

North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Cooperative Recreation Plan

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Presentation Overview

- Background on the plan (Tammi)
- The plan's structure and content (Nick)
- The plan's connection to the USFS's recreation planning process (Claire)
- Next steps and implementation (Kajsa)

Planning Background



- 2004 the North Fork Task Force developed a draft plan outline
- 2009 the North Fork CDA River Preservation Committee contacted the UI to assist in developing a recreation management plan for the river between Pritchard and Enaville
- Funding: Idaho Panhandle National Forest Resource Advisory Committee

Scope of Work

- Main Concerns:
 - Increasing recreation use and associated safety and environmental impacts
- Problem:
 - Difficult to secure grant funding to implement visitor services without a recreation management plan
- Goal:
 - UI prepare a comprehensive plan for future management direction of the resource
 - Plan will serve as a building block to create a more sustainable future for the river corridor



Plan Preparation, Draft 1



- Site Visits, Summer 2009
 - Toured the lower section of the North Fork with Ed Warner
 - Visited the corridor on a couple of busy weekends
 - Floated the river
- Divided the river into 3 segments
- Draft plan addressed key issues, concerns and management actions (significant focus on tubers)
- Maps showed existing access sites and suggested new or expanded sites
- December 2009 – shared draft plan with the North Fork CDA River Preservation Committee

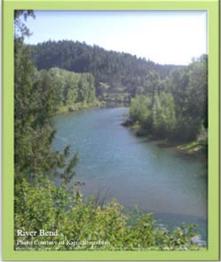
Plan Preparation, Draft 2



- NFCDA River Preservation Committee turned over the plan to the DEQ Watershed Coordinator, 2011
- DEQ/UI collaboration
 - Expanded the study area up to Shoshone Creek
 - Considered a wide range of recreational users
 - Integrated NFCDA Flyfishers access points
 - Worked closely with the USFS to align current draft with their current recreation plan revision
 - Consulted WAG members, Shoshone County
 - Completed a new draft in July 2011

Structure

- Issues
- Goals and Objectives
- Objectives by River Section
- Implementation



Main Issues Addressed

- Parking & Traffic
- Trash Management
- Restrooms
- Private Property
- Safety & Law Enforcement
- Access
- Natural Resource Protection

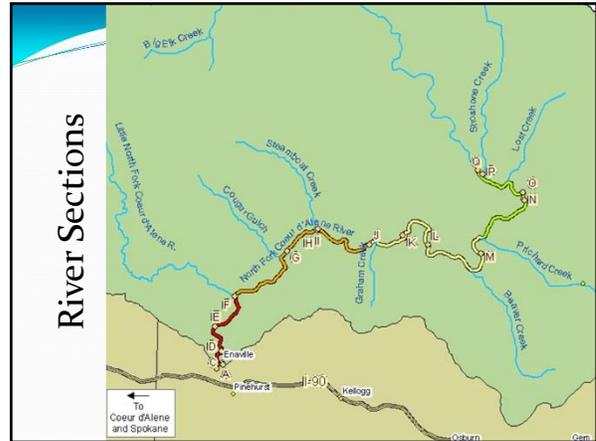


Five Goals

- Goal 1: Recreation Experience
- Goal 2: Restoration
- Goal 3: Education
- Goal 4: Partnerships
- Goal 5: Local Economy



River Sections



Implementation Framework



WAG River Plan and Forest Service River Plan

- Forest Service worked closely with the WAG
- FS plan is called the Coeur d'Alene River Corridor Management Plan
 - Will be complete October 2011
 - Focus: North Fork and Little North Fork CDA River, Shoshone Creek, Teepee Creek, Lost Creek

Interface Between Plans

Purpose

- Seamless across jurisdictional boundaries
 - WAG plan crosses jurisdictional boundaries
 - FS plan focuses only on National Forest Lands
- Both plans share
 - Goals
 - Strategies
 - Education Plan
 - Signage
 - Outreach

Implementation & Next Steps

- Voluntary cooperative agreement
- “Owned” by each WAG member and participating agency
- Implementation tables and ideas in document
- Secure consensus endorsement from WAG
- Discuss priorities and next steps...
 - River ranger
 - Dumpsters and bathrooms
 - Education
 - Etc.