COUGAR AREA TRAIL SEEKERS

C.A.T.S.

MEETING NOTICE

January 20, 2026 Annual General Meeting Agenda

@ 324 Dog Creek Road, Cougar, WA @ 6:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:03pm
Attendance: Tammy, Debi, Jeff, Jerry, Mike R, Doug, Don, Daryl, Lacy, Mel, Jorga, Butch, Becky, Tom, Scott, Brenda, Mike H
Minutes: (posted on website) Motion to approve – Randy, Second – Scott, approved unanimously
Officer Reports:

Treasurer: At last meeting we had $2,174.30 in Checking. Have received membership deposits of $80 and wrote a check reimbursing Janis Richart for Christmas party expenses of $357.23. current balance is $1,897.07. It was asked what lasts years checking account was for this date… it was $1,888.00 – last year.

President: On January 15th, I did a presentation to the Southern Gifford Pinchot Collaborative on OHV use in the national forest as part of the recreation committee. Mike wil send the PowerPoint to Becky to post on WEB page.
WE held a CATS EB meeting on 1/6 and reviewed 2026 calendar of events to schedule out the year so people can plan ahead. The approved calendar will be posted to WEB site.
The CATS will be at a meeting with the USFS on Friday, 1/23 at 1PM to present the CATS calendar to block out dates when CATS are planning riding events in the forest. The USFS doesn't want to double-book these date with other groups. He would like more team members to attend. Believe we will get more opportunities on west side of the forest this year. These meetings are virtual and open to everyone via "Teams". Let Mike know if you are interested in joining and he'll send you the link.

Vice President: No new news

Secretary: Not much of an update. Looking forward to getting the events calendar out on the WEB page. Will send notice to the team members as well.

Sergeant of Arms: Not present

Old Business:

USFS – 2026 CATS Calendar will be presented to the USFS on Friday. We will have 4 events in the GPNF in 2026. Most will be work parties collecting trash and clearing roads. Dates are flexible, allowing adjustments for weather, participation, and need. More information will come following Mike's meeting with the USFS on Friday.

DNR – No real update. Nothing changed much. Other organizations are frustrated when dealing with DNR as well. The was discussion on areas being closed due to logging and reasoning for road closures. DNR recreation is primarily focused on the Yacolt Burn State Forest and doesn't give much attention to other state lands. When other areas are brought to their attention, they don't show much interest because they either don't desire or cannot manage more territory.

New Business:

Finances – Membership Dues for January-December 2026, are due now. Membership is: $20 per "immediate" family (no matter how many people or machines)
Give Cash to Jorga or mail checks to:

"Cougar Area Trail Seekers" or "CATS"
142 Vista Dr, Woodland WA 98674

Guests are encouraged to join on a CATS ride with a sponsoring member, however, for guest participation on additional CATS rides, membership would be requested.

Coalition Memberships - WOHVA, Blue Ribbon, etc. Mike is looking into membership options as affiliated group and how they might benefit our club.

Meetings – There was a motion to set up CATS General meetings on every other month. Discussion: it was requested that we have them on the Tuesday's that coincide with the potluck at Tom Vertz residence. The motion was amended, seconded, and passed unanimously. Becky will add to website calendar.

Calendar of Activities – Rides and work parties will be posted on the website at: cougarareatrailseekers.org. See "Events" on website for the latest information on CATS activities. In addition to rides, Jorga will work with Becky to set aside dates for upcoming parades and post them to the website as well. Details on each ride will be posted to the website as we get closer to the event date. Please contact VP Jerry Giese at: VP@cougarareatrailseekers.org with questions about the events. The tentative locations and dates of the 2026 CATS ride events will be:

1) Hood River OHV Area (Hood River OR) April 24-27 (50" Machines)
2) Canyon Creek Watershed – (USFS 54 Road) May 8-12
3) East Fork Watershed (USFS 42 Road) May 23-26
4) Sumpter Ride (Sumpter OR) June 11-16
5) Cougar Ride (DNR ride) July 3-6
6) Flattop Ride (USFS near Trout Lake) July 17-21
7) Koshko Ride (USFS near Old Man Pass) August 7-10

Elections of 2026 CATS Officers – Officer responsibilities can be viewed on the website. Nominations for the following positions were brought forward:

President –	Mike Richart, nomination accepted
Vice President –	Mel Ochoa, nomination declined
	Jerry Giese, nomination accepted

Treasurer – Jorga Stark, nomination accepted
Secretary – Becky Morris, nomination accepted
SGT of Arms – Scott Johns, nomination accepted

There being no other names brought forward, nominations were closed. With only one nomination for each position, it was moved and seconded to elect all nominations to the officer positions they were nominated for. The Motion passed unanimously.

Mike stated that he would like to see more support from officers and someone willing to work towards taking over his role as President for 2027. He recommends that the new officers put together committees for different activities when their role becomes too demanding. This will help maximize the success of the activity and reduce the burden on the officer in charge.

Good of the Order: It was brought up that some people may not be getting notification of the meetings and activities. The Secretary will send a membership list of contact information to Debi for the Carson members to see who might be missing.

There is a Cougar sponsored event on January 21, at noon at the Cougar Bar & Grill to review road issues with WSDOT. Please attend if you have an interest in traffic control around Cougar.

The CATS Executive Board (officers) will meet in the coming weeks to establish budgets, to include funding for communication tools, events, business cards, etc. Officers should be prepared to submit a budget for their immediate needs at the next meeting, to be approved by the general memebership.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2026**,** @ 6pm at

Motion to Adjourn, Second, Pass at 7:25PM