Board Members



Greetings MCPA members!

This Winter we will miss seeing everyone at the annual Winter Social that we usually have in Marysville. Hopefully, this will be the only year to miss that event, due to Covid19. But we sincerely hope everyone has had a nice season, so far, to enjoy the outdoors, despite some very wet systems moving through the Pacific Northwest.

The board met last on January 19 and had a good, productive Zoom meeting. We plan on having our regular work parties in the summer with a few changes, as can be expected. Those changes include no longer using the CERCLA road.

As far as we know, the NEPA review for management of Monte Cristo was not considered and was terminated for unknown reasons. We also presented a good plan to the Forest Service for swapping the land with the CERCLA road for adjacent land, to enable keeping the CERCLA road in an area not termed as "roadless". Although this would have significantly increased the area protected for both the marbled murrelet and spotted owl to satisfy environmental organizations, there was no interest in this option for unknown reasons, at least in the near future.

The Forest Service has closed the CERCLA road, except for those monitoring the cleanup from previous years. So, we are currently limited in only accessing the first ½ mile of road inside the gate at Barlow Pass. Property owners, including the MCPA, will no longer have drivable access to their property. For many, that means no access period. We have had numerous discussions with the Forest to allow access for property owners and for maintenance of the Town site and it was denied. We are currently researching use of the CERCLA road for ATV use only, although we realize this will only apply to very few members if it is granted.

Despite these challenges, we are proceeding with plans for the interpretive site. Two new large interpretive signs were placed last year in the Town site and more, smaller signs are being produced this Winter, to be placed in the Summer if all goes well.

We are committing to an **Annual meeting on June 5**, so please mark your calendar. If it cannot be attended in person due to Covid19 restrictions, we will have a Zoom presentation by the board, which all members will be able to access. We will send out another newsletter with the time and further details when the time draws near.

A reminder; this is a new year and we would love to have your renewed membership. If you haven't already renewed you will find a membership form included with this newsletter. Additionally you can always find a membership form on our website: www.mcpa.us Our next board meeting will be May 12.

Cheers Everyone! Kal Klass, MCPA Advisor



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