Beckwith Consulting Group) who stated that the purpose of this meeting is to provide information regarding the East Jefferson County OHV Facility Feasibility Study project to date, and to address questions and concerns from meeting attendees.

Tom Beckwith stated he will be discussing OHV use projections, demographics, and schedule information, and responses to questions of the September 19, 2006 public meeting, and will respond to questions from the meeting attendees. Information discussed was available in handouts at the front table by the meeting room entrance door. The handouts also included the results of the Tahuya OHV Facility tour, a fact sheet and map of the Tahuya OHV Facility.

Questions:

- **Are Focus Group members Jefferson County residents?**
Yes
- **Are any Focus Group members Quilcene residents?**
Yes

Tom asked attendees to respond by a show of hands;
How meeting attendees heard about this workshop - By newspaper, handouts or other method?

Tom provided an overview of the Off-Highway Vehicle Planning Review which included Feasibility Study objectives and projections, demographics and responded to questions:

- Remaining meetings of the OHV Plan
- Projected OHV users and OHV use are during peak periods
- OHV use areas in the Puget Sound Region
- Demographic characteristics of OHV users age 16 and older
- OHV users demographics compared to larger populations
- US, Pacific Northwest, WA OHV user characteristics
- OHV user outdoor activities compared to US population
- Jefferson County Survey #1 results
- Jefferson County Survey #2

Questions:

- **What criteria were used to rank the proposed identified sites?**
Criteria included user needs, suitable terrain, accessibility, environmental issues, soil conditions, proximity to residential areas, noise issues and other criteria.
- **How were adjoining property owners of the top ranked 2 sites notified of this project?**

The Jefferson County Department of Community Development Planning Division has regulations for notification of County development and is responsible for sending notification. A checklist will require public notification for comments and input on any future proposal.

- **Is the Port Townsend water line and associated issues being considered for the Penny Creek site?**
Yes. The City of Port Townsend has been requested to provide locations of the waterline for the map.
- **SR101 has been recently closed to a mud slide and who will be responsible for possible damage caused by/or at an OHV site?**
The OHV site manager will be responsible for possible damages.
- **How will meeting minutes and notes be available to the public?**
Meeting minutes and OHV information will be posted on the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation web site - www.CountyRec.com under Department Info.
- **How much, and where, was \$\$ funding provided for the Study?**
A \$56,000 grant was received from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) for this Study.
- **What are the differences between an Off-Road vehicle and an Off-Highway vehicle?**
An Off-Highway vehicle must be legally licensed to drive on any roadway. An Off-Road vehicle may not need to be legally licensed to drive off road or off highway. Basically both are the same and are now considered Off-High vehicles as driven by industry.
- **The IAC Study indicates multiple uses in and OHV Area, and how will other activities (hiking, bird watching, horseback riding, etc.) be affected by and OHV area?**
The affects of other OHV activities is not a part of this Study.
- **Will limits be set for user capacity?**
User capacity limits will be considered for the specific site.

Statements:

- An adjoining property owner of the Penny Creek site stated they did not receive notification.
- This is a Feasibility Study only, and if the project moves forward a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
- The 11 sites originally considered all are Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) managed lands which were considered suitable in size for an OHV site.
- More site specific detailed information site will be investigated if this project moves forward.
- The user projections are misleading, as OHV users will from other Puget Sound areas will come to use the facility.
- The projections are for the service area of Jefferson and adjoining Clallam/Mason counties only.
- All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) riders go to different sites for various reasons (new/different challenges, visit other areas and other reasons).
- Quilcene residents should be allowed more talking time at this meeting.
- This is a Workshop/Presentation meeting also with questions answered.

The Off-Highway Vehicle Planning Review projections, demographics and schedule information discussed are posted on the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation web site: www.CountyRec.com under Department Info.

Tom provided discussion on responses from the last Workshop on September 19, 2006 and responded to questions:

1. Who is going to manage this facility
2. How is security and enforcement to be provided?
3. Will there be restrictions on the type of users allowed?

