

Wild Links Briefing
Washington's Cascades: I-90 and North
September 9-10, 2008, DRAFT working agenda

September 9, 2008

8:00 – 9:00 Coffee and Breakfast Bar

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introduction from Mitch Friedman, Conservation Northwest

9:15 – 9:45 Panel Discussion

Panelists address questions on challenges to wildlife within the landscape of and connecting the North Cascades to NE Washington, accomplishments and success stories, and ongoing efforts at the landscape level.

Panelists: Dana Base, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Peter Singleton, Pacific NW Research Station, US Forest Service
Mike Peterson, The Lands Council

9:45 – 11:15 Wildlife Science

“Review of recent wildlife monitoring and research in the Colville National Forest and Northeast WA” David Bostick, Wildlife Biologist, Colville National Forest, and Dana Base, Wildlife Biologist, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

“Habitat Connectivity Modeling from the Cascades to the Rockies” Brad Merae

“Predation of Cougar Populations in NE Washington ” Jonathan Keehner, WSU

“Washington Fisher Habitat Assessment and Recovery Plan” Robert Naney, Okanogan National Forest

11:15 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:45 Landscape Conservation

“Saving room for wildlife in the Okanogan” Todd Thorn, Okanogan Valley Land Council

“Tools and Strategy in Landscape Conservation” Peter Dykstra, Trust for Public Land

“Land conservation in NE Washington” Chris DeForest, Inland NW Land Trust

12:45 – 1:45 Complimentary Lunch

1:45 – 3:45 Innovative Efforts and Policies

“NE Washington Forestry Coalition” Lloyd Mgee, Vaagen Lumber Company

“Western Govenors Association: Wildlife Corridors Policy Recommendations and Update” TBA

“Washington I-40 Terrestrial Wildlife Retrofit Program for Highways” Kelly McAllister, WA Dept. of Transportation

“Washington Wolf Conservation and Management Plan” Harriet Allen, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

“Addressing Habitat Connectivity in Northeast Washington Forest Plan Revisions” Bill Gaines, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

3:45 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 4:15 Panel Discussion

Panelists from the morning's discussion look ahead at visions for the future, critical gaps in wildlife conservation efforts, and the roles of their organization in conservation and wildlife recovery.

4:15 – 4:30 Closing Remarks

5:30: Dinner followed by social hour sponsored by Northern Lights Brewing Co and Pub

September 10, 2008

8:00 – 9:00 Coffee and Breakfast Bar

9:00 – 10:00 Introduction to Washington Wildlife Connectivity Working Group

10:00 – 11:00 Statewide Wildlife Connectivity

11:00 – 12:30 Working Group on Okanogan and Canadian Rockies Ecoregions wildlife connectivity work

12:30: Lunch