



COUGAR AREA TRAIL SEEKERS

C.A.T.S.



June 17, 2025 Meeting Agenda

@ Tom Vertz home on Dog Creek Road, Cougar, WA @ 6:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:09pm

Attendance: See Addendum

Minutes: May 20, 2025 (Review on Membership page of website)

Approved – motion Doug, second Mike, fully approved

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Finances

No report – two entries for Planter Day & Amboy Parade and some additional membership dues paid.

President: Advocacy Report

Met with forest supervisor. Promised a briefing letter with game plan to provide ohv access in Gifford National Forest by end of June. Talked with Perez's office for update, she said it sounded good and let them map a game plan and will engage if we don't get responses as needed.

Put out invitation to Perez & staff to join on Indian Heaven Ride. Will notify chief of staff and etc..

President tried to have a meeting with Cowlitz Co Commissioner. He had conflicts and cancelled. Talked on 503 and looked into it. WA state is what blocked the speed limit change. Will go back to his office to see if Co Commissioners will support this issue and go to bat at the State.

President wrote a letter to DNR about Merrill Lake and why it has been closed for 2 years. Used that argument to complain about why the 10 road is closed to us.

Vice President: Activities report

Sumpter ride was an extreme success. Hope we get more attendance next year. Indian Heaven coming up – hope for more participation.

Sergeant of Arms: Membership

Secretary: Communications

The WEB site has been updated and will continue to be updated. Meeting Minutes are being posted in the Membership Info section.

If you haven't signed up as a member on our WEB page, please do so.

If you are considering attending any of our events, please fill out the appropriate event questionnaire so we can plan the events accordingly.

Old Business:

GPNF – Road Use Permit Mt. Adams District

The Permit is in place. Range contacted President and wanted to make sure the number of leaders will be limited and have someone in charge on each of the rides. Same protocol – 48 hrs. notice. Did Loop one and Debi has volunteered to be a ride leader from the Carson side. Tyson Trout from Trout Lake area and a couple of friends in the area are also looking to be ride leader. Need to follow the permits as agreed upon so we don't lose our access.

We hope this is not a one-time offer and are looking forward to getting the briefing and seeing how this access can be modified to a more permanent format.

INDIAN HEAVEN RIDE TASK LIST

- Participation form – Go to WEB Site please so we know what to be expecting and can show that we have our Ducks in a Row.
- Confirmed dates **(July 17-28)**
- Camp location **(580 road)**
- National Forest Pass - **Not required** – Mike confirmed with the District Ranger
- Towable Portable toilet
- Campfire wood – subject to fire conditions at the time. Bring propane firepit as a backup option. Goose to send picture of portable fire pit for Mike to confirm it will be ok. Have firewood available (Doug & Becky)
- Scout ride loops – If someone is interested in going up over the weekend or plan a mid-week trip. Get the rest of Loop 1 & Loop 2 scouted.
- Barbeque planning Saturday suggested as potluck days – both weekends. Club supplies brats, dogs & buns with side dishes for potluck – Motion to approve/seconded/approved not to exceed \$100
- Activity planning – Becky to chair activity planning (participation event) for ride game (open to suggestions and assistance)
- Trout Lake show – for anyone who wants to commute to the events (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) events listing is at Trout Lake Hall web page
- Ride Flyers – Dan's not here to discuss. Will review and try to post at addition and other OHV shops and possibly in Cougar Businesses. Must be CATS Members (can bring guest rider)
- OHV Signage – (this item was not covered at the meeting) The permit requires that signs be posted at the main entrance to the riding area. Mike has determined that it will take 3 signs and has secured a quote for aluminum signs for approx.\$35-\$40 per sign. Budget approval will be required. Motion to approve \$150 budget by Becky, Steve second, approved.
- Ride leaders – Assign a leader for each ride. Can break up into multiple rides.
- Be prepared for dust
- Event Volunteers needed - Please consider helping.
 - Toilet pick up and return - Scott
 - Securing Firewood – Doug has this, Goose to send photo of fire pit
 - Loop Ride Leaders
 - Barbeque planning - Goose
 - Ride Activity planning - Becky
 - Trout Lake Show planning – dependents???
 - Signage installation and removal – Mike & Doug
 - Est 9am ride departures

Phone line – Becky & Mel

Website -Becky

Membership Flyer– Dan

S/R 503 Spur – see above notes about commissioner discussion

CATS Shirts – Still in development

Planters Day Parade (Woodland, WA) June 21 – leave Jorga & Butch's at 7:30

Territorial Days Parade (Amboy, WA) July 12 – get start time included

New Business:

Hood River County OHV Park- Need to confirm ride requirement (i.e. shovel, 1 gal water, 2lb fire extinguisher)

Rocky, Chris & Mike visited the facility. It looks like it would be a very enjoyable riding location. It has a very nice campground on a lake for \$25/night dry camping. Looks to be 50inch limitations. Look at Hood River County OHV web site – narrow road but huge parking lot and campground. \$5/day parking for day ride – must get parking permit online.

Check our WEB page for details!!!! Confirm flag requirements

Florence Dunes Ride – Sept 5 – 8

Next meeting will have more details as well as on the WEB Site

Good of the Order:

Next Meeting: TBD

Motion to Adjourn,

Doug second, Steve first, adjourned 7:09pm