4. Will park be for locals only and will you allow others from around the state?
5. Why can't this park be located on private land with a public/private partnership?
6. What impacts will this facility have on local emergency response requirements?
7. Why are we just hearing about this project now?
8. Will fees be charged-who pays for maintenance and upkeep of the facility?
9. What happens to the income from the timber harvest?
10. How are you going to inform public of progress?
11. How are you going to inform property owners?
12. Is this list of sites the final of all possible OHV locations?
13. What is the time frame for this project?
14. What are the environmental impacts possible from an OHV use of either of the most feasible DNR sites?
15. Why is Penny Creek still being considered?
16. Are you aware that part of the entrance road to Skidder Hill is under private ownership?
17. How many people/user could be on the site a time?
18. What do you think the economic impact will be to the local area?
19. What is the noise impact and how will it be managed?
20. What will impact be on Port Townsend watershed and line, and on fish hatchery?

The Feasibility Study objectives and responses to questions from the last workshop discussed are posted on the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation web site: www.CountyRec.com under Department Info.

Questions:

- **What are, or may be, associated costs to local law enforcement and emergency responders if an OHV Facility is established at either of the 2 final proposed sites?**
Unknown at this time.
- **What are anticipated economic benefits to the local community?**
Unknown at this time.
- **Will OHV registration fees be paid by individual users?**
Unknown at this time, it would depend on who would manage a site if fees were required.
U.S Forest Service Outdoor Recreation Trails Accessibility fees are charged for personal recreational activities like hiking, camping, and OHV recreation on U.S. Forest Service lands.
The Non-Highway Off-Road Vehicles Activities (NOVA) Program funds come from a percentage the WA. State gas tax and motorcycle and quad users permit fees, and are distributed by the IAC for development, maintenance and enforcement of OHV facilities.
- **If DNR drops from the management of an OHV Facility program, will the County step up to manage?**
DNR lacks funding to manage a Facility. The BOCC will ultimately make a determination based on the Feasibility Study and PRAB recommendation if this projects moves forward to a planning stage.
- **Are State funds available to fund an OHV site on private property?**
The State has specific regulations and operating rules to fund OHV sites on private property, and normally funding is available for public property sites only.
- **Will security be provided for the Port Townsend water line?**
Unknown at this time. Security would be site specific.
- **Skidder Hill is managed as a harvest area, would harvest continue if an OHV Facility is established?**
Harvest issues would be addressed for site specific areas.
- **Illegal garbage dumping, meth labs and homeless people occur on public property, and who enforces this on DNR land?**
Land managers are responsible for enforcement of illegal activities.
- **Will specific user types be restricted from an OHV area?**
User types will not be restricted, but specific types of uses could be restricted.

- **Will fees be charged to users?**
There is no fees anticipated to be charged to users, but fees could be charged for specific uses and/or events.
- **Who pays for emergency response to an incident at a remote OHV site?**
Local residents would not be charged for an emergency response, but non-local residents could be charged.
- **Could a remote OHV area be shut down for fire danger?**
Yes, possibly.
- **Why are we just hearing about this project now?**
Notification and information about this project was published in the Port Townsend & Jefferson County "Leader" on May 11, 2004. The first public meeting was hosted by the Jefferson County Parks & Recreation Division at the Quilcene Community Center on May 13, 2004. Several OHV Facility Focus Group, and public, meetings have been conducted since receiving IAC Grant funding in March 2005.
- **Who pays for an OHV site design?**
The IAC provides site planning grant funding.
- **Who is responsible to send notification to adjoining property owners?**
The Jefferson County Department of Community Development Planning Division is responsible to send notices. Parks and Recreation will try to find out why all adjoining property owners were not notified. Prior Workshop attendees with e-mail and/or mailing addresses should have received information notification.
- **What is the time frame for possible establishing an OHV site?**
The BOCC will make the final decisions for this project.
- **How do the statistics on question 17 of the handout compare to Survey #1 users?**
The Survey #1 was not site specific. Survey #2 is site specific.
- **Does the maps overlay Snow Creek and the fish hatchery?**
Yes. Any future master plan will require more extensive evaluations.
- **Are permits necessary for OHV sites?**
Possibly, yes. Depends on who manages the site and specific needs of a site.
- **Was a full SEPA Review done at Burnt Hill in Clallam County? And how many acres is the area?**
Yes; and the total area is approximately 5,000 acres.
- **Were any complaints received regarding the OHV use of the Tarboo Gravel Pit area?**
No complains known of.
- **Was Griffith Fire (Tarboo Mud Flat) site considered for the study?**
There are Bonneville Power line issues associated with the site, and the site was considered too small for a suitable OHV site.
- **Are IAC funds being paid to operate OHV facilities?**
Yes

Statements:

- OHV use by local residents with children is the bottom line. Why be so negative about establishing a site in the County. Let an OHV site be established and see what the results are, if things do not work out the site can be closed.
- Designated OHV areas are less vulnerable to illegal activities as the area users are more visible.
- Other users pay to use other facilities such as State and Port operated boat launching ramps. I am an adjacent property owner of the Skidder Hill site and strongly oppose an OHV site be established there. I would anticipate a tax increase if an area is established.
- If an OHV area is managed by the County, the County could charge a user fee.
- There is no way to predict the number of users to the Penny Creek site, lets put radio loud speakers in downtown Quilcene and let the residents hear the noise.
- Private timber land managers are not interested in establishing an OHV site on their land, and who pays for private timber land fires?
- There have been no objections of U.S.F.S. use from Quilcene to Sequim and fires have not been an issue.

- The U.S. Forest Service has established their own standards for their roads and vehicles must be street legal registered.
- Illegal OHV use is occurring now countywide.
- The Skidder Hill site access road owner Sandra Smith stated the access ownership issue is still unsettled.
- The IAC conducted noise study at Burnt Hill in Clallam County, south of Sequim, should be available for viewing in early 2007.
- OHV areas are designed to be user friendly by all, including users, emergency responders and others.
- An attendee encouraged Quilcene residents to review the SEPA Checklist to understand the process and how it is intended to protect the environment.
- An attendee stated she appreciated the public response at this meeting. She is a newcomer to the Quilcene area but is a U.S citizen. She stated she does not appreciate the bad press regarding Quilcene residents as wealthy retirees. She is a forester and not retired. She lives in harmony with the area wildlife and an OHV area would be highly damaging to the environment and community. At a recent meeting in Brinnon, several south County residents spoke to protect the environment. She is against establishing an OHV site in the Quilcene area. The Tahuya OHV Facility is in a remote area compared to Quilcene. The cost of owning OHV vehicles is very high and not affordable to most Quilcene residents.
- Off-Highway Vehicles are not expensive to own.
- Collaboration by all parties involved is necessary. Rude actions during this meeting, and to speakers, are unacceptable. Other options for an acceptable site need to be considered. Quilcene residents need to co-operate and consider other options and solutions to options.
- There has been information presented that are misconceptions regarding OHV sites.
- Tahuya OHV Facility is a multiple use area.
- There are no user restrictions at IAC State funded OHV sites.
- Quilcene is a low economic area and establishing an OHV area may benefit Quilcene economy.

Neil Morgan (PNW4WDA Representative & OHV Focus Group member) made the following corrections to statements made during the meeting:

1. The Off-Highway Vehicle Planning Review Projected OHV users and OHV use are during peak periods should have included Kitsap County as part of the Service Area.
2. The IAC Feasibility Study Grant was awarded to the County in March 2005.
3. Workshop on September 19, 2006 question - Who is going to manage this facility?
4 Alternatives:
Alternative #4: County operates as a park facility. The Focus Group has never discussed an OHV Facility in East Jefferson County be established as a park. An OHV Facility would be a trail system only.

Matt again thanked all for attending the meeting and encouraged attendees to contact him for questions or provide additional information.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meets on December 6, 2006 at the Jefferson County Courthouse at 12:00 noon.

These minutes, information provided and discussed by the consultant at this meeting which has been amended and/or further clarified and other East Jefferson County OHV Feasibility Study information is posted on the Jefferson County Parks & Recreation web site: www.CountyRec.com under Department Info.

Recorder: _____
Darrel M. Erfle, Just Jeep Junkies

These are the minutes as understood by Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Division, Tom Beckwith & Associates Consulting Group and East Jefferson County OHV Feasibility Study Focus Group members.

If you have questions and comments regarding the OHV Feasibility Study, and these minutes, contact Matt Tyler at (360) 385-2221 or E-mail: mtyler@co.jefferson.wa.